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Opening Remarks

The Students' Association government representatives briefly introduce themselves. Projects & Services Co-Chairperson Bradley Halpern briefly discusses the feedback received from last Fireside Chat. Vice President Brittany Crowley mentions the success of recent Fill Fauver events.

President Eric Weissmann opens the floor for questions.

UR Wireless in Riverview

Student (2010) notes their appreciation for the changes to the Hive (the SA website). They have noticed that Riverview Internet has been slow, connections time out, multiple attempts to load Google.

Another student (2010) states that they have been having the same problems with Riverview Internet, but does not know whom to relay his concerns to. They comment that it has been a problem for weeks, but they do not know how to get the ball rolling. Response: Not very familiar with the Riverview system, but can talk to University IT.

Weissmann urges everyone to sign in.

Dining Services

Student (2012) has noticed that the sushi at the Pit is still bad.

- Response: The company was changed this year, and now there is room to make pasta at the pizza station. Nevertheless, the SA has spoken to Dining Services about the matter, who agree. Two weeks ago, Dining Services claimed to have fixed the problem. The SA will relay to Dining Services that the concern for the sushi still exists.

Yearbook

Student (Take 5, Class of 2009) stated that she had ordered a yearbook, and has yet to get it. She wants to know where it is or where to go.

- Response: *Interpres* has struggled in the past to put the book together. Weissmann suggests that she should go to the SAO. The student states that she has already approached the SAO, but they have yet to give her real answers.

University-Sponsored Taxi Program

Weissmann comments about the University-sponsored discounted taxi program, and asks if anyone in the audience had used it. No one in the crowd had used the taxi

program more than once a month, although many have used it in the past, and nearly all have heard of it. The SA is planning to make recommendations to improve the program.

The Projects & Services Committee will be sending out a survey shortly.

Weissmann asks about the company.

- Student (2011) has had no problems with Century (the taxi company working with the University).
- Student (2012) thinks it's always late and has felt unsafe at times. She also did not think it was very much of a discount, and has found that there is often confusion about how much things cost. She thinks it should be the same cost for everyone.

The SA representatives state that they have considered a flat fee for airport taxi rides. A new system will most likely be more expensive, but it will be clearer and more reliable.

Student (2012) wonders how much the current program costs.

- Response: It costs around \$75,000. One of the reasons for reevaluating the program is to use the money where it can be better spent.
 - One student thinks that \$75,000 is an outrageous amount of money, and wonders about the necessity of such an expensive program.
 - Response: Weissmann describes the history of the taxi service program ("Get Home Safe Program").

Crowley comments that we would not need tickets to use the system; we could simply show our student IDs.

One student comments that it would make more sense to have a program to accommodate those going to the airport and train station, as opposed to those going to and from work. Another student (2012) does not know how much the faculty uses the program, but that it seems selfish to take the program from faculty to use them for bars.

Flex Machines

A student asks why the school charges 10 cents per flex use.

- Response: The ten cents does not go to the school, but pays a processing fee and to cover maintenance of the flex system. The flex system is run by Blackboard, who manages all flex transactions. If you go to an off-campus restaurant with flex, the restaurant has to pay blackboard.

The student wonders why we don't have more flex machines.

- Response: The school is limited by the number of network drops it has. There are currently only three locations that can accommodate the flex machines on campus.

The student wonders about the University's endowment and why that money can't go toward flex processing fee.

- Response: Perhaps SA or the college should look into putting more money toward flex machines.

Course Scheduling

A student (2012) asks about scheduling classes and how much of a say the SA has on the matter.

- Response: If there is an issue, we can affect change.

The student has noticed that the school assumes that students are taking classes during designated science class times. She feels that the science kids have a world of humanities options, but the humanities kids have only one option.

- Response: Deputy Speaker of the Senate Dan Cohn states that he will bring that concern up with the College Curriculum Committee. Halpern asks the student for specific examples. Weissmann comments that the University has been very receptive to hear our concerns about academics.

Bicycle Security

Weissmann brings up bike safety and storage (bike racks). He states that City Cycles is looking into a winter storage program and discount bike locks for students. He notes that the only problem with the winter storage system is that students will not have access to their bikes while they are stored.

- Student (2011) Response: Suggests a two-phase storage system, so students can store their bikes for part of the winter, but not the entire time.

Weissmann also mentions the idea of mandatory bike registration.

The student (2011) also brings up the idea of bike sheds, which had been used at Eastman, but were taken down at Eastman for maintenance. He wonders if sheds could be built on campus that could be accessed via ID cards.

University Health Services (UHS)

A student comments that UHS is bad. She says that every time she has had to go to UHS, they ask her if she has an appointment, and if not, they offer her an appointment a week later.

- Response: The SA representatives ask the audience if they'd be willing to wait an hour and a half to see a doctor if UHS had walk-in hours. The student says an hour and a half is better than week. Crowley comments that UHS encourages students to make phone calls if they are sick in order to speak with a doctor or nurse practitioner. The student states that she has made it her own policy not to UHS.

Security

Weissmann brings up the topic of security in Riverview, specifically noting the recent shootings nearby the dorms. He states that for the past two weekends, the University has run shuttles for students who are uncomfortable walking to and from Riverview.