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Student Senate  
November 17

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcement and Remarks by the Chair
  - a. Last meeting on 12/01
  - b. Study abroad/internships/scheduling next semester
  - c. Walkabouts
  - d. Speaker next meeting
    - i. Doug Curry: Executive Director – Recreation Services
- V. Consent Calendar
  - a. Approved the minutes from
- VI. Student Concerns
  - a. Oaks: students selling spots for classes on Yik Yak
    - i. Dunlap: that is grounds for expulsion
    - ii. Dr. Buller: check MUPM to see what policies are there
  - b. Fosina: littering; getting tickets, doing community service
    - i. Callender: will send out the article
- VII. Reports
  - a. Secretary for Diversity Affairs – Ifeolu Claytor

- i. Working with IFC and Panhel to make these communities more inclusive to diverse students
  - 1. Has heard from some people that there are messages or conversations that can be seen as offensive
  - 2. Possibly going in during recruitment kickoff
- ii. Meal Plan Scholarship possibility- doesn't seem feasible
  - 1. Legislation related to this is coming
- iii. Diverse Alumni Conference
  - 1. Bringing diverse alums back to campus
  - 2. Can show the changes in Miami
  - 3. Holaday: can we talk to them about what they would like to see done to improve Miami?
    - a. Yes

#### VIII. Old Business

- a. SR021537 – A Resolution to Decrease Plastic Bag Use On Campus
  - i. Plastic bags cost a lot of energy to create; Miami tried to implement plastic bag recycling program last year which failed; MU uses as many bags as Oxford Walmart
  - ii. 10 cent fee; not very much; money goes back to students
  - iii. Still working on coffee program as well
  - iv. Questions:
    - 1. Claytor: Do we have an idea of how many students use a lot of bags?
      - a. Didn't survey the entire student body
    - 2. Holaday: will you put a concrete number down?
      - a. No but will fight for 10 cents
    - 3. Fosina (follow up): what's stopping dining from doing this without us?

- a. They weren't concerned with it; this is our initiative
4. Can they increase the fee whenever they want?
  - a. If they really want to do this, they can make the initiative themselves
5. Worrell: does Miami have any plans to reduce use of plastic overall?
  - a. Reduction goals rely mostly on energy
6. Schwarzenbach: how much would Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee profit from this?
  - a. About \$3500/month
7. Podolyan: students will be paying with meal plan, how do you get this back?
  - a. Would have to work on the exact electronics of it
8. Holaday: why not cut off bags completely?
  - a. Students would be upset
9. Fosina (follow up): how much would the reusable bags cost?
  - a. \$1.40
10. Would ASG get this revenue?
  - a. It is a different program that is already underway
11. Champion: have you looked at what paper bags would be rather than plastic?
  - a. Don't have a handle, adding one would cost more

12. Worrell: have you spoken with other students about whether they will actually care about this?

- a. Students focused more on reusable bags than plastic bag fee; people are also pretty moved by the fact that Miami uses as many plastic bags as Walmart

v. Debate:

1. Oncken: I like what you're trying to do, but not the way it is gone about; a tax is not really going to de-incentivize the use of bags; unlikely that people will bring reusable bags with them
2. Holaday: in DC, they had a 10 cent fee and it was pointless and annoying
3. Broda: will reduce a lot
4. Fosina: was under the impression that dining said they didn't need our approval to initiate
  - a. Pugh: they won't reduce bags without our initiative
5. Fosina: 8 cents that the university is taking; this will make students angry
6. Pugh: people will get mad about everything
7. Snyder: when would you actually need a bag? Not often, or so people can text and walk or because people are too lazy to put things in their backpack
8. Champion: feasibility of this; meal plan doesn't cover bags- would have to do two separate transactions; this is not in the interest of the students

9. Cary: agree with Champion; the administration and the state are looking to help us reduce costs, seems backwards to add a tax for ourselves; strongly urge to vote down
10. Pugh: multiple conversations with many people; fully willing to commit a lot of time to this to ensure that
11. Nguyen: this will cause a delay in the process and a lot of confusion
12. Snyder: these points are about specifics
13. Pugh: this is just allowing us to create a proposal
14. Kovesdy: a change needs to happen; this is just a proposal
15. Parizek: agree with Broda; don't focus on the technicalities
16. Kovesdy: the goal is to find an alternate source to the bags; the goal isn't to get money from students, the goal is to decrease bag use
17. Claytor: keep in mind that this money is coming back to sustainability and how much of a need they have
18. Broda: people don't use bags that often
  - a. Champion: yes they do
  - b. Broda: buying things at Miami is already considerably more expensive
19. Bowersox: don't support, agree with Champion
20. Fosina: we can make as many bills as we want but people

vi. Passes 26-19-3

- b. SR021538 – A Resolution Supporting the Option to Purchase an Ethernet Cable in the Residence Hall Housing Contract
  - i. Only change is that HDRBS is moving forward with this
  - ii. Questions:
    - 1. Mortimer: will funds be used for specific projects?
      - a. In order to do that, we would have to increase the price and we don't want to do that
  - iii. Debate:
    - 1. Vandervoort: makes sense, convenient
    - 2. Pugh: this will happen regardless
    - 3. White: always good to improve wifi
  - iv. Passes unanimously

## IX. New Business

- a. SR021540 – New Funding Procedures
  - i. Asking for permission to look at the current funding system
  - ii. Possibly create a new funding system
  - iii. Want to avoid sweepbacks
  - iv. Questions:
    - 1. Cary: when will it meet?
      - a. J-term
    - 2. Who will be on it?
      - a. Students, auditors, etc.
    - 3. Fosina: would you still present all of the numbers?
      - a. Yes, basically want a monthly cycle
    - 4. Holaday: what rules would you change specifically, there is nothing in the bylaws about this
      - a. There are guidelines for funding

5. Fosina: are we amending the bylaws to create a new committee?

a. Callender: technically don't have to amend bylaws to create new committee, just have to ask permission to create one

v. Debate:

1. Fetick: looks great!

2. Holaday: friendly amendment:

a. Add: "which will be approved by a majority vote of student senate" to "further it be resolved" clause

3. Cary: 100% support this, but think the recommendation should be made at the end of next semester, not beginning; this will be a very quick turnaround

a. Saltzman: if that's an issue, we will deal with it

vi. Passes unanimously

X. Special Business of the Day

a. Open Discussion

i. Is there some way with the rec that you can go without an ID?

1. They don't take banner numbers anymore

2. Mobile student ID exists

a. Use this to get into the rec?

ii. Can you only swipe in twice a day?

1. Yes, they don't want to encourage bad habits

iii. Are we doing anything to create more room?

1. Working on alternate plans

- iv. What's the deal with Withrow?
  - 1. It is coming down; clubs being consulted about finding other spaces to practice
- v. Concerns with the rec being even more crowded?
  - 1. Something Doug can address
- vi. Can we possibly have an extra hour in the morning and/or at night?
  - 1. Did that last year but stopped because no one went, but it was not advertised at all
- vii. Is there any system to see what facilities are being used before you go?

#### XI. General Announcements

- a. Shah: Diwali this weekend
- b. Reeves: Thanks for reaching out to me; please continue;  
[reevesrm@miamioh.edu](mailto:reevesrm@miamioh.edu)
- c. Claytor: Taste of Africa this weekend
- d. Perme: free stuff at the Phi Delt gates Nov. 19
- e. Dr. Buller: LeaderShape; Wilks website; at Higher Ground for 6 days

#### XII. Adjournment