



SENATE AGENDA
11/16/2021
Joslin Senate Chamber

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Speaker Villanueva: Steering submissions must be completed by Thursday at 5 pm. Our next meeting will be our last meeting of the semester. Our last Senate meeting will be the 30th. If you have legislation you want Steering to review, please submit by Thursday. If you would like an exception, please come talk to me. Steering has office hours! I will send the link in the Senate slack.
- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approval of Student Senate minutes from 11/02/2021
 - b. Approval of Safety minutes from 11/07/2021
 - c. Approval of Safety minutes from 11/14/2021
 - d. Approval of Diversity Equity & Inclusion minutes from 11/14/2021
 - e. Approval of Elections minutes from 11/07/2021
 - f. Approval of Steering minutes from 11/11/2021
 - g. Approval of Administrative minutes from 11/04/2021
 - h. Approval of On-Campus Affairs minutes from 11/14/2021
 - i. Approval of Off-Campus Affairs minutes from 11/03/2021
 - j. Approval of Oversight minutes from 11/09/2021
 - k. Motion to approve consent calendar
 - l. Motion is seconded
 - m. Motion is approved
- VI. Student Concerns
 - a. Secretary Agee: The student dining hall committee brought up food safety concerns regarding food waste at hockey games. I saw video evidence of food waste and we're still looking into it. I let the campus planning committee know that there are people going around evaluating showers.
 - b. Senator Payne: I'm reporting back on my Goggin PPE concern. The person in charge has not shown up recently, but they said they would look into it.
 - c. Secretary Manley: I'm reporting back on a trash piling-up concern. They will be putting more cardboard receptacles uptown.
 - d. Secretary Waugh: There is a provision in the ASG bylaws that allows organizations to request funds in emergencies. The Secretary of Finance determines whether or not there is sufficient grounds to declare an

emergency hearing. We don't set specific sanctions for specific violations based on the unique circumstances regarding certain organizations. We keep things vague in the standing rules to provide flexibility.

- e. Senator Ryan Parker: I am reporting back on a concern from Secretary Sutton about the font and asterisks on the course list. I reached out and they referred me to IT.
- f. Senator Dooling: I am reporting back on the concern regarding multicultural organizations and communication. We are putting together a multicultural organization podcast and creating a survey for them.
- g. Senator Stein: I received a concern about parking for student employees. They are concerned about paying for a full day of parking.
- h. Motion to commit to On-Campus.
- i. Motion is seconded
- j. Motion is approved
- k. Senator Stein: The wifi hasn't been working well at all, and it's impairing people from doing homework.
- l. Motion to commit to On-Campus.
- m. Motion is seconded
- n. Motion is approved
- o. Senator Stein: Vegan food is not included in meals to go on campus, like the ones you can use for a meal swipe.
- p. Secretary Pallant: This is a conversation we're having in our Dining Committee, but I would encourage you to commit to On-Campus.
- q. Motion to commit to On-Campus
- r. Motion is seconded
- s. Motion is approved
- t. Senator Hughes: The ASG chamber is pretty inaccessible physically, so if we could talk about solutions that would be great.
- u. Motion to commit to I&S
- v. Motion is seconded
- w. Motion is approved

VII. Report A: Student Organization Emergency Funding Approval, *Secretary Ben Waugh*

- a. Secretary Waugh: On Oct. 31, myself and Drew Davis received an email from the treasurer of Delta Epsilon Nu. Typically, they pay for dues for their national chapter, but in September they received notification that the price was going to increase. She did not proceed with requesting the funds in September or October what the price would be. I granted her permission to receive an emergency funding hearing. I received confirmation of the invoice, and their dues are due by November 28th. They presented their materials this past Sunday, requesting \$2,000 in administrative funding. The cap is \$2,000, and they were invoiced \$3,400. The committee voted unanimously to approve, and it is now in the Senate's hands.
- b. Motion to end debate and call to question

- c. Motion is seconded
- d. Motion is approved
- e. Emergency funding allocation is approved

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business Item B: SB212205: *A Bill to Address the Frequency of Special Elections in ASG*

- a. Senator Pollock: We have been through two special elections. We also have five vacancies, which triggers a special election. We feel there is a change to be made to limit the automatic triggering of special elections to twice. We feel as though frequent elections are inefficient and take away valuable time. This bill gives the Election committee discretion as to whether or not to call an emergency special election.
- b. Speaker Villanueva: Right now, student organizations are struggling to find memberships, and I don't think that this body should be penalized for it.
- c. Secretary Waugh: I think this is a great bill. We have spent so much time filling seats, and there is a point in time where we have to be externally focused. I look favorably upon this bill.
- d. Secretary Stephens: I think this is effective and a great bill. I want to stress the importance of looking into why people are leaving the body. I think we should focus on retention, and I really support this bill.
- e. Motion to end debate and call to question.
- f. Motion is seconded
- g. Motion is approved.
- h. SB212205 passes.
- i. Speaker Villanueva: Most of the resignation letters have been about personal reasons. I think we should look into retention, and I have my own theories about why this year has been different.

X. Report B: Elections Committee Standing Rules Update

- a. Senator Davies: I am representing the Elections committee and reporting on our standing rules. As we mentioned, this amendment depended on the results of the bill passing, which it did. Our standing rules now reflect the change.

XI. New Business Item A: SB212204: *The Guarantee ASG Voting Eligibility Legislation (G.A.V.E.L.) Act*

- a. Senator Davies: We were told by our advisor that she wanted to speak with some people regarding certain language of the bill to acknowledge university policy concerns.
- b. Motion to table New Business Item A
- c. Motion is seconded
- d. Motion is approved.

XII. New Business Item C: Articles of Impeachment for Senator Ethan Stack, *Oversight Committee*

- a. Pro Temp Payne: We are presenting articles of impeachment for Senator Stack; I will explain the process first. We are presenting our case to the Senate and you will be able to ask me questions about it. Senator Stack will also be able to present his side and answer questions. We will then move to executive session to debate and vote. We received a referral on October 26th, we met as a committee and opened the case on the same day. The referral mentioned the Love and Honor Code. We spoke to three people about this case. The referral mentioned Senator Stack who contacted members of the student trustee search committee vouching for someone who was running for student trustee. We have three primary findings. The first is that Senator Stack contacted members of the committee in an attempt to curry favor for a certain candidate. Senator Stack admitted to talking to members of the committee to try to sway them on a certain candidate. Through these actions, Senator Stack attempted to grant undue favors to someone as well as acting unprofessionally as a member of the Student Senate. We believe these actions were an attempt to undermine the student trustee process, which is extremely important. We decided against an improvement plan, because there wouldn't be an avenue to show improvement. After the testimonies, we decided on censure. We believe that since the process takes place once a year, we don't believe the actions prove he would be unable to do the job, so we decided against removal. The testimonies provided led us towards censure.
- b. Sen. Harvey: What does censure entail?
- c. Pro Temp Payne: it is a formal warning by the Senate, it would go into our records.
- d. Sen. Hemrick: Will this be something that goes public?
- e. Pro Temp Payne: it is public record
- f. Sen. Tiefenthaler: What was the favor that Senator Stack was trying to give?
- g. Pro Temp Payne: we don't believe the search committee was impacted by it, even though he attempted to give favor.
- h. Sen. Ogunnowo: if this is approved, were Senator Stack to violate the bylaws in the future, how would this affect that?
- i. Pro Temp Payne: It can go into consideration when talking about sanctions, but it would not be a part of that investigation. It could be considered a pattern of behavior, but there would be no relationship.
- j. Sen. Giaquinto: was there knowledge that Senator Stack would not have if he were not a Senator?
- k. Pro Temp Payne: everyone who was contacted was an ASG member. We feel since he was in this position, his opinion holds more weight.
- l. Sen. Reineck: Was the nominee aware that he was trying to gain them favor?

- m. Pro Temp Payne: we did not speak with them, so we are not aware.
- n. Sen. Pollock: did it have a negative impact on the candidate?
- o. Pro Temp Payne: No
- p. Senator Stack: Everything the Oversight committee said was true. It was done purely of my own accord. Briefly, a part of me considered resigning but I feel like resigning would've been the easy way out. I contacted all of the members of the Student Trustee committee and apologized and I've informed several of you of my remorse for this error. The Oversight Committee has been incredibly accommodating and responsible in the ways they handled it. I am grateful for them for handling it this way. I would like to deeply apologize for this error and I would like to make amends by doubling down on the work I do. I regret that this will have an impact on my professional relationship with each other. I am trying to take full responsibility for this mistake of mine. I will make sure I never do anything like it again. I intend to learn from this and intend to recommit myself to the work we're doing for the campus.
- q. Director Gates: Based on the dates of this, was this a plan that you had while running for the committee?
- r. Senator Stack: That was not my main goal in running for that position. I talked about how I had experience last year and how excited I was to be on the committee this year. I was aware at the time that the candidate was running for it and I would have brought an unfair bias if elected to this position.
- s. Senator Madrigal: With this case being presented, how do you feel like this incident has impacted your ability to run for future positions?
- t. Senator Stack: Undoubtedly. I will steer clear of this entire process. How I'm perceived is up to the body, and I would hope people don't forget this incident. At the same time, I hope to learn from this mistake and ensure that I can regain the trust of members of the Student Senate.
- u. Senator Grabow: How well did you know the candidate?
- v. Senator Stack: I've known the candidate for a number of years, including prior to Miami. It was purely professional, interacting during academic competitions. I thought they were a good fit for the position and that is why I had such a high opinion.
- w. Senator Hemrick: You said you had experience with the Trustee selections last year, can you expand on that?
- x. Senator Stack: I had experience last year, including recommending Dawson Cosgrove to be a trustee. I felt as though last year was a very smooth process and I enjoyed it immensely.
- y. Senator Chiapelli: You mentioned potentially resigning, was that something Oversight asked you to do?
- z. Senator Stack: No, it was my own thought.
- aa. Secretary Pallant: What have you learned from this that will better your time in ASG?

- bb. Senator Stack: I knew about this before it was brought to Oversight. I wrote physical letters of apology to members of the committee. This has taught me a lesson in professionalism in the workplace. It has also given me a bit of a kick to re-devote myself to the activities we're working on in my committees. It has also given me a new perspective on why the work we do here is so important.
- cc. Senator Olabode: Was the candidate nominated?
- dd. COS Wu: We cannot disclose that information.
- ee. Director Gates: Was this brought forward by the candidate?
- ff. Senator Stack: Yes, this was brought to the Trustee Committee by the candidate.
- gg. Director Gates: I am concerned that you should know the rules of ASG. I will ask again what have you learned in terms of conduct and behavior?
- hh. Senator Stack: This entire affair was a complete lapse in my judgement and I am sorry I violated the Code of Love and Honor. I feel like I let the entire ASG down. I've had nothing to do but wait and sit on what I've done. To answer your question, I've learned that I need to be diligent in how I conduct myself here. I'm hoping in the future I will be able to approach things in this body with a new found wariness to my own behavior.
- ii. Secretary Stephens: I think this a wonderful time to reflect on why we're here. What is your understanding of the Code of Love and Honor and what is your purpose here?
- jj. Senator Stack: Our jobs are to represent the wills of the student population. Letting my own personal inclinations is irresponsible, and in that way I disrespected the position. In terms of the Code of Love and Honor, it governs the culture of ASG and inspires academic excellence, fairness, and responsibility. These are things we, as growing adults, should be learning and learning to conduct ourselves in the right way. College is about creating and shaping a better world, and I feel that the Code of Love and Honor represents this. This is something I was not respecting adequately enough, and I need to make sure I am following it.
- kk. Senator Ogunnowo: If this censure is passed, how will that affect your behavior in Senate?
- ll. Senator Stack: Censure is a big asterisk to have next to my name, and it would make me take a step back and reflect. I think this requires vigor and ambition to go with it, and I think in the aftermath of this I will recommit myself to this.
- mm. Senator Pollock: If someone contacted you about running for ASG, how would you approach that?
- nn. Senator Stack: I would wish them well, but I would not try to curry favor for them. I would encourage them as much as I could without going into the realm of misconduct.
- oo. Senator Giaquinto: You contacted the candidate and she wasn't aware of it, what reaction did you expect from her?

- pp. Senator Stack: I called her with the intention of wishing her well and to let her know that I had spoken with members of the committee about her. I don't really know what I was expecting, but I suppose a note of appreciation for the note of encouragement. Thank you for asking that.
- qq. Senator Schreiber: What would be an optimal course of action going forward?
- rr. Senator Stack: I was grateful to the Oversight committee for limiting the articles to Censure. When I knew about this situation I considered the fact that I could be removed and the seriousness of the situation. If I weren't up here today I could not blame you all for losing respect or for not "liking" me.
- ss. Senator Ryan Parker: You were on the committee before you were a senator, so if it weren't referred to Oversight would you feel the same remorse?
- tt. Senator Stack: I actually found out before the referral knew about it, so I did feel remorse. I suppose I wouldn't have had the opportunity to reflect if it weren't brought to my attention. This has allowed me to approach the Trustee selection with a fresh approach.
- uu. Director Scozen: I've heard a lot about how you have remorse, but I am wondering what actionable steps you will be taking?
- vv. Senator Stack: I have gone into our Google Drive and done some intense reading of our bylaws and Code of Love and Honor. I will also continue to reach out to the people directly and indirectly involved. I would appreciate it if the members of the body don't allow me to forget this.
- ww. Motion to enter executive session
- xx. Motion is seconded
- yy. Motion is approved
- zz. Censure is approved

XIII. Special Business of the Day

XIV. General Announcements

- a. Senator Davies: CSDI is having a vigil for Trans Day of Remembrance this Saturday at 7. It is a great opportunity to listen to the struggles of trans and non-binary students.
- b. Senator Tiefenthaler: When you are in the dining halls, thank the employees working for you!
- c. Senator Olabode: ASG is doing another meal swipe donation week! We are tabling in Armstrong this week, Thursday and Friday, and we also need people to help. Fulfill your tabling credit!
- d. Parliamentarian Elghazawi: MESA is having a baklava event for National Baklava Day tomorrow!

- e. Senator Ogunnowo: Senator Giaquinto and I are having our outreach event this Friday! Please come!
- f. Secretary Pallant: Tomorrow is Donuts with ASG! Please get there in time if you have signed up! You will donate your meal swipes through the GET mobile app and it will start this Saturday. We have all of our district outreach events, and we have created a challenge for you. If 90% of you attend one event, we will have a treat for you at the beginning of next semester.
- g. Director Gates: The Open Door/Closed is trying to schedule appointments. I really strongly recommend you telling your friends about it.
- h. Senator Stein: Hillel is having shabbat this Friday! It's a Thanksgiving shabbat. There is also a hanukkah party on Dec. 1!
- i. Senator Pollock: The Ohio Innocence Project is being revamped at Miami! If you are interested in learning about wrongful convictions, contact me or Sidra Caprolo!
- j. Senator Stephens: I wanted to thank the first two groups that helped with the gender neutral bathroom audit!

XV. Adjournment

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



Safety Committee

Secretary Harper Sutton

21 November 2021

I. Roll Call

A. Present

1. Senator Grabow, Senator Harvey, Senator Giaquinto, Senator Adams, Senator Walker, Senator Hemrick

B. Excused

1. Senator Constandinidis, Senator Riske, Senator Parker, Senator Kelley, Senator Hollon

C. Unexcused

1. Senator Travis

II. Updates From the Chair

- A. Please have your lighting audit sections done by November 24! If you need an extension that is fine but if possible, have it done sooner rather than later!
- B. I reached out regarding the naming of the football field in the David and Anita Dauch Indoor Sports Center. If you were unaware, it is currently named "Ben Roethlisberger Field" and Ben Roethlisberger has a garbage history. Here is a snippet of the response I received: "In neither case were criminal charges ever filed. Since then he has led, by all accounts I've seen, an admiral life. This would include coming back to graduate from here, and having what appears to be a successful marriage to a physician named Ashley Harlan with whom he has three young children." I'm going to try and meet with them regarding this issue.
- C. This semester is almost over, but I wanted you to know that I appreciate you immensely and if you have any feedback for the next semester, please let me know so I can incorporate it into my plans!



III. Student Concerns

- A. From Senate: The denotation of sprint courses on the course list isn't very accessible for people with low vision and needs to be more significantly differentiated from
 - 1. Senator Parker reached out to IT and has not heard back
- B. Secretary Sutton: The handling of the Hillcrest situation was really abhorrent
 - 1. Senator Walker: The fact that 200+ kids could have gone to sleep and not woken up is terrifying.
 - 2. Senator Grabow: It makes me want to deep dive into safety measures in residence dorms. I feel like we can't assume anything bare minimum about Miami.
 - 3. Senator Walker: I looked at Ohio laws and you're supposed to have a carbon monoxide detector outside of each sleeping area if you have any fuel-burning appliances in the building.
 - 4. Senator Giaquinto: I know the second and third floors of Hillcrest were moved into Wells Hall, and there were bedbugs. They had to move into a hotel at 3am.
 - 5. Senator Walker: How were people allowed to pack up and leave?
 - 6. Senator Harvey: Police officers came into the lobby of Beechwoods and told all Hillcrest residents that they had from 9pm to 11pm to grab necessities and go to your temporary residence hall.
 - 7. Senator Walker: The levels were at ~200 and the fact that they advised students to go grab their things was terrifying.
 - 8. Senator Giaquinto: The hospitalized students were told if they had stayed in the building for 10 more minutes, they would have permanent brain damage.
 - 9. Senator Walker: This makes me want to talk to Miami and ask how students are able to feel safe now?



10. Senator Harvey: I know a lot of other Western residents are buying carbon monoxide detectors or their parents are sending them. Also one of the hospitalized students was experiencing flu-like symptoms for several days.
11. Senator Grabow: The fact that hundreds of students could have died and it was addressed in an email is not enough.
12. Secretary Sutton: I can request funding for air quality checkers.
13. Senator Grabow: We could also have a program to educate students on how to look for unsafe conditions and abnormal things in your dorm room.
14. Senator Giaquinto: Most safety bulletins are regarding incidents in residence hall rooms. We could revisit the idea on signing guests into residence halls; bystander intervention for halls

IV. Committee Work

A. Status update on initiatives

1. RAVE Guardian publicization
2. Sharps disposal
 - a) Senator Adams: The CSDI is willing to work with us on providing sharps disposals to students at the Open Door Clothes Closet. They want to make sure we rope in Student Wellness and Student Health. The Office of Student Wellness has funding they might be able to put toward official sharps containers. Is anyone interested in taking over this initiative?
3. Safety bulletin content warnings
4. Nighthawks legislation
 - a) Senator Hemrick: Ryan Parker, Ben Waugh, and I submitted legislation regarding expanding the cap on funding to \$30,000 so we can fully fund the Nighthawks program. Tentative start time of Fall 2022.
5. Self-defense classes



- a) Senator Hemrick: We're reaching out to martial arts clubs on campus and waiting to hear back.

B. What do you need help with?

1. Senator Adams: Going forward with sharps containers, how can I rope someone else in professionally?

- a) Secretary Sutton: Be honest that you're stepping back from ASG but that you're still interested in working on this, just that in order to have somebody from ASG in the conversation, you're roping someone else in

V. Upcoming Events/Acknowledgements

- A. We only have classes on Monday and Tuesday of this week! Please use this break to rest and recharge for finals!

- B. We have our last senate meeting of the semester next week!

- C. We still have one more safety meeting next week, sorry :(

- D. Hanukkah begins next Monday!

- E. How have you felt about this semester?

1. Senator Grabow: Over J-Term I would really like to solidify the air quality initiative so we can make sure this doesn't get swept under the rug.

VI. Adjournment



Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee

Secretary Vada Stephens

21 Nov 2021

I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Monica Gay, Tia Bakshi, Nikhil Patel, Nav Chima, Grace Kelly, Debra Olabode, Victoria Ogunnowo, Maysa Constandinidis
- B. Excused: Maria DeVictor, Antoinette Tucker
- C. Unexcused

II. Check/Icebreaker

- A. What aspects of your identity are most important to you and why?

Nav: When I talk about myself, I always say I am a young Punjabi sikh. My religion, nationality, and gender. The one I think about the most is my religion because sikh is all about social injustice and recognizing the energy we share.

Debra: Ethnicity, race, and gender because as humans, the identities we get persecuted on are the ones that are most forefront rather than ones we have privilege with. I generally have to constantly fight for rights for those identities.

Vada: Definitely my race and religion. Those two are explored in all areas of my life. Those two are the most prevalent things I reflect on a lot and make decisions based on those identities.

Monica: It is a lot of my ethnicity, gender and sexuality. Once I found out what they were, it was a comfort for me and I will hold on to that no matter what happens.

III. Updates From the Chair

A. Meeting with CODI CO Chair Rosemary Pennington

Vada: I was able to talk to Rosemary, the co-chair of the council of diversity and inclusion on what the . In University senate, the body will be voting on adding more power to CODI as a community. Giving them enforcement power as well. Right now all they can do is serve as an advisory role but they want to be able to enforce policies. There's some number of initiatives that need to be paid attention to. I would love to hear your thoughts on this. I will put a document in the drive for you all to explore. She talked to me about the idea of transferder non binary policies. We currently do not have policies that protect those students. She shared a guide to a reference to a policy. There was talk about Miami exploring the policy to create one. Have you all heard of a specific transgender non-binary that Miami has and is it something you would be interested in?

Vada shared a document.

Vada: This is something that universities have but Miami does not have anything. These issues are rapidly changing.

Nav: Would we partner with the newly appointed Directors for this potential policy?

Vada: Yes we would. This would be something for Evan and Jubilee to look at. I will be sending it out to you guys to investigate. I want you guys to think about it. Are there any questions or concerns or thoughts?

Debra: Would this be a guide for faculty and staff?

Vada: This would be in tandem with out university non discriminatoon policies for the university at large when it comes to this specific group. I would be interested to learn about what we would do for groups that do not have this also.

B. Meeting with Randi Thomas

Vada: I was finally able to talk to Randi Thomas who we have been chasing down for weeks. He has read and only read "better draft" as it pertains to the house bill we have been working on. One, he feels our bill is

incredibly powerful and compelling. If we were to push the university to take action, it may “wake up the sleeping giant.” From his perspective, he does not feel the bill in Columbus is moving. How do you know when a bill is moving or going somewhere? We don't want to be in that situation where we are too late having said nothing at all. The bill is still sitting in the senate and has not moved. His recommendation was that we need to do this but also hold our horses for the university to take action. From his perspective, nothing is really going on right now but it is a thing. For us to kicking up smokes, he is afraid that it will be moved and passed. So should we just do nothing and sit back and wait? The university is crafting its own statement and holding it in the event the bill moves forward. The university is trying to play it safe and just be prepared. His idea was to put up a program to educate people. In his position, he has to play it cool but it was clear he doesn't stand for what is going on. The timing just has to be right.

Maysa: I personally think. I understand his perspective but it is a little bit frustrating. It is really a gamble. Sometimes you have to ask if it's really worth taking that risk. It affects a lot of people trying to erase history. I would rather say my opinion than be quiet. I think this is very hard and it is a gamble. Either way you will make people mad. At the end of the day, it is choosing what is important to you.

Nav: I have two ideas. If we were to make this a sense of the senate, that would be smart and taking out the action steps. In the future, we reference the legislation, we can be in support of representatives going to the house. Or we can say ASG will partner with the academics and educated people about this issue and representatives will go down to testify if needed.

Tia: I agree with Nav. I'm concerned if it starts moving when we are on break, what are we going to do? It is a big inconvenience. We should add it if it is needed rather than stirring it up when it is not needed. We do not want to piss off the state. We should consider what Randi said since he is experienced. But we are prepared but not moving forward without needing to.

Grace: I'm just wondering about the timeline since Steering said they wanted a draft. If we were to pass

Vada: When we met with Steering, they were like Victoria is giving us on the 30th to present what we have been working on. It would be very

important that that piece of legislation sense of senate be done and submitted this week. Evan will also give input on this bill. I like the idea of turning this into a sense of senate and at a later date reference this in another piece of legislation. We get rid of the action items and just express our opinions. Would it be more powerful to do a resolution?

Nav: if we make a sense of the senate, it would be something that the senate supports and not a specific action. If it is a resolution and we say the DEI committee will partner to hold a town hall, that is an actionable item. Another would be when it is needed, the DEI committee will go to the house to testify.

Vada: In the event. It will be less work for you all since we have to get this out soon. We want to see something done surrounding this. It would be a wonderful compromise between us and the advice we were given.

Tia: I think it would definitely be passed this time around because we are saying don't do it now.

Vada: The University themselves are also in the shadows working on something in the event they have to pull it out. Would everyone be okay to simply changing the wording to what we will do in the event? I would assume I would need to have Ruku and Austin to look over it again or at least be consulted on the major change. For transparency sake, Kerrigan has removed himself from this committee. Who would like to take the lead? Those people should reach out to Sec Pal or Sec Tyree to let them know what we talked about. Who feels more comfortable presenting this to senate? Know that I am here to help and meet with you. Are we all clear who the authors are?

Tia: Did Randi say he will sponsor?

Vada: He is more so advocating for a sense of the senate from the stand that we should not be pushing the university to do anything just yet so there was no need to sponsor if that is the event we take.

Tia: I think steering wanted his name on it.

Vada: They did not honor the fact that we talked to him. They placed more importance on his name being there.

Tia: I think it would be important to have his name if possible before Wednesday.

Vada: I will see if I can work a miracle in two days.

Nav will take the lead on the legislation.

Nav: As long as everyone contributes. I don't want to be the only person presenting.

IV. Updates From Committee

- A. Senator Olabode:** I am running for diversity and inclusion co-chair. If I get it, I will look into changing the requirements for diversity training and putting equity back into the name. Implementing more diversity programs in APhiO.
- B.** Director Gates
- C.** Senator Kelley
- D.** Senator Grabow
- E.** Senator DeVictor
- F.** Senator Constandinidis
- G.** Senator Chima
- H.** Senator Patel
- I.** Senator Bakshi
- J. Senator Ogunnowo:** working on initiative. Plan to present to Senate on November 30th.
- K.** Senator Tucker
- L.** Senator Gay

Vada: This past week was a lot. I know University is not supposed to involve itself in politics but it also has the same feeling as George Floyd's incident like where the university is and what the university is doing. Acting like what is happening outside Oxford isn't going on. It takes a lot to get up everyday but we are taking a step forward. I respect whether you are on the left or right. I think mental health is of the essence. Think of ways in which the university can do a better job and reach out to administrators. We should not desensitize what is going on.

Maysa: I personally think what is happening out of Oxford. Mental health is very important. With Covid, it is very hard and a big struggle and adjustments. The university could definitely do a better job at providing a way to help students with their mental health. Just someone to listen to them and make them know that they are not going crazy. I see a lot of students on campus struggling with mental health. I do understand

Miami's part. There is something happening that we need to talk about. Ignoring it is a big issue and a lot of students are being affected by this.

Vada: I agree with you in terms of ever so consistent ignoring is concerning and the expectation that you are still to perform well.

Tia: In general, I feel like people aren't as nice as they can be. I don't feel like people are being kind. I would hope Miami would do something and encourage people to be kind. I think that would help with mental health.

Nav: Couple weeks ago, I had my first therapy session. My next one is next semester and that is a long time to not go to therapy and not have that support. I find that concerning. They had a lot more resources because we were mostly online but once we went back in person, they might have felt that these issues are not going to continue. We wrote a letter to the senate last year about providing mental care for students who are being affected and hurt. When we talked to the administration, they said they are having more resources and checking on international students. I think addressing this issue as a committee. It is not the university being in politics. It is essentially checking on your students and those two are not related.

Vada: How do we handle our most vulnerable students for viewing this crap and going on about their day but at no point is there a checking up or a discussion being had. Human rights should not be politicised. Thank you all. I almost forgot to talk to you all about this. We are from various backgrounds and differences. At this time, you are free to go work on any initiatives you are currently working on. I have so many new senators so I want to make it clear that one of my biggest goals was to get you acclimated and exposed as much as possible. I want one of you to do a workshop next semester.

IV. Working Session

A. Sub Committee Initiatives

- A Resolution to Condemn HB 327
- Campus GNB Audit
- Honoring Indigenous Peoples Day/ Myaami Land Recognition
- Legislation to Add Bias-reporting, Student Wellness, DEI Resources to Syllabi
- Senator Liaison (Unity Funding Programming)
- Ramadan Accommodations (Pushing this Initiative along)

B. Individual Initiatives

V. Climate Survey

- ##### **A. Review Climate Survey and please include any additional questions, comments, or concerns you have here.**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11ntADkIDA9SRnTrV2wbB9ZcqGN_nclhwc77etjDA4/edit

Vada: Please read the climate survey. The climate survey is in the drive for you to review. If you have any questions about your initiatives, stay behind. Love and honor.

VI. Upcoming Events

Nav: Week after thanksgiving, there will be a Hanukkah celebration at the seal.



Committee on Student Organization Funding and Audit

Ben Waugh, Secretary of Finance; Cortlin Morris, Secretary of the Treasury

21 November, 2021

I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Michael, Patrick, Ben Morgan, Ben Maldonado, Nikhil Patel, Logan, Laura, Josh, Katy, Abby, Dan
- B. Excused: Megan (tardy possibly), Maria
- C. Unexcused: Davis, Brett, Erin, Tim

II. Updates from the Chair(s)

- A. Waugh
- B. Morris

III. Updates from the Committee

IV. Old Business

- A. Outstanding Spending Audits: [📄 2021-2022 Spending Audit Tracker](#)
- B. Standing Rule Amendment: [📄 Amendment to F&A SR 3 and 13.docx](#)

V. New Business

- A. Please fill out this [Survey](#)
- B. Changes to FSR: 13.1.1
 - 1. Organizations that request funding for overnight trips must justify the connection to their organization.
 - 2. The committee will need to see an itinerary and assess the mission statement/purpose of the organization.

VI. Adjournment



Steering Committee

Speaker Victoria Villanueva

November 18, 2021

I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Payne, Stein, Chima, Elghazawi, Madrigal
- B. Unexcused:
- C. Excused: Bakshi

II. Oversight Standing Rules

- A. Villanueva: might be resubmitting, so just looking at whereas clauses for now, but also that main clause
- B. Payne: I have talked with Ryan today about this bill
- C. Chima: change one of the whereas clauses so it's not as confusing. There's also a discrepancy between the form and the legislation
- D. Payne: This is such a big change that it needs to have a justification for the change in the whereas clauses.
- E. **Vote: 0-0-3**

III. Student Trustee

- A. Stein: Does COS currently vote?



- B. Payne: “should” clauses need to be changed (actionability)
- C. Stein: should implies an option; “will” means have to do it
- D. Payne: Was it their intention?
- E. Stein: Sets precedent so should be “will”
- F. Stein, Payne, Villanueva: Looks good other than that
- G. Stein: sponsorship is good
- H. **Vote: 0-3-0**

IV. Trigger Warnings in ASG

- A. Villanueva: Clarify if this is a student concern
- B. Madrigal: Sec. Pal asked Grace and I to write this legislation
- C. Elghazawi: The student concern was about trigger warnings in classroom
- D. Payne: Issue about clarifying the student concern within the committee
- E. Madrigal: I did not see the details about the student concern, I saw trigger warnings so wrote this legislation
- F. Stein: should not be worried about this into the future because not using will be addressed
- G. Villanueva: clarify with Sec. Pal and committee
- H. Payne: Try to gain clarification about direction via Slack
- I. Madrigal: So does it need to be a resolution to add trigger warnings in classrooms?
- J. Villanueva: Yes, need Sec. Pal’s guidance



K. Legislation tabled by committee.



Elections Committee

Speaker Victoria Villanueva

21 November 2021

I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Walter, Pollock, Elghazawi, Crone, Davies
- B. Excused: Villanueva
- C. Not Present:

II. Agenda

- A. Rose and Thorn for the week
 - 1. Wes: I hope your roses are good and that your thorns don't stab you
- B. Approval of [Student Body President & Vice President packet](#)
 - 1. Dates still need to be changed
 - 2. Probably will be presented next semester to give committee time to revise if needed.
 - 3. Approved unanimously
- C. Marketing Plan for SBP/VP
 - 1. Omar: We normally have a debate, but it'd be nice to have more events.
 - a) Posters, Tabling on the day of voting, tabling before the forum/debate.
 - b) Posters would promote running for SBP/VP and voting on the hub.
 - 2. Jenna: Any other things you need me/comms to do?
 - 3. Omar: Just social media posts
 - a) Generally posts showing who the candidates are and encouraging people to vote in the election.



4. Jenna: There could definitely be more of a marketing push for this election
5. Eli: We could make graphics for the screens in Armstrong and around campus
 - a) Jenna: There should be enough funding for this
6. Wes: Tabling for elections would count as outreach hours. Posting the candidates is good and social media is going to be our friend. Find ways to be more engaging since last year it wasn't as engaging.
7. Jenna: We could make more stories for members of ASG to share themselves.

III. Next meeting

Wes: Have a good Thanksgiving besties!



Academic Affairs Committee Agenda/Minutes/Action Items

November 21, 2021

Asynchronous Review and To-Dos

- I. Apology from Secretary Pal
 - A. I am SO sorry to cancel today's synchronous committee meeting. I unexpectedly got sick last night and overslept with my meds. I'm making this google doc for us to asynchronously collaborate and discuss and hold us off until our next meeting! (November 28 @ 11AM over Zoom).
 - B. As always let me know if there are any conflicts or you are unable to attend next week's meeting.
- II. Outstanding Professor Awards (OPAs) - it's time to get started!!!
 - A. Connecting with Lauren Brassfield to figure out date for OPAs
 1. I have emailed her - goal is banquet in late March or in April
 2. Once we have a date Terius Madrigal will work on getting the event up on the Hub and fully updated!
 - B. Application Changes
 1. Here is the [past application](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18pGNOWtBnHuQ_4jtUt17y5kMFJOE07YiqhwogVPHhK4/edit?usp=sharing) questions:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18pGNOWtBnHuQ_4jtUt17y5kMFJOE07YiqhwogVPHhK4/edit?usp=sharing
 2. ****An important note - we use FORMSTACK to share the application NOT google forms. This is solely for the purpose of seeing the questions and how they are presented to the students****
 3. Please use the space below to comment on the application questions and form! I want to see comments from every senator, especially with the perspective of how your college and your professors teach and how the questions relate to that in particular. The nature of each college and thus the way the questions are applicable and approached are different and I really want us to consider this, especially in how we may then evaluate applications. (put your name by the comments)
 - a) Comments -



- (1) Grace Payne: Particularly for CAS, I think that these questions are great. They're general enough that I think they could apply to the variety of majors that CAS offers. The professor clearly has to have made an impact on the student for the student to be able to answer these questions properly, so that will prevent students from nominating every professor.
- (2) Ethan Stack: I think that these questions are pretty good. Like Grace said, they are broad enough to cover professors of all subjects. Also, I think they would adequately gauge just how outstanding a professor truly is. The one edit I would make would be to switch up the language on question #3; the section that clarifies what the question is asking should ask "in other words, what makes this professor different from your others and outstanding in a way that others aren't?" The first clause of the larger question seems to be getting at this, but the second half diverts from that point. This is the Outstanding Professor Award we are talking about here, so we should ask the nominator bluntly what makes that professor stand out!
- (3) Maggie Walker: I think all these questions are fair and accurately represent what we would like to see out of this award. I particularly like that a question regarding the teacher's interaction with students outside the classroom is included as I believe that can especially show a professor's dedication.

C. Awards Designs and Pricing

1. ****Important note - we CANNOT exceed pricing ranges currently estimated in the OG links. If we provide expensive awards they seem like gifts and we are not allowed to do that, so try to stay in a similar price range if you have new ideas****
2. Top 150 applications receive recognition certificates in formal certificate holders (links below). Link other options or design ideas if you have any!!!
 - a) OG links -
 - (1) [Certificate Holders](#)



- (2) [Certificate Paper Costs](#)
 - (3) Certificate Award Design Ideas (link them below!)
- b) Comments/Ideas -
 - (1) Grace Payne - I think it would be really nice to get certificate holders that are more Miami red, but I did a quick Amazon search and I didn't see anything closer than Burgundy, so I think it's a great choice. Since price is an issue, this seems to be the best option.
 - (2) McLaughlin: I think if we are prioritizing consistency and the most bang for our buck, this is likely the best option to continue with. I can do some more research to find some other options, but I think it is more than appropriate if we decide to use these.
3. Top OPA professor receives a plaque of recognition. Link other options or design ideas if you have any!!!
 - a) OG links -
 - (1) [Plaque Pricing](#)
 - b) Comments -
 - (1) Ethan Stack: The plaque design is pretty slick, and after seeing it, I was surprised to see that it--along with the gift box--only came up to \$25.00. I think that this is great pricing for this award!
4. Top Professor leading in Open Education also receives a plaque. Dr. Bergerson runs the committee deciding this and has asked for OUR input this year!!! Please put your name below if you would like to be the representative on this committee.
 - a) [Award description](#)
 - (1) <https://miamioh.edu/academic-affairs/teaching/open-educ-res/asg-leader-award/index.html>
 - b) OG links -
 - (1) [Plaque Pricing](#)
 - c) Would like to be a representative on the committee
 - (1) Grace Payne
 - (2) Ethan Stack



5. Top 10 applicants receive an award of recognition. We designed the mugs linked below last year. Link other options or design ideas if you have any!!!

a) OG links:

(1) [Mug Design Front](#)

(a) <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HiByAF5D-ioCNVD9l1IBHYlIcepdoVZG/view?usp=sharing>

(2) [Mug Design Back](#)

(a) <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HiByAF5D-ioCNVD9l1IBHYlIcepdoVZG/view?usp=sharing>

(3) **Pricing for the mugs is in the corner of the screenshots above

D. Evaluation Criteria

1. ****Everything in the link below is FULLY confidential and MUST stay within ASG and SOLELY ASG. None of this information is to be shared beyond the organization under any circumstances.****

2. Last year's evaluation criteria and form:

a) https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aOGXjRpnHzqOz4Q8x1BMIR14_wf09qqoLz0sXH_6aiA/edit?usp=sharing

b) Comments on criteria:

3. Comments on evaluation format in general (likely most application to Cathleen McLaughlin):

a) Ethan Stack: I think that the system giving each question response a score out of 10 is the best way to go about it. Linking a quantitative grading system to a qualitative application simplifies everything nicely, especially when you receive so many applications--as this spreadsheet seems to indicate that we will.

III. If you have any questions or concerns, please note them here!

A. Questions/Concerns -

IV. If you have any initiative ideas or updates, please add them here!

A. Updates -

B. New ideas - (Ryan Parker) I've heard an ungodly amount of complaints about the scheduling system. Would it be possible to maybe restructure it? I know this is a huge, probably long term, grueling idea but I think it's worth it. A friend of mine has been in tears all day because of how much it's stressing her out.

V. Love you all and have a WONDERFUL Thanksgiving Break.



Infrastructure and Sustainability

Secretary Alia Agee

10 November, 2021

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Kennedy Hughes
 - B. Cameron Tiefenthaler
 - ~~C. Julian Bialous: Excused~~
 - ~~D. Jack Latham: Excused~~
 - ~~E. Nicole Bacon: Excused~~
 - F. Allison Reineck
 - G. Monnica Gay
- II. Old Business
 - A. Welcome Monnica!
 - B. Outdoor furniture concern
 1. Allison: Robert has not gotten back with me. I sent an email on Halloween.
 2. Alia: Forward me what you sent and I will follow up.
 - C. Gender Neutral Bathroom Audit
 1. Alia: Here is the link!
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TbPaoipye7zamqVTFq3BGBCT-tR3-udKw3ZdEoDqkl8/edit?usp=sharing>
 - D. Food waste discussion will be underway soon
 1. Alia: I emailed Jenny Fass, the President of Food Recovery Network
 - E. Student Concern from 10/26 submitted by Senator Grace Payne
 1. "Hockey/athletic events throw away a lot of extra food"
 2. Alia: I followed up with Grace at our last SDHAC and she informed me that the food she had to throw away were big bags of popcorn and pizza. Biggest concern is food safety which leads to a lot of



food being wasted. I was advised to reach out to Geno about this. I should hear more information about this on Friday morning.

F. Student Concern from 10/19 about Takeout containers

1. Alia: I relayed this to SDHAC and reported back to senate. Kathy Crowley was very adamant about their inability to consider reusable takeout containers at this moment as it would take years to implement. In terms of the single use, they come with their own issues (people taking more food than they should and general food safety concerns). Students were vocal about wanting this option again within the dining survey
2. Kennedy: Maple express as alternative. You can use a swipe and get a whole meal (drink and meal)
3. Cameron: As someone who lives on Academic Quad it is hard to find options in Emporium for a meal swipe. Especially for our gluten free students, they can only eat the gluten free sandwich. Can we include the other salads, sandwiches, and wraps in the swipe?
 - a) Can we double check about the options that we were told would be expanded. It looks like the options are pretty much the same

(1) Alia: I will get clarification on this on Friday

G. Armstrong condiment concern

1. Geno was not at the SDHAC like I thought he would be. Kathy answered in his place. She spoke a lot about covid and food safety. Brian brought up the fact that at ASC people can take food so go to packets may be easier.

III. New Business

A. Student concern about shower infrastructure?

1. Miami Shower Boys
2. Cameron: This was more of a point of information rather than an actual concern.
3. Alia: I agree, I shared this information with Robert Bell and the other members of the Campus Planning Committee. I think we should



continue to encourage students to fill out the maintenance forms if problems arise.

- B. Cameron: Any word on the butler county grant to survey our capacity for composting?
 - 1. Alia: No word yet from Adam. Let's send another email to him
- C. Food discussion
 - 1. Alia: Monnica and I were the only students at the last Climate Cafe with guest speaker Cristina Acalde. We spoke a lot about food insecurity. I will be reaching out to Brian to see if we could expand the swip donation program.

IV. Action Items

- A. Senator Kennedy Hughes:
- B. Senator Cameron Tiefenthaler: poke Adam about CET
- C. Senator Julian Bialous:
- D. Senator Jack Latham:
- E. Senator Nicole Bacon:
- F. Senator Allison Reineck: Follow up with Robert about outdoor seating
- G. Senator Monica Gay: Look over both drives!
- H. Secretary Alia Agee: Follow up about swipe options in markets and armstrong condiments on Friday during SDHAC, add Monnica to both I&S drives!



Infrastructure and Sustainability

Secretary Alia Agee

17 November, 2021

I. Roll Call

~~A. Kennedy Hughes~~-Excused

B. Cameron Tiefenthaler

~~C. Julian Bialous~~: Excused

~~D. Jack Latham~~:Excused

E. Nicole Bacon

~~F. Allison Reineck~~-Excused

G. Monnica Gay

II. Old Business

A. Outdoor furniture concern

1. Alia: Robert answered back to Allison and I. Allison, would you be comfortable updating senate next time?

B. Gender Neutral Bathroom Audit

1. Alia: Day 1 and 2 are done! Need to go back through notes and photos that were taken.
2. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TbPaoipye7zamgVTFq3BGBCT-tR3-udKw3ZdEoDqkI8/edit?usp=sharing>

C. Food waste discussion will be underway soon

1. Alia: Still haven't heard back from jennie. Meeting with her is important so we can figure out the logistics of recovering food waste at athletic events. Also, I wanted to meet with her in regards to the general food waste initiative.

III. New Business

A. Student concern from 11/16/2021

1. ASG chamber is inaccessible.



2. Who would like to take this on?

3. Nicole: I can help with this

B. Petition underway from SSC in regards to vegan and vegetarian options on campus. Looking to show that there are many students on campus passionate about this issue. Hoping to push dining to make more options available.

IV. Action Items

A. Senator Kennedy Hughes:

B. Senator Cameron Tiefenthaler:

C. Senator Julian Bialous:

D. Senator Jack Latham:

E. Senator Nicole Bacon: Reach out to the miller center and see what we can do about the accessibility of the Joslin Senate Chamber

F. Senator Allison Reineck: Update senate about outdoor furniture

G. Senator Monnica Gay:

H. Secretary Alia Agee: reach out to FRN again, email Adam about report



Communications and Media Relations Committee

Jenna Walter

11 November, 2021

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

- A. Present: Eli Davies, Adrianna Parker
- B. Excused:
- C. Unexcused: Marissa Webb, Cooper Morton, Alexis Riske, Waverly Dooling

II. Rose and Thorn

- A. Eli: thorn: i have a paper on brave new world due the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Rose: The bills I'm working on are going well and one will be presented soon.
- B. Alexis:
- C. Adrianna: Rose: Volunteering with Pause for Parents and meeting putting on fun activities with little kids in West Chester | Thorn: Got grades back from 2 exams that I didn't study well for and didn't do well but it is what it is
- D. Marissa:
- E. Waverly:
- F. Cooper:
- G. Jenna: Getting to volunteer/attend a startup Cincy event! Got to network and see a lot of people I missed in the community. Bud: hosting a social at my house and getting to know the a cappella community more Thorn: So many presentations and projects coming up

III. Old Business



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

1. Eli: Trustee posts
 - a) Haven't started, but i can work on those as well as a section on the website. I'll probably schedule meeting with Jenna to talk about this more.
2. Alexis: (waiting for more info from the academic affairs committee so don't worry about your graphic for now)
3. Adrianna: Finished meal swipe donation graphics for Secretary Pallant
4. Marissa: Senate nametags
5. Waverly: Survey for multicultural orgs
6. Cooper:
7. Jenna:

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. Multicultural Organizations podcast (collaboration with the DEI committee)
 1. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pSGxdDSCkIXXFKHM2dLQVbvcDNO9all_tkwUnZHKNG0/edit?usp=sharing
 2. Initiative steps here
 - a) I have some audacity skills - Eli. I'm also happy to lend my voice to it. Super excited to work on it.
- C. New graphic request
 1. On-Campus meal swipe donation

V. **Action Items**

- A. Marissa: Work with Jenna on senate nametags and post the pick your portion graphic



- B. Eli: Work with Senator Ogunnowo from DEI to come up with critical questions to ask in our interviews with multicultural organizations for the podcast!
- C. Waverly: Put your survey onto our linktree and create a post (social media graphic) that we can spread to let people know about it! (if you need guidance please let me know)
- D. Adrianna: Create the graphic that Secretary Pallant requested (all the info you need should be there, reach out if you need anything!)
- E. Cooper: Put together the bones of a post to announce our new directors of transgender equity and inclusion (just put together a graphic, we will fill in the information next week!)
- F. Alexis: Look into the logistics of podcasting and create a document with that information to share with the rest of us!
 - 1. Getting a podcast mic from King, the software to use, etc

VI. Adjournment