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Associated Student Government
Student Senate
November 10

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcement and Remarks by the Chair
 - a. No meeting on 11/24, last meeting 12/01
 - b. Office phone and questions
 - c. Study abroad/internships/scheduling next semester
- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approved minutes from 10/27/15
- VI. Student Concerns
 - a. Graeb- extend the hours for Best Library
 - b. Champion- is there a way to report on the quality of the driving of the bus drivers?
 - i. Callender- Look into transportation
 - ii. Mortimer- Can report on BCRTA website
 - c. McFadden- student sexual health
 - i. Vandervoort- committee working on this; tents with resources and condoms
 - ii. Reilly- talk to people at markets
 - iii. Banks- Diane won't do this because parents visit

iv. Reilly- should write legislation

VII. Reports

- a. Chief of Staff – Maggie Reilly
 - i. Please post on social media about student trustee search
 - ii. Link to miamiohasg.com/new/studenttrustee
- b. Secretary for Alumni Affairs and Advancement – Wei Lu
 - i. Committee working on trial event for networking
 - 1. Starting with engineering, but will do this with other colleges as well
 - ii. International student population is about 10%; creating WeChat app page, similar to Facebook; for current students, parents, and alumni with information and updates about Miami and cultural traditions; almost ready to launch
 - iii. Deb Scott- has a lot of “I Am Miami” shirts; let Wei know if you want one
- c. Secretary of Student Organizations – Dan Saltzman
 - i. Finished first cycle of emergency funding- went really well
 - ii. Next cycle has opened
 - iii. Final day for Hub transactions is December 18
 - iv. Debt relief over J-Term

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. SR021537 – A Resolution to Decrease Plastic Bag Use on Campus
 - i. Dining is already working on a plan to sell bags on campus; thought it would mean more if it is coming from students
 - ii. Flat fee
 - iii. Questions:

1. Champion: did you find out how much we spend on bags?
 - a. Each costs about 2 cents, about \$1000 per semester on plastic bags
2. Why 25 cents?
 - a. Looked at Western Michigan study done; they went with 50 cents and that gained a lot of student support; the price has to be high enough to deter people from using plastic bags
3. Fosina: are the current plastic bags in use biodegradable?
 - a. Yes but we don't know how long this actually takes
4. How long until this is in effect?
 - a. Next semester
5. Knisley: where will this money go?
 - a. We don't know
6. O'Hearn: Dining supports this?
 - a. Yes, they wanted it to come from students though because it looks better
7. Mortimer: will people not care because they see meal plan as "monopoly money"?
 - a. Students have to make the conscious decision to ask for a bag
8. What initiatives have already been done to decrease the use of plastic bags?
 - a. No, but we're working on it now

9. McFadden: would you consider doing a bag collection?
 - a. Yes
10. Berg: does the 25 cents get a discount?
 - a. No; it is a flat fee
11. DiGiccobbe: what is the price of the reusable bags?
 - a. Probably a dollar or two
12. Saltzman: are people likely to use a reusable bag?
 - a. Not entirely relevant
13. Bulger: how will you promote this to the public?
 - a. This would be dealt with by dining; this bill is just the piece that comes from the students

iv. Debate:

1. Parizek: hesitant to ever raise fees for students; there are other ways that we can reduce the number of plastic bags on campus, we should do other things before adding a fee
2. O'Hearn: not really sustainable; a reusable bag would be more sustainable
3. Champion: the money would go towards dining, so we don't really know what we would get from that; food is already overpriced
4. Fosina: students shouldn't have to pay the price since there is no other option
5. Shah: talked to other students about this; some said that they didn't care about spending, others said they already pay too much for things

6. Perme: if we pass this too quickly, once we have everything together, people may not support a feasible solution when it comes
7. Knisley: dining halls are already overpriced; two recycling bins in each hall
8. Suter: not sure that this will deter people; it would need to cost more
9. Worrell: motion to table to explore further more effective measures

v. Tabled

b. SR021538 – A Resolution Supporting the Option to Purchase an Ethernet Cable in the Residence Hall Housing Contract

- i. Make purchasing an Ethernet cable an option on residence hall housing contract
- ii. Probably about \$10
- iii. Faster wifi for everyone
- iv. This can be easily put on the housing contract

v. Questions:

1. Bettner: is the adapter included?
 - a. No it would be additional
2. Knisley: how much does this cost?
 - a. Between \$5-20
3. Mortimer: is the university profiting from this?
 - a. Yes; revenue may go towards a future initiative
4. Fosina: can you keep it?
 - a. Yes
5. Lu: will students actually buy it if they can just get one from amazon?

- a. Probably; convenience factor
- 6. Lee: will they be purchased in advance?
 - a. Ordered, then purchased

vi. Debate:

1. Champion: good
2. Fosina: will improve res life a lot
3. Shah: no brainer; everybody likes faster internet
4. Krumpak: not sure why we include the numbers; we should make numbers lower and hope that it is able to work out (referring to \$2 convenience fee)
5. Elfreich: fee is for delivery
 - a. Krumpak: we could still try to eliminate it
6. Snyder: most actually cost more than \$10
 - a. Fosina: there's nothing stopping the university from increasing it
 - b. Snyder: talked to administration and they like the price point, it is not likely to change
7. Mortimer: no guarantee that the profits from these cables will go towards a future bill
8. Schwarzenbach: money will stay within housing
 - a. Mortimer: housing has a lot of other ways to spend money though
9. Worrell: friendly amendments- no
10. Parizek: table this

vii. Tabled

- c. SR021539 – A Resolution Supporting the Renovation of Pearson Hall
 - i. Requesting money to renovate Pearson

ii. Questions:

1. Koester: Will this affect the price of tuition?

a. No

iii. Debate:

1. Koester: this is long overdue

iv. Approved by unanimous consent

X. Special Business of the Day

a. Director Appointment Approval – Student Body President Joey Parizek

i. Rachel Reeves; student with a disability; accessibility on campus

1. Petitioned her high school to build an elevator

2. Signs in Armstrong to direct people to elevators

3. Already has contacts in this area

4. Give a voice to a small portion of the population that is not often heard

ii. Approved by unanimous consent

XI. General Announcements

a. Mortimer and Pugh: proposal for an ad hoc committee to fix the app and busing; pughsm2@miamioh.edu

b. Berg: additional apparel orders in by Friday

c. Lazarski: take It's On Us seriously; Kunesh and Echt have office duty

d. Shah: Diwali, next Friday and Saturday

e. Mortimer: email him if you are interested in going to meeting

f. Perme: thanks for buying cookies; BWW fundraiser next Monday

g. Saltzman: meeting tomorrow for audit committee

h. Elfreich: let him know if you want to work on tabled bills

- i. White- UNV 101 steering committee; email him if you have suggestions
- j. Parizek: DAC holiday party

XII. Adjournment