

Senate Chair Platform for Professor Michael Costarell

My focus as a candidate for Chair of the Academic Senate reduces to three major areas: building a relevant Senate, focusing on student mental health, and effectively using our faculty knowledge for academic decisions.

Build a Relevant Senate

- Focus the agenda on curricular topics relevant to the 15 Students, 15 Administrators, and 70 Faculty in the room.
- Evaluate and remove unneeded committees; use Ad-hoc committees as required.
- Give written feedback to denied senate agenda requests.
- As Chair, attend monthly Student Government meetings.

Focus on Student Mental Health

The requests for student mental health assistance have greatly increased in the last several years. By my observation, the most stressful topics are:

- Climate Change
- COVID
- Gender
- Race

These individual topics add fear, guilt, and uncertainty to the existing stresses of learning, financial issues, and personal relationships.

Use Faculty Expertise on Campus

We have many experts on campus that can address the issues above. For example:

- I propose that the Department of Psychology discuss causes and remedies for student mental health.
- I propose that Physics, Engineering, Engineering Technology and Environmental Science review and present findings on past and recent Global warming predictions and models.
- I propose that Education, Math, English Departments programs summarize how COVID effected high school preparation and YSU entrance scores.
- I propose that Rich Center for Autism and Special Education Program, conduct seminars on interacting with special needs students.

All these suggestions will only go forward only with the approval of the Senate Body.

For those of you that do not know me outside of the Senate, I am hosting a Meet-the-Candidate event early next week. Please stop over for a discussion on any topic.

Monday, October 9 at 4:00pm

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