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Associated Student Government
Student Senate
December 1

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcement and Remarks by the Chair
 - a. Study abroad/internships/scheduling next semester
 - b. Office during finals
 - i. Silent
 1. That means you, Fleisher
 - ii. KEEP IT CLEAN
 1. Fleisher and McFadden have office duty
 - c. Tobacco-Free Campus Policy update
 - i. There is a committee
 - ii. Talk to Kovesdy
 - d. Next Meeting – 01/26/2015
- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approved minutes from 11/17
- VI. Student Concerns
 - a. Dunlap: student teachers have to pay for gas to get to the school they are teaching at
- VII. Reports

- a. Ifeolu Claytor – Secretary for Diversity Affairs
 - i. Changing recognition of “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous Peoples Day”
 - 1. Need representatives from various academic colleges to talk about what kind of programming could occur and how to justify getting a day off school
 - 2. Other schools do this too; especially in the southwest

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. SR021541—A Resolution Declaring Support of SB No. 205 and HB No. 306 of the 131st Ohio General Assembly
 - i. Provide ladders for off-campus houses that are 3 stories or higher
 - ii. Promote safety
 - iii. No cost to students
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Fosina: if they already have a fire escape, will these ladders be installed?
 - a. No
 - 2. Lee: can landlords refuse to pay?
 - a. Yes, but they will get a ticket
 - 3. Worrell: What are the regulations in Oxford regarding this?
 - a. None, this would cover it statewide
 - v. Debate
 - 1. Dunlap: bonfires are cool, house fires are not, this is a great bill
 - 2. Fosina: sounds great

3. Shah: we don't have to pay; see no reason to object
- vi. Passes unanimously
- b. SR021542 – Remaining Food Recovery Project
 - i. Leave dining halls open an hour longer to reallocate food at no cost to members of the Miami community
 - ii. This is sustainable as well
 - iii. Throwing away enough food to feed 20 people after every meal
 - iv. Questions:
 1. DiGiacobbe (follow up): how will we handle extra costs?
 - a. Utilities would be fine, but we would have to staff it with volunteers
 2. Targeted at lower income students, is there a prerequisite to coming in?
 - a. There is no way to contact lower income students about something not referring to their finances, so anyone would be able to access this but it would be intended for low income students
 3. Fetick: did Chris Eaton like this idea?
 - a. Yes, thought it would be easy to roll out
 4. White: is there any way to access the programs that elementary schools use for free lunches?
 - a. Not really
 5. Knisley: do dining halls stay open later or is the food free?

- a. Both; for example, Harris is currently open until 8, it would then be open until 9 but staffed by volunteers and the food would be free
 - b. Don't want to target certain students or stigmatize
- 6. Mortimer: is it sustainable to keep it open for just 20 people?
 - a. This was the estimate for one single employee after one meal, so it would be more than 20
- 7. Robinson: have you considered health codes?
 - a. No movement of food so it's not necessary
- 8. Graeb: is there a way to make sure that people don't just wait to get the free food?
 - a. Dining has already agreed to do this and will eat the cost
- 9. Worrell (follow up): how do you plan to market this to avoid these issues?
 - a. Haven't gotten as far on this; complicated
- 10. Do you envision this at all traditional dining halls or just one?
 - a. Starting at Harris, may add more depending on how it goes
- 11. Cramer: how would the volunteer system work?
 - a. Start with one night a week; reach out to Greeks and student orgs
- 12. Fleisher: will there need to be special training for volunteers?

a. Dining did not mention this

13. Agee: what if all of the food is gone by 8:30, can volunteers leave?

a. Yes

14. Lee: how will the halls be closed down?

a. Simultaneous clean up with the food serving so not much extra time would be added

v. Debate:

1. Dunlap: this is a pilot project; it is doing something good and is at least worth trying; this is a good start
2. McFadden: leftover food is a sunken cost so it makes sense; important to make sure there is demand
3. Lee: we shouldn't deny anyone the right to eat
4. Cramer: this is a way to give back to the community
5. Slomsky: could be a cap requirement for Greek orgs

vi. Passes unanimously

X. Special Business of the Day

a. Doug Curry: Executive Director – Recreation Services

- i. Recreation developed a partnership with student government to get the Rec Center built
- ii. Students voted to increase fees to finance the debt to create a new Rec Center in Spring 1992
- iii. Rec opened in 1994
- iv. Discussion about Withrow Court coming down after the Rec was built
 1. Still needed it at that time
 2. More demand than supply
- v. Withrow is now coming down; what to do with this area?

- vi. The Rec Center was built with the idea of informal recreation—nothing completely closed off to students
- vii. Students are the #1 priority, faculty and staff are 2nd, community 3rd, region 4th
- viii. Talking about tearing down Withrow since 2002; planning what to do for a long time
 - 1. Chestnut Fieldhouse
 - a. Tentative January 31st opening
 - 2. Old Tallawanda football field and track owned by Miami
 - a. Can be used by students, groups, club sports, etc.
 - 3. Something similar to crossfit (but without the expensive name)
 - 4. KNH classes possibly being held in the Chestnut Fieldhouse
- ix. Phillips
 - 1. 3 courts currently
 - 2. Enhancements in 2 phases: winter term, last 3 weeks in May
 - a. Fully operational by fall semester
 - 3. Need nets to create dividable spaces
 - 4. Courts are too small for basketball
 - 5. Want to serve as many groups as possible
- x. Questions?
 - 1. What's going in Withrow's space?
 - a. Not yet determined

2. Some of the equipment in the Rec is very old, what is the process for making sure it is cycled out?
 - a. It comes down to how long it takes for the parts to come in once they are ordered; don't have the storage space to keep them on hand
3. How will adding equipment to other buildings decrease traffic in the Rec?
 - a. It should curb it some; adding extra rooms
4. Would you ever expand the Rec?
 - a. Looked at a lot of different options; just need money; trying to reallocate spaces instead
5. What are the most viable options for expansion?
 - a. Need basketball courts (multi-functional); increase size
6. Has there been a lot of discussion about expansion or is the money just not there?
 - a. The money is not really there; data says that the facility is too small for the amount of students
7. Do you purchase all equipment or have a contract with a vendor?
 - a. Have contracts with several vendors but do purchase
8. Has there been research to determine what would be the best hours of operation?
 - a. Surveys and focus groups
 - b. If people make suggestions, they will listen

9. During the experiment where hours were expanded, people didn't know about it, could there be more of a marketing effort?
 - a. Yes, we would be up for trying this again
10. Is it true that you can only swipe in three times?
 - a. No
11. How can we help? (Motions, initiatives, etc.)
 - a. Hear student feedback from surveys and customer service, but it is helpful to hear from students what other students are saying
 - b. Want to make sure that they are doing what benefits the most students
12. We all agree that a big expansion should be done, what is the best possible solution and how can we start doing something now? Would it be better to expand? Or to build another Withrow?
 - a. Has to be student driven
13. Is Martin being renovated?
 - a. Yes
14. Will the whole building be recreation?
 - a. No, the top floor will be dining
15. Where will groups with a lot of equipment go?
 - a. Had a few tough conversations with groups; tearing down Withrow effects 170 groups; now will have to share space
 - b. Taking advantage of small spaces; ex: Scott Hall

b. Jordan Corral – SOUL

- i. Great leadership opportunity
- ii. 3 kinds, each person acts in all roles at least once
- iii. First half of the summer
- iv. Need letters of rec
- v. Still apply if you are going abroad second semester
- vi. Questions?
 - 1. What has changed with the program in the last three years?
 - a. The orientation process changes every year; registration is on the second day now
 - 2. Is there an email that we can forward about this?
 - a. Facebook page- Office of New Student Programs; will send an email to Nate that can be forwarded

c. Open discussion

- i. Cramer: ad-hoc committee for opening the Rec longer
- ii. Lazarski: office hours
- iii. Schwarzenbach: please clean up after yourselves
- iv. Robinson: take yourselves more seriously and act professional
- v. Callendar: no phones when we have guests

d. Apparel

XI. General Announcements

XII. Adjournment

- a. BSAA Holiday Party Saturday at 6