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Student Senate
February 9

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcement and Remarks by the Chair
 - a. Update, Mike Goldman – Career Services
 - b. New Senators stay after
 - c. Alternate abuse and monitoring
 - d. At-large concerns in agenda
- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approved minutes from 2/2/2016
- VI. Student Concerns
 - a. Olvera- coffee spills when walking, can we get stoppers for the lids?
 - b. Agee- parking, busing to Hamilton and Middletown campuses
- VII. Reports
 - a. Sammi Podolyan – Secretary for On-Campus Affairs
 - i. Meal Plan Reform
 1. Old Meal Plan
 - a. \$1625 assessment fee
 - b. Transfer of money to next semester

2. Proposed New plan
 - a. Eliminates assessment fee
 - b. Elimination of discounts
 - i. There will be re-pricing
 - c. Buffet block
 - d. Returning students
 - i. Diplomat premium
 1. \$3000 in declining balance
 - ii. Diplomat standard
 1. 262 buffet, 5 guest, \$500 declining balance
 - iii. Diplomat minimum
 1. 225 buffet, 5 guest, \$100 declining balance
3. Features of New Diplomat Meal Plan
 - a. Value
 - i. More meals for your money
 - ii. More predictable costs for budgeting
 - iii. Some price adjustments to account for loss of discount
 - b. Flexibility
 - i. Declining balance rolls over and can be added at any time
 - ii. Buffet meals can be used at any time
 - iii. Buffet locations will remain open between meals
 - c. Transparency
 - i. The price you see is the price you pay

- ii. No complicated overhead fees
 - d. Community
 - i. Four buffet halls
 - ii. Guest meal passes
 - iii. Reduce traffic in a la carte locations
 - e. Sustainability
 - i. Local vendors and supplies
 - ii. Partnering with Rumpke to stay green
 - iii. Reducing use of paper and plastic
- 4. Proposed changes
 - a. More flexibility
 - i. Meal swipe options at a la carte locations
 - ii. Ability to convert buffet to declining balance
 - iii. Additional guest swipes
- 5. Suggestions/questions
 - a. Can off-campus people do meal plan?
 - i. Yes, express
 - b. Can you still use credit cards? Would some people prefer to use credit cards?
 - i. Yes, possibly
 - c. Don't eat at buffets often
 - d. Too many buffet swipes
 - e. Seems like it's trying to create a cultural change- it's nice to have a lot of to-go options for busy schedules
 - f. Resolution to postpone?

- g. Will you still use declining balance for markets?
 - i. Yes, or MULAA
- h. Push towards buffets is difficult for busy students
- i. Vending machines taking meal plan?
 - i. Still working on it
- j. Swipes should be able to be used at a la carte locations
- k. Use of “blocks” at Ohio State
- l. Why are they going the buffet route when they have been setting up new a la carte locations?
- m. Most popular places are Armstrong, Bell, and Dividends, so being able to swipe there would be helpful
- n. Why are we changing it???
 - i. Tuition lock, complaints about assessment fee

b. Kyle Mortimer – Secretary for Governmental Relations

- i. Voter registration drive, sign up, it counts as an office hour; supplies will be in the office

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

a. Funding approval – Dan Saltzman

- i. Went really well
- ii. A little lower than expected; this will probably increase when people figure things out
- iii. Approved

- X. Special Business of the Day
 - a. Swearing in of new senators
 - b. Legislation push
- XI. General Announcements
- XII. Adjournment