

## Minutes of the 5 March 1998 Meeting of Senate

### Regular Meeting

Baker Center Corner Room

Mr. Chad Tanner, Presiding Officer

Mr. Greg Mergen, Recording Secretary

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Mr. Tanner.

### 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

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. 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 Colemon, Senator for Minority Affairs

Mr. Jim Davey, Senator at Large

Ms. Lauren Dikis, Senator for Off Campus Housing  
Mr. Sako Eaton, Senator for International Affairs  
Mr. Dale Edwards, Senator for Lesbian-Gay-Bi -Transgendered Awareness  
Mr. Tony Eufinger, Senator for Off Campus Housing  
Mr. Josh Kopp, Senator for the East Green  
Mr. Kyle LaClair, Senator for the College of Engineering  
Mr. Mike LeHoty, Senator for South 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  
Mr. Joseph Nusairat, Senator for Off Campus Housing  
Mr. Zac Redman, Senator for Off Campus Housing  
Ms. Kish Rutledge, Senator for the West Green  
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. Laura Stubbs, Senator for State & Federal Issues  
Ms. Fern Weaner, Senator for Environmental Awareness  
Ms. Melissa Wervey, Senator for University Life  
Ms. Amanda Wiebold, Senator for Academic Affairs  
Ms. Eleni Zulia, Senator for Women's Affairs

Senators not present

Mr. Mike Michetti, Senator at Large [personal proxy]  
Mr. Grant Swemba, Senator for the College of Health and Human Services

Staff present

Mr. Tony Eufinger, University Committees Coordinator  
Mr. Joel Koch, Media Relations Director  
Mr. Greg Mergen, Graduate Student Senate Liaison & Parliamentarian  
[acting]

Mr. Joseph Nusairat, System Administrator

Ms. Kara Schroyer, Chief of Staff

Ms. Laura Zollars, Faculty and Administrative Senate Liaison

Staff not present

Ms. Annemarie Grassi, The Residents' Action Council Liaison

Mr. Ben Groban, Special Assignments

Additions to the Agenda

The agenda was agreed to: I. Call to order; II. . Additions to the Agenda; III. Roll Call; IV. Student Speakout; V. One Minutes; VI. Presentations: A. Tom Boeh & Tim Van Alstine, B. Tony Eufinger; VII. Adoption of the Minutes; 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, C. Environmental Awareness-Fern Weaner, D. International Affairs-Sako Eaton, E. Legislative: City and County-Matthew Ciske, F. Legislative: State and Federal-Laura Stubbs, G. Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Trangendered Awareness-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-Melissa Wervey, M. Women's Affairs-Eleni Zulia; XII. Committee Reports; XIII. Old Business; XIV. New Business: A. Senate Resolution 9798-34 "Simplicity Itself" A RESOLUTION TO NAME A SENATOR AT LARGE, B. Senate Resolution 9798-35 "Don't Give Us the Cold Shoulder" A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURGE THE UNIVERSITY TO EXPAND THE MICRO-FRIDGE PROGRAM TO EVERY ROOM ON CAMPUS; XV. Roundtable & Announcements; XVI. Roll Call; XVII. Adjournment.

Student Speakout

Mr. Tanner recognized Brian Collins, a student, to address Senate.

My name is Brian Collins and I am the Chairperson for the Residents' Action Council, which you probably know better as tRAC. tRAC is an organization comprised of representatives from the Hall Councils on campus. Our group has three main purposes:

1. To do social and Educational Programming
2. To represent the students who live in the residence halls at Association of College and University Residence Halls
3. To listen to and action on issues and concerns of students in the residence halls.

Last year, at our Regional Conference in Washington, D.C., I had the opportunity

to attend a session being presented by the Interior Corp., the makers of the MicroFridge. In my evaluation I relayed to them that we would be interested in looking into starting a MicroFridge program at Ohio University. From that comment and a couple of phone calls, meetings with Interior were set up with tRAC and Joe Burke, to which Student Senate was also invited.

From those meetings a task force was created to look into adding MicroFridges to the residence halls. Representatives from tRAC, Student Senate, Residence Life, Housing, Residence and Auxiliary Services, and of course, Environmental Health and Safety all served on this group. A pilot program in five buildings was established as a result of those meetings. Throughout the year this pilot program has been monitored closely and in our opinion has been a huge success, much like it has been at other schools who have Mfs in every room such as Ohio State, Wright State, and Hocking College.

Tonight you will be considering a resolution to expand the MF program.

Speaking on behalf of the Residents' Action Council, we strongly encourage you to pass this resolution. TRAC is sending a letter to Joe Burke endorsing MicroFridges and

specifically the Interior Corp. Interior has been involved in the process from the beginning, actively including students in the discussion. They are the company running the pilot program, and the only company to offer the

internal power switch. This switch keeps power from going to the refrigerator and the microwave at the same time, an important safety device. I mention this because it speaks to the quality of the product being offered. It is also one of the main points that Environmental Health and Safety looked at when approving the pilot program. In the last line of the resolution, keeping student cost to a minimum is encouraged. I would suggest adding the phrase "while offering the highest-quality product." Please also note that MicroFridge is not a generic term. This is the trademarked name of the unit offered by Interion Corp.

Thank you for your time and for considering adding your official support to the MicroFridge issue. We meaning TRAC, Student Senate, and the several departments that have been involved in this process, have the chance to make the biggest contribution to the residence halls since cable and ResNet were installed. Once again, thank you and if you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Mr. Davey said he does not understand why TRAC should receive money when Senate has been working on this issue longer than TRAC. He also suggested that the requirement for an internal power switch would make Interion the only possible vendor since it is the only company that provides such a configuration.

Mr. Collins said TRAC has an ongoing relationship with Interion as a corporate sponsor.

#### One Minutes

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Minto for a One Minute speech.

Mr. Minto said he had a good time at COSGA and said the picture of him with a plastic bag over his head was him demonstrating the proper use of oxygen bags on airplanes.

#### Presentations

Mr. Tanner recognized Tom Boeh and Tim Van Alstine for a presentation. Boeh said he promised to visit once a quarter and he and Van Alstine are fulfilling that commitment. He said he is disappointed in the men's basketball program but noted that students did attend the games. He said

this is a "rebuilding year." He asked for questions from Senate.

Mr. Cohen asked how are the new facilities.

Boeh said there may be a few games on the old field due to delays caused by weather. 18 April is the dedication of the field and there will be a double header with Bowling Green.

Ms. Coleman asked how long will it be before there is an indoor track.

Boeh said it will cost between \$3.5 and \$3.6 million and will be about eighteen months. He noted that this situation is not Senate's fault for not agreeing to the athletic department's use of the Ping Center facilities,; it is just a very bad situation.

Mr. Maczko asked about the Hall of Fame.

Boeh said that the issue is whether there should be a student on the committee. Boeh said he thinks there should be.

Mr. Tanner asked about the Buckeye versus the Attack Cat situation.

Boeh said that OSU has filed a petition to cancel the logo and trademark on the name Ohio. He expressed disappointment that OSU is accusing Ohio University of fraud-they're saying they are "saving Ohio for Ohioans." This is absurd as the trademark only applies to the use of Ohio in athletics. Boeh expressed confidence that Ohio University will prevail in this dispute. He said there is plenty of similar situations in other states and Ohio University is merely following that precedent. He noted that the Today show will be in Athens to tape a segment on this.

Mr. Tanner asked whether Matt Lauer will be here.

Boeh said he expected some woman to ask that question, but not Chad. He said OSU was founded as Ohio A&M-greed is clearly the motivation in this dispute. OSU spends \$80 million, \$150 million for the stadium, \$80 million for the Schottenstein-this is about \$23 million of athletic sales to cover debt. Ohio is a pain-they need the money. Boeh encouraged Senate to contact their legislators. Regarding the "Ohio for Ohioans" thing, Boeh noted that this is the Buckeye state: why not "Save Buckeyes for Buckeyes"? Archivist Doug McCabe has researched this and can show Ohio University has usage of Ohio on uniforms since the 1880's and before. OSU applied for a

trademark on Ohio Stadium and were turned down. "Be true to your school," Boeh said.

Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Eufinger for a presentation.

Mr. Eufinger distributed a survey regarding Halloween. He asked Senate and others to complete the surveys and return them to him. He said the Halloween Task Force is looking for ideas and feedback.

#### HALLOWEEN TASK FORCE SURVEY

The 1998 Halloween Task Force is a combination of City Officials, Student Representatives, and Local Business People. The goal of the Task Force is to address the issues related to Halloween. This survey will provide the Task Force with valuable input from the student/community perspective. Thanks for taking a few minutes to answer the following questions:

Are you an O.U. Student? Yes No Year?

Did you attend the 97 Halloween Court Street Festivities? Yes No

Did you have out of town guests? Yes No How Many?

Did your guests use the fairground shuttle parking? Yes No

Did you wear a costume? Yes No

Did you attend private parties? Yes No How Many?

would you volunteer on a "Clean-up Court Street & The Neighborhoods" committee? Yes No

would you attend a concert, at a location such as the fairgrounds, on the evening of Halloween as an alternative to the uptown festivities, if a big name band could be booked? Yes No

who would you like to see?

How much would you be willing to pay?

what's your favorite thing about Halloween?

what's the worst thing about Halloween?

Brainstorming ideas to find an alternative to Uptown Court Street?

Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes of the 26 February 1998 meeting of Senate were adopted

without objection.

#### Executive Reports

Mr. Tanner announced that the vote on unionization of classified employees failed , sixty to forty percent against. Regarding UPAC, he noted the article in the Post and said it is up to the Provost regarding the increase in enrollment. He said one victory for Senate in UPAC is that there will be more money for student services and student activities. He said the executives will meet with the Provost on Friday to discuss increased funding for SAC and with the President next week. He said they will talk about the University Professor award as well. He thanked everyone who went to COSGA for doing such a great job.

Ms. Watts congratulated the COSGA attendees. She said a site has been approved for the Senate Circus of Service project and anyone interested in helping should see her. Anyone who has comments should consider attending a meeting on Monday at 5 PM.

MR. ROUSH, TREASURER OF SENATE—Since my last report, expenditures total \$417.67, revenues total \$50.00, and the balance is \$13,449.39. This report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

#### Executive Cabinet Reports

Ms. Schroyer [Chief of Staff] said the secretary interviews are going well. She announced that Mr. Eufinger and Mr. Nusairat did not turn in a cabinet report but instead of requiring everyone to attend a cabinet meeting, she will publicly humiliate them and meet with them individually. She said the next reports are due by the end of next week. She reminded Senate that the vote of confidence is next week.

Mr. Koch [Media Relations Director] said that the dry erase board idea will not happen—TRAC has an inside track on that.

#### Advisor's Report

Mr. Sostarich said he enjoyed COSGA and noted that Senate is one of the

BEST organizations attending the conference and he is very proud. He admired the students who went and is pleased with the way Senate has evolved.

#### Senator Reports

Ms. Wiebold [Academic Affairs] said that a president from another school told her that her student government is out of control. She said that this woman told her that when she says "call to order", the senate said they don't want order. Ms. Wiebold asked if they could be impeached. This woman said that they don't want to be impeached. Ms. Wiebold said to ask her privately why Mr. Minto has a bag over his head in the picture. She noted that she cut herself while cooking. The University Professor meeting went well and she thinks that the UP committee did not expect Senate people to be as knowledgeable as they were. She expressed hope that Senate and the committee can work together. The following article is included in the record.

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Group discusses way to save University Professors

by Amanda Wolfe

THE POST

A group of about 40 students, former University Professors and other concerned faculty members began the fight to save the University Professor award last night.

Voting for the University Professor Award, an award given to a handful of professors each year in recognition of their teaching skills, has decreased from 4,000 in past years to fewer than 1,000 this year. For this reason, the University Professor selection committee, which is comprised of students, has announced that it will not name any University Professors this year. This decrease can be attributed to the lack of campuswide awareness of the award since the creation of the Touch-Tone Registration and Information Processing System (TRIPS) in 1993. Students no longer nominate

professors while registering for classes. Since 1993, students have voted through ballots printed in the quarterly schedule books and available through the University College.

The selection committee, along with the newly-created University Professor Organizing Committee, which also is a student committee, hosted an open forum last night to solicit suggestions to increase students' awareness of the award.

Josh Woolley, a fifth-year senior and former Student Senate president, suggested students vote for University Professors while they vote for student senate officers.

This could help the committee get the votes it needs to legitimize the award, because at least 3,400 students vote in the senate's yearly elections, he said. When campus issues accompany the candidate lists on the senate election ballots, more students are likely to vote, said Ann Charles Watts, the senate's vice president. Placing the University Professor Award nomination on the ballot might motivate students to vote.

Five campus polling stations and student campaigners positioned across campus on election day might encourage students to vote and, in turn, fill out the University Professor nomination ballot, he said.

"If you don't get hit that day, you weren't on campus," Woolley said.

The committee should try a test vote this Spring Quarter, said Greg Mergen, the senate's Graduate Student Senate liaison.

Although the selection committee is not opposed to exploring the idea, it might encounter some difficulty implementing the suggestion, said Katherine Strafford, selection committee chairwoman.

Each year, students vote for University Professors during Fall Quarter. The selection committee interviews and observes the top twelve finalists during Winter Quarter and then selects six professors to receive the award.

But this suggestion would shift the time frame of the selection process. Traditionally, one-third of the University Professor selection committee graduates each year, Strafford said. That fraction of the committee would not be able to follow the selection process through in the fall if voting

occurred Spring Quarter.

"We would like to keep the same group through the nominating, interviewing and choosing process," she said.

But the suggestion is not out of the question, Strafford said.

"There is a lot of flexibility (in the selection) guidelines," she said.

Besides increasing voter turnout, the committee should increase students' knowledge of the award, said Dan Dolata, assistant professor of chemistry and former University Professor.

"Don't just tell students to vote," he said. "Tell them why they should vote. Enthuse them."

Ms. Barnes [Black Affairs] said her commission met on Tuesday and are planning to help NAACP with a program.

Ms. Weaner [Environmental Awareness] said she has no report.

Mr. Eaton [International Affairs] said he has no report.

Mr. Ciske [City & County Legislative Affairs] said he will meet Monday with the Safety Committee regarding the city sector program.

Ms. Stubbs [State & Federal Issues] said there will be an Ohio Student Association meeting on Sunday.

Mr. Edwards [Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Transgendered Awareness] said his commission is working on Pride Week with a Human Rights march on Thursday. He said it will use a shortened Take Back the Night march route.

Ms. Coleman [Minority Affairs] announced times for food collection for the Food Drive.

Mr. Minto [Off Campus Housing] said housing clinics with the Center for Student Advocacy will start soon.

Mr. Barron [Residence Life] said Jen Boyd is working on expanding Bobcat Cash and Ms. Rutledge is working on expanding freshman orientation from one to three days. He noted that there will be sixty two more beds in Scott Quad which may help absorb additional students.

Mr. Cohen [Student Activities] announced that the funding resolution for spring quarter was adopted and appeals are Friday. He said the raffle drawing will be on Friday as well.

Ms. Wervey [University Life] said the GRASP committee has been discussing issues regarding room use and catering. She said she will send a memo to the Provost regarding some of these issues.

Ms. Zulia [Women's Affairs] said the program regarding Promise Keepers prompted a good discussion. The next commission meeting is at 7 PM next week in room 332. She noted that the commission is working on more positive programming for Take Back the Night like an art show, discussion of women in sports. She asked for suggestions.

#### Committee Reports

Ms. Wervey [Health Services Committee] said she is discussing with Michael Hunter, President of Graduate Student Senate, the possibility of a stipend for a graduate student HIV counselor. The following article is included in the record.

Friday, February 27, 1998

Compiled from staff reports

Anonymous AIDS tests hit funding roadblock

Student Senate's health services committee hit a bump in the road to obtaining free, anonymous AIDS testing on campus.

Hudson Health Center cannot obtain grant money from the Ohio Health Department to pay an employee who would be hired to coordinate the counseling services, until 1999 because the funding requests deadline already has passed. This position is required by the Center for Disease Control.

The committee has two other options to obtain the necessary money, committee chairwoman Melissa Wervey said.

The committee could apply for grant money from the health department or a stipend to pay a graduate student to head the AIDS counseling services. Hudson already offers educational counseling, which teaches students about the disease and how to prevent it. But to comply with the counseling guidelines, Hudson's counselors must attend a three-day training session to

learn behavior-modification counseling. This type of counseling teaches students how to change their lifestyles, and it emphasizes prevention. The health department requires all the medical facilities it funds to provide patients with the proper counseling. If the health department agrees to fund the project, Hudson would continue to send the test materials to the department for analysis, but the department would not charge Hudson. Hudson now offers confidential testing, but the test results are placed into students' medical files, which can be accessed by insurance companies.

MR. MERGEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES & PROCEDURES-The committee has met several times and we will have a report for Senate's consideration next week. Again, I do not see any major changes in the substance of the election rules, though we will consider a fine structure and tightening some loopholes and problematic areas. Perhaps most significant is the structure of the Rules which should make using them a bit easier. If you remember the SAC rules we adopted in spring, then you have a sense of how the election rules will be organized.

Minutes of the Special Committee  
on Rules & Procedures

Monday, March 2, 1998

Meeting was opened at 5:15 PM. Members present included Greg Mergen (Chairman), Josh Woolley, Eric Roush, Jason Baron, Chad Tanner, and Megan Kelley Recording Secretary). Mergen mentioned the points to be discussed, including the number of SAC at large positions to be added and minor changes to be made in the constitution. Mergen opened by stating that the at-large representatives need to be a part of Senate culture, and they should be appointed to represent the interests of quarterly groups, rather than that of the lump sum groups. Baron stated that being appointed rather than elected might lead to laziness. Woolley stated that that would not happen because the positions would be carefully selected by the executives, and that appointment would give the quarterly groups representation.

woolley stated that there should be 4 appointed positions, and 5 elected positions. Roush stated that there should be 3 appointed positions. Tanner stated that there should be 4 appointed positions to represent the 4 quarterly organizations. Mergen then opened conversation on minor constitutional changes. Woolley suggested amending lines 591-592 to make an exception for hanging a banner in Baker Center during Senate campaigning and voting. Baron stated that the banner should have to remain 50 ft. away from the polling site. Tanner stated that it wasn't fair to the other candidates to be able to campaign so closely to the polling location. Mergen stated that it would not be direct campaigning, as long as it was a pro-vote banner sponsored by the BEST party. Tanner suggested moving the polling location. Roush stated that he felt that the banner should not be allowed in that location. Woolley states that it is not active campaigning and is well within all guidelines. A vote was then taken and the amendment failed with 2 no's and 1 yes, however, it was decided that the issue would be revisited with the full committee present. Woolley stated that line 595-97 requiring the immediate recycling of all campaign materials should be struck. Mergen stated that the line was already going to be removed. Woolley stated that the 25 days of active campaigning should be creased to a rounded number. The committee agreed that the campaigning term should be increased to 30 days. Woolley stated that line 604 should be amended to strike the words "board of elections" to allow the board to give out more in return for voting. Mergen stated that there should be a limit to compensation for voting. Baron states that it would not help or hurt either party, would simply encourage voting.

Wednesday, March 4, 1998

The meeting opened at 5:23 PM. Members present were Greg Mergen (Chairman), Josh Woolley, Chad Tanner, Eric Roush, Ann Charles Watts, Jason Baron, Jay Cohen, and Megan Kelley (Recording Secretary). Mergen opened discussion on the registration of a party as a student organization which trademarks the party name. Mergen stated that parties must submit

paperwork by the deadline and will be approved within 5 days. Cohen stated that a beginning date should be set as to when a party can begin to organize so as to not undermine the work of Senate. Watts stated that you shouldn't have to set such a regulation unless the work of Senate is suffering noticeably. Cohen stated that it is an issue that will be addressed in the future. Watts stated that line 556 allowing students to place an issue on the ballot with the signatures of 10% of the student body should be struck because of the unrealistic number of signatures required. Roush stated that it could be done. Watts stated that the filing deadline for party registration should be a month in advance of the elections. Baron asked if it is possible to replace spots after registration. Mergen stated that people can be added under certain conditions. Baron stated that candidates should not be able to jump parties. Mergen stated that there can be no addition of non-registered candidates. Woolley stated that candidates should not be permitted to jump ship. It was agreed that there will be no switching parties if replacements have to be filed. Baron stated that requiring replacements to be filed would exclude commissioners from contention for the spot. Mergen stated that the spot would remain empty if a suitable replacement is not found. Only under certain circumstances can someone be replaced, such as a health-related withdrawal from the University. Mergen proposed to strike section 1.4 which allows the Board of Elections to draft election rules. Mergen moved to strike lines 524-25 and lines 691-92. It was agreed that debates can be no later than one week before the election and a candidate is invalid if the GPA and signature requirements are not met. Mergen raised Watt's question regarding expense forms. Mergen stated Watt's feelings that the declaration of the winner of the elections is too political. Baron asked whether the issue of the President holding another job should be addressed. The committee did not see any of these issues as being necessary to address. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Ms. Stubbs [Safety Committee] said that the committee is working on a proposal to have more foot patrols. She said she will meet with the OUPD regarding patrolling and the escort service.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Senate Resolution 9798-34 read into the record:

Simplicity Itself.

A RESOLUTION TO NAME A SENATOR AT LARGE.

Whereas, there is a vacancy for Senator at Large caused by the resignation of Ms. Wervey who was appointed Senator for University Life following the vacancy in that position, and,  
whereas, there is no process in the Rules & Procedures for filling a vacancy, being that the process was outlined in the 1994 Constitution which was replaced by the 1996 Constitution which eliminated the vacancy filling process with the plan that the process for filling vacancies would be added to the Rules & Procedures, and,  
whereas, the commonly accepted process for filling vacancies that has been used since 1996 includes advertising, accepting and reviewing applications, interviewing applicants, then submitting a name for confirmation by Senate, and,  
whereas, the Executive Officers have had the vacancy for Senator at Large advertised with display and classified advertisements, accepted several applications, interviewed several applicants, and have agreed upon a nominee, and  
whereas, the Executive Officer are convinced that Ms. Jameel is extraordinarily well qualified and has tremendous potential to be a successful and dynamic member of Senate, therefore  
resolved, that Gigi Jameel is a Senator at Large.

Sponsors: Ms. Heidi Schoener, Senator for Off Campus Housing; Mr.

Ryan Cary, Senator for the College of Arts & Sciences

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

Ms. Schoener said she has nothing to say.

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

Mr. Cary said he does not know Ms. Jameel, but she has a great name.

Without objection, the resolution was agreed to.

Senate Resolution 9798-35 read into the record:

Don't Give Us the Cold Shoulder

A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURGE THE UNIVERSITY TO EXPAND  
THE MICRO-FRIDGE PROGRAM TO EVERY ROOM ON CAMPUS

whereas, the University initiated a Micro-fridge pilot program in five residence halls last year, including Martzloff Mackinnon, Biddle, Sargent, and Lincoln, and,

whereas, the BEST Student Senate platform lists expanding the Micro-fridge program as one of its goals, and,

whereas, the idea to install Micro-fridges into the residence halls was developed by Student Senate years ago, and,

whereas, many similar Universities around both the state and country already have MicroFridges in their residence halls, and,

whereas, students in the residence halls participating in the test program have expressed supreme satisfaction with their MicroFridges, and,

whereas, students in residence halls without MicroFridges have expressed an extreme interest in expanding the Micro-fridge program, and,

whereas, the Environmental Health and Safety Residence Hall Inspections All Green Summary for fall quarter 1997 shows that there has been no negative impact on the sanitary quality of the residence halls caused by MicroFridges, and,

whereas, there have been no major problems reported to have been caused by the Micro-fridge in the residence halls, and,

whereas, multiple companies have approached Ohio University with proposals to install MicroFridges into the residence halls, and, whereas, the deadline for ordering enough MicroFridges to place one in every room on campus by next year is May 1, and, whereas, the Residence Life Commission of Student Senate has been monitoring the Micro-fridge program throughout the year by staying in contact with the Residence Life Office, the Auxiliary Services Office, and the Environmental Health and Safety Office, and, whereas, administrators such as Joe Burke, Bob Hynes, Gordon Petty, and Dale Tampke have shown continued support for the Micro-fridge program, and, whereas, placing a Micro-fridge in every room on campus significantly increases the quality of life provided to its residents by Ohio University, and, whereas, Student Senate is the duly elected representative of the student body, therefore, resolved, that Student Senate adamantly supports the University plan to place a Micro-fridge in every room in the Residence Halls by next year, and, resolved, that Student Senate encourages the University to devise a method of paying for the MicroFridges that will keep student cost to a minimum, and, resolved, that the Residence Life Commissioner, on behalf of Student Senate, will write a letter to Joe Burke, Director of Residence Life and to Bob Hynes, Director of Auxiliary Services to express Senate support for the expansion of the Micro-fridge program.

Sponsors: Mr. Jason Barron, Senator for Residence Life; Ms. Karen Sager, Senator for the South Green.

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

Mr. Barron said Senate has worked on this issue for years. He said that he feels the administration will be supportive of expanding the program. He asked that the following article be included in the record.

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Microfridge fate undecided

by K'Lynn Bierbower

THE POST

Students who pop microwave popcorn and store frozen pizzas in their rooms this year will have a say in whether fellow students receive the same opportunity in the future.

A one-year pilot microfridge program began this fall in several rooms in Biddle, Lincoln, Sargent, Mackinnon, and Martzolff halls. The program was designed predominantly in response to student wishes for on-campus cooking alternatives.

University officials are gathering input from students and university employees to determine whether the microwave and refrigerator/freezer units should be installed in all campus residence halls for the next academic year.

OU Housing Director Dale Tampke designed a survey to assess students' reactions to the microfridge units. The surveys will be distributed this week to students in the five pilot program residence halls.

"The survey is designed to ask students general satisfaction questions," Tampke said. "We are hoping for a good response from the students. The data we compile from these surveys will strengthen the results and help us determine the future of this program."

The surveys ask students to provide information about the type of food they cook in the microwaves, the microwaves' performance, trash disposal processes and dish clean-up. The survey also asks students to estimate how frequently they use the units.

But the surveys only are one piece of data university officials will use to assess the success of the microfridge units.

"We are trying to determine whether or not to expand the program by looking at data from the housing survey, maintenance work orders, Environmental Health and Safety observations and in-house staff (residence life staff) surveys," said Gordon Petty, auxiliary and residence assistant director.

During winter break, Petty began the assessment process through telephone surveys of residence directors in the pilot residence halls.

"The results were uniformly positive and we have not received any major negative feedback," Petty said.

Residence Life officials are working closely with housekeeping staffs to track work orders to detect possible problems caused by the units and Environmental Health and Safety staff to monitor food storage and disposal. Student Senate also is working with students to determine the effectiveness of the microfridges in the residence halls.

"Senate has been watching over the effect of the microfridges," said Jason Barron, the senate's residence life commissioner. "The surveys that are being distributed to students this week will help determine the exact impact of the microfridges and the future of the program."

The university hopes to reach a decision by late April or early May, Petty said.

Most students sampling the microfridges said all students should receive the same opportunity.

"I think the university should definitely expand the program," said Elizabeth O'Brodo, a Sargent Hall resident. "We are paying so much to live in the dorm that the university needs to provide the microfridges for all students." Some students said the microfridges provide alternatives to dining hall meals.

"I really like having the microwave in my room," Sargent Hall resident Amy Riordan said. "The university should make sure everyone has a microfridge because it really allows you to cook a variety of foods and have some options other than the dining hall."

Mr. Tanner recognized Ms. Sager for the purpose of speaking as a sponsor. Ms. Sager said that they took petitions to the residence halls. This issue is about good representation of students and their concerns. Mr. Cohen asked that the resolution be amended to insert while offering the best quality product immediately after resolved, that Student Senate encourages the University to devise a method of paying for the MicroFridges that will keep student cost to a minimum without objection, the amendment was agreed to. without objection, the resolution was agreed to.

#### Roundtable & Announcements

MR. MERGEN, SENATOR EMERITUS—I am offended that Brian Collins should come in here and try to take undue credit for the MicroFridge program. Senate has been working on this since before any of you were on Senate. This goes back to before TRAC was even formed. Now, I don't deny that TRAC has been helpful, but for them to get all of the money from the installation of MicroFridges at Ohio and try to take all of the credit is absurd and wrong. I hope the leadership of Senate does not allow TRAC to simply walk away with thousands of dollars. I am convinced that TRAC thinks it's a little Senate for the residence halls. That is contrary to the intent of the Board of Trustees and contrary to the good of the students. TRAC is largely a creation of Residence Life. Students don't elect these people. I hope that Senate does not let these people steal from Senate credit for this very significant victory. I'm including a letter to the editor that was published a while ago that in my mind illustrates the TRAC attitude toward Senate.

The POST

Don't leave them out

Editor,

It isn't every day that a student organization takes the initiative to improve life for on-campus students of our university. But the staff of The Post must

have been flabbergasted at the idea that an organization other than Student Senate actually does something on this campus, because the true credit for the approval of microfridges was completely omitted from yesterday's article ("Microwave Program approved") and editorial ("Convenience in residence").

I would like to take this time to commend the members of tRAC, the Residents' Action Council, and their president Brian Collins. This group has worked the entire year with the Residence Life office to formulate the proposal for microfridges in residence halls. Their involvement has not been self-serving, but was meant for the good of all students. As for the article and editorial published yesterday, I would like to note that 1) the vendors of microfridges have already come to this campus and discussed the program with tRAC, and 2) Student Senate may have influenced the university with a "well-versed presentation," but their involvement was limited as I see it. Senate did not even send a representative to the meeting with the microfridge vendors, and did not show an interest in working on the program until all research and preliminary meetings had been completed by someone else.

Let's get the facts straight and give credit where credit is due. Student Senate does many great things for Ohio University students, but the Residents' Action Council is the group that we should be thanking in this case.

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Mr. Edwards said he had a dream that Court Street was a pedestrian mall.

Ms. Zulia said she is selling Phi Alpha Delta raffle tickets.

Ms. Brokaw said Saturday is Ms. Sager's birthday so buy her a shot.

Ms. Sager said she won't be 21 and thanked Chad and the COSGA people.

Ms. Dikis announced the Democrat Friday social on Friday from 4:30 to 6 PM at Buffalo Wings & Rings. Cost is \$5.00.

Ms. Jameel said she hopes to help and thanked Senate for the opportunity to

serve.

Mr. Eaton welcomed Ms. Jameel and that the MicroFridge resolution was the first resolution he strongly supported.

Mr. Minto thanked the COSGA people.

Mr. Cohen warned everyone to not challenge Mr. Sostarich in pool.

Ms. Watts asked to see Ms. Coleman after the meeting.

Ms. Schroyer asked to see Ms. Schoener, Ms, Stubbs, Mr. Minto, and Mr. Nusairat after the meeting.

Mr. Tanner said that officer Heagle will be at the safety committee meeting and he is a good guy. He thinks Heagle is sincere about increasing foot patrols.

Roll Call

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.