

University Committee

September 19th , 2017

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I.Call to Order

- a. 5:00pm

II.Roll Call

- a. Stephanie Rojo-Present
- b. Hadley Apple-Present
- c. Chase Blevins-Present
- d. Muwanika- Present
- e. Ibrahima Keita-Absent
- f. Vanessa Wiebe-Present
- g. Braden Kellogg-present
- h. Kayla Dunn-present
- j. Christian Hemmerich-Present

III.Guest Speakers and Student Concerns

- a. Kelly Edwards: Sustainability Director
 - a. Starting with tailgate recycling, didn't recycle the first game, but talked to tailgaters about future games.
 - b. Have a golf cart using for hauling recyclables
 - c. Homecoming and Bedlam within first three games of recycling
 - d. American recycles day November 15th. Want to do an awareness day.
 - e. Keeping water bottles for awareness day to show how many bottles are used
 - f. Looking for location for the event
 - g. Green student forum will be November 16th @ 7:30pm
 - h. Picked back up green cycle in Library where you can pick up or bring books. Tagging all books with recycle sticker.
 - i. Rojo-How many volunteers do you have on average?
 - ii. Edwards- It really fluctuates. We are always looking for volunteers.
 - iii. Wiebe- Where do you sign up to help?
 - iv. Edwards- Just meet up at the south door of Old Central
 - v. Wiebe- Is there anything we can do for you?
 - vi. Edwards- We always need volunteers and committee members
- b. Dr. Lee Bird: Vice President, Student Affairs
 - a. First Amendment if it is to be proactive, don't go into detail, stay away from saying every square inch. Only campus to do a forum analysis. State what you want to do and the protection is needed in today's society. Some students tend to be afraid of First Amendment. We have designated our campus per how we perceive it being used. First Amendment is a huge part of educating ourselves. Would not do Section 1, do away with the language of "every square inch." Changed our policies after issues have arisen, but do our best to protect the First Amendment. Designated spaces with power outlets, so groups have access to power supply. Union designated limited forum, residential halls, classrooms, offices are non-public forums.
 - i. Muwanika- Are routes to classrooms non-public?
 - ii. Dr. Bird- Classrooms after hours can be used for other purposes. No group can block access or stop pedestrians while walking to class.
 - iii. Blevins- Bill started out as a proclamation, and has ended up with a lot of information added.
 - iv. Dr. Bird- The only thing I would take out is every square inch. I have never worked with better administrators.
 - v. Taylor Todd- Have you seen the previous versions?
 - vi. Dr. Bird- I have, Chase showed me.
 - vii. Heald- What are your thoughts on the rollback of dear colleague letter?

viii. Dr. Bird- I think it will be problematic, there has been a lot of input on what could make these changes.

ix. Heald- I am writing this resolution stating our support.

x. Dr. Bird- Title IX is very important and has helped with the reporting and handling of sexual assault cases.

xi. Kellogg- Do you see a need for this bill?

xii. Dr. Bird- Personally, I don't, we work really hard to protect the First Amendment for all students.

Dr. Bird on Good Samaritan bill. If you are feeding alcohol to someone and not protecting your friends, you need to make sure your friends are okay, and the worst that might happen to you is you get called into the conduct office and be told you should not drink underage. 24.7% of Greeks and 14% of the entire student body is using illicit prescription drugs. We did not meet with the SGA executive group and directors for the first time in 5 years. It is very important to do the right thing and call the police or ambulance. We aren't going to go after you.

Muwanika- I would say 90% of students don't even know we have a student conduct. I have been here three years and have never seen it.

Dr. Bird- you may not have realized, but you agree that you have received the conduct when you sign up for your Okey account.

We have hard copy books in the conduct office in room 316.

Muwanika- We all do 1 is 2 many, is there a way that we can do that same concept wi

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Unfinished Business

- a. **F17RS005-** A Resolution to Create Economic Relationships at OSU
 - a. Blevins- Move to table indefinitely
 - b. Muwanika- Second
- b. **F17RS004-** Resolution Supporting Free Speech on the OSU Campus
 - a. Kellogg- Move to table indefinitely
 - b. Muwanika- second
- c. **Camp Redlands**
 - a. Dunn- Met with Gundy, he loved the idea, the team used to use the facility until it got so run-down. Would love to use it again if it were to be fixed up. Thinking about going to the different sports and asking about pitching in money for the renovations.
 - a. Blevins- have you thought about going to CEAT and having their students design different options for the renovations? Also I would go to FRC, JGL, PLC, and Greek Councils to see about getting them involved financially.
- d. **Senate Allocations of Senators**
 - a. Wiebe- nothing has changed, seat allocation is staying the same.

VI. New Business

- a. **F17RC001-** Caring for Cowboys 2017: Clarification and Implement Good Samaritan Policies for student's enacting life-saving efforts
 - a. Thornton- Policy that saves student lives, by granting amnesty to alcohol and drug related incidents. Current OSU policy is very vague, and leaves choice of amnesty up to Conduct. Fine line of what a minor conduct violation is. Whole point of bill is to encourage students to call emergency services for their friends. 95 drug related incidents last year. Hot topic right now; probably have bills coming through legislature granting amnesty. Texas and other states already have amnesty statutes in place.
- b. **Legislation Ideas**
 - a. Muwanika- Create a general assembly that meets once a year at the end of the school year, to discuss accomplishments within SGA, and show what we have done to other leaders on campus. Create an online database with all questions that have been asked on previous tests, so students know how their professor is going to test. Texas A&M have this database. Also create a database with past syllabi so students know what

to expect when enrolling in classes. MIT and A&M already have this type of database.

- a. Thornton- Idea of formal swearing in for each Senate class, instead of at the beginning of Senate. Would you be willing to add that to the general assembly?
- b. Muwanika- yes I would

VII.Vice-Chair Report

- I. Blevins- would you guys be interested in pairing with Exec and Supreme Court to make a simple yard sign for homecoming?
 - I. Committee- Yes
1. Blevins- going to start sharing a quote with you all every week. This week's is "A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor." This is just a reminder that when times get tough and you feel down, remember what you are going through it building you for greater things.
 - a. Constituency Days
 - a. Blevins- Constituency days will be November 7th and 8.th Going to start working on whether we want to do candy again, or go back to pizza or chick-fil-a.

Chair Report

- a. Town Halls
 1. Colleges and Student Orgs will be October 24.th Residential groups will be October 31st
 2. Contacting Kaylee about getting A-Frames, and other promotional ideas. Getting in contact with different directors to get as many student concerns as possible heard.
 - b. Email Draft will be sent out with the Minutes tonight as well as tomorrow
 - a. Email draft will be sent out for committee members to send out to their constituents.
 - c. Into the Streets and Cowboython heads
 - a. Setting up meetings to come talk to the committee about their organizations. Ryan Tracy coming next week.
- Wiebe- Senate rules state you assign someone in your legislation, to be in charge of forwarding and ensuring it is enacted, and then comes back and reports to Senate.

IX.Informal Discussion

X. Announcements

- I. Thornton- Name for townhalls? Wrote a bill of summer creating townhalls called cowboy collaborative. Possibly bring that to Senate to ensure townhalls are continued.

XI. Adjournment

- I. Kellogg- Moved to adjourn
- II. Apple- Second the motion
- III. Adjourned at 6:31 pm
- IV.

This agenda shall not be construed as preventing: The introduction of new legislation not listed, the reconsideration of any motion of the immediately preceding Senate meeting, or any regular procedural motion or any motions by an appropriate majority which allows the introduction and final consideration of Legislation in the same meeting so long as that legislation is listed in this agenda. Posted at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 18th, 2017 by Vanessa

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