

Miami University Hamilton  
Student Government Association

February 1, 2008

This meeting was called to order at 1:37 by Tyler.

In attendance at the meeting: Tyler, Jason, Bailey, Lynnette, Lance, Sarah, Chris, and Dr. Dave. Katie and Brandon were not in attendance at the meeting. Brandon had not contacted the group concerning his absence and Katie's mother was having car problems and having to use Katie's car. Jason moved to excuse Katie and unexcuse Brandon from the meeting; Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tyler informed the group that there were only approximately 10 students in attendance at Rick Shenkman's presentation. He also said that Annie was concerned for the iLead leadership conference.

Tyler addressed some concern over attendance at the weekly meetings.

Chris informed the group of the University Senate meeting. He informed the group that there was discussion of new time blocks for classes in 2009, and in turn there would be new time blocks for the exams. He also informed the group that the number of students with undecided majors was causing some concern. Hearings are taking place on globalizing the Miami plan to make it work better with students studying overseas. The professors of the Math and Stats department voted overwhelmingly to separate into the Math department and the Stats department. It was determined that this wouldn't affect the Hamilton branch with only one professor being in the Stats Department. Miami will be embarking on a new direction when it comes to academic advising. Only 1% of graduates rank advising as excellent compared to a national average of 71%. In an individual level advising is very effective but the system isn't integrated. There are also questions of who's on first when it comes to new programs. There was also a proposal for a new program EEEB (ecology, Evolution, Environmental Biology). This program would consist of Micro, Zoo, Geography, Geology, and Botany. This would be a second program for each of the departments. Finally, the first-year seminar requirement in the Miami Plan was abolished on the basis of it being fulfilled by other classes.

Lynnette informed the group that the Hamilton Senate discussed the use of smartboards in the classrooms. Also the group did an update on the VOA campus saying that it will open in Jan 2009. Lakota and off campus classes will be moved to this location. Also a schedule has been set up for up to 80 courses per week.

Upon Jason's late arrival to the meeting, he was informed that we were playing shoots and ladders with the agenda.

Jason moved to install Lance as a Senator, Bailey seconded the motion; Motion passes unanimously.

Chris informed the group that he has been trying to get in contact with Julie at Krazy City but has been unsuccessful in this endeavor. He is going to talk to Julie next time he goes into work and push the deadline back for the Krazy City Cards to the end of March.

Tyler has informed the group that he had talked to Katie about the chair position for the CPI. Tyler had made the suggestion to suspend the CPI until next semester.

A decision was made to hold off on having an open forum until the funds become available.

Bailey moved to reinstall Matt as a senator, Lance seconded the motion; Motion passes unanimously

Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting, Matt seconded the motion; Motion passes unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 P.M.