

Order of Business

- I. Call to Order
- II. Guest Speakers – Meet your advisors!
  - a. Kelly Beers, Associate Director for Student Conduct
    - i. Further explained the Student Conduct and how the new updates of the code could affect students. Gave the reps a quick overview of the code of conduct and expectations of student organizations through the code.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of the Minutes & Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve the Minutes and Agenda: Rayann Atway, Second: Jordan Vigorito
- V. Executive Business
  - a. President’s Report
  - b. Executive Vice President’s Report
    - i. Mariah DeFuria: Asked for further information on the bike share idea
      - Tyler Miller-Gordon: Explained that the idea is young, but explained that bike share programs are most normally and program where the university would provide the bikes for student use and they would be contracted out by the students on a daily, weekly, monthly, semester, etc. bases. To get the imitative started would be very costly, so there would need to be sponsorships solicited from the community and local businesses.
      - Mariah DeFuria: Would the bike share program be through the Adventure Rec services?
      - Tyler Miller-Gordon: No, the bikes would be for recreation and transportation purpose all throughout campus.
  - c. Vice President for Financial Affairs’ Report
  - d. Vice President of University Affairs’ Report
  - e. Vice President of Student Life’s Report
    - i. Jordon Vigorito: Asked if the Chartwells contract includes the tailgate lot.
    - ii. Tyler Miller-Gordon: Tailgate lot is exempt from the contract.
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - a. Student Trustees Relationship
    - i. Sam Anderson and Allan Metz
  - b. Building a Greenhouse
    - i. INPLACE Grant Opportunity
    - ii. EPA Grant Opportunity
    - iii. Johnson Controls Grant Opportunity
    - iv. Motion to open discussion: James MacGregor, Second: Kyle Marshall
      - Jillian Smith: If we decide to pursue the grant, will there be a team or group put together to write the grant?
        - Tyler Miller-Gordon: Want to include body in the initiative. The executive committee will be forming committee when we make decision to pursue.

- Gabriella Gessler: Added that decisions will have to be made quickly for the committee to be formed.
- Mariah DeFuria: Would planting a garden be more cost effective than building a greenhouse.
  - Tyler Miller-Gordon: Impact might not be what we are looking for in terms of agricultural benefit. Decisions have not been made for the INPLACE grant—garden or greenhouse.
  - Gabriella Gessler: We recommended that we bring in campus departments to use the garden space as a place for studying/recreation. Further explained that creating a garden space would limit the agricultural benefits, but increase recreational.
- Aaron Graneto: Discussed a gardening robot called FarmBot that waters plants based on their needs. It is powered by solar panels, and farms a 2 sq m space.
  - Gabriella Gessler: Share a link on the Facebook page for the body to see.
- Billy Erskine: Propose to move forward to writing the grant regardless if it would be used for a garden or a greenhouse.
  - Tyler Miller-Gordon: INPLACE or another?
  - Billy Erskine: INPLACE grant, which grant would be the best based off of the information that Tyler Miller-Gordon and Gabriella Gessler have gathered so far?
  - Gabriella Gessler: The funding for the INPLACE grant is already there—the group just has to decide what they would want to use the money for. Grant writing would not be necessary for the INPLACE, the Student Government Association would have to compete with the group using a proposal that would be created. Feasibility for the application for the INPLACE grant is high due to the absence of the grant writing process.
  - Tyler Miller-Gordon: Tyler and Gabriella would be the spokespersons for the Student Government Association on the INPLACE group. Taking on the EPA grant or the Johnson Controls grant would allow body member to be a part of the application/grant writing process.
- Montana Churma: Do we know where we might want this?
  - Tyler Miller-Gordon: INPLACE does not have a location yet, there are lots available on government property and also a space in conjunction with the Youngstown Business Incubator.

- Montana Churma: Have we thought about putting the garden on a roof?
  - Gabriella Gessler: Roof of Youngstown Business Incubator, but it proves possible limitations to students.
  - Tyler Miller-Gordon: Are there any roofs that you have in mind?
  - Montana Churma: No
- Sam Anderson: How do we insure the maintenance of the greenhouse over the years? Worried about the longevity of the initiative due to the lack of garden/greenhouse upkeep at the university thus far.
  - Tyler Miller-Gordon: Biggest obstacle is sustainability and maintenance. Hope is to form partnerships or silicate horticulture experts to be part of the initiative.
  - Sam Anderson: Would the head group or leaders of the initiative be kept under the Student Government Association, or would it be a paid internship?
  - Tyler Miller-Gordon: The goal would be to create partnerships with other groups on campus to have many overseers.
  - Gabriella Gessler: The great part of the INPLACE grant is the network of multiple experts in the Youngstown area that are willing to help with the initiative.
- Jillian Smith: Do we have a goal? Are we trying to supplement a certain percentage of Chartwells? Food Pantry?
  - Tyler Miller-Gordon: Ideally, both. When the size of the garden/greenhouse is determined, output can be calculated. Do you have an idea for a goal?
  - Jillian Smith: No.
- Kenna Rearick: Suggestion: environmental studies courses are popular as GRE classes, and it would be nice to include garden/greenhouse upkeep as part of the course syllabus.
- Mariah DeFuria: Johnson Controls grant would be important to pursue due to the already established composting efforts.
- Gabriella Gessler: Dan Kuzma is interested in helping in the grant writing process.
- Tyler Miller-Gordon: Interest in an ad hoc committee for the EPA or Johnson Controls grant?
  - Billy Erskine: Johnson Controls
  - Body: All in favor.

v. Motion to table discussion: Mariah DeFuria, Second: Anthony Lattanzio

VII. New Business

- a. A Bill (SB F 2016-02)
- b. Approval of Changes to the Standing Rules
- c. Committee Chair Elections
  - i. AA: Mariah DeFuria
  - ii. FA: Montana Churma
  - iii. UA: Korinne Sackela
  - iv. SL: Body votes for Anthony Lattanzio or Megan Jones
    - Anthony Lattanzio selected.
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Gallery Remarks
- X. Advisors' Remarks
- XI. Members' Remarks
- XII. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to Adjourn: Mariah Defuria, Second: Jordon Vigorito

**President's Report**

- INPLACE Grant
  - We attended the INPLACE Public Meeting II on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>
    - The grant committee presented ideas and offered support to all of the teams
    - As a team, we discussed the possible directions for our project while doing site walks to the potential sites
    - The idea collective idea was to create a public garden space with many different elements contributed by each member of the team
      - We are hoping to have an educational component to our project, with hopeful involvement from the university, including but not limited to:
        - Off-site Group X classes from the Rec
        - Environmental Studies Research potential
        - Biological Research potential
    - The main site we looked at was 513 W. Federal Street where they recently tore down a building
      - This site is not conducive to a greenhouse, but has the potential upon further study to explore vertical agriculture options that could be of the benefit to YSU
      - Another option, which may prove to be expensive, would be to utilize a shipping container for PodPonics – this is to use natural waste from animals to support an indoor LED greenhouse (these generally have high yields in product)
    - The secondary site we are considering is a portion of the parking lot located behind (down the hill) from the Steel Museum
      - This would be much more conducive to a greenhouse and would open us up to more options as previously discussed
    - We are starting to seek additional funding that can be compounded with the INPLACE Grant funding to ensure that our project can maximize the benefit for the YSU and Youngstown community
  - Last grant cycle's timeline
    - Grant application opens (Fall 2016 – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015)
    - Grant Writing in Ad Hoc Committee (October 1<sup>st</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015)
    - Grant Application Due (February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016)
    - Awards Announced (April 2016)
    - Funding becomes available (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016)
  - This is a Recycling Grant but that does include composting of organic (food waste) materials
    - We could supplement the INPLACE grant with further recycling efforts, potentially targeting downtown businesses
    - Or, we could use this grant to implement further recycling efforts at YSU or supplement what we already have
- Ohio EPA Community Development Grant
  - Last grant cycle's timeline
  - This is a Recycling Grant but that does include composting of organic (food waste) materials

- Reached out to the Ohio State Extension Campus to schedule a meeting for consultation regarding building the greenhouse and general agricultural initiatives
- Theta Chi Fraternity Meeting
  - Met with Drew Marsh and Kevin Kuttner from the national Theta Chi chapter
    - They are here on campus to attempt to start a YSU Chapter of this fraternity
    - We spoke largely about the campus community, and I provided them with the names of helpful campus contacts
  - They plan to begin “recruiting” to form a “colony” and hopefully garner the interest of 25 men, to transition into a chapter
    - They are hoping to do this by the end of the Fall Semester, and register as of Spring 2017
- Food Pantry Advisory Council
  - Administered Survey to schedule meeting
  - Tentatively projected for 9/22/16 at 10 AM
- Crash Day Committee Meeting
  - Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Spoke about the new November dates (5<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>)
  - Brainstormed regarding changing the nature/schedule of Crash Day
- Student One Stop Advocate Meeting
  - Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Student One Stop Event to be publicized on our social media
  - Refocus Approaches in advertising
- Propel OH Host Committee Conference Call
  - Only 1 person from YSU has signed up – continuing to solicit applications
    - Applications are due September 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Please encourage anyone who may be interested to participated

### **Executive Vice President’s Report**

- Academic Senate
  - New Senators in attendance
  - Primary overview and discussion of the Campus Climate Survey- Workplace Environment
- Senate Executive Meeting
  - Provost Abraham
    - Faculty and Staff satisfaction- leading to development of Open Forums and strategic planning to amend concerns
    - Assessing student role and structure of programming
    - Will develop assist in development of action teams once further in the process
- Text Book Affordability
  - Met with Provost Abraham, Ana Torres, and Dr. Ball to sit on an informational conference call for the Open Textbook Network (OTN)
    - Network promoting affordable and accessible textbooks for students, with the additional involvement of offering faculty the reclaim of their courses on selected texts upon review and expertise

- Faculty from OTN schools have opportunity to review books to which they receive a stipend and contribute to the existing ratings and comments
    - Services Open Textbook Library to where texts can be searched and openly used by students without any costs
    - 200 Active campuses as of fall 2016
      - Average saves \$1.5 million for students- based upon most
    - Provides workshop opportunity- once onsite and annually off-site- for faculty and appointed institution representatives
      - 40% of Faculty begin adopting open textbooks for courses after the workshops
  - Programming
    - Began communicating with Jon regarding time periods to develop and official launch for the donations contributing to the course collection
      - Work of programming will continue under efforts of Academic Affairs committee and Student Life- considerations of exact location, additional attraction, advertisement and possible collaboration
      - Distribution of game tickets will begin
  - Compilation of information to update Prezi and graphic that will continue to be utilize for the interim until website tabs are accessible for students
    - Will develop with assistance of Academic Affairs
  - Creation of Donor letter in response to their contribution
    - Will run past Ana and exec for approval of content and information
- YSU Food Pantry
  - Up keep of organization and stocking of donations
    - Card swipe has been received, awaiting installation
  - Continual support from interested student groups and other departments on campus- full shelves
    - Contemplation regarding the application of monetary donations- what food group is most lacking, or, are there foods that can now be expanded upon beyond that of non-perishables
  - Communication for the FP Advisory committee meeting by Tyler
  - Development of a general and informational presentation per request of Dr. Tammy King by Maddi
- Campus Rec
  - Joy Polkabila-Byers- Director
    - Overview of new Campus Rec initiatives, positions and programs
      - Adventure Rec area- old C-store- consisting of new programming, equipment and skill development opportunity
      - Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> grand opening
        - Camping Packages, outdoor promotion, climbing and hiking, team building exercise, retreat planning for outside organizations and companies

- Environmental sustainability initiatives- consisting of going paperless for advertisement and schedules, light replacement, expansion of water bottle re-fill station
- App- collaboration with Zach While and GA Megan O'Neil to assess current utilization, and look into other options of providers, or also to analyze more efficient or strategic option in terms of ownership (full university buy-in vs. individualized departments)
- Sharing of SGA initiative and possible points of collaboration
  - Food Pantry- support with nutrition students and Graduate Assistants
  - Text Book Affordability- event promotion once the launch program is in place
  - Mental Health Advocacy- partnership in support, possible sponsorship and presence with implementing the principles of the pillars of wellness- physical, emotional, financial, mental health etc.
  - Bike Share Program- possible collaboration; shared interest
- Johnson Controls Grant
  - Research for application towards solar panels for composting improvements and renovation
  - Accessibility/feasibility

### **Vice President for Financial Affairs' Report**

**TOTAL BUDGET: \$155,171**

SUMMER APPROPRIATIONS: \$7,743 in total for summer appropriations

➔ The new bill consists of 7 summer appropriations and \$3650

**TOTAL REMAINING BUDGET: \$147,428 (%95 OF BUDGET REMAINS)**

\*Compiled a Financial Path Guide for my committee and anyone who would like one- Short, concise document explaining a portion of the financial path

\*Currently compiling data from surveys at the leadership summit do determine how well we did with meeting organizations financial needs with SGA funding for specific events last year. Still in the organizational phase, results will come soon

### **Vice President of University Affairs' Report**

Discount Cards

- Our previous cards were used and distributed for the previous academic year. The Discount cards have been a growing initiative of SGA for the past several administrations and it's something the University Affairs Committee will be looking into expanding and growing even more this upcoming academic year.



- Looked into newer cards for distribution and promotional procedures.

#### Little Library Initiative

- A national program entitled *Little Libraries* is fast growing non-profit organization based out of Wisconsin that has grabbed the attention of many groups and corporations to build “mini boxed libraries” (no more than 2x2 foot in size) units throughout various neighborhoods across the United States.
- As of June 2016, there are over 40,000 units across the U.S.
- There is one by campus, located in front of the YWCA.
- The organization is based on the trust program of “take a book, leave a book”, so we wish to work with several organizations across campus and the Youngstown area to build some of these units in surrounding neighborhoods.
- It will be a collaborative effort to all organizations that would like to participate and it will help to promote a stronger bond between Youngstown City and Youngstown State University.

#### Election Awareness

- Continuing our efforts from the previous academic year with our two voter registration drives, we hope to continue SGA’s efforts to making our university a more politically aware campus.
- Set up a Presidential Debate Watch Party for the first debate which will be hosted on September, 26 from 9:00-11:00 PM.
  - We will be serving food and refreshments to all attendees.
  - Collaborating with several organizations to help promotion of the event including:
    - Pi Sigma Alpha (Honor Society for Political Science majors)
    - College Democrats
    - YSU Moot Court
  - Spoke with Dr. Keith Lepak, YSU Associate Professor, who teaches Politics and International Relations in the YSU Political Science Department since 1988, about participating or hosting a discussion during the event.
- In contact with Keith Zukowski from Defend Our Future.
  - Defend Our Future is a project of the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). EDF is one of the world’s largest non-profit environmental organizations whose mission to find solutions that benefit people and the environment is guided by science and economics.
  - Working on collaborating with a platform called Turbo Vote. Will have more details with future discussion.

#### **Vice President for Student Life’s Report**

- Welcome Week Events
  - We had a large turnout for every event in which we participated(KC Block Party, Organizational Fair, Team Tressel Football Toss and the Ice Cream Extravaganza)
  - Throughout the semester we will have events so please, if you are able, participate

- Retreat
  - The Annual Fall SGA Retreat is in the planning.
    - The retreat is an event to celebrate the upcoming semester as well as getting to know the body better.
  - Expect a doodle in the next few days so I can gauge the availability of the body.
    - I'm leaning towards late September or early October.
  - Possible locations include:
    - Suzie's Dogs and Drafts
    - MVR
    - Inner Circle
- College-Specific Meet the Reps
  - As a representative of SGA, you represent the college in which you are a member so it is very crucial for the members of the college to know who you are in case they have a concern.
  - Dylan Anders and I will begin collaborating about every college having a college-specific Meet the Reps event.
  - The locations and dates are still in the works, but we will keep you all up to date.
- Positivity Movement "Penguin It Forward" is booming
  - Following last year's success, we will be having a second positivity movement even stronger than the previous
  - My student life committee will spearhead it
  - Any ideas for themes for weeks, please let me know
  - So far:
    - Elevator happiness (Dressing in costumes in the elevator)
    - Morning coffee/greetings in the parking lot (Just a cheerful hello, hope you have a nice day outside in the m70 lot)
    - Teaming with Recycling
- Homecoming Tailgate is swiftly approaching
  - October 29<sup>th</sup>!
  - I'm looking to have MVR cater again because it was a really nice event last year
  - Keep the date in the back of your mind because we will need volunteers and SGA presence at the tailgate

**SB F 2016-02**  
**September 12th, 2016**  
**A Bill**

Making appropriations for 6 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:** *YSU Equestrian Team* is appropriated the sum of \$700.00 from the general fund to defray the cost of registration fees and gas for their IHSA Western stock show held on September 24th, 2016. This event will be held in Tiffin, Ohio. Ten (10) students are expected to attend.

**All in favor—Section passes**

**Section 2:** *Diversity Council* is appropriated the sum of \$150.00 from the general fund to defray the cost of pool rental and a DJ for their Diversity Splash held on September 16th, 2016. This event will be held on YSU campus at the Beeghly Center. Sixty (60) students are expected to attend.

**All in favor—Section passes**

**Section 3:** *Bridges out of Poverty Student Organization* is appropriated the sum of \$700.00 from the general fund to defray the cost of registration for their “Addressing the Challenges of Poverty” National Conference held September 25th, 2016. This event will be held in Orlando, Florida. Five (5) students are expected to attend.

**All in favor—Section passes**

**Section 4:** *YSU Paintball Club* is appropriated the sum of \$400.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of paint for their Paintball Recreation Game held on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This event will be held in Hubbard, Ohio. Twenty (20) students are expected to attend.

**1 Opposed—Section passes**

**Section 5:** *Society for Human Resource Management* is appropriated the sum of \$700.00 from the general fund to defray the cost of registration and hotel stays for their Ohio HR Conference held from September 21<sup>st</sup> to September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. This event will be held in Sandusky, Ohio. Four (4) students are expected to attend.

**1 Abstention—Section passes**

**Section 6:** *YSU Paintball Club* is appropriated the sum of \$400.00 from the general fund to defray the costs of paint for their YSU PME Regional Conference held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This event will be held in Warren, Ohio. Forty (40) students are expected to attend.

**2 Opposed—Section passes**

**Section 7:** *YSU ROTC* is appropriated the sum of \$600.00 from the general fund to defray the cost of ROTC T-shirts for the Homecoming Football game held October 29th, 2016. This event will be held on YSU Campus. Forty (40) students are expected to attend.

**All in favor—Section passes**

**Motion to divide SB F 2016-02: Jordan Vigorito, Second: Rayann Atway**

**Discussion**

**Jordan Vigorito:** Asked how the body should vote if they have an affiliation with a group but do not want to abstain completely.

- **Tyler Miller-Gordon:** Explained that we can make a motion to the divide the question.

Jillian Smith: The figures from SB F 2016-02 are reflected on the Vice President for Financial Affairs Report?

- Billy Erskine: Yes.

Mariah DeFuria: Friendly Amendment Section 5

Aaron Graneto: Asked if appropriations were being made to seven organizations rather than six.

- Billy Erskine: Explained that there are seven appropriations to six student organizations.

### Standing Rules Amendments

■ = delete

■ = add

#### Rule I: Order of Business

1. Meetings of the Legislative Assembly shall be carried out in the following order- a. Call to Order- At the time the meeting is scheduled to begin, the President shall call the meeting to order, at which time a roll call taken by the President or his/her designee is mandatory to determine which Members are present and which are absent and if a quorum is present.

b. Guest Speaker- At the previous designation of the President, a guest speaker shall be chosen to have a 3-5 minute discussion period with the body, generally used to provide insight of campus policies and ~~occurrences~~ occurrences.

c. Roll Call- at which time a roll call taken by the President or his/her designee is mandatory to determine which Members are present and which are absent and if a quorum is present

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2. The agenda for each meeting of the Legislative Assembly shall be prepared by the President or his/her designee. It shall consist of a summary agenda which outlines the items to be dispensed with throughout the meeting, the full text of those items, and written reports. It shall be made available to the Legislative Assembly not later than noon 6 (six) PM the Friday prior to the next general meeting.

#### Rule IX: Constituency Activities and SGA Activities Log

3. The Constituency Activities domains shall include: \* Service, including but not limited to service to departments, registered student organizations, or University-sponsored charity events; \* Sports, including viewing or participating in a University-sanctioned sporting event; \* Lecture/Seminar, being a non-course-related lecture and including but not limited to University lecture series events, University professors giving extracurricular lectures off campus, attending student research presentations such as theses defenses or QUEST; \* Theater and Fine Arts, including but not limited to University Theater or Blackbox productions, performances of Dana-related ensembles or soloists, and viewing student or faculty art exhibitions; \* University-Sponsored Social Events, including but not limited to programs sponsored by Campus Recreation, and Student Programming Activities, Office of Student Diversity Programs, Housing and Residence Life, and events sponsored by registered student organizations occurring on campus.

4. Members shall make reasonable effort to affiliate themselves with the Student Government Association, either by verbally identifying themselves (when appropriate) as such or wearing SGA

paraphernalia. 5. At the end of each semester, members shall submit a SGA Activity Log, which shall contain an annotated list of SGA-related activities performed, not including attendance of regularly scheduled SGA general assembly or committee meetings. 6. Members shall include their SGA Activity Log and a list of constituency activities in which they participated and the dates of participation.

Erin Driscoll: Friendly amendment

Motion to approve the Standing Rules as amended: Billy Erskine, Second: Montana Churma

All in favor—30 votes