



**SENATE AGENDA**  
10/26/2021  
Joslin Senate Chamber

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Special Business Item A: Multicultural Student Organizations Panel, Asian American Association, Black Student Action Association, Diversity Affairs Council, Middle Eastern Students Association & UNIDOS
  - a. Motion to reorder Special Business Item A
  - b. Motion is seconded
  - c. Motion is approved
  - d. Al-Khafaji: I am the secretary of MESA. We are still a small organization but we are trying to make it bigger. We meet Wednesdays at 5.
  - e. Bracely: I am the Chief of Staff of DAC. We represent student organizations and we have an ambassadors program. We do advocacy work and provide funding for initiatives.
  - f. Tirtadjaja: I am the President of the Asian American Association. Our main goal is to inform the public about Asian culture and to promote a safe space for Asian culture.
  - g. Abata: I am the Institutional Ambassador for UNIDOS. We provide a community for LatinX students and a safe space to show off their cultural heritage. We provide education about what it means to be hispanic.
  - h. Stephens: I am here representing the BSAA. It was founded in 1967 as one of the first African American organizations on campus. We are based in a lot of advocacy work and professional development. We also put on many social events.
  - i. Al-Khafaji: I know ASG has discussed dining accommodations in the past for Ramadan. There is a lack of awareness and programming for Muslim students at Miami. It would be great to see the university recognize this. We also need to see holiday recognition. Miami faculty have also said problematic and insensitive comments about the Muslim community. We need to hold them accountable for the things they say.
  - j. Bracely: We would like to do better in programming with student organizations. We would also like to see increased emphasis on mental health.
  - k. Tirtadjaja: I have heard student concerns about the international student experience. Career Services are not equipped to handle international students. Some Miami faculty members are not accommodating to international students as well.

- l. Abata: The racist stickers that have been put on campus by the Proud Boys and other groups. I know the university has said it is limited, but one thing we can do is provide constructive support services for those that may be negatively affected.
- m. Stephens: BSAA is putting together concerns for me to relay later. As an African American student, student health and wellness is a big issue. It can be traumatizing to see all the news and people can become desensitized. I think the university has to continue to walk a fine line between what we address and what we don't. For the African American community, the issues of voting and critical race theory are important and the university has been silent. At what point do we start addressing these matters? Mentorship is a big thing for us, and making sure students are prepared to enter the workforce. I think Bridges does an effective job, but at what point are we working to retain these students?
- n. Abata: I think community relationship for the school is an issue. The Dear Miami U Instagram account is a major example of this. The community could use more support and I think providing support is really important.
- o. Senator Ryan Parker: A recurring theme in ASG is mental health. What specifically would you like to see changed?
- p. Bracely: A good start would be with professors. Many of our professors function in a way that suggests COVID is over. With constant worry that you or your friends that can get sick, academics are infected. I think having the university understand that it is still a pandemic is essential.
- q. Al-Khafaji: Our mental health hinges on our professors a lot. I think professors need to be more lenient of us and more sensitive when talking about COVID. We need to be more sensitive to the people that died and people that lost friends and family.
- r. Senator Davies: Do you feel the outreach from CSDI is sufficient?
- s. Stephens: Intersectionality matters. At the same time, it would be powerful if offices like CSDI were to have times where they could work with student organizations. Nobody is part of a monolithic group.
- t. Senator Grabow: How would HB 327 affect you?
- u. Bracely: I'm worried I won't be able to complete my major if it is passed. I'm sure many professors would have to change the way they teach. I think it's important to talk about this issue.
- v. Abata: We need to consider how other majors would be affected. If this bill is passed, anything relating to historical controversy might have to be changed.
- w. Alternate Kravitz: One of ASG's biggest powers is funding. How has your funding experience been?
- x. Tirtadjaja: So far my organization has been well funded, but ASG cannot respond to immediate funding requests.
- y. Abata: The process makes the funding available in a regimented way. It means we have to plan weeks ahead, but at the same time our UNIDOS

- account has very little money. If ASG had a way to access money in a quicker way and in a more flexible way it would be helpful.
- z. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: Improvements in flexibility would be greatly appreciated.
  - aa. Senator Dooling: How can we as the Communications committee help you?
  - bb. Al-Khafari: Resharing and reposting other organizations would be a great help.
  - cc. Stephens: One thing I appreciate about Seth Seward is he is very good at reaching alumni through media. I think it would be really cool to highlight multicultural organizations like a spotlight.
  - dd. Senator Giaquinto: Are there obstacles for people joining your organization?
  - ee. Al-Khafari: I think people are wary of joining multicultural organizations even if they are white. Join regardless!
  - ff. Abata: People say they are afraid to join if they are not of a certain culture, but as long as you come with an air of respect we welcome anyone.
  - gg. Tirtadjaja: We are not an exclusive student organization. We welcome anyone. Some people hesitate because they do not know who they identify with. We need to break down these barriers.
  - hh. Stephens: One thing BSAA feels ASG can do is show up to their events. We have an open door policy
  - ii. Senator Gates: Where do you feel like the university is in terms of structure after the Inclusion Forum?
  - jj. Bracely: I think we need to be on the same page. There is a lot of turnover when it comes to DEI. We need to centralize our efforts so that we aren't biting off more than we can chew.
  - kk. Abata: Providing support for different communities. Once you visualize these communities they seem less strange. Another thing is holding professors accountable for things that they say. I'm not sure what kind of training would be feasible but words have an impact.
  - ll. Senator Patel: In terms of funding, there is a Diversity Initiative Grant through student activities. You can request up to \$1500.
  - mm. Senator Wells: Are there any specific concerns about living situations or transportation?
  - nn. Al-Khafari: For Ramadan, dining halls closing early was an issue.
  - oo. Justin: There seems to be a lack of diverse food options for vegetarians and vegans.
  - pp. Speaker Villanueva: Is there one immediate thing you would like ASG to help you with?
  - qq. Abata: UNIDOS is hosting our Day of the Dead event this Monday! Please repost and share. It will be from 6-8pm in the Art Museum.

## V. Announcements from the Chair

- a. Speaker Villanueva: Thank you for being attentive during that panel. There were several initiatives brought up and some that were not. Even if you aren't on the D&I committee you can work on these. I heard that last week we had guests and that some weren't attentive during the meeting. In two weeks we will be having administrators in the room. The administrators will notice. Special elections are next week! The packet is out on the website. There is a vacancy in steering so please let me know if you'd like to be on it! For the rest of the semester, Armstrong is kicking us out at 9:30. We'll need to be efficient.

VI. Report A: Directorship of Trans-Equity and Inclusion, Aidan McKeon, *Student Body Vice-President*

- a. Motion to add report
- b. Motion is seconded
- c. Motion is approved
- d. Motion to reorder
- e. Motion is seconded
- f. Motion is approved
- g. SBVP McKeon: I am speaking to you about the new position coming to Cabinet. The SBP has the power to appoint three directorships. The process has been underway and we will have a nominee by next Tuesday.

**TW: SIV and LGBTQ+ Violence**

15% of Miami University undergraduates identify as LGBTQ+. 4.3% of Ohio adults identify as LGBTQ+. We do not have specific numbers about the trans/non-binary population at Miami. Ohio has a 0/20 for gender identity policy. Trans and non-binary students face higher levels of violence and exclusion.

**End TW**

The population is growing at Miami and the work to support our LGBTQ+ students is growing. Spectrum and Miami administration support the creation of this position. This position will meet regularly with trans/non-binary students and Spectrum, serve ex-officio on DE&I, sit on Cabinet, and other than that there is room for personal initiatives. The application was sent out a few weeks ago, and we will have a nominee by Friday.

Senator Grabow: How does the confirmation process?

SBVP McKeon: It is a simple majority vote. There isn't a lot of text in terms of what the person has to do, but I would like to see a presentation.

Senator Dooling: Will this be a committee that senators can take part in?

SBVP McKeon: I don't plan on having this person preside over a committee. I don't expect them to put in the same amount of work a cabinet member works.

VII. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Student Senate minutes from 10/18/2021
- b. Approval of Off-Campus minutes from 10/20/2021
- c. Approval of Steering minutes from 10/21/2021
- d. Approval of Elections minutes from 10/17/2021
- e. Approval of Elections minutes from 9/26/2021
- f. Approval of Steering minutes from 10/7/2021
- g. Approval of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion minutes from 10/24/2021
- h. Approval of Safety minutes from 10/17/2021
- i. Approval of Elections minutes from 10/10/2021
- j. Approval of On-Campus minutes from 10/24/2021
- k. Motion to approve by unanimous consent
- l. Motion is seconded
- m. Motion is approved

VIII. Student Concerns

- a. Senator Payne: At Goggin, all extra food is thrown away. The food waste is incredible and I think we should do something about it.
- b. Motion to commit to I&S
- c. Motion is seconded
- d. Motion is approved
- e. Secretary Stephens: I reached out to Campus Services and they are discussing Armstrong's hours. I stressed the inaccessibility of this situation. There is no policy for head coverings in school facilities. MUPD has some kind of training for cultural competency but there is still work to be done.
- f. Senator Dooling: I would like to commit the spotlight concern from multicultural concerns.
- g. Motion so moved.
- h. Motion is seconded
- i. Motion is approved
- j. Senator Dooling: I think the Miami Shower Boys account can be used to evaluate infrastructure.
- k. Motion to commit to I&S
- l. Motion is seconded
- m. Motion is approved
- n. Senator Chiapelli: I have received a concern about trash outside of businesses Uptown. The city does not provide enough trash cans.
- o. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: I work with Secretary Manley on SCRC. This is one of the problems we have discussed.
- p. Motion to commit to Off-Campus
- q. Motion is seconded
- r. Motion is approved

- s. Senator Pollock: I would like to commit the funding access for student organizations concerns brought up during the panel.
- t. Motion to commit to F&A
- u. Motion is seconded
- v. Motion is approved
- w. Senator Hemrick: I think whatever DE&I training professors are getting is not working and may need a complete overhaul. A professor today compared the persecution of townies to racism.
- x. Senator Giaquinto: I think not just changing the quantity but the quality as well would be really important.
- y. Alternate Kravitz: When comments are made this often gets brought up. I think people need to be filing bias reports.
- z. Senator Ryan Parker: I think this goes further than DE&I and I think COVID is a concern as well.
- aa. Secretary Stephens: I definitely feel like we should take another look at DE&I training for students and professors. I would like to partner with Academic Affairs in this.
- bb. Motion to commit Senator Hemrick's concern to Academic Affairs
- cc. Motion is seconded
- dd. Motion is approved
- ee. Speaker Pro Tempore Payne: There is a concern with proper equipment for handling hot food still.
- ff. Motion to commit to On-Campus
- gg. Motion is seconded
- hh. Motion is approved
- ii. Senator Stein: I served as mentor at a Greek leadership retreat. NPHC has concerns with operating on a predominantly white campus.
- jj. Motion to commit to On-Campus
- kk. Motion is seconded
- ll. Motion is approved

IX. Old Business

X. New Business Item A: *SB212202: A Bill to Update the Bylaws to Reflect the Current Pay of Executive Cabinet and Senate Leadership*

- a. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: The purpose of this legislation is to reflect the correct payment amounts for secretaries. This change is not increasing or decreasing any payments.
- b. Senator Stein: Is there a way that we could reword the bylaws to prevent having to change this every single time?

- c. Secretary Morris: There is legislation that was passed that says it must be addressed every year.
- d. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: I would be open to ways to expressing this more efficiently in the bylaws.
- e. Alternate Kravitz: Why is the Pro Temp not included?
- f. Speaker Villanueva: The Pro Temp is not on the same stipend format. The Pro Temp is paid according to the minutes taking stipend designated by the school.
- g. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: There is no specific number in the bylaws for the Pro Temp.
- h. Senator Chima: Why was this not changed since 2017 and is this somebody's role?
- i. Secretary Morris: I think people forgot for a few years. It is important to keep the amount being paid in the bylaws.
- j. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: The figures do not change yearly. It just increased this May.
- k. Senator Davies: How is the pay decided? And has it changed since 2017?
- l. Secretary Morris: We are technically employees of the university. Therefore, the increase hasn't been updated since 2017.
- m. Senator Stein: I think Parliamentarian Elghazawi and Secretary Morris have done a great job.
- n. Senator Chima: My concerns have been addressed and I feel like we should pass this.
- o. Motion to end debate and call to question
- p. Motion is seconded
- q. Motion is approved
- r. SB212202 passes.

XI. New Business Item B: SB212203: *A Bill to Encourage Standing Rules Transparency*

- a. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: This bill encourages standing rules transparency by having reports each time changes are made.
- b. Alternate Kravitz: Would the standing rules still be in affect if this rule was violated?
- c. Pro Temp Payne: Technically yes and no, the secretary would be in violation of the bylaws though.
- d. Senator Pollock: What if Senate disagrees with a change?
- e. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: We can discuss creating a mechanism to change this
- f. Alternate Kravitz: If F&A made changes to the Standing Rules, would student organizations be subject to funding under old rules?
- g. Secretary Morris: We have not made changes that aren't public.
- h. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: If a committee does not make their report within two weeks, they are in violation of the standing rules and their rules are invalid.
- i. Speaker Villanueva: We would like to think we could remedy any situations like this, but part of it falls on Student Activities.
- j. Parliamentarin Elghazawi: Judicial Council also exists as a safeguard to this.
- k. Senator Crone: I think this will help clean up the Oversight and referral process. If we are made aware of changes, we can have a better understanding of what to submit to Oversight.
- l. Senator Dooling: I would like to see an amendment to add a clause that says if changes aren't reported they are voided.
- m. Senator Pollock: I like this bill, but I feel like there should be some accountability. I don't see a reason to not have oversight on the issue.
- n. Senator Gates: I think that the amendment will clear up a lot of concerns. I think the concern about transparency with external committees is valid. I think this legislation is valid and is necessary.
- o. Senator DeVictor: Is the amendment that the changes aren't applicable until presented or that after two weeks the changes are void?
- p. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: The change would be void if not presented within two weeks.
- q. Alternate Kravitz: I think this amendment is great and I have no further concerns. I think the concern about Senate being able to overturn a change is valid and Senate can modify standing rules if necessary.
- r. Senator DeVictor: If the rules were not presented within two weeks, would the rules be voided?
- s. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: Yes
- t. Senator Davies: I think this bill promotes transparency and I am favorable to this bill.
- u. Senator Dooling: There is a discrepancy in wording on a last clause.
- v. Motion to end debate and call to question
- w. Motion is seconded
- x. Motion is approved



- y. SB212203 passes.

## XII. General Announcements

- a. Senator Madrigal: I founded a new organization called the John Quincy Adams Society. If you are interested in political science and international relations you should join!
- b. Secretary Sutton: If you are interested in volunteering during Halloween let me know!
- c. Senator Morton: Come to the A capella concert this Saturday!
- d. Alternate Kravitz: Election Day is on Tuesday! Tell your friends to vote and local races matter!
- e. Senator Dooling: LWOT is having a Skippers/SDS fundraiser tomorrow
- f. Senator Chima: META is having our first organization meeting on November 3rd.
- g. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: Talk to me about bylaw changes. Next Wednesday MESA is having a meeting about how to get involved in Arabic/Middle Eastern Studies at Miami.
- h. Senator Stack: NRHH has open applications and we are accepting new members. We value getting campus leaders involved in our organization.
- i. Senator Crone: This Friday, there is an improv show at Pearson Hall.
- j. Senator Davies: Please tell your friends to run for special elections!
- k. Speaker Villanueva: We used to only do paper petitions to run. I had to reject packets last time. If there are issues now people can reach out to me.

## XIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn
- b. Motion is seconded
- c. Motion is approved



# Safety Committee

*Secretary Harper Sutton*

24 October 2021

## I. Roll Call

### A. Present

1. Senator Adams, Senator Grabow, Senator Travis, Senator Riske, Senator Constandinidis, Senator Hemrick

### B. Excused

1. Senator Kelley, Senator Giaquinto, Senator Walker, Senator Hollon

### C. Unexcused

1. Senator Parker

## II. Updates From the Chair

### A. Committee expectations

1. Absences
2. Participation
3. Communication

B. Thank you to everyone who tabled for It's On Us Week of Action! Your help was greatly appreciated :)

C. [Please sign up for a 1-on-1 with me!](#) I have some time blocked out on Tuesday and Friday so please pick a time from there. If none of the times available work for you, please reach out to me separately so we can find a time that works!

D. Make sure you report your vaccination status by tomorrow if you haven't already!



### III. Student Concerns

- A. From Senator Ogunnowo: The student health insurance does not include dental insurance.
  - 1. Sen. Hemrick technically already addressed this.
- B. From Senator Schreiber: Student Counseling Services charges you after three appointments and the fee waivers are difficult to find.
  - 1. Senator Constandinidis is interested in working on publicizing fee waivers.
- C. Senator Constandinidis: One of my friends is diabetic and there aren't good places to dispose of biohazards.
  - 1. Senator Adams: Would it be possible for us to get sharps containers for sale in campus markets?
- D. Senator Constandinidis: There aren't a lot of gender neutral restrooms and some of them don't have showers, so people who aren't comfortable showering around others try to go at night which isn't realistic. The gender neutral restroom in my friend's dorm is all the way in the basement.
  - 1. Senator Adams: DEI and I&S want to rope Safety into a gender neutral bathroom audit. We are working with the Architecture department to launch small projects to fix some of the issues that exist.
- E. Senator Constandinidis: Menstrual hygiene products are only available in Armstrong and disposal isn't really accessible. Also in Havighurst it took them 3 weeks to replace the scented bags.

### IV. Committee Work

- A. Status update on action items/initiatives
  - 1. Senator Travis: I've been working on marketing ideas for RAVE Guardian.
    - a) Flyers around campus and residence halls
    - b) Virtual flyers



- c) Including information in parent emails
  - d) Sending out in RA weekly update emails
  - e) Make it required for RAs to mention at the beginning of the semester
  - f) Include info about RAVE Guardian during orientation
  - g) Mention the app during tours
2. Senator Hemrick - Last week I emailed Dr. Large and he said that a few of the university administrators are exploring options, like selling emergency contraceptives in markets, health vending machines, etc, or nothing at all.
3. Senator Riske - I looked into the blue light safety towers. When you press the button it sends alerts within a 500 foot radius. The towers form a "triangle" on campus, so maybe making a box instead would be helpful. Landscaping to make these more accessible could help.
- a) Senator Grabow - Even reflective strips could help with visibility.
    - (1) Couple an audit of lighting and blue light towers

B. What do you need help with?

- 1. All good :)

## V. Upcoming Events/Acknowledgements

- A. Senate on Tuesday is Halloween themed! Be sure to dress up!
- B. On Thursday, October 28, Dr. Leonard Harris, a founding member of BSAA, is giving a talk titled "Miami 1970: The Struggle Against Necrobeing" at 2:30pm in EGB 270. Later, at 5pm, there will be a panel discussion with the participants in the Takeover of 1970 in ASC 1066. From 6:15-7:00, there will be a demonstration of the AR app of the Rowan Hall Takeover in the Shade Family Room (formerly Rowan Hall).
- C. On Thursday, October 28, at 9pm, MAP and Spectrum are hosting a HalloQUEEN Drag Show in the Armstrong Pavilion.



- D. The Acapella All Stars concert is on Saturday, October 30, at 7pm in Hall Auditorium.
- E. Stay safe for Halloweekend!

**VI. Action Items**

- A. Sign up for a one-on-one with me!
- B. Reach out to Secretary Agee or Secretary Stephens if you are interested in working on the gender neutral bathroom audit.

**VII. Adjournment**



# Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee

*Secretary Vada Stephens*

31 October 2021

## I. Roll Call

### A. Present

Debra Olabode, Tia Bakshi, Nikhil Patel, Kerrigan Grabow, Victoria Ogunnowo, Maria DeVictor, Grace Kelley, Nav Chima, Evan Gates

### B. Excused

### C. Unexcused

## II. Check In/Icebreaker

### A. What's one thing that brings you energy and joy?

a. Vada: Fuzzy things

b. Maria: Blankets

c. Debra: Laughing

d. Victoria: The brain

e. Nikhil: Masala chai

f. Maria: Lime tea for international tea tasting in Armstrong 3rd floor

g. Grace: My dog - lab has been in halloween costumes i.e gnome costume

- h. Kerrigan: Plants around the house
- i. Tia: Weighted blanket
- j. Vada: the mindful center is a thing in McGuffey
- k. Debra: McGuffey VR center
- l. Nav: Boba :)

### III. Updates From the Chair

#### A. Campus Inclusive Bathroom Audit Update

MAP 1

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iOUYM78xBxPgC\\_gpwbCZnnh8TgHmToaD1xs2nmbvCQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iOUYM78xBxPgC_gpwbCZnnh8TgHmToaD1xs2nmbvCQ/edit?usp=sharing)

MAP 2

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1czKoS7fi4txy2PdrIH98lOsKdQNevsRXnvH-QlpYGxA/edit?usp=sharing>

MAP 3

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J1ZWAcFuyBK5c9v5NNx\\_xgZ\\_6blmEGb1oq1QDpgd65Y/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J1ZWAcFuyBK5c9v5NNx_xgZ_6blmEGb1oq1QDpgd65Y/edit?usp=sharing)

Vada: Running in tandem with the sustainability & infrastructure committee wants to have people from all of ASG to attend. People are not attending committee meetings so we can't do it without one another. The maps break down the different components of the audit we are conducting. Map 1: focuses on halls that don't have a gender neutral bathroom at all. Map 2: all halls with gender neutral bathrooms but that do not have a shower in them. We need to go and check these places out. Need to make sure that the ones without the shower are just at the front of the hall and that someone needs to go all the way there. Map 3: All single stall bathrooms that are labelled private instead of gender neutral bathrooms and campus needs to know the differences in that. After talking with Secretary Agee November 13 & 14 and Nov 19 & 20 in the morning in which we can have ASG sign up that we can tackle the 22 residents halls on campus to gather data and information. This will help us create a good piece of legislation and be good to give after winter break. Fall is for research and crafting legislation and presents to campus facilities after the winter break.

Kerrigan: Because we are meeting at the same time, we can't rely on doing this on our time because we cannot get into these halls.

Vada: We would figure out what days and times we have access to specific halls. We are trying to present this to the senate at-large on Tuesday. We can assign leaders in which we have someone to keep others on task.

Maria: How accurate do we think the data we already have is in the maps?

Vada: It's pretty accurate because it's campus facilities thinking that they are accurate and giving it to ASG.

#### B. CSDI Response to DEI Committee Recommendations

Vada: They were well received. They were going to incorporate what we recommended. Sent them out last week and will be meeting with her this week. We need to talk about DEI training across campus outside of this.

#### C. Identify and [report](#) barriers regarding accessibility and inclusion with Technology at Miami.

Vada: Dean of Students brought this up. Here's a link for people who are having trouble with technology on campus.

Nav: Can you send this in the general slack?

Vada: Yes.

#### D. Dean of Students Night Hawks Initiative

Vada: To help navigate campus life at night with golf carts at night and providing water. This would be a paid job for students to do. The Dean of Students is looking to partner with ASG to help fund this and help in general and need outside funding as well to pay compensation to those who get the job. Secretary Waugh is made aware of this for the funding aspect.

Kerrigan: Safety talked about doing a light audit can it be packaged together?

Vada: Night Hawks is not approved yet but they need \$30,000 but we can



Victoria: What specifically will be being employed for the Night Hawks?

Maria: Escorting people with golf carts to drive people places and etc. and there will be walky talkies, background checks, water provided etc.

#### E. Residence Life DEI Representatives

Vada: First time meeting with Residence life DEI Reps that they meet weekly. This is very new. 20-25 people representing the residents halls and working on DEI. A lot of them are feeling like is what I'm doing going to make a difference and will people coming to this actually help? Please encourage them to keep up the fight and that this is a wonderful committee.

Victoria: VP of Stonebridge has noted an increasing issue of homophobia and racism in the hall specifically

#### F. University Senate & CODI on HB 322 & 327 Updates

Vada: They voted. See message in slack. In close tandem with our legislation. People have been making changes and leaving comments so that it is more easily digestible. Overall, a beautiful piece of legislation. Issue is external factors:

Steering people said they are concerned about ASG is going to see this as partisan legislation or some people.

Nav: Talking to Speaker Villanueva which was concerned that if this bill hasn't been read by other committees who can add to it and looking at it if ASG is going to write legislation then it won't be as strong as not a partisan piece of legislation. IF there are different perspectives it'll be stronger because we don't want it to be striked down.

Vada: Ruku made a few recommendations and is sponsoring it. Rosemary is also sponsoring it. Secretary Tyree is also sponsoring it. There have been many emails sent.

Nav: I think that this would be presented to Senate on the 16th not the 9th.

Vada: We are having a faculty administration panel on the 9th and then people would not be focused on the legislation. You can yield everything to Vada if you don't have the answer to the question. Human rights is not a political thing. Protecting students and teachers is the goal.

Nikhil: Did other secretaries show legislation to other committees?

Evan: F&A did not

Nikhil: If senators can made then recommendations can be made.

Nav: Changing some of the wording that is strong will take away from it. If people make many changes then it may change too much.

Vada: On secretary to be transparent to their entire committee.

Evan: Stronger wording is not talking about politics but talking about policies and when it becomes a debate we can point that out. Look at who are advocating for students and writing has done a good job at expressing what this legislation is for.

Vada: Talks about what Miami is about.

Kerrigan: I chose a lot of the stronger language with Nav and can talk at length as to why each word was chosen and not used Critical Race Theory, republican, or any

mention of any partisan part so that it cannot raise that issue. One thing is the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in the legislation.

Nav: Fits under Title IX and First Amendment. Teachers and professors that would be cut from this bill moving forward this refers to pinpointing how it would impact them.

Kerrigan: I just don't see how this is completely in line and may raise questions on partisan legislation.

Vada: In the classroom things should be taught in non-bias way so we are supporting that.

Evan: Having it there is useful to cover bases and we are actively redefining the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Ex. expanding the definition of sex with transgender ...

#### **IV. Initiative Committee Updates**

Debra: Initiative was to get push buttons at front and back of the door for the doors for certain dorms.

Victoria: I just met with Vada and no update with initiative yet for Senate Liaison was able to meet with one organization. Initiative is about bias and increasing awareness of being called out and collaborating with communications committees to create an interview type event for DEI organization and use social media to ask questions about what it feels like to be who you are where you live. Make live videos or podcasts so that we can publish them by the school to make them more personal. Giving minority students a platform.

Nikhil: Initiative is about nondiscrimination clause for organizations. Some don't so when there's an incident, they could potentially because it's not in their constitution they shouldn't be held accountable. This would provide more about education rather than copying and pasting the template provided rather than learning what they are actually writing. Something else I wanted to ask: creation of alumni advocacy fund and was wondering if you could explain that.

Vada: larger committee initiatives the goal was to utilize alumni networks to help with social advocacy groups that would have to be voted on. BLM movement LGBTQ+ etc. How can we as a university come together and use alumni to help give back to the university. There are a lot of legalities in this and a conversation that should be started now. Millions are a potential in funding.

Kerrigan: working with SAAS on how they're going to work on advocacy and education. Seeing how well that will take off. Doing some work with the safety committee with investigating routes most travelled are and if the emergency booths are out of the way. It wouldn't be that costly to implement a few more boxes.

Evan: 1. Land acknowledgements there's a bill written up for which I worked with Myaamia center. Given the anniversary with the relationship of MU and Myaamia tribe, there biannual conference and they want people to attend and want the land acknowledgement up. Within ASG but the idea is to escalate it past ASG.

Vada: I want this to be a committee initiative.

Evan: Breaking down different initiatives to broader initiatives. Bias initiatives would probably be relevant. Kennedy, Michael and I met with Alia with gender neutral bathrooms.

Nav: MESA meeting but they cancelled their meetings this week. Been making sure a lot of the legislation for the Bill this week. Meant to meet with Evan for the Myaamia landmarks. Explore senator representative that there is a scholarship for members of the Myaamia tribe and who can provide that perspective but to have that voice there.

Tia: Did not get to do much as I did not get the position for my sorority that I was expecting to get. Met with a friend who is reforming the fraternity who was open to DEI training.

Maria: working with Tia to reassess and help create a proper training for Greek life.

Grace: Not a ton of updates since hasn't been here and looping back in with safety.

#### **V. A Resolution Condemning Ohio HB 327 Updates/Revisions**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o-gVjlzSNTEAuYkcfOiEJmx\\_UkY1EtJwS1\\_JIQQ9s0U/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o-gVjlzSNTEAuYkcfOiEJmx_UkY1EtJwS1_JIQQ9s0U/edit)

#### **VI. Ramadan Accommodations Initiative**

Vada: initiative that has already been worked on. I was told that the original concern was that dining halls are closing at 8 which is close to when they break their fast and they

don't have anywhere to eat. DEI and on campus affairs worked on the initiative last year. Pulley or MacCracken would have the necessary food after the dining halls close.

Nav: Ramadan is Saturday April 2 - May 2 2022.

Evan: Changing dining hall hours to 1 hour later on Ramadan end?

Nav: Is there a way to send this to the dining hall committee? Harper and \_\_\_?

Vada: Give this over to the dining advisory committee. Would anyone want to do that?

Grace: I can.

## **VII. Fall DEI Climate Survey**

### **VIII. Action Items:**

- A.** Schedule at least two meetings for personal initiatives
- B.** Look over climate survey questions and be ready to make additions and subtractions if necessary.

Vada: Get input from the committee about this. Try to have at least 2 meetings with people for your initiatives. People in this semester itself start moving forward.

### **IX. Upcoming Events**

- A.** Freedom Summer Film Festival Luncheon focusing on Black representation on film and a weeks worth of events starting Nov 7th  
<https://www.miamioh.edu/news/top-stories/2021/10/freedomfilmfestival.html>
- B.** Women In the Workplace hosted by the CSDI and Center for Career Exploration and Success: Nov 18th 6-8pm Shriver (316)
- C.** Others?



## Infrastructure and Sustainability

Secretary Alia Agee

27 October, 2021

### I. Roll Call

- A. Secretary Alia Agee (she/her)
- ~~B. Senator Kennedy Hughes (she/they) Excused~~
- C. Senator Cameron Tiefenthaler (she/her)
- ~~D. Senator Elizabeth Travis Unexcused~~
- ~~E. Senator Julian Bialous Excused~~
- ~~F. Senator Jack Latham Excused~~
- ~~G. Senator Nicole Bacon (she/her) Excused~~
- H. Allison Reineck (she/her)

### II. Old Business

#### A. Student concern from 10/05/2021

1. "Need more tables outside for people to have seating (Laws, Upham, Farmer)"
  - a) Alia: I reached out to him originally about this and he responded and said he needed to double check a few things.
    - (1) **Action Item:** Someone needs to follow up with him to make sure the information he sent was correct and if he sees a need for more seating.
      - (a) Allison: I will take this
  - b) His first response reads as follows: "Alia, I am involved in outdoor furniture. The comment about Farmer surprises me



as that is one of the few academic buildings with outdoor furniture right next to the building. There are two areas on either side of the front entry that has seating, there is one bench near the front entry walk, and several along the east and north-east side of the building. We just installed a bench by Laws. Upham has a few benches on the Hub quad side, I believe. I will have to refresh my memory and go look. The north and south sides don't really lend themselves to great seating locations. The east side has some benches in the courtyard, but maybe not as close to the building as some people would like. I will go take a look.”

B. Update with Gender-neutral Initiative/Audit

1. Alia: I had a meeting with Evan Gates, Kennedy Hughes, and Micheal Adams at the end of last week for some input. I still need to meet with Vada to solidify dates and organize a sign up sheet. We are also looking to write legislation to show student support and clarify our goals/expectations with this audit

C. Condiment Waste Concern (Armstrong)

1. Jack Latham: Reached out to Geno Svec about this and have not heard back. The plan is to follow up today/tomorrow about this. Alia sits on the Student Dining Hall Advisory Committee that meets this Friday and will bring it up then if no response is given by then.

D. Student Concern from 10/19/2021

1. Anderson Hall has a lack of hooks in bathrooms, especially gender neutral ones



2. Julian Bialous: Reached out to Senator Parker about this to get more clarification and then relayed this to Robert Bell. Once Robert gets back, I will let you all know.

a) Robert Bell's response is as follows: "Julian, This is the first time we have had any complaints since we have done the renovations beginning in 2014. Anderson was one of our first renovated residence halls. I will see if there was any difference in approach in more recent renovations."

3. Action Item: Report back on this in Senate (Nov.2) with what Robert has provided

E. Student Concern from 10/19/2021

1. wants to look into options about whether takeout can be offered again in the dining halls
2. Alia: I will bring this up in the SDHAC this Friday
3. Allison: It would be nice to bring your own container but that isn't feasible for many reasons.
4. Cameron: Brent is typically averse to having food exit the dining hall as a long-term solution but considered reusable containers from UPenn for market locations

F. Student Concern from 10/26/2021

1. Senator Dooling: infrastructure of showers on campus; using Miami Shower Boys account for research
2. **Action Item:** Someone needs to reach out to Senator Dooling about this to get more information (its too vague). Once enough information is gathered, then we can bring this to Robert Bell
  - a) Cameron: I will do this and reach out to her!





#### G. Student Concern from 10/26/2021

1. Senator Payne: hockey/athletics events throw away a lot of extra food
2. Alia: I am thinking of bringing this up in SDHAC this week? Anyone have any other thoughts or is anyone interested in taking this?
3. Cameron: Also could loop in FRN to see if they can recover this

#### H. Composting Update?

1. Alia: Adam has 2 interns and he shared a brief update abt other stuff at SSC but didn't share abt the Butler Co grant
2. Allison: There's a food scraps collection program at the Maintenance Division garage on S. Main
3. Cameron: May be worthwhile to circle in city officials like Chantel Raghu (Oxford City Council) to push him to compost and focus on food waste. I can reach out to her about that

### III. Action Items

- A. Senator Kennedy Hughes:
- B. Senator Cameron Tiefenthaler: Email Waverly abt what she means with shower boys. Email Chantel abt food waste mtg w Adam
- C. Senator Elizabeth Travis:
- D. Senator Julian Bialous: Wait for Roberts response and follow up on Tuesday at Senate
- E. Senator Jack Latham: Email Geno following up on previous email
- F. Senator Nicole Bacon:



- G. Senator Allison Reineck: I will reach out to Robert again about outdoor seating. (Email to Robert Bell (Director of Planning, Architecture, and Engineering within the Physical Facilities [robert.bell@miamioh.edu](mailto:robert.bell@miamioh.edu)
- H. Secretary Alia Agee: reach out to Brent and Brian about SUP, Meet with Vada about GNB audit, share the 3 student concerns we've received regarding food (hockey game waste, condiment waste in Armstrong, takeout option) to administration in SDHAC, send Adam an email about Butler Co grant



# Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

*October 31, 2021*

*Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Present: Senator Adams, Senator Gates, Senator Madrigal, Senator McLaughlin, , Senator Parker, Senator Payne, Senator Schreiber, Senator Walker, Secretary Pal
  - B. Excused: N/A
  - C. Unexcused: Senator Giaquinto, Senator Stack
- III. Student Concerns
  - A. "Cultural proficiency of faculty and on campus about historical figures, holidays, head coverings, and microaggressions on campus."
    1. Students have spoken about a lack of cultural competency among faculty
    2. Pal: Best place to address this is the Center for Teaching Excellence, because they put on workshops for faculty. Senators Parker and Stack will work with CTE as student reps. First we need to see what resources are available to teachers, and we have previously discussed issues of cultural competency and guidelines about that to provide to faculty
    3. Gates: Might be best to speak with faculty to see what guidelines they already have in place for this. Perhaps through USen?
  - B. "Lack of academic curricula centering Southern Asian religions and culture"
    1. Gates: This is part of a broader problem where the university is making budgetary cuts that are affecting this area of study and other areas. I am not sure what direction we should be taking in terms of advocacy.
    2. Walker: I have noticed a large drop in classes concerning South America as well.
    3. Pal: This is likely an issue of faculty numbers and enrollment necessary for having these classes. We can't necessarily do something critically clear about this, but we can have more conversation.
    4. Gates: Perhaps we work with UCM on marketing these things to see more interest. Even DEI and COMMS on a bigger campaign about what these majors and minors and classes can bring to the table. Dr. Alcalde has a



background in WGS, Dr. Brownell as well, so we have admin to work with on this.

5. Walker: After looking at the course list, I want to amend what I said before. Under Spanish, a ton of classes are focused on Spanish culture, so perhaps we can incorporate these classes into already existing popular majors and minors to increase numbers in these classes.
  6. Pal: I can reach out to Secretary Stephens and maybe we can do some collaboration. I can also reach out to Dr. Bergerson.
- C. "Some classes that have not been offered in several years or semesters. Some are required or critical to certain majors"
1. Pal: Yes, this is true. In terms of them being required or critical to certain majors, we have had this discussion, especially in regard to COVID. If there is a class that you absolutely need as a requirement, you can talk to your advisor.
  2. McLaughlin: I have had similar issues with this as well. The staff just doesn't exist in my academic department to teach every class every semester, but my advisors have let me substitute some classes for others.
  3. Walker: Some requirements include internships, which may take over a student's ability to work on academics if they have to happen in the fall or spring.
  4. Payne: I have had to replace some courses as well as a part of my gerontology minor. Some classes no longer exist.
  5. Pal: Don't know if it is well known that your DAR is a vital resource for scheduling purposes. I feel as though if substitutions are allowed, then this issue is somewhat being addressed already.
  6. Madrigal: I think as long as advisors are giving options I don't think it is as much of a problem.
  7. Pal: I think we need to prioritize speaking with advisors and planning out courses before registration.
  8. Walker: Not all advisors are very approachable. I feel like sometimes people are intimidating.
  9. Pal: We will definitely handle that situation. Advisor training is happening and things should be getting better. That being said, if someone is not comfortable, they should reach out to the Chair or Dean or come to me so



I can reach out to them. I think it is a matter of letting students know what their options are.

10. Parker: This issue of advisors behaving poorly with students is very widespread. This includes attendance matters and scheduling matters. Students have almost been forced away from their majors because of these incidents.

11. Pal: Let me figure out how I want to talk to Dr. Bergerson, and DM me any names that need to be approached.

D. "DEI training for professors is very lacking in certain areas and needs to be re-evaluated or overhaul"

1. Pal: I think we have established this. I would suggest we start with CTE and get a lay of the land to see what is going on before moving forward.

#### IV. Committee Tasks

##### A. Standing Rules Update

a) There is a proposal to update them that reiterates what we discussed last time. Number one being enrollment for FBS and CAS being significantly higher, so requiring 2 seats for those and one for the others. I also made changes to the wording that clarify our status as a committee and not a coalition.

b) I will call for a vote to approve the updated standing rules  
(1) The vote passes unanimously. Standing rule updates are approved.

c) Per updated standing rules we have to present these to the senate. Senators McLaughlin and Payne will present on behalf of the committee.

2. [Proposal to Update Standing Rules](#)

3. [Updated Standing Rules Changes & Marked Document](#)

##### B. Trigger Warnings Student Concern - Legislation Opportunity

1. Pal: From what I have found online, there seems to be no wording or existing guidelines about this. This is a great opportunity for people on the committee to start an initiative on this and working on legislation.

a) Senators Payne and Madrigal will be leading on this.

#### V. Outstanding Professor Awards

1. Application Dissemination, timeline, questions and format



- a) Pal: working to see how to disseminate information and applications
2. Date & Location Reservation for OPA banquet
  - a) Pal: Senator Madrigal will likely work on this
3. Funding, food, & banquet necessities
  - a) Pal: will coordinate with F&A on this
4. Rubric and Evaluation Criteria revamp
  - a) Senator McLaughlin and Secretary Pal will work together to help update the evaluation criteria.
5. Invitations & Awards design
  - a) Senators Adams and Schreiber volunteered to help with online design eventually.

VI. Next Steps

- A. Pal: Nice job! This was a super productive meeting. I appreciate discussions about student concerns.
- B. Pal: Per our standing rules that are now updated, we need to open an at-large seat for CCA, CEC, and FSB. I will talk to Pro Tempore Payne about that.



## Communications and Media Relations Committee

*Jenna Walter*

28 October, 2021

### I. Roll Call (pls write your name down! If you don't I'll have to mark you as unexcused)

- A. Present: Senator Webb, Senator Davies, Senator Riske, Senator Parker, Senator Morton
- B. Excused:
- C. Unexcused:

### II. Rose and Thorn

- A. Eli: Course scheduling went well. I also have a midterm paper due tonight.
- B. Alexis: I found time to get coffee three times this week (I usually never have time because of the lines)!!! I took a stats quiz today and i think it went bad. #sad.
- C. Adrianna: Touring an amazing apartment in SF for my Digital Innovation program (also seeing the drag show in armstrong), Stressed because of a pest problem in my room so I'm living with my friend for a few days
- D. Marissa: Rose: Getting up early and being productive on my assignments this week! Bud: The a cappella concert this Saturday @ 7 in Hall Auditorium ;) Thorn: The Spanish exam I am about to take
- E. Waverly:
- F. Cooper: Rose: my family came down to ox and brought our dog so it was so nice to see them. Thorn: school in general
- G. Jenna: Thorn: I totaled my car (but I am alright!) Rose: Getting to be on a cool panel for Startup Cincy Week!



### III. Old Business

#### A. Project Check-ins (pls type your progress in!)

1. Eli: Updating Senators on website + Senator Stories + Trustee Posts
  - a) Senator bios: still need a few senators to fill out the form. I've reached out to some of them. Everyone who's filled out the form is updated. Senate leadership page is also updated.
  - b) Stories: 2 have been posted. Maggie and Joshua. I plan to do another one tomorrow and Friday.
  - c) Haven't started work on trustee stuff yet.
2. Alexis: Special Elections Post...N/A
3. Adrianna: This or That
4. Marissa: Student Trustee + Pick Your Portion
  - a) Both have been made :)
5. Waverly: Senate Headshots / Message to Senate
6. Jenna: Collin's Law Graphics, Elections, Cabinet Nametags, MU Dining

### IV. New Business (pls type any knowledge you may have with these / if you'd like to be involved! I will be assigning things specifically as well)

- A. Senator Nametags
- B. Update Cabinet and Senate COMPLETELY on website
- C. Upload Senate Minutes to Website
  1. Senate Minutes are up to date as of yesterday. I also had a thought about putting all meeting dates there like they have for U senate and then adding links for minutes when we have meetings.
  2. Legislation including updated bylaws are also up to date on website.
- D. Registration Infographics





E. Student Concern from Tuesday (Waverly brought up in Slack)

## **V. Action Items**

- A. Marissa: Assist Jenna with Senate name tags (no deadline yet, just need to begin!)
- B. Eli: Upload remainder of Senate minutes to website (start whenever you can, so we can upload the most recent minutes and be on track)
- C. Waverly: Put together survey that we can put on our linktree for multicultural orgs to fill out (if they'd like to be featured on our channels!) (by next thursday)
- D. Adrianna: Post Collin's Law Graphic to all of our channels (I have the post and caption ready for you!) (by Saturday)
- E. Cooper: Post pick your portion graphic to our story (by next Thursday)
- F. Alexis: Put together template of an infographic we can put out to students about registration! (it can be pretty minimal, just the bones!!) by next Thursday)

## **VI. Adjournment**



## On-Campus Affairs

*Becca Pallant*

31 October, 2021

### I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Sen. Stack, Sen. Parker, Sen. Ogunnowo
- B. Excused: Sen. Payne, Sen. Wells, Sen. Morton, Sen. Olabode
- C. Unexcused: Sen. Hemrick

### II. Announcements from Chair

- A. Sec. Pallant: Meal Swipe Donation project is starting soon. Students will donate through the GET app. Students can donate up to 7 swipes. We will most likely table for this to let students know that this is a thing.
  - 1. Sen. Ogunnowo: the app doesnt work for me
  - 2. Sen. Parker: if you delete the app and redownload it it should work

### III. Student Concerns

- A. Want to check in on the concerns we have been given and see if there are any updates.
  - 1. Sec. Pallant: Victoria, any updates on the concern about the bathroom cleanliness?
    - a) Sen. Ogunnowo: I sent more data and heard that bathrooms should be cleaned 7 days a week.
  - 2. Sec. Pallant: We have a dining related concern for PPE that Grace has taken care of already. We have one about the NPHC



monuments. I would like to work on this, but does anyone else want to help?

a) Sen. Ogunnowo: I will help.

B. Any concerns come up that weren't brought up in Senate that we can look into?

1. Sen. Stack: people want ice machines in the residence hall

a) Sen. Parker: I have heard about this too

b) Sec. Pallant: I will check on this. Not sure if possible.

#### **IV. Senator Updates/Check in**

A. Check in on status of projects we started last week

1. Sen Stack: I added material to the doc for what to put into the newsletter. Lots of it will be links to other stuff and the content will change each month. Some stuff im putting in is the deadline for the second dose, flu shot information, transportation for upcoming breaks. I got a lot of the information from emails and websites. Since it is so accessible, is it not worth continuing this?

a) Sen. Roemer: I think it would be helpful to have things all in one place because it is easier to find.

2. Sen. Roemer: we were able to find a knowledge based article last week about where the printers are on campus. But some of the info (such as timing) is wrong so we are meeting with Troy Travis to look into this and fix things

3. Sen. Wells: no update on initiative. Never heard back from my original email and will send a follow up email.

a) Sec. Pallant: please CC me on that email.



B. Sec. Pallant: For people who were not here, what projects would you like to work on?

1. Sen. Parker: menstrual hygiene
2. Sen. Ogunnowo: newsletter/"How to Miami"

#### V. Plan outreach event

A. Sec. Pallant: I heard that we are able to do donuts and coffee at a table at the Seal. Do we still want to do this? We will open it up for all senators to help at. Free donuts and coffee for those who help out.

1. Sen Wells: I think thats a great idea.
2. Sen. Parker: I think thats a great idea too.

B. Sen. Roemer: how many donuts are we thinking?

1. Sec. Pallant: probably a significant amount given that people will take a free donut and coffee I would think. We will learn more about pricing and then decide from there...

C. Sen. Ogunnowo: where are doing this?

1. Sec. Pallant: we will do this at the SEAL because of food rules inside buildings
2. Sen. Stack: also good traffic at the Seal usually

D. Sec. Pallant: plan for event is to get Oxford Donut Shop for donuts and coffee. People working can get free donuts and coffee. Lets support local businesses compared to chains.

E. Sen. Ogunnowo: do we want to do this on two different days or one to hit the most people?

1. Sec. Pallant: two might be nice but not sure



2. Sen. Roemer: two would be difficult because of set up twice, picking up food twice etc.

3. \*all in agreement for one day\*

F. Sec. Pallant: what day of the week do we want to do this?

1. Sen. Parker: Wednesday

2. Sec. Pallant: ok what time frame?

a) Sen. Stack: 9-12?

b) Sec. Pallant: not sure about 12. Might be to late. What about 11?

c) \*All in agreement of Wednesday from 9-11\*

3. Sec. Pallant: we should do this on Wednesday November 17th, that way we have time to plan, get the \$ and we can then market the meal swipes too to prepare students.

G. Action items for event for this week:

1. Sen Parker: contact Oxford Donut shop for more info (menu items, pricing, and when we should have our order in by)

2. Sec. Pallant: will book us a space and talk to Cortlin about funding

## **VI. Adjournment**



# Oversight Committee

*Speaker Pro Tempore Wes Payne, Chair*

12 October, 2021

- I. Oversight Case #202201 opened.
- II. Oversight Case #202202 opened.





# Oversight Committee

*Speaker Pro Tempore Wes Payne*

19 October, 2021

- I. Oversight Case #202201 closed.
- II. Oversight Case #202202 closed.







# Oversight Committee

*Speaker Pro Tempore Wes Payne*

19 October, 2021

- I. Oversight Case #202203 opened.

