SECRETARY’S REPORT NO. 9, OCTOBER 20, 2010
REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE USG SENATE

The Student Senate met in Regular Session on October 20, 2010 at 6:32 PM in the Senate Chamber. The Speaker Andrew Mikac Presided.

Present: 36 Absent: 1 Alternates: 3

Senators and Senate Alternates were sworn in.

Approval of the Previous Secretary’s Minutes
Moved and Seconded
The Minutes were passed with unanimous consent.

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Open Forum

Bloom: Good evening my name is Samantha Bloom I’m director for Student Organization Outreach in cabinet I wanted to let you know what my committee does. We are working with a wide variety of student organizations and we help them realize what’s available to them and what we can do to help them. We all thought it would be a good idea if I came in and discussed this a little with Senate. On the back of your list are the grey boxes; these boxes are a list of AD’s and the organizations that they are responsible for. If you have a project your working on you can go to them and ask to work with them. We thought this way we will all be working on separate
things, doubling the work, and being more effective. There is also a Google doc that has been sent to Mikac and it is a list of all the organizations on campus and whether or not they have been visited. If you plan on visiting an organization please look at this list and put your name down so we know that you’ve made contact with them and don’t keep overflowing them. If you have any questions my dot number is on there, feel free to email me. Mikac: O.k. is there any questions for Sam? Sam if you don’t mind will you please explain SOSO and it’s history, how it got started and its relationship with senate?

Bloom: SOSO is a new committee, there have been variations in the past and we have constructed it this year where each associate director gets a specific number of organizations. The directors are then responsible for these organizations, a lot of things overlap with SOSO and senate and we are really wanting to work together and that’s why we thought it would help if I came in and spoke to you guys.

Mikac: We really want to reach out to as many organizations as we can and SOSO are great allies to do so. We want to make sure we not only reach out as far as we can but also to a wide array of organizations.

Bloom: Many have also been acting about funding so we have been trying to send them to the appropriate senators. So beware if you get any e-mails this is why.

Mikac: Any other questions?

Fitzpatrick: If SOSO is meeting with someone and they start working on a project is there anyway they can contact the appropriate senator so they can work on it together.

Bloom: Yes, we have been working on this.

**Exec Report**

Kamrass: Lots of fun for you guys on this one. First of all the intern program has been running along nicely. We have cut down from almost 100 applicants we have done about 60 interviews and we are now doing second interviews. We will have interns by the end of the week we are excited about that and want to get you all involved with them as well. There are a lot of people that go from being interns to senators so we want to make sure we educate them about this body as well. The Obama event happened and happened very well. It was the largest event of Obama’s so far and it was here at Ohio State we are really proud of that. Thanks to everyone that volunteered for that. And just to clarify I guess someone thought it would be a good idea to spread a rumor that there was USG money that went into this. There was no USG money that went into this it was all paid by the Obama folks. Just so everyone is aware of that. We also had the Government relation’s forum we had about 20 students that came in and talked about what issues government deals with and what’s important to them. It’s part of the whole plan of listening to students and not just assuming. We are continuing to work on the LGBT learning community. If you have any questions about that let me know about that.

Cabinet Inductions on Tuesday, you have an invitation for that. We are really excited about that and would love to have you there for that. We are doing a homecoming float if you are able to volunteer we think its important if we get together and do that right. Our diversity team met with people in the union about ethnic food here at the Union. To try to make a complicated story as simple as possible all student organizations that want food at meetings have to have it catered by the Union. This presents a challenge to groups that are ethnic of some sort and want ethnic food there so what the policy had been was they were allowed to use outside sources but had to pay a 15% charge to use that outside source. We got them to drop the 15% and that will most likely start in Winter Quarter. It still has to go through the Ohio Union Council but they all seemed to be in support so shouldn’t be a problem.

Student Saver is doing well we’ve talked about that before. Micah.kamrass@gmail.com

Pyle: yes we finally got the recycling bins. bradpyle@gmail.com

Kamrass: To clarify we didn’t use any USG money on that either. Things coming up in the future we have the winter sports kick off which we talked about last week. Renters guide, which should be out the first week of November, which is perfect time for when people are starting to look for leases. The next week or so IOSC will be putting out an app for press secretary, our current one is graduating at the end of this quarter. If you know anyone interested please talk to them about that. Similarly we have a couple spots open on University Judicial
Panel, which is a group that deals with anything that is not academic misconduct. I was thinking some of the new senators that came in last week if you are interested in that if you could just find me afterwards if you’re interested. It’s not a huge time commitment I did it my freshman year and it was a lot of fun. Laura’s 21st Birthday is coming up. The last thing I want to say is I want to thank all of you guys, because people have really been stepping up and I want to thank all of you for that and as we enter this stressful time that is midterms and everything else. I want you to think about why you wanted to run and what you said you wanted to do and use that as motivation. It’s been a blast and exciting I want to keep that going. Any questions?

Antani: On the subject of new Senators, will they have the opportunity to serve on University Senate? Because I know there are a couple of non-senators appointed in a couple of spots.

Mikac: We haven’t talked about it yet but it will come up and we can discuss it thank you for bringing that up. I just have one more thing to do before we move into reports I want you to raise your hand if you’ve attended a cabinet meeting this quarter. That’s the majority, that’s awesome keep it up and lets keep the bonds going. If you haven’t been able to make it to a meeting please try and make sure you check it out. O.k. is there any questions? Seeing none. Moving into reports.

20 October 2010
Autumn Quarter Week 4

PAST

- **Intern Program**
  Our intern directors interviewed over 60 applicants through a group interview process. Second interviews are tonight, and we will have interns next week! Please welcome our new interns!
- **OBAMA**
  President Obama’s event was a huge success. Ohio State set the record for the largest event of his Presidency! 35,000 people were able to attend. Thanks to all of you who helped out or volunteered.
- **Student Issues Forum**
  This past Monday, the OSU Government Relations team held the Student Issues Forum to acquire feedback about which legislative issues were of interest to students. The event was the first of its kind and it was a great start! We received some tremendous feedback and we are working to find ways of receiving more feedback throughout the year.
- **LGBT Living Learning Community**
  The USG Diversity team has been working on the project and they had a tremendous meeting with Student Life Leadership. They are now working to put together a plan to accomplish the project by the end of the year

PRESENT

- **Cabinet Inductions**
  Cabinet Inductions are next Tuesday in lieu of General Cabinet. Please come to Drinko Hall at 6:30PM to welcome our new Active Cabinet Members. Our keynote speaker is President Gee, and we will also have remarks from several USG alums. Come welcome our new USGers!
- **Homecoming Float**
Please come decorate **the Homecoming Float tomorrow (Thursday) from 6PM-12AM!** We will be meeting under the Stadium, by the Sheunion. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. Also, come and walk in the **Homecoming Parade on Friday at 6PM in your USG shirt!**

- **Ethnic Food Outside the Union**
  We had a great meeting this week with Union Staff to discuss the student ethnic food policy in the Union. A new policy will be seen in Ohio Union Council by the end of the quarter. A great success for USG!

- **Student Savers**
  Please contact Jared Kamrass if you are interested in helping with the Student Savers project. He needs suggestions for places on High Street that will be good for student discounts.

- **Recycling Bins**
  USG secured 20+ recycling bins for student organization offices in the Center for Leadership and Service. Our Cabinet Committee, Student Organization Support and Service will be distributing those bins shortly with a note from USG about the importance for recycling.

- **Buckeye Advocates**
  Applications will be out next week!

**FUTURE**

- **Winter Sports Kick-Off Event- Nov 8 6-8PM**
  USG, Block O, CGS, and Sportsmanship Council are planning an event at The Ohio Union in the Great Hall to get students excited for the winter sports season. Members of several of the teams including men’s basketball will be in attendance. Also, free tickets will be given out to the men’s home basketball opener.

- **Renter’s Guide**
  The new and improved Renter’s Guide should be published within the next couple of weeks. This will help OSU Students with their decision about where to live next year.

- **Press Secretary**
  The Independent Officer Selection Committee will soon be putting out applications for our new Press Secretary. Jill Lockhart, our current Press Secretary is graduating at the end of the quarter.

- **USG Judicial Panel**
  Brad will soon be putting out the application for new USG Judicial Panel Justices. We need between 3 and 5 as well as a new clerk. We plan to have those filled by the end of the quarter.

**FUN STUFF**

- **Happy Birthday**
Laura Christobek, Chief of Staff – Author of the Exec Report, Diaper Engineer, Snowflake Cutter, Knitter, Tea Maker, Busy Lady, All Around Fun Person

Committee / Constituency Reports

Antani: Council on Academic Affairs met today, first things first Dheeraj Duggineni approval is today and he will be on sub committee C and this makes it so that Undergraduate Students will see every semester academic proposal. One at the sub committee level and then two of us Dheeraj and myself will vote and then see it at the full council level. Some other things the Chemistry and Bio Chemistry department merger is coming up. Dheeraj and I along with the other members of the council are having dinner with the provost so if any of you have any questions please let us know. Today we talked about clinical track faculty. For those of you who don’t know who it is there are tenure track faculties, which teach the theoretical where as clinical teaches the practice. The only non-health faculty that have it are law, social and behavioral sciences, engineering, and business. If you have any questions on that let me know. We talked about what they are doing with that and what their plans are. It doesn’t really effect students except I think the clinical track faculty enhances student experience. The other things we talked about was the establishment of the department of Microbial Infection and Immunity that was tabled we needed some more information from the college of medicine. That’s all. Niraj.Antani@gmail.com

Mikac: Any questions for Niraj? Any other updates?

DeDonato: My Sub committee on CSA is currently writing a charge about first year experience and how we can enhance that for transfer students as well as fall quarter freshman. Also if you’re interested in CSA I need an alternate for this upcoming meeting Tuesday four to six. Dedonato.2@osu.edu

Mikac: O.k. are there any other updates? Seeing none. We are now moving into Project Updates.

Project Updates

Fitzpatrick: I sent back a list of times with the new directory of dining’s scheduler so she should be getting back to me in a couple of days about when the meeting is going to be. So if you’re interested in being in the meeting let me know, I know I’ve already talked to a couple of you but we are going to try to do like 3 or 4 people. Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Mikac: Any other project updates? Farinaccci.

Farinacci: I’m organizing a donation drive for the textbooks in the libraries for winter quarter and possible spring quarter. So basically the textbooks in the libraries are not
exactly accessible, some don’t have enough and some don’t have any at all. Specifically that’s why there is a 2-hour limit when you check them out. If there were more books you could have more time with them hopefully a day. I think that’s the best way to actually combat the rising textbook costs is to expand that service so students can use it and it be more convenient for them to use. So talk to me later if this is something you want to do.  

Farinacci.10@osu.edu

Mikac: Any other project updates? Seeing none. Ok we are moving into Old Business.

Old Business

43-R-31 (Fitzpatrick) A Resolution to Create the Ad Hoc Committee on Reapportionment
Mikac: A resolution to create the Ad Hoc Committee on reapportionment. Sean Fitzpatrick what you got.
Fitzpatrick: We’ve seen this all once before; I addressed most of everyone’s concerns. There are now five voting members on the committee some of us are in the arts and sciences and one of us actually represents one of the divisions under that. There will be a sub committee that is made up of three members one from each of the colleges that correspond to the new divisions. That’s Niraj, Kevin, and Sydney. Those three will each be working on that issue specifically. Theoretically this will be done hopefully by the 10th week of the quarter although for this to be completely done with it needs to be dissolved by legislation from the senate.
Mikac: Any questions for Sean on 43-R-31? Seeing none. Moving into discussion. Any discussion?
Antani: I was probably one of the strongest opponents to this the first time around. I looked at this version and I completely support it.
Mikac: any other discussion on 43-R-31? O.k. we are now going to vote. We are going to do this electronically. 2 is yes 3 is no and 4 is abstain.
43-R-31 passes with a vote of 30-1-6.

43-R-32 (Kamrass) A Resolution to Approve an Appointment to the Council on Academic Affairs
Kamrass: this is pretty straightforward it’s the last section of our John Tanos transition. We thought about who would be a great addition to this and wanted to add a bit of diversity, so we thought of Diraj as a person that would be great. P&G thought so as well.
Dugg: Can we change my name on that?
Mikac: that will be corrected on the final legislation.
Messenger: Just to clarify it passed with unanimous consent.
Antani: Move for acclimation.
Moved and Seconded.
43-R-32 Acclaimed

43-R-33 (Kamrass) A Resolution to Approve an Appointment to the Council on student Affairs
Mikac: A resolution to approve an appointment on Student Affairs.
Kamrass: On a similar note. Lindsey Stallings that usually sits on CSA had a time conflict and can no longer sit on it so we came up with Keri Letner she was very interested and we thought she would be a great person. It passed with unanimous consent in P&G. She’ll do a great job and CSA needs a good mixture of veterans and season people and Keri’s a very seasonal person.
Mikac: Any questions for Micah? Seeing none.
Fitzpatrick: Move for acclimation.
Moved and Seconded.
43-R-33 Acclaimed

43-R-34 (Flis) A Resolution to Support Priority Scheduling for Contracted ROTC Students
Mikac: a resolution to support early scheduling to contracted ROTC members.
Flis: It’s pretty much what it says I wrote the resolution along with Nick and Niraj. Cabinet already started doing some work on this Niraj is doing some stuff too. Right now we are looking at hammering out the actual proposal and the where the slot will be. So if you read in here it is a proposal to say we are in support of them getting an earlier block. It has been established we are just supporting it.
Mikac: Any questions for Jen on 43-R-34?
Smidt: Maybe not so much a questions but in our meeting we talked about removing the underlines?
Flis: In my version there weren’t any underlines and I thought I passed it on.
Mikac: O.k. this must have been my mistake. Welp Underlines are removed and noted.
Any other questions?
Antani: Should this pass can a signed copy be given to be included in the proposal?
Mikac: yes, that’s usually up to the sponsor to come ask me the speaker and we will give you a signed copy for you to use it for whatever purposes you have. Any other questions?
Move into discussion? Seeing none. Moving into vote. All in favor please say aye, all opposed, any abstentions?
43-R-34 passed 34-0-2

New Business

43-R-35 (Farinacci) A Resolution to Encourage USG to be Non-Partisan
43-R-36 (Kamrass) A Resolution to Approve Associate Director of Student Life
43-B-9 (DeDonato) A Bill to Support the National Hellenic Student Association National Convention at OSU
43-B-10 (DeDonato) A Bill to Support the Sigma Epsilon Phi Student Banquet and Dance
43-B-11 (Reu) A Bill to Help Fund the Pakistani American Student Association’s Fundraiser
43-B-12 (McFarland) A Bill to Support the Members of the Undergraduate Black Law Student Association

Mikac: there are four bills that I’m really excited about in new business for the reason that a lot of these names have not come up before. We have some new people stepping up and this is a good thing, keep it coming. Any questions over new business?
**Announcements**

Kedia: Apps Against Apathy there will be a free concert with lots of local bands this Friday 4:30 at the Browning Ampotheatre. [Kedia.9@osu.edu](mailto:Kedia.9@osu.edu)

Flis: This Thursday AA is meeting at 8:30 in the USG offices. A typical meeting and then we will discuss the drop dates. [Flis.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:Flis.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu)

Kamrass: Reminder of the University Judicial openings we really need a couple of people. Also if you have the money envelope make sure I get that. Committee chairs if you feel like mine or Brad’s presence would be helpful please let us know at senate that Wednesday before your meeting and we will make sure one of us or a member from exec will be there. [micah.kamrass@gmail.com](mailto:micah.kamrass@gmail.com)

Messenger: P&G will be meeting Sunday at 5:30 [messenger.37@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:messenger.37@buckeyemail.osu.edu)

McFarland: B&F will be meeting 3:00 on Sunday [mcfarland.338@osu.edu](mailto:mcfarland.338@osu.edu)

Fitzpatrick: November 8th is meeting the professor. Please come listen to Dr. Kuhn. There is also going to be a short meeting on November 3rd to meet the deans event hopefully you can all make it it’s in the grand meeting rooms and that will have all the deans from the arts and sciences colleges and hopefully lots of students. [Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu)

Duggineni: Friday is a poster presentation for people that haven’t talked to their constituency; this is also a good way to get some visibility. [Duggineni.1@osu.edu](mailto:Duggineni.1@osu.edu)

Messenger: The collegiate first United Nations simulation is coming up it’s open to anyone and please come if you want to represent a country. [Messenger.37@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:Messenger.37@buckeyemail.osu.edu)

Mikac: We are in October this is what we call the dull drums. We are slowing down we are forgetting elections that are long time behind us now. Right now is when we have the opportunity to challenge ourselves. When we became senators we did this with a promise to step up and make a difference and be active in their realms and our realms. We have to be aware of that I’m making mistakes and we have to hold ourselves accountable and live up to things that aren’t being done. There is some good legislation coming up next week and I want to thank all of you guys for that. [atmikac@gmail.com](mailto:atmikac@gmail.com)