



SENATE AGENDA

10/19/2021

Joslin Senate Chamber

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Motion by Parliamentarian Elghazawi to reorder Special Business Item A to now
 - b. Seconded
 - c. Motion passes
 - d. Pro. Tmp. Payne: Please welcome Hannah McCarren of Hillel and Nav Chima of META/Sikh Students. Progressive Christian Students and Muslim Students Association could not attend, but MSA shared a message. MSA would appreciate any ASG help in spreading awareness of their organization and cause.
 - e. McCarren: I'm the President of Hillel at Miami. We operate in tandem with Hillel nationally as well as the nonprofit that operates with us. We are a space for all Jewish students of any background.
 - f. Chima: I'm the founder and president of the Sikh Students Association as well as part of META, which operates through wilk. SSA is a religious organization, but is also spiritual and aims to spread awareness of the Sikh faith through events and other programming. META's goal is to promote education of many different faiths and groups of people. We have a long list of concerns from SSA. One of them is that there is no Sikh faculty on campus; we don't have a lot of support. Grouping Sikhs with Hindus and Indians in general when many of us are very different is also a concern. Distress with MUPD is also a major concern of ours, in addition to articles of faith of ours and traditional practices such as headdresses. Fitness Center dress policy bans turbans and head coverings at the moment. Use of yoga outside of a cultural context is also something that is concerning that we see from the Fitness Center, as it also is with color runs that are done at Miami. Another concern is programming around minority holidays. The rhetoric at Miami about people like Mahatma Gandhi that they have taken is harmful and doesn't tell the full story. Other microaggressions against the Sikh community are common. The last thing I have to mention is that there is no transportation to our spiritual center 30 minutes away.

- g. McCarren: I have a few concerns that are common around Hillel's members. Awareness of correct representation of our holidays in Miami. We follow a lunar calendar and it changes every year. More attention needs to be paid to those dates and when they are. This year on the CSDI calendar those dates were incorrect; info on whether events should be held on certain dates is also incorrect. Concern around dining options are also common. There are a couple days where there must be special attention paid to diets. General concern around whitewashing of the Jewish people as well. Our community is not all white and the community is diverse as well. There tends to be a stereotyping of Jewish individuals as being white.
- h. Chima: Thank you again for inviting us here. META's first event is Nov. 3rd in the Wilks Office.
- i. Sen. Stein: What are some stories about your religions and why you are so passionate about them?
- j. McCarren: I converted to the Jewish faith. When I first visited a synagogue with my family, it was the first time I felt peace as a person. I was 12 and I really enjoyed the experience and started to attend it more regularly. When I got to Miami I got involved with Hillel and it gave me the opportunity to get involved with the Jewish faith. I was able to officially convert in September 2020. It means everything to me.
- k. Chima: I was born into the Sikh faith. My mom and dad are both Sikh. I have been surrounded by it all my life, and I grew up in a town that's predominantly Sikh and Punjabi. I grew up learning how to write and reading about the history of my people, which was super important to me, especially of them standing up to the government when necessary. The pillars of Sikh, including universal love and justice are some things that I learned at a young age. I was able to go to India a few years ago and it pushed me even closer to my faith.
- l. Sec. Agee: What can we do to make people feel more comfortable in their faith on campus?
- m. McCarren: listen for and pay attention to antisemitism on campus. People use and say a lot of antisemitism in their rhetoric, including jokes that are extremely common but also extremely hurtful. Listening for microaggressions that target Jewish students. Being more cognizant of that, as well as in the classroom; we even get it from some professors. Some students aren't comfortable speaking up for themselves.
- n. Sen. Davies: What are things we can do in ASG to connect with your organizations and help advocate for members of your organization?
- o. McCarren: Keeping us in mind when discussing things about protected classes, that is something that is often overlooked.
- p. Chima: Interacting and listening to our organization. All of our experiences are unique and give different perspectives on the Sikh community. Supporting us as an organization and as a people.

- q. Alt. Harvey: How do you recommend that non-members learn about your faiths?
- r. McCarren: Hillel is lucky enough to have its own building on campus. Come to our events. We have religious and cultural events as well as just fun ones. Most things we do are paid for. Coming to our building and just hanging out. I caution that you might want to reach out to Hillel for where to look at for your own research. Seek guidance and come to our events.
- s. Chima: Reach out to us. We also have some informational posts on Instagram. Doing your own research can also be helpful. Our spiritual place is open to anybody, so going there and talking to people is a great way to do that as well.
- t. Sen. Tiefenthaler: Both of you spoke about dining options. What can we convey to the dining committee to make sure your needs are heard?
- u. Chima: A lot of Sikhs are vegetarian. Those needs are being accommodated for the most part. Being able to have traditional foods was a great way to do it.
- v. McCarren: Please send me the info for that committee. It's specifically about having options during Passover. Those who observe those dietary restrictions also do not eat grain and bread. We attempted to do Passover meals with the markets and dining halls, but when asked there weren't any. We have had issues with the dining halls offering kosher foods; they weren't following what kosher is. Understanding how important it is to our community is something that is important to us, especially as many of our members are on meal plans. Those options are important.

IV. Announcements from the Chair

- a. Pro. Tmp. Payne: I'm a little disappointed in our behavior when we had guests today. The speakers were talking about some important stuff today, so let's try and be a bit better about that in the future, especially during future panels. Please be cognizant of that. We want our guests to know we value their time. Nov. 2nd is special elections; we have 7 vacancies. 2 off campus, 1 District 6, and 4 at large seats. Packets will be released this weekend. Speaker Villanueva will also have to appoint someone else to the Steering committee; if you are interested reach out. Please communicate with your committee chairs. Please submit legislation as well. We still have USenate openings. Reach out to Chief of Staff Wu if you want more info or are interested. Next week is our first themed Senate. The theme is Halloween. It can be your costume as long as it's appropriate.

V. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Student Senate minutes from 10/05/2021
- b. Approval of Infrastructure & Sustainability minutes from 10/06/2021
- c. Approval of Safety minutes from 10/10/2021
- d. Approval of Infrastructure & Sustainability minutes from 10/13/2021

- e. Approval of Safety minutes from 10/17/2021
- f. Approval of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion minutes from 10/17/2021
- g. Approval of Academic Affairs minutes from 10/17/2021
- h. Approval of Communications and Media Relations minutes from 10/14/2021
- i. Approval of Administrative minutes from 10/07/2021
- j. Approval of On-Campus Affairs minutes from 10/17/2021
- k. Approval of Off-Campus Affairs minutes from 10/06/2021
- l. Approval of Off-Campus Affairs minutes from 10/13/2021
- m. Motion to approve by unanimous consent.
- n. Seconded.
- o. Motion passes.
- p. Motion to recess for 10 minutes.
- q. Seconded.
- r. Motion passes.

VI. Student Concerns

- a. Sen. Wells: Reporting back on accessibility issues in MacFarland Hall. Lack of accessibility in bathrooms. There will be an audit this summer that will look at accessibility across the halls. They are working towards accessibility in all places on campus, but it's a long term process. If there is something that you might see in a residence hall that you want to be addressed quickly, the Miller Center has a form for barriers to access. I will link it in the Slack.
- b. Sen. Davies: Reporting back on accessible social media concern. We will make sure that captioning is turned on for video posts. We will revise our policies to make sure there are accessible graphics and the website also is.
- c. Sen. Payne: Reporting back on access to food on Academic Quad. Apparently Bell was chosen because it is the least accessed one. We asked if it would be possible to give more options and they said they would look at it. Same with swipes at markets; they will look to widen options.
- d. Sec. Agee: Reporting back on lack of seating at Farmer and Upham. Admin said they would look into adding more seating as well as more benches. Hearing to hear back about logistics.
- e. Sen. Ogunnowo: Reporting back on lack of bathrooms being clean due to staffing issues. They wanted to know which halls were specifically affected. Please talk to me if you have specific residence halls to list.
- f. Sen. Grabow: Reporting back about crutches being provided for temporary disabilities. A list of resources was given to me as well as several emails. I will share those in the Slack.
- g. Parl. Elghazawi: Reporting back on accessibility of consent calendar. Minutes template has been created for committees and agendas/minutes of Senate at large are in the same format as well.

- h. Sen. Hemrick: Looking to extend the times of doors. I talked to head of Residence Life and she would have to speak to the chief of police about it. Still waiting on a response, but it's unlikely to happen during the school year. If we want to talk about this in April or May it may be more likely.
- i. Sen. Ryan Parker: Number of hooks in shower stalls are lacking in Anderson Hall. In gender neutral bathrooms there typically aren't any.
- j. Sec. Agee: I recommend you commit this to my committee.
- k. Sen. Ryan Parker: Motion to commit to I&S.
- l. Seconded.
- m. Motion passes.
- n. Sen. Ogunnowo: Aetna Health Insurance does not cover dental, and we still have to pay fees for it. Motion to commit this to Safety.
- o. Seconded
- p. Motion passes.
- q. Sen. Chima: various concerns
 - i. Cultural proficiency of faculty and on campus about historical figures, holidays, head coverings, and microaggressions on campus. Motion to commit Academic Affairs.
 - ii. Seconded.
 - iii. Motion passes.
 - iv. Cultural competency of Miami University police and general distrust of students of color and MUPD. Motion to commit to D&I.
 - v. Seconded.
 - vi. Motion passes.
 - vii. Racial and implicit bias of campus emergency response (bias reporting, MUPD, etc).
 - 1. Sen. Gates: Bias reporting should go to D&I. Emergency reporting and admin should go through On-Campus.
 - a. Motion to commit both concerns to D&I.
 - b. Seconded.
 - c. Motion passes.
 - viii. Fitness center dress policy bans turbans and other head coverings.
 - 1. Sec. Sutton: does it say they're not allowed or are they just not included?
 - 2. Sen. Chima: Not sure, but it is worth exploring in my opinion. Motion to commit to D&I.
 - 3. Seconded.
 - 4. Motion passes.
 - ix. Lack of academic curricula centering Southern Asian religions and culture. Motion to commit to Academic Affairs.
 - x. Seconded.
 - xi. Motion passes.
 - xii. Lack of transportation to religious holy places not on campus, encompassing all faiths not near walking distance.
 - 1. Sec. Gates: I believe On-Campus is working on this.

2. Motion to commit to Off Campus.
 3. Seconded.
 4. Motion passes.
- r. Sen. Schreiber: Student counseling services, after 3 appointments there is a fee. Even with waivers this is an accessibility issue to some students, and those waivers are not publicized or known by students.
- i. Sen. Sutton: Not sure on what the solution would be, aside from more awareness of the waivers. Counseling can't afford to not charge past 3 appointments.
 - ii. Motion to commit to Safety
 - iii. Seconded.
 - iv. Motion passes.
- s. Sen. Ogunnowo: Some classes that have not been offered in several years or semesters. Some are required or critical to certain majors. This should be looked into. Motion to commit to Academic Affairs.
- t. Seconded.
- u. Motion passes.
- v. Sen. Davies: I want to see if we can look into dining halls and their accommodations of kosher meals as well as general dining accommodations for religious purposes.
- i. Sec. Agee: Sen. Tiefenthaler reached out to me to look into this in the Dining Hall committee. We will gather specifics to make sure those concerns are addressed.
 - ii. Sec. Sutton: Sec. Pallant is also Jewish and has these concerns as well, so this is something we will continue to work on.
- w. Sen. Hemrick: Response to Ogunnowo's concern about Aetna: Dental is provided. There are some fees, but I believe that is common in the country as a whole. I can send information about Aetna and Miami's policy in the Slack.
- x. Sen. Ogunnowo: student orgs need funding to be an org.
- i. Sec. Waugh: student activities makes it so that you need an advisor to be an org, and you need to be an org to request student org money from ASG. There is a conference through the Center for Teaching Excellence; they are looking for student org volunteers and are paying. I can forward that info to you.
 - ii. Sec. Morris: It shouldn't be too difficult to find an advisor and we can try to help out with that.
- y. Sen. Ryan Parker: Recent switch from takeout to china. I have gotten concerns about why this option isn't available anymore. Biggest concern is from student athletes who cannot take out food anymore.
- i. Sec. Sutton: before last year to go containers were never a dining hall thing before COVID.
 - ii. Sen. Adrianna Parker: Tupperware was also banned before COVID.
 - iii. Sen. Tiefenthaler: that is still not allowed. We've had plenty of meetings about this and they do not want disposable containers in

the dining hall period. We will see if this can be changed. Don't take in your own containers.

- iv. Sen. Ryan Parker: Motion to commit to I&S to look into options.
- v. Seconded.
- vi. Motion passes.
- vii. Sen. Ogunnowo: Concerns about Oversight process.
- viii. Pro. Tmp. Payne: Reach out to me after this.
- ix. Alt. Chavez: insurance not clearing and being processed with Student Health Services. Places economic burden on students. Motion to commit to On Campus.
- x. Seconded.
- xi. Motion passes.

VII. Reports

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

a. Approval of Opportunity II Funding Allocations

- i. Sec. Waugh: Last night we had our funding hearing of the semester. 67 orgs requested \$103k. We still have over \$1m left to allocate.
- ii. Sen. Crone: First event for Hawks Peer Leaders was not approved at all. Why?
- iii. Sec. Waugh: I believe they did not have it on the Hub. Miami requires all events that are approved for funding are on the Hub beforehand.
- iv. Sec. Sutton: Would it be possible to get a column for amount requested and amount received?
- v. Sec. Waugh: Sure.
- vi. Sen. Davies: Sec. Waugh and F&A did a great job as usual.
- vii. Sen. Stein: I agree, we should approve it. Motion to end debate and call to question.
- viii. Seconded.
- ix. Motion passes.
- x. Motion to approve by unanimous consent.
- xi. Seconded.
- xii. Motion passes.
- xiii. Funding allocations are approved.

b. SB212201: *A Bill to Remove the Senate Technology Officer from the Bylaws*

- i. Sen. Stein: There was a Senate Technology Officer but they went to one meeting and never attended again. Pass this bill.
- ii. Sen. Crone: We don't need an entire position for this and it's not necessary.

- iii. Sen. Stack: Very well written. Tech issues here can be solved quite quickly. We should pass it.
 - iv. Sen. Ryan Parker: Motion to end debate and call to question.
 - v. Seconded.
 - vi. Motion passed.
- c. Student Trustees Search Committee Elections
- i. Pro. Tmp. Payne: We are electing 2 Senators to this committee.
 - ii. Sen. Tiefenthaler: I nominate Sen. Ethan Stack
 - iii. Sen. Stack accepts.
 - iv. Sen. Stein: I nominate Sen. Gates.
 - v. Sen. Gates accepts.
 - vi. Sen. McLaughlin: I nominate Sen. Davies.
 - vii. Sen. Davies accepts.
 - viii. Sen. Stack: I have experience with the Board of Trustees, both at other colleges and also at Miami. I served on this committee before. I have the ability to select these nominees for this position because I have experience on this committee. I live On Campus and can identify with the concerns of students. I think I bring a lot of passion to this as well.
 - 1. Sen. Madrigal: What do you look for in a candidate?
 - 2. Sen. Stack: Diplomatic approach to situations while still being able to voice concerns in a respectful and constructive way.
 - 3. Sen. Tiefenthaler: How would you ensure the candidates you nominate have diverse perspectives?
 - 4. Sen. Stack: Last year we approached and approved of candidates who showed a commitment to diversity and inclusion. I want to continue that this year.
 - 5. Sen. Walker: What would you say that re-electing someone to this position would lead to a lack of diversity in ideas?
 - 6. Sen. Stack: Goes into the last question of making sure the candidates represent the diverse student body.
 - 7. Sen. Giaquinto: How do you try to see if the trustee will work well with the other existing trustee?
 - 8. Sen. Stack: The two other trustees will be a part of the conversation as well. I have been close with one of the trustees and I think I know them well enough to speak to their experiences on the Board.
 - ix. Sen. Gates: I want to emphasize diversity and inclusion, as well as transparency with the student body when I look for candidates for this committee. We need to have a wide range of perspectives on this. I have a unique perspective on this given my fields of study. Emphasizing that there's not just one type of student that should be

a part of this process. Keeping admin and trustees consistent and accountable to the Student Body.

1. Alt. Harvey: What's the #1 quality you're looking for in this trustee?
 2. Sen. Gates: A commitment to change at Miami.
 3. Sen. Stein: What sets you apart from the other candidates?
 4. Sen. Gates: I am very student facing and I can emphasize that. What I focus on is campus organizing and I think that makes me uniquely qualified, especially in areas of DEI.
- x. Sen. Davies: I'd like to be on the committee to represent the interests of international students and out of state students. I want to make sure that they have a grasp on what campus life is like for students that we may not think of, such as commuting and regional students. As a minority student I think it's important we continue to have candidates represent the diversity of Miami.
1. Sen. McLaughlin: Why is this committee worth your time?
 2. Sen. Davies: I think we need to have the interests of certain groups represented and I want to make sure that it is.
 3. Sen. Walker: What do you think makes you qualified over the other candidates?
 4. Sen. Davies: In addition to my background I've also sat in on a lot of administration meetings. I'm used to working with the type of people that sit on the Board.
 5. Sen. Tiefenthaler: What would you look for in a candidate?
 6. Sen. Davies: That they can cooperate with the other trustees, and the other student trustee.
 7. Sen. Grabow: What's your favorite color?
 8. Sen. Davies: Green.
- xi. Motion to enter executive session.
- xii. Seconded.
- xiii. Motion passes.
- xiv. Motion to exit executive session.
- xv. Seconded.
- xvi. Motion passes.
- xvii. Senators Evan Gates and Eli Davies have been elected.

X. Special Business of the Day

- a. Interfaith Student Organizations Panel, *Hillel*, *Sikh Students Association*, & *META*

XI. General Announcements

XII. Adjournment



Off-Campus Committee

Secretary: Connor Manley

20 October, 2021

I. Roll Call

Present: Sen. Chiapelli, Sen. Twigg,, Sen. Wells

Excused: Sen. Bacon, Sen. Bialous, Sen. Prebles, Sen. Pollock, Sen. Webb

Unexcused:

II. Updates from the Secretary

A. Farmers' Market this weekend

1. Manley: starting farmers' market this saturday. We'll be passing out magnets, take-home COVID tests, and potentially voter registration forms. I know it's early but please sign up if you can.
2. Chiapelli: I work late friday but can take a later shift
3. Wells: I can do the same

III. Struggles and Successes

IV. Business of the Day

A. Project group work time

1. Manley: Hunter you weren't here last time. We've broken into 3 main subgroups focusing on renters' rights, recycling, and walking safety. Any interest in those?
2. Wells: I'll join walking safety. I'm interested in addressing that and I'll help out Marissa since she's alone on that right now
3. Manley: With only three of us here, not much we can accomplish, if you want to stay and work that's great, otherwise we can call it a day.

V. Action Items

A. Bacon



- B. Bialous
- C. Chiapelli
- D. Pollock
- E. Prebles
- F. Twigg
- G. Webb
- H. Wells

VI. Adjournment at 6:15 pm



Steering Committee

Speaker Victoria Villanueva

October 21st, 2021

I. Roll Call

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

II. Icebreakers

A. Favorite Color

B. Chima: Orange

C. Elghazawi: Orange

D. Guest Davies: Green

E. Villanueva: Blue

F. Madrigal: Red

G. Stein: Gray

III. [How to Write Legislation Workshop](#)

- A. Villanueva: It'll start at 5:30, a bit earlier before Senate.



B. Kahoot Questions (3 each)

1. Omar
2. Terius
3. Nav
4. Danielle

IV. [A Bill to Update the Bylaws to Reflect the Current Pay of Executive Cabinet and Senate Leadership](#)

- A. Villanueva: should it not have the current year and exact number in the changes, instead just use the phrases “current year” and “current salary” or does it have to be written out exactly?
- B. Stein: I agree, it is a bit confusing that these have not been changed yet since 2017
- C. Elghazawi: it doesn't change every year so it is based on a specific year, it must change when the university changes or adjusts their pay. Ben and Cortlin signed off on it so I am assuming it is correct
- D. Chima: Have they explored the option of not being updated every year by using less explicit terms in the context of years?
- E. Villanueva: Is this in the purview of the senate or steering?
- F. Stein and Chima: Agree, it is in the middle
- G. Villanueva: More so it is the senate’s decision to make, this legislation is very strong.
- H. Stein: Agreed, this is necessary



- I. Vote (no edits to the floor -- go to floor with edits -- needs lots of work can not go to the floor) : (3-0-0)

V. A Bill to Encourage Standing Rules Transparency

- A. Chima: the language is a bit wordy and confusing, committee-specific doesn't make sense
- B. Villanueva: The language is a bit wordy
- C. Stein: I agree.
- D. Madrigal: What if we suggested using external committee
- E. Villanueva: Oversight has standing rules is an internal committee with standing rules, but standing rules for steering could be considered, what about respective committees instead
- F. Stein and Chima: we agree.
- G. Villanueva: Is this in the purview of steering?
- H. Chima: Yes, clarity is important for the senate's understanding of the legislation.
- I. Villanueva: Any other suggestions or edits?
- J. Chima: No.
- K. Vote: 0-3-0

VI. Action items:

1. Committee check-ins
 - a) Villanueva: any committee updates?
 - b) All: No



- c) Villanueva: make sure you do that and let them know you are coming to their meeting
- d) Chima: Is it every week?
- e) Villanueva: No, just once or a few times.
- f) New member: F&A, On-Campus
- g) Danielle: GR, Elections
- h) Nav: DEI, Infrastructure and Sustainability
- i) Terius: Admin, Academic
- j) Omar: Comms, Off-Campus
- k) Wes: Safety

2. Office hours

- a) Villanueva: no sign up yet, but there will be a sign-up soon so we can have a sign-up for that and let others know when you'll be in the office. M, T, W or M, W, TH from 12pm-4pm.



Elections Committee

Speaker Victoria Villanueva

17 October 2021

I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Harrison Crone, Eli Davies, Omar Elghazawi, Jenna Walter, Wes Payne
- B. Excused: Dan Pollock, Matthew Hollon, Danielle Stein
- C. Not Present:

II. Agenda

- A. Rose and Thorn for the week
 - 1. Villanueva: finished law school applications, thorn is waking up early on Tuesday
 - 2. Elghazawi: Browns play today. The Browns might lose today.
 - 3. Crone: grilled cheese fundraiser for Sketched Out; people liked my outfit. Drunk people are rude.
 - 4. Davies: AAA had a hotpot night which was fun. I basically have to be an RA for the night for Bridges tonight.
 - 5. Walter: I performed at a cabaret and it went well. On Friday I was overwhelmed with work stuff.
 - 6. Payne: Bears are gonna lose today. Victoria is gonna be sad when the Bears lose.
- B. Special elections November 2nd
 - 1. 7 seats up for election due to Senators Morrison and Bosworth resigning
 - a) 1 District 6 On-Campus seat
 - b) 2 Off-Campus seats



- c) 4 Senator at-Large seats
 2. Villanueva: Special election will be November 2nd meeting of Senate. October 24th is when they will go out, and they will be due on the 29th.
- C. [Special Elections Packet](#)
1. Potential changes:
 - a) Guidelines for candidates' expectations
 - (1) Add this to the email
 - b) Checklist to ensure that everything is done
 - (1) Either on the first page or with the petition
 - c) Transition back to paper petition
 - (1) Payne: probably best to move back to paper and give accommodations to people who need Google Form instead.
- D. [Marketing List](#)
1. Email everyone on Monday (at the latest, Tuesday)
 2. Committee members will choose which orgs and listservs to send out (see above) and Victoria will send each of them a blurb to push out to those orgs with instructions.
 3. District 6 residence halls:
 - a) Collins
 - b) Dennison
 - c) Dorsey
 - d) McBride
 - e) Symmes
 - f) I will email you guys the emails to send this blurb to with instructions later



- g) Victoria will also assign people who aren't here on the spreadsheet. When you're done, sign it off on the spreadsheet so that we're cleared

E. Social Media Plan

1. Villanueva: a post will go out on the 24th for packet release (actual IG post). After that, we'll do a story throughout the week (one story on Tuesday and one on Thursday at 5pm with a countdown).
2. This or That Template
 - a) Story, start posting it on Monday
3. Senator highlights for those who were just elected (also semi-Why I Ran campaign
 - a) Video stories + actual post (Tuesday and Wednesday)
 - b) Reach out to Matthew Hollon and Maggie Walker about doing these

F. Other marketing opportunities we talked about:

1. Outreach tabling
 - a) Armstrong won't let us schedule tabling this last minute
2. Paper pamphlets
3. ORL flyers
 - a) Flyers in District 6 halls - Victoria should reach out to RDs
4. Digital screens in Armstrong
 - a) Maybe next time

III. Next meeting

- A. We will approve the standing rules & debrief on the election turnouts



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Armstrong Student Center
Room 2012
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Associated Student Government
Elections Committee
September 26th, 2021

Present: Jakob Twigg, Omar Elghazawi, Wes Payne, Dan Bosworth, Jenna Walter, Harrison Crone

Excused: Danielle Stein

Not Present:

Agenda

- Personal intros (Rose and Thorn)
 - Victoria: I went to the zoo and have two midterms this week
 - Dan: I got a 96 on my exam and I am behind on missing assignments from my absences
 - Wes: My birthday was yesterday and this week is gonna be TRASH (at least I'm 20 now?)
 - Jenna: My a capella group put out an album and I did the art for it, stressed about finding a job
 - Harrison: Killed my midterms and Martin's cranberry juice machine is broken
 - Wes: You could have stopped at "Martin"
 - Omar: MESA has a good meeting this week/Arsenal is winning 3-0 right now; thorn is I currently have \$26 in my bank account
 - Jakob: I read textbooks all weekend and I read textbooks all weekend
 - Let the record reflect that "knowledge" is related to the rose and "reading" is related to the thorn
- Personal goals
 - Victoria: There are some new people and some returners. Just tell us about what your goals are for the year. Some of my goals include increasing election engagement (especially since we are more in-person).
 - Harrison: Get more people running



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- Victoria: I think something that plays a role in that is the fact that we have been online for the last year and a half. We kind of have two first-year classes and i think since they're just arriving they want to "test out" student organizations before committing to anything but ASG isn't something you can get involved in and not commit to
- Wes: (a) equipping senators to advertise ASG well and (b) equipping senators to better handle internal elections
- Victoria: tying in outreach requirements to SBP elections
- Jakob: trying to get people to vote more is critical
- Omar: fortifying election standing rules and improving senator retention
- Previous committee work
 - Reevaluating the elections rules
 - Victoria: Up to 5 candidates can run for an individual seat
 - Dan: Omar and I wrote a bill about that, but that year's Senate was concerned about the power of elections
 - Victoria: Even though we already have that power
 - Victoria: I think we should re-evaluate that rule and see if we can improve that rule somehow
 - Omar: I think we should bring that bill back
 - Ranked Choice Voting
 - Victoria: past SBP election process was time-consuming and resulted in decreased voter turnout come the run-off. RCV allows for an instant runoff, so now it's only one election date rather than two. Both years we have used it was weird; the first year, Jannie/Jess won the majority without any runoff, but we used it last year with decreased turnout (due to remote)
- Election process feedback
 - Student concern from 9/21 Senate meeting



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- Victoria: There were so many people that just didn't follow directions this time around. I had to reject 3 different packets
- Wes: I think it's a matter of people not reading the full packet
- Dan: I think candidates might not be clear about expectations of senate; maybe we need to decrease our expectations of candidates and/or inform candidates better about what we expect from them
 - Victoria: Maybe we should give candidates some sort of guidelines
- Dan: We also need to improve Senate engagement during down time. Maybe bring back electronic voting for RCV/senator
- Victoria: STUDENT CONCERN!
 - HUB message didn't go out in time: that was on student activities to send that out, and they dropped the ball
 - Jakob: We could do paper pamphlets
 - Harrison: More physical communication may be beneficial
 - Dan: ORL flyers
 - Omar: Outreach tabling
 - Victoria: We can use the digital screens
 - Harrison: Ice cream social
 - Victoria murders a mosquito while explaining rules about Armstrong catering
 - Harrison will report back on what we discussed to increase engagement
- Spring elections (2021)
 - Jakob: 17 spots available with 18 people running, and then we had a ton of people resign in the summer. Trying to increase engagement and voter turnout
 - Omar: making sure that candidates understand responsibilities
- Fall elections (2021)
- Committee goals



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- Standing Rules revision
 - Victoria: We need to revise those to be more in-line with what we do. I'll send those out and we can talk about them more.
- Student Body engagement - working with comms
 - Victoria: OH MY GOD WAIT (back up)
 - Literally just talked about that...
 - Jenna: continuing social media outreach
 - Dan: Put a poll on our story with a “yes/no” for if they are interested in running, then DMing them personally
 - Omar: Takeovers
- Next meeting:
 - Election turn out throughout the years
 - Probably having new senators joining
 - Next meeting will be asynchronous because of fall break



Steering Committee

Speaker Victoria Villanueva

October 7th, 2021

I. Roll Call

A. Present: *Elghazawi, Payne, Stein, Madrigal, Bosworth, Chima*

B. Unexcused:

C. Excused:

II. Personal intros

A. Villanueva: Copying this from Sec. Stephens, tell us what your name means. My name means “victory” in Spanish and Latin.

1. Stein: My name means “God is my judge” in Hebrew
2. Payne: Means “west meadow” in Old English
3. Madrigal: Italian name reminiscent of old choirs during the Italian Renaissance period
4. Elghazawi: flourishing and long-lived
5. Bosworth: Danielle crashed my browser so I can’t look it up (it’s “God is my judge” wait that’s the same as Danielle...)
6. Chima: Navkiran means “new ray of light”



III. Goals for the semester

- A. Bosworth: to better make clear of what Steering's function is in Senate
- B. Villanueva: better equip Senators to write legislation and work on initiatives. Also make Steering more prominent in Senate.
- C. Stein: form as many connections as possible and help them figure out the distinction between when you should write legislation and when you should not.
- D. Payne: Want to meet as many people as possible and get to know them. I don't want people to be intimidated by Steering or Senate Leadership.
- E. Madrigal: learn how to write legislation and do a good job.
- F. Chima: help Senators in writing legislation and include more inclusive leadership.
- G. Elghazawi: help with retention of Senators and Senate, give them the framework to succeed past this year.

IV. How to critique legislation

- A. Things to look out for:
 - 1. Grammar, punctuation, etc.
 - 2. CONCISENESS!!!
 - a) Villanueva: We don't want 5 pages of 'whereas' clauses. Clauses can often be combined or completely taken out.
 - 3. Organization (is it easy to follow?)
 - 4. Steering response forms



- a) Student input, admin input, etc.
5. Is it the proper type of legislation?
- a) Difference between resolution, bill, and Sense of the Senate
6. Is this legislation needed?
7. Anything else?
- a) Stein: we're not debating the actual legislation, we're just seeing if it should go towards Senate.
 - b) Bosworth: timing is also important; don't want something right at the finish line, but rather things that are long term; at the same time, don't want something extremely early in the process.
 - c) Elghazawi: says a bunch of stuff *parliamentary*

B. Action items:

- 1. Committee check-ins
 - a) Dan: F&A, On-Campus
 - b) Danielle: GR, Elections
 - c) Nav: DEI, Infrastructure and Sustainability
 - d) Terius: Admin, Academic
 - e) Omar: Comms, Off-Campus
 - f) Wes: Safety
- 2. Office hours



- a) Victoria threatens to scream
- b) 11-4 a couple days per week (M/T/R?)

C. [A Bill to remove the Senate Technology Officer](#)

1. Villanueva: This is the structure: Whereas clauses → therefore be it resolve clause. Look at responses on the steering submission spreadsheet
2. Bosworth: The format of the last clause is slightly off. Looks good to me. Sometimes the authors of these type of bills don't go back and edit all the sections in the bylaws. I appreciate that he did that.
3. Villanueva: Do we think it's worth it to move these duties to the speaker?
4. Bosworth: The issue is if you're not there for some reason and someone else has to do it.
5. Villanueva: I agree, it would be redundant. Already the duties of the parliamentarian and myself
6. Bosworth: Was this a position before senate took place in Joslin?
7. Villanueva: Not to my knowledge but could potentially be added as a whereas clause. The precedent is the speaker has learned the technology
8. Payne: Good except the formatting thing that was mentioned
9. Villanueva: "Whereas given this" does not make sense
10. Vote 4-0-0 approval with edits



Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee

Secretary Vada Stephens

24 October 2021

I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Debra Olabode, Maria DeVictor, Maysa George Constandinidis, Navkiran Chima, Victoria Ogunnowo, Tia Bakshi, Nikhil Patel, Kerrigan Grabow
- B. Excused: Grace Kelley
- C. Unexcused: Evan Gates

II. Updates From the Chair

- A. Continued Execution of 1:1's and Initiative Hearings
 - 1. **Vada:** The 1:1's were helpful in helping the Secretary understand the personal initiatives of the committee members as well as helping him identify the resources and administrators that would be useful in assisting them. Good ideas examples include, Nav's ideas for land acknowledgement for the Myaamia and Maria's idea towards helping DEI committees be effective, especially in Greek life.
- B. DEI Advisory Board Rep
 - 1. **Vada:** Thank you Debra for taking on the position.
- C. Director of Trans Equity and Inclusion
 - 1. **Vada:** We are happy to have a good selection of applicants towards the role. We haven't had a Director level position in a while so we will be figuring out how they would work with the committee and under Vada.

D. Expect Respect Campaign Launch Week (Wear T-shirts Oct 27th)

1. **Vada:** Thanks for sending in your sizes. We are supposed to be wearing these this Wednesday. They will be continuing to roll out the campaign in the coming weeks, starting with Greek life and other student leadership organizations on campus.
2. **Nav:** A student has raised concern about the Expect Respect Campaign and the It's On Us campaign as putting the responsibility onto minorities on campus. As a woman of color this student does not feel comfortable interceding when there is an assault for fear of their own personal safety.
3. **Vada:** I have also heard concerns about the It's On Us campaign but this would be more effective if directed towards Harper. Also It's On Us is more directed to the community of SIV on campus rather than individuals. Expect Respect Campaign however is separate and includes educational programs.

III. **Updates on Senator Liaisons/ Multicultural Organizations in General**

- A. **Kerrigan:** After class, a Lambda reached out and asked for D&I conversation with his fraternity because there is a lack of education within his fraternity.
- B. **Vada:** What type of D&I talk are they looking for?
- C. **Kerrigan:** I plan on talking with him after class this week and clarifying.
- D. **Tia:** I can help because of my connections with Greek life.
- E. **Kerrigan:** I don't think he knows that I am in ASG and that he is reaching out purely because of his knowledge of my D&I communications with Vada.

IV. **Student Concerns**

- A. Curve in Armstrong is only open for 3 hours at really inaccessible hours for diverse students (Senator Patel Oct 12th)
- B. Cultural competency of Miami University police and general distrust of students of color and MUPD (Senator Chima Oct 19th)
- C. Racial and implicit bias of campus emergency response (bias reporting, MUPD, etc). (Senator Chima Oct 19th)
- D. Fitness center dress policy bans turbans and other head coverings (Senator Chima Oct 19th)

V. CSDI Training Recommendations

- A. https://docs.google.com/document/d/10g8EvzrciVBw_RMrPTHiUYxZj4UluqJEoMmnYBNYDdc/edit?usp=sharing
- B. **Vada:** Take 10 minutes to add more to the document.

VI. Ohio House Bills 322, 327

- A. General Overview:
<http://www.honestyforohioeducation.info/legislation.html>
- B. Statement from CODI:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/15Fpdv-s-lAec-mB7DAEVbbZN_fjyKQ8F/edit?usp=sharing&oid=112156797622618129959&rtpof=true&sd=true
- C. Example Statements From Other Universities:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-c3fdpJvYptgc01sDWULWKyf9yCL-uD9NcNey1CpO-g/edit?usp=sharing>
- D. Begin ASG Resolution:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/166e000VK9DxV55FcBssuDq7hxttEn97ikErTq4lLneE/edit?usp=sharing>

Vada: I have included some information here for you to make sure you know about House Bills 322 and 327. These Bills are trying to remove “divisive topics” from the classroom, especially around topics relating to race relations. It is specifically targeting the likes of critical race theory and seeks to reduce the ability to talk about important parts of history. These “divisive topics” are very vaguely written.

Tia: Why is this happening?

Vada: The idea that the teaching that the United States was built upon slavery and inequality would be divisive and instead we should be focusing on topics that bring people together and making us better together. 322 is towards early education and 327 is targeted towards higher education. For example, if 327 were to pass we would not have been able to run our training that we did the other week. The University is going to vote soon on their public stance on the Bills.

VII. Individual Initiatives Work Session

- A. Establish Actionable Goals for personal Initiatives
<https://forms.gle/jqqEEup1EkkuqgmF9>
- B. Use Individual Senate Folders

VIII. Action Items

- A. Finalize HB 327 Resolution by Wednesday Oct 27th
- B. Set up 1-2 meetings this week for individual initiatives by Oct 29th
- C. Begin Structuring Campus Wide Bathroom Audit
- D. Attend DAC Ambassadors Meeting Oct 25th
- E. Create Fall ASG Climate Survey by Oct 31st

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>



Safety Committee

Secretary Harper Sutton

17 October 2021

I. Roll Call

A. Present

1. Secretary Sutton, Senator Constandinidis, Senator Giaquinto, Senator Adams, Senator Hollon

B. Excused

1. Senator Travis, Senator Kelley, Senator Grabow, Senator Riske, Senator Hemrick, Senator Walker

C. Unexcused

1. Senator Parker

II. Updates From the Chair

- A. It's On Us Week of Action starts tomorrow! Please sign up to table on Tuesday or Wednesday if you haven't already done so. It's a great way to fulfill some of your outreach requirement and it's really important for safety. [Link to sign up here](#)
- B. I am looking to do brief one-on-ones with each of you to better get to know you and also what you're passionate about. If you want to go ahead and get yours out of the way, feel free to drop a 30 minute meeting on my Google Calendar. We can also meet in person or virtually, whatever works best for you :)
- C. Restarting safety bulletin content warning initiative and potential legislation

III. Student Concerns

- A. Sen. Madrigal - SDS does not do much in terms of helping students with injuries on campus.



1. Sen. Grabow is good to go ahead and respond on Tuesday,

IV. Committee Work

A. Report back on action items

1. Sen. Adams - I reached out regarding accessible bathroom signage and still have not gotten a response.
 - a) Sen. Constandinidis - Could you elaborate on this concern?
 - b) Sen. Adams - A lot of times disability stalls are under maintenance and this isn't properly marked from the outside.
2. Sen. Giaquinto - I have compiled a list of mental health resources. Student Counseling has a couple of lists but it is confusing and I had to sort of dig for the information.
 - a) Sen. Constandinidis - The struggle to get counseling is horrible. I originally got assigned group therapy, and I asked for individual therapy and was told I need to go through a private care provider. They said they only provide 1-3 sessions. When you go in, you can tell they're super busy and they don't really pay individual attention to you.
 - b) Sec. Sutton - We can resume the attitudes regarding SCS survey to see what new perspectives on counseling that there are.
 - c) Sen. Constantinidis - I think that is a good idea. Lack of access to mental health resources is really difficult for freshmen.
 - d) Sen. Giaquinto - My friend is supposed to have weekly appointments and hasn't seen her therapist in five weeks because they keep canceling.
 - e) Sen. Constantinidis - The resources are super hard to access.
 - f) Sec. Sutton - Would you like to have Dr. Ward into a meeting?
Yes.



B. Goal setting for anyone who wasn't at the first meeting

1. Sen. Constantinidis - My big thing is increasing disability access. The older buildings are super inaccessible and they need to be updated to better serve students with disabilities. I have three relatives that are disabled and they could not live here easily. I have been seeing a lot of safety bulletins being sent out that are frustrating to see.
 - a) Sen. Giaquinto - Most of the safety bulletins I see are in somebody's dorm room and never really with strangers.
2. Sen. Hollon - A lot of people in my dorm are getting sick and cannot get an appointment with Student Health Services. The hours of Student Health aren't super accessible, especially for athletes. When I tried making an appointment a while back, it was during a class that I didn't want to miss.
 - a) Sec. Sutton - Reach out to Comms about making a graphic on how to get to Urgent Care.

V. Upcoming Events/Acknowledgements

- A. The Western Center in partnership with Zero Waste Oxford is hosting pumpkin carving at the Ernst Nature Theatre (outside Peabody) from 5-7pm on Wednesday, October 20.
- B. MAP is hosting pumpkin painting on Thursday, October 21 at 7pm in Central Quad.
- C. The Western Center is hosting The Haunting of Peabody Hall on Thursday, October 21 at 7:30pm in the Leonard Theatre in Peabody.
- D. On Friday, October 22, at 8pm, Spectrum is hosting Alternaprom (for the first time since 2019) in the Armstrong Pavilion! Wear whatever makes you most comfortable (i.e. prom attire, a costume, regular clothes, whatever).
- E. Social entrepreneurship is partnering with WHW.
- F. Dying of Whiteness: Shriver Heritage Room at 5pm for the John Altman Series



VI. Action Items

- A. Schedule a time to meet with me for a one-on-one :)
- B. Sen. Constantinidis - Look at some previous safety bulletins and mock up what changes you would want to see included in the notifications.
- C. Sen. Hollon - Jot down information you would want to see in a graphic on urgent care and how to get there and send that info to Comms so they can make a graphic to post.
- D. Sen. Adams - Maybe add Dusty Hill (hilledj@miamioh.edu) to your next attempt to reach out. They are the Senior Operations Manager of building maintenance. Just keep trying and maybe call the PFD office if worst comes to worst. That number is 513-529-7000.
- E. Sen. Giaquinto - Upload your list of mental health resources on the drive and figure out where you would like this to go.

VII. Adjournment



Elections Committee

Speaker Victoria Villanueva

10 October 2021

I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Wes, Dan Bosworth, Eli Davies, Harrison Crone, Danielle Stein, Jakob Twigg, Omar Elghazawi, Jenna Walter
- B. Excused:
- C. Not Present:

II. Agenda

- A. Rose and Thorn for the week:
 - 1. Harrison: I went to Chicago with my improv group over the weekend. There were moments where my patience was tested by a few members.
 - 2. Victoria: I went home but I also have a paper draft due on Tuesday
 - 3. Danielle: I went to OU to visit my friend for her birthday but now I am TIRED
 - 4. Dan P.: I rode Orion at King's Island which was incredible but now I am very sore from my intramural hockey game
 - 5. Wes: I went to two football games and both of my teams won, but I am extremely exhausted.
 - 6. Omar: this upcoming week looks extremely relaxing due to multiple cancelled classes + only one exam. The Browns had a game literally stolen from them on Sunday.
 - 7. Dan B: I went to Florida this weekend, but I have an insane week and a half in the MAcc program



8. Matthew: I went home to visit all of my friends back there.
And my grandma came home from the hospital.
9. Jenna: I went to Chicago for fall break and got two new records and a free book! Thorn is that I had to decline a job and it was a difficult choice but ultimately the best one
10. Eli: I went to the Across the Divide DEI conference which was really interesting and I learned a lot about higher ed DEI. However, I have a lot of assignments due this week which is :(
11. Jakob Twigg: I flew home for break which was nice, but I had a bad run on Saturday which sucked.

III. [Please look over this elections turnout comparisons for the senate elections.](#)

- A. NOTE: in the 2021 column, a cell highlighted yellow means the election was uncontested, bolded numbers mean they were for the seats we elected this fall (the other seats were elected in the late spring under the previous Speaker, Reena Murphy, and the previous elections committee), and a - means no one ran for that seat in the regular election cycle. Unfortunately, I can't seem to see if the previous Speakers tracked the previous uncontested elections in that way, so I cannot give you that info.
- B. Victoria: some trends I noticed this cycle were that people running for uncontested seats did basically no campaigning, which is why those seats seem to be the lowest turnout rates. This was never really done before: even if people were uncontested, they would still campaign. How can we encourage people to campaign even if their uncontested? Overall, the turnout number in general was much lower than in the past few years, which is very disappointing. The numbers overall were also lower, except for the two contested on campus seats: those were almost double the past two years.
- C. Jakob: On your note about people running uncontested, I think that if we were able to make sure each seat was contested during a cycle, then they



would campaign. It's kind of like when people are running for a seat or position in a club and are unopposed. They likely won't give a five minute speech about their candidacy, but will say a quick few words of thanks for what they are excited to work on. There is a severe lack of voting for on campus seats. When I asked freshmen about the senate it seemed like there was a lack of knowledge about what we do. If we were to go to each dorm and do presentations to CLT's about what we do, I think we could increase voter turnout in those on campus districts.

- D. Wes: I see some interesting trends within the constituencies. Farmer for example has pretty consistent turnout, while off-campus numbers have really been struggling. One thing I would like to explore is the solid turnout from last year even during a pandemic. Something obvious went well last year, and I think it could be worth consulting Reena (although I'm sure Victoria already has) and members of Elections from last year to see if they had ideas but didn't want to be on the committee again.
- E. Dan: While obvious, it seems important to note that there has been a decline in overall turnout across elections. This past year saw a drastic decline in turnout for off-campus elections, to be more specific. While the committee provides a table in Armstrong for voting, is there a better way to provide access to voting for off-campus students at an off-campus location to allow for greater access to voting? While voting on the hub may seem easy, it might be helpful to have a location off-campus where many voters reside rather than having to make a trip to Armstrong. This would allow the committee to provide assistance to those voting at the off campus location, and having a table set up could help remind some individuals to vote, which could increase overall turnout amongst off-campus residents.
- F. Omar: To answer the question that Victoria asked above, if a candidate ends up as uncontested after extensions of packets, they automatically



win the seat; they technically do not even need one vote or to campaign at all, as outlined in Bylaws 604.G, as they are declared the winner if they are the only candidate(s) running and have no one contested against them. I think a large issue of why turnout was lower was the seemingly higher number of uncontested elections this year. The trick and goal should be to get more people to run to begin with, which should in turn allow for higher turnout because of more campaigning. Figuring out ways to have much less uncontested elections should be a big goal this semester. Might also be worth a look at the bylaws to see if a candidate should still need to pass a certain threshold (ie. confidence/no confidence) to actually win an uncontested election.

- G. Eli: The most concerning things for me are the decrease in turnout for Off campus and CAS. Especially since those were contested elections. I think a lot of the issues in the other elections with turnout was due to uncontested elections. I think for those seats, the bigger issue is getting more people to run, and I think with that would come more voter engagement. I'd be interested in investigating the uncontested election threshold. On one hand I think it would increase voter turnout, but it may also create even more barriers to running when we are already having difficulty finding candidates. In my view the bigger need is convincing more people to run for office.
- H. Harrison: I personally still campaigned even though I was uncontested. I think a big motivating factor for me was the prospect that someone could join the race still and turn in a late packet. In the end I do like Omar's idea of confidence/no confidence for uncontested elections but if that can't be done, getting more people to run would also work.
- I. Danielle: I've read through this and the comments and agree with a lot of what was said but don't really have new thoughts to contribute.



- J. Jenna: What's disappointing is that I wish we had dozens of people running for a seat instead of only a few. If students realized the value that these leadership positions hold, elections would be way more competitive and more exciting for all parties involved. Off-campus is a bit concerning. I do think it's difficult because once students are off-campus they are usually juniors or seniors, and have already found all of their organizations they want to be involved in.

IV. Elections Committee Standing Rules

- A. Every year we have to update the standing rules. Here is the link to view them--please skim them and comment any edits or updates you might think we need to make (i.e. changing any dates or updating any outdated rules).
1. Wes: Looks good to me!
 2. Dan: I have no objections to the current standing rules, I would just like to discuss a possible second location for voting off-campus for the purposes of greater accessibility for off campus voters.
 3. Omar: no issues with me standing rules wise.
 4. Harrison: I have no issues with this.
 5. Eli: Do we still need the clause about runoff presidential elections if we're using ranked choice voting (Section 2.A)? I'd be interested in looking into holding meet the candidates events for senate elections. I also support Dan's comment about additional voting tabling during election times.
 - a) Omar: we will make that change
 6. Danielle: I have no issues with the standing rules!
 7. Jakob: No issues.
 8. Jenna: Looks great!
 9. Matthew: Looks great to me!

V. **Next meeting**

- We will approve the standing rules!





On-Campus Affairs

Becca Pallant

24 October, 2021

I. Roll Call

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

II. Announcements from Chair

- A. Sec. Pallant: Vaccine deadline is tomorrow (10/25)! Make sure you and everyone you know has submitted what they need to!
- B. Sec Pallant: Districts 2, 3, 4, and 7 will have their constituent outreach events this semester. Each district is given a \$100 budget and will create an event. They have been emailed about this already.
 - 1. Sec. Pallant: any questions on this or feedback if you did this before?
 - 2. Stack: my co-senator and I did a bonfire event down at Peffer Park in April. Not a huge amount of people came but the people who did really enjoyed it. Talked about things happening within the district and fun chance to get to know each other. Give yourself time to plan and get everything done. Have a plan and talk to the right people

III. Senator Updates/Check in

- A. Any updates on any on-campus initiatives?



IV. Student Concerns

A. Concern presented to Senate: Someone said they would give the health insurance card but they wouldn't run the insurance through to get the charges

1. This concern will be handled by Senator Olabode

V. Constituent outreach event

A. Sec. Pallant: We have some money to do a campuswide outreach event. With elections coming up, this can be expanded to more than just on-campus students if we would like. Lets brainstorm some ideas now as a group.

B. Stack: cookie talk framework seems good. If we pivot the event to get our name out there and elections then tabling is good. Might be best to do it inside

1. Pallant: we can't bring inside from outside food vendors so that might be tricky.

C. Roemer: what if we got a slide? MAP has done a great job with this

1. Pallant: This would really tough to do this semester, but we can look into it next semester if you would like.

D. Olabode: we could do it near Slant Walk or Phi Delt Gates

1. Wells: might be better to do things at the Seal to get more on-campus students during the day

E. Pallant: we could do an event with a warm beverage and food and a place for people to talk to us and give us any concerns they have.

1. Pallant: I will reach out to Sec. Morris and see if this is possible before we plan further.



VI. Future Projects

A. Now that we are deep into semester/year, I want to pick some projects for the committee to work on. These are projects that we can spend time on during our committee meetings.

1. Menstrual Hygiene

a) Clara Hemrick

b) Hunter Wells

2. Newsletter / "How to Miami"

a) Ethan Stack

b) Senators who cannot make meeting times

3. More printing locations

a) Zach Roemer

b) Debra Olabode

VII. General Announcements

A. Thank you all for your hard work today on these projects! I am so excited to see what all we can accomplish. I will reach out to everyone I need to and send you all updates

B. Stack: Join NRHH! Application is due 10/31 at 11:59pm.

VIII. Adjournment