SECRETARY’S REPORT NO. 11, NOVEMBER 3, 2010
REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE USG SENATE

The Student Senate met in Regular Session on November 3, 2010 at 6:33 PM in the Senate Chamber. Speaker of the Senate Andrew Mikac presided.

Present:                38          Absent:                1           Alternates:           1

Ahmad Holmes Perkins
Antani Homan Poole
Brahm Hosa Reinhard
Bruner Howard :alt Reu
Collins Hutchinson Ryan: ab
DeDonato Ingram Schaffer
DeFrance Kedia Schmitt
Duggineni Liles Shoub
Farinacci Mbagwu Smidt
Ferguson McFarland Stanley
Fitzpatrick Messenger Tichenor
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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
Alley Fraemer: Hi I’m Alley Fraemer I’m from cabinet and serve on the membership committee. We are starting to plan Rock the Block you can find the application on the USG website. This year Rock the Block is on April 30th it is always during Greek week. Last year we did two co chairs and this year we are doing more of an executive board style. We want you to apply we want your opinions everyone’s got an opinion on how it works. The applications are due to the Rock the Block e-mail address by November 22nd. We will then hold interviews and everyone will know if they have been selected by December 3rd. Rock the Block is much like community commitment if you have ever done that. Campus wide day of service a lot of this stuff involved keeping Columbus Beautiful. We may bus you to service sites we also made blankets last year for kids you may go to nursing homes or paint fences either way its all hands on service. There is then a big reflection period
afterwards, it’s usually pretty big about 1200 kids each year. There will be free food and T-shirts. If you have any questions just check out the USG website.

Mikac: Any Questions for Alley? Seeing none. Thank you Alley we will now have Phillip Burns.

Phillip Burns: Thank you all for your time tonight just looking at your agenda I saw you have a lot of stuff to do so I thank you for letting me come in and speak. As Andrew said my name is Phillip Burns and I work for Theta Pi International Fraternity. I have a pretty cool job, I get to change lives. I do have a question when I say the word frat what comes to mind?

Suggestions from audience: Beer, Animal House, Disrespecting Women, Hazing, Alcohol Abuse, Brotherhood, love, Sperry’s.

Burns: That’s actually the second time this week I’ve heard the word Sperry’s and I’ve never heard it before while speaking. I hate frats personally I just can’t stand them. I don’t understand how you can be hit one week and then called a brother the next or be forced to chug alcohol one week and then told you are a favorite person the next week. It just doesn’t work in my mind. Now when I say the word Fraternity or ask for a definition can anyone give me one?

McFarland: An ever-lasting brotherhood.

Collins: A group of people sharing common interest.

Burns: My personal definition of fraternity is a group of like-minded individuals who want to better themselves and their community. That is my job here at Ohio State as I said when I started my job is to change lives, and my job here at Ohio State is to find like minded individuals who want to become better friends, better students, but most importantly better men. That means we want you to excel in a classroom, the community, but most importantly life. I had a great Fraternity experience, I got to meet the queen of England because of my Fraternity. If there is anybody who would like to talk to me about this I’m going to leave my card up here. I’d love to take 10 to 15 minutes of your time to talk to you about what it is you want to do here at Ohio State. Even if you’re a female I would like to take some of your time a cup of coffee do you know some men that might have what we are looking for. Thank you so much for your time guys.

Adam Wagner: My name is Adam Wagner for those of you who I have no met. I am associate director of Academic Affairs in cabinet. Right now cabinet is working on almost a joint project between student life and academic affairs. We are working on kind of overhauling the way that financial aid is communicated at this university. If you haven’t noticed if you look at the financial aid website which is OFA.OSU.edu there is kind of a lack of streamline communication and the website is not very user friendly. It is hard to find information and most of the time that information is outdated or wrong. So the two main goals of our project are 1. To create market and hand out a guide to publish that would be worked out by student government and partnership with the wellness center. These last couple of weeks we have been having meetings with the assistant Vice President for the consolidate student service center to kind of get their buy in on this solution. But so far we have been given every green light needed to gain some support from them. On top of that the Wellness Center has taken interest on this project, I was asked what we were going to do about financial wellness and I told her that it is a very important part of the financial aid system and through this working relationship we developed a working guide on financial wellness and how it ties in with financial aid. We are really excited about that and I just kind of wanted to talk to you guys about how to gain help for this. We will be facilitating focus groups to talk to students and we would love to have senates help on these groups. If you have any questions you can ask me or get my contact information. Any questions let me know

Mikac: Any questions for Adam right now? DeFrance.

DeFrance: Are there any clear ways you know you want to market this?

Wagner: I talked to Matt Couch we would probably printing off a number of these guides but at the same time we will have a pdf available and it will be assimilated through orientation. We talked about doing business buckeye style.
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Mikac: any other questions for Adam? Seeing none we will now move into exec report.

Exec Report

Pyle: We met with some ladies from WAR along with Bryan Ashton, Lindsey, and a couple other people. It was very interesting we are going to start working on the new Sexual Violence policy it will be a little less radical then the one I believe they are going to be taking. But we are going to see where that all plays out if anyone is interested in working on this with me please let me know after. bradpyle@gmail.com

Kamrass: So stuff coming up in present, the election results are in and congrats to everyone who participated and helped out. OSU votes went very well we thought and a few things are going to happen, a chapter of OSU votes is now closed and we are going to ask them to open a new one and review how things went and establish a plan. So we can get systems in place and assess what we did well and what we can do better. As you all know there are elections every year and actually OSU students can have the most impact on the 2011 election city elections so it’s a smaller poll. If you have ideas please share. We are also going to be working on sending out letters to every official in the state who won yesterday congratulating them and expressing our desire to work with them and hope they continue to value Ohio State. Which should come to no surprise to all of you is these elections have a big impact on the university. To be more then honest I’ve been to a couple meetings and been preparing for the outcomes of the election. Now that we have gotten through those we are going to be moving and the University will be changing. For those of you who don’t follow elections and don’t know we have a new governor coming in so any time there is administration change there are usually different philosophy’s that come with that so with the new governor there is going to be a change possibly with funding so a number of things are on the table. We might be looking at less funding which means the University is going to have to cut from a couple different budgets um it means that we are going to have to be advocating very loudly that tuition not increase by a substantial amount. So all of these things are on the table and I just wanted to make you aware of them, none of these are concrete yet and the new governor doesn’t even have to submit a budget until march 15 and we are hoping to have a better understanding what our finances will look like before then. But just so you guys know I’ve already sat in on meetings on tuition and whether or not it’s going to go up. The answer to that is we are going to wait and see on what the new administration has to say so I don’t have any answers for you on that. I just wanted to make you guys aware of it and let you know we are working diligently on that and making sure that whatever happens the student voice is at least hear and whatever happens beyond that there are no more promises I can make. Does anyone have any questions about election stuff and then I’ll move into everything else. Micah.kamrass@gmail.com

Schmitt: Can you speculate when these changes would start effecting students?

Kamrass: I don’t think much in the university will change this year. The new budget would have to be proposed by march 15th and then approved by then. Most of the changes that the students would feel will probably be the following year because the current budget we are under goes until the end of the current school year. We will see how all of them goes the only thing the student may feel between now and the end of the year is a number of university departments may have to make some cuts. From our stand point we are going to have to review some of USG policies for the rest of the year and see if some are now not financial feasible. We will have to wait till fall these are good questions though.

Farinacci: U Senate has already discussed this. The school is/was prepared to restrict or expand on who won the election. They want to shrink the budget and they are prepared to make cuts now and then next year when the budget comes out there are a number of options. Farinacci.10@osu.edu

Kamrass: Yes Farinacci is correct. Are there any other questions? O.k., things coming up there are a number of applications out and we encourage all that can to apply. We just posted them a couple of days ago so please talk to people in your constituency and try to help us out with that these are just a number of ways to get more students involved. The Christian Legal Society is meeting tomorrow to review the topic of whether to leave their rules as is or review and change them. Three people from USG will be attending, Mikac, Bloom, and Bryan Ashton. So if you have any input please bring it up to Mikac or any of the other two, all would be willing to help out. Monday is the Winter sports kick off please don’t’ forget about that.
Collins: We just got word that there will be two Lady Gaga Tickets given away at this as well.
Kamrass: Things coming up, we have now gotten the approval on Enrichment Grants, there was a total of 25,000. 12,500 now and 12,500 in the spring. Laura will head this up and we are going to be asking some of you for help this is something that we get all of our funding from Academic Affairs and this gets back to students. It’s for anybody with academically minded research, study abroad, or money to go a conference. Also just to clarify this is not USG money.
McFarland: And when they apply its for that quarter?
Christobek: It’s used all year and everyone is eligible to apply.
Hosa: Mid Winter is the first deadline correct? How quick till you find out if they are approved.
Christobek: about three weeks after they apply.
Antani: Is there a limit per person on how much money one person can receive?
Christobek: I don’t think that has been set yet. I’m getting information on how it was done in the previous years in order for me to make benchmarks for this year.
Mikac: are there any other questions?
Kamrass: O.k. last bit. In the far future the University of Cincinnati USG is doing a joint retreat with us. 50 members will be attending this. After us they are the most sophisticated student government in my opinion. We are going to have them up here, get some new ideas, and hang out and meet new people that should be about January 22nd. Canned Food Drive information on the back of the paper as well please check that out. I want to spend the next couple of minutes talking about money. 1) I’m beginning the winter quarter budget and you will soon have that update. Currently there are 166,000 and some change that is approximately 70% left, after this quarter it will look closer to the 50% mark that we had anticipated. We still have several funding things we haven’t approved as well as clean sweep checks to make. You still have some of the 12,000 you started with this quarter and I want to encourage you to use that. I also want to encourage you to think about what it is you want to achieve in your term as senate. I also want to encourage you to come to cabinet I was telling Andrew today it’s hard for me to know all of your individual interests and if you go to cabinet and find something that is in that realm I can include you in the loop. As of right now I just don’t know what all of you are interested in unless you let me know. I’d like to think that I’ve done a good job including the people that I think will fit will and that your included there and if you feel like your someone who could be doing more let me know so I can help with that are there any questions?
Antani: Can we have an update on Office Hours on the Oval?
Kamrass: We have continued to do office hours on the oval and we will be continuing them in the winter. We have been flexible so that we are getting different groups and we have tried to be flexible when it comes to the weather as well. We’ve been putting them on our Google calendars so if any of you have any interest in joining us please let me know. Are there any other questions?
Mikac: Seeing none ok lets move into committee / constituency reports.

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PAST

● Sexual Violence Policy
  Brad will be leading a team comprised of USG members to investigate the Student Code of Conduct and the Sexual Violence policy. They had a meeting with WARR (Women and Allies Rising in Resistance) to discuss the group’s views last Wednesday.
PRESENT

- Election Results
  USG will be sending each of yesterday’s election winners’ congratulatory notes for their success in the 2010 election.

- Meetings to Assess Election Results (OSU)
  Micah and Brad will begin meeting with officials across the university to discuss the effects of yesterday’s election. Micah will elaborate now...

- Provost and CFO Meetings for Tuition Discussions
  Micah has met with the Provost and CFO to discuss future tuition structures.

- CLS CSA Subcommittee Meeting
  The CLS subcommittee meeting of CSA is meeting this week.

- APPLICATIONS – USG JP, Press Secretary, Buckeye Advocates, Rock the Block Chairs
  APPLICATIONS OUT – You (Senator) can be a Buckeye Advocate or Rock the Block Co-Chair! PLEASE pass these applications on to your friends and classmates, as deadlines are coming up!

- Winter Sports Kick-Off Event, November 8 from 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.

FUTURE

- Academic Enrichment Grants
  Laura and Brett are leading a team of Executive and Senate members for Academic Enrichment Grants this year. We received approval from the Office of Academic Affairs to award $25,000 to individual students for academic opportunities (like research and study abroad trips). We will give $12,500 in both Winter and Spring quarters, and all students will be encouraged to apply.

- Winter Budget
  Micah began working on the Winter budget! You will all see that in New Business in two weeks! Pending approval from B&F, it will be in Old Business the last week of the quarter.

- Canned Food Drive
  USG will partner with OUAB to get canned goods for needy families for Thanksgiving. Please donate your canned food to the USG office in the month of November!

FUN STUFF

- Happy Birthday!
Brett McFarland! – November 3  
Jorge Ng Zheng – November 3  
Caroline Holmes – November 6

**USG HALLOWEEN SOIREE Awards!**

![Spencer Shaffer, Best “I did this using the products found in South Campus restrooms”](image1)

![Radhika Kedia, Most Creative](image2)

![Dheeraj Duggineni, Devin Benson, Michael Cata, Oddest Trio](image3)

![Jen Flis, Micahel and Katie, Oddest Trio II](image4)

![Micah and Brad, Least Realistic](image5)

![Classiest, Saul Pandey and Andrew Mikac](image6)

Thanks for coming! Look forward to the USG Formal in Winter Quarter!

**Committee / Constituency Reports**
Antani: CAA met and Subcommittee C discussed the establishment of a new master of mathematical sciences. On Subcommittee D the merger of the departments of Plant Cellular and Molecular Biology and Molecular Genetics in to a New Department called “Molecular Genetics”. After these were discussed we then had dinner with the provost. Niraj.antani@gmail.com

O'Connell: We had a meeting on Monday and one of the things we talked about was the music and dance library temporarily moving to SEL when its remodeled in the summer. It will most likely be for a two-year period. This is a big process we are talking about the books need to be moved and if they won’t fit do we give them away or give them to other universities? There will be about 150 seats taken out of the SEL and more study space will be placed elsewhere. Oconnell.88@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Tomack: Did they say how many seats there are total in the SEL?
O’Connell: I’m not sure
Antani: Do you know if these are physical seats or computer seating?
O’Connell: Physical seats.

Mikac: If you have any issues please contact Natalie and see if we can get more peoples opinions going for her maybe we can challenge some of the procedure since there are a lot of people interested in this topic.

Flis: CESP met yesterday and we met very briefly and talked about conversion. We’ve received input from other schools that have either already converted or are in the process and we discussed what was easy and how they did it and such. We talked about tuition type things and it did come up that the provost might be adding a credit cap for fall 2011. It was suggested that 1-12 per credit and then once you hit 19 you would pay per credit again and rank four would be excluded from this so they can graduate on time before semesters. We went from their to freshman report we have roughly 6,600 and the average ACT score was a 27.8 a big point was mad that although this is high the middle and majority was 26-31 they don’t want people to worry about not getting in. We are working on retention and we have the highest rate at 98%. We also managed to get the ROTC for next agenda flis.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Mikac: any questions?

Kamrass: I have a quick one. January 1st the university is really going to start ramping up their communication to students it hasn’t been excellent because we don’t know what to communicate yet. IT will be slow and steady there is a renewed emphasis CSAA is renewing and really starting to communicate this is how they will convert exciting and another one is may term and working on that for those of you who aren’t’ familiar it is the 4 week term of 2nd semester and summer session. It’s all students who are enrolled full time. The dean of arts and sciences has come forth with their proposal including transition of GEC’s and some major classes. There will be a lot of different services, learning and studying abroad. I consider that to be a big win and many courses can use this as a guide. Micah.kamrass@gmail.com

Mikac: any other questions or updates?
Fitzpatrick: CCI met this past Friday we discussed learning outcomes under semesters those have been set. The big news is that we have also been working on the advising / faculty guidelines in Arts and Sciences. Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Brahm: CSA we finished up approving and denying student funding for this year. We encourage them if they got denied to tell them to turn it in and we can tell them what the reason was for them being denied. Those are due within the next two weeks. Often times they are small mistakes that can be fixed. Brahm.7@osu.edu

Duggineni: Will both denials and approvals find out this weekend?
Brahm: I’m not sure about approvals but denials for sure so we can start the appeal process.

**Project Updates**

Reinhard: Grace Underwood came to me and approached me about starting a def studies or American language minor and I talked to them and that’s something they are talking about and they would like to collect any information or opinions. So if you have any opinions on this or are interested please let me know. I’m also going to the ASL club meeting. Reinhard.38@osu.edu

McFarland: I have two quick updates. This coming Tuesday at 8-9 at the Hale Center USG at the Hale will be happening it’s a outreach to create increase in minority interest in USG. Any information or if you would like to attend talk to me after the meeting. Also the next one is the off campus senators are hosting an event called the Autumn Bash next week. It will promote some USG and build a community outside the dorms. There will be a pie eating contest, a fire pit for smores, and some BBQ. It’s going to be a good time and we thought it would be a good opportunity to do something for the community and a study break. Mcfarland.338@osu.edu

Antani: When’s the first event again?
McFarland: Next Tuesday from 8-9 in the MLK lounge.

Pandey: I’m working on improving a national orientation. It’s held towards right before school starts and with the under grad and grad orientations are piled into one. We are looking at getting FYE involved and separating those. If you are interested contact Homan, Ashton, or me. Pandey.23@osu.edu

**Old Business**

McFarland: Move bill 43-B-13 into Old Business due to time sensitive issues.
Mikac: ok anyone can vote on this if you’re a senator.
Passed 35-1-4 43-B-13 moved into Old Business

**43-B-11 (Reu) A Bill to Support the Pakistani American Student Association’s Fundraiser**
Reu: Well the representatives of this fundraiser came with me to describe this event and what it entails. They came to me and asked for funding this past summer there was a lot of flooding in Pakistani and affected a lot of people.
Zeb: 20 million people were affected and we are trying to raise funds for this as quickly as possible. For this event we want to make this outside catering and that is not covered in CSA. We got everything else covered for them and for this we are asking for 1500. We have gotten 500 from both CSA and other funds. It’s about 10$ a students.

McFarland: Do you have a target of how much you want to raise?
Zeb: We are hoping to raise at least $3,000 but we are hoping that that’s a low. We have a couple of people that are going to match whatever we raise. So hopefully we can get at least $10,000.

DeFrance: Where specifically are you sending this money?
Zeb: To a non-profit organization that has done tons of work for the flooding already. This has been a non-profit org for about 5 years now.

Fitzpatrick: I assume you have worked the outside catering out with the Union?
Zeb: yes

Mikac: Any other questions? Seeing none. We are now going to move into discussion.
McFarland: I was going to say I’m going to vote for it it’s a really good cause. I asked Micah how often does USG interact with Natural disasters and this is our opportunity. I’m going to be voting yes.

Mikac: Any other Discussion?
Kamrass: Is B&F o.k. with this amount?
McFarland: Yes we have the funds.

Farinacci: It’s the nature of how things work I don’t think we should deny a group their asking amount just because we are running low on funds. It’s a first come first serve.
Mikac: o.k. we are now moving into a vote we will begin with the same electronic system as last time.
43-B-11 passed 36-1-1

43-B-13 (McFarland) A Bill to Fund the Off Campus Autumn Bash
McFarland: If you take a look at the back page that is kind of our budget we are asking for $575.50. This is a pretty detailed budget, we wanted to make sure we have enough for the food and we are also going to get a fire pit. Micah and Brad are more then welcome to use this when you hold office hours in the oval in the winter. We have some cost for advertising and two gift cards. I didn’t include the money for firewood because that’s kind of like fuel. That will be provided by myself of some of the organizations that we are seeking help from. Are there any questions?
Kedia: Is there a vegetarian option?
McFarland: yes
Pandey: withdrawn
Antani: Who will be cooking?
McFarland: I actually double as a chief. I’ll be cooking but also we are going to be contacting off campus student services for some grills.
Mikac: are there any other questions?
Collins: I thought USG couldn’t fund prizes.
McFarland: that’s for organizations this is coming out of our constituency fund. This does not affect our org funds and for any senators that want to do events or reach out to constituents there are funds available. If you want money for food or drinks are more then welcome to approach me or Mikac on how to do that get that in process.
Hutchison: Did you talk about the fire pit and why we need one?
Mcfarland: We are buying it for the smores and such and we will also me sharing it with outside organizations if they would like to sue it.
Mikac: Any more questions? Seeing none. O.k. we are now into discussion.
Fitzpatrick: I think this is fantastic it’s a really great start. We talked about this a lot last night in steering I know some people may have some worries about the large amount but we only have four weeks left and since we haven’t used a lot of this funding yet I thin it’s ok to use this is a great event as well.
Smidt: I just want to say that I think it does seem like a lot of money but I do appreciate that Brett is always mindful with funding and for the event it’s a perfect amount.
Call to question
Mikac: We will now vote all in favor say aye, opposed, any abstentions.
43-B-13 passed.

43-R-42 (Pyle) A Resolution to Appoint Saul Pandey and Jasmine Perkins to the University Judicial Panel
Pyle: We had a couple of open seats on the Judicial Panel and we thought Pandey and Perkins would be a perfect fit. If you have any questions please let us know. They are both here tonight.
Mikac: any questions?
Move for acclimation. Seconded
43-R-42 acclaimed

43-R-38 (Fitzpatrick) A Resolution to Establish the Independent Commission on Bylaws
Fitzpatrick: Independent on bylaws there are 9 people who officially vote on the committee. Under the bylaws is the purpose of the committee and different issues it’s going to be looking at and any new rules or regulations. Whatever recommendations are made they need to be made by the 1st week of winter quarter.
Mikac: any questions?
Kedia: So when would this committee have to meet in order to make the decision and to be able to have it done by the 1st week?
Fitzpatrick: They would only have to meet about 1 or 2 times and the purpose of having it by the first week is so that everything can be set out before a director is put in place or has been in place for awhile.
DeFrance: at a close look I couldn’t see if the meetings were public or not?
Fitzpatrick: yes just like everything else all meetings are public. I’m sure people have opinions and suggestions. There will also be hearings where you can verbally voice and even write briefs.
Messenger: to kind of piggyback on that we are going to treat this a little differently we are going to see if there are a log of changes and if so we will deal with them separately from our meeting times. My goal is when we talk about election stuff it will worked out in committee so it won’t be an issue when it come to senate.
Mikac: Any other questions?
Kamrass: I don’t know if I miss this or is there an alternate possibility.
Fitzpatrick: yes
Mikac: Any other questions? Seeing none. We are now into discussion.
Antani: I move for Unanimous Consent.
Moved and seconded.
43-R-38 passed with unanimous consent

43-R-39 (Fitzpatrick) A Resolution to Amend the Undergraduate Student Government Senate Standing Rules
Fitzpatrick: This one adds a section to the exec report. It states that a senior cabinet officer, director, or deputy chief of staff come and speak for five minutes after the exec report. I know one of the cabinet directors came up to me and asked if this was mandatory. By no means is this a requirement this is just a good vehicle to get them to come. They should be invited once a quarter and allow us to ask them questions and this came from a discussion in steering. We want to increase means of communication.
Mikac: Any questions?
Kamrass: I think this is a great idea. Do you want to invite them or can I bring who I want?
Fitzpatrick: I think that is at the discretion of the Speaker and the President.
Antani: I think that this is a fantastic example of increasing bureaucracy. I think if we want them then I think Micah and Brad are willing enough to invite them. We have had a lot already and I think this is an extra step that doesn’t need to be there. If you want someone to come I think they would be more then willing and I think this adds another step that can be cut out by emailing.
DeFrance: I think it’s a good thing and I’m all for it. There are certain people that will not have big booming things and if they have no particular cause to come and share with us now they have one. This can inspire new project ideas and increase the relationship between senate and cabinet. I do have an issue with the wording but I think this is fantastic.
Fitzpatrick: to address your concern it’s a more abstract way. I wanted to keep it so it could be anyone asking. Yes this is a slight increase in bureaucracy but increases a little extra session under exec report but I don’t think it’s a hassle. I don’t think it wastes anytime and I think it’s a good thing.
Mbagwu: So I understand the concern but I think it’s important for us to get a true sense of what’s going on in cabinet. We only see the highlight real but something you don’t think is important they might. It’s a true sense of what’s going on everywhere.
McFarland: I kind of agree and also there is a lot going on in cabinet and I honestly couldn’t tell you have of it. If someone came up to me and asked me what was going on I might say I don’t know. I agree with it and I know sometimes its painful but its kind of one reason why we are here and are on top of everything.
Antani: I mean I guess I may stand alone on this issue but I just think that we have an exe report for a reason. If you are interested in a certain matter shoot that advisor an e-mail I don’t think it needs to be started in the bylaws. That’s why the exec reports and Sunday specials are sent out and I call to question.
Mikac: Ok speakers list is capped at Pandey and Dugginenni.
Pandey: I just want to say that I think Micah and Brad are open to a lot of suggestions.
Duginenni: Withdrawn
Mikac: O.k. we are going to vote all in favor raise your hand, opposed, abstentions.
43-R-39 passes. 21-14-2
43-R-40 (Fitzpatrick) A Resolution to Amend the Undergraduate Student Government Bylaws

Fitzpatrick: this is a redefinition of what it means to be in cabinet. This increases the alternate pool for senate and encourages members of USG to alternate in senate and expand new senators. Lets anyone alternate including cabinet member as well as interns.

Mikac: any questions?

DeFrance: can ACM be alternates

Fitzpatrick: Yes they didn’t exist before but yes they can they are general members and should be able to be involved.

Mikac: O.k. we are now moving into discussion.

Fitzpatrick: As many of you know it’s not always easy to get an alternate but when you already have people involved it’s a lot easier to get them to come and it’s also recruiting for senate. You’re going to have a lot better senators if they are knowledgably and have some form of background. There is no better way to do this then by getting them involved and having them alternate. They are future leaders of USG and it seemed silly to me personally to not allow them.

Called to question.

Mikac: ok capped at Reinhard, Antani, Ferguson, and Fitzpatrick.

Reinhard: So I really like this idea I was an intern and that’s how I knew I wanted to get involved in senate because I had alternated. So why should we discourage people who want to be involved and we are going to cabinet and it makes the most sense to allow them to come here. I support this.

Antani: So I might stand alone on this issue too. I think they are active cabinet members for a reason, they take highly active roles in their committee, and they go through standards of joining their organization and in cabinet. I do think that there is a divide and I understand why. You don’t want the branches intermixed while yes we do want them to be encouraged to come to senate and speak and work with us but having ACM serve as alternates makes this very internal and discourages us from getting people outside of the organization.

Ferguson: I completely disagree with what Niraj said and I think this is fantastic.

Fitzpatrick: I really want to say really quick for those of you who don’t know the term active cabinet member doesn’t exist they exist on paper but don’t exist at all. This idea they are a member of cabinet they aren’t they are a general member of USG no matter what we call them and those of you who were around before active cabinet members know this. This term didn’t exist until two years ago.

Mikac: o.k. we are now going to vote. All in favor say aye, opposed, abstentions.

43-R-40 passes.

New Business

43-B-12 (O’Connell) A Bill to Support Tau Beta Pi’s Beat Michigan 5K

Announcements

Mikac: Last night at steering we decided we are having some fun next meeting. Bring some food this is going to be an informal gathering. atmikac@gmail.com
Fitzpatrick: thanks to everyone who came out tonight. I know they like to meet students those of you who couldn’t come please come Monday for the spaghetti dinner and meet Dr. Kuhn. He’s a really awesome teacher, probably one of the coolest classes and you get to eat spaghetti. Fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Reu: I have flyers for the fund raising even that you all just passed. I’ll pass them around. Reu.1@osu.edu

Flis: If my AA members could stick around really quickly. Flis.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Stanley: This Friday is the grilled cheese fundraiser. Stanley.223@osu.edu

Ferguson: If anyone would like to alternate for P&G this weekend let me know.

McFarland: B&F this Sunday at 3. Mcfarland.338@osu.edu

Pandey: thank you to all of you that came out to support me at the cook off.

Schaffer: Biz Wiz look for articles in lantern. Schaffer.73@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Fitzpatrick: If you guys have ever had a fantastic teach nominate them for outstanding teacher award otanominations@gmail.com fitzpatrick.135@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Mikac: No U senate tomorrow it was cancelled. I’ve been hearing a lot back from you guys about the way things are running and a lack of engagement on projects. I’ve been giving back that if you are interested it’s your responsibility to find it and work on it. This leads me into Senator of the Week, this person is great at searching for projects and working with members they are also a good voice of reason and speaking out when necessary. Tessa Reinhard. atmikac@gmail.com

Adjournment