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Student Senate

March 8

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcement and Remarks by the Chair
 - a. General conduct discussion
 - i. Be respectful
 - ii. There was an incident where students were heckling a group of diverse students – this is not acceptable
 - iii. Senate is a representation of the student body, act appropriately
 - iv. A week ago Monday many students walked through a funeral procession
 - b. No Senate March 15th
 - c. GBD Forum – March 14th
 - i. Hosted by Krumpak
 - ii. OPD and MUPD there to answer questions
 - iii. In Wilks Theatre
 - d. Student Org Visits
 - i. Must be completed by March 15th
- V. Consent Calendar

- a. Approved minutes from meeting on 3/1/2016

VI. Student Concerns

- a. Professor emailed students to say that they will still be teaching class even though they have been diagnosed with norovirus
- b. Projector in Hughes 100 has been having issues but will correct itself eventually – students and professors have reached out to tech but nothing has been done
- c. New containers for fries are less sustainable and hold less fries
- d. Overwhelming amount of emails from CareerLink
- e. No improvements in efficiency at the Rec
- f. Bridge behind Western Dining has a lot of structural damage – will this be fixed anytime soon? There is a lot of traffic on this
- g. OneStop is still not as efficient as it could be – can we invite them back to give more feedback?
- h. Rumors that in dorms, recyclables will not be recycled if they are placed in a garbage bag – is this true and is there something we can do about it?
- i. RA wrote an anonymous report about a student that does not go against the Miami Code of Conduct but might go against the Residence Hall Code of Conduct

VII. Reports

- a. Dan Saltzman – Secretary for Student Organizations
 - i. Director of Recreational Services
 - 1. Has been working a lot with Saltzman and Reilly
- b. Connor O’Hearn – VP of Finance
 - i. Every Friday – Fiscal Priorities Committee
 - ii. Becoming more efficient for 10 consecutive years (this is also mandated by the State of Ohio)

1. This is impressive but the continuous mandates are excessive
- iii. Budget doesn't change even though we are becoming more efficient – it is getting harder to find ways to be efficient
- iv. The value of our degrees last a lifetime – we would like to see this increase; help the university succeed
- v. Think about the university as a whole when working on legislation
 1. Administrators do listen to senate
- c. Amy Berg – Secretary for Communications and PR
 - i. Visit 3 student orgs by March 15 or you get a point
 - ii. Oxford Food Pantry Visits
 1. 3-4 hours
 2. April 2: 10am
 3. April 23: 10am
 - iii. Monthly Newsletter for ASG
 - iv. Thanks for sharing the meal plan blog post
 1. Feedback has been passed along to Sammi

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. SR021546 – A Resolution in Support of a Bike-Sharing Program for Miami University
 - i. This was passed in 2014 and reaffirmed in 2015; more specifics have been added
 - ii. Questions
 1. Will the 90,000 go to the company?
 - a. This is the estimated cost
 2. How will the reallocation affect the current budget?

- a. It is still being worked out – passing this will help a lot
- 3. Cost with sponsors is \$90,000 – do we have any sponsors?
 - a. Depending on who we contract to, they may find sponsors themselves
- 4. What if the university doesn't reallocate the \$6?
 - a. The recommendation to Cramer is a 6% increase and is what will be best for the students – not guaranteed
- 5. Will the community be able to use these?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Follow-up: Can they pay this extra \$6 fee?
 - i. They will be charged an additional cost
- 6. Can you outline the initial cost and cost to use?
 - a. Not concrete until we receive the proposals.
 - b. Depends on the company
 - c. Follow-up: what is the cost to get out of this contract? When can we get out of the contract?
 - i. Depends on the contract
- 7. What impact will this have on the local bike shop?
 - a. They will cater to different interests and needs
 - b. It will help bolster the local business
- 8. 80 bikes cost \$100,000?
 - a. Yes
- 9. How do stations work? What if someone is intoxicated?

- a. There is nothing stopping you from renting a bike when intoxicated
10. Are helmets required?
- a. No but they are heavily recommended
11. Is the architect still looking into changing the sidewalks and streets to be more bike-friendly?
- a. Yes, it has improved a lot in the last years; depending on the change in culture, it may be further altered
12. How will safety issues be addressed?
- a. Suggest looking into writing legislation about this
13. Is the ratio of bikes to students similar to other schools (ex. Ohio State)?
- a. No, Ohio State has a higher proportion because they are located in a city
14. Have you examined other programs where the school doesn't have to pay \$90,000 up front and the users will be charged instead?
- a. We will revisit this
15. Have you talked to Krumpak about spreading bikes throughout Oxford, therefore increasing community use and cutting cost?
- a. The way the proposal exists now would not disallow that
16. What about theft? Would people be able to steal these during breaks, etc.?
- a. Bike theft is not really an issue anymore

- b. The bikes are fixed with GPS so they can be tracked

- iii. Debate

- 1. Great bill, minimal liability for the university and great impact for students
- 2. Really like this but slight hesitation with price
- 3. Support this bill and hope that there will be accessible options for students with physical disabilities
- 4. Passes 44-0

- b. SR021547 – A Resolution Supporting the Placement of Benches in High Traffic Pedestrian Areas

- i. Pretty self-explanatory
- ii. \$776 per bench

- iii. Questions

- 1. What material?
 - a. Wood – they will be traditional Miami benches
- 2. Have you received any feedback on funding from the university?
 - a. No, but it shouldn't be an issue
- 3. Where is the bus stop near Rt. 27?
 - a. The bus stop near Shriver
- 4. Why were these locations chosen?
 - a. Recommendations from students both with and without physical disabilities
- 5. Would we be able to add tables as well? Has this been considered?

- a. Wouldn't be opposed to a discussion about this, but these locations are
- 6. Who will fund this?
 - a. Disability services and ASG
- 7. How quickly will the benches be put in?
 - a. 1-2 months
- 8. Have you looked into talking to alumni affairs about alums possibly donating to purchase benches?
 - a. No, but that's a great idea
- 9. Are the locations just suggestions or final?
 - a. Up for debate
- 10. Who said that ASG is paying for this?
 - a. Joey Parizek – “don't worry about it”

iv. Debate

- 1. This is great but concerned with the funding issue; the alumni funding idea is great and should be looked into further
- 2. Definitely necessary but would support tabling the bill so the authors can look into more funding
- 3. Getting \$6000 from the university is easy if you put enough pressure – Miami has received a lot of criticism for lack of accessibility
- 4. This is being put under too much scrutiny – they are just asking for benches. \$6200 is not a lot of money to the university
- 5. This will save the university money in the long run because they will be less likely to be sued in the

future. This is just to support the placement of benches, not actually placing benches.

6. People are unable to go to classes because they have nowhere to take a break; some students have had to sit on the ground
7. This is a resolution, it doesn't make sense to table. Would be great to look into this more after Spring Break and possibly find more locations for benches
8. Due to the urgency, we should get this rolling
9. ASG funds student orgs and club sports – when Joey said ASG would take care of it, he meant that ASG would help to find other places to fund it

v. Passes 45-0

c. Funding Approval – Dan Saltzman and Connor O'Hearn

- i. Funded Flying Club the full amount for Unity Event
- ii. Fashion Design Club – fashion show – costs a lot, put a lot of work into it
- iii. This basically covers everything for the rest of the year
- iv. We want to see all of this allocated
- v. Comments/questions

1. Please look into underfunded orgs and club sports

- a. Some sports are not able to go to national tournaments because they are not funded enough
 - i. Potential by-law restructuring
- b. Bigger issue than just money – the value of different activities

vi. Approved by unanimous consent

X. Special Business of the Day

XI. General Announcements

- a. Last summer one of our freshman passed away; April 7, there will be a concert at Brick and majority of ticket proceeds will be donated to a memorial fund to give scholarships to students in Honduras, also a raffle
- b. Office duty: Byrket and Perme
- c. Social on Saturday
- d. JANUS Forum tomorrow!
- e. Working on a debate between College Dems and Repubs, contact Fosina or Mortimer if you are interested in helping to plan
- f. OESCR reform ad-hoc committee – contact Worrell
- g. April 7: Coffee and Conversations; McGuffey, more details to come

XII. Adjournment