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Student Senate
February 23

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcement and Remarks by the Chair
 - a. Progress on brainstorm and drafting session
 - i. Legislation meetings – these should happen in the next couple weeks
 - b. Mike Goldman and Career Services
 - i. Go visit them
 - c. Points Adjustment
 - i. Half a point for using an alternate
 - d. Office Use
 - i. Not a place to hang out with friends
- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approved meeting minutes from 2/16/16
- VI. Student Concerns
 - a. Oncken: Reach out to Sammi or Brian Woodruff if you want to make a change to the meal plan
 - i. Be respectful when there is a speaker; stay off phones always
 - b. Snyder (Ryan):

- i. Lighting on campus
- ii. Sidewalk by MET quad is still under construction
- iii. Broken water fountains in Pearson
- iv. Seating in Farmer
- v. Smoking enforcement
- vi. Concerns about transparency of new president choice
 - 1. Claytor: the search committee process has not changed since President Hodge
 - 2. People applying do not want their current jobs to know that they are looking for other jobs
- vii. Scholarships- why can't merit scholarships be earned?

VII. Reports

- a. Amy Berg – Secretary for Communications and PR
 - i. Videographer next week-
 - 1. Business professional
 - 2. Look nice, smile
 - 3. No phones, food, water, etc.
 - ii. Student org visits- keep going
 - iii. Senator of the month
 - iv. Elections- packets for President and VP coming out soon
- b. Ifeolu Claytor – Secretary for Diversity Affairs
 - i. Morgan and Claytor met with John Bruebaker about food recovery – may come back to Senate with a reaffirmation of this bill – the new person doesn't seem to be completely on board

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Special Business of the Day

- a. Brian Woodruff – Director of Housing Options, Meals and Events
 - i. Want to make this individual to Miami
 - ii. Declining balance usually does not roll over to the next year
 - iii. 3 levels- these will be different based on whether students are returning or not
 - iv. No discounts with new declining balance program
 - v. Incoming students will be starting fresh
 - vi. Discounts are going away, but so is the fee—they were tied together and mutually exclusive
 - vii. Martin opening next semester as a buffet (four total buffets)
 - viii. Continuous dining – buffets will not close between meals (might not have the whole menu though)
 - ix. Additional fee for living on campus is going towards improving life on campus for students – more transparent
 - 1. Smaller and going towards residential experience
 - x. Greater value
 - xi. Questions/Comments/Concerns
 - 1. With newer dining halls (Armstrong, Maple Street), would you be able to use swipes or just declining balance?
 - a. Just declining balance
 - b. Would you consider altering this?
 - i. Wouldn't translate well
 - 2. With only \$500 in declining balance in basic plan, will this eventually reduce the amount of people eating at Armstrong, Dividends, etc. and then increase the prices at these locations?

- a. It may slightly decrease people eating there, but will not increase prices
- 3. Do swipes carry over?
 - a. No; this helps to decrease prices
- 4. What about a take-home box at buffets? People are really busy and it can be difficult to make time to eat at buffets.
 - a. Interesting idea; can definitely be a conversation, possibly just including certain items
- 5. Armstrong and Maple Street are packed—probably because of the food quality. These places are different than other colleges. Better for sustainability.
 - a. The quality has to be there
 - b. Buffets should not feel like they are of a lesser quality than other places
- 6. If a majority of students choose the lowest plan and keep adding to their declining balance, is this plan still feasible for the university?
 - a. Yes, this has been considered
 - b. Likely that returning students will choose lower options and new students will choose higher plans
 - c. Continuous improvement is important, something we strive for
- 7. Five guest swipes per semester with new plan—why is this limited?

- a. Those meals are for you, not your friends; plans are built on nationwide trends; pricing is based on the assumption that you aren't using all of your meals- this is why prices can stay low
- 8. Buffet-style is not conducive to busy schedules
 - a. Take this seriously, appreciate hearing concerns
- 9. New plan seems to take away freedom; not really much cheaper when you do the math; possible grandfather clause that would allow returning students to chose?
 - a. Great job looking at the facts and figures; there are still some savings; can't respond to all of these questions now
 - b. Grandfather clause has been considered—
 - c. Some of the flexibility that we have comes with more cost
 - d. We don't want people leaving without spending their money
- 10. Based on negative feedback, we shouldn't leave this the way it is. Many would be willing to pay the extra \$75 to have more flexibility
- 11. Could a student buy the most expensive plan and then use it for three years?
 - a. You only have to buy meal plan when you live on campus, so yes

b. Seamus Pugh – Bike Sharing Conversation

- i. Three programs that they are looking at
 - 1. Semester long bike rental
 - 2. Other bike encouragement programs
 - a. Non-credit class for information about bike safety
 - b. “Bike kitchen” in the campus avenue garage with tools for fixing
 - 3. “Zackster”- lockbox on bike, pay in advance, given a code, can rent for specific amounts of time
- ii. What do you want to see in a bike-sharing program?
 - 1. Could there be a bike lane added on High St?
 - a. This is something that has been worked on and is a main concern
 - 2. What will be done with bikes when we are not in school?
 - a. Depends on the program; some will be stored away
 - 3. Zackster seems like the most plausible and best idea
 - a. Agree, but once you get into contract with them, it is difficult to get out
 - 4. How does payment work for Zackster?
 - a. Upfront payment for bike stations
 - 5. Could we include off-campus stations?
 - a. Yes, with Zackster, other apartment complexes can pay to have stations
- c. Vacancy Elections
 - i. 5th District, On Campus
 - 1. Ellijah

ii. FSB, Academic

1. Blake Cortez

d. Kalen Banks – Internship presentation

i. Digicurb driving app. Student drivers, student riders. Similar to Uber but student focus. 49 cent booking fee and 49 per minute.

XI. General Announcements

a. Bowersox resigns as social chair

b. Event with commuter senators

XII. Adjournment