



# Delegate Meeting Minutes

Date October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 (2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Delegate Meeting)  
Location Ohio Union, Senate Chambers

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## 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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1.1. To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.

## 2. SUSPENDED BUSINESS

[3:37]

*Business can be suspended for a number of reasons but is generally suspended for Council elections or special speakers.*

2.1. Beth Kelley-Snoke (Director, T&P), Alex Wright (Assistant to Director, T&P), Susan (Assistant director for customer care)

Alex Wright: The University has found themselves in a position that they're looking at the totality of everything we do as a university. Taking a look at all of the services that the university provides – do they fall in line with university goals? In addition to the other things you may have heard of, in addition to the “golf course review, the airport review, etc.” Parking is the first on the agenda. Business & Finance is spearheading this campaign and are looking at monetizing the parking. It is at least between 30 and 50 years in exchange for upfront infusion of cash – \$375Million or higher. In exchange for this upfront cash, a private operator would run the totality of parking on this campus – lots, parking, citations, issuing permits, customer care, maintenance, anything that is not TRANSIT related would be part of this agreement. Business and Finance hired Morgan and Stanley and pegged a value of our parking system to be somewhere around \$375Million. The CFO and other members have been authorized to put out interest ads to see if anyone is interested in bidding on our system. Where we are now: the board resolution was authorized, we put together a RFQ which is on the website – you can read it. It lays out what the university is, what the parking system is, and basic financial numbers. Those responses are due November 2<sup>nd</sup>. At this time we will select a few of them – 3, 4, 5, or 6- and engage in individual negotiation. Go finalize sometime in March and then implement over the summer. This is not involving the buses, the bicycling programs, the traffic maintenance, or the signs – all these other things stay with the university. However, right now they are all currently funded through the parking money. Parking revenue generates money to pay for free buses and everything else. So where we are in the process – 2 documents to be created: 1. The concession agreement itself – legalese, and financial drivers (permitted rate increases, whether they're allowed to advertise, citation fees, etc. anything that we charge right now is essentially up for negotiations the other side of this is the 2. Operating standard and maintenance agreement. Business and finance said we don't want to put the university in a worse off situation so any services offered now will continue and possibly even better services can be implemented. We created 150 page document of literally everything that we do! The core group of folks that will be leading this evaluation process: our CFO, general counsel, board of trustees, USG

President, USAC president, chair of faculty council, a faculty member to be named later, Vice President of student life, Medical Center President, Sara, and I believe Vijay. This group will be leading the charge. We need your help articulating: 1. The entire transit system – about 10\$ million worth of stuff that is paid for through parking fees that will go away because this money will go to the private company. This may be paid out of general fund or some of the upfront payment will come from endowment. We anticipate those moneys doing nothing but increasing overtime as we implement planning. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> concern: getting all the services down. We do a lot of things right now that isn't in the best interest for money –if it's snowing we open up free parking in the garages. This certainty isn't a wise business decision but we do it to support safety! These are the things we need to articulate that we need this kind of stuff to continue even though it doesn't make complete sense in dollars and cents stand point. 3. Operators: the bank divides the money, the parking operator runs the show, we need to make sure that who ever is here running the system has the knowledge and ability to run one of the most complex university systems in the country. We need to get a sense from all of you: what services do we provide that we need to continue that needs to stay with the university so that these services continue. Next steps are to get bidders qualifications by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we select a number to engage in confidential negotiations with each other and this is essentially where we are at this point. We want to address any concerns.

Cochran.291: Vijay and I had the privilege of hearing a very similar talk at CSA – one of the things that came out of this that I'm concerned about is – so this is a really unique situation (Vijay trips) OSU is a unique situation that is unlike any other institution. Other institutions that have tried this: Vanderbilt- ended up failing. What assurances if we move forward with this that this isn't going to fail?

Alex Wright: this has never been done before – tried in Chicago, Indianapolis, attempted in LA and Pittsburgh but those deals didn't go through. Even though you start the process it's not a done deal. Assurances if things go wrong – you hope you can negotiate this in the agreement. An out clause if people don't live up to the standards that we put forth. It's a legitimate concern. This literally has not been done before. Cities are people in people out – none of this pass system, A, B, C, no events, etc. If things go wrong you simply hope you've made a good agreement.

Beth – that was with Vanderbilt medical center actually, they found that they are in the practice of giving away service to help facilitate university business and academics. They had this service agreement and found through time that the operator was unable to provide service to Vanderbilt standard. The operating cost was not significantly less than what they were able to provide themselves. Over time, they found that they have so much turnover because private operators allow their employees to bid for other working locations. It makes it difficult for the operators to learn the unique nuances of the system.

Volpe.26: An out clause – I think is all well and good but I'd be curious to find out how much did Vanderbilt lose on that? We're losing staff, vehicles, etc. if we find out 5 years from now that this organization is unable to fulfill their obligations and the university wants to take it back we have to re-hire, re-structure everyrhing. This is a big expense that will fall on the university if they are unable to fulfill obligations.

Alex Wright: the reason Vanderbilt was able to do that because they were at the end of their contract. Ours will be 50 years. You want to make sure these folks know what they're doing.

Acome.1: On the one hand, we need to come up with a \$10 shorthand and at the other hand we're bringing money in. What's the specific economic situation? Also, parking has a social mission that is not auxiliary – we have an obligation to be accessible for people who don't live in the neighborhood? Assurance parking won't cost \$20/day.

Alex Wright: We are not finance people but it's been said that T&P is not a drain – we have a budget of \$30 million/year – it's entirely self supported through general fees, etc. Financially we're self supported. If you take away that \$10 million dollars then we need funding. It has been said – the money we get upfront will go towards a few things – 20-30% go towards student initiatives, 30% towards faculty initiatives (chairs, endowments, grants, etc.), 30% go towards revitalizing 15<sup>th</sup> and High arts facilities – they're shabby, the remaining 20% go towards funding the 10\$ million dollar short fall. Whether there's enough money with the endowment that is a finance question.

Acome.1: There's not enough money there. Max of \$400 million dollars – 20% of that is not going to give us an endowment to cover that.

Alex Wright: those type of questions will continue to be asked. We recognized that factor early on. We understand the need but we're not in the position to address that although it is a legitimate concern. About the social utility of parking: that is core to what we do. As a business, we do a lot of things that don't make a lot of sense because it is in the best interest for the university. Garage between \$12-14 million/year – we're selling half market rate for the garages. 7.5% compounded in 10 years gets you to about 1,400\$ for an A pass. Once example as a business practice, what we do is not wise but we do it to facilitate the functioning of the university. We hope to put caps on daily parking at all but logic says if you raise permit passes so high then everyone would try and use daily rates.

Biermann.7: In terms of broader sense, privatization of the university – what about custodial staff, are they an issue – or is it more of a financial issue? Are they considering the effects – custodial staff there has been issues with proper compensation and benefits because presumably private firms are more than the university would be looking out for the financial sense

Beth: It has been said that up to 1\$ million dollars/year to be gained over what we do in house. We asked where does that money come from? We're known around the country as best practices for parking – good in our respect but we're told we can do it better and cheaper. We asked Morgan and Stanley where are you getting these efficiencies? We would cut back on front/back of house staff and lower wages and lower benefits.

Alex Wright: It is about 71 staff members and many of them are students and several are within 2-3 years of retirement. It's not the most well paying job here at the university

Billet.7: What kind of talk about football game day?

Beth Kelly: we've put together a list of global events through which university would continue control of: football, move in, dignitary events (eg- Obama), we would take over control of parking at midnight of the event. We would hire the private company to staff the lots – we wouldn't have people to do it

Billet.7: So we're hiring them back? (haha)

Alex Wright: We're trying to put together a whole schedule of events that give us control of the events. Even

things like the Columbus Marathon. In precedent examples like Chicago, there's a penalty for taking away control of parking. One issue of thousands when you look at the nitty gritty of things.

Cochran.291: Lots of conversations about this: To express the complexity of this – in terms of just voicing concerns, in the CSA meeting we started talking about what concessions would go into a contract like events.

From a personal concern, I'm not sure we would ever be able to come up with all of those concessions.

There's now say. I'd like to think that OSU parking is less complicated than dealing with the city. It's the subtle nuances of being able to park at a dorm and unload things. I'm concerned that we're coming up with a contract that we're not ever going to be able to document EVERYTHING! 2<sup>nd</sup> concern – the actual revenue generated by this deal is vastly more than \$375million – you don't have to respond to this – this is like a quick fix to get \$400 million dollars and lose long term revenue. Things to think that this may not be an educational endeavor but how is it not? Graduate students employed, etc. Opportunity for university to get \$400 million to quickly spend on things that need attention. It puts people out of work and ultimately a year from now, when we could have more money coming in, and we've lost that.

Beth Kelley-Snoke: The University does think this is in the best interest. And we all agree with you. It's hard to think a year out. Things have changed so much look at construction at the medical center, etc. To think 50 years out – is an impossibility. It's a difficult thing to do and we are very concerned about that. Example – in the medical center – the overhead walkway on 12<sup>th</sup> ave – was struck by a vehicle! It's going to be fixed but the entrance of the garage is on the east side and exit on west side – it has to be closed when it's fixed – look at the income lost! It's impossible to predict these things.

Cochran.291: What assurances do we have that we don't see a student charge to ride CABS?

Lang.279: Is that anywhere in the language?

Gadepally.1: Request for qualifications – 3 clearers that are being looked at. Early 2012 – university puts together concession agreement which is where we specify EVERY SINGLE THING we just talked about – eg opening gates if snow is above 6" etc. That's where Allen was discussing the difficulty of planning these things out for the next 50 years. Any wacky concerns? I work with automotive research. We need parking lots for testing our cars. If anyone has anything like that we can talk about.

Delegate: what's the cause of privatization?

Beth Kelly-Snoke: we've been assured that it wasn't a performance issue. It comes back to the money to increase the endowment and fund specific programs. There's an excess of cash out there for these companies and they can't put it in bank – so they want to invest in something very sound. Investing in universities is much more appealing than it ever was.

Golke.4: How are we looking 50 years in the future to predict what's going on? To account for hover cars?

Alex Wright: It's a legitimate concern, we've got framework, master plan. But from a campus planning standpoint – anything that we know we want to do, we need to put it upfront in the agreement and make them agree to ten years ago we're going to move cannon dry as an example. But what if in 30years we want to build a new building and it's only in the parking lot – well we'd have to write them a check. We all recognize the difficulty in planning 50 years out.

Volpe.26: No company is going to pay \$400million if they're not going to make MORE than \$400 million

dollars. This is going to fall on faculty and students. If T&P is self sufficient why can't they just raise cost? I can't imagine a situation where bringing in an outside firm could make them more efficient than us? All that money is coming from us.

Alex Wright: We exist to provide a service – access. Companies have legal duties to shareholders. We raise rates to meet our expenses. Gas goes up, our rates go up. If we could get to the point where we didn't have to raise rates at all – we'd do it.

Beth Kelley-Snoke: We have very healthy reserves. The CABS buses are 300-350\$thousand, hybrids are \$500,000 – we planned for current expenses and 30-50 years out – we have a model that we can use and plug in different situations that comes up. That helps us drive our rates. We are self sufficient and can plan ahead – we just do what we know we have coming at us.

Gadepally.1: Large concession things that graduate students have concerns about? One: Space for research purposes.

Cochran.291: Graduate students are very transient have to move in and out of labs a lot – transporting things between buildings. See something to prevent them from turning every spot into campus into some type of income generating spot – loading zones, handicap close to building either increase or stay the same.

Lang.279: What about spaces not directly on campus? Include the extension places.

Golke.4: Basketball games, concerts?

Beth Kelley-Snoke: we were told to write in what we have today. We make it possible for you to come into the lot during a basketball game, we are to maintain that and write that in.

Gupta.325: University housing? Associated parking – if university builds more grad housing will they allow grad parking there?

Alex Wright: spots reserved for RAs, graduate students etc. will be considered

Cochran.291: Strangers come here and parking attendants are the only ones that they meet and greet with the university. The attendants have intimate knowledge of the campus – this is important.

Alex Wright: Where's their buy in? Where's their incentive to put on a happy face? Good point.

Fry.228: One thing I'd like to preserve – if you have a B or C parking spot that you can move up to an A spot later in the day.

Beth Kelley-Snoke: This will remain in there.

Acome.1: How much of our personal information will get sold to these people?

Alex Wright: still working towards that. We don't know

Gadepally.1: look at senate.osu.edu for information

Alex Wright: Open forum on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the DrakeO hall at the law school, open to the public and you can submit questions in advance! First of many open forums.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**[4:26]**

#### **3.1. September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

*3.1.1. Gadepally.1 Motion to Approve*

*3.1.2. Crowsley.1 And Gupta Motion Seconded*

#### 4. OFFICER REPORTS

[4:27]

##### 4.1. President

Gadepally.1

###### 4.1.1. President's Report, 4:27 PM

Gadepally.1: Reminder of the purpose! What is the role of the CGS! List of a few of our partners that we've had in the last few months. We need to keep ourselves mindful of what the issues are. Fall Quarter updates: working with advising best practices, this week the graduate council has agreed to make an ad-hoc committee which will specifically look into best practices. How can we improve the graduate student advisor relationship and make it a long standing practice. Graduate student compensation – we now have a group of people that are going to look at an annual review of student stipends. What we're envisioning right now is in the summer quarter of the year –Office of human resources will go out and do a survey looking at benchmark universities, etc. Fall Quarter that data will be handed to grad student compensation and benefits committee. We're trying to have this data publically available. Departments can choose the way they fund but if it's public you can take a look and see how other departments are doing it and can talk to your department about maybe trying something different. Governmental Relations – innovation Forum – was a great success. Jim Petro came down – we got about 50 students together to discuss what ideas the state of Ohio can do to get graduate students stay in Ohio! There were also a bunch of students not from OSU – it was very exciting and thank you to everyone who helped put this together. Another area that we've been working on has been working with legislators in DC. I met with a couple of our representatives out there looking at our federal agenda. How can we improve unsubsidized Stafford/subsidized Stafford loans, etc. We need to remind people that grad students are an important part of the economy. We're also looking at increasing H1B Visa – trying to remove H1B discussion – we want to go at least a couple times/year and remind legislators that we are an important group. We're trying to plan to take larger group in February or March 2012 8 people went down to DC last year. International Concerns – we want to ensure that graduate students have ability to research abroad – we're trying to implement a new grant system, it would help students travel abroad. likely \$1000 similar to the CDG specifically for students to travel abroad. Working with global gateway program to put this together. International Concerns committee is working on this. Ongoing Projects- enterprise university plan, released by Board of Regents to reduce amount of subsidy that university receives and in place they would get certain restrictions lifted. Sophomore housing plan is moving forward. We mentioned this in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer meeting – new rule 2015, Sophomores will be living on campus! What that means for graduate students in terms of vacancies of off campus housing. Parking Privatization. Sustainability – Lauren and Ryan had a great sustainability networking event. November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – CGS/OUAB/IPC Tailgate Event. CGS-USG Pumpkin Carve off – October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:30 in the patio of the union.

##### 4.2. Vice President

Cochran.291

###### 4.2.1 Committee Appointment Updates, 4:40 PM

Cochran.291: Delegate elections just ended. Take a good long look at this! If you know anyone in these

departments, we're allowed to start an appointment process that says if we know someone in one of these departments we're allowed to do a minimal work appointment. Soft elections are just for open departments and every spring we do a hard election – all delegates up for election. Committee appointments are still ongoing. We're filling some of the open committee spots.

#### 4.2.2. Marketing for Funding Programs

Cochran.291: We came up with a more consistent image for our funding programs. We are using them because we want to start presenting these together as a unit as “funding opportunities” vs. “Ray,” “Career,” etc. but more as an all together funding opportunity from CGS! We're going to create some basic post cards, 1 post card for each opportunity with specific dates, and then 1 poster for all 3 opportunities we need help distributing these throughout departments

#### 4.2.2. Hayes Forum Updates

Cochran.291: Still set for February 24<sup>th</sup> – I'm going to be doing more recruiting for the Hayes Forum Committee. Let me know if you're interested in helping

#### 4.2.3. CGS Workshops

Cochran.291: Still getting some IRB approval.

Gupta.325: Hayes and ray Travel are named after certain people? Are we looking into changing the name of the Career Development Grant?

Cochran.291: It would take a minimum of \$50,000 donation to be named after someone – so yes, but we need a sizeable donation opportunity.

Gupta.325: Could we talk to someone?

Cochran.291: We can talk to the Development office in the Union

### **4.3. Secretary**

**Sturm.42**

4.3.1. Communication Report (4:51 PM)

4.3.2. Weekly News

### **4.4. Treasurer**

**Tan.182**

4.4.1. Ray Travel Award (4:51 PM)

Tan.182: Extended to November 28<sup>th</sup>

4.4.2. Summer Financial Report

Tan.182: We still don't have the number for Coke Funding so hopefully for the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we can do the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

Gadepally.1: The reason it's changed is because of the enrollment numbers

### **4.5. Chief of Staff**

**Riederer.4**

4.5.1. Committee Project Updates – 4:52 PM

Gadepally.1: Pumpkin carving event

## **5. DELEGATE ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

**[4:52 PM]**

Acome.1: Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012- you will have to swipe your Buck ID to ride COTA buses. The big issue is if you got your buck id at Lincoln Tower – you have to get a new ID – Buck ID replacement is free! Go now so there's no wait!

Gadpeally.1: It's now upstairs, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Acome.1: The new buck ID's have two numbers in the bottom left

Woods.446: Building access change?

Acome.1: No that won't change – it's based on your numbers

Gadpeally.1: I don't have problems with big buildings but internally possible problems

Weber.460: Based on payment, with scholarships I've had problems getting football tickets. The grad and undergrad and med school all said the same thing – I've even had problems at the RPAC – what if there are problems swiping on the bus?

Acome.1: First couple of weeks there will be leeway – but you have to have fees paid 7 days in advance and I know scholarships don't do this correctly.

Gadpeally.1: We should get these concerns together before January 1<sup>st</sup> when it's out cold and you're stuck outside a bus.

Biermann.7: What about post candidacy grads?

Acome.1: You still have to pay 9\$ fee as a student

Fry.228: We might want to find out how that will affect regional campuses – if student's down here doing something can they still ride a bus?

Acome.1: They still have to pay

Gadpeally.1: You should not have to swipe your card before January 1<sup>st</sup>!

Gadpeally.1: Town halls are A way to move forward, do we have any other ideas? A focus group? A group of delegates that come up with concerns?

Acome.1: Was today a town hall meeting as you're describing it?

Gadpeally.1: No, it would be a person with a mic in the middle, faculty, staff, students, some of the people who were here today, business and finance people, it would be a more Q&A

Reinke.12: Presentation before that?

Gadpeally.1: Agreed – there will be a little info session before: this is the rationale, these are the things we will be doing, not be doing, etc. The board of trustees has basically approved – president gee and jeff chatous (Chief Financial Officer) the final authority to decide where to go with parking privatization if the bid is at least \$375 Million dollars.

Rao.99: Do they have a presentation at well?

Gadpeally.1: Yes, that will be some of the

Billet.7: Reps from the selected groups?

Gadpeally.1: Yes, this is where the concession document comes in we need to put down what we think

Weber.460: if they find a person who can do all the things, will they definitely move ahead or is it still up for grabs?

Gadpeally.1: Still up for grabs, if Gee and Chatous can find a company that has the ability and offers to pay at least \$375 million, THEY can make the decision – we have been assured that the decision will be made ONLY AFTER talking to concerned constituencies – and will fall in the larger interest of the university. Some people have said that the number is closer to \$500 Million.

Volpe.2: Right now the project is currently in the qualification stage and then has to go to request for proposal stage – by state law, they still have to request proposals which is when we'll find out about the money aspect about when that's ongoing to occur – RFQs due?

Gadepally.1: In about a month but they don't have to be put by Senate – final authority still lies with president gee and Jeff Chatus

Biermann.7: People are unhappy about the way this has been proposed, is there anything regardless of the outcome of the parking deal that we could make some kind of comment about – in terms of greater transparency, more student, faculty, staff voice? I feel like by the time we heard about this the deal was so far ahead.

Gadepally.1: We want to fight to be a part of a shared government status here at OSU – it never hurts to remind people that we would like to hear greater transparency

Weber.460: put dates on newsletter!

Gadepally.1: Yes October 27<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in Drinko hall right across the hall, that is the same day as the carve off and the carve off is – go fight the parking and then come back to carve pumpkins!

Jacobson.129: Consider expanding CDG to graduate student associations that are planning professional conferences? To let the organization have speakers come, because sometimes it's hard to find funding for that and it's more enticing to students to offer them hotels?

Gadepally.1: Excellent suggestion I will pass that to Erica

Fry.228: One thing that we did within our own department was we took our organization in charge of different lectures and we had them apply to be a student org to get student org funds they can buy everything except for the booze.

Rao.99: football tickets – some graduate students were asked to get a letter stating that they are full time students, student ticket office considered them 10 or 12 credits and not 9 – these students had to get a letter

Cochran.291: Bring up in Athletic Council

Fry.228: Have department send out list to ticket office – saying that these students are full time students

Gupta.325: The way the tickets are set up, even if you get married, if you're registered with the university you still have to show your marriage license to football or basketball program – you have to constantly go back and show your license – also it's hard to get tickets for spouses, you can apply for 2 sets of tickets and then you don't find out until you go there to pick up your 2 tickets! They don't warn you ahead of time. If you resolve it with football then you still have to go back and resolve it with basketball

Gadepally.1: Registrar office will be starting up committee – send Allen an office to be a part of registrar's advisory committee

McFadden.109: someone in my dept. is trying to do an incentives program that's offered through med center – you can have biometric health screening and they tell you ok you don't have to pay as much for health insurance – I think it's dirt cheap and he was flat out rejected to say that graduate students don't qualify – are we paying the same amount as faculty? Because if so then we should have same ability to do this department?

Gadepally.1: which health insurance?

McFadden.109: the comprehensive

Volpe.26: Employees under self funded model, students under comprehensive (United) – no contract with United that allows them to reduce their premiums, since it's a free service for faculty they're not going to want to pay for students just doing it for fun – student health insurance considering privatizing, but students don't care about premium reductions, students don't care about premiums because our student premium are so much lower than what faculty's are. We're at 1/4<sup>th</sup> to a 1/5<sup>th</sup> what a normal, single person employee would pay – long story short – two independent health insurance providers – one is OSU one is United

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**[5:18]**

### **6.1. Academic Relations, 5:18**

**Fry.228**

Fry.228: Volunteers to help out with committee to look at advising best practices, if there's anyone else who is interested in doing that even if you just want more information let me know and hopefully we can get some teeth really on this document and move forward. Second, council on enrollment and student progress has been meeting and josh said that they are going to be talking about continuous enrollment in the future and I know we once in awhile hear about it and how it's not in the best interest in students how it relates to field work and internships – if you know any of these issues please send them to me and I'll pass them on to him – also they'll be talking about student debt, if you have any issues within your department let me know and I'll pass them over to him

Gadepally.1: Encouragement for people to get involved, town hall meetings? Or document? How can we have faculty be a part of this? Do we want a contract? We'd love to see people from different colleges

### **6.2. International Concerns**

**Crowsley.1**

#### **6.2.1. Global Gateway Program (5:22 PM)**

Gadepally.1: Set up embassies in different countries. We passed a resolution that we support study and research aboard activities along with the global gateway initiative. We've been working for students to go to these countries. Or help university set up gateways in new countries.

### **6.3. Governmental Relations (5:22)**

**Seger.13**

Seger.13: My four people on my committee will probably meet this week – I'll send out an e-mail.

Congratulations Stef1

### **6.4. Health and Wellness**

**Volpe.26**

Volpe.26: Med center went to a smoke-free medical center, there's always been this kind of underlying current since then to go with a total OSU campus smoke free initiative – there have been people pushing for this but generally not gone anywhere, discussion recently about what kind of smoke free initiatives students and faculty will adopt? If you guys are familiar with the area – the med center over here is smoke free, everything else is smoke. This is the RPAC this is the McCorkle Aquatic Center, this is the Thompson Library, Here's the public health building, the idea is that this pretty much represents all of the wellness initiative – there's some talk about calling this the wellness corridor and extending the smoke free part of the med center into this area – if as a delegate body would we consider moving ahead with something like this and including the wellness corridor in the smoke free endeavor?

McFaden.109: I run through that area every day and all the smokers sit at the corner and I have to run through a cloud of cigarette smoking – can we include that parking garage area?

Volpe.26: There was a survey that was preformed last year and people looked at the environment in different parts of campus and that was one of the “dirtier” areas that had higher incidences of cigarette butts

Jacobson.129: I don’t want my name on this –I think its policing moral issues

Acome.1: I don’t smoke but I’m concerned about pushing smokers out of where they are – there’s now a big wall of smoke at the edge of this boundary – are we just going to keep opening up this boundary and just have a ring of smokers? If we’re pushing them a mile and a half from where they are – I don’t know if this is feasible – med center is 15 acres, but university as a whole is pretty freaking big

Volpe.26: I’m not talking about a university wide smoking ban

Acome.1: Areas with smoke allowed centers?

Volpe.26: similar to airports – email me

## **6.5. Events**

**Mehta.163**

### 6.5.1. Outside of the Union Mixer? (5:32)

Gadepally.1: we’d love to have an event where we can get to know each other more personally – suggestion to do in the next couple of months?

## **6.6. Senate Advisory**

**Gupta.325**

### 6.6.1. Alternates

Gupta.325: We are running low on alternates – we only meet once a month on Thursday at Drakeo Hall (law school) auditorium – it’s a great opportunity to interact with Trustees and President Gee and there is food! I have a quick update from Ana, she wants to highlight the graduate/prof happy hour at Woody’s at 5:30 PM and are distributing tickets for the PhD movie! One ticket per BuckID!

Volpe.26: Parking related issues – what I gleamed from this whole things is that Dr. Gee is worried about other peer institutions that had strong relationship getting state funds and because of economy, the state had to cut back. We haven’t been in this position but dr. gee wants to make sure we’re never in this position. The idea he threw out was if we can find ways what the state would have ordinarily given us then we won’t be in a position where we’d have to fire people. Etc. That’s what he was talking about. Proposal for creation of center for RNA Biology – that was approved! The honorary degrees process, and how the process goes,

## **6.7. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility**

**Klienman.20**

Kleinman.20: Good feedback from networking event. We’ve started contacts with the director of sustainability in USG – they’re going to come to our next SERC meeting and talk about unifying the mission of sustainability missions within student governments. IPC we’re not sure about but moving forward with USG. We had discussions with student life and OEE in that impact about joining forces for sustainability summit in the spring. If anyone’s interested in working with that shoot me an email!

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **7.1. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

7.1.1. OUAB/Grad/Prof Happy Hour, TODAY, 5:30-7:30pm, Woody’s Tavern

7.1.2. CGS Tailgate Event, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Game Time – 2.5 hours, Post Game, RPAC

7.1.3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 3:30-5:30

**7.2. Additional Announcements**

Gadepally entertain motion to adjourn at 5:34 PM.

Seconded by Crowsley.1

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM