



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

September 11, 2003  
 Elizabeth Baker Room  
 Kristen Horgas, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Senate President, Jamie Walter at 7:18 p.m.  
 The agenda was agreed to: I: Call to Order; II. Roll Call; III. Student Speak out; IV. One Minutes; V. Presentations: None  
 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- VACANT; L. Women's Affairs-Ms. Breanne Scanlon; XII. SDS Report XIII. Committee Reports; XIV. Old Business: XV. New Business: XVI. Roundtable and Announcements; XVII. Roll Call; XVIII. Adjournment

**ROLL CALL**

First Roll Call		Present	Absent	Proxy
<b>EXECUTIVES</b>				
President	Jamie Walter	X		
Vice President	Katie Simpson	X		
Treasurer	Tom Bill	X		
<b>EXEC STAFF</b>				
Chief of Staff	Dustin Torres	X		
Parliamentarian	<b>VACANT</b>			
<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>				
Academic Affairs	Ryan Mick	X		
Black Affairs	Monique Griffin		X	
City & County	Melissa Scott	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	<b>VACANT</b>			
Women's Affairs	Breanne Scanlon	X		
<b>SENATORS</b>				
At-Large	Marisa Long	X		
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	Rita Doherty	X		
Honors Tutorial	Miranda Nixon	X		
Osteopathic	<b>VACANT</b>			
University	Matt Hopes		X	
Greek Life	<b>VACANT</b>			
East Green	Andy Gedeon	X		
East Green	Annie Mitchell	X		
South Green	Linsey Pecikonis	X		
South Green	Liza Martin		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

None

## PRESENTATIONS

None

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion passes.

## ADDITONS TO THE AGENDA

None

## OFFICER'S REPORTS

President, Jamie Walter

Welcome back, everyone. In July, I went to Utah for the Provost Office. I also met with Michael Willis. The University Health Community is now up and running. Tara Stucci and Dustin Wood are the Student Trustees for this year. They will let everyone know what they are working on throughout the year. I am also going to explain the agenda as we go along. The roundtable is when anyone can talk about things relevant or irrelevant.

Vice President, Katherine Simpson

Welcome back everyone! We have some new senators among us. In particular, I would like to welcome Don Finley on OCL (who, in his precious spare time, doubles as our computer guru!), Heather Mercer on SAC, Liza Martin representing students on South Green. Congratulations and I wish you the best for this year in Senate. On Saturday beginning at 12:00, we will be having a Senate potluck. This is mandatory and I'm sending around a sign up sheet so that you can pick something you want to bring. If you would like to bring something that is not on the list, please write it in and put your name next to it. Bringing something wit you for everyone to try is the only way that you can ensure

that you will like something at the pot luck. For those of you who do not have kitchens and would like to cook something, you may use my kitchen. Just let me know after the meeting.

I was in the office quite a bit over the summer. Lots of people applied for positions, and I am very happy with the choices that the executive body has made, I would also like to thank everyone who applied for a position.

I would also like to thank Linsey Pecikonis for the hard work that she put in over the summer on Residence Life.

Also, a thanks goes out to the Minority Affairs commissioner Sara Marie Flores. Because you taught people about the rights of disabled students, the Student Senate now has an epilepsy friendly computer screen. This makes me VERY happy. If you are a senator with a disability that could be helped by this new screen, please feel free to use it, and if you are using it and a student with a disability needs it, please allow them to use it. Again, thank you to Katherine Fahey, Sara Marie Flores, and Minority Affairs.

And I would like to congratulate the LGBT/Ally community at OU. Your hard work and dedication in past years has finally made the LGBT office full time. There is still a long way to go for equal civil liberties, but I'm sure that if we continue to work together and work strong, that we can help end bigotry nationwide.

Commissioners, we will meet very shortly after this meeting.

Treasurer, Tom Bill

Balance: 32,477.05

And that is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

## **EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS**

Chief of Staff, Dustin Torres

We had a staff meeting last night that focused on implanting plans to improve our communication process. We planned a visibility event for the football game this Saturday and began to get ready for our orientation this weekend. We also assigned tasks in preparation for next week's Meet the Press.

I met with Erik Perry and discussed having a brownbag lunch to brainstorm for the Diversity Awareness campaign next quarter.

End of Report.

Staff Not on Agenda

Bryan O'Shea

New site is up. It is lacking substance right now and if you can help please do.

## **ADVISORS REPORT**

Advisor, Mike Sostrich

Janice Edwards, the associate Vice President, resigned this summer. I decided not to replace her so that the funds that went toward her paycheck could be used for other things. One of which is the new full-time LGBT Office. As a result of her resigning, I must reorganize many things temporarily and permanently. Janice accomplished a lot while working with me. I need people to help out with what Janice did. We will also see what else the budget will allow for. The University Center design is halfway done. The Board of Trustees will show us what they have at the next meeting and it will be discussed. I hope the early move in for those who live in the residence halls was helpful. We found no real large traffic backups this year. That's it.

## **SENATORS REPORTS**

Academic Affairs, Ryan Mick

Welcome back! Academic senators see me after the meeting.

I have a meeting with Zimmerman next week. The goals are working with other commissions. There is much much more to come!

End of report.

Black Affairs, Monique Griffin

Issues this commission will address: financial aid, B student organizations, development of Black Student Union, Diversity, Minority organizations President's Luncheon, Multicultural Affairs Commission about Senate, and Raise awareness of T. Ross's unsolved murder.

City and County, Melissa Scott

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International Affairs, Julie Waters

Some of the issues for the year are to:

-Collaborate with student trustees and other organizations to increase diversity on campus

-Increase interaction between American and international students

-Continue issues from last year like transportation and housing for international students

Anyone who would like to join the commission, contact me.

End of report

LGBT, Paul Patton

I have already begun planning an agenda for Fall quarter which will be presented at our first commissions meeting on Tuesday the sixteenth at 8pm in Baker 314. This agenda includes beginning planning for Pride Week 2004, seeking out a

budget for Pride Week 2004, creating a guide for future LGBT affairs commissioners, working to help LGBT students who have been disowned by their parents receive independence and assistance from financial aid, and work towards domestic partnership benefits for Ohio University Faculty, staff, and students. Also, I would like to mention that thanks to the Office of Provost Steve Kopp, the Office of Student Affairs and much work on the part of Student Senate the LGBT Programs Office opened this year with a full time coordinator. Introduce Jess McComb as Vice Commissioner for LGBT affairs.

Minority Affairs, Sara Mari Flores

Issues I would like to work on: Accessibility changes, diversity forum, cross interest networking, Goals 2001- multicultural classroom, increased aid for students with disabilities, please join my committee, and the commuter students union

OCL, Melissa Naroski

I will schedule regular meetings once I get schedules from commission members. During fall quarter, I want to create an outline/timeline of projects for the entire 2003-2004 school years, work on the tour of homes, work extensively with CSA, pwork on the plan of action for helping freshman/sophomores transitioning to off campus, work with the city and county commission on examining house codes, and see what I can do with the community liaisons and want to try to get together an off campus website. Other projects will follow once I get input from my commission members.

Residence Life, Chris Fredrick

I want to work on getting the lights turned on on the South Green Basketball courts. The EHS needs changes and reform. SA reform is another area that needs work. I am also looking in to dining hall changes, such as nutrition. A also am working on other ideas for visitation, vending machine changes, TRAC involvement, cost cutting, and an working with Brian Footer for Voting Registration.

State and Federal Affairs, Brian Footer

Advocates for Higher Education 1) reforming registration 2) forming political action committee I want to reform the OCSG (Ohio Council for Student Government). I want to make Students Defending Students a commission.

Student Activities, Angelica Anatole

We have our first meeting this Friday. Our general body meetings will be held Fridays at 12.15 pm in Baker 334.

University Life, VACANT

Women's Affairs, Breanne Scanlon

Projects for this quarter include: increasing attendance of WAC meetings, planning a march against sexual assault with the LGBT Commission, beginning to put together a how to TBTN handbook, working more closely and planning events with other women student organizations, as well as Senate Commissions. I have more details on these and other projects once the commission has its first meeting. I will also talk about TBTN 2004 Speakers, advocating for more women on campus while working with the International Affairs Commission to make sure International women have easy access to health services, and the lighting walk.

## **SDS REPORT**

Katie Wells

Projects I will be working on are to reform the judicial process, review the Student Code of Conduct, and to promote SDS through on campus activities.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Jamie said there will be the Saturday Orientation where more details about the meetings will be given. Also, there will be some changes made. If you cannot come, please let Katie know.

Sara said her Rugby Team was #2 in the division. Practice is 4-6pm Monday-Thursday. There is also a game on the South Green field on Saturday against Kent, who isn't good.

Brian Footer said on Friday from 5-9.30pm there is a diversity barbeque.

Chris Fredrick said he he wants to meet with his commission after this meeting.

Anne Marsico said she was bringing a salad.

Katie Simpson said if you do not bring something, there will be no guarantee there will be something there you like. Twenty-three items have been signed up for.

Melissa said she need to meet, so come over here.

Katie also said that if anyone does not have a kitchen, then they can come over and cook at her house.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passes. Adjournment at 8.00pm.