SECRETARY’S REPORT NO.8, OCTOBER 13, 2010
REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE USG SENATE

The Student Senate met in Regular Session on October 13, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the Senate Chamber. The Speaker Andrew Mikac presided.

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Senate Alternates were sworn in.

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

Open Forum

Jason Suster
IT/Communications – USG cabinet
Talked with Laura about uploading documents – a must, frequent updates, contact information and formatting, as well as request forms.

- 1 – 2 weeks – constitution, governing documents should be loaded
Online Request for Senate funding – goal is to standardize B&F process
Open for suggestions
Timeline, as yet, unknown – 1-2 months
Laura Christobek – everything is possible and will be done before the Christmas, Kwanza, and Chanukah season

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**Rylee Kelleher** – representing mock trial for 43-B-7

Mock Trial is hosting a tournament downtown. Organization had to pay fee to Mock Trial national to make event possible.

Duggenini – CSA? – (answer) off campus
Last year? – got $1100 from USG last year, for similarly formatted event

DeFrance – How is this event promoting OSU?

CSL Scholars have promoted events in dorms and 55 OSU students will be participating.

McFarland – How was OSU’s teams’ previous performance?
For the beginning of the year, OSU doesn’t stack teams and in the past were middle of the pack for this event. Standings improve with practice and litigator ranking

Pandey – How will the rest of the event be paid for?
Club members pay dues. The remainder of uncovered costs will come out of those funds.

Duggenini – Can the rest of the current budget shortfall be covered?
Not as yet.

**Josh Miera**
43-B-8
Event incorporates many Greek chapters and student organizations. Participants gather at the Wexner Plaza, hear a speaker and then are bused to various pre-informed neighborhoods to collect canned foods and then donate them to Mid-Ohio Regional Food Bank.

Last year there were 200 participants and 3000 lbs. of food were collected.
This year, it is predicted that there will be 300 participants and 4000 lbs. of food collected.

Mikac: [Rules of filling vacancies and executive session explained. ]

**Senate Vacancies** – executive session called at 6:48pm

Mansfield Emissary
Sundus Riaz – disqualified due to absence
James Ryan
Erin Shoykhet

- James Ryan selected – by secret ballot

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Maria Ahmad
Alex Carvajal
David Chao – disqualified due to absence

- Maria Ahmad – by secret ballot

Social Work

Rachel Howe – disqualified due to absence
Jacklyn Poole
Brittney Tubbs

- Jacklyn Poole – by secret ballot

Executive session closed at 8:16pm.

James Ryan for Mansfield Campus Emissary, Jacklyn Poole as senator for the College of Social Work, and Maria Ahmad for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences were inducted as members of the 43rd by Speaker Andrew Mikac.

**Exec report**

Micah – 96 applications were turned in for a total of 30 spots for interns. The Ads are doing interviews right now, USG had a successful social on Friday, and I enjoyed myself. Please come to Cabinet, members there appreciate when senators come, speaker series has begun with Chief Denton on Tuesday, Brett Mayo who works on sustainability in Student Life will be coming to Cabinet on next Tuesday. Student Advocates will begun
Princeton Review program for 8 half-price course scholarships, marketing and senators working to continue and foster that relationship with Princeton Review.

A few birthdays are coming up [see attached].

President Obama will be coming to campus, a visit that was advocated for by USG as soon as his intent to come to Columbus was made aware of. This is a political visit and is paid for totally by the DNC. This is not a gift by the East side of oval, begins at 6:15pm, gates open at 5:00pm for speech. To put in perspective, University of Wisconsin saw a 1 mile long line at 5:00 pm. This event will be at the east end of the Oval. At 6:15pm, John Legend will perform following that there will be speakers, including the Mayor. Michele Obama will join
her husband for their first joint appearance since 2008 which is a big deal. And an OSU student will sing the national anthem. Micah.kamrass@gmail.com

McFarland: Who is heading up the effort for the LGBT community?
Micah: Malavika in diversity is in charge of it, Micha and Brad and Laura are all backing and in favor of it.

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13 October 2010
Autumn Quarter Week 3

PAST

- **Be a Healthy Nut!**
  Cabinet’s Health and Wellness Committee hosted a large event on Thursday, October 7th in the RPAC. They partnered with numerous health and wellness resources on campus to provide information to students. There were even pet therapy dogs! Thanks to Yetty and the H&W team!

- **Intern Program**
  Intern applications were due last week – we received over 90 applications! Interviews continue tonight and tomorrow, so please be respectful of this if you are working in the office.

- **USG Social**
  The USG Social was absurd – thanks to all that came, thanks to Brandee for organizing the event, and thanks to Micah and Brad for funding the event!

- **Speaker Series**
  Chief Denton from the OSUPD spoke yesterday at 6PM before Cabinet about OSUPD and the Joint Police Patrol. Members asked many questions about underage drinking and the STOP Program, and Brandee, Carrie, or Brad can fill you in on details or pass along Chief Denton’s information.

PRESENT

- **OBAMA**
  President Obama is coming to Columbus, specifically the Oval! The president is coming Sunday, October 17th at 6:15PM – the Oval opens at 5PM. USG is an official sponsor of the event with the College Democrats. Yay!

- **Movie Night in the USG Office**
  THIS THURSDAY at 8PM. We are watching a Halloween movie, and if Laura gets her way it will be Casper the Friendly Ghost. These will be a regular occurrence in USG!

- **Student Issues Forum – October 18th at 6:30PM in Cartoon Room 2**
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!

- **Financial Health**
  Adam Wagner (wagner.761@osu.edu) in Cabinet’s Academic Affairs Committee is working on an initiative to improve Financial Aid communication at OSU. He is working with several others in USG, the Wellness Center, Parent and Family Relations, and folks from the CSC on the project.

- **Buckeye Advocates**
  The project, formerly known as Student Defenders, is making progress and will begin taking applications soon. Buckeye Advocates are students that will coach students through COAM and UJP.

- **LGBT and Allies Living-Learning Community**
  The Diversity team is working with the Multicultural Center and Dr. J to bring an LGBT and Allies Living-Learning Community to Campus. With the recent suicides among college students, it is imperative that Ohio State has a safe zone for students.

- **Outside Food in the Union**
  USG has been getting many complaints about the Union’s strict University Catering policy – complaints are mainly coming from minority student orgs. Diversity, Student Org Support and Outreach, and Student Life are working together to help these student orgs and find a permanent solution.

- **Princeton Review Scholarship Distribution**
  We are working with Princeton Review to give out several scholarships for their program, as well as marketing the overall initiative that Ohio State students save money with Princeton Review.

**FUTURE**

- **Iron Chef**
  USG, the Kappa Phi Lambda sorority, and the Multicultural Center are hosting Iron Chef in the Union Instructional Kitchen on October 28 from 6-9PM! Three student teams from Southeast, South, and East Asia will be competing for the title Iron Chef. A speaker will also describe the role of food in culture and information about different types of food in each region.

**FUN STUFF**

- **Happy Birthday!**
  - Divya Bekal, October 13 – Associate Director of Health & Wellness
  - Ben Nagel, October 14 – Associate Director of Membership
  - Devin Benson, October 17 – Associate Director of Marketing
IT / WEBSITE DISCUSSION

- Jason Sustar (sustar.7@osu.edu), Hany Rashwan (hany@rashwan.com), Ben Gilbert (gilbert.291@osu.edu)
- Brief discussion now, Jason will be at B&F in the coming weeks
- Documents:
  - Updated Governing Docs (with dates): USG Constitution, Senate Bylaws, Committee (AA, SL, P&G, B&F) Bylaws, Senate Standing Rules, Elections Bylaws
  - Election Documents: Election Bylaws, Campaign Petition Forms
  - Templates: Bill / Resolution Template, Constituency Report Template
  - Forms: USG Funding Contract (for student orgs), Student Org Funding Request, 100W Request Forms (for purchases within the University), Purchase Order Request Forms (for purchases with companies outside the university above $1k), P-Card Request Form (for purchases with outside companies up to $999), AP Compliance Form (W-9 Form), Campaign Petition Forms
  - Applications (when applicable): Senate Vacancies, Independent Officers, AEGs, Clean Sweep, Cabinet Director /AD
- Budget
  - Budget of current quarter and “ledger” budget of previous quarters
- Funding Requests
  - Work on with B&F

Committee/Constituency report

McFarland: B & F has been continuing its consideration to eliminate the limit on USG Senate funding for organizations. Mcfarland.338@osu.edu

Project updates

Fitzpatrick: Bylaw review is coming, cabinet and the judiciary panel have both submitted their representatives for the review committee. Senate needs four volunteers for the review for whom this will be their last year, they cannot be a part of the next election. Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Flis: Thursday, Academic Affairs meeting open at 8:30pm to discuss drop dates under semester, looking at the separate indications of “W” or without note. Flis.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Old Business

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

NSSLH Association is holding a conference and this bill is to support their event.

The organization is holding this event, open to all students to learning more about the speech and hearing professions and medical concerns. This is a big conference and the
head of the National NSLHA, in charge of certifying professionals in the field will be coming to speak.

Antani: This is a great event and a great opportunity for the OSU community. B&F thoroughly vetted the bill over the course of an hour.

Fitzpatrick: $5 per shirt, $4000+ in organization budget
Farinacci: move for unanimous consent
Passes with unanimous consent

43-B-7 (Farinacci) A Bill to Support the Members of the Undergraduate Mock Trial Club
Farinacci: No comment.
Reinhard: The organization had e-mailed a few senators, Nick met with them, a similar bill was written for this event last year, however the paperwork was not able to be submitted in time to B & F. This is a great event.

Fitzpatrick: This is a great event. I had the opportunity to speak with some of the people who served as witnesses and
Farinacci: Move for unanimous consent.
Andrew: motion for unanimous consent – any objection. Seeing some, motion fails
Farinacci: we supported this event for the same amount last year, enough said.
McFarland: This is a great bill and a great opportunity for students to see how a court actually functions and to be in an actual courtroom.
Duggenini: How was this event promoted?
   - Motion passes -4 abstentions, 1 opposed

43-R-29 (Mikac) A Resolution to Approve the USG Senate Committee Appointments
Mikac: This one is on endorsing Kurt Gildemeister to the Council on Academic Affairs.
Antani: Move for acclimation.
seconded
Mikac: Motion for acclimation. Any opposition? Seeing none, motion carries.
   Good, no one should be opposed to that.

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

Micah: This seat is on a very important committee and must be filled by someone with regional campus experience. This seat was filled by Lyndsey English, who is no longer a senator and has vacated the seat. This resolution will put our most senior campus emissary in this role.
Fitzpatrick: This needs to say “Brad Pyle, for himself and Micah Kamrass.”

Pyle: Ammended.
Antani: Moved for acclimationtion
Seconded.

New Business

Announcements

Mikac: Constituency reports are due next week atmikac@gmail.com

Kamrass: Sponsors – get your organizations to fill out the paperwork after the event is over and the receipts are turned in, so that they can receive the money for which they have been approved. Micah.kamrass@gmail.com

Within 15 business days this paperwork must be turned in to Paul Beery’s office.

Laura: There will be USG movie night on Thursday with a selection of ghost movies and student issues forum on Monday at 6:30pm.

Tomack – Last USG meeting a ton of copies of paper were used after many members already had copies of the papers previously – can we go greener by not printing off so many copies?

Flis – AA will have to meet twice Thursday and Monday at 4:30 flis.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Mikac – we now have 3 new members of the senate. We must welcome them, such that when we walk out of the chamber at end the year we will be crying at the end of this great experience.

SOW: Keely Ingram for her attentiveness to detail and dedicated work ethic.

Adjournment