



The University of Mississippi
Leadership Forum
Minutes for [8/29/18]

- I. Called to Order
 - A. Called to order at 6:02pm
- II. Address from Elam Miller
 - A. Thanks to all for attending
 - B. Expect more promise and outline for how expectations will be met
 - 1. Giving student body a voice in the University
 - 2. Working for student representation in IHL
 - 3. Initiatives to achieve academic success through Rebel Tutors and Rebel Mentors
 - 4. More social media engagement through instagram, facebook, and twitter
 - 5. New website
 - 6. Numerous open opportunity initiatives
 - 7. Restructured the branches of ASB
 - 8. Student representation on the UM Foundation
 - 9. Started a voter registration initiative
 - 10. Matched students to community service organization
 - 11. Council to advise the mayor on student concerns
 - 12. Paired with Safe Ride
 - 13. Implemented leadership forums, collaborative promise meetings, and idea tracker
 - 14. Election reform bill enacted through senate today
 - C. ASB has the power to impact students on this campus
 - D. Collaborative promise meeting
 - 1. Chancellor Standing Committee representatives show student voice in groups dominated by faculty and staff. Needed to work effectively.
 - 2. Cabinet directors are area based and conduct research in their field
 - 3. Senate chairs who write meaningful legislation who will lobby
 - 4. 3 a semester, 1 hour long
 - 5. Academics, Sustainability & Infrastructure, External Affairs, Athletics, and Inclusion & Cross-cultural Engagement will have these meetings.
- III. Ideas Shared

- A. Treasurer Jonathan Cox would like to increase funding by the student activity fee. It is currently at \$5 a semester. Would like to raise to \$10 a semester. Working on funding and accessing student organizations to have them supported by ASB is a goal.
 - 1. President Pro-Tempore Barron Mayfield is for this and will be bringing it up within the next few weeks in senate.
 - 2. Morgan Stanley would like to encourage the student body as their investment will give them more of a reason to have input and get involved with their mission for their organization.
 - 3. Cabinet director Leah Davis This takes the stress out of planning and funding events for organizations that rely solely on ASB. We have the smallest budget in the SEC, and we have a funding issue.
 - 4. Cabinet director Connell Zelazny would like to increase awareness for the activities that ASB offers so that there can be an educated vote to see whether or not students would be comfortable with the student activity fee raising.
 - B. Senator Katie Dames would like to hear Jonathan's ideas for money being set aside specifically for minority organizations.
 - 1. Cox is all in favor as long as we had the money to follow through with that.
- IV. First Year Program Introductions
- A. Freshman Forum
 - 1. Discussion based
 - B. Freshman Council
 - 1. ASB leadership based
 - C. Freshman Connect
 - 1. Student organization based
- V. Athletics
- A. Cara Wittig, Athletics Committee Chair
 - 1. Pair with Safe Ride for game days to have a bus come by the Retreat
 - 2. Collaborate with bars on the square for students who stay until the fourth quarter and give wristbands for that
 - 3. Discounts for concessions as the game progresses
 - B. Brittney Jackson, Director of Athletics
 - 1. Everybody's Tent will be present 4 games
 - 2. Incentives for coming to the games at volleyball and other games
 - 3. Free water for everyone who is still at the game during half-time
- VI. Bill 18-14 on Elections Reform
- A. Closed a loophole and made it illegal in the code and constitution for organizations to intimidate, coerce, bribe, incentivize voting
- VII. Bill 18-13 Homecoming King
- A. Waited to have homecoming king since there was too short of a timeline for students to consider running
- VIII. Elections Reform Task-Force
- A. Leah Davis, Co-Director of Inclusion and Cross Cultural Engagement, the first step of their goals was achieved at senate last night. A lot of non-greek, minority, and

marginalized students are not supported adequately. The bill that was passed is an advantage for all students, especially minority students to be heard and Greek students to have their autonomy.

IX. Transportation Idea

- A. Soujanya Pratap, Co-Director of Inclusion and Cross Cultural Engagement, at the beginning and end of semester, there are issues with the cost for the bus to go to Memphis. Wants to bring the fare of transportation down so that students will have more reasonable access. This is a huge issue for the international student population and out-of-state students who have no car.

X. Open Opportunity Initiative

- A. Margaret Hay, Director of Involvement, getting initiatives from cabinet directors that will be open opportunity initiatives. Rebel Tutors, Rebel Mentors, and Everybody's Tent are already open for everyone. You will only be committed for working for that one thing that you sign up for. Forms for this will be on the ASB Facebook page, website, and newsletter.

- 1. Swetha Manivannan has a new initiative for minority leaders across campus.

XI. Alex Crouch, Judicial Chair

- A. Deals with student conduct. There is a change in the alcohol policy. It was previously a two strike policy, there is now a case-by-case policy and one will not be immediately terminated.

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