

Meeting Minutes
Associated Student Government – Student Senate
Tuesday, November 7, 2006
204 Harrison, 6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Two Minutes of Silence**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Announcements and Remarks by the Chair**
 - a. Senate for 11/14/2006 (next week!) is cancelled. Please go see Sandra Day O'Connor! Mr. Lingeman is thinking about co-coordinating an event for Senate to meet in the office and then go see Sandra Day O'Connor together. Further information will be sent over the listserv.
 - b. Everyone voted in the midterm election today, right?
 - c. There is a problem with Senate attendance. Thanks to those who are here at the meeting tonight. If you have a problem with attendance, you need to find an alternate. If you are not going to be here, it is your duty to find an alternate in your duty, to vote for you in your stead, and to inform you of the meeting's happenings so you can inform your constituents. It is understandable that such family issues, etc. may arise, but always have an alternate even when such crises arise.
- V. Student Concerns**
 - a. No student concerns for this week.
- VI. Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of Student Senate Meeting from 10/31/2006
 - b. Student Organization Recognition
 - i. No student organization recognitions this week; Mr. Woods not present.
 - c. Funding Committee Proposal from the Table
 - i. Mr. Woods is not here this week for the proposal.
 - ii. The proposal will not be heard this week. Another meeting requested Mr. Woods' presence and therefore the proposal will be seen at the next Senate meeting in a few weeks.
- VII. Special Presentation**
 - a. Alcohol Task Force Presentation and Discussion (Jeff Potteiger and Andrew Spar)
 - i. Provide an overview of the extent of alcohol abuse on the Miami Campus and highlight the complexity of trying to address this problem.
 - ii. Drinking arrests on college campuses rose to 34,393 in 2004, up from 31,234 the previous year, according to data on campus crime released by the U.S. Education Department Data were also released on other crimes. The drinking arrest rate typically increases and college official differ on whether it reflects increased drinking or tougher law enforcement.

- iii. At UGA, if an underage student was caught underage drinking, they were automatically taken to jail. The method used for UGA was chosen to combat the problems that UGA had been having with the use and abuse of alcohol. Mr. Potteiger thinks that's a fairly draconian measure, but it was something that UGA felt was right.
- iv. Student Health Survey administered to Miami students in 2003: 36% considered themselves moderate drinkers and 9% considered themselves heavy drinkers.
- v. When asked in the last 30 days if any of the following had happened because of drinking:
 - 1. Had a hangover 46%
 - 2. Attended a class hung over 24%
 - 3. Attended class drunk 5%
- vi. Last year, the office of ethics and student conflict resolution dealt with 1696 violations of the student code of conduct; 429 violations first semester alone.
- vii. During the past year (senior year in high school), percentage of students responding "frequently" or "occasionally" that they drank beer:
 - 1. 1996 Miami: 64%
 - 2. 2005 Miami: 63.7%
 - 3. 1996 Peer Institution: 55.5%
 - 4. 2005 Peer Institution: 44.9%
- viii. President Garland's Charge in fall of 2005: To make recommendations to deal with the chronic and disruptive behavior of alcohol misuse and abuse.
- ix. TFAAP worked from a guiding principle that "...a vibrant learning environment is built upon a climate of integrity, engagement, and safety."
 - 1. Not about bringing prohibition to Oxford; want Miami to be a great experience.
- x. TFAAP Process
 - 1. Worked for 5 months; very deliberate and thorough in examining current practices to address the problem.
 - 2. Consulted numerous experts and received written and oral reports from many stakeholders.
 - 3. Examined the literature to determine best practices.
- xi. TFAAP Recommendations
 - 1. Target individuals at-risk and dependent individuals
 - 2. Target student population as a whole
 - 3. Target community (of Miami and Oxford, OH)
- xii. TFAAP urged Miami University Board of Trustees and President to NOT view the recommendations as a menu from which some, but not others, might be chosen.
 - 1. Program has to be implemented as a whole.
- xiii. Education: Where are we now?

1. Continuing to require AlcoholEDU of all entering first-year students;
 2. Develop a second year substance abuse education program;
 3. Increase salaries for Resident Assistants to attract more juniors and seniors;
 4. Add a group intervention to our alcohol sanctions;
 5. Work with Parents Council to develop 21st Birthday Cards educating parents on high-risk consumption
- xiv. Sanctions
1. Increase monitoring of Heritage Commons complex;
 2. Increase fines for first and second alcohol offenses from
 - a. \$50 to \$150 for first offenses
 - b. \$120-\$250 for second offenses
 3. Implement mandatory sanctions for false identifications violations
 - a. 1st violation ; ethics and integrity education with a \$250 fee
 - b. 2nd violation – suspension
- xv. Changes in Environment Including More Non-Alcohol Social Alternatives
1. Develop plan for new student center that will be a social destination for students and environments for leadership development
 2. End alcohol deliveries on campus
 3. Increase the percentage of undergraduate classes scheduled for Friday mornings
 4. Provide additional alcohol training for front line staff
 5. Consider recommendations on sophomore housing.
- xvi. Next Steps
1. Put in place an assessment program to document what does and does not work;
 2. Develop a budget that will support the initiatives;
 3. Consider “next generation” of interventions:
 - a. Holding facility for heavily intoxicated students
 - b. Recruiting students organization advisers
- xvii. Caution: There is no silver bullet. There is not just one thing that will have significant effect alone.
- b. Questions
- i. Ms. Samarghandi: Appreciates Jeff and Andrew coming in. How are the professors responding to the increase of Friday classes?
 1. Answer: Mr. Potteiger has gotten some feedback on the issue; it ranges from one end of the spectrum to another. Some say that there’s not going to be any effect on students who will go out regardless; and some say that if students have an extra class, they will debate if they should go out or not. Not going to get everyone; going to target the group of

kids who will be debating it, not the kids who will go out five times a week.

- ii. Mr. Mueller: How did you designate if someone was a moderate or heavy drinker?
 - 1. Answer: It was a self-assessment. It was the student making their own determination of which level of drinker they were. Many students will provide the answer that they think you want or will over-exaggerate or under-exaggerate. If your level of variation is 5-10%; you'll still get a good idea.
- iii. Mr. Brill: How will sophomore housing on campus effect fraternity housing?
 - 1. Answer: Basically what happened was the committee was looking at what other national institutions are doing and what environment positions/factors are playing a role. The way that the recommendations are written is that a sophomore male can live off-campus in a fraternity, as long as the fraternity has signed/is passed as a certified establishment.
- iv. What kind of new restrictions would these houses have to do?
 - 1. Answer: In a very preliminary stage. No exact details just yet. Committee work just got finalized a few weeks ago.
- v. Mr. Yousavich: Regarding the 30% increase in Friday morning classes. Have you seen any negative impacts from student attendance? Is this a concern?
 - 1. Answer: It would not be just a random increase. You would not necessarily have a senior seminar at 8am, due to the fact that the force is targeting the underage; freshmen and sophomores.
 - 2. 30% was not just picked out of the air. In the 1980s/early 1990s, Miami offered more classes on a MWF schedule. Also sensitive to the issue that it impacts other things you can do such as on-campus situations, internships, etc. Would not let departments pick and choose which classes could fall into that dynamic. Specific instructions.
- vi. Mr. Thomas: What would the holding building be and what would be the qualifications for being released?
 - 1. Answer: The committee is still in the talking phase. Students in the holding center would need medical support and attention; cannot just let kids sit in a room to sober up. People came in and said that we were lucky that we did not have someone die on this campus because of the policies that are in place. Police officers currently have three options when dealing with an intoxicated student: take them to jail, take them to the hospital, or take them back to the dorm where a roommate may or may not be present or able to take care of the student. This is in the best interest for the safety of the student. Task force has not gotten that far yet.

- vii. Mr. Gelpi: Mr. Gelpi is on SAC, and discussed these recommendations, with respect to CIRP survey about percentage drinking in 1996 and 2005. Is that statistic supposed to show us that Miami attracts drinkers?
1. Answer: We can interpret that this data shows that the students that attend this University are established drinkers as opposed to the students who begin to engage in that type of behavior.
 2. We must treat someone who has an established behavior differently than one who has just started that behavioral pattern.
- viii. Mr. Gelpi: Question concerns the list of people on the committee. Mr. Gelpi noticed that there was only one student on the committee. When creating a large set of guidelines that would mainly affect students, why would there only be one student on the committee?
1. Answer: Not sure why President Garland put together the committee that he did. There was a representative from Athletics, there was a community member, and there was a professor that deals with mental health; try to get as much representation as possible.
 2. When you get committees that are too big, the work that runs through them runs to a halt. Not a satisfactory answer, per say, but Mr. Potteiger thinks that those are some of the issues that were decided. Open forums were also held. Tried to get as much input from students as they possibly could.
 3. Mr. Spar: Was the only undergraduate on the committee. Also, the Chief of Police was on the committee and he does not have your traditional idea on students and roles. Enrico Blasi, the men's hockey coach, was also really connected with the students and brought that to the table. Other undergraduate viewpoints that came into play from such people.
- ix. Ms. Schumacher: Task Force wants a personal health course for second years and an abuse program?
1. Answer: Health course would be a course that all students would have to take. What has typically happened at the high school level is that those types of courses have been eliminated or downsized so that time can be spent for math and sciences. A lot of students are coming into college without the basic knowledge of health and healthcare; and which types of behaviors have positive and negative influences on their overall health. Does the AlcoholEDU work for some people? Yes. Does it work for all people? No. Different from some of the other classes such as AlcoholEDU. Main difference.

- x. 16 suspensions and over 1,000 violations; if there's such a big problem why such a small number of suspensions?
 - 1. Answer: After spending time with the Chief of Police, Mr. Potteiger thinks that police really take a student-centered view on what happens. Mr. Potteiger went out on a Thursday night ride around with the police; did not get home until 4AM. So many times that the University police could have been more forceful and more deliberate in the enforcement of the laws; really tried to be student-centered and focus on well-being of the student.
 - 2. Thinks that the officials of the University are really interested in making Miami a positive experience. Thinks people should be given the opportunity to learn from their behaviors and decide what's best for them.
- xi. Mr. Alexander: A lot of the people believe that many people are building a new student center just for too much drinking?
 - 1. Answer: Not just for this issue. Just one more bit of evidence that provides support for developing an establishment like that. Believe that what you do socially and how you interact with people who are/are not like you have an effect on how you perform academically. Recommendation for the student union was not solely from this task force.
- xii. Ms. Walaszek: Interested in knowing why task force is extending student violation record from 2 to 7 years?
 - 1. Answer: Thoughts of the committee were that academic transcript is a representation of who you are and what you did. If people engaged in behaviors that are inappropriate, that should be noted. There are other institutions that are very explicit in what act occurred, etc. but if you felt strongly about it, you might want to raise it as an issue.
- xiii. Ms. Samarghandi: In issue regarding fraternities living off campus, seemed discriminatory to sophomore girls who could not live off-campus due to sorority involvement?
 - 1. Answer: Certain requirements sophomore men would have to meet to be able to live off-campus. There were some conditions that were laid out, but process is fairly preliminary. Lot of research surrounding that if students become more committed to the university/institution.
 - 2. Thinks Ms. Samarghandi should send a note forwarding her concerns.
- xiv. Mr. Buholzer: Some people have said that students aged 16-24 perform better during later hours of the day. How does this effect earlier classes on Fridays?
 - 1. Answer: Illustrates the complexity of having to deal with this issue/problem. What are you giving up? Something has to be resolved.

- xv. Mr. Sutmoller: City of Oxford already has a \$1,000 mandatory fine for any fake identification that is found and this information is put into a CIA database. Would committee be willing to check into that?
 - 1. Answer: Usually fake ID charge is caused to mitigate. Fake ID is through the University and can deal with it as they so please. Not many fake ID citations actually go through prosecutions; many times the charges are dropped.
 - 2. Should be some repercussion for misrepresenting yourself.
- xvi. Mr. Sutmoller: Concerning the community of Miami and community of Oxford area. Need to engage students more in a campus setting. Where new student union will do that, short-sighting the community. Keep staying that students are “going out.” Give them the option to “go out” but NOT drink. Campus is where students live, study, work.
 - 1. Answer: Mr. Potteiger thinks you make a good point. Oxford is rather limiting. The thing that was most disappointing is that the committee invited all Oxford restaurant owners to show and only 2 showed up. Not meant to be an adversarial relationship, but was very disheartening. After force has given their recommendations, the committee has heard from bar owners who wanted to give their insight.
 - 2. Sutmoller: Students that don’t drink don’t want to go to a bar or a restaurant. Students can go to the Princess or the Princess and that’s the sad part and that’s where you get alcohol abuse.
- xvii. Mr. Haynes: On Appeals Board, sometimes wonder if you should suspend someone in order to correct the behavior that they are doing. Do you think it could cause a back lash in some students?
 - 1. Answer: Yes, of course. Some kids think it’s their inherent right that they can drink and party and do as they chose. There are parents that reinforce that type of behavior. Is that appropriate behavior? That’s debatable. Talking about changing culture and that’s extremely difficult to do.
- xviii. Mr. Ferguson’s Alternate: Code One change – why is it so inclusive? Some constituents had an empty bottle within their room and got cited. How do administrators expect to enforce this when they are not aware of what’s going on?
 - 1. Answer: Raised some good points. Any time that there’s a transition with new rules and new codes. It’s unacceptable that we would give students the wrong information. Not as familiar with the student code of conduct as he should be. Want specifics would need to talk to someone in student affairs.
- xix. Ms. Bennett: In your vision of it, how did you expect the University to certify local bars? Require City of Oxford to establish a municipal court?

1. Mr. Spar: Sat on a committee with Steve. Complex issue, but overall have decided to not require bars to certify. Too many legal issues. Centered around Greek community using establishments Uptown. Tired of seeing abuse our student organizations; our organizations give hundreds and hundreds of dollars to them. All of the problems fall back on student organizations if they let someone in with a fake. Make sure that the bar we're holding an event at has adequate insurance coverage. Alter a lot more of internal processes in student organizations.
 2. You know any bars in oxford that would comply? Most of them would; especially the ones that host student organizations have adequate insurance coverage.
 3. Mr. Potteiger: Judicial structure that is set up now, Oxford does not have a municipal court structure. A judge comes from West Chester a few days a week to hold hearings. Force felt that if we're a community that it would be a good idea to explore that.
- xx. Ms. Bennett: One of the recommendations said to provide financial support to CAP?
1. Talking about the student assistance programs run out of the health center.
 2. Implementation is in progress. If you look at the number of students who are served and could be served; need to see if putting the resources would be beneficial.
- xxi. Ms. Jeffers: Concern is that with the Greek influx. If you provide a place for sophomore guys to go, Greek will dominate because they will be the only ones with the ability to live off-campus. How do you believe that will deal with that?
1. Answer: The committee did a lot of calculations of the capacity of students that each fraternity house could hold. What types of standards? In the end, if the fraternities were attracting more men, they'd have to raise their standards. Would increase fraternity houses, would increase funding received from these groups. Committee really doesn't see any exponential growth that would be detrimental to the overall community.
 2. Thinks a great question was raised and believes she should contact VP Knault.
- xxii. Mr. Buholzer: Thinks that it's very easy for underclassmen to access alcohol. Are there any ways that the laws are being enforced properly?
1. Answer: Part of the University-Community engagement. The only way that it is enforced is through the Ohio Alcohol Bureau. They will send in underage students who will try to

buy alcohol and if alcohol is served, a citation is given. These rounds only occur on a 4-5 month rotational basis.

VIII. Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Coalition
 - i. Had lunch with the Provost yesterday. Everyone in Roudebush was extremely excited about it.
 - ii. Ms. Bennett has a meeting with the Dean of the Libraries this week to make registration more available to students.
 - iii. Questions
 1. Mr. Haynes: Believes that he wants more non-ASG students in the luncheon?
 - a. Ms. Bennett: Does have another luncheon that she will be asking for more students to participate in January.
- b. Administrative Committee
 - i. No report.
 - ii. Questions
 1. Mr. Haynes: You guys are going to add in the by-laws change?
 - a. Yes, but with most people not in attendance tonight, the committee will wait.
- c. Advisor
 - i. No report; missed ASG last week, but had a very good conference in Chicago.
- d. ASG Evaluation Task Force
 - i. Intended to meet this week, but unable to. Trying to move forward with lists of strengths and weaknesses.
- e. Board of Trustees
 - i. Ms. Nunley will be here at the next Senate meeting talk about the Western recommendations.
- f. Budget Committee
 - i. No report; Mr. Gelpi not present.
- g. Campus Activities Council
 - i. Accepting applications for co-chairs. Interviews will take place next week and a decision will be made before Thanksgiving Break.
 - ii. Lecture board has decided to do a date in February dealing with the movie "God Does Not Love Us Anymore."
- h. City of Oxford
 - i. Ms. House is currently at the City Council Meeting.
 - ii. No OTO meeting. Come to the courthouse Uptown when the Senate meeting is over.
- i. Communication
 - i. No report; Ms. Choudhary is not present.
- j. Diversity Affairs Council
 - i. All DAC meeting is tomorrow at 6:30 PM in the Heritage Room in Shriver.

- k. Elections Committee
 - i. Committee met on Thursday and set the dates for the petitions to be due, primary elections, elections, and primary campaigning. Mr. Lingeman will send these dates over the listserv.
 - ii. Meeting on Thursday at 6:30PM in the ASG office for about an hour.
- l. Funding Committee
 - i. No report; Mr. Woods is not present.
- m. Oversight Committee
 - i. Committee had a small meeting on Friday.
 - ii. PLEASE bring alternates when you have to leave. When we can not meet quorum to vote, it is an awful thing!
 - iii. Cabinet reports needed within two days!!!
 - iv. Questions
 - 1. Ms. Samarghandi: Are you going to start adjusting those who have had severe attendance?
 - a. Yes
 - 2. Is the sign-in sheet taped to the desk?
 - a. The server that we have all the information on was on the fritz, therefore Mr. Haynes will assume that you were all there. Considering Mr. Haynes is in the office a lot, the sign-up sheet could be there when you least expect it.
- n. President
 - i. Interviewing 10 Board of Trustees candidates next Friday.
- o. President's Chief of Staff
 - i. Just what Brian just said previously.
 - ii. CNN and MSNBC are predicting that Strickland just won.
 - 1. Anything on the Senate?
 - a. Not yet.
 - 2. Does it appear that more females voted than males?
 - a. Yes
 - 3. Mr. Sutmoller: Can I make a motion to adjourn?
- p. Residence Hall Association
 - i. Elections will be happening for VP Technology Director. Information was in packets and available at RHA office. Due date for submitting a recommendation letter: 17th is deadline. Monday after Thanksgiving break is elections.
 - ii. MUvie channel is not working. Next week you should be!
 - iii. Saturday, November 11th there will be an event at Withrow called "Kicking it Under the Lights." 9-12. DJ. Pizza. Prizes. Mr. Buholzer invites all of ASG to come...alcohol task force would love it.
- q. Secretary to the Executive Cabinet
 - i. No report.
- r. Student Affairs Council

- i. Meeting has been cancelled for November. Next meeting is in December.
- s. Student Services
 - i. Laura will be in and committee will be meeting tomorrow at noon.
- t. Treasurer
 - i. No report.
- u. University Senate
 - i. Ms Schumacher: Argued about Western at the meeting on Monday. Talked about the new e-mail/calendar system that the University is considering.
 - ii. Mr. Paunwar: Microsoft Exchange – similar to Outlook and people can view e-mails from home. If you've noticed that you're getting a lot of spam, they will be testing a new spam filter in the next 3 weeks. As far as Western, committee decided not to do Honors and Scholars. Arts and Sciences does not want it, interdisciplinary courses through arts and sciences and with western coming in with more money. Looks like they will be developing a couple more models that they think will be more appropriate.

IX. Special Business of the Day

X. Old Business

- a. SR010606, a Bill to Make the Appointment to Secretary to the Executive Cabinet More Open
 - i. Not enough attendance to vote.

XI. New Business

XII. General Announcements

XIII. Adjournment