

13 November 1997

Regular Meeting

Mr. Chad Tanner, President of Senate
Presiding Officer

Mr. Greg Mergen
Recording Secretary

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mr. Tanner.
The agenda was agreed to: I. Call to order; II. Roll Call; III. Student Speakout; IV. One Minutes; V. Presentations: Kara Schroyer-Vote of Confidence; VI. Adoption of the Minutes; VII. Additions to the Agenda; VIII. Officer's Reports: A President-Chad Tanner, B. Vice President-Ann Charles Watts, C. Treasurer-Erik Roush; IX Executive Cabinet Reports; X. Advisor's Report-Mike Sostarich; XI. Senator's Reports: A. Academic Affairs-Amanda Wiebold, B. Black Affairs-Natalie Barnes [Sharma Brown], C. Environmental Awareness-Jeff Baran, D. International Affairs-Sako Eaton, E. Legislative: City and County-Matthew Ciske, F. Legislative: State and Federal-Laura Stubbs, G. Lesbian/Gay/Bi-Dale Edwards, H. Minority Affairs-Mia Coleman, I. Off-Campus Housing-Ron Minto, J. Residence Life-Jason Barron, K. Student Activities-Jay Cohen, L. University Life-C.J. Arrington, M. Women's Affairs-Eleni Zulia; XII. Committee Reports; XIII. Old Business: Senate Resolution 9798-09 "Judge me by my size, do you?" A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION THAT DEALT WITH OHIO FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION; XIV. New Business: A. Senate Resolution 9798-21 "You

Don't Realize what You Have Until It's Gone" A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES TO KEEP THE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT AND GIVE INSTRUCTOR JEFF WRAY A TENURE CONTRACT, B. Senate Resolution 9798-22 "Semper Pax Tecum" A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET IN CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998; XV. Roundtable/ Announcements; XVI. Roll Call; XVII. Adjournment.

Roll Call

Mr. Tanner ordered the roll call.

Executives present

Mr. Chad Tanner, President of Senate

Ms. Ann Charles Watts, Vice President of Senate

Mr. Erik Roush, Treasurer of Senate

Senators present

Mr. Jeff Baran, Senator for Environmental Awareness

Ms. Natalie Barnes, Senator for Black Affairs

Mr. Jason Barron, Senator for Residence Life

Ms. Jennifer Boyden, Senator for the West Green

Ms. Anna Kay Brokaw, Senator for the College of Business

Mr. Bill Burke, Senator for the College of Engineering

Mr. Ryan Cary, Senator for the College of Arts & Sciences

Mr. Matt Ciske, Senator for City and County Issues

Mr. Jay Cohen, Senator for Student Activities

Ms. Camille Coleman, Senator for Minority Affairs

Mr. Jim Davey, Senator at Large

Mr. Sako Eaton, Senator for International Affairs

Mr. Dale Edwards, Senator for Lesbian-Gay-Bi -Transgendered Awareness

Ms. Marye Isaacs, Senator for Off-Campus Housing

Mr. Josh Kopp, Senator for the East Green
Ms. Molly McCabe, Senator for Greek Off-Campus Housing
Mr. Jim Maczko, Senator for the Honors Tutorial College
Mr. Keith Milless, Senator for the College of Education
Mr. Ron Minto, Senator for Off-Campus Housing
Ms. Shannon Moreland, Senator at Large
Ms. Lori Morgan, Senator for the University College
Mr. Joseph Nusairat, Senator for Off Campus Housing
Ms. Kish Rutledge, Senator for the West Green
Ms. Kim Ruff, Senator for Off-Campus Housing
Ms. Karen Sager, Senator for the South Green
Ms. Heidi Schoener, Senator for Off-Campus Housing
Mr. Matt Sonneman, Senator for the College of Communication
Ms. Sarah Spurlock, Senator for the College of Fine Arts
Ms. Laura Stubbs, Senator for State & Federal Issues
Mr. Grant Swemba, Senator for the College of Health and Human Services
Ms. Heather Wakefield, Senator for the East Green
Ms. Melissa Wervey, Senator at Large
Ms. Amanda Wiebold, Senator for Academic Affairs
Ms. Eleni Zulia, Senator for Women's Affairs

Senators not present

Mr. C. J. Arrington, Senator for University Life
Mr. Seth Jasovsky, Senator for Off-Campus Housing [personal proxy]

Staff present

Ms. Suzy Brannon, Special Assignment Coordinator
Mr. Steve Carlino, Parliamentarian
Ms. Annemarie Grassi, The Residents' Action Council Liaison
Mr. Ben Groban, Special Assignments
Mr. Joseph Nusairat, System Administrator
Ms. Karen Sager, Internship Director
Ms. Kara Schroyer, Chief of Staff

Ms. Heather Wakefield, Internship Director, Special Assignment Coordinator

Ms. Melissa Wervev, Media Relations Director

Ms. Laura Zollars, Faculty and Administrative Senate Liaison

Staff not present

Mr. Scott Kreps, Graduate Student Senate Liaison

Student Speakout

Mr. Tanner asked if there are any students who wish to address Senate. Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student, Najah McFarland, asked why the track team cannot use the Ping Recreation Center for practice.

Mr. Tanner explained that that is part of the agreement that lead to Senate's support for the recreation center. He asked Josh Woolley, former President and Senator Emeritus, to speak on the issue.

Mr. Woolley explained that the center was created as a student recreation center, meaning that it was for the near exclusive use of students. Part of the agreement included that the center could not be reserved for exclusive use, such as team practice. He said that it is understandable that there are times when it would seem appropriate to allow organized athletics to use the facility, such as when another practice facility is being renovated, but there is the issue of wear and tear on a facility not designed for that type of use, as well as setting a precedent that allows the university to increasingly use Ping as a relief valve for displaced teams.

Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student, Sherina Davis, said that she is a African American Studies student. She noted that except for a sprinkling, the African American students in the room are in the back, not on Senate. She suggested that if the university is serious about diversity, then it needs to keep what it has been maintaining the African American Studies program.

Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student, Cindy Lee, said that Jeff Wray has helped her tremendously in her studies and in her career choices. She said that it is important that the university keep Jeff Wray by giving him tenure.

Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student, Lance Strong, president of Phi Beta Sigma, said that African American Studies is an important part of the university and Jeff Wray is a great professor. He asked members of Senate to tell him whether they think African American Studies is an important part of the university. He said that if everyone truly feels it is an important aspect of the university, then we should support the resolution.

Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student, Edward Steele, also of Phi Beta Sigma, said that African American Studies is an important part of the university and Jeff Wray is a great professor.

Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student, Nicole Spivey, said that Jeff Wray is a valuable professor. She noted that many of the African American department faculty are nearing retirement and Jeff, being young, should be retained with tenure.

Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student, Tiece Ruffin, representing the Ohio University Recruiting Society, said that not keeping Jeff Wray will be deleterious to the department. She also noted that she learns about European history all day, but there are few classes that present non-European history. She suggested that the department aids the university in its work toward creating diversity.

Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student representing the NAACP chapter at OU said that Jeff Wray is an asset to the department. She suggested that it appears the university is waiting for the older professors to retire and let the department fade away. She said that with so few African American and Hispanic instructors, the loss of the department, or of Jeff Wray, would be harmful to students, especially African American students.

Mr. Tanner recognized Ms. Zollars.

Ms. Zollars said for the student's facts, the percentage of African American

faculty is up 5% in 1996-1997.

The student said she is talking about the African American Studies Department.

Ms. Zollars said her statistic includes the African American Studies Department.

The student asked how that applies to the department when there is only four professors. She said that with three on the way out, and one not being granted tenure, the statistic doesn't mean much for the department.

Ms. Zollars accepted the student's statement and said that she was giving the information for statistical purposes.

Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student, [name unintelligible] said that her most valuable classes were from the African American Studies Department. She also said that Jeff Wray is a very good professor.

Mr. Tanner recognized a student.

A student, Jessica, said she is a graduating senior and Jeff Wray is an excellent professor and she learned more from him than any other professor.

A student asked Senate to provide some reaction to what had been said.

Ms. Watts said that perhaps the students should wait until debate since that is when they will hear the reaction from Senate.

An unidentified student gave another testimonial in favor of Jeff Wray.

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Woolley.

Mr. Woolley asked whether the tenure position is being held hostage for a larger university objective.

Jeff Wray was recognized for a response by Mr. Tanner.

Wray said that he appreciates the support of the students, but the issue is not about him. He discussed the avenues that are established by someone else to accomplish certain goals. As an outsider, these avenues are often difficult to discern. Wray suggested that perhaps Senate could understand this. He suggested that the issue has everything to do with race and white supremacy, though not by the definition most understand. Rather, Wray

argued, it is the sureness of righteousness that prevents the university from doing what is right when claiming that diversity is a goal. He asked what is diversity about. Is it merely a statement at the bottom of a piece of paper; a tagline to a President Glidden speech? Do the right thing, he stated, if diversity is truly a goal. He said he probably won't be here next year as he as a family, considering that he is wanted elsewhere, where he will be given tenure. He said that OU is a good university, not a great university. He said that he must say, "OU is a good university, but . . ." to every black student, to every gay student.

Mr. Tanner said that he feels there is not a whole lot of support from the College of Arts & Sciences and urged Senate to support the resolution.

Wray thanked the students who spoke to support the African American Studies program, and that he is tired of being treated like an academic ghetto.

Mr. Minto said that he took a Wray class and there was a section on how African Americans were portrayed negatively in the past. He said that Jeff showed a clip of Southern legislators conducting business and Jeff said, "Oh, I'm sorry. That's the OU Student Senate."

Mr. Minto made a motion to suspend the rules New Business be considered immediately following Officer's Reports.

There was no objection and the rules were suspended and New Business was placed on the agenda immediately following Officer's Reports.

One Minutes

Mr. Tanner asked if there were any members of the organization seeking recognition for a One Minute. Mr. Eufinger was recognized by the President.

Presentations

Ms. Schroyer announced that it is required by the Constitution to call a vote of confidence on each Executive Officer. She explained that of Senators and Executive Officers voting, two thirds voting that they have no confidence in the ability of the Executive Officer to lead Senate may remove the Executive Officer. She stressed this is not about personality or difference in beliefs,

but rather it is a question strictly on the ability of the Executive Officer to carry out his or her duties as outlined in the Constitution and the Rules & Procedures of Senate.

Ms. Schroyer said that each Senator's name will be called and he or she may pick up a ballot.

Mr. Tanner placed three questions before Senate. Does the President of Senate have the confidence of the Senate that he has and will carry out his duties? Does the Vice President of Senate have the confidence of the Senate that she has and will carry out her duties? Does the Treasurer of Senate have the confidence of the Senate that he has and will carry out his duties? Mr. Tanner said that the questions shall be answered on the ballot provided and ordered the roll be called.

Mr. Chad Tanner, President of Senate

Ms. Ann Charles Watts, Vice President of Senate

Mr. Erik Roush, Treasurer of Senate

Mr. Jeff Baran, Senator for Environmental Awareness

Ms. Natalie Barnes, Senator for Black Affairs

Mr. Jason Barron, Senator for Residence Life

Ms. Jennifer Boyden, Senator for the West Green

Ms. Anna Kay Brokaw, Senator for the College of Business

Mr. Bill Burke, Senator for the College of Engineering

Mr. Ryan Cary, Senator for the College of Arts & Sciences

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Ms. Marye Isaacs, Senator for Off-Campus Housing

Mr. Seth Jasovsky, Senator for Off-Campus Housing [personal proxy]

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Ms. Eleni Zulia, Senator for Women's Affairs

On the question "Does the President of Senate have the confidence of the Senate that he has and will carry out his duties?" there were 33 yeas and 3 nays.

On the question "Does the Vice President of Senate have the confidence of the Senate that she has and will carry out her duties?" there were 29 yeas and 3 nays

On the question "Does the Treasurer of Senate have the confidence of the Senate that he has and will carry out his duties?" there were 34 yeas, and 1 nay.

Adoption of the Minutes

Without objection, the minutes from the 6 November 1997 meeting of Senate were adopted as amended.

Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Tanner asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were no additions.

Executive Reports

Mr. Tanner reminded Senators and Executive Officers must maintain a 2.0 GPA. He said that in response to the negative feelings within Senate, Dr. Bugeja will give a presentation to Senate at the second meeting of winter quarter. He reported that Dean Rudy said that the university hopes to implement a direct deposit program for overage checks.

Ms. Watts announced that Mr. Roush, Mr. Mergen, Josh Woolley, Ms. Wervey, Ms. Watts, and Mike Sostarich will be the members of the COSGA selection committee. She said the COSGA applications have been posted. Ms. Watts thanked the members for their hard work and dedication during the quarter.

MR. ROUSH, TREASURER OF SENATE—Since my last report, there were no expenditures or revenues and the current balance is \$16,413.87. This report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

New Business

Senate Resolution 9798-21 read into the record:

You Don't Realize What You Have Until it's Gone

A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, TO KEEP THE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT AND GIVE INSTRUCTOR JEFF WRAY A TENURE CONTRACT.

whereas, the purpose of Student Senate is to uphold the best interests of the students at Ohio University, and

whereas, professors and academic departments exist for the interest of students, and

whereas, Ohio University claims to be committed to diversity, and

whereas, Senate Resolution 9798-1 "support(s) and sponsor(s) policies and

programs which would create and sustain a more diverse student body at Ohio University", and
whereas, Student Senate Black Affairs Commission has taken the position to support the preservation of the African American Studies Department, and
whereas, the professor position for African American Studies course, Black Media, had been until 198 a tenure (Group 1) position, and
whereas, this position is now only offered as a non-tenure (Group 2) position, and
whereas, Jeff Wray, who has filled the position for the last four years and has been given consistent excellent evaluation by his students, has not been offered a contract extension, and
whereas, the College of Arts and Sciences has not attempted to fill the position for the 98- 9 academic year, and
whereas, the elimination of Jeff Wray's position would decrease the African American Studies department by twenty-five percent because of the inadequate number of faculty, therefore
resolved, that Student Senate recommends the College of Arts and Sciences retain Jeff Wray's position, and
resolved, that Student Senate recommends the position be given a tenure track (Group 1) status as it was in the past, and
resolved, that Student Senate recommends that the College of Arts and Sciences create at least two teaching positions by the 98/99 academic year, and
resolved, that Student Senate does support the continuation, preservation, and expansion of the African American Studies Department at Ohio University

Sponsors: Ryan Carey, Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences;
Natalie Barnes, Senator for Black Affairs

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Cary for the purpose of speaking as a sponsor. Mr. Cary said that the university cannot diversify while reducing the African American Studies Department. Further, he said, no reason was given for the

denial of tenure that seems consistent with precedent.

Mr. Cary moved that the resolution be amended by striking the period after the last resolved clause and inserting:

, and

upon passage, a copy of the resolution and an explanatory letter will be sent to President Glidden, the members of the Board of Trustees, Dean Joel Rudy, Faculty Senate, Graduate Student Senate, and Vice President for Administration Gary North.

Mr. Tanner recognized Ms. Brown for the purpose of reading into the record a statement from Ms. Barnes.

NATALIE BARNES, SENATOR FOR BLACK AFFAIRS-Fellow

Senators, I ask that you examine the facts and see that the College of Arts & Sciences is in the process of eliminating an academic department with no warning. This department paved the road for the diversity the administration claims it wants for OU. We must emulate our predecessors and learn from the past to make a brighter future. If we lose the African American Studies Department, we lose our base, our key to understanding and appreciating Black History. If we are to support diversity, then lets support the African American Studies Department and this resolution. Thank you.

without objection, the resolution was agreed to.

The reading of Senate Resolution 9798-22 was suspended and considered to have been read into the record:

Semper Pax Tecum

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
THE BUDGET IN CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

whereas, the Committee has met in consideration of various appropriations, therefore,

resolved, that Senate adopt the Report of the Committee on the Budget.

Sponsors: Mr. Ron Minto, Senator for Off Campus Housing, Chairman, Committee on the Budget; Mr. Erik Roush, Treasurer of Senate

The Committee on the Budget met on Tuesday, November 11, 1997.

Present were Senators Minto, Chairman; Isaacs (Vice Chairman; Barron; Cohen; and Rutledge. Also present was Mr. Roush, Treasurer of Senate. Senator Baran was absent. Mr. Tanner, President of Senate, also attended. The Off Campus Housing Commission wishes to run a Post ad that will inform students on how to protect their personal possessions from theft if they are left in Athens during winter break. This information is the result of a meeting with Officers Roger Deardorf and Chuck Haegle of the Athens Police Department. OCH wishes to run twenty four column inch ads for \$138.00 each. OCH will contribute \$50.00 of its revenues derived from off campus housing lists. OCH will seek outside sources of funding. If it is able to secure at least \$100.00, OCH may run two ads for a maximum cost to Senate of \$126.00 (2 times \$138.00 equals \$276.00 minus \$50.00 minus \$100.00). If OCH is unable to secure at least \$100.00 from outside sources, the second ad will not run and the maximum cost to Senate will be \$88.00 (\$138.00 minus \$50.00).

On Monday, November 10, 1997, Ohio University faced the tragic death of student Ryan Bommer. President Tanner requested that some money be donated to the family's requested charity, The Bryan Area Foundation, Ryan Bommer Scholar/Athlete Scholarship Fund. Originally, it was thought that flowers would be sent, as per precedent, but I t is the opinion of this Committee and President that the money would better serve Mr. Bommer's memory if spent in accordance with his parent's wishes. Senate will donate money as follows: \$100.00 initially, plus any donations made by members of Senate. Senate will donate the funds in multiples of \$25.00. A maximum of \$124.00 may be spent by Senate.

Ronald J. Minto.

Chairman, Committee on the Budget

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Minto for the purpose of speaking as a sponsor.

Mr. Minto summarized the Committee Report. He said that the Center for Student Advocacy will contribute money to the advertisement as well as other sources.

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Roush for the purpose of speaking as a sponsor.

Mr. Roush asked for Senate's support and said that contributions are now being accepted to the Bommer memorial gift.

Without objection, the following article is included in the record.

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

Death shocks OU

by Ryan Alessi

THE POST

First-year OU student Ryan Bommer, whose smile and charismatic personality will remain etched into his friends' memories, died early Monday morning of undetermined causes.

Bommer, an 18-year-old Bryan, Ohio, native, was rushed to O'Bleness Hospital by Southeast Ohio Emergency Medical Services after collapsing outside his room in Read Hall. He was pronounced dead at 1:19 a.m. Monday.

A Sigma Chi pledge and member of his high school golf team, Bommer left a mark on those who knew him.

"The only thing I can say is that he was a beautiful person and the nicest person I've ever met," said Andy Cullen, Bommer's resident assistant. "He had an aura about him."

Cullen spoke for Bommer's friends when he explained how the mourning process is far from over.

"He is someone who will be missed," Cullen said. "Everyone's pretty shaken up here. We're all still in shock."

Sigma Chi President Tim Smith said Bommer's smile will be what he remembers most.

"He was always cheerful and upbeat," he said. "He hung out a lot with most of the guys (at the house)."

Smith said Bommer instantly clicked with Sigma Chi members, many of whom shared his interests, especially golf.

"A lot of people would go golfing with him," he said. "He was a good athlete. He knew a lot about movies and was big into sports."

The autopsy was completed Monday, but results have not been released, said Brian Stettler, Franklin County Morgue attendant.

The university said the analysis of test results will take more time.

OU and the East Green Residence Life staff provided support and counseling for Bommer's friends following his death.

Counselors from OU's Counseling and Psychological Services were at Read throughout the day Monday, and students were given a list of church and counseling organizations to consult, said Paula Smolinsky, resident director of the Read/Washington complex.

Smolinsky said more than 40 of Bommer's friends attended a session Monday night to talk about their loss.

"It was a chance for them to get together and express their feelings," Smolinsky said. "They've been dealing with this for about 36 hours."

Many of Bommer's friends, including fellow Sigma Chi members, have made plans to travel to Bryan for the funeral services.

The Mass of Resurrection has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Bryan.

Friends and relatives can attend a closed-casket reception following the mass until 4 p.m. Cremation and burial will be held Saturday during a private family ceremony.

The Bryan Ohio Area Foundation established a memorial scholarship in Bommer's name. Donations can be made to The Ryan Bommer Memorial Scholarship and sent to the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Corner of Lynn and Bryan, Bryan, Ohio 43506.

Student Senate will donate \$100 plus additional contributions from senators to the scholarship fund, said Chad Tanner, senate president.

Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Joel Rudy said he

plans to talk with family and friends about a possible on-campus memorial service either this quarter or Winter Quarter.

"We are going to do what the family would want and what friends would want," Rudy said. "It's a tragedy for everybody, especially whenever you lose a child. Our hearts and prayers are with the family."

- Allison Abbott contributed to this story.

Without objection, the resolution was agreed to.

Executive Cabinet Reports

Ms. Schroyer said that attendance will be strictly enforced, including the rule that requires roll call at the end of the meeting. She asked that Senators not send proxies to committee meetings.

Mr. Eufinger [University Committees Coordinator] said he has been told by several of the committee representatives that they have not been notified of meeting times and locations. He talked to several of the committee chairs who said they haven't been informed of their membership yet. Mr. Eufinger then talked to Dr. Wright, chair of the Committee on Committees, who promised to look into the matter immediately. Mr. Eufinger said he is very disappointed and concerned that there may have been recommendations made without student input.

Kathy Perry said she is the newly appointed Greek Life Liaison and she is happy to be part of Senate.

Mr. Nusairat [System Administrator] asked that the statistics for the Senate web pages for the period between 15 July 1997 and 11 November 1997 be entered into the record. He noted that the statistics don't count for anything accessed from Baker Center. He said that Mr. Minto's picture was most popular of all the pictures.

Between 15 July and 11 November 1997:

People have accessed the Student Senate Web pages this quarter

People have accessed the Off Campus Housing page

People used the online calendar

The total hits, excluding Baker Center, are as follows:

Academic Affairs-58; Advisor-29; Budget-18; Cabinet-65; Committees-52; Emeritus-46; Health-18; Rules-11; Safety-10; Technology-9; Black Affairs-29; City County-29; Environmental Awareness-36; President-47; Treasurer-31; Vice President-32; International Affairs-39; Interns-3; LGBT-53; Minority Affairs-32; Off Campus Housing-848; Landlord evaluations-204; Search for Housing-361; Press-55; OFF-39; College-37; East Green-26; at Large-32; South Green-33; West Green-27; Residence Life-41; SAC-204; State & Federal-26; WAC-61; Calendar-222; and Communications-18.

Ms. Zollars said there will be a Faculty Senate meeting at 7 PM on Monday in Irvine 194.

Advisor's Report

Mr. Sostarich said he met with the interns and wished everyone good luck with finals.

Senator Reports

Ms. Wiebold [Academic Affairs] said that table tents have been placed in the dining halls and the commission is working on peer instructor evaluations. It is hoped that this may catch some of the instructors who teach the same material for fifteen years without changing the content. She thanked Mr. Burke for his service as this is his last meeting. Mr. Burke will do his co-op during winter quarter.

Ms. Barnes [Sharma Brown] [Black Affairs] thanked Senate for its support of the resolution supporting the African American Studies Department and Jeff Wray. The Commission is joining the Coalition for African American Student Leaders which will meet on Sunday at 2 PM in 203 Baker. Without objection, the following article is included in the record.

Editorial

THE POST

Monday, November 10, 1997

Give us something

Something, for the most part, is better than nothing.

The OU African American studies program is a prime example of this theory.

The status of the department has been shaky since a request for a tenured professorship was denied in October. Faculty in the department assert the growth of the program is being stunted by a lack of support from the College of Arts and Sciences. College administrators say a lack of control over the department prevents a strong effort to improve a valuable program. You're both right. Now, stop making excuses and get working toward a solution. If you don't soon, OU will have nothing - instead of something. The consequences of ignoring this situation are enormous.

First, students could lose an extremely popular program in which classes often exceed set enrollment.

Second, the university could lose an important recruitment tool, especially for minorities.

Last and most important, everyone could lose knowledge if the course material were to be included in other departments' curricula.

The solution is simple: department faculty and college administrators, together, need to evaluate the program's problems and needs and find the answers and resources.

Dividing up the courses, giving them to other departments and eliminating the African American studies department is not an acceptable solution. Other departments already should include African-American perspectives.

Whether the African American studies department remains "something" or becomes "nothing" is the wrong question entirely. The university needs to figure out how to make this "something" into "more."

Because more, for the most part, is better than less.

The Black Affairs Commission of Student Senate has asked for more from the university with discussions about an African-American cultural center. The commission, which is leading an effort for African-American students, says it needs a place for African-American students to have cultural events,

to recruit minority students, to educate all students on African-American issues and just to call "home."

Although we support the building of such a facility, any issue becomes sticky when it involves funding a project that seems to benefit mainly a small part of the university.

However, the university needs to provide areas for all students so they can feel comfortable. If a special center would provide African-American students with an outlet they don't have in existing campus programs for non-minority students, then the university should support it.

The university doesn't seem to be willing to give the commission as much as it's asking for, so African-American students should look for other acceptable alternatives.

Perhaps the university could match outside funds for a facility, or a special area could be devoted to African-American students' interests in the future student center.

The commission already has considered changing the proposed African-American facility to a multicultural center. This is a good idea, but if it doesn't suit the desired purposes, don't just use it as leverage to get the administration to pay for a building.

If none of these alternatives are impossible, then the commission and students need to place more pressure on the administration.

Demand what you want. You have every right to ask the university to serve the needs it meets for every other student. Don't be satisfied with less - hold out for more. In the end, the entire OU community will be happy you did.

Mr. Baran [Environmental Awareness] said their meeting for the week was canceled. He attended a rally in Columbus in opposition to mining around Dysart Woods. He said over 200 people attended. He said the Campus Greens plan to engage in civil disobedience if permit seven is approved. Mr. Baran asked that the response to a letter sent by Mr. Baran and Mr. Tanner be entered into the record:

November 5, 1997

Chad Tanner
Jeff Baran
Student Senate
Baker Center
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Chad and Jeff:

Thank you for your vote of support for our efforts in behalf of Dysart Woods. Your expression of concern and the vote of the Senate will be referenced in our petition to have the area around and under Dysart declared unsuitable for mining.

Sincerely,

[signed]

Gary North

Vice President for Administration

Mr. Eaton [International Affairs] said he met with the University International Council and learned that international student recruitment is worse than he thought. He said that when an international student sends an inquiry to OU regarding enrollment, the university sends only an application, not a catalogue or other promotional material. Without objection, the following article is included in the minutes.

Friday, November 7, 1997

Senate stands up for safety

by Amanda wolfe

THE POST

Senate reaffirmed its commitment to safety and minority concerns Thursday

night by passing resolutions encouraging increased safety measures and a more diverse student body.

In response to the rape on East Green Sunday night, East Green Senator Heather Wakefield and Women's Affairs Commissioner Eleni Zulia drafted a resolution encouraging the university to make campus safety a budget priority and challenging administration members to expand the campus escort service and improve street lighting.

"This is only the first step," Zulia said. "(Campus safety) has to be a long-term priority."

Senate needs to devise a strategy to take further action, she said.

The Safety Committee is creating surveys gauging student interest in safety. Results from the survey will be used to lobby administrators for funding to expand off-campus to off-campus escort service and to increase the number of street lights.

"We need to be relentless with this," Zulia said. "People won't listen until we get in their face."

Last year, the University Planning Advisory Committee, the body that hears requests for budget increases, rejected a proposal to increase funding for campus safety measures, Wakefield said.

In another safety-oriented resolution, senate commended Alden Library for taking safety actions, such as hiring two students to patrol the building and adding emergency phones on the sixth and seventh floors to prevent any further sexual assaults in the library.

Sexual assaults occurring in the library were reported to OU Police Department last year.

"The issue is that this kind of thing (sexual assaults in the general stacks) is going on," said Sako Eaton, International Affairs Commissioner. "Fewer students are going into the stacks as a result."

The resolution recommended the library take further actions, such as hiring additional security, making name tags for all library employees and leaving lights in the stacks on at all times.

Senate also pledged, in a resolution, to actively involve itself in efforts to create a more diverse student body.

The resolution serves as a sign that senate is concerned about diversity and a way to support efforts of Black Affairs Commission and the Minority Affairs Commission, Senator At-Large Jim Davey said.

Plans to increase senate's role might include sponsoring different minority-oriented programs or writing letters encouraging minority recruitment, Davey said.

Pursuant to Senate Resolution 9798-19, the following letter was written and sent to Anita Grant of Alden Library. Mr. Eaton asked the letter be included in the record.

Friday, November 7, 1997

Anita Grant
Head of Circulation
Alden Library

Dear Ms. Grant:

This letter is to inform you about the recent actions of Student Senate as they relate to our meeting earlier this quarter. We have enclosed a copy of the resolution presented to Student Senate on Thursday, November 6.

Please review the resolution and give its contents a fair measure of consideration.

We should point out that the resolution passed unanimously, which should be taken as a strong indicator of student concern about this issue, particularly after the incident that occurred outside Tiffin Hall earlier this week.

We are sure you have several ideas about security improvements for the library in various stages of implementation, and we do not mean to imply that Student Senate is attempting to dictate library policy, but we do urge you to consider the recommendations of Senate contained in the resolution. The recommendation that generated the most interest was the one about lighting in the stacks. There is a great deal of student interest in having the

lights in the stacks on at all times. You spoke briefly about the feasibility of this at our meeting, but we highly recommend that further consideration be given to this issue. Unless it is prohibitively expensive to keep the stacks lit, we think the student body's interest in safety and security compel the library to increase lighting on the sixth and seventh floors.

In closing, we would like to extend to you the gratitude of the entire Student Senate for your prompt and appropriate handling of this matter. We commend you for your efforts and look forward to the day when concerns about safety in the library will no longer be an issue.

Sincerely,

[signed]

Chad Tanner, President

Ann Charles Watts, Vice President

Erik Roush, Treasurer

Sako Eaton, International Affairs

Eleni Zulia, Women's Affairs

Mr. Ciske [City & County Legislative Affairs] thanked the interns for their help during the elections.

MS. STUBBS, SENATOR FOR STATE & FEDERAL ISSUES—we talked about the various plans regarding elementary and secondary education and meeting times for next quarter.

Mr. Edwards [Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Transgendered Awareness] said that the letter writing campaign regarding domestic partnership benefits is over, though they are still collecting information. He said he plans to attend a gay conference in Chicago in February that will stress organizing and strategies to combat the radical right.

Ms. Coleman [Minority Affairs] said she is also part of the African American student leader coalition. She said that she is also working to give prospective students a look at the "real" OU, including the food.

Mr. Minto [Off Campus Housing] said the commission is working on the landlord and housing database despite resistance from some landlords.

Mr. Barron [Residence Life] said his commission is still working on Environmental Health & Safety evaluations with the final product ready in winter. He said there is a possibility that the Bobcat cash program will be expanded and his commission will look into this.

Mr. Cohen [Student Activities] said the raffle is going well and thanked Jen Jones and Greg Mergen for their work on it. He said the General Assembly voted on funding appeals last Friday. The last General Assembly of the quarter will be 14 November at noon in Baker 334.

Mr. Arrington [University Life] said there will be a GRASP meeting on Monday at 8 PM. He said that in addition to the letter sent pursuant to Senate Resolution 9798-17, the commission would like to work on minority recruitment material to make OU more appealing, in addition to making actual changes on the campus that will make OU more hospitable for minorities.

MS. ZULIA, SENATOR FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS—I am happy to report there were ten people at my last meeting. We talked about events for Take Back the Night, the "Not in Our Backyard" resolution, and reactions to the recent Rally Against Rape. We agreed to work on a domestic partnership campaign and will work with LGBTCC. We plan to have several speakers next quarter and we discussed the outreach program with student organizations. The commission is very receptive to the idea and gave suggestions for organizations to involve in the effort. I will talk to the Women's Studies Department about adding more classes to the program. Without objection, the following article is included in the record.

Monday, November 10, 1997

Students cry out
by Caroline Broder
THE POST

More than 200 OU students gathered at the site on East Green where an OU woman was raped Nov. 2, and they let out a collective scream that pierced

the night air.

For more than an hour last night, students held candles, chanted, read poems and shared rape survival stories. Many students were brought to tears as individual students spoke to the group about personal rape experiences. The vigil, organized by several campus groups, gave OU students the chance to mourn the rape of a 19-year-old South Green resident, which happened between 10:30 and 11 p.m. in a small patch of trees between Morton and Tiffin halls. Police still are investigating the incident. Catlin Sweet, an OU student and member of Swarm of Dykes, addressed the crowd and urged Tiffin Hall residents to join the vigil.

"I'm sick of walking down the street at night and being afraid," she said. Eleni Zulia, women's Affairs commissioner for Student Senate, proposed working to get better lighting on campus. She suggested students e-mail President Robert Glidden and Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Joel Rudy, and show support for increased lighting on campus. Mel Gelbart, an OU Police Department officer, said the campus is safe but students still need to be aware. "Crime can happen in the middle of the afternoon," she said.

Senior Dennis Berendts, who held a sign that read "The Rape of Women is a Symptom of Our Sexist Society," said he came to the rally as a symbolic gesture.

"I want people to think of rape as a symptom of a greater problem," he said. Faith Dickerhoof, a junior, said she came to the rally to show support for rape survivors.

"I have a 2-year-old sister," she said. "I have friends and I don't want anything like this to happen to them."

One freshman woman, who wanted to remain anonymous, said she was a sexual assault survivor.

"You can take every precaution, but then it happens," she said, shaking her head. "It's so horrible that we can't walk alone at night."

Committee Reports

Ms. Wakefield [Safety Committee] said she met with several people, including Char Kopchick and Jeanne Woodruff regarding an orientation

program at Precollege regarding safety. She will be meeting with Mike Sostarich and Ted Cohen next week regarding safety on campus.

Ms. Wervey [Health Services Committee] said hoped to have made more progress during the quarter but feels that there has been much progress on anonymous HIV testing.

Old Business

Senate Resolution 9798-9 was read into the record:

Judge Me By My Size , Do You?

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION THAT
DEALT WITH OHIO FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

whereas, funding for K-12 and higher education in Ohio is currently under consideration, and,

whereas, there are several plans being considered that would attempt to resolve the issue and,

whereas, it is important that Ohio University Student Senate take a position on the issue of higher education funding and,

whereas, it is important for Ohio University Student Senate to review all the plans that are under consideration by the Ohio Legislature, and

whereas, the Ohio University Student Senate has considered all the plans up for consideration, therefore

resolved, that the Ohio University Student Senate supports:

****To be filled in at the meeting****

Sponsors: Ms. Laura Stubbs, Senator for State and Legislative Affairs; Mr. Jay Cohen, Senator for Student Activities

Mr. Tanner recognized Ms. Stubbs for the purpose of speaking as a sponsor.

Ms. Stubbs read the summary of the various plans:

Senate Majority Plan

Raises the state sales tax from 5% to 6%.

Estimated to raise the revenue \$1.1 billion.

Will accomplish this by cutting state spending in the next biennial budget review in most state services. Exemptions: Primary and Secondary education, higher education, all debt service line items, the remainder of the tax rollback line items not included in education. These exemptions would result in the necessary savings while leaving these key areas untouched. The new tax is nominal as it allows for the businesses to pay more into the education system (30%). As the GRF grows education will be guaranteed to receive the same proportion of the GRF as received in the base year. Will establish a School Facilities Trust Fund and that state funding of school building repairs and construction will continue to be combined with local funding contributions based on a district's relative wealth.

Senate Minority Plan

While it doesn't forgive loans taken out by schools, if the schools default on the loans the state will refinance them at 0% interest.

Increases the property tax credit for homeowners from \$55 to \$75

Sets aside \$140 million to hold school districts harmless from the elimination of the inventory tax.

Exemptions from the new service industry tax: Accounting services, Book-keeping, Tax preparers, engineering and survey services, legal services, interior design, management services, amusement services, bowling and billiards, cable TV, commercial sporting events, public golf courses, theater, live entertainment, automobile parking, dry cleaning and laundry services. Medical services are exempt!

Negatives on the Majority Plan

State sales tax is regressive and in that the poor are asked to shoulder the tax increase - food is exempted from the sales tax.

Tax cuts at this juncture are political. When the state is asking for more money with a new tax it should not be cutting taxes anywhere unless the

new tax does replace the old. In this case it is not clear as to whether or not the would occur.

Cigarette tax (\$.12) is not included and would have raised at least \$102 million that could be directed at education.

Not convinced that the plan will adequately cover the cost of an education.

Negatives on the Minority Plan

The tax does targets influential and wealthy groups who can lobby to be exempted.

Legal services are not exempt!

will earn more in revenue, but is more politically unfeasible than the majority plan.

Ms. Stubbs said that Josh Woolley distributed information from the Columbus Dispatch without her knowledge and she wishes to correct his information on several points. She said that the Ohio Student Association intends to support one of the plans and Senate should support one of the plans so she can inform OSA of Senate's position. Ms. Stubbs explained that since elementary and secondary education may impact the higher education budget and since instructors with children may be affected, OSA as a lobbying organization for Ohio's public universities must support something.

Ms. Stubbs yielded to Mr. Cohen, Mr. Jasovsky, Ms. Wakefield, Mr. Baran, Mr. Nusairat, and Mr. Minto for the purpose of answering various questions about the plans. Ms. Stubbs answered the questions [the substance of the questions and answers are not included since they largely repeat information contained in Ms. Stubbs' supplementary materials].

Mr. Roush asked that without objection, any rule be suspended which may prevent Mr. Roush from becoming Presiding Officer of the meeting to allow Mr. Tanner to attend to personal business until such time as he may return.

There was no objection and Mr. Roush became the Presiding Officer.

Mr. Roush recognized Ms. Wakefield for the purpose of providing

additional information regarding the various plans.

Mr. Tanner returned and became the Presiding Officer.

Mr. Tanner heard a request to close debate. There was objection and debate remained open.

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Jasovsky for the purpose of making an amendment.

Mr. Jasovsky moved that

****To be filled in at the meeting****

be stricken and

the Senate Minority Plan.

be inserted.

There was no objection by the sponsors and the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Nusairat for the purpose of making an amendment.

Mr. Nusairat made a motion to amend the resolution by striking the period at the end of the last line and inserting:

and

resolved, that Senate suggests that any additional revenues derived from new taxes be target to low-income areas.

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Minto for the purpose of speaking against the amendment.

Mr. Minto said that by saying Senate supports the minority plan and targeting revenues to lower income school districts, the Senate is not supporting the minority plan because the minority plan does not do that.

Mr. Minto made a motion to strike the text of the amendment and insert resolved, both of these plans suck and Senate supports neither.

Without a sufficient second, the amendment was not considered.

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Nusairat to speak in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Nusairat said that it is important to support one of the possible funding plans while stating our belief that new money should be targeted to lower income school districts.

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Cohen for the purpose of speaking against the amendment.

Mr. Cohen said he is opposed to the amendment because the substance of the amendment fixes nothing., Further, he argues, elementary and secondary education funds should be split evenly for all school districts. Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Eufinger for the purpose of speaking in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Eufinger said he comes from Marysville which has one of the highest median incomes in the state but fails to support its local schools. He said that he supports any plan that takes away from the people in that school district because they are so cheap that they won't support their own schools. He said he completely supports the Robin Hood approach if it will help the poorer school districts.

There was a motion to without objection close debate. An objection was heard and debate on the amendment remained open. Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Davey for the purpose of speaking against the amendment.

Mr. Davey said that it would be ridiculous to make the recommendation contained in the amendment given that there are already two plans on the table.

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Barron for the purpose of speaking in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Barron said that he feels it is important to communicate to state legislators that Senate feels certain priorities should be reflected in the funding solution.

Mr. Tanner asked if anyone wishes to speak on the amendment. Without objection, debate on the amendment was closed. Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Ciske.

Mr. Ciske moved that Senate Resolution 9798-9 be tabled until such time that one of the plans is actually brought before the state legislature.

Mr. Tanner asked that those in favor of tabling the resolution vote yea and those against vote nay. Mr. Tanner declared that the motion to table fails.

Mr. Tanner put the question before Senate: Shall Senate Resolution 9798-9 be amended as follows: strike the period at the end of the last line and insert: , and,

resolved, that Senate suggests that any additional revenues derived from new taxes be target to low-income areas.

Mr. Tanner called for a division of the Senate. He announced that with 8 yeas and 11 nays, the amendment is not agreed to.

Ms. Wiebold moved the previous question.

Mr. Tanner heard objection and debate remained open. He recognized Mr. Minto for the purpose of making an amendment.

Mr. Minto made a motion to adopt the following amendment:

Strike

the Senate Minority Plan.

and insert

the concept of the minority plan with the special provision that funds be redistributed to low income school districts.

Mr. Minto explained that this amendment does not say that Senate supports Minority Plan B, but rather Senate supports ideas contained in the plan.

Without objection, debate on the amendment was closed and Mr. Tanner put the question before Senate: Shall Senate Resolution 9798-9 be amended as follows:

Strike

the Senate Minority Plan.

and insert

the concept of the minority plan with the special provision that funds be redistributed to low income school districts.

The amendment was agreed to. Without objection, debate on Senate Resolution 9798-9 was closed and Mr. Tanner put the question before Senate: Shall Senate Resolution 9798-9 as amended be agreed to:

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Whereas, funding for K-12 and higher education in Ohio is currently under consideration, and,

whereas, there are several plans being considered that would attempt to resolve the issue and,
whereas, it is important that Ohio University Student Senate take a position on the issue of higher education funding and,
whereas, it is important for Ohio University Student Senate to review all the plans that are under consideration by the Ohio Legislature, and,
whereas, the Ohio University Student Senate has considered all the plans up for consideration, therefore
resolved, that the Ohio University Student Senate supports the concept of the minority plan with the special provision that funds be redistributed to low income school districts.

The resolution was agreed to.

Roundtable & Announcements

Ms. Wakefield thanked Ms. Stubbs for her work on her resolution and sharing information with Senate and thanked the Post Reporter, Amanda Wolfe, for her good reporting. She suggested that members change their seating patterns weekly to get to know more people on Senate.

Mr. Edwards thanked Senate for its support and announced that he will be meeting with Dean Rudy regarding gay issues on campus.

Ms. Stubbs thanked Senate for the good debate on her resolution.

Mr. Nusairat said that he has set up the web pages so that the secretaries can easily make changes.

Ms. Zulia thanked Mr. Swemba for retracting his comments made during a previous meeting.

Mr. Sonneman said he was disturbed that Jeff Wray cannot fully recommend Ohio University due to issues regarding diversity.

Ms. Wiebold said she is glad that none of the Executive Officers got booted and asked that people to use the book exchange.

Ms. Wervey said that the sex seminars at Hudson are dealing with lesbian safe sex issues.

Mr. Burke thanked Senate for allowing him to serve and wished everyone

good luck in their future endeavors.

Mr. Eufinger said he loves the people of Marysville even though they're cheap bastards.

Mr. Maczko wished everyone a good winter break and announced that Saturday is his birthday and invited people to buy him drinks.

Mr. Cohen wished everyone a good winter break.

Ms. Moreland said that this is her last meeting, citing a class conflict next quarter. She said she has an internship with the Wall Street Journal and thanked Senate for the opportunity to serve.

Mr. Minto reiterated that both funding plans sucked.

Mr. Eaton thanked everyone who helped him survive his first quarter on Senate.

Mr. Cisko apologized for comments he made during the meeting.

Ms. Watts said that Natalie Barnes, Senator for Black Affairs, who has been represented by Sharma Brown during this quarter is in attendance. She said that Mr. Burke and Ms. Moreland will be missed.

Mr. Roush thanked his intern, Megan, for being a good intern and Ms. Stubbs for her work on her resolution.

Mr. Mergen noted that when Mr. Minto said, "I move to suspend the rules and . . ." and Senate agreed to it, Senate in effect suspended all rules, not just the rules that would prevent the agenda from being changed. He also clarified the way the minutes are taken. Citing Mr. Swemba's displeasure at having the words "women's breasts" be included in the record for a previous meeting, he explained that it is sometimes necessary to add clarification to statements that otherwise would be not understandable outside the context of the meeting. Finally, he announced that he is in possession of a notebook written by former Board of Elections Chairman Raphael Noboa that includes poetry and musings about his virginity.

Mr. Mergen asked that the winter break contact list be included in the record.

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Mr. Tanner said he is proud of all Senate has done during the quarter and said he voted against himself on the vote of confidence.

Without objection, the following article is included in the record.

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Senate wraps up Fall Quarter

by Amanda Wolfe

THE POST

As Fall Quarter comes to a close, Student Senate members are wrapping up projects and planning for the rest of the year.

Last spring, members of the Becoming Empowered Students Together ticket were elected to senate with a platform that focused on health and safety issues, electronic information services, residence hall and off-campus housing issues and campus diversity problems.

Senate Treasurer Erik Roush said senate has fulfilled or is working to fulfill its platform promises.

"We've gone above and beyond what's on the platform," he said.

Of the 24 platform points, a majority have been completed or are in progress. Promises such as placing video information centers in university buildings and expanding on-line class registration and access to personal records are complex goals that will take time to implement, said Vice President Ann Charles Watts.

"It's hard to figure out where to start," she said.

Senate's commissions, which can be comprised of senate members and other students, perform the majority of work, Watts said.

"Until students start realizing commissions are a part of senate, it will look

like we're not doing anything," she said.

Unlike past years when commissions worked independently, the groups this year are working together on issues, adviser Mike Sostarich said. The health committee has worked with Hudson Health Center to provide free, anonymous AIDS testing. Hudson has agreed to provide the facility for the testing, but senate will have to work to secure the funding, said Melissa Wervey, health committee chairwoman.

Although the project is not progressing as quickly as he had hoped, senate President Chad Tanner said it is a good goal to attain by the end of the year. Senate also maintained its commitment to safety and passed resolutions urging administrators to make safety issues a top budget priority. Through the work of last year's senators and this year's Residence Life Commission, senate fulfilled a campaign promise to install new blue light phones on campus. The three new blue light phones will be on South Green, Residence Life Commissioner Jason Barron said.

"Now there won't be a spot from the catwalks where you can't see a phone," Barron said.

Senate will continue to work for better street lighting, starting with a safety committee survey that will be used to gauge student opinion and possibly lobby city officials and OU administrators to improve street lighting, he said.

Senators also have maintained contact with police officers and city officials in an attempt to improve student-police relations. Officers approached members of senate to discuss Halloween safety and property protection over break.

Discussions and interaction with police and city officials will continue throughout the year, Tanner said.

The Academic Affairs Commission evaluated faculty evaluations and made suggestions to college deans about how to change evaluations, Commissioner Amanda Wiebold said.

"We hope by next year to see a change in the evaluation forms," wiebold said.

Next quarter the commission will continue to look at evaluations and

investigate the possibility of instructors evaluating each other.

The Residence Life Commission is working on another platform issue- to improve student input in dining hall meal plans and residence hall renovations.

Commission members attend Food Service Focus Group meetings, a project OU Food Services developed earlier this quarter to encourage student input, and are monitoring the Microfridge pilot program. Barron also attended meetings with a California consultant who is planning future student housing options.

The commission is evaluating Environmental Health Service Inspections to prevent violating students' rights during inspections, Barron said.

Commission members have obtained past inspection records and will issue a report by Spring Quarter.

The Off-Campus Housing Commission has fulfilled the platform issue to create an on-line database of housing information and landlord evaluations. The database, although not yet completed, is an attempt to be pro-active and help students find housing, Commissioner Ron Minto said.

Several commissions have tackled the issue of campus diversity.

The Black Affairs Commission hosted a forum to gain support for a Black Cultural Center. Next quarter, the commission plans to hold a rally to support diversity and plans for the center, Commissioner Natalie Barnes said.

The University Life Commission is studying how to increase minority enrollment, Commissioner C.J. Arrington said. The commission sponsored a resolution encouraging members of the administration to look more closely at campus diversity.

Although some projects have come to a close, senators also are working on new or continuing projects.

"We've set the foundation, now we need to start building buildings," Arrington said.

The Student Senate executives will develop an outreach program winter Quarter to keep better contact with student organizations, Tanner said.

Organizations will be matched up with appropriate commissions to give them more input into senate.

Senators continue to work on the campus-wide service project, Circus of Service, which is scheduled for April. The day will allow students to work for various non-profit organizations. The committee is lining up projects and will recruit volunteers winter quarter, said Heather Wakefield, committee chairwoman.

Roll Call

Without objection, the rule requiring a roll call at the end of the meeting was suspended.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM.