SECRETARY’S REPORT NO.7, OCTOBER 6, 2010
REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE USG SENATE

The Student Senate met in Regular Session on October 6, 2010 at 6:32 PM in the Senate Chamber. The Speaker Andrew Mikac presided

Present: 34
Absent: 1
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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
Sladoje: Hi everybody I'm Christina Sladoje. I am on cabinet and work on academic affairs. I'm currently working on a project with student life, IT, and academic affairs it’s a joint initiative and it a mobile application. All funds are through student life IT, USG is not paying for it but we are the generating idea team for it. And so having said that as a representative I would really like senate to take front seat and dictate what’s going to be on this app. I have benchmark applications from Texas, Iowa, Duke, and other schools. So what I’m really asking you guys to do is come to one of three sessions that I will be having and its going to be a sit down I'll buy you food and you can talk about what you want to see in an app and what your students that you represent would like to see on this application. This works for Blackberrys, Droid, I phone, I pod touch, and the I Pad. So even if you don’t have a smart phone you can still come.
would like you guys to just give me your input. If you don’t personally have an interest that’s fine, you can find a constituent to come in your place that does have an interest. But like I said since senate is a representative legislature this is a great opportunity for you to get out there and be a voice and be able to tell them this is what I did for you, this is what USG has done and I have done for you. So are there any questions? There are times on here and they will be next week is that ok with everyone? I’m only asking for like an hour of your time and there is one of three times and that is Sunday 2 PM, Tuesday 6:30 PM during Cabinet, and Wednesday after Senate whatever time that may be. Any questions?

Sladoj.9@osu.edu

Collins: What’s going in this app?
Sadoje: This app is going to cover your experience here at OSU. I believe it’s on your exec notes on the bottom of the front page carried over to black. But pretty much be able to sync your schedule up with your Google calendar, it will have a map, open up your Carmen, look up Cabs routes, and check your buck ID and how much money you have on there as well as how many swipes you have left. Really the sky is the limit.

Collins: Is this adding on to the OSU app that they have right now?
Reinhard: That was just a website. I know what your talking about it. It was just a mobile format.
Sadoje: yes m.osu.edu it will be moved and reformatted but that will be included in the app if that’s what students want?
Mikac: any other questions for Christina? No questions. Thank you.
Christina: I’m going to go ahead and collect the applications if you want to pass them over to the side.
Mikac: is anyone else here for open forum for the public? Seeing none, ok we are going to move into exec report.

**Exec report**

Kamrass: we are going to go pretty quickly because of the first thing that’s on it. The Josh Mendell, the two-time USG president. He is coming and he is running for State Treasure hopefully we get out of here quick enough that we can all go but if you see me running out a few minutes early that is why. OSU votes is finished we did over 2,700 students registered. It’s exceedingly high and we are pleased with that huge thanks to all that helped I know many of you volunteered thank you. Right now we have budgets and appointments hopefully we can go smoothly through those. We are doing a lot of recruitment stuff right now and we are working on vacancies on both sides and helping freshman. Also our intern program the deadline is this weekend I believe its Saturday and we have already receive more applications then we have sports for them in the program. Tomorrow is health and wellness committees be a healthy nut at the RPAC from 3-7 they are partnering with health and wellness resources as I’ve learned about this I found out there are a ton that I don’t know about I encourage you all to go. I’m working on a group right now to bring Obama to campus. He is coming to Columbus but it’s about 50/50 whether on campus or elsewhere I wish I could have other news once I know I will let all of you know. We are working on it and the administration has been very helpful with lobbying to get him here. We are excited about the IT stuff. I just wanted to put in here, this happened awhile ago but the USG judicial panel elected a justice is name is Pat Maxwell he is the Chief of Justice so if you do have any questions he is who you go to and it is on the website. I just wanted to make you all aware of that. Fun stuff there and in the future we are going to do movie nights to build some comrade. Student issue forum on October 18th, to learn what government issues are important to students and what they care about. Any questions? Micah.kamrass@gmail.com
Pandey: I was wondering is the pres. Obama will we get to meet him?
I have no clue we are working on getting him here
DeFrance: anything for parents weekend?
Kamrass: is USG doing any specific I don’t know that we are doing anything in the event wise but we Laura is getting with them on getting what USG is doing in the family updates. But as far as evens go I don’t know if we are doing anything for events specifically. Fitz: Just to clarify they don’t’ include student orgs in parents weekend because they don’t want it to be an advertising session.

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6 October 2010
Autumn Quarter Week 2

SPECIAL

- **Josh Mandel Candidate Event – TONIGHT!**
  This evening, OSU Votes is hosting Candidate Josh Mandel at Ohio State. Mandel is a former two-term USG president (1998-2000) and is currently running for State Treasurer. The event begins at 8PM in Hitchcock 131. Please come after Senate!

PAST

- **OSU Votes – Voter Registration Window Ends**
  Congratulations, OSU Votes! The team helped register over 2300 students to vote in the 2010 election. Their new focus is now on getting folks to the polling stations and voter education. HUGE thanks to Jacob Foskuhl, Bryan Straub, Jared Blevins, Erica Wong, and Rock the Vote for their leadership in registering students to vote.

PRESENT

- **Old Business – Executive Budget and University Senate Appointments**
  Our budget is in Old Business today! Members of Budget and Finance passed the budget with a few stipulations. You will see also several appointments to U Senate and University Committees in Old Business.

- **Recruiting for USG – Membership and Senate Vacancies**
  Our Membership Committee has been hard at work recruiting individuals to join Cabinet and Senate. We received 700+ names, with almost 150 new-to-USG students attending our information sessions. We also received 30+ Senate applications for vacancies. Thank you Brandee, the Membership Team, the Interns Team, and Mikac!!

- **Be a Healthy Nut!**
  Cabinet’s Health and Wellness Committee is hosting a large event on Thursday, October 7th in the RPAC. They are partnering with numerous health and wellness resources on campus to provide information to students. Please stop by and support the event!

- **Intern Program**
  Intern applications are due this Saturday, October 9th. **If you are interested in interviewing the new intern class or simply being a greeter in the USG office, please email Ashley Sinram (sinram.2@osu.edu).**

- **Student Life IT – IPhone, Droid, Blackberry App Development**
Christina Sladoje (sladoje.9@osu.edu) from Cabinet has been working with Student Life IT to develop an app for Ohio State. Similar to apps from other schools (like Texas and Michigan), our app will incorporate many online university resources, like CABS bus information, BuckeyeLink, and Carmen. Please contact Christina if you have thoughts or would like to help!

- **USG Judicial Panel**
  The USG JP has elected a Chief Justice. We are starting to look for interested students willing to serve on the Judicial Panel. We will hopefully fill the available positions by the end of the quarter. All JP appointments will be made by Brad and will pass through P&G and General Senate until confirmed.

**FUTURE**
- **Movie Night in the USG Office**
  Coming on a Thursday night to a USG office near you...
- **Student Issues Forum – October 18th at 6:30PM in Cartoon Room 2**
  Melissa Kellams from Government Relations is hosting a Student Issues Forum as an open discussion of what is good / bad about Ohio State and what GR can do to solve these issues when working with the Local, State, and Federal Government. Please attend!

**FUN STUFF**
- **Happy Birthday!**
  Bryan Straub, October 6 – Associate Director of OSU Votes
- **USG Social!!**
  Friday, October 8th at Bernie’s on High Street, 10PM at 1896 N. High Street
- **Flapjack Frenzy!**
Alpha Chi Omega is hosting their annual flapjack frenzy on Friday, October 8th at 12AM at 103 E. 15th Ave. Come to the USG Social and get some pancakes after to help a great cause!

**Committee/Constituency report**

DeFrance: We’ve received a draft for the climate and sustainability and it has a significant focus on the role of students and student organizations. As a General comment there are not a lot of concrete action items we have a road map but not a time line. [jamesdefrance@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdefrance@gmail.com)

Fitzpatrick: Arts and Science is to start working on new learning outcomes for three new G.E.C categories. We will be deciding on the language next Friday, a week from Friday the 8th, so I’d like some input if you are interested or have any ideas. Please come talk to me. [Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu)

Kamrass: Exec has just been making sure that what needs to get done is done and seeing who needs to accomplish it. Everything for semesters will be going through USenate. The first meeting is tomorrow at 3:30 Drinko Hall. Our voice is very important and more important now then ever so I hopefully see all of you there. [micah.kamrass@gmail.com](mailto:micah.kamrass@gmail.com)

Mikac: University Steering met. We sent legislation to the proper committees and we are looking into background checks for all employees. Are there any more reports? Seeing none. Ok we will move into project updates. [atmikac@gmail.com](mailto:atmikac@gmail.com)

**Project updates**

Fitzpatrick: I did hear back from dinning services and we are setting up a meeting with them and Micah Brian Ashton and myself decided that if anyone is interested maybe three or four of us could go and represent the student body sometime next week. [Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu)

Antani: You will be getting a very long e-mail update whenever Mikac sends it out. Please read it. [Niraj.antani@gmail.com](mailto:Niraj.antani@gmail.com)

Mikac: Are there any other Project Updates? Seeing none. Ok we are now going to head into Old Business.

**Old Business**

Mikac: Ok so heading into Old Business I just want to explain how this works. Senators submit legislation it then gets sent out to the appropriate committee and they vote on it and suggest any changes. It then comes back senate where we all ask questions, enter discussion, and vote on that piece of legislation. Ok so moving into 43-R-24.
43-R-24 (Pyle) A Resolution to Approve Adam Wagner to the Council on Academic Affairs
Pyle: This piece of legislation was written a really long time ago. So my speech will be small there is no reason this shouldn't pass Adam Wagner is a really cool person and well exceed at the job.
Mikac: Any Questions? Seeing none moving into discussion.
Moved for acclimation.
Moved and Seconded.
Mikac: O.k. 43-R-24 has been moved and seconded for acclimation are there any objections?
Mikac: Senator Antani objects so we then move into discussion.
Antani: Point of information. Micah is this for the permanent CAA seat?
Kamrass: it is currently as it is written for the person that sits in the third sub committee and can sit on committee but can't vote.
Antani: Objection withdrawn then.
Mikac: Objection withdrawn so 43-R-24 is moved for acclimation are there any other objections? Seeing none.
43-R-24 Acclaimed

43-R-25 (Pyle) A Resolution to Approve University Committee Appointments
Pyle: Gabby Stanley couldn't fill this position due to scheduling issues so Kurt G was next in line. He is actually here and a part of your senate.
Mikac: Any questions?
DeFrance: What do they do in this position?
Antani: I served on it last year and it formed in 2005 to review status of the general education curriculum. Various reports throughout the 80's and 90's were made sort of changing the GEC making it affective. Their role is to look at data for success to make sure the GEC is fulfilling its intent. Last year we revised the GEC for the semester conversion. This year they are going to be making sure that goes through, as well as talking about how to review the GEC when it goes to semesters.
Moved and Seconded for acclamation
Mikac: ok it has been moved and seconded are there any objections? Seeing none.
43-R-25 Acclaimed

43-R-26 (Kamrass) A Resolution to Approve Director of Academic Affairs
Kamrass: This is what we discussed briefly last week. We had a vacancy come up we went through a long search and Katie was who we came up with. She has already been working hard and P&G approved them unanimously at their meeting and I hope to do the same today.
Mikac: Are there any questions? Seeing none. Moved into discussion
Messenger: Move for acclamiation
Moved and Seconded
43-R-26 Acclaimed
43-R-27 (Messenger) A Resolution to Support the Student Government President of the University of Michigan

Messenger: For anyone who hasn’t heard yet the student government president of Michigan got attacked for being openly gay, he not only was attacked but also stalked by the assistant attorney general. He also started a blog about Chris (the undergraduate student government president) and posted pictures with swastikas and such all over his face. We thought it would be a cool thing for our student government to support him and his ordeal that no student should come under fire for. So if this passes we will send him a copy as support and that even though they are our rivals we do stand behind them.

Mikac: questions?

DeFrance: Are we sending it to anyone else to make it our support known?

Messenger: It’s a possibility at first I just thought of sending it to him but if we think we should get it out there we can discuss that as well.

Duggineni: To clarify we are just saying this is our stance on it now we aren’t taking any action on doing anything yet?

Messenger: I don’t think there is physically anything we can do.

Kamrass: Just to clarify the assistant attorney general was put on leave.

Rue: I was just wondering if this was provoked in anyway?

Messenger: No, this was totally unprovoked and uncalled for.

Christobek: Point of info can anyone be added as a cosponsor?

Faranacci: I would like to be added.

Mikac: O.k. Faranacci and Tichenor will all be added as cosponsors

Schaffer: Has USG done something like this before?

Kamrass: its not popular but there are a lot of Big 10 schools are showing there support in this situation.

Mikac: Any other Questions? Seeing none. O.k. we are now in discussion.

Homan: First I want to start by saying what this assistant attorney general is doing is degrading. But there are two things that I look at when I’m looking at resolutions and bills. Those two things are 1) is this what my constituents want 2) Does this meet our mission and I quote “We the undergraduate student government dedicate ourselves to better the higher education and student life at THE Ohio State University” because of this I will vote no. I believe it’s not our mission to be involving ourselves in resolution and politics outside the boundaries of our university.

Antani: I was going to make sure this wasn’t going to be moved for unanimous consent because I think taking an actual vote has more of an impact. That is our mission yes however, you can’t expect other to take a stand for us in our time of need if we don’t take a stand for them. For example on the Micah and Brand platform it was stated we were for LGBTQ living learning community and it is currently being worked on. That is similar to the issue that the President of Michigan is being persecuted for. In all seriousness Micah could very well have the same guy come after him if this guy find out our student government is doing this. So by standing up for him we are saying we won’t allow it to happen to us. So in a way yes we are fulfilling our mission by saying we won’t allow it.
Kamrass: I appreciate what Niraj said. It doesn’t apply to something here but very well could. Two of my predecessors are openly homosexual and a lot of things can come up where we want the support as well. Although this issue does not affect the OSU community specifically if it can happen to them it could happen to us. I would love for us as an organization to have this on paper and let it pass. I already did it through a personal level but as a group would awesome.
Fitzpatrick: I’m going to start by saying I agree with all of them and I understand your viewpoint. It indirectly affects our constituents and it’s not so far out of our realm. I believe its relevant and therefore we should speak our mind. I have full support for this resolution.
Duggineni: I move to question
Mikac: O.k. We now move into voting on Resolution 27 on the support of student government president of the University of Michigan. All in favor please raise your hand.
43-R-27 passes 33-3-2

43-R-28 (Messenger) A Resolution to Amend the Undergraduate Student Government Bylaws
Messenger: One of Micah and Brad’s big platform ideas was changing the way we did alternates. I agree with this it’s a resolution to change our alternate policy. It makes it so our alternate would have to come form our constituency. If I’m a south campus senator and I send someone from off campus I’m taking away from my constituency because the person I brought in to represent them doesn’t really know what they need. I think with this change and the change where we are setting up the Alternate bank where you can shoot Keely an e-mail and she find an alternate in there this would be a positive move. It narrows down whom you can draw from but if you are an SBS or a living area senator you know people. It’s a not a huge issue and it honors our constituencies.
Mikac: Are there any questions?
Fitzpatrick: withdrawn
Farinacci: So what does this mean for living area Senators?
Messenger: You would have someone from your living area come in.
Farinacci: How do we prove that they are from that living area?
Mikac: It’s a faith kind of thing. To answer your question I don’t have any procedure to check alternates but it is something we could think about.
Antani: I have two. One is how does it state that it’s not for committee as well?
Messenger: It’s a technicality.
Antani: Secondly for legislation wouldn’t you want it to be in committee as well?
Messenger: No I think other senators like to go to other committee meetings.
Brahm: What about this regarding emissaries?
Mikac: Any alternate would have to be from your constituency. You would need to find someone from your campus or someone that has gone there. Any other questions? Seeing none we are now moving into discussion.
Fitzpatrick: Yes this makes it a little more complicated but I think it makes it as a whole a lot more representative. It helps let them know what’s going on and allows
them to vote by being from your constituency. I would like to be added as a co-sponsor
and I highly agree with this.
Holmes: When I first saw this I thought it would be a good idea and now that I think
of it I think it’s going to be hard for people from smaller constituencies to find them
an alternative. What if it’s a short notice like a dinner or a job interview and they
can’t find them an alternative or he can’t make it back in time. That is reason for him
to be kicked off senate.
Liles: It’s going to be hard for smaller constituencies I agree. When you are in a class
with 200 other people of course it will be easier. But if we know it’s a rule we can
contact people in advance, get information from people, and if we knew this was in
effect we could look in advance.
Farinacci: I think it’s a little unfair. Plus I don’t think it’s entirely necessary. It’s a
rough guideline; I don’t think we have to follow it. I think we are just preoccupying
ourselves by moving ourselves into this discussion.
Mbagwu: I think to piggyback on the whole emergency issue it wouldn’t be easy for
me to do so because Ali med is a smaller group. I think it would be better to word it
by maybe saying it’s preferable and strongly advised and if not at all possible then
you can look outside your constituency for an alternate. But to say it is an absolute
requirement I’m hesitant.
Messenger: To address the emergency issue. Andrew has an excused absence
system. If you give him a heads up Andrew can determine if it will be counted
against you or not. I feel that if you are directly elected you are countable to those
people 100%. I think this makes everyone more accountable.
Kamrass: When we went around and talked to students the major thing that people
disliked about USG was that they vote for a senator and then anyone in the
university can go and vote for them. It can gain some legitimacy. Our number one
job is to represent our constituencies. I don’t know how well we are doing that
asking someone to vote when they know nothing about that constituency. To be
honest it does make it harder for smaller groups but there are going to be difficulties
and I urge you to rise to them. If you don’t know in your constituency then you
probably need to do more outreach anyway. I think it’s important for the
organization.
Brunner: withdrawn
Fitzpatrick: I agree. I call to question.
Mikac: ok we are caped at Lyles, Rue, Reinhard, Farinacci, DeFrance, Mbagwu,
Lyles: One other thing that I do like is this increases visibility if they don’t have the
experience then they will begin to know more about us. That’s something we are
always trying to do its get people involved and make ourselves known.
Rue: withdrawn
Reinhard: I feel sending someone is better then sending no one and getting an
absence against you. A voice is better then no voice at all.
Farinacci: I think someone that wants to be here is better then someone that
doesn’t. For example engineering students. It’s a pain for me to find one in general
and what engineering students want to sit in on Senate. You also have to think just
because Andrew will be lenient that the next speaker might not be. It's not unlikely to have another situation like the one we had the previous year.

DeFrance: There has been a comment made that this is working against smaller groups. That's untrue; it's working for them. Furthermore when I think about what alternate I would bring it usually is a good friend. This kind of takes our mindset from people that are our buddies or convient to people who actually will voice opinions of the people you are representing.

Mbagwu: I piggy back Mike. I’m going to question it and I will strive for someone to fill for me from my constituency but having senators here who want to be here is better then someone who doesn’t. If this is a requirement I won’t support it.

Antani: If I see it does become a problem I will put up legislation to repeal this.

Dugginenni: There was a question about emissaries. Could we change it so that emissaries are exempt? I feel like it would be pretty hard for them to find someone.

Mikac: That is not friendly and would have to be returned to committee.

Fitzpatrick: It can be amended on the floor.

Mikac: ok so it would say members of the senate should find alternates in their constituencies with the exception of regional emissaries. So know we are going to make a whole new speakers list.

Mbagwu: Even this doesn’t make sense. Why don’t we say with constituencies less then 50? The point is now we are making an adhoc committee is it worth voting on what it was even on.

Farinacci: I don’t agree with making exceptions. It opens up a can of worms. It’s not necessary.

Antani: withdrawn

Brahm: I agree with Mike you shouldn’t make exceptions. I’ll do whatever it takes. I feel like this isn’t necessary.

DeFrance: I would also mention that they can’t vote on bills that in mind it is also somewhat less important they be from our constituencies.

Dugginenni: I withdrawal the motion

Fitzpatrick: I move to temporary enter discussion on budget.

Moved and seconded

Mikac: We are now returning to 43-R-28

Kedia: I agree with Tessa that it is better to have someone here then no one at all. And for people like Mike and Keely it’s hard to get people interested. I mean SBS they are all trying to be lawyers and it’s much easier. To Micah’s point there are more people that get angry when people send alternates every week or every other week not for people who do it once or twice. You can have people from you constituency that don’t know anything as well. I also want to say that a lot of my classes go till 7 or 7:30 so I have to run over here and if I were to try to get someone its harder because you have to sworn in at the beginning and a lot of clubs meet tonight. So for that reason I think it’s harder and it should be a recommended thing.

Farinacci: USG has been around for decades this issue has come up before but things have worked fine.

Kedi: I yield my time to Mike.
Mike: I motion to amend to make it read as follows “under extenuating circumstances and with advance notice the speaker of the senate may allow alternates that do not come from the senators constituency”
 Messenger: I think it’s good and it fixes a lot of things people had concerns about it. It addresses the idea that you should in fact try to contact someone because in the end it comes down to representing our constituencies but this is a nice fall back as well. And gives people other options.
 Farinacci: How many times are you actually called on in senate to speak on behalf of your constituency and I believe if we are doing it for senate we need to do it for committees as well.
 Dugginenni: I like this, as well I will vote yes for both.
 Hosa: I like the amendment but to nit pick what’s the early notice? It should almost be one or the other; I’m kind of on the fence.
 Mikac: My interpretation would be the circumstances and the speaker would determine it.
 Pandey: I think we should take this for a week it’s clearly emotional for everyone. We realize it’s a problem, let’s take it out and table it for a week then we can word it exactly how we want and not on a short time frame.
 Fitzpatrick: Mikes done a really good job of removing the issue it doesn’t apply to committee though. Any senator may serve, and with that in mind I fully support and call to question.
 Mikac: Ok that caps our speaker’s list with Antani, and Smidt.
 Antani: Like TJ I was iffy on this but with Mikes amendment I think it’s a good idea.
 Smidt: withdrawn
 Mikac: We are now going to vote on the amendment and it will read “under extenuating circumstances and with advance notice the speaker of the senate may allow alternates that do not come from the senators constituency” all in favor say yay.
 5 abstentions
 Mikac: now we will move into discussion on the piece of legislation
 Kedia: withdrawn
 Schmitt: I think with this amendment made there’s a safe cushion and with this it does give us the extra push to find other members of our constituencies. If you have a smaller group something in senate may specifically affect them and other senators may very well have no idea how it could affect you so having that representative from your constituency would be nice.
 Mikac: Ok we are now going to vote on 43-R-28 with the amendment. All in favor say yay.
 29-5-4
 43-R-28 Passes

**43-B-5 (Kamrass) A Bill to Approve the Autumn Operating Budget**
 Kamrass: I sat with B&F and answered questions. Here’s the way I did the budget. For the summer budget we used 80% of what we budgeted. It’s high I think it’s a good thing I would like for that increase. I budgeted fall for similar spending if we hit 80 to 85 we will have exactly half of our money for Winter and Spring. Winter is a low spending budget
and you may ask why we need half then and my answer to that is because I hope we have one big project in spring as we identify what we want that to be. The way we did this was we worked with our directors and with Andrew and a few other different projects and people. We asked people what they were doing or what they wanted to do to make sure they had the money to do it. We gave you more organization funding then last year you have money for constituency events and that wasn’t included from last year either. B&F requested to be more engaged with marketing and know more. It’s a very lean budget and I tried to find things that partnered senators with cabinet. B&F passed this and I hope it does here as well so people can start on their projects. Any questions?

Fitzpatrick: Are the HIV and Sexual Violence at the same level as last year?
Kamrass: There is a lower level for Sexual Violence and a higher budget for HIV because they got some of their student-funding cut.

Fitzpatrick: The smoke fans for DPS how many will that actually benefit?
Kamrass: As many as it can help. I experienced it my freshman year and they go to Greek housing and any place off campus and teach people how-to escape fires and such. We aren’t sure if this is going to happen.

Antani: Micah you already answered my questions in the e-mail and I should have asked this then but why is exec miscellaneous at 3,000.
Kamrass: There are going to be some things that come up and some events that go over. It gives us the lead way with some projects. I’m not perfect in my budgeting and thought it would cost the same for our outing this summer and in fact we had a lot more people so it cost more. Miscellaneous is for those kinds of things.

Duggineni: Based on last year how much did the intern program get? Because diversity has only 500 and no miscellaneous and the interns are getting much more.
Kamrass: That’s what they asked for and funding for them they got a lot from MCC and diversity is involved in the clean sweep as well they can also reach out to you for funding as well. Interns are the least it’s been in a while the last three years the initial was higher, I even cut it back. If you sometimes catch your self in these and think the amount of money given doesn’t reflect the importance of the organization some just require more money.

DeFrance: Two questions. First, what are we spending 1000 dollars on textbook education for?
Kamrass: There was a new law passed called the higher education opportunity act. What the law requires is that the textbooks be available when the student goes to register for that course. That changes things a lot. The university has to rule on this by the end of the year but it requires a lot from faculty. It means that the teachers have to be chosen before we register and the books picked out. It’s helpful for us students and could save us a lot of money. We are going to work together on education faculty on how to work on this. We aren’t sure if this education will be a video a pamphlet or something else.

DeFrance: Secondly what is the winter sports promotion?
Kamrass: Without getting into a very nerdy lesson everything in the athletic department comes from donations and what we bring in with Football and Men’s Basketball. Men’s Basketball didn’t bring in the money and we had a drop off of student support. Trends show that fans go with team the previous year, for example since we had a great team last year ticket sales should go up. We have worked with the athletic department to try to figure out a way to promote winter sports such as moving the student section to the
middle of the court and having game day tickets available. We talked about a big event with the team and giving away tickets. A lot of organizations are helping Block O said they would match dollar for dollar and I doubt it’ll cost the full 3,000 but it’s flexible.

McFarland: Micah if you could go over the sustainability please.

Kamrass: We haven’t finalized these but Brian Ashton wants to work with residence hall advisory councils on promoting sustainability. They have meetings set up with RAC, dining hall people, and sustainability people. They don’t know if it’ll be a recycling competition or other ideas. It has yet to be finalized and I’d like to give directors the lead way I think its something I place a high value on it’s a hot topic and I think we should move on it.

Mikac: Any other questions? Seeing none. Let’s move into discussion.

DeFranc: Currently Sustainability doesn’t get any money what so ever from the university.

Fitzpatrick: My only big concern is I appreciate the details but my one concern is the smoke fan for DPS I don’t see how many students this is going to help and I know it certainly won’t help my constituents. Everything else I love and I’m really glad to see a lot of this stuff forward.

McFarland: A lot of good points were brought up one of our biggest things was the promotional items and with the marketing team we kind of wanted the AD’s to come in and describe what the funds were going to. Having that partnership will help us make progress in the future. I feel good about the number of 80% that Micah said. And we will sit down when the summer budget comes in and see how close we are and then to express the concerns Duggineni showed with diversity I saw that it was only 500 dollars as well.

One thing you can do is reach out them and if someone needs funding let them know that we have money and they can fill out a form and we can see what we can do. Our organization funding doesn’t just have to go to large events we can partner up with smaller organizations as well.

Micah: Just to comment on Fitzpatrick’s comment. There is no way I can have one piece of budget cover all constituencies what I try to do is plan many budgets that cover a lot of constituencies. For example the fan won’t help on campus students but the wireless printers will.

Called to question and seconded

Mikac: Ok it has been called to question and seconded we will now vote. All in favor say yah

43-B-5 passes

**New Business**

Mikac: Next week there are a lot of items coming up including the filling of three vacancies.

43-R-29 (Mikac) *A Resolution to Approve the USG Senate Committee Appointments*

43-R-30 (Kamrass) *A Resolution to Approve Regional Campus Appointment to the Council on Student Affairs*

43-B-6 (Brunner) *A Bill to Support the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association*

**Announcements**
Tichenor: Student life will be meeting in USG offices at 6 on Sunday. 
Tichenor.3@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Fitzpatrick: On Monday the 2nd meeting for the Arts and Sciences Student Council was held. If your interested you should come out and check it out it’s a lot of fun and we have a couple of people that have already joined. Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Messenger: P&G 5:30 Sunday in the USG offices messenger.37@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Mcfarland: B&F will meet Sunday at 3. Oh and a comment made earlier if you want to know more about reaching out to student organizations then come talk to me afterwards there are forms they can fill out. Mcfarland.338@osu.edu

Flis: AA should look for an e-mail from me but I’m thinking Monday around 5. Flis.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu

DeFrance: Scarlet Grey and Green fair Friday 11-4 jamesdefrance@gmail.com

Christobek: So two things USG Social, and Josh Mendell is right now at Hitchcock Hall I want everyone to go it’s going to be very interesting. Christobek.3@osu.edu

Farinacci: If anyone doesn’t have a project I have quit a few and can’t do everything by myself. Farinacci.10@osu.edu

Mikac: Tomorrow U Senate there is three people who need alternates if your interested please come and attend. Another thing is we have a senator of the week this week. He has been doing excellent in committee and discussion in Senate as well as providing examples. This week’s senator of the week is Senator Niraj Antani. atmikac@gmail.com

Adjournment