

Student Government, Senate Minutes, April 4, 2017

University of Toledo Student Government

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The University of Toledo
Student Government
Senate Minutes
4/4/2017

Meeting Open

Roll Call – Senator Enoch

Motion to approve meeting minutes: Senator Russell

Second: Senator Enoch

Open Floor

None

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Kaye Wallace

Bonnie Murphy associate VP interim auxiliary services

In charge of business operations to the University (parking, dining, bookstore, rec center)

Revenue generation

Mario Toussaint , director of dining services

Gary Castel, Aramark Representative

Presentation on Finances of institution

Laid out income and expenditures

Auxiliary services

Must be self-funding, no outside money

Must be profitable to support University

University is getting less and less money from the state

The changes we are seeing is a result of the food survey results

Auxiliary is self-supporting

2774 students less than in '09

Creates a gap in income v money spent

'Aramark is not a monopoly'

We use them because we do not have the resources/reserves to operate dining ourselves

Aramark invests money to bring businesses to campus (steak n shake and chick fil a)

It is a true partnership with AM

Questions

What can you tell us about Phoenicia

Those conversations are ongoing, can't give details

Magic wok is an 'independent business'

Why do they have dining dollars and Phoenicia does not
They were offered the same deal, Phoenicia chose to go a different route

What is the current deal with Magic Wok
They give 10% of profit to Aramark

What is the financial benefit of a change to how Phoenicia functions
They don't have those numbers
They want that space to grow catering to increase revenue to the University

How can you claim you are making these decisions for the students when student haven't been asked their opinion
The decisions they are making are more business centered

Will a new good quality restaurant come to campus if Phoenicia leaves
As of now, they are not leaving

What is the best option for the University
There are a number of options
The best option is unclear

Is I house an option for catering?
It is not in a desirable location

Is Rockys Attic an option for Phoenicia?
It is not off the table

Why is there an issue with the current contract proposal
The University don't know why Phoenicia does not like it

Why weren't other offers for a food service provider considered
Relationship with Aramark was so strong they did not want to lose it
Consulting firm said Aramark was the best option

Is the University favoring the options that keep Phoenicia the same
Part of the convo, up to Phoenicia

How much would catering provide to the University
Aramark has had to turn down work due to limited space
Does this happen often
Not really, need is there, but not strong

Timeline?
Convo is on going
Current contract ends in June
As soon as Phoenicia agrees to the contract

Who is driving the convo
They are all working toward the right direction
We can't tell you details
But there has only been one meeting and SG has restarted the convo

Was there a survey done about Phoenicia
There was an 'other' option to write Phoenicia if you remembered

Where is the link b/w getting a burger joint and moving Phoenicia
There isn't one, Aramark has been looking to expand catering for a while

Appointments

No appointments

Reports

Internal Affairs: Nadeen Sarsour, Committee Chair

- Rochethon is this Saturday
- Take poll for SG night
- Thanks to those who came to the social event

External Affairs: Jimmy Russell, Committee Chair

- Meeting on Thursday this week
- If interested in external for next year, talk to jimmy

Student Affairs: Jared Enoch, Committee Chair

- By-laws have been passed
- We will not host a send Town Hall
 - Focus on topic from last TH
- Q of the week: This week is about changing smoking age from 18 to 21

Andrew Montry, Committee Chair

- Emailed Mario about dining
- Working with TH notes
- Good work on getting the word out on Phoenicia

SJC, Hunter Eby, Chief Justice

- Make sure you follow the rules
- Come to the debate; SU 2591, 730 to 9

President, Amal Mohamed

- Good work this year on starting new initiatives

Vice President, Cameron Forsythe

- Weeks of welcome, working with HC due to conflict
- If you want to talk to admins, just ask

Old Business

Legislation 1

Caucus Amendment

Reorganizes Senate membership to have senators represent specific student populations

Author Comments: Senator Peachock

Sponsored by: Student Affairs Committee

Questions for the Author: When will this take effect?

At the start of the next session, the new president will place students in appropriate caucus

Debate:

Motion to approve by raise of hand: Senator Linthecum

2nd: Senator Russell

Legislation Approved

Legislation 2

Sashes Bill

-Allocating funds to purchase sashes for graduating Seniors

Author Comments: Sebastian Wright

Sponsored by: Internal Affairs Committee

Questions for the Author:

Debate:

Sen. Russell, we should table until we know if we can use the agenda money

Sen. Yost, we should better spend the money

Sen. Zapodka amendment: internal affairs will provide information to those that would like to purchase
2nd: Wright
Approved

Motion to approve by show of hands: Senator Linthecum
2nd: Senator Wright

Legislation Approved

Legislation 3

Allocation of Funds to Election Board

-This bill will allocate money to the Election Board to advertise the election and host the Post Election Festival

Author Comments: Marty Linthecum

Sponsored by: Steering Committee

Questions for the Author:

Can this money be spent appropriately give the time constraints
Yes

Debate:

Sen. Russell: in favor, helps get out name out there

Sen. Linthecum amendment: Change from \$800 to \$700
Vote by raise of hand
Passes

Legislation Approved

New Business

None

Announcements

State of the University

SU auditorium, 3 pm

Make sure to get head shots if you're on the ballot

If you have questions for Phoenicia about topics raised tonight, please talk to Ed

Roll Call – Senator Enoch

Adjournment: Senator Linthecum, Motion to close, Seconded by Senator Russell
Meeting Adjourned

Recorded by: Senator Jared Enoch, Chair of Student Affairs.
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