The Student Senate met in Regular Session on December 1, 2010 at 6:03 PM in the Senate Chamber. Speaker of the Senate Andrew Mikac presided.

Present: 35                    Absent: 2                  Alternates: 4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Senator</th>
<th>Alternate Senator</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ahmad</td>
<td>Holmes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Antani</td>
<td>Homan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brahman</td>
<td>Hosa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brunner</td>
<td>Howard: alt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brunner</td>
<td>Howard: alt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brunner</td>
<td>Reu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brunner</td>
<td>Reu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brunner</td>
<td>Reu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brunner</td>
<td>Reu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeDonato</td>
<td>Ingram</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeDonato</td>
<td>Ingram</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeDonato</td>
<td>Ingram</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeFrance</td>
<td>Kedia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeFrance</td>
<td>Kedia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeFrance</td>
<td>Kedia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeFrance</td>
<td>Kedia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeFrance</td>
<td>Kedia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dugginenni</td>
<td>Liles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dugginenni</td>
<td>Liles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dugginenni</td>
<td>Liles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dugginenni</td>
<td>Liles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dugginenni</td>
<td>Liles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Farinacci</td>
<td>Mbagwu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ferguson</td>
<td>McFarland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fitzpatrick</td>
<td>Messenger</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flis: alt</td>
<td>Mikac</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gildenmeister</td>
<td>O’Connell</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Senators and Senate Alternates were sworn in.

Approval of the Previous Secretary’s Minutes
Moved and seconded

Open Forum For the Public
Ohio Staters: I just want to tell you a little bit about light up the lights. It’s the 8th year we’ve done this, over the past couple of months we’ve been working on this and we have 35,000 lights up around the lake and Browning. Tomorrow night at seven (7) we will be having our ceremony its open to everyone we have Mark Titus lined up to speak as well as the Men’s Glee Club. We will gather around the lake sing
Carmen Ohio and then the lights will be turned on. These lights will be kept up through February.

President of Ohio Staters: We think it would be great if we could have USG’s support on this. We think it’s a project that fits in your mission and benefits all students. It beautifies where all students walk on a daily and weekly basis and creates an atmosphere that is naturally beautiful but maybe gloomy during winter quarter that much brighter. We also think that considering our attendance at the event that we recognize USG on Facebook and twitter and on the program so you would get some great recognition. You support also helps ensure the future success of this event. Mikac: any questions? Antani: This might be a few if that’s ok? Would this be the third year in a row that USG has funded this event? Ohio Staters: Second. Antani: Have you been able to secure other sources of funding for this event or? Ohio Staters: Yes. Mikac: Some of that is outlined on the bill as well. Any other questions? They will not be here when the bill is considered so please ask any questions now. Fitzpatrick: What’s your expected attendance tomorrow night? Ohio Staters: According to our Facebook page however accurate that could be we are up to about 1,800 and in the past years it’ been about 500 so we are hoping somewhere like maybe 750-800.

Mikac: Any other questions? Seeing none. Thank you guys. I would like to apologize the agenda does have some formatting issues if there was any confusion there. Make sure you ask. Let me go ahead and explain to you guys why we are doing this CLS thing. IF you guys have been reading the emails I’ve been sending I’ve been trying to encourage you to look in to this concern that is coming before the council of Student Affairs. We have the opportunity to take an opinion on it as USG and Carrie is here to give us the rundown on the history of what exactly this is and what we are talking about. Right now she is the best person at the university to do that so she is going to discuss it. Please pay close attention because this is going to be an important thing that is coming up.

Hodak: O.k. so the handout I have is actually all the text from the power point so if you have questions or want to look at specific language this would be the document you want to use. I titled this the Student Registration Guidelines and the Supreme Court part of the reason I am here today is based on a U.S. Supreme Court Decision. Most of my comments however are not going to be about legal issues or the U.S. Supreme Court. I want to talk specifically about the Non Discrimination Policy that is a part of the requirements for Student Organizations to be Student Organizations. Our current version of the guidelines was established in 2004. However the policy pre dates that the initial thought was it was a cut and past from the old registration guidelines to the new ones. While the new guidelines were a substantial departure from the new ones. Discrimination on all of these things listed below is prohibited and no student shall be excluded on the bases of sex unless it is a fraternity, sorority, or the major purpose of the organization is a sport that involves bodily contact or
the student organization is otherwise exempt under title 9 of the education amendments of 1972. That statement is what the old Discrimination Policy was. In 2003-2004 starting with that CSA formalized the registration process and outlined the benefits of registered student organizations that included monetary and non-monetary benefits. And at that time the council on student affairs endorsed continuation of a non-discrimination policy that was a little bit more updated and basically just a consistent policy with the University HR non-discrimination policy, because at that time the University couldn’t have a university wide non-discrimination policy and many utilized the HR statements. Which is on the basis of all listed below. Basically the old one had a non-discrimination policy and new one had a non-discrimination policy. While this was all going on the Christian Legal Society which is a registered Student Organization from the law school had said well we want to have a statement of faith and we don’t necessarily want to follow this statement of non-discrimination we want to have some sort of exemption or carve-out. The council on student affairs considered this but went ahead and moved forward recommending a non-discrimination policy that applied to any registered student organization regardless of what type they were. However when CLS decided that the policy violated their constitutional rights they sued the University in Federal District Courts and over the course of the summer since the time the CSA decision was made and recommended to the President the University decided to settle the case and install what we call a Carve-Out. And basically what it means is that every student organization has to have a statement of non-discrimination and all of their membership criteria can not violate that policy. However a student organization formed to foster or form a specific religious belief of its members may adopt a non-discrimination statement that is consistent with those beliefs. Which basically means that student organizations that foster a sincerely held religious belief must have a statement of discrimination but it can just be consistent with their firmly held beliefs not necessarily what other students have to have in their constitutions. Does anyone have any questions? So to give you a little bit of background on how CSA came to that decision in 2004 and then the subsequent settlement was that it was a very difficult decision for everyone to make. There were people very actively engaged on both sides, groups and individuals that wanted the Carve-Out and individuals that didn’t. And it really wasn’t clearly articulated that every religious group needed a Carve-Out and non-religious groups thought the Carve-Out shouldn’t happen. There were religious groups on both sides of the argument and we did multiple open forums as well. It was a very personal debate for a lot of people its not an easy issue and there aren’t a lot of clear right or wrong answers in this case. And I think you will see that as you move forward. So please just realize this is a very personal issue for a lot of people and CSA moved forward doing what they thought was in the best interest of the students and why we are revisiting it now is because basically a case that started at the same time the Ohio State case got started in 2004 was started in California. It was started by Hastings Law School by a CLS chapter there. In June of this year 6 years later a case was decided and it basically allowed the law school to not recognize student organizations that don’t want to follow their non-discrimination policies. Which was in the interpretation of the court was called an all-comers policy that every student
organization has to let anyone join. This policy was reasonable and the university wasn’t singling out any type of organization it was applied clearly to all student organizations. But the Supreme Court also didn’t say that the Carve-Out was unconstitutional they didn’t say you needed one or didn’t need one so basically the University now has the opportunity to review what is appropriate for Ohio State because the Supreme Court Decision didn’t say the University has to have a Carve-Out so it’s possibly that it could be eliminated its also possible that it could stay. And that is what CSA has been looking at and what you all will be discussing at the next couple of meetings.

Ferinacci: What was the vote of the Supreme Court.
Hodak: it was relatively 5-4 but there were majority opinions conquering opinions and then dissenting opinions. So it did not lead a clear legal president on how anyone should move forward it more or less opened the door for universities to reassess where they stood and decide what was best for their academic community.
So you shouldn’t feel bound by any legal decision and really its up to University Legal affairs. And you all can decide what’s in the best interest of your constituents.
To provide a little bit of context. Unregistered groups at Ohio State are allowed to be included on the directory of Organizations; you can use bulletin boards, and use university facilities as well as host events. So they can still go about their business even if they are un registered.

Mbagwu: they don’t receive funding is that correct?
Hodak: Any un-registered organization is un eligible for operating funds for programming funds to reserve rooms. Any other questions?
McFarland: How many religious groups will this effect. How many registered or un registered groups are there?
Hodak: There are quit a few that are in active, a little over 100 that check the religious or spiritual box there is less the 30% that use the Carve-Out and not all of them are even active. If the Carve-Out would go away it wouldn’t be just a shock or immediate decision no one would be immediately affected.
Mikac: you all did receive an excel sheet that stated which organizations use the Carve-Out and which organizations that are religious that do not.
Hodak: the ones highlighted in yellow are the ones that use the Carve-Out but you should still double check because not all of them are active and that goes for the whole spread sheet as well.
Matt: Yea that was a snap shot in August so it’s even a little out of date.
Reinhardt: Since there wasn’t a clear decision does the University anticipate lawsuits coming back if we do take out the Carve-Out?
Hodak: I can’t speak for the University but at any given time there are about 100 lawsuits that are active against the University so what the University does or doesn’t do anything generally people tend to find a reason to sue so I would say generally you don’t need to worry about it. If legal affairs had an opinion and if you do x and don’t do x you might get sued that might change their decision but they will have the opportunity to let everyone know at the end of this what the legal liability is but I don’t believe USG needs to be concerned.
Mikac: Any other questions for Carrie? Ok great thank you Carrie. I did want to let you all know that the way I plan on addressing this issue. I also want to explain why
I feel it’s important that we look into this. Because we are representatives of the Student Body and we have the ability to influence potentially contentious issues on the University level that the general student body does not have the ability to do so by going forth to your constituents and talking to people that would be affected by it and not affected by it. We are sources for their voices to be heard. The way I picture this going forward there will be three pieces of new business dealing with this item next time we meet at the beginning of winter quarter. The first item is going to be a resolution to remove the Carve-Out in its entirety. The second item is to remove the Carve-Out but include an exception for officers. The third and final item is would be to leave the Carve-Out in tact the reason I chose that order be to debate and narrow it down as we go. That’s the approach and it will be considered at our first meeting back that’s why its important we do some research and talk to as many students as we can about this issue. Are there any questions? Again this will be formally discussed at our next meeting.

**Executive Report**

Pyle: We have a lot going on right now Thompson Library you have all seen the event on Facebook. We can't invite anyone else to that event they will keep it open later during finals week and we are going to have buckeye donuts and hot chocolate and stuff there. [bradpyle@gmail.com](mailto:bradpyle@gmail.com)

Antani: On Facebook if the total of people that are attending, not attending, or maybe reaches over 5,000 you can not send a message so I need to delete at least 6,000 people from the group. So please do not invite people.

Pyle: Saturday we are doing a membership thing we are going to go to the Zoo lights. We are trying to get some discounted tickets so make sure to get with Brandy on that one. Buckeye alerts is officially going to be an opt out system by 2011 there is legislation on that. We are going to keep pressuring the Dispatch and more press on the Kesick Letters. EGB applications are out and will be due Dec the 8th. And if they want to apply they can apply on the website and EGB directors must be non-bias. We have our budget in the agenda, Sam Bloom is working with buckeyethon it’ll be a discounted rate if we all do about 20 people. And we are working on getting a coke freestyle machine for the University.

Christobek: Coke Freestyle dispenses over 100 different varieties. We are looking to get one in the Union and I’ve seen it online its kind of a tourist attraction. They have never had one at a college University so they are working right now to see what the numbers would look like and what are going to get back with us on that in the spring. [Christobek.3@osu.edu](mailto:Christobek.3@osu.edu)

Pyle: We have Academic Enrichment grants and UC student government is coming to visit they will be here Jan 22 you’ll be getting emails over break. On the back are Birthdays. Micah is not here tonight he had to be back home Jared is sick and in the hospital. We brought a card for everyone to sign so please keep him in your thoughts.

Mikac: Any questions? Seeing none. We will now move into Committee/Constituency Reports.
**Committee / Constituency Reports**

DeFrance: The previously mentioned survey on sustainability did get out on email. You got an email from Gordon Gee its not the briefest but it is brief please do fill it out we do need that information. Jamesdefrance@gmail.com

**Antani:** CAA met today and the following were approved. Semester Conversion: BS in Civil Engineering, BS in Computer Science and Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering, Biomedical Engineering Undergraduate Enrollment Management Plan, Revision to the Specialized Masters in Business, and Creation of a Graduate Specialization in Rural Sociology. Niraj.antani@gmail.com

Christobek: What is the specialization in business?

Antani: Business got a specialization in for marketing and finance approved, but in the original proposal they forgot to ask for transcript designation, so we gave it to them.

Liles: The Model African Union got a club started and they are looking to go to the conference and they are looking for any input on how to get their name out and in 2 years they hopefully want to the conference here. Liles.106@osu.edu

Homan: We are working on getting a buck id or credit card and they are working out so well so I’m looking at getting an atm installed since the story only does cash. Homan.64@osu.edu

Mikac: COSA met and we had a round table on the carve-out situation that Carrie briefed us on today so that was basically that. We will be moving forward with the decision after we do so. Seeing no other committee or constituency reports we will go into project updates. atmikac@gmail.com

**Project Updates**

Fitzpatrick: For those of you who didn’t get it there will be a bill introduced after the consent agenda.

Mikac: any other project updates? Seeing none ok we are moving into the consent agenda hopefully you looked through this.

**Consent Agenda**

43-R-46 (Antani) A Resolution to Support Extending the Hours of William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library

43-R-47 (Antani) A Resolution to Support Making BuckeyeAlert.OSU.edu an Opt-Out System

43-R-50:


**Old Business**
43-B-19 (Fitzpatrick) A Bill to Support COSI After Dark

Fitzpatrick: This is for COSI after dark. It’s a really cool event that has been going on for 9 years and we get buses that are looping down from campus to COSI for the night. It’s free for OSU students and staff and their families. They are really seeking some outside funding and they came to me. Their representative could not be here tonight so that’s why you have that letter with some of the more details. On the back is a budget that is fairly detailed the bill puts the money strictly to transportation that is what will get the students down there they have reached out to a lot of different organizations on and off campus. They have gotten a decent amount so far we are just trying to work to put them over the hump.

Mikac: take a moment to read it any questions? Move into discussion.

Farinacci: Move to approve with unanimous consent.

Moved and Seconded.

Antani: How much money do we have left if we approve this?

McFarland: after this passed we would still have 108 dollars left.

Mikac: Any other questions? Any objections? Seeing none, passes unanimously. We will now move into 43-R-49

43-R-48 (Mikac) A Resolution to Appoint a USG Press Secretary

43-R-49 (Pyle) A Resolution to Appoint members of the USG Judicial Panel

Pyle: We sent out applications they wanted 4-6 and I believe I gave them more then that. We got about 15 applications I interviewed about 8-9. Tim is here he is in the back.

Mikac: Any questions.

Farinacci: is Nick here?

Mikac: Nick is no longer here, did he leave you with anything for 43-R-49?

Antani: Can you go over the process in which you took to pick them?

Pyle: why do you want to be a part of the organization what kind of qualifications do you have. The interview was more of a sit down and stress the importance of being non-bias.

Mikac: Any other questions? Seeing none we now move into discussion.

Fitzpatrick: I know we had talked about this in P&G and we wanted them all to come I guess I don’t know how the rest of the group feels I’m a little iffy because not having them all here. I don’t know how the senate or P&G feels I want to hear it from the group I guess.

Reinhard: I understand there was a mix up and we did want to see them but I don’t think its fair to delay the process on a mistake that we made. I trust the process it should be fine. Just really quick though how did you make sure they were non-partisan.

Pyle: That was the majority of my conversation.

Mikac: were they in P&G?

Fitzpatrick: No.

Shoub: I know Tyler Brahm if that matters?
Antani: moved for acclimation.
Moved and seconded.
Passed with acclimation.

43-B-17 (Kamrass) A Bill to Approve the Winter Operating Budget

Pyle: This is our budget for winter quarter it includes money for you guys. We worked with our directors on coming up with all of these numbers we feel the majority of them are pretty accurate. And I'll entertain any questions that didn't come up in committee.
Mikac: Are there any questions? Seeing none we will now move into discussion.
McFarland: So we talked to Micah and tried to get a little more information and they did come back with some more detailed information about the legislative dinner and the intern program as well as the student org summit so if you want to request the information I have that and Micah has that as well.
Antani: Two clarifications line 17 where as the budget must pass for summer operating expenses.
Mikac: it's meant to read winter.
Antani: Line 24 immediately? We are still in fall quarter so is it going to be immediately?
Mikac: no it will be at the termination of fall quarter. We will let Sean figure out the exact wording of that and we will get back to the clarification of that. I know that a more detailed budget was sent to B&F does that mean that we go by that as well or just what’s in front of us?
Fitzpatrick: what’s there is there and there is nothing else included in the let it be resolved clause. Intent wise maybe in actuality no.
Jason: what if it doesn’t get passed today.
Mikac: we would continue operating on autumn quarter budget until it does get passed.
McFarland: In looking at this I have a lot of different opinions about it so right now I’m going to step back from the B&F role and want to pose up the question the 3,000 dollars we are giving to the interns, could that be more efficiently used somewhere else and are you guys going to be ok with giving them that much?
Fitzpatrick: I guess for those of you who made it to B&F I had a lot to say about the intern program. The one thing I didn’t consider until steering last night was the fact that we are giving 30 interns 100 dollars to each use however in terms of USG they are not elected and are not appointed however we are giving them money to do exactly what we do with our constituencies and how we only have 1,200 and it’s a sort of imbalance that I hadn’t noticed before.
Reinhard: that’s my only concern with the budget is that portion I think if we give them 3,000 they are going to spend 3,000 dollars and they don’t even know what their project is going to be yet. Point of information is there a way we can set that aside and when they actually know what their project is give them the money or?
Mikac: As a clarification the budget is a unique item and we are on committee on the whole whenever we are discussing the budget. We can change things on the budget
with a 2/3 vote. If you have a proposal to change that can be changed with a 2/3 vote.
Reinhard: I don’t know if I necessarily have a proposal because I do want them to have the money for whatever they project do decide to do I just don’t know if we should give them 3,000 yet. So I guess my question is is there a way to take that amount and give it to them later.
McFarland: Point of clarification they are each given 100 dollars so the 3,000 would be distributed evenly among them. I guess some of the checks and balances that we had discussed was that if two or more of them get together they have to come to B&F and present it and the second was that Ashley would come in and give us updates.
Reinhard: They are literally each getting 100 dollars? I’m against that.
Antani: So first I’d like to say that in regards to the 65,000 other dollars that are in this budget. I sent Micah and Brad a billion questions and they were all answered so I’m a go on this budget. In regards to the 3,000 dollars under the Interns line items we had an extensive discussion in B&F about this so this is essential their intern education. Ashley who came into B&F for about an hour she will be monitoring their projects that they choose. They have to come up with a written proposal, thinking it out, and presenting it to her and the other intern associate directors and then you know they will work with them to develop this idea. Its not just going to be here’s a hundred dollars go wild. It’ll be them coming back to Ashley asking how they can more effectively use this how can I use this money to make more of an effective change at this University. So you shouldn’t see it as I guess each intern getting 100 dollars but as the intern director and that committee getting 3,000 for intern education so that they can make a change at this university and I guess this is a great way for them to learn to move projects through the university. And Ashley even said not all projects require money so they can opt to use that money they can opt to not use it. There are checks and balances especially if one or more team up together Ashley will come to B&F and present that. This isn’t us giving 30 people 100 dollars is us giving USG an executive committee money so they can do what they were established to do and develop the future leaders of this organization.
Mbagwu: I have a question, we have 12,000 for constituencies how much of that was used?
Mikac: as a clarification I just approved something for 87 dollars and we have used over half.
Mbagwu: So my thing is if we aren’t using our funds then I’m not going to cast a stone when I live in a glass house. Why not give them to people that are actually going to use them or I guess our end goals are to distribut money so that our student population can benefit from it. So I guess if we aren’t even using it at some point it reflects bad on me because I haven’t had my own event and if they are going to be using the money in some kind of checked way that’s fine but I want the money to be used.
DeFrance: Point of information can the org summit be described and why we are spending more on it then AA and Safety and such.
Pyle: Basically we are taking the Student Org Summit that was a great project last year and we are anticipating double the attendance this year which is why the
numbers look so large and basically we didn’t want to have to find the money at the last minute but we wanted to be prepared for it.

DeFrance: and the balance then will go where? Where so this budget is for 68,000 dollars but I am under the impression that we actually have more money then that at our disposal?

Mikac: Do you mean if we were to pass this budget how much would we actually have to operate under spring quarter? I do not know.

Pyle: That I don’t know. But what I can tell you is that Micah and me tried to break up in thirds throughout the year. Summer is a little chunk and then Fall and Winter are about the same and Spring falls close to those two as well.

Mikac: Any other discussion?

Kedia: So one of the things that we talked about in B&F is last year the was the hotdog event and I saw this event and in my opinion was like they got the 4,000 dollars to spend on hotdogs. And people just came and ate them and left and so if we can give them individual money and actually have them do things it’s better then one big project. IF we aren’t using our money we can’t say they can’t use theirs. I also think it’s better for them to like their event then just the executives telling them what to do and no one being interested.

Pyle: I just want to kind of explain this a little more. What we are doing this year is the intern class votes on a project 15 really want to do something and then 15 don’t and then some are motivated and others are not. Initially what we did was everyone has their own project some people might not use all their money and it be a policy thing or some might use it all. They can combine and work together and 5 can do 500 dollars as well. We agreed that if they decided to do that then they would present at B&F. Ashley will be kind of the keeper of the money and will make sure they have the project idea and goal idea and not just a gift card or whatever. We were just trying to make the interns actually care about something

Farinacci: I view the intern allocation as miscellaneous. I’m not comfortable passing it that’s why I like to remove the intern 3000 from the budget.

Reinhard: if we remove it from the budget does that mean they won’t ever be able to get any money?

Mikac: that makes that this allocation will be eliminated and they could then allocate from miscellaneous but the intern program would not be able to get it in that line item.

Reinhard: so that 3,000 dollars just disappears from our entire winter budget?

Mikac: Yes.

Farinacci: why I’m doing this is because Micah or Brad could propose a future budget before spring quarter to approve budgets.

Mikac: they can send a supplementary item before as this one did and we could approve or not approve that item. There are ways that they can add or use money from their miscellaneous whichever they would like. If this were to be removed. So it has been moved to remove the line item intern projects it needs to be seconded.

Moved and seconded.

Mikac: any objections?

Objections

Mikac: we will now move into discussion on the motion.
Antani: So to clarify is to remove it entirely?
Mikac: yes.
Antani: withdrawn
Reinhard: So I was an intern as well and I appreciate the fact that you really want everyone to be motivated to do stuff I just don’t personally think this is the best way to do it. Like think of a 100 dollar project I think more of a think of a project and then we will figure out how much money you need from there. Like I don’t think that for people that want to do projects 100 dollars could be limiting or if they want to do a project 100 dollars isn’t necessary. So just saying 3,000 dollars is really just like this rough estimate and when we look at all the other different committees we have lined items of where this is going to go. So I think the best option is to take this out and then maybe exec coming back to us with another budget of where this money is exactly going so we will have a better idea. I mean we require from the other committees anyway and right now we don’t even know how much money they are going to need for this different projects. I like the idea your doing it this way but I don’t know if the execution is exactly what I would of done.
Fitzpatrick: This is something that anyone who was in B&F knows I really went back and forth on a lot and I guess we sort of created a compromise where if they wanted more money they would come back and present and to me at that point it was passable. I wouldn’t know if I would say that I was satisfied but what I wanted was taking that 3,000 dollars and moving it from the exec budget into the senate budget and labeling it intern projects and they would come either from brad or a senator with a bill for their intern project and Brad correct me if I’m wrong but the argument against it was if they come through senate there is a chance they could get smacked around by B&F or senate. Take that as a grain of salt as you will but that’s the argument against it and so I’ll throw that out for discussion and I’ll see where that goes before I say one thing or another.
Mbagwu: Brett what was your problem with this?
McFarland: So in just kind of thinking we haven’t even used our 12,000 dollars and we are expecting 30 freshman students to spend 3,000 in one quarter. I guess my biggest discomfort is we are saying here is 100 dollars and do what you want and not to take away from Ashley because I know she is going to do a good job on this but sometimes when you give someone a dollar amount sometimes they try to match that dollar amount especially as a freshman. At this point in their development and I don’t know how good throwing money at them would be and also my other concern is if each intern does one thing and moving it from the exec budget and 30 projects that they have done and if we do 10 they would have done 3x as many and I don’t’ want the mood to be that interns are doing more then senate because as an outside perspective in my opinion.
Mbagwu: this is like micro wounds enable them to do ideas. The only other alternate would be say here’s some money Ashley and have her kind of safeguard that. I mean I guess I’m just looking at the point that if they use the money and it gets stuff done and really impacts the community so be it and I kind of like this smaller approach because it has them looking at these smaller niche things and I’ve seen Ashley doesn’t want so much redundancy. You have like 20 people doing different things on maybe something that hasn’t been touched before. Then rather you just giving it to
one pool you’ll have one or two people asking for 500 dollars and people just sticking with them and then the more quiet students who will just jump on that or do nothing at all. But doing it this way as them thinking ok what am I going to do. Pandey: I would just like to say a couple points made earlier someone said that it was execs responsibility to carry out the project I feel like education part of it you are educating them to come through senate and see what its like. I think we have been a pretty fair senate we have reduced some bills but we haven’t turned any down. As far as being smacked around A) we haven’t smacked anyone around and B) you have criteria for people to go through and that criteria is for everybody. You don’t get special favors because you’re an intern. If anything it puts a little responsibility on them. Honestly I don’t care if they spend 9,000 out of this budget and they do more then me that’s fine with me. But I feel like what we have done with this senate and B&F is look I understand you want to do this but then we reduce it to something that makes sense. I agree with you exactly you don’t need 5,000 paper plates. Its accountability it’s not the fact we don’t want them to do anything. IF they want to come to us they can come to us I like the idea of 3,000 separate in the USG senate funding. 

McFarland: My statement earlier doing more then us is kind of ill worded I guess if they have more funds to go out and do a lot of projects a lot of senators here are anxious to do a lot of projects. And even though we were the first ones to do a constituency event a lot more senators have spoke up and wanted to do more and now we have people know they can go and do it and since then we have had about two or three more events. I know its scary asking for money it was scary for me to ask for 600 dollars. I just don’t want people to think that we are monsters; we haven’t tossed anyone around yes we have taken thenumber down but never been rude or intimidating. I’m really trying to figure out why B&F is like a bully and I would invite the interns and we all know this is their first year. I think it would be good experience to cultivate them into the system just like anybody else. I don’t feel like the separate pot in Senate money is a terrible idea.

Mikac: I’m glad we are really looking into this budget its encouraging to me to see all this discussion and conversation because we have so much money that we are defending for our student body. So keep up the conversation keep focused I know its finals week so make sure you are staying alert because this is important talk. Step: I have a point of information what avenue would the interns go through if their projects expanded 100 dollars and they thought they wanted to grow. Pyle: that would either be us wanting more or taking from miscellaneous

Step: could they set up a system with Ashley that they could come to us first or. Pyle: Anything over 100 dollars I think she would come to Micah or I like if its 105 dollars then I’m not going to bring a bill but if it was some big project that a group wanted to do then we would probably come to you guys. Antani: Tonight we are very much stuck on this 100 dollars per person idea. I see why it is limiting in that you give someone 100 dollars they think they have to spend the 100 dollars. But in the budget it is not line item intern 1 100 dollars intern 2 100 dollars intern 3 100 dollars. So I think the problem isn’t the general idea of giving the intern option of using the money for a project I think the problem is the 100 dollars per person. I may be wrong but I can see the 100-dollar thing but we are voting on
the entire 3,000 dollars to go to the intern committee for use of intern projects as they see fit. So while addressing my remarks to the speaker I will ask the members of the exec here to reconsider how they would go about the considerations of the project and you know encourage them to do projects that don’t require the money but give them the option of 50, 100 whatever the amount goes up to the 3,000 to do that project if they need it so you know they aren’t stuck on 100 dollars. It’s not written up in the budget its not said anywhere its just kind of the idea that the intern director came up with. So I mean I will yield my time to Brad and see what he feels about maybe getting rid of the 100 dollar thing and just going to a system of an intern coming and asking for whatever amount they may see fit.

Pyle: Yea I see where you are going with this. One of the big points is part of planning a project is knowing you have to stick within a budget. So the 100 dollars was giving them the understanding of having to work in a budget and map out what money they needed and not going over a certain amount and making the budget work. So I think we are pretty set with that idea.

Antani: Even with that I think it is difficult for a freshman or sophomore to come to B&F and present their budget especially when it is not line itemed out. This is going to the intern committee as a whole I think this is a great idea and perceive some interns not using the money but I also perceive those that do doing a good job. I call the question on this.

Mikac: it has been moved to cap the speakers list with the following liles, reinhard, Duggenini, rue, collins, ingram, pandey, mcfarland, mbagwu.

Liles: well I would like to express my opinion I think that personally the problem is it’s senate role to approve the budget and it’s hard with no detail. It’s important we have some detail when looking to throw around a large sum of money. I think they should get some money I just think it should be more detailed way to do it. I vote against removing it completely.

Reinhard: I understand they don’t have projects but throwing a number at them is a problem too. I’m just confused and I don’t want to make this more beaurocratic then it has to be. I’m fine with spending more but like Saul said I just think once they do sit down we should then give them the money. It’s hard to think it’s an awesome idea when we don’t know what these projects are. I think them coming through us is a really good idea I’m comfortable with them telling me what they are going to do with it.

Duggenini: I agree with Tessa and the reason is we are just giving those three thousand dollars out and since we are considering this motion to take out correct me if I’m wrong if we take it out and the interns put together a budget they can put it together and then bring it back to us? And if they don’t want to the execs can come back to us with a budget outline explaining everything that they want and where all the money is going. We are representing out constituencies and it’s our responsibility to know exactly where the money is going.

Farinacci: withdrawn

Reu: do you know how much they spent last year?

Mikac: these are all estimates

Reu: because total last year was maybe 6,000 because I didn’t see that money. The only thing we did was the top dogs for hot dogs. We were the first that put on an
event and for us that seemed successful. If that goes 4,500 dollars then 100 dollars for one person isn’t going to do anything so I will agree with what Reinhard and Duggenini are saying we need to see an itemized budget. I like they are taking another approach but I don’t think its going to go anywhere so I would have to vote yes to take this out.

Fitzpatrick: so now I’ve decided to take an opinion. Basically I think I agree at this point with Tessa that this may not be the best way to go about it but I don’t necessarily agree with what I proposed. But come back with another piece and give it the full attention it deserves. Also well address the idea that if we don’t pass this that the intern directors can spend willy nilly on projects and I see that as unconstitutional regardless of if you all it intern education or not. It’s for project funding I still don’t buy that argument. I also understand where Mike is coming from it has possible benefits for the organization so Senate doing the accountability side we should be voting yes. I yield my time to Kedia.

Kedia: So its not like they are saying oh yea I have 100 dollars to spend they can get together with other people and also when Micah was a freshman they spent 3,000 dollars on a ropes course so they could have team building. To me that is more of a different use of money that might not be most beneficial for all students that work in interns.

Fitzpatrick: withdrawn

Collins: I think what Tessa said is what we are all agreeing on but I will say is that Brad you mentioned the budget is kind of like the learning process have them go to B&F and have them come to Senate. If those are the best people that we put in that position there is no reason they should not be held the same responsibility that a freshman student organization would be held if they were seeking funding through USG. We have had freshmen come to B&F that have better skill then I do with the meeting and we have had seniors come in with no budget and no idea what they are doing. So I think to say that freshman are in capable of something that a sophomore or junior would be doing is completely ridiculous. We are all at the Ohio State University and we are all students and I will also be voting to cut this out.

Ingram: Well, Collins said everything that I had to say I honestly couldn’t come in and give you a line-itemized bill either. But I would go to B&F and have them help me and there is no reason why an intern can’t get the help they need either and if your wanting to give them a 100 dollar budget because you are stuck on that and you want to make them learn how to use a budget then I think it’s also fair to say let them come up with their own budget and let them learn how to use their budget they made themselves. It’s kind of just want Saul said we expect other organizations to come in here and I don’t think its fair for us to do it to one and not the other. I’m not stuck on the 100-dollar thing because as Tessa said I would give them as much money as they needed to get the project done as long as it was benefiting the students. But if we are going to teach them how to do a budget lets teach them how to do everything.

Pandey: I agree and that’s why I’m going to withdrawal.

McFarland: withdrawal

Mbagwu: The thing is this everyone has already jumped on the bandwagon and that is perfectly o.k. But it’s funny because what you guys don’t want for an event such as
the hot dog for top dog is exactly what’s going to happen because these people are going to be like they don’t like idea of us having these small projects so fine we are going to have one big project.

Reinhard: I’m not disagreeing with you but I think this year is different because Ashley will encourage them to come up with their own ideas.

McFarland: I guess my only discrepancy with that would be that either way in any scenario a project can be a waste because they say gang up on my idea and then they might not care about it as much and just kind of glide through the process. I think the conversation I would have with Ashley is drive home with them to come up with their own ideas and try to come up with something and their own budget and sit down as a whole group and put all your ideas and then bring them to Micah and Brad and then bring them to us. We are trying to prevent those wastes and I think there are going to be enough safety’s built into that system that it won’t happen.

Mbagwu: What is your opinion Laura?

Christobek: Yes, so I’ve been on all sides of this and I was an intern at one point and we spent a big amount of money and it wasn’t that helpful. I’ve been a senator I’ve seen things like this I’ve seen hot dog for the top dogs come winter quarter and spring quarter I don’t’ think it was very successful. The point of this is a grass root initiative its for every intern to have some sort of impact on Ohio State. I argue that not every intern that was with Hot Dog for the Top Dog did a lot for it there were just a few people that organized. I think the point is we are getting them all engaged and if I was a senator I don’t think I would want to see 30 different bills come to the floor the discussion probably won’t even be there you’ll probably just look at it and pass it. I think you are blowing them a really good opportunity.

Mikac: we now move to vote on the motion to remove the 3,000 dollar line under the intern program. It’s been requested we do secret ballot.

24-8-1

Farinacci: Call the previous the question.

Pandey: I have a question about campus sustainability? I did ask about that earlier and didn’t get the response I wanted.

Pyle: Are you looking under student life? Laura do you know what that is?

Laura: No did it come back to B&F?

Brett: It looks like recycling bins and resident halls although I don’t think that is it.

Fitzpatrick: theoretically they are being paid by housing.

Mikac: Brett what was the answer given to committee?

McFarland: from the fall they didn’t spend it and it looks like they are partnering with student life sustainability team and that’s the most information that I have at this point right now. The sustainability committee will have more information about that.

Pyle: I’m going to text Micah and I’ll get back to you

Reu: withdrawn

Reinhard: withdrawn

Liles: I personally don’t want to deny the interns this money. Is there anyway for us to put it into senate?

Mikac: You can motion to add any line at any time from the budget.
Pyle: If you were to do that which I strongly support I encourage you to put like at least 100 dollars into interns so it has a little bit of money if they need it.
Liles: Ok I motion to put 300 dollars in interns budget and put 3,000 in Senate designated as Intern expenses.
Mikac: that is the motion I need a second.
Moved and seconded.
Farinacci: I don’t think we can do this.
Fitzpatrick: we have every right to amend the budget. If we were doing a friendly amendment it would require and ok but we can amend it and if they don’t want to sign it they don’t have to sign it.
Mikac: we can move the items and numbers around in the budget. So the motion on the table is 300 in intern and 3,000 in the Senate column under intern designation.
Antani: So it’s interns and the 300 dollars and what’s the 300 dollars for?
Mikac: intern miscellaneous.
Duggineni: So that 3,000 dollars its under senate so is it for them to come to us. We can still approve it.
Mikac: We are going to go into formal discussion. It stands with 3,000 dollars in the Senate item and 300 dollars under intern. It has been objected so we are going to move into discussion.
Duggineni: I just don’t see what we just did. We removed the 3,000 so we can say come back with a formal budget it that gives us as senate every bit of lead way to give them how much ever money we see fit. If they want more then 3,000 dollars because they are doing a great job then that’s perfect we can give that to them but that gives us the freedom. Why don’t we just leave the line item there is no difference in what we just did.
Mikac: to clarify the line item will read intern designated for 3,000 it would be like student org funding. The interns would have to come to senate until we run out of intern funding.
Fitzpatrick: point of information Brad or Micah can also write a bill that takes all that 3,000 dollars and allocates it how the intern program wants and remove it from that funding its not necessarily that interns alone submit this funding.
Liles: they can still amend the budget later on if they feel they need more correct?
Fitzpatrick: yes
Duggineni: why do you want to put the 3,000 dollars in senate?
Liles: because I don’t want to deny them money if we give them 0 dollars they won’t feel great about it. Brad said they needed a little bit of money so that’s why I put it in there.
Duggineni: why give the stipulation on how much money they can get in our own senate why can’t they just come to us and explain it.
Fitzpatrick: it has to come out of somewhere of our budget or else we can aliquot it.
Mikac: Exec can come back to senate floor it would be an amendment to the budget it happened to rock the block and org funding in the past. IT would be an amendment to the budget and not a bill so that’s a possibility too this would rather be intern 3,000 and treated as an organization bill and come through B&F.
Pandey: how are we moving funds around if we are giving 3,300?
Mikac: the pot. We are able to add or subtract its up to the treasure and Micah to make sure we have that money. There will be an additional 300 dollars that comes from the USG pot.

Duggineni: All I’m saying is I feel like just adding an extra 3,000 dollars and its so much extra paper work and going through all that why can’t when they have that money submit a modified proposal and then we can vote on it?

Collins: I agree with Duggineni and with the 300 dollars that goes into the intern pot they do need operating funds and I think there is something that might come and just have that money. The 3,000 in the senate threw me for a curve ball I’m not sure if I’m opposed to it or for it yet my instincts say be opposed for it because we just did that I don’t see why an extra 3,000 in our fund is necessary.

Mbagwu: You all wanted them to see a line by line there should be no special pool. It’s robbing them to see how normal procedure is. Let them come. I don’t see what the point of taking the 3,000 away and then adding it back no let the senate be consistent on that view.

Pandey: withdrawn

Smidt: Correct me if I’m wrong but by moving this into our senate-operating budget that means that they then have to write a bill but by leaving it out completely they have to write a bill to amend the budget. So I am in complete agreement with moving this in to our funding because they still have to come forth and write a bill and one that we normally see when if its stricken out completely they have to write a bill to amend the budget completely. I don’t’ think that should be given to the intern position however they are interns and they feel they want to take place in USG so I do feel they should be exposed to writing bills and apply for money but not to change the budget. So I’m in complete agreement to move it to our budget and it can be amended as needed.

Liles: All right real quick I do want to explain what my intention was. I did want to see a line by line that was my intention. I think its good experience. I think if it was left to the exec to bring it to us they would bring us the entire budget and I think they would have to try to find out the entire 3,000 dollars where this is each individual event instead of seeing a line by line of 15 different events and the whole 3,000 dollars. I know there is some concern of this being more difficult for the interns to come to us but I feel like that’s good experience and I’m more then happy to help them write the entire thing. And as Collins pointed out they are adults and I think they can handle writing a bill. I think this is my opinion on what my intentions where.

McFarland: withdrawn

Fitzpatrick: I just want to say real quickly a couple of points of information I understand it’s late. 1 they have to write a bill but it’s only a majority but if it’s an amendment it takes 2/3 so this is actually making it easier on interns 2. The exec can come at us with a large piece of information they can come with it line by line with all projects if they want only a majority vote or as mason more intends one by one which will also require a majority vote. So not setting this money aside makes it harder for the interns as well as the execs and us to get them the money that I think we are all in agreement that we want them to have. Regardless of the appropriate procedure to do it.
Mbagwu: I see the intent but the original idea was better and really starting to get into a lengthy process of like 30 bills.
Fitzpatrick: I would encourage for one our two larger pieces with several line items
Liles: Can constituency events if it's under 100 dollars can speaker approve it?
Fitzpatrick: unconstitutional. I move to call the question.
Mikac: Reinhard, antani, poole, gildenmiester, collins, pyle. To move 300 dollars to intern and 3,000 to senate.
Reinhard: I recognize this is kind of the same intent but this way we see where its going its not our money its all of students so I'm more comfortable with it. Also I think when Ashley came to talk about the intern program she said she wanted to work closer to senate and here is a great opportunity.
Antani: So the cumbersome argument has been made and I agree. But on that note echoing and going a step further I don't think this is within our rules and if this is passed I will make every faithful effort to take this to the judicial panel.
Reinhard: Can you tell us why?
Antani: Because I don't believe it's within our rules.
Mikac: anyone can take any issue to the JP if they don't believe its constitutional and he doesn't have to clarify at this point if he doesn't feel comfortable.
Antani: The interns are under the executive and we as a senate can pass an operating budget they are not a registered organization and we cannot fund individual students that are not under an organization. I don't believe that it's within the rules and I'll take it to the JP.
Fitzpatrick: point of information. Where is the bylaw rule that says we can only fund student organizations?
Antani: I'll let the JP handle that.
Kedia: I understand this is student activity fee money and I'm all for it not being wasted but the thing is we are also giving 3,000 to campus sustainability where are the line items for that? We are giving 3,000 for resident hall printers is that actually going for the printers or the ink or the paper? But the thing is is that in the past there has been money given out and it didn't work very well I think if they have to come in for bills it'll be a bigger project that is not as beneficial to the students. It's what I honestly think and I will also like Niraj take this to the Judicial Panel.
Poole: I completely agree with both of them and I would also take it to the panel. We approved Ashley as head of the intern program and now we want to say how they spend their money and that's not our place it's not our program and we are not executive directors. So we should not be deciding how they spend their money.
Gildenmiester: withdrawn
Collins: to avoid going for something that might not be ethical I'd like to yield my time to Niraj and what would you take to the JP if we passed or did not pass this?
Antani: So if we passed it I would take it to the Judicial Panel
Collins: and what do you think is better?
Antani: leaving the 3,000 dollars under the intern line.
Collins: but that's to late would you propose that we re add that?
Antani: yes.
Pyle: I guess we moved 3,000 dollars because senate wanted more oversight of that now we are giving you more oversight and putting it into something where I will be
a sponsor to each bill that is put into this between 10 and 30 and you will get to see line items for all of these. That’s where we are right now. I don’t know where this judicial panel is going I’m curious to see how that goes. I guess I want you to pass this motion as it is so that the interns know they can at least have some money to work with and can move on with our night. Thank You.

Mikac: the motion will now be called to question and the motion so there is no confusion is 300 dollars under the intern for operating funds and 3,000 under senate for intern designation. Vote “I” would be to include them and nay would be to not include them and you can always abstain. Raise hand vote.

16-14-1 passes

Mikac: further consideration of the budget.

Liles: We don’t have much detail on this budget and I know exec did bring more detail to B&F that they liked having although I know this is more time for us but I would kind of like the line items to be in the official budget if that’s at all possible.

Mikac: o.k. Are you making a motion to table it move it to a committee?

Liles: I guess I think it would be better and I hope it happens in the future.

McFarland: done.

Fitzpatrick: guys it seems to me we have possible constitutional challenges and Micah is not here to address these concerns. I am going to ask that we move to table this until our first meeting of winter quarter unless there is a objection.

Moved and Seconded and Objected

Mikac: we now move into discussion on if the budget should be tabled

Mbagwu: point of information what do interns have to run off of this.

Pyle: I’m not sure what the current operation item is for them. Also if you table this it won’t be till next quarter and we need this money so that our directors can start planning their events. You guys all go home and don’t do much but directors and associate directors need this money to start planning and meeting and they can’t do it if they don’t have a budget so please don’t table this.

Collins: I think pyle is absolutely right and I would be disappointed if we did not pass this I think we have discusses this enough. I encourage that we pass this.

Reinhard: call the previous question

Mikac: The previous question has been called we will now vote on if we should table the budget for one meeting.

The nays have it.

Mikac: we now move back into the discussion of the budget as a whole.

Fitzpatrick: at this point guys I know we have had a long discussion and at this point I’m done with this I think we have made a full effort to see how the money is being spent I think the budget is better for it.

DeFrance: So this budget is quickly evolving into a dead horse, which we are flogging. However looking over this budget covers a lot of interesting and important things. Looking through this it seems to me that there are several areas that are really under funded and maybe the records don’t show what they wanted to do. I think they should be encouraged to do more especially in Financial Aid, Student Health, and Theft prevention. They are ones that affect every student at one extent or another. I propose to add an amendment to add 500 dollars to each of the following.
Mikac: I need a seconded.
Moved and Seconded and Objection.
Mikac: we are moving into discussion.
Antani: this is the executive budget for a reason. The executive plan it attentively to what their winter quarter is going to look like and if their directors knew that they would need money for something that they would bring it up. As you can see we have a large chunk of money for some projects so I think that Micah said that 70 or 80% is spent anyway. Your adding 500 dollars here and there and it could be useless as well as a lot of senators just argued that if you give someone extra money they are going to be enticed to spend it. It’s irresponsible and keep this money for spring quarter so they can plan a responsible project.
Kedia: withdrawn
Fitzpatrick: They asked for what they asked for for their reasons. I don’t pretend to understand them or know what they are they came and presented what they wanted it seems logical and I call to question.
Mikac: it has been called to question the speakers list will be capped at collins, dugineni, messenger.
Collins: I would like to give Niraj a metaphorical high five right now. I totally agree with what you said and DeFrance do you want me to yield my time to you so you can discuss why you did this?
DeFrance: 500 dollars is arbitrary but to encourage them to spend money Financial Aid every single aid is effective we need to express this and communication needs to be a bigger emphasis 300 will not reach every student. Mental Health event 500 by 443,000 on undergraduate students. That’s bad that’s irresponsible and then theft prevention 200 dollars, the window alarms there are a lot of houses out there.
Duggineni: I am going to keep this to a bear minimum I appreciate what your doing but I find flaws. All I will say is the exec board put this together they know what they are doing we should put our trust in them. The directors know what they are doing they still have spring quarter money. WE shouldn’t keep adding money to them because we feel like it’s their responsibility and plan those items they are the ones doing it and putting it together.
Messenger: I joked that I would get back in time to talk about this. I’m going to beat the dead horse we spent the first two hours to take away exec miscellaneous I don’t see the point if we are going to debate and take away and add and make the budget ourselves we approve we don’t get to slice the pieces.
Mikac: we will now vote on the motion. All in favor say aye, nay, abstentions. Nay’s have it motion fails
Mikac: now the budget and its entirety.
DeFrance: I’m pleased that something other then the intern program has been discussed.
Pyle: The campus sustainability is campus wide its going to be a campus wide competition among resident halls the main part and several other education based programs along with that.
Mikac: So Brad you get the final say do you have anything to add? No further discussion on the budget the amendments made were under interns misc. 300
under senate org funding 12,800 and const, 1,200 interns 3,000 and misc, 300
17,300. 68,300. Now vote on the amended budget.
Passed as amended with 2 abstentions.

**43-B-18** (Liles) *A Bill to Support the Members of the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship*

Liles: I've been regularly attending and told them if they needed any funding to see me they are going on a conference to discuss religions and careers for three days. They came to us for funding and in B&F we decided to give them 995 dollars for registration fees and split that up evenly among all students attending. It matched the amount we had given the black law students as well. It was 66 dollars per student so we decided to make it the same amount.
Mikac: Are there any questions? Seeing none we will now move into discussion. O.k. seeing none we will now vote.
All in favor please say aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?
43-B-18 passes on the floor.

**43-B-15** (Tichenor) *A Bill to Support the Ohio Staters Inc.'s Light Up the Lake*

Tichenor: As Mikac said they already spoke I think it’s a great event that a lot of students get to experience and unlike other events it stays up through February. That’s about all I have I know they came and requested 1,500 and B&F decided to take it to 1,205 to match Hall Council.
Mikac: Any questions? Seeing none. We will now move into discussion.
McFarland: One of the reasons why we were looking through past budgets we have funded was because we have funded them more then what they suggested and another reason was because I guess since they declined sponsoring our name. That’s fine if you don’t want to put our name we will still fund you but we wont be the leading source behind CSA so that’s where that discussion went.
Dugginenni: Withdrawn
Fitzpatrick: I’m fine with that is sensible they really went to make sure we were included our logo is on there we will be recognized there tomorrow. If they have a large turnout that’s good marketing for us. Also think 1,200 spread out over three months that’s the longest even senate will sponsor. I encourage you to support this it’s a fun event.
Farinacci: Brett do you know how many years we have funded starters for this event?
McFarland: I know at least four and they came and gave a number that was a lot lower than that. We calculated, we didn’t go through all of the history but they suggested we had funded an amount lower. It was one thing I didn’t like but I won’t hold it against them as a whole but when they say we didn’t and we did it’s kind of offensive. Don’t let that sway you at all.

Mikac: LED lighting how does that work with retroactive funding?

Fitzpatrick: we had this in steering yesterday. Our clause within B&F not in ours there is stuff in the funding contract they will work out that Paul is in charge of. In terms of Senate we are in the clear.

Mikac: Any further discussion?

Antani: How many years in a row have we funded this?

McFarland: We’ve gone back five years and one year we didn’t give so basically four years and they said three. The records are there and the point of the matter was that you need to be sure that all facts are correct before you come to present in senate.

Antani: I guess for me it’s just we fund on the assumption we aren’t the major funder but instead a last resort. I don’t think we can make or let student organizations become dependent on us and I believe this event is. I am going to vote no.

DeFrance: There are certain things that don’t thrill me about staters. But I think this is great for the spirit of the University. Despite the shortcomings the process had I think its fine and it’s something we should continue to support and in the future maybe change how we operate with staters. But right now we should fund this event.

Fitzpatrick: Yes we have put a lot of money into this and they did come back and show how much money they have put into this and they have put a lot of money into it. We too have been a large chunk of that but it is their time and money as well. James is right maybe a notification to next senate hey this happened it’s a great event and judging on the event it brings a lot but warn them on working with staters. Also we lose the money at the end of the quarter anyways.

Kedia: We can reduce the amount. Never mind. Withdrawn

Mbargwu: We lose the money?

Mikac: it comes back and is used in different budget.

Mbargwu: Why do they need more lights if they have done these 9 years in a row?

Fitzpatrick: they are switching to LED they are also trying to increase the number of lights one for each student and as someone who used to do this its easy to break and need replacements.

Antani: So I think that it’s a cool event but 1,500 I mean 1,205 going to just lights? To me a trip for an organization is more benefiting students then looking at lights. If it were for helping light up campus for safety reasons then yes I’d give all my money to that or even the starbucks I would be ok with.

Farinacci: As it stands it will happen regardless if we sponsor it or not I don’t think we should waste student’s money.

Duggenini: withdrawn

Mikac: Any more discussion? Seeing none we will now move into vote.

26-6-2

43-B-15 Passes
43-R-51 (Fitzpatrick) A Resolution to Reapportion the USG Senate

Fitzpatrick: This is what we saw last week there are also two new constituencies, continuing education and John Glenn currently did not have a seat and they do pay student activity fees and are not represented by the senate. As this legislation stands it was changed to make them added to the current election because of it being time sensitive. I move for the other two to be delayed until our next meeting but this one is time sensitive and I encourage you all to support it is a fantastic process and the committee put a lot of time and effort into it.
Mikac: Any questions?
Messenger: Send it in effect immediately and then vacancy in winter quarter. Is that a friendly amendment?
Fitzpatrick: yes I’m o.k. with that.
Collins: can you tell me what continuing education means?
Fitzpatrick: yes there are about 900 students give or take a few who are labeled this they are not coded as members of a college.
Collins: are these also non traditional?
Fitzpatrick: yes and they are still listed as undergraduate?
Collins: are they here for a year?
Fitzpatrick: I would say yes that is often times the case but there is some that do for a longer period.
Perkins: withdrawn.
Mikac: any other questions? Moving into discussion.
Antani: Move for unanimous consent.
Moved and seconded.
43-R-51 passes.

43-R-52 (Fitzpatrick) A Resolution to Add an International Student Emissary to the USG Senate

Fitzpatrick: Guys we have been here for a while I move to table this and 53 till our next senate meeting.
Moved and seconded.

43-R-53 (Fitzpatrick) A Resolution to Add an Out-of-State Student Emissary to the USG Senate

New Business

Announcements
Mikac: we will be looking at the press secretary applicant we tabled that in steering because we knew she could not make it tonight and that was requested in P&G. Remember that CLS stuff is coming up as soon as we come back. Reinhard: if anyone knows anyone in education in human ecology that would like to serve as an alternate have them email me atmikac@gmail.com

Fitzpatrick: I’m going to need an alternate next quarter so if your available Thursdays 3:30-5:30 please let me know. Fitzpatrick..135@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Mikac: I’m really impressed with the detail and the time we took to consider the budget we should not feel frustrated we should feel good that we talked through some of the issues the final thing I want to say is we do have a senator of the week both in committee and on the senate floor in directing conversation its Tessa Reinhard. Thank you and congrats. Good Luck on finals and let me know if you have any questions.

**Adjournment**