Round Table Discussion

April 8th, 2015 at 6 pm

*How can Cabinet and the rest of Student Government better support each other?*

**Senator Nunez**

- “We are so disconnected from each other and honestly to support each other we need to know each other”
- Retreat was the only time to talk to one another and discuss goals for student government
- Cabinet and Senate need to be more connected as one body; example: socials.

**Senator Dudley**

- Having cabinet members come more than once rather than just once.

**Senator Boggs**

- Not a fan of the spotlight; ineffective, “different avenue of recognition”, very uninspiring to try and get things done. Cabinet feels more unnoticed than we do.

**Senator O’Connell**

- “Too bureaucratic and thus segregated” more collaboration

**Senator Heine**

- Sam Schroeder running for external: paired at large senators’ platforms and paired cabinet members with their platforms.

**Senator Winget**

- Cabinet members should be encouraged to come to meetings.
Senator Kenny

- We need to go out of our way to connect to cabinet.

Vice President Griggs

- “What of instead of bringing cabinet members to senate once a semester; instead, we have them rotated through new business and have them speak on their expertise?”

Senator Nunez

- Cabinet reports consistently.

Senator Mulay

- Would much rather give them a platform to speak at considering they’re going out of their way to make meetings.

What is the best way to get in contact with Tribunals?

How much interaction is too much?

Would connecting Cabinet Directors to Tribunals be beneficial?

Do all Tribunal members feel as if they’re equal members of Student Government?

Senator Hawk

- Tribunal vs. Tribunal more than Tribunal vs. Student Government so that all tribunals are on the same page.

Senator McLaughlin

- A lot of members don’t know they’re in SG and have a power for change. More interaction between SG and Tribunals
**Senator O’Connell**

- Encouraging tribunal members to take part in committees and connect them with cabinet members.

**Senator Giles**

- If they went to tribunal or cabinet meetings. No such thing as too much interaction.

**Senator Dudley**

- Reiterating coming to more meetings

**Senator Harnist**

- Engineering and Business Tribunals have more money than A&S, and that could be part of the problem.

**Senator Handa**

- As student government advertises, equally advertise tribunal events so that its obvious that they are connected.
- Whenever AVP is meeting w/ their directors and senators so that all individuals know they can come to their meetings.

**Senator Landon**

- DAAP is a unique tribunal; more fun stuff than profession stuff because professional things are already built in by DAAP.

**Senator Lewnard**

- The name tribunal is a bit confusing.

**Senator Mulay**
-We need to figure out why tribunals operate differently so that we can all be on the same page.

Senator O’Connell

-What kind of balance do we want to have as autonomous organizations?

*Are Boards supported by Student Government?*

*Are Boards intimidated by Student Government?*

*Is Student Government intimidated by Boards?*

*When can we be overbearing?*

*What can we do to support Boards more?*

*Do all Board members feel as if they are equal members of Student Government?*

Senator Heine

-UFB had problems finding a senator because they weren’t sure if it was worth their time. They’re not necessarily intimidated, but turned off.

Jeremy Morall

-Senate disregards SSB in regards to safety. No one reaches out to them and makes them feel like they aren’t part of SG. Senators should go to board meetings.

Senator Nunez

-Most of us don’t know what the boards do.

Senator Roberts

-SG talks bad about SAB.
Senator Heine

-UFB isn’t looking to reach out because it’s not part of their positions in their organizations. UFB could use knowledge about them though in order to connect

Senator Harnist

-Accountability—we don’t have a lot of accountability with boards and don’t seek outside help. Boards don’t really have a point of reference in senate besides their senators.

Senator Duncan

-SAB and UFB work together on occasion; we need to understand what they do as far as office requirements go. We need to know what initiatives are going on and where.

Senator Nunez

-Campus Link—we need to offer support to things that are worked on in other areas of campus. Boards are not recognized in student government for all the work that they do.

Trevor Smith

-If we didn’t have boards, you would be doing all of the things that they are doing, sitting here for 7 hours doing all of their work.

How has the first Year Leadership Program been supported by Student Government?

Were the mentors effective at helping FYLP members’ growth?

What does FYLP mean to us as Student Government members and as individuals?
Senator Mulay

-Never heard of it until this year being involved in SG

Senator Duncan

-SALD is more suitable to do FYLP.

Senator Chamblin

-FYLP doubled in applications this year.

Senator Roberts

-FYLP mentees—while I do think we should try to get them involved in SG, we should encourage them to find their own leadership areas outside of SG.

Senator Whyle

-We need to take a step back and look at where we want it to go.

Senator Harnist

-It’s all about your mentor and who engages you. It’s introduction to leadership not student government. Not everyone wants to do SG so if we could expand it, that might be good.

Senator Kenny

-What about a mentorship program for SG instead?

With the new alignment of the Executive Staff and Directors, how are we going to effectively support each other’s initiatives and interests?

How do we support each other going into the future?

Senator Dudley
-We need to talk outside of this room.

Senator Duncan

-We are students first, and realizing that we are more than our positions.

Senator Landon

-We need to know each other’s goals in order to hold each other accountable.

Senator Kenny

-We need to go to them physically, go to things physically.

Senator Mulay

-Continue to complete things in project portal and go back through those projects and see if they are feasibly connected to one another and can keep the ball rolling.

President Naab

-In regards to the executive staff, we want to create action plans with clear deadlines. Deadlines were never kept because they were never made. We aren’t worried about office hours, it doesn’t mean anything to us. Instead, we care about deadlines and work being done and finished products being done. We are talking about how we are going to go about executive meetings. The first half hour may be an open forum. Additionally, they will be treated like a team. We will be meeting to each other and that we are accountable to them. Performance reviews. We need to exhaust every route possible.

External Holdover Cappel

-I’m the only person that really goes between senate and cabinet. I would really rather it be a partnership. They have their own agenda, but they’re also there to
support you. We need to reach out to one another. Anything that you all want to
do to help out, I’m happy to support you all in that.

Senator Roberts
- Are deadlines and structures coming from cabinet or executive staff?

President Naab
- Senator Winget is an example of that with mental health services. We want
executive staff to be transparent.

Vice President Griggs
- They’re focused, not isolated.

Round Tables Adjourned
Senate Meeting

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Call to Order led by Outing-Internal Holdover Trevor Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Nunez

Alma Mater

Roll Call by Outing-Internal Holdover Trevor Smith

Acknowledgements

Members of the gallery by Michael Dudley

Approval of the Minutes by Madeline Landon

Special Order requested by Hannah Kenny to Executive Nominations

Executive Nominations

Oath of Office for Speaker of Senate, Internal Holdover Senator, External Holdover Senator, and Treasurer (not present).

Olutobi Akomoledle, Speaker of Senate

Madeline Adams, Internal Holdover Senator

Meghan Cappel, External Holdover Senator

Senator Kenny motions to restore the order of the day.

Comments from the Gallery

Nicole Mayo speaks on behalf of the rescheduling of the leadership conference.

Report of the Speaker of the Senate

Bill Submissions

Late Submissions will no longer be tolerated.
Senate Committees
Round Table Discussions
Summer Senate Meetings
Student Government Directory
Project Portal

**Report of the At-Large Senators**

Emily Heine

Findlay market: Market on McMicken

Summer Senators

Colin Baker

Bearcat Banquet

Brooke Duncan

Virtual Tour of Campus

**Report of the Student Body President and Vice President**

Platform Updates

Mental Health Resources

UC Airport Rides

Other Updates

Food trucks at UC

Student Government Scholarship Creation

LGBTQ Question on the Common Application

Cabinet Applications

Student Government Reunion
MainStreet Stride

Battle for the Bat

**Report of the Internal Holdover Senator Adams**

Setting up transition meetings with all tribunals that have elections this semester.

**Report of the External Holdover Senator**

Cabinet interviews are happening this week and early next.

Transitions Retreat will be happening soon (all of Cabinet and Senate)

Relay for Life is this weekend

Join the Student Government Team

You can get 9 Cincinnatus hours

**EFC news**

**Report of the Treasurer**

*Mitchell Phelps is absent*

Programs and initiatives, ration of bills being passed, programs and initiatives ratio.

**Report of the Student Trustee**

*Member is absent and will be starting term soon.*

**Executive Nominations**

**Committee Reports**

Senator Kenny would like to talk to individuals about Greek life in regards to governmental affairs.

Senator Nunez would like members to know that they are going to the fifth third arena and working on staff appreciation this week.
**Board Reports**

Senator Nunez speaks on behalf of the Residence Hall Association about the elections that took place last Thursday and the new executive board.

She reminded student government that there will be Internation Taste on April 9th, in AACRC from 5-7 PM and RED’s Tunnel of Oppression is April 17th in 400 TUC from 11 AM to 3 PM.

**Relaxation Station**

Senator Roberts speaks on behalf of organizational awards and shares the winners.

**Tribunal Reports**

Senator Kenny speaks on the annual luau and reminds student government to encourage their engineering friends to stay involved. Executive elections took place and we have two new senators for the Engineering Tribunal.

Senator Landon speaks on behalf of the DAAP Tribunal and how posters for their event for women has been replaced with posters of men; support would be appreciated on Saturday after the student government reunion in the DAAP Library.

Senator Giles reminds student government that Linder Grill Out is this week and attendance would be appreciated.

Senator Dudley reminds student government that CCM Tribunal had their tribunal elections and is now the president of their tribunal and will be passing his seat along to new senators.
Senator Boggs shares with student government that he is president of his tribunal and that McMicken week went successfully.

Old Business

New Business

Senator Heine opens up discussion on Bill S. 15-A-038, which concerns the Multicultural Formal.

By rule of procedure, President Naab states that we cannot vote on this bill. Vice President Griggs motions to table bill S. 15-A-038.

Senator Giles opens up discussion on Bill S. 15-A-007, which concerns the Ratification of the Linder College of Business Student Action Team Bylaws. The bill was tabled.

External Holdover Senator Cappel opens up discussion on Bill S. 15-E-011, which concerns the structure of the Elections Facilitation Committee. The bill was tabled.

Announcements

Vice President Griggs announces that it is Senator Kenny’s last night on Senate and deserves our appreciation.

Senator Nunez reminds us about International Taste tomorrow.

Senator Roberts announces that Erin Roberts is the new face of the Bearcat Card.

Jeremy Morall announces Greek Excellence Week.

Speak of Senate Akomolede announces the multiple events and recognitions going on this week.

External Holdover Senator Cappel reminds Student Government to join her team.
Internal Holdover Senator Adams reminds students about the Blood Drive

President Naab reminds senators about MainStreet Stride and the Student Government Reunion, as well as Sigma Sigma Carnival.

Senator Chamblin reminds student government about the upcoming block party.

Senator Duncan reminds student government about the New York Times 8-week trial period online.

Senator Baker reminds student government about the parade for MainStreet Stride and staff appreciation day.

Matters of Good and Welfare

Adjournment led by Senator Kenny