



Regular Meeting
 Ms. Jamie Walter, President of Senate
 Presiding Officer

October 15, 2003
 Elizabeth Baker Room
 Kristen Horgas, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Senate President, Jamie Walter at 7:15 p.m.
 The agenda was agreed to: I: Call to Order; II. Roll Call; III. Student Speak out; IV. One Minutes; V. Presentations: A. Nancy Bain, City Council Candidate; B. Edward Baum, City Council Candidate; C. Mike Bir, City Council Candidate; D. Carol Patterson, City Council Candidate; E. Philip Roush, City Council Candidate; F. Jim Sands, City Council Candidate; G. Sarah Sexton, City Council Candidate; H. Dale Tampke, City Council Candidate VI. Adoption of Minutes; VII. Additions to the Agenda; VIII. Officers' Reports: A. President-Ms. Jamie Walter, B. Vice President-Ms. Katie Simpson, C. Treasurer-Mr. Tom Bill; IX. Executive Cabinet Reports: A. Chief of Staff-Mr. Dustin Torres, B. Staff Not on the Agenda; X. Advisor's Report-Mr. Mike Sostarich; XI. Senators' Reports: A. Academic Affairs-Mr. Ryan Mick, B. Black Affairs-Ms. Monique Griffin, C. City and County Legislative Affairs-Ms. Melissa Scott, D. International Affairs-Ms. Julie Waters, E. LGBT Affairs-Mr. Paul Patton; F. Minority Affairs-Ms. Sara Mari Flores; G. Off Campus Housing-Ms. Melissa Naroski; H. Residence Life- Mr. Chris Fredrick; I. State and Federal Legislative Affairs-Mr. Brian Footer; J. Student Activities- Ms. Angelica Anatole; K. University Life- Marisa Long; L. Women's Affairs-Ms. Breanne Scanlon; XII. SDS Report XIII. Committee Reports; XIV. Old Business: XV. New Business: Sen. Res. 0304-09, Sen. Res. 0304-010 XVI. Roundtable and Announcements; XVII. Roll Call; XVIII. Adjournment

ROLL CALL

First Roll Call		Present	Absent	Proxy
EXECUTIVES				
President	Jamie Walter	X		
Vice President	Katie Simpson	X		
Treasurer	Tom Bill			X
EXEC STAFF				
Chief of Staff	Dustin Torres	X		
Parliamentarian	VACANT			
COMMISSIONERS				
Academic Affairs	Ryan Mick	X		
Black Affairs	Monique Griffin	X		
City & County	Jonathan Wehrman			X
International Affairs	Julie Waters	X		
LGTB	Paul Patton	X		
Minority Affairs	Sara Mari Flores	X		
OCL	Melissa Naroski	X		
Residence Life	Chris Fredrick	X		
State & Federal	Brian Footer	X		
Student Activities	Angelica Anatole	X		
University Life	Marisa Long	X		
Women's Affairs	Breanne Scanlon	X		
SENATORS				
At-Large	Brian Begg	X		

At-Large				
At-Large	Brant Schulz		X	
At-Large	Kristen Jenson	X		
At-Large	Jori Kate	X		
At-Large	Gavin Thompson	X		
Arts & Sciences	Anne Marsico	X		
Business	Kevin Bill		X	
Communication	Wrienne Mitchell	X		
Education	Bryan O'Shea	X		
Engineering	Corey Shafer			X
Fine Arts	Leslie Linder	X		
Health & Human	VACANT			
Honors Tutorial	Miranda Nixon	X		
Osteopathic	Carla Skytta	X		
University	Matt Hopes		X	
Greek Life	Allyson Rauch	X		
East Green	Andy Gedeon		X	
East Green	Annie Mitchell	X		
South Green	Linsey Pecikonis	X		
South Green	David Neace		X	
West Green	Bob Benson		X	
West Green	Ira Zuckerman		X	
OCH	Ryan Ellsworth	X		
OCH	Don Finley	X		
OCH	Heather Longnecker	X		
OCH	Jen Price	X		
OCH	Seth Roach	X		

STUDENT SPEAKOUT

None

ONE MINUTES

Mr. Brian Footer said that he was looking at registration. Thanks and dedication to Bryan O'Shea. Award of Excellence.

Ms. Katie Simpson said that there was a message from Ira Zuckerman, he formally resigned from Senate, but still wants to work with Student Senate to improve lighting at the skate park.

Ms. Breanne Scanlon said there is an early rescheduling for the lighting walk; Monday at 7:30pm.

Mr. Paul Patton said to meet early in the Front Room on Saturday. We are going to go around campus and check out the unisex bathrooms.

PRESENTATIONS

Nancy Bain, City Council Candidate

Thank you. I am a professor in Geography; 32 years of teaching. Have been on the board of appeals for 10 years; it has continued to change. On council since 1986. Council works on information structure, such as roads, trash, land use, clean air act. There is a new generation of environment efforts to take care of our own things. I discussed O'Bleness, the underground storage room cannot happen. We are all a part of a team. The land use, landlords are both major problems. The housing quality is in need.

Move to questions.

Ms. Katie Simpson asked how will you use your position for people in situations similar to those you have spoke about?

We need to prohibit shared utilities and I have a serious commitment to getting this done. I have been an ombudsman and have been involved for a long time. For 25 years I have been helping students the laws of property class.

Mr. Brian Footer asked do you feel voices are represented by Council? How to listen to students?
I deal with students on a daily basis. I don't know what you mean when they come to you for help, I know who to call, I have the nuts and bolts.

Mr. Wrienne Mitchell asked the inspections are still not following through. The best change in Athens laws is to pressure landlords.

Built for state inspectors not to come in. Make rental properties, get a building department times when inspector comes in; it depends on randomness. We are looking for results. The needs were articulated by students last year. We did a survey and found out: 1. housing quality and 2. water; both are big issues.

Edward Baum, City Council Candidate

The realities are that we have a lot of an agreement. Incumbants have records; what have we done? I am a Professor part time. I have been on the Planning and Leveling committee, as well as several others. I plan a lot. What have we done? Housing code minimum standard of safety. Zoning codes are protected under grandfather clause. Painting program for housing; Court Street has improved. What is in the future? Trying to get a sense of where we want to go as a community. What should it look like in 20 years when you may have an investment.

Move to questions.

Ms. Katie Simpson asked what makes you love Athens enough to run for a position?

I wanted a small town in the East. I grew up in California, the quality of life and ability to integrate a big city entertainment with academics along with the small town values is incredible. I cancelled for 8 years and before barely any work had been done with the housing and zoning codes.

Mike Bir, City Council Candidate

I am a student here, I serve on Senate, City Council at large. I lived in the dorms, in off-campus housing and have worked for minimum wage. The code inspector told us we had 5 violations and it was never fixed. Also fire protection was a big deal. East State Street is expanding, the fire department on Richmond is closed. Athens has the oldest recycling in Ohio. Every rental property should have a rental permit. We could possibly look in to placing recycling centers around the community. Also, local businesses are very important to me. I am currently employed by one. There is the issue of better local businesses v. the environment.

Move to questions.

Ms. Katie Simpson asked what about the disaster assessment team with red cross?

I haven't done anything with that.

Ms. Katie Simpson then asked about recycling for off campus housing and what avenues you have explored.

I've knocked on about 2000 doors and have gotten a lot of input from other people.

Mr. Brian Footer asked if he would bridge the gap between students and council?

The key part is having a student on council. It is basically us vs. them. Permanent residence like the students; they hold a forum once a month.

Carol Patterson, City Council Candidate

Carol said she is currently running uncontested for the second ward, which is on the South Side of the county. I have been here a number of times before and it is just constantly changing. I teach English and Drama at Athens High School. The relationship between council and students is already there. I came here to listen to the other running council member to and to see how we can help each other. Katie and John were great and are offering concrete suggestions; Why OU? Particular programs, the parents, it is familiar and a beautiful campus. As a Council perspective, this is what we are trying to preserve. I want to offer a safe, clean attractive and positive place.

This opens up for trash and landlord protection, also to improve the fire system.

Move to questions.

Ms. Katie Simpson stated I have seen you in the community. Are these things you are going to continue?

You bet ya! Part of this has come from council; I want to broaden the focus of arts on community.

Philip Roush, City Council Candidate

I am a recent student here. I am running because I saw an opportunity. I studied PolySci and have been wanting to serve people for the better. I hope to provide a fresh perspective; embrace growth. Cultured environment is great if we plan this carefully. We need to be pro-active in all areas. A lot of problems with all of the hills. I want to remodel the 3rd ward; support attractive housing. We need to work on parking. I am sad about losing Palmerfest, but parking is necessary. I feel I can bring the local administration together with the students.

Move to questions.

Ms. Katie Simpson asked you are graduating soon do you have a high paying job out of town. Absolutely not. I am in support of local business.

Mr. Wrienne Mitchell said the students and the residents communicated well, the problem is the communication between the big wigs at the University and the people of Athens.

The key is communication. They need to start listening up top, but we need to have open ears and relay what we are hearing, also.

Ms. Katie Simpson then asked what have you done for the community?

I am active in philanthropy. I am prepared for what I hope I can do. Before I didn't know the possibilities, but we have so many untapped resources.

Ms. Angelica Anatole asked Mr. Roush to define the proactive approach.

Growth is inevitably going to happen and we need to approach it before the problem starts.

Traffic is a problem that is going to grow that we need to start working on before it is too later. We need to go in and permanently solve the problem so that it does not come back. We need to allocate funds for the future.

Jim Sands, City Council Candidate

I am currently an At-Large and in my 3rd term. I am also a native of Athens. I understand the dynamic of neighborhoods. I taught school in D.C. and came back and bought a business. I served as President of Chamber of Commerce and the Athens foundation. I'm committed to Athens. I enjoy the challenges and all of the opportunities. I served as a Chair of Communications Committee. John Daft saw opportunities also. He envisioned sending a monthly reminder to community members about the issues we deal with in our homes on a daily basis. Ironically, this all came together in late May as John was graduating. I want to pick that up where he left off.

Move to questions.

Ms. Katie Simpson stated you highlighted the culture and the business you owned. What about environment vs. business, do you support corporate?

I have been working for the last 6 years in business here because they love this community. They work well together. All funded by business people. The city council provides for some leadership to combine the two issues.

Sarah Sexton, City Council Candidate

I am currently a junior and my major is Political Science. I am from Athens and my parents are both professors at the University. This distinguished me from the others that are running. I studied abroad before and it really made me realize how much I love this community. I am really concerned with the code enforcements. I agree with Michael Bir about recycling. Improving public transportation is another issue that could use improving. There needs to be better advertisement for it. There are good forums on the city's website if they are any concerns you would like to address. Students should also be encouraged to come to the City Councils meetings. I am wanting to be your voice as a student and as a townie. I am not trying to simply further my political career, I really love Athens.

Move to questions.

Ms. Leslie Linder asked how she thought could make students realize how the city council affects their daily lives.

I say we open up a dialogue about it and this can be done on the forum.

Ms. Katie Simpson said when she interviewed Sarah for the Honors College, she wanted to make a lot of changes. She asked what changes she has already made.

Sarah said she has aided in bridging the gap between students and the other member of the community. I am a member of the Rotary Club and am involved with street cleanups, luggage, adopting a street, and tutoring projects.

Mr. Dustin Torres then commented on the results of the increase in tuition, more students having to have a job while attending OU. He asked how she would inspire more jobs for student workers.

WE need to keep the Athens environment welcome to businesses. We also need to keep it safe and clean to keep businesses interested. They will recognize a productive environment.

Dale Tampke, City Council Candidate

I am a candidate for at at-large city council position. I teach and am also an advisor at the University. You may ask what the point of this enterprise is and what will I do for you. I am going to continue to do what I have always been doing. I talk to students about what they want when I am advising them. I get involved in how their lives are going and if they need any help. City Council is here to get things done and you've got to figure out who has the capacity to get things done and who is just talking. The perfect can be the enemy of the good. Some people may not take actions until they think they have come up with a perfect plan and that can be counter productive. We paint houses in low-income areas. In relation to recycling, we can possibly hire a city sanitarian to educate kids. The last thing is that I just got a grant for housing. I have lived here for ten years and am committed.

Ms. Katie Simpson asked about visions for the future.

We need to get the comprehensive plan done. Lots of folks only dialogue is an elegant complaint. In the long run, we are looking for opportunities to save money.

Mr. Bryan O'Shea asked about recycling. I have lived in Columbus and New Jersey. The difference is that in Columbus we have to pay to recycle, but in New Jersey we were encouraged and did not have to pay a fee to recycle. Can we take an approach similar to that of New Jersey's plan.

I think we need better containers before we do anything else. There are so many problems with recycling because the market for recyclable materials is really bad right now.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President, Jamie Walter

Vice President, Katie Simpson

Treasurer, Tom Bill

The current balance is \$31,239 and that is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. The printer is finally in so we shouldn't have any more printing problems. Make sure no one is abusing the sopy machine. Last months Senate bill for the copy machine was over \$300. we only have about \$250/month allocated for copies. So conserve.

EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS

Chief of Staff, Dustin Torres

Old Business

- Keep using the website and doing office hours, don't get lazy
- The interns are off to a good star. Get them involved
- The Homecoming parade this last Saturday went well. We will be having a pizza paty for all of the people who participated

New Business

- Our Halloween Website campaign will be the week of 27th. We are going to need everyone to help in some capacity. The aim of the project is to get people registered for the website as well as educate students about their rights on Halloween night so that they can have safe and fun weekend.
- First on Monday and Tuesday (the 27-28), we will be going door to door in the dorms and doing a trick or treat in reverse. It will run from 7-9pm. This will be in one or two dorms on each green. We will pass out candy to students and register them for the website. We will be posting a lot of useful information about things to remember on Halloween weekend on the site so it will be a great resource for students. Ashley is passing around a sign up. Please sign up for the day you can make according to your schedule.
- Second, we will pass out candy and mystudentsenate.com flyers at a haunted house on the Wednesday night of that week at a haunted house that a sorority is sponsoring. Please sign up for this if you can't make the thing in the dorms.
- Finally on Halloween nights we will have a mystudentsenate.com banner on Court St. and we will be distributing mystudentsenate.com beads to students that night. If you don't sign up, you automatically are signed up to help put website stickers on the beads.

Staff Not on Agenda

Ms. Ashley Kent said that there were sign up sheets for reverse treat or treat. Don't forget about the haunted house the times are there. Do this after the meeting Wednesday.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Not at meeting

SENATORS' REPORTS

Academic Affairs, Ryan Mick

Black Affairs, Monique Griffin

City & County, Jonathan Wehrman

International Affairs, Julie Waters

Thank you to everyone who attended the ISU International Dinner. Special thanks to Jamie Walter and Marisa Long for helping prepare food. Continuing to work on Mill Street Apartments.

LGBT, Paul Patton

OutWeek is going well, events continue into the beginning of next week; the rest of the weeks events are available in the LGBT Programs Office, right down the hall from Senate's office in Bake 314. the LGBT community entered the homecoming parade with a banner which was awarded second place in the community banner contest. We had a good turn out and a lot of fun in the process. Saturday, October 18th, we will be researching the state of Unisex Restrooms in campus. We will be meeting at 1pm in the Front Room and from there we will be moving about campus noting the locations and conditions of the Unisex Restrooms. The more individuals who show up on Saturday, the quicker and more thorough we can be. So I hope you all will join us this week and the beginning of next for the remaining Out Week events, as well as the unisex Restroom Research Project.

Minority Affairs, Sara Mari Flores

Off Campus Life, Melissa Naroski

We decided to hold off on the Court Street Safety Issue, we weighed the pros and cons and we think there would be more problems than benefits to closing the street down – worried about rioting/disorderly conduct with HB 95. Right now we are all working on getting started on compiling the landlord library-we want to start on it before the weather gets too cold and messy to be working door to door. I will start working on a time line for what I want to accomplish this year-we want to plan a housing fair for spring etc. Next meeting is Monday October 20 at 7pm. Working on city newsletter and OCSG with Footer.

Residence Life, Chris Fredrick

Annie is still looking at getting additional trash receptacles on East Green. She had contact with Kim McClaine and she directed her to Pat Bohr. Also, she has researched many of the MAC schools and found RA compensation is vastly lower for OU than the other schools.

Linsey contacted Joe Burke about the lights on South Green. He told her that he authorized the project to begin in the coming weeks. She was busy creating flyers to distribute in the residence halls informing students on House Bill 95.

Chris contacted Laughlin Vending which runs the laundry facilities for OU to see if there was a possibility of extending laundry hours. He has a meeting with Joe Burke about the Halloween in reverse plan that will be taking place hopefully on the 27th of October. We will be handing out information on House Bill 95 and giving candy.

State & Federal, Brian Footer

Currently:

1. Delegates Position: Allowing specific people the ability to write resolutions, sponsor resolutions, everything a Senator could do, except VOTE!! SDS is the first delegate propose to be appointed. More to come.
2. OCSG Reform: Date is November 15 at 12pm here at Ohio University. Revising constitution with Mel Naroski.
3. "Formal Meet and Greet": Senate is hosting a chance for constituents around campus to meet face-to-face with candidates to address the concerns and question the issues. Monday October 27, 2003 from 5-7pm in the 1954 Lounge.
4. House Bill 95: "Halloween Awareness". Go door to door at two dorms on every green handing out fliers, putting fliers in mail boxes, and "alert" notices on every door on mods of every dorm.
5. Working with Mel Naroski, Marisa Long, and Katie Wells on researching past cases dealing with rioting. I have a meeting with Jimmy Stewart next week to discuss proposals for resolutions for him to sponsor in regards to helping the students dealing with HB 95.

Student Activities, Angelica Anatole

Funding decisions available October 31, 2003 by email and posted outside SAC office

University Life, Marisa Long

Kristen Jenson is talking with Jackie Tegg next week to talk about student concerns with health issues and Hudson Center. She will begin going to staff meetings at Hudson to discuss renovations of the center, health insurance and other health issues.

Allyson Rauch will meet next week with Mark Ondrejch (IFC President) and Christine Collins (NPA President) to discuss Greek concerns and issues and brainstorm ideas and projects. She will work with Minority Affairs and NPHC President Michael Brown to discuss minority inclusion in Greek Life.

Jori Kate is working with facilities management to discuss more floor mats in buildings as well as renovations. She is also looking into increasing ashtrays and garbage cans on the greens and outside buildings.

Gavin Thompson and Brian Begg will be looking into recreation and intramural programs for possible improvements. They will also meet with Haledh Benhaj, Director of Pin to discuss student concerns.

I am looking into Ohio University's policies on reserving areas on college green. Next week I am meeting with Red Bull and city council officials to discuss a street luge event in the spring which will be co-sponsored with many other organizations.

ULIFE meetings will be on Wednesday at 6:15pm before the senate meetings room is TBA. I will post location on ULIFE forum

Women's Affairs, Breanne Scanlon

I apologize for having to cancel the lighting walk last week, but there should be no problems this Monday at 7:30pm when we meet in Student Senate office to carry out the investigation. Last week I attended the Hip-Hop Congress – OU's seminar on sadism and WAC spent the last week continuing to make plans for a variety dance show. Tomorrow, I am meeting with Dr. Burgess,

Director of the Women's Studies Program, to get an update on the status of making women's studies a major instead of only a certificate.

SDS REPORT

Director, Katie Wells

Wrienne Mitchell and I have been working on changes for Student Code of Conduct. We have two ideas that I am now researching and should be able to give you a better idea of them next week. There is also a meeting on Sunday at 7.

1. reforming the policy as to which cases the judiciaries pick up if a student is arrested off campus by Athens PD
2. develop a check and balance system for faculty members in regards to syllabi's and make sure they are following the rules stated in the faculty handbook

SDS is also going to try to make the Student Code of Conduct more accessible through the OU webpage. Room is to be announced and I will post that on the Student Senate webpage in regards to the meeting on Sunday. Also, the week before Halloween, SDS will be passing out flyers about student rights and our information at College Gate all week. Staff is doing something similar that week as well so it looks as if we will probably going to combine that effort. Also related to that is HB 95 legislations recently passed which pertains to riot-related offenses. I am just starting to work with Brian Footer on that and I definitely want to inform students of this before Halloween.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ROUNDTABLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wrienne Mitchell stated to come over Friday at 21 Elliot Street. Beverages there for everyone, try not to bring 6 people.

Ms. Sara Mari Flores said there is a women's rugby game on the south green fields.

This game is for the womens title. The guys play after us.

Ms. Monique Griffin said there is a unified sister meeting this weekend.

Ms. Kristen Jenson reminded everyone to come to aerobics at Ping.

Ms. Leslie Linder said the School of Dance is having "the movement" at the ridges.

Ms. Allyson Rauch said to buy the Men of Ohio calendar.

Ms. Annie Marsico said for her commission to meet after the meeting.

Ms. Melissa Naroski said the Rules and Procedures Board to meet after the meeting.

Mr. Brian Footer he was hosting The Dating Game this Friday at 8pm. Admission is three dollars regular price and two dollars with a canned good.

Ms. Katie Simpson said thanks for putting up with all my questions.

ROLL CALL

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Motion passes. Adjournment at 8.52pm.