SECRETARY’S REPORT NO.4, May 26, 2010
REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE USG SENATE

The Student Senate met in Regular Session on May 26, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the Senate Chamber. The Speaker Andrew Mikac presided.

Present: 30 Absent: 2 Alternates: 8

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Senators and Senate Alternates were sworn in.

Approval of the Previous Secretary's minutes
Moved and seconded
The minutes were passed with unanimous consent

Open Forum for the Public

Executive Report

Spring Quarter Week 9
PAST

- Transition Meetings this Week
  Micah and Brad are continuing to meet with university staff and administration as part of their on-boarding. They met with Randy Smith, in charge of the Quarters to Semesters Conversion and Chris Culley of the Legal Affairs Office.
- Cabinet Appointments
  Micah, Brad, Laura, Lindsay, and Brett finalized all Director and Associate Director appointments this weekend! Look for our new Executive Cabinet in New Business this week!
- Cabinet Directors and AD Meeting
  Last night was the first Cabinet Director / AD meeting. The brief meeting allowed the new Exec to get to know one another.
- End of the Year Banquet and Memory Book
  The formal banquet and awards ceremony for USG was last night. It was a great time! Thanks to Eric Bond and our Internal Affairs Committee for putting on such a nice evening. There are only a few extra memory books in the office. Contact Laura to get one.

PRESENT

- Director Appointments
  Vote Today! All appointments
- University Committee Appointments
  All University Committee Appointments are now completed, and you can see all the appointments in New Business. Thank you to everyone that applied!
- Directors and ADs in Senate
  TODAY, Wednesday, May 26 – Old Business: Directors; New Business: Associate Directors
  Tuesday, June 1 at 5 pm – P&G: Associate Directors
  Wednesday, June 2 – Old Business: Associate Directors
- Summer Budget
  Micah and Brad have submitted their Summer Budget to New Business this week. The budget will go to the Committee on Budget and Finance this week, where there will be more details to the line items.
- IOSC Legislation
  In Old Business today, our Independent Officers for 2010-2011 are Lindsay Stallings, Andrew Mikac, and Laura Christobek. (IOSC = Independent Officer Selection Committee)
- Publicity!
  Read the Lantern and U Weekly to see some great press lately!

FUTURE

- Cabinet’s Coming Back!
  In order to transition into Summer and Autumn, Micah and Brad will begin limited Cabinet Sessions so that Directors and Ads can set goals and
expectations. They encourage Senate to attend during Week 10 (Tuesday, June 1) to see how Cabinet operates and meet other USGers!

**Tuesday, June 1 at 6:30 pm in the Staters Traditions Room** – EVERYONE:

Directors / ADs, 2009-2010 ACMs, new and interested students, Senators

- **Summer Projects**
  Tell Micah, Brad, Brett, Lindsay, or Laura if you will be around this summer to help us work on projects!

- **Welcome Week 2010**
  The Exec is planning a HUGE Welcome Week in conjunction with our Membership, Marketing, Intern, and Student Life Committees. If you’re around this summer, please tell us how you want to help!

- **Student Defenders Project**
  Exec is beginning to explore Student Defenders project with Judicial Affairs where students are trained to represent other students who have been brought to student Judicial. Let Micah and Brad know if you are interested in helping with this

**FUN STUFF**

- **Fun Things to do this Week!**
  FEH Robot Competition, Thursday, May 27 from 12-6 pm at St. John Arena
  Buckeyethon Kickoff Event, Thursday, May 27 from 2-5 pm on the Oval (free popsicles!)
  Say Cheese!, AEPhi’s Annual Evening of Grilled Cheese is tomorrow night!
  Thursday, May 27

Kamrass: Transition meetings Randy Smith, who works with transition from quarters to semesters and making it more student friendly also Chris K who works with legal affairs. Finalized director and associate director. Last night was the end of they year banquet a lot of fun. Taking suggestions for next year and memory books are still available. Director appoints today, IOSC today, few other things in new business University wide appointments we have finalized all of them it was a tough process for us because so many people have gotten involved in USG and its tough to find positions for all of them. We are happy with how it turned out and if you have any questions you can come talk to us. We are going to be getting some new seats throughout the year and will be making appointments there. Summer Budget is in New Business and the revised one will be in B&F this week and we are making sheets that show a breakdown of the budget for B and F and the whole Senate as well. For future stuff we had our first cabinet meeting yesterday, there was a ton of people. Thank you for those of you who came. There is an upcoming meeting next Tuesday in the Staters Tradition Room. Let us know if you will be around this summer and want to work on some summer projects a main one is Welcome Week. We are working on the student defenders project we want judicial affairs to train students to be defenders for other students who are brought to judicial affairs, pre
law little training. We have a meeting this week and if anyone wants to get involved let me know. Any questions? Most of the specifics will be in legislation this evening.

**Committee/Constituency Reports**

**Messenger:** Specifically looking at R-15 it’s so far already a contentious process there has been a lot of debate. Part of our goal is to make sure they are qualified we did all the directors last week it was a quick meeting about 2 hours and 15 minutes. AD’s some more people had problems with names and after talking in steering we want to open that process up to senate. We are going to do this the same way P and G does this, if you are flipping through this piece of legislation and you see any names that you don’t think are the best person maybe not the right fit or have concerns come see me. I’ll give you a piece of paper you put the name and reason and they will be called in to come to the P and G meeting and you can come as well and watch or ask to yield time other then that we have gone through already and picked about 10 or 11 names to interview. Every single one of these people filled out a questionnaire, I have it if you want to see someone’s response you may review them. This is to streamline the process. I don’t know if it’ll happen but we want to open it up. Any questions? Messenger.37@buckeyemail.osu.edu

**Tichenor:** In student life we failed 43-R-14 to limit student government process it should be served as a project and we are just going to put signs up that say “think before your print”. Tichenor.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu

**Huffman:** quarters to semesters committee met on Tuesday the important issue was May term and the financial aspects of it biggest impact is when you have a summer class swept up in May term and your not getting paid for it and may term is going through with what its said. Huffman.570@osu.edu

**Buckner:** looking at punishments COAM we are having a meeting looking at punishments I will be sitting on this committee to re-evaluate these. Buckner.41@gmail.com

**Mikac:** Steering met last night and we are considering applications for vacancies they are due Friday if you know people that are eligible let them know. Senator Antani sent me an attachment that I put on agenda that’s a good way to flow through these quicker and gives more detail on the updates. atmikac@gmail.com

**Project Updates**

**Fitzpatrick:** Supplies are now organized in the office. Another thing is I had the idea of info sessions rather then holding these I want to see if anyone’s interested so put your name on this paper if you would be interested. Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.com

**Old Business**

**43-R-12 (Kamrass) A Resolution to approve the Executive Cabinet**

Kamrass: Legislation appointing our 11 directors of cabinet. There names and titles are there in case you want a visual theres an excel chart. Some of them are here
some will be here shortly and some where there at P and G last week. The eleven categories are academic affairs, diversity and minority affairs, government relations, internship program, information technology and communications, marketing, membership, safety, student life, student org outreach, wellness, health and wellness we did a thorough search. We had about 100 + applications and we choose these 11. We think they have an expertise in their areas, some are new to USG and these people will bring a breath of fresh air to the program. Feel free to ask them anything. Question them away please keep it respectful.

Mikac: I think what we will do is you guys ask questions to Micah and he can yield his time to any candidates. Are there any questions?

McFarland: Who is in attendance with us tonight?

Micah: Right now we have Ashley S., John T., Brian A., Samantha Bloom., Brandi E.

Mikac: Any further questions regarding 43-R-12?

Reinhard: In P&G we asked every candidate how they saw themselves working with senate. How do you see yourself working in senate?

Tanoose: I'm a former senator from SBS. I have a lot of knowledge how senate runs, I also had a year of cabinet. We want to do a lot of inter branch education. We want to spend the first four weeks doing education joint info sessions I don't want to set senate's agenda but if people have some interests they can pair up with an AA. I'm really excited to work with Senate and build a relationship as well as working with Senate to pass reports to get a formal votes so we all agree and can move administrators more effectively.

Brian: Academic Affairs and Student Life are going to run parallel. I plan on sitting with Andrew and we aren’t going to set an agenda. A lot of student life will be budget based. So it’ll be about finding a way to work together and combining resources so communication is key.

Brandi: As membership I want to make sure cabinet members know what’s going on and I want to make sure membership of cabinet is working and I look at myself as a director of membership in here. I’ll be coming in here to make announcements and make sure you all are involved. That’s my main thing I want to keep everyone involved. I know I’m currently a USG senator and I’d like to fill my vacancy as soon as possible, and I know some great people and will be working to fill my vacancy as soon as possible.

Ashley: All cabinet members have been former senators. Senate changes every year, and discussing it with the execs they want more senate interaction between interns. So we don’t necessarily want to appoint one person but maybe a liaison from senate to go into the intern program and discussing with them what’s going on. For this we want the freshman to be informed and become productive members of the organization.

Senior: I want to model market committee. Make it an in house marketing department not just for committees in cabinet but student groups outside of USG, including senate. I want there to be a close relationship between the two.

Samantha: I’m the director designee of Student organization and outreach I’m also a former senator I have an advantage and know what senate is and that it’s not just a bank and I want other organizations to know that as well. I want my AD’s and all student orgs to know the important thing is to know what all of USG is, and that it’s
not just parts. Come in meet with senators in their field, we want joint programming we want to work together and know everyone and the last thing is we want to have student leader trainings. I’d hopefully like for you to sit on a panel and let these groups advance themselves through your knowledge.

Keri: I’m the director designee for safety. Like everyone else I want to make sure senate and cabinet are close. All of my AD’s are new to USG I want them to know that what they do will influence all of USG. I want myself and AD’s to come to senate meetings and show them that what they think needs to be changed and approved.

Mikac: Any other questions for candidates? Seeing none. Moved to discussion.

Fitzpatrick: Move for executive session.

Mikac: Fitzpatrick has moved for an executive session what does anyone second this?

Moved. And Seconded. Are there any objections?

Antani: I object, I don’t really see a point in this.

Mikac: The purpose of exec session is that anyone not a member of the senate body has to leave the room so we can discuss this in privacy for those of you who don’t know. What’s your objection I’m sorry?

Antani: For the sack of transparency I don’t see in a point making them leave.

Mikac: Now we will vote on it we will start a speaker’s list.

Buckner: I disagree with Antani, I think for a clear discussion they need to be out of the room. So people feel comfortable saying what they need to say.

Fitzpatrick: its really important we have fruitful discussion and its good to have them out the room and we can have the discussion and work it out between us and I know it sounds silly in procedural but it is important.

Mikac: Any other discussion

Huffman: I call for question

Mikac: voting on this motion to move into executive committee. All of those in favor please raise your hand. All apposed please raise your hand any abstentions?

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Kamrass: Ben has a lot of experience in leading student organizations but is new to USG. The question was how do you see yourself and your committee working with Senate next year?

Ben: I definitely see working with Andrew we have a pending lunch. We want to bring senate to website and make it as accessible as possible we want to be as public and broadcasting as possible.

Malaveka: With a lot of minority orgs the purpose of USG is very muddle. I think a lot of them have a lot of problems when they ask for money and don’t get it. Then they want to know why. It’s a lot of confusion and I want to redefine how senate works with minorities and help them understand how the process goes, be sort of a liaison.

Kamrass: Erica Wong is not here but she is wonderful she was an associate director and has a lot of experience in committee this is a promotion for her and she will do great and I know she plans to really step up at how we do our advocacy at the state, federal, and local levels. She wants her team working hard. Yeti is also wonderful and she is new to USG. She represents health and wellness. She has served as president for a couple organizations, she is studying public health and has lots of ideas for health and wellness. In terms of collaborating I’m sure she would love to
have you join her and she really wants to work with health senators and how they can better serve the student body.
Mikac: We are now moved to executive discussion.
Kedia: What are we discussing? I’m a little confused.
Mikac: Whether or not we will approve these 11 people for their positions as appointed by the executive committee. Micah do you want to explain how you guys did it?
Kamrass: Yea, we had an application process we received 102 and interviewed them all. We put together teams and then our directors which those of you unfamiliar with cabinet it is the chief of staff, deputy chief of staff, and then the next level of leadership is the directors and they run their committees and then members of cabinet. Basically these people are our point people on issues. And another important role that is really important is that the directors are leaders and facilitators for the associate directors. Its not necessarily that John for example in academic affairs will work on every issue in his committee but will make sure to be working with everyone and taking care of all issues. This legislation is asking us for your approval for these people to begin serving as directors.
Mikac: Any other discussion on this?
Buckner: I’m really impressed with the diversity that you brought in here it seems like a lot of them are people that have never been involved with USG before. In the years past it seems like we just have the same people over and over again and seems like its half new half old. Is that about right?
Kamrass: It looks like we have three who have never before been involved and seven returning.
Buckner: Not 50/50 but its still a good representation. Overall I think it’s a good idea to have new people involved.
McFarland: I guess this would be to you Mikac and Micah and all returning USG members for those of us that are new what is our interaction supposed to be with cabinet and these directors? What have been successful tips in working with the two branches and getting projects done?
Kamrass: As far as what is usually happened in the traditional role it is usually individual. Up to each of you and the people in cabinet, there are some members of cabinet that come to each senate meeting and vice versa, it’s really a be as involved as able and as you’d like to. We hope that our directors on both ends get involved and partner with you and we’ve actually talked to each of them and discussed the importance of working with senate. The relationship and the working relationship is up to you and each of them and they seem to be really excited to work with you and there is a lot of projects and work that need to be so the more man power the better. It’s not something we want to be territorial we want it to be USG projects that everyone is working on.
Mikac: There are a lot of different ways to get things done in USG and the cabinet is one of those ways. The directors will have committees so that they can complete their projects that go with their committee, so as a senator if you are interested in one of these you can approach the director or committee members so you can get that project done together. Its basically another way to get things done and it’s a great resource and a great thing to have.
Fitz: Just to add to what he said in the past there have been varying relationships especially last year in terms of directors that were involved with senate. You know Zach H. who is alternating here today was very active with senate. Some directors we never saw past their confirmation so it’ll be a mix again this year as well. Much more about personal level, you approach them and them approaching you. On the flip side I have gotten to know, or have know, or interviewed all but one of these people. They are all fantastic, qualified, driven, and eager to get to work. I encourage all of you to support them.

Mikac: Any further discussion?

Schaffer: Can the executive side talk about the process were there any bumps in the road?

Pyle: We marketed it we e-mailed it to all student organization presidents and asked them to e-mail it to their list serv. We also forwarded it out to both campaigns Ashley’s and ours. It was in buckeye net news, we received 102 ish applications between Micah and myself, Brett, Lindsey and Laura we interviewed all of them in about half hour increments and then this is what we came up with out of all of that.

Kamrass: There weren’t many bump in the roads as far as challenges it was just that we had so many qualified people and placing them in the right spots.

Ferguson: I would like to call to question.

Mikac: Cap the speakers list after Gushing if anyone would like to be added? Cook. Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Gushing: what count of accountability measures are given or set for these people

Kamrass: we have biweekly meetings cabinet every week and also on the week there isn’t a directors they do a one on one with Lindsey or Laura so if they have a motivational issue it we can get it in the now so if someone’s really not doing well we can fill it we do a lot internally to make sure everyone’s on track

Cook: on page 2 line 8 title should be student organization and outreach and on page 2 line 11 43-R- in the table the wellness committee is it health and wellness committee

Huffmann: point of clarification is it student organization outreach or student organization outreach and support?

Buckner moved to leave exec session

Moved. Seconded.

Mikac: We are now going to call to question. All in favor of passing 43-R -12 as amended please say aye. All opposed? Any abstentions?

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43-R-13 (Pyle) A Resolution to Approve the Independent Officers Selection Committee

Pyle: IOSC is what selects Treasurer, Press Secretary, and EGB director it is the independent body of USG. We usually elect people with no interest in the upcoming election. Any questions?

Mikac: Seeing none. Moving into discussion.

Messenger: 5-4-0 instead of acclimation. The committee as a whole kind of got it wrong in the sense of how we approached this piece of legislation. We wanted to see the possibility of Paul to sit in. And it led to a division on the vote because of
confusion. On the floor there’s not really a reason why this can’t pass without acclimation. But this was an example of why we got it wrong and I wanted to explain that.

Cook: technical correction to lines 21,25,29 officer should be plural officers.

Mikac: We will amend it to reflect that change.

Kamrass: To clarify the IOSC people can serve as alternates and if someone thinks they know someone better they can alternate. It's been done in the past. Last year there were three people from each branch, there is no one from JP this is just because we didn’t think anyone had as much knowledgeable experience as the years previous.

Huffman: Move for acclimation.

Seconded

Mikac: Moved and seconded, any objections to acclaiming 43-R-13? Seeing none.

43-R-13 Passed with acclimation.

New Business

Mikac: Take a look through this and be sure to come through committees and come to chairs with any questions. Summer operating budget is a big deal meeting Tuesday 7:30 or 8. Brett will let you know.

43-R-15 (Kamrass) A Resolution to Approve the Executive Cabinet

43-B-4 (Kamrass) A Bill to Approve the Summer Operating Budget

43-R-16 (Fitzpatrick) A Resolution to Create the Ad Hoc Committee on Reapportionment

43-R-17 (Pyle) A Resolution to Approve University Senate Committee Appointments

43-R-18 (Pyle) A Resolution to Approve University Committee Appointments

43-R-19 (Pyle) A Resolution to Approve Semester Committee Appointments

43-R-20 (Pyle) A Resolution to Approve University Senate Appointments

43-R-21 (Kamrass) A Resolution to Appoint the Assistant to the Treasurer

Announcements

McFarland: Budget and Finance meet with me so we can get times straight for our next meeting. Mcfarland.338@osu.edu

Messenger: Policy and Governance Tuesday at 5 to accommodate Memorial Day and if you’re not going to be there please e-mail me and let me know I can help you find an alternate. But let me know if you’ll be absent I’d like to see everyone there because it’s such a busy meeting. Messenger.37@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Samantha: One of the first things that SOSO is working on is making pamphlets for the welcome fair if you’re interested in helping making these pamphlets or slides please contact me Samantha Bloom. Bloom.85@osu.edu

Fitzpatrick: if you didn’t get a chance to sign that paper, let me know I’ll e-mail you if you wrote your name down. Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu
Mikac: If you know anyone that is eligible for the vacancies let me know those applications are due Friday. atmikac@gmail.com

Kedia: Are the applications on the USG website?

Mikac: Yes they are.
What are the vacancies?

Mikac: Engineering, Dentistry, Lima, and Mansfield.

Fitzpatrick: Yes, so plan on a little longer of a meeting next time.

Mikac: Yes, please remember next week will be a long meeting and always keep in mind the big picture we are students in an organization. Oh one last thing Senator of the week was chosen. We chose this person because they had been well spoken and out spoken and they spoke only when needed and when they contributed it was thoughtful it was Nathan McCullough!

Adjournment