

Order of Business

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. 4:01 PM**
- II. Guest Speaker**
 - a. Mrs. Leslie Page, Director of First Year Student Services
 - i. Mrs. Page spoke about the programs/events being executed by the department of First Year Student Services. Additionally, Mrs. Page spoke about the employment/involvement opportunities available within her department.
- III. Roll Call**
 - a. Absent: William Erskine, Sam Cappelli, Montana Churma, Kenna Rearick, Morgan Adrine, Jordan Vigorito, Frances Clause, Samantha Anderson (late arrival, non-voting), and Mr. Swegan (advisor)
- IV. Approval of the Minutes & Agenda**
 - a. Motion to approve the Minutes & Agenda: Rayann Atway, Second: Sydney Vegoda
- V. Executive Business**
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Mariah DeFuria: The Honors College is starting an AALANA initiative
 - b. Executive Vice President's Report
 - c. Vice President for Financial Affairs' Report
 - i. Mariah DeFuria: Friendly amendment to NSOF percentage
 - d. Academic Affairs Committee Report
 - e. University Affairs Committee Report
 - f. Student Life Committee Report
- VI. Unfinished Business**
- VII. New Business**
 - a. A Bill (SB S 2017-02)
 - b. Diversity in Representation
 - i. Motion to open discussion on "Diversity in Representation": Sydney Vegoda, Second: Jacob Schriener-Briggs
 - 1. Sydney Vegoda: Creating a forum with students to open discussion on diversity/inclusion. There are a lot of different student groups trying to achieve the same goals, but are not working together. The event would be a guided discussion to create a plan.
 - 2. Rayann Atway: Would the ad hoc be representatives of the body to discuss, or would the body recruit other members from the student body?
 - a. Jacob Schriener-Briggs: I think it could be either
 - b. Gabriella Gessler: There was a group formed last year made up of senior leaders that were to discuss with organizations to recruit more diverse representatives of the

body. I see the ad hoc group as a way to brainstorm, hold discussion, and also make action.

3. Caroline Smith: The ad hoc would be great to speak with student organizations, but also feel an event would be a great way to start discussion.
4. Jacob Schriener-Briggs: By show of placards, who would be interested in sitting on the ad hoc?
 - a. Multiple representatives showed interest
 - ii. Motion to close discussion on “Diversity in Representation”: Dylan Anders, Second: Rayann Atway
 - iii. Motion to previous question: Jacob Schriener-Briggs, Second: Sam Capelli

VIII. Announcements

- a. Kyle Marshall and James MacGregor made announcements

IX. Gallery Remarks

X. Advisors’ Remarks

XI. Members’ Remarks

XII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn: Rayann Atway, Second: James MacGregor

President's Report

- Transition
 - I want to thank everyone again for your support and patience throughout the process of this transition. While I am sure there may have been a brief period of uncertainty or even insecurity, I hope that you can agree with me in saying that this semester has, regardless of circumstances, continued to move forward in a positive and impactful direction. You will find a list of quotes in front of you, these I wanted to share for you to store in front of your binders, or a space that you continuously work in- find one that motivates you, eliminates your hesitations, and serves to ignite your passion as a leader and as a student at Youngstown State. On my first day in this new position, I approached my white board on my office door that holds one of my favorite quotes- “With the new day comes new strength and new thought”- and immediately I felt inspired. It reminded me that with this new team of leadership or semester there may be challenges, and that with the efforts and initiatives that come from SGA there may be resistance, but every day is new, and every day you all remind me of the strength of myself and the strength of our mission- To Unite. To Represent. To Serve. . I wish to lead you all in a way that embraces your strengths, raises your advocacy, and reminds you exactly why you are a Penguin. Thank you for all you do, and continue to do! I wish to lead you all in a way that embraces your strengths, raises your advocacy, and reminds you exactly why you are a Penguin. Thank you for all you do, and continue to do!

- Budget Advisory Council
 - This meeting primarily served to develop a timeline and theme for each meeting that remain throughout the semester, to overview President Tressel’s top four budget priorities, and then summarize budgets of Fiscal Year 2017. Below you will find the most recent assignments chosen, and the presenter if confirmed:
 - Distance Ed- Millie Rodriguez
 - Recruitment- Gary Swegan
 - IT infrastructure- Jim Yuketch
 - Senate Bill 6- financial health and annual state measurements
 - Graduate Studies- Sal Sanders
 - International Students
 - Financial Aid- Elaine Ruse
 - Funding formulas

- Campus Inclusion
 - Starting with the New Year, the committee has been working to make revisions, and further finalize a Resolution and Statement of Purpose to pass through the Board of Trustees, in order to reach the status of a standing committee on campus. Although waiting approval, the committee’s goals will be to identify any policies that marginalize anyone within the community, advance those that advance a diverse campus, advocate for programming that supports inclusion and equity, and develop an Inclusion and Equity Action Plan within every fiscal year.

- As work within the committee moves forward, I will continue to provide the body with updates
 - SGA Executive Team Statement
 - As SGA leaders, Jacob and I saw the need to address the conditions of campus following both election and inaugural events. We wanted to utilize this platform to reiterate the importance of respecting and embracing equity and polarized views, and assure that, as a student body, we can uphold the mission of this University. If you are unfamiliar with the message you can find it reposted on our Facebook page or in a YSU Announcement email
- Dr. Imler- AALANA meeting
 - Last Thursday I met with Dr. Imler and Sarah Lowry (representative in Senator Browns office) to discuss different strategies for alignment of all of the AALANA efforts that exist on this campus. While there are several that Dr. Imler and I are aware of, we did realize that there were about two more just out of the college of HHS that we did not know existed. As of now, Dr. Imler is going to look into developing a master list of those programs so that we can focus on supporting them, and developing an informational page or packet for students so that they can have an optimum impact in the YSU community. The role of SGA in AALANA efforts as of now are to assure opportunities and strive for more diversity, not necessarily lead in those efforts.
- IT Steering
 - Jim Yukech one-on-one
 - I recently met with Jim Yukech who came and spoke to the body in the fall regarding the newly developed IT Governance structures. Essentially, we went over one newly established committee, and agreed to do another student appointment that will have put student representation on every advocacy committee in the structure.
 - Other discussion was revolving around an update to the Blackboard system to a version that is much more intuitive and even aesthetically pleasing, which will ideally increase the utilization by both professors and students. A pilot of this change is estimated to occur come Fall 2017.
 - Lastly, Jim asked for some collaboration from SGA in the role of holding a naming contest for the new “Genius Bars” that he is having built and placed in high traffic building on campus. The goal is to get students engaged before the structures are even finished, and then attract them to the first bar, which will most likely be ready in Maag the last two weeks of the semester. He also agreed that alongside of the contest he wishes to fund the prize to incentivize student participation.
- President Tressel meeting
 - Jacob and I met with President Tressel on Wednesday to provide an overview of the Fall accomplishments, state which initiatives have carried into Spring, and then the newly established efforts that SGA will carry throughout the rest of the Academic year. As usual, he was supportive and proud of the work that has been done so far. There were a few recommendations or confirmations on his behalf that may also guide some new ideas that could be introduced within the next few months

- MHAT
 - Mental Health Advocacy training is approaching (March 23rd), therefore, the working group finalized an itinerary for the actual event, began developing a budget, and set a timeline for establishing partnerships and sponsors. As confirmations occur, we will continue to update the body and eventually ask that you assist in terms of promotion
- Food Pantry
 - The grant application was completed about a week ago, and has been sent to a few individuals within NEA for an overview prior to officially submitting. Dr. Sumell has been very active in standing as our advisor in the process, and is going to continue to do so until we hear the outcomes of the grant
 - Food Pantry Advisory Council will be meeting within the next month to discuss future of the pantry, the grant outcome, partnerships and even expansion
- Bike Share
 - There has been a hold-off on the progress of the grant application, however, when I meet with Campus Rec again, it will be to piece together the narratives of the generalized grant application

Executive Vice President's Report

- **Introduction**
 - It is an absolute honor to be back. We've hit the ground running with regard to general SGA initiatives and the work of the Academic Affairs committee.
- **Academic Affairs**
 - **Textbook Affordability**
 - We will continue pushing this initiative and work to grow the collection of books in Maag.
 - As a result of our meeting with President Tressel, we would like to explore possibilities for different donation incentives.
 - We plan to schedule a meeting with Barnes & Noble representatives (Heather White, in particular) to see if there is any room for collaboration.
 - As always, communicate to your peers and in your classes about donating / utilizing the textbook "library."
 - **Post-Election Panel**
 - Scheduled for February 2nd, 4:00 – 6:00 PM in the Chestnut Room. Will be moderated by Mr. Howard, and Drs. Kristine Blair, Ann Jaronski, and Keith Lepak will be on the panel.
 - Discussion should be productive and provide a safe environment of neutrality to offer students a platform to voice concerns, with constructive and educational feedback from our panelists.
 - Please spread the word and attend!

- **Annual Essay Contest**
 - Partnering with the *Penguin Review*. Submissions will be due March 4th, and we will continue to solicit and advertise up to that date.
 - Judges have not been confirmed, but this will happen over the next few weeks.
 - Winners will be selected by March 15th, and will be able to read their work at the *Penguin Review* premiere party on April 14th, have their work published in the 2017 edition of the *Penguin Review*, and will receive a prize yet to be determined.
- **Academic Senate**
 - **IT Steering Committee Meeting, 1/25/17**
 - Meeting discussed nature of the committee, its charge, and its governance structure.
 - See graphic further down report – overall structure of IT committees at YSU and how they interact.
 - **Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 1/25/17**
 - Committee will bring to the floor of the Senate to proposed policies...
 - 1.) Transfer Appeal Process. Most discussion occurred before my appointment. Defer to Dr. Cooper.
 - 2.) Guided Admissions Policy. This relates to applicants below objective admissions standards (GPA, ACT, SAT, etc.). Deans of colleges can offer students “guided admission” if they show promise in a particular area.
 - Initially, it was recommended that Academic Standards serve as an administrative component in this process, but the committee altered that language as it did not view such functions as an appropriate part of its charge.
 - **General Education Committee Meeting, 1/30/17**
 - Will provide a brief summation of this meeting once it occurs.

Vice President for Financial Affairs’ Report

- TOTAL BUDGET: \$155,171 (General Fund)
- TOTAL EFFECT OF BILL PASSAGE → \$21, 677.00 (General Fund)
- TOTAL REMAINING BUDGET: \$50,482.66 (~~32.5%~~ OF BUDGET REMAINS)

- Chartwells Fund total budget: \$5,000.00
- Total Effect of Bill Passage: \$300.00 (Chartwell fund)
- Remaining Chartwells Budget: \$1,360.16 (27.2% of budget remains)

- New Student Organization Fund (NSOF): \$4,000.00 (Earmarked in General Budget)
- Total Effect of Bill Passage: \$200.00 (NSOF)
- Remaining NSOF: \$3,200.00 (~~64%~~ 80% of budget remains)

Academic Affairs Committee Report

- Textbook Affordability
 - Collection ends Jan. 31st until finals week
 - Want more social media advertising... please share!
 - New incentive ideas: Pete's Points, coffee/beverage coupons
 - Please speak in your Gen Ed classes and ask students to donate their books at the end of this semester!

- Post-Election Discussion Panel
 - Chestnut Room, Thursday, Feb. 2nd from 4-6 PM
 - Panelists: Dean Blair, Dr. Jaronski, Dr. Lepak
 - Moderator: Mr. Eddie Howard
 - Refreshments provided J

- Essay Contest
 - Collaboration with Jordan McNeil and Penguin Review
 - General prompt ideas: What is your vision for the future of Youngstown? How has this area shaped you?
 - Will identify judges and determine prizes soon
 - Submission deadline: Saturday, March 4th

University Affairs Committee Report

- Little Libraries:
 - we had to move the date because of other time constraints

- UAC changes:
 - Meeting to discuss changes and revisions made to then bylaws and the constitution

- Survey questions:
 - Working on combining:
 - Bliss and BCOE Food Options
 - Test Prep Courses
 - Student Employment
 - Tentative survey with about 20 questions

Student Life Committee Report

- Monthly Free Giveaway/Meet the Reps Events
 - Coffee, Cookies, Hot Chocolate
 - Feb. 8th (11:00am-1:00pm)
 - March 2nd (9:00am-11:00am)
 - April 3rd (10:00am-12:00pm)
- Student Organization Spotlight
 - Two Openings Remaining
 - 3/20-3/24
 - 4/24-4/28
- Crash Day
 - Monday, February 20th
 - SGA Table will be set up by 8:15
- Discussed New Giveaway Options
 - Need to order more
- International Coffee Hour
 - February 17th
 - 3-5PM
 - YWCA
 - Olive Garden Catering
- Positivity Movement
 - Youngstown Wide Positivity Movement
 - Still awaiting a response
 - Discussed Ideas for the new semester
 - Complements Week: 1/30-2/03
- Elections Committee
 - Came to our meeting to discuss our involvement

SB S 2017-02
January 30th, 2017
A Bill

Making appropriations for 15 organizations.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Youngstown State University Student Government Association assembled, that the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Appropriations Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2017, for the following activities of student organizations:

Section 1: *Bass Fishing Club* is appropriated the sum of \$1,370.00 from the General fund and to defray the costs of the membership fees and hotel costs for Bass University Seminars held on February 10th, 2017. This event will be held in Columbus, Ohio. Six (6) students are expected to attend.

Section 2: *Racquetball Club* is appropriated the sum of \$400.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of hotel stays for the Mid-Eastern Racquetball Regional Tournament held on February 18th, 2017. This event will be held in Columbus, Ohio. Twelve (12) students are expected to attend.

Section 3: *Black Student Union* is appropriated the sum of \$1,070.00 from the general fund to defray the cost of housing for guest artists, catering, security, and promotional materials for the Black History Month Magic and Comedy Show held on February 16th, 2017. This event will be held in the Chestnut room of Kilcawley Center at YSU. Two hundred (200) students are expected to attend.

Section 4: *Women's Volleyball Club* is appropriated the sum of \$910.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of hotel fees and entry fees for the 2017 Scarlet and Grey Classic held on February 11th, 2017. This event will be held in Columbus, Ohio. Fifteen (15) students are expected to attend.

Section 5: *Sigma Chi* is appropriated the sum of \$450.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of venue rental & sound/lighting equipment for the Roquacade held on March 25th, 2017. This event will be held at the B&O Station and Banquet Center in Youngstown, Ohio. One hundred and fifty (150) students are expected to attend.

Section 6: *YSUnity* is appropriated the sum of \$1,217.00 from the general fund to defray the cost of flight, hotel, and booking of entertainer for the Annual Drag Show to be held on a pending date in April. This event will be held in the Chestnut room at YSU. Three hundred (300) students are expected to attend.

Section 7: *Chi Sigma Iota* is appropriated the sum of \$400.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of a guest speaker, security, photographer and awards for the ~~Introduction~~ Induction Banquet held on April 6th, 2017. This event will be held in the DeBartolo Stadium Club at YSU. One hundred (100) students are expected to attend.

Section 8: *Chi Sigma Iota* is appropriated the sum of \$2,840.00 from the general fund to defray the cost of flights and hotel stays for the ACA National Conference held on March 15th, 2017. This event will be held in San Francisco, California. Four (4) students are expected to attend.

Section 9: *American Marketing Association* is appropriated the sum of \$4,100.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of airfare for the International Collegiate Conference held on March 16th, 2017. This event will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. ~~Eight~~ Seven students (8 7) are expected to attend.

Section 10: *Pi Mu Epsilon* is appropriated the sum of \$750.00 from the general fund and \$300 from the Chartwells fund to defray the costs of venue rental and catering costs for the Pi Mu Epsilon Conference held on February 25th, 2017. This event will be held in the Lincoln building on YSU campus and St. John's Church in Youngstown, Ohio. One hundred and twenty (120) students are expected to attend.

Section 11: *Intervarsity Christian Fellowship* is appropriated the sum of \$3,600.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of registration fees for the IGNITE! Conference held on February 10th, 2017. This event will be held in Detroit, Michigan. Forty students (40) are expected to attend.

Section 12: *Stem Leadership Society* is appropriated the sum of \$610.00 from the general fund and \$300 from the Chartwells fund to defray the cost of catering for the Annual Member Recognition Dinner held on April 18th, 2017. This event will be held in the Ohio room of Kilcawley Center at YSU. Seventy (70) students are expected to attend.

Section 13: *YSU Equestrian Team* is appropriated the sum of \$560.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of entry fees for the Findlay Western IHSA Show held on February 24th, 2017. This event will be held in Findlay, Ohio. Seven students (7) are expected to attend.

Section 14: *YSU Equestrian Team* is appropriated the sum of \$930.00 from the general fund to defray the cost of facility fees for the IHSA Western Regional Show held on March 12th, 2017. This event will be held in Newbury, Ohio. Four (4) students are expected to attend.

Section 15: *YSU Climbing Club* is appropriated the sum of \$200.00 from the New Student Organization Fund to defray the costs of t-shirts for their newly formed club on campus. This organization has been registered for one month. Ten students (10) are currently registered members.

Section 16: *YSU Climbing Club* is appropriated the sum of \$200.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of entry fees for the Kent State Bouldering Competition held on February 4th, 2017. This event will be held in Kent, Ohio. Ten students (10) are expected to attend.

Section 17: *YSU Climbing Club* is appropriated the sum of \$200.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of entry fees for the SRU Climbing Competition held on February 11th, 2017.

This event will be held at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, PA. Ten students (10) are expected to attend.

Section 18: *YSU Climbing Club* is appropriated the sum of \$200.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of entry fees for the University of Akron Climbing Club held on February 18th, 2017. This event will be held in Akron, Ohio. Ten students (10) are expected to attend.

Section 19: *YSU Climbing Club* is appropriated the sum of \$120.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of entry fees for the YSU Climbing Competition held on February 25th, 2017. This event will be held at YSU campus. Six students (6) are expected to attend.

Section 20: *YSU Climbing Club* is appropriated the sum of \$200.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of entry fees for the Rock Mill Climbing Competition held on March 4th, 2017. This event will be held in Akron, Ohio. Ten students (10) are expected to attend.

Section 21: *YSU Bowling Club* is appropriated the sum of \$485.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of entry fees and hotel stays for the Golden Bear Classic held on February 11th, 2017. This event will be held in Reading, PA. Six students (6) are expected to attend.

Section 22: *YSU Bowling Club* is appropriated the sum of \$200.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of hotel stays for the American Heartland Conference Championship held on February 25th, 2017. This event will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Six students (6) are expected to attend.

Section 23: *YSU Bowling Club* is appropriated the sum of \$385.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of entry fees and hotel stays for the Black ~~Squirell~~ Squirrel Classic held on February 18th, 2017. This event will be held in Kent, Ohio. Six students (6) are expected to attend.

Section 24: *Economics Club* is appropriated the sum of \$480.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of t-shirts for the Penguin Waddle held on February 18th, 2017. This event will be held downtown in Youngstown, Ohio. Thirty students (30) are expected to attend.

Motion to open discussion on SB S 2017-02: Mariah DeFuria, Second: Sarah O’Kane

- Megan Jones: Friendly amendment Section 9
- Mariah DeFuria: Friendly amendment Section 23
- Jenna Roesch: Point of information Section 3
- Mariah DeFuria: Does the YSU Climbing Club have two active members that attended the Leadership Retreat?
 - Gabriella Gessler: We will check with Billy
- Dr. Becker: Friendly amendment Section 7

Motion to close discussion on SB S 2017-02: Rayann Atway, Second: Jenna Roesch

Vote on SB S 2017-02 as a whole: 4 abstentions

Bill Passes in its entirety