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Student Senate

Date: 9/27/2016

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcement and Remarks by the Chair
 - I. Claire Keller- appointed by Fetick to be chair of Safety Committee
 - II. Keep Senate leadership informed of needs/issues/problems
 - III. Any special speakers that you would want to hear?
 - A. Crawfords, separately
 - B. Dr. Kramer, CFO of Miami
 - C. President Reilly recommended head of IT services
 - D. Susan Vaughn, director of OESCR
 - E. Provost
 - F. John Cebert, director of architecture
 1. Discuss master plan for renovation of all buildings
 - G. Dean Kern
 - IV. More people for undergraduate research committee are needed
 - V. Elections committee- see Speaker Fetick after meeting
- V. Consent Calendar

1. Approved

VI. Student Concerns

1. Petition going around about changing Bell Tower to similar to last year
2. Engineering building- refillable water stations
3. No blue lights off campus, make off-campus feel safer

VII. Reports

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

1. New counseling service bill

- a. Wait times are unacceptable for people that are concerned with their mental health
- b. Staff ratio is too high
- c. SCS saw 11.1% of student body
- d. Purpose is to form committee of administrators and student representatives to look into expansion
 - i. Best case scenario- building is expanded
- e. Secretary Oaks- suggested friendly amendment
 - i. Senator Fleisher motioned, viewed as friendly
- f. Senator Leveridge- Why is Christine Broda listed as a member of committee?
 - i. Oaks- She is the face of mental health for the university, has been working with administrators about the issue
- g. Motion to end questioning and move into debate
 - i. Seconded, approved
- h. Senator Fleisher- wait times are unacceptable, sees no reason that bill should not be approved
- i. Motion to end debate call into question
- j. Motion to suspend standing rules and approve by unanimous consent

- i. Seconded
 - k. Bill passes w/ unanimous consent
- 2. Western Dining Buffet Hour Extension Bill
 - a. Specifically for weekends
 - i. Currently open until 7pm on Saturday, 8pm on Sunday
 - ii. Students tend to dine later on the weekends
 - iii. Lots of locations are closed on the weekends
 - b. Has allergy-free options, takes into account students with dietary restrictions
 - c. Secretary Oaks is attending meeting w/ administration about dining, reason for such fast turnaround
 - d. Senator Elfreich- How did you come up with your specific hour limit?
 - i. Senator Fowler- staffing
 - ii. Changing it even by an hour will drastically affect students
 - e. Why the weekend and not the week?
 - i. Lots of problems with dining
 - ii. Biggest concern with students right now in relation to dining
 - iii. Lots of places are closed on the weekend
 - f. Motion to end questioning and move into debate
 - i. Seconded, passes
 - g. Senator Mellot- coming from someone who lived on Western, no reason to not approve, very frustrating
 - h. Motion to end debate and call into question
 - i. Motion to suspend standing rules and approve by unanimous consent
 - i. Seconded, passes
- 3. Maple Street Dining Hour Extension Bill

- a. We can all agree that dining is a point of contention
- b. Hardly open to students on the weekend, except for students
- c. Students spend close to \$3000 on-campus dining
 - i. Best dining on campus
- d. When you can't use declining balance on campus, becomes an issue
- e. Resolve that dining services open at least two of the presented options
- f. Pro Temp Bettner- Which options would you open if possible?
 - i. Waiting for legislation to go through before debating which options to open
- g. Senator Leveridge- How did you discover that Maple Street was such a concern for students?
 - i. It's what has been expressed from constituents
- h. Senator Mellot- why open another southern location and leave northern campus devoid of food?
 - i. Best dining on campus, huge selling point for the University
- i. Senator Weise- if this passes, would it be possible for all of Maple Street to be open?
 - i. Goal is to get two places open
- j. Why would you want to open lunch places early in the morning?
 - i. Different schedules for different locations
- k. Senator Cortez- have you looked at the hours from last year? Might be beneficial
 - i. University has moved away from these hours, compromise
 - ii. Strong point of argument, students liked what was in the past
- l. Senator DiGiacobbe- why exactly has this happened?

- i. We need to get dining concerns out before discussing things like this
 - m. Motion to end questioning and move into debate
 - i. Seconded, passes
 - n. Senator Olvera- not a drastic change, bringing attention to student concerns to administration
 - o. Senator Mellot- likes idea in theory, in light of staff transitions, take more comprehensive approach
 - p. Senator Fogel- congratulations to freshman senators for doing so much so soon
 - q. Senator Grabovac- this is a resolution, nothing major, has been a huge concern for her district
 - r. Senator Fogel- suggests a plan, leaves a lot of room for open ideas from administration
 - s. Senator Elfreich- echoes Grabovac and Fogel, nature of bill is progressive
 - t. Motion to end debate and call into question
 - u. Motion to suspend standing rules and approve by unanimous consent
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Passes
- X. Special Business of the Day
 - 1. Swearing in of Senators Kee and Dankert
- XI. General Announcements
 - 1. Secretary Berg- photo afterwards
 - 2. Secretary Oaks- Bell Tower petition, wording was not professional enough, planning on rewriting
- XII. Adjournment

