SECRETARY’S REPORT NO. 18, JANUARY 26th, 2011.
REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE USG SENATE

The Student Senate met in Regular Session on January 26th, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Senate Chamber. Speaker of the Senate Andrew Mikac presided.

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Senators and Senate Alternates were sworn in.

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Antani: I’ll keep it as brief as possible CAA met today we approved two Grad programs and two graduate minors however we also talked about various semester conversion rules. I’ll bring up the ones that you’ll care about. 1 CSP voted to get rid of a cap on how many exam credits you can come in with. Currently it’s at 45 CSP said to eliminate that cap. A lot of student come in with AP credit currently there is a cap at 45 CSP voted to remove it and CAA voted to instate it at 30. IF they have more then 30 those would not count for anything. Hopefully I voted to get rid of the cap but I’ll be follow up on that with the committee of rules. The second thing was freshman forgiveness 3rd addition to classes. After the second Friday you can still add a class but you need instructor approval after the 3rd Friday you can petition. They are trying to make it after the 2nd Friday in semesters you have to petition. Also that affects freshman forgiveness where if you get a D or D+ you have to get the deans to approve you currently they can do that up till the third Saturday if they decide to approve it you would then also have to petition. I recommended we pass this with recommending that we change that third Saturday to the second Friday to be in conjunction with the addition of classes. The third thing was just that there are some changes all other changes on adding or dropping classes stayed the same on percentage value although you have to petition on the second Friday instead of third Friday. If you have any questions just ask me.

Suster: why did CAA recommend the cap still be instated
Antani: Some faculty thought it would be lowering standards. Actually Dheeraj can you explain?
Duggineni: If we remove the cap it allows them to forgo and go into upper level classes. IF you look at the standards of AP they are supposed to mimic but all of us know the college system is much different. My reasoning to keep it is if we took it away they would go and not do as well they don’t have precious experience. If you took any early level chem. Class and you got a good grade as an AP credit in order to prepare your self you take those classes even if you have the credit. To protect the students from themselves especially as freshman when they don’t know what’s going on.
Antani: Reversely though I think there were a few of us that wanted the cap to go because if you are taking these courses you should get credit and they came out of the election committee so anyways if you have any questions you can ask me.
Fitzpatrick: COPE met last week we discussed wave finding on campus as many of you know there are a lot of outdated signs on campus we are updating those now. This wave finding budgeted is expensive and this will most likely be cut. The committee recommended prioritizing vehicle over building because transportation is so important around campus. That’s where we are each one of these cost about 3 to 3500 a piece that’s why its such a large part and why its 5 million for signs.
DeFrance: was there any discussion on lack of mapping?
Fitzpatrick: Yes, its slow and will take some time with Project one and changes on campus and you probably won’t see it till Project one is done and they are working on consolidating a couple maps instead of each department having their own.
DeFrance: I was surprised and if you have any projects that are under 50,000 dollars and sustainability related come see me.
Mikac: any questions? Any other reports?
Brahm: CSA met and we are looking over how to judge student organizations. Dtx came in and updated on the things they are going to be doing. We will be finalizing some of our changes in the next couple of weeks?
Mikac: any other reports? Moving on into Project Updates.

**Project Updates**

Antani: On Friday a few of us went to Dr Carlson’s round table on SEI a lot of things came out of that like deadlines and that they should be personalized. But if you have any questions or opinions please let me know.
Fitzpatrick: One thing that came out of the UC retreat was a couple constructural components. Mainly being the student trustee is giving a seat on senate would give direct interaction. We are lucky that Alex has been a part of USG and knows to keep us updated however this will not always be the case and this is something that I will be working on.
Mikac: Any other updates? Seeing none.

**Old Business**

43-B-24 (Duggineni) A Bill to Support thee World Dance Showcase

Duggineni: Those of you that don’t know I’m on a team called the Genesis Dance Team we are hip-hop and traditional south Indian dance team. We compete nationally and we’ve placed at every single competition. This year we are trying to put on an event held Feb 24th it’s a chance for some not so well known dance teams here at Ohio state to show their stuff. We are thinking it’ll be about 2 hours each dance team comes out gives a performance we will be performing there. We are asking for 1,500 dollars for us to use. We are getting 2000 from CSA for the union performance hall and we are getting our Indian outfits those are 1000 and CSA agree to pay for those and we have t-shirts and stuff to give away and from USG we are asking money for Hip Hop outfits we have 13 on our team and 11 dancing and we want outfits for all of them. Last year we used what we had and this year we want to be a little more professional. One good thing about this these outfits will not only go for this event but the can continue to be used. We are asking for 200 dollars for marketing and we are hosting this.
Mikac: Any questions?
Fitzpatrick: B&F kept in the hip-hop outfits why?
McFarland: We wanted to at least bring it to the floor so their could be discussion we talked about its more like show casing how much is going to it and things like that as he eluded to it earlier a couple hundred to marketing.
Mikac: Other questions?
Liles: Why aren’t you paying for any of it on your own?
Duggineni: We actually have a lot of costs that we do on our own because we compete when we travel and application fees and its hard for us to keep putting our money in when we aren’t getting any money back.
McFarland: Point of information 100 dollars for t-shirts and give aways are they allowed to do that
Mikac: brahm do you know
Brahm: yes it’s a portion a percentage. It’s below 20.
Mikac: any other questions?
Poole: have you seeked any outside business?
Duggineni: no its our first year its kind of hard for us. I’m not a part of the managerial team and I know they have been trying but I don’t think we have gotten any.
Antani: are you going to rule yourself out of this vote?
Duggineni: yes I will.
Farinacci: does anyone know what that percentage is?
Mikac: ok the percent is 15.
Moving into discussion.
McFarland: I guess my biggest concern is the amount 100 per person is a lot and we are providing marketing as well if someone wants to throw out a different number I’m ok with that. They came to usg last year and asked for costumes as well and I would like to see some outside funding I’m pretty sure that somebody out there would love to support them.
Liles: I think its acceptable and I think it’s a good thing for USG to establish any yearly event I understand how expensive it can be and I support this.
Duggineni: Correct me if I’m wrong but I’m pretty sure that last year it failed. I think because we didn’t see CSA funding.
McFarland: I was informed that there were some questions about the budget my information over video cameras or equipment and instead the money was granted for costumes.
Duggineni: Do you know the amount? One of the things I do want to mention is what Brett said it is a lot of money but a lot of hidden costs about being a dance team and it comes from our own pockets. We registered for a competition and just to send it in for Philadelphia it was 400 dollars. We didn’t get in and it came out of our own pockets. We do a lot on our own and we want to represent OSU nationally and in a good manor and part of that is getting our name out there at our home base. Its free and for all students and even though it does seem like a lot what should be kept in mind is that it is educational and I feel like senates responsibility to help new events and help new organizations and I think this is a perfect example.
DeFrance: my instinct to this was to oppose it for the reasons that have been outlined however there are two excellent points. Money would be coming from student activity fee. We’ve already given money to transportation and to specific groups that don’t occur on campus we’ve helped pay for trips speakers and different things. This is no different then those speakers. This is showcasing various OSU groups and at OSU and if the Genesis team is properly equipped just as if a speaker would be paid by OUAB. From that aspect its perfect form another. Our University may not do well to start them we have 1000 groups to support to get to do what they do and this is a great opportunity to do that.
Antani: withdrawn
Schmitt: I agree with DeFrance I was in the same boat it looks like a lot of money but when you think about it it gives them a chance to showcase their skills and represent their University and its an opportunity we should move forward with.
Kedia: I would like to talk a little bit about B&F we had to votes one was a signature event that happens every year and we have been turning down some because USG wants to see events that don’t get a lot of funding and are new events. So for that purpose if that’s what we want to do this is perfect.
Flis: we talk a lot about diversity and how its important and this sounds like a great event. Aside from all the other points that have been made this is a great way to support diversity and get people to learn a little more about this culture.

Fitzpatrick: I went back to my old agendas we gave them 546 dollars to outfits the equipment was removed and that portion increased. I’m concerned with the 1500 I think the marketing money is well spent and I think this is a great showcase event we did give them 546 for last year it concerns me so I’m not really sure giving them 1500 when it is only 13 members a 100 per person I know the event will reach a lot of people but that part concerns me but overall I’m in support of this event and I think the amounts to high it is moved to return this to committee.

Moved and Seconded. Objected

Fitzpatrick: I think this is a great event its not time sensitive there is a month till the event takes place give it a second look I would of moved to do this last night at steering it’s a little to high I am very supportive of the event I acknowledge what everyone has said and I agree with that but we are giving to much here and funding them previous years.

Duggineni: As far as the funding last year I didn’t know but we paid for our hip-hop outfits out of our pocket and that went to the traditional outfits. And the shipping and all the costs for making our own. This year CSA is helping us with that and another thing as far as this event goes I hear the cost being high is a major concern to a lot of people and I think that’s because there are only 13 people on the team but if you think about what outfits we have to buy shoes which ok minimum 20 -30 jeans shirts any other accessories. In a sense it is time sensitive because we want to get them ready and we want to practice in them and so what I would like you guys to consider is this is something that being on a team like this we take a lot of costs and whether we get money or not we have to put a show on and we will be putting them out of our own pocket. In some form USG help us pay with that we want to see this all work out. And for a few of our members it’s hard we help them pay for it.

Brahm: Point of information are you sure CSA gave you funding?

Duggineni: yes

Ashton: I’m not sure if they applied and I can say we can’t fund any non-consumable supplies like printer or uniforms

Duggineni: I wasn’t the one who sent in the budget I can call our manage and ask regarding this.

Collins: if that’s the case until we can find out if that’s true or not.

McFarland: we can send it back I don’t want people to think there shouldn’t be any money given I think its going to be a good event but groups that ask for the max amount of 1500 what they need in their budget and not to make light of this I’m just saying that you know that’s another reason why I’m a little hesitant to give them the full amount. I think we should talk this over and give us some time.

Messenger: withdrawn

Stepp: withdrawn

Antani: withdrawn

Mikac: seeing no further discussion we will now vote on moving this back to committee. It requires a 2/3 vote all in favor please raise your hand 24 all opposed 8 any abstentions 7 that’s 2/3 this will be returned to B&F.
Kelsey: Almost entirely identical of what was approved last year except with the one change line 83 article 7 subsection 2b which address evidence submitted by defendants. If they don’t submit a brief at least 24 hours before hearing to make sure we have had some issues it will not be considered with the concern of not everyone having access to them.

Mikac: any questions?
DeFrance: speaking on that change what happens if they don’t’?
Kelsey: We can either move the hearing if it seems like a reasonable excuse or if we feel they are delaying we will have it anyway.
Mikac: Ok discussion.
Fitzpatrick: I said this in P&G we went over these and they were heavily revised she went in and went through it with P&G and it got reviewed by a lot of people and I think it’s fantastic that there’s one change I move for unanimous consent.

Moved and Seconded
43-R-70 passes with unanimous consent.

Mikac: there will be no references to a candidacy and also reduce speculation of scenarios this is an internal issue and I remove us to move quickly.
Antani: I motion to table 43-R-66, 71, and 65 until Feb 9th.
Moved and Seconded.
Objected.
Antani: I had thought of tabling all of them but a lot of them are necessary these three can get controversial thought and if you count the five in spring we have had 19 weeks to submit them and I think we are a little to close to consider these however blindly failing they do deserve consideration. I would like to see them considered with a clear and open mind, which can happen in two weeks that’s why I want to table them until the 6th week.

Messenger: I agree with Niraj some could be tabled and I think the merits of that should be had on the floor after a 3 and ½ hour meeting we felt some could be tabled but we wanted the floors response to this as well.

Fitzpatrick: We’ve only been here for four weeks thinking in that mind set wasn’t logical essentially it took three weeks and now many of them are very different then what I proposed. A lot of work was put into this Micah stood up and said if there are issues and we can fix them now then we should. This body accepted that and I think that still stands. Yes I understand there is a time frame and I’l like to think that you could keep your constituents in mind and represent who you are about to represent and keep politics at waters edge as of right now lets face it it’s a good move to make.

DeFrance: these are not getting to us to late they are on time and we have a deadline it would be past that and its before. If we were to send them back to committee that would be a waste of time they are set out for us right now right here tabling them would be if we have no more time or it completely looks like we want to set it aside to add more to it.

Antani: Initially I came in wanting to table them all and after talking to nick and him setting me straight I looked at the ones necessary and I think there were some things that could be worked on. I chose three of the 8 which his less than half. I don’t want these to be over looked and I feel we need to look at them with a clear and open mind.
Liles: I love nick messenger and he said it all move to call the question
Mikac: ok it has been called to question we will now vote on tabling the following resolutions
5-25-6
Ok we will now move into consideration of 43-R-66
Fitzpatrick: These are substantially different then when I sent them to P&G and I’ll yield my time to Nick Messenger.
Messenger: I want to talk about the process this was I think a decisive and divisive decision it took 2 hours and 15 minutes on this one alone and a room full of people who wanted one and didn’t want the other it was very divided. But in the meeting there was no arguing they hunkered down and doing the work a committee should be doing. They all came to a decision and a lot of them added themselves as co sponsors. The committee overhauled this and it was passed 10-0. There is a chart there from my committee that explains numerically what the spending would be it was a heated debate over the numbers and what are you raising it to how does it differ etc. My committee would ask that you keep this cart in mind and the numbers and not so much the philosophy regardless of the outcome we are proud and I’m proud we believe this is the best.
Mikac: questions?
Farinacci: I want to know exactly why you brought it not because you thought it should be discussed buy why you personally think it should be brought here.
Fitzpatrick: It was numerically for discussion the numbers weren’t what I was concerned about I thought the spending cap should be raised to benefit elections and campaigning. It the time that we recognized the most and get noticed and its important and I’l even yield to nick to talk about it in terms of where we are with campaign spending not really relative to big ten schools. We are in the middle.
Schaffer: I have a few questions. 1. What organization are we are part of? Undergraduate STUDENT government 2. I don’t want to take a poll of senator campaigns but if you spend close to 100 dollars you are spending a lot of money. I say if it doesn’t need fixed don’t fix it.
Fitzpatrick: clauses 2,3, and 4 the value increasingly goes down as the more you get together you want to make sure the individual is able to take advantage and hold his own. It is harder to reach the 5,000 dollar cap because you would have to have a total of like 25 senators running with you.
Schaffer: How does this encourage more students to run?
Messenger: that’s my fault it is supposed to say run independently
Fitzpatrick: it’s easier for them to hold their own.
Mikac: ok we will now move into discussion.
Farinacci: everyone pays out of their own pocket to use 8000 or 5000 for a student election is unbelievably high. How can you raise that you can’t unless you know people who will donate or they are going to pay out of their own pocket. Most are working jobs that pay minimum wage and you would have to save for a long time to run an election and raise it to the cap of 5000 dollars. By raising this you are eliminating people and for many people who are running the biggest justification is a full scholarship. I think they are losing sight of the true purpose I know another 1500 will help you run prepare your future that’s not why we are here putting resolutions forward.
Kamrass: This truly sucks trying to raise money is not easy and to be honest it wasn’t something I wanted to ask. It is student government and I disagree with Farinacci we need some money and the limit we have is really good I applaud the work for the chart I don’t think its right for us. I don’t care about benchmarking we are Ohio State we are different. I don’t give a damn what they are doing we ran our campaign within these limits and had a higher turnout. I think we really need to think about this message and pride ourselves no access and not who is the most wealthy its more about who is more worthy. I hope you will consider what this really means it’s a large amount and mot of you will not run while you are here. My opinion I hope you fail this and send the message anyone can be president and its not about who has the most money or the most connections.

Antani: if you don’t think this holds real power you shouldn’t be a senator. I think this does make it a rich mans sport. However I think there is some of these that would be ok from a senate increase to 25 dollars. I appreciate the work that P&G did with this however just going on merits making USG a rich mans sport I don’t agree with and I urge you to vote no.

McFarland: I agree with Micah and Niraj and Farinacci. I think its to high trying to keep it equal you can listen if someone says I want to run with 5000 dollars they would have to work 680 hours to raise those funds. I think that would be astronomical to say if they want to president they have to work that amount to raise that money. For example I’m out of state and might not have any connections and may still want to run this would make it harder for me. I think the numbers are good where they are.

Red: Line 22 on back page in order to reach the max you would have to have a senate slate of 25 having these ridiculous amount of people is not good quality and generally overall add candidates and dilute the pool. As far as 5000 dollars go it would be great to put a hot air balloon in the oval besides that I think we have to think a out the results is it going to increase voter turn out is that our goal and the answer is no. A few more t-shirts and shot glasses but look at the voters we are attracting.

DeFrance: Looking at various things the amount of money that this actually equals per target per student that this message that this money is helping spread out to the masses could be as little as 1 and half cents per person that won’t by a plethora or shot glasses for a lot of people. Now looking at 5000 spread out among all these students and we saying we are just getting these people because they got something for free or heard something they are voting and that’s what we have a marketing team for. The bulk of the marketing that will ever get done will happen by these people that are running for office and this is a big time what does it doe 50% of the people aren’t going to win and they are spreading the word and they are doing it with money students are paying for. These numbers do represent my w2 for this entire last year I’ll say that its either an indecent about of money or I’m an indecent earner of money but we don’t have to spend that much. If we are more affective going out and campaigning you could do it for free. However we aren’t going to be doing it for free if a person feels the need to make these expenditures hwy not making them larger so they can spread the message and get out to more people this is an opportunity to say more and reach more people.

Farinacci: first I’d like to say that if you think people are going to stop at 5000 you are naive you are wrong people that are planning on running are already figuring
out how they are going to get around this. I think it should be tabled indefinitely.

Tabled and seconded

Objected

Farinacci: nothing positive will come of this if you think its so important maybe we should do matching funds I don’t think its going to set the right image they will get annoyed and annoyed with all the chalking. I think we should meet with organizations give speeches and advocate.

Messenger: in P&G it was a conversation worth having and it was good to pass it to the floor on the flip side I think we do have to look at the argument that its open to all students and any student should be able to get involved and if they have ideas and they are bright enough to do it they should be able to hold any position they want to hold there is a lot against people who watch things and have ideas and I’ve sat through committee and we came together as a group and I think at the end of the day raising the cap does exclude people from participating I think it’s a discussion worth having because we can redefine our scoop. I agree with farinacci and by talking to more students it’s more affective then spending a dollar.

Antani: The reason this shouldn’t be tabled is because 11 or 12 people put in a lot of hard work in to this bill or resolution and its worth consideration however there is a big difference between tabling it indefinitely which is killing it or tabling it for two weeks. This senate just said we were going to consider this tonight while I oppose it and whether my opinion is the one reflected it should be decided tonight.

Edwards: move the previous question

Bruner: withdrawn

Fitzpatrick: I highly encourage you to fail this motion and here is why we are getting caught up on one piece its important and the opinion is that 5000 dollars is to high and its not one individual its 27. I get it it seems to be overwhelming that its to high I would encourage you to table this it has another week we send it to committee and I'll make the motion where it can be amended again you are ignoring the rest of this great resolution and I think they are getting ignored. I will make the motion to send it back to P&G and fix what we are being hung up over.

Suster: withdrawn

Schaffer: withdrawn

Mikac: we are now voting on tabling this indefinitely.

Motion fails

Farinacci: I’m shocked that failed. And I withdrawal

Fitzpatrick: I move to send this back to P&G

Moved and seconded. Objected

Fitzpatrick: I think this is getting a lot of the problem seems to be this 5000 dollar cap I say we change it and bring it back next week that’s why it was all done this week yes P&G gave it a lot of consideration and I think that the emotion of the body is different and that should be reflected.

Liles: I agree the 5000 is the issue which has ignored the other changes and I think those are good things we haven’t discussed.

Stepp: I was in PG when this was considered I was for it I would love to go back and learn from my mistakes I believe 5000 is to much at the same time I realize if we
don't have some incentive I support the spending raising for individuals and I urge you to send this back to committee.

Red: I think having an outside opinion is a good thing action often is a very good thing and inaction plagues this body if you disagree with increasing fail this motion and vote tonight and I think that while the 5000 is the glaring error the overall is increase we are going to talk about this next week is incredible waste of time if you are against increasing campaign just vote this done.

Edwards: point of information would you be looking at keeping the appendix 2 and adjust appendix 1?

Mikac: the attempt to send it to P&G they would look at it at its entirety.

Fitz: for me I still think the structure depends on 71 I think the changes in fines are a good thing yes are addressed in light of changing values the discussion would have to happen.

Edwards: we have had two elections without nasty drawn out nasty judicial processes and we have profited from that and under those two elections we have had these bylaws and we should stick to them and I call on you to do as my colleague and oppose this motion and vote it down and stick with what has worked for this government the past two years.

Messenger: I don’t want to confuse the vote to senate to floor with an affirmative vote that we are stressing the need to raise it we took it that we were presented with this and made it the best that we could and then bring that to the chamber and then give every senator the chance to vote on it that being said I agree with Edwards. Don’t table it like Niraj said but I don’t think the vote on this in committee was that we wanted to raise it but just to bring it here. I would vote on you to vote this motion down and then vote it down all together.

Edwards: call the previous question

Farinacci: withdrawn

Flis: I’m going to repeat people but it’s a chance to be heard I would like this to fail because I would like people that can run should be able to run.

McClellan: our student government doesn’t have a cap nor do we raise any money we do it for free and its hardly any contested resolutions. I think 5000 is to much but for the individual senators its important and I don’t think 150 restricts it I think it needs to go back to a committee.

Fitzpatrick: do vote no on this and makes a lot of sense best to look at a new light discussion everyone is welcome as nick said send any comments which you have every right to do on any committee that input would be helpful I think it’s important that we see the best piece of legislation possible which I think is reducing the overall cap and sending this back to P&G.

Liles: Messenger made a comment that we do want all students to be able to run and we are focusing on how the 5000 dollar total will be a rich mans sport but by allowing them to run with a little more money it would help them to run independently and issues like that are being ignored because we are focused on this 5000 issue. I think we should discuss it in P&G and either way I think other issues should be addressed.

Kedia: I think going back to what somebody had said your talking about how this is too much money when you talk about real politics they raise more money then we
do. They raise like 3 million dollars for two years I think we are getting hung up on the 5000 dollars its for a whole slate and I don’t think we should fail it I think we should discuss it here tonight.
Mikac: we are going to vote on returning this to committee. Role Call vote it is

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Mikac: ok we are either passing or failing this tonight
Edwards: move to call the previous question
Liles: I think we should table this for two weeks because I think this should be addressed once it doesn’t affect us and it’s not a pressing issue.
Moved and seconded. Objected.
Liles: I think we should discuss this more once it’s not affecting this election.
Brunner: I move to call the previous question
All in favor of tabling for two weeks.
Nays have it motion fails
Liles: withdrawn
Flis: to get back to what we were talking about when it comes to this is just a comment in general some are good some aren’t my thoughts are a little different there is a lot to be said for the creative piece of mind and when you have a fuller amount and you know what your goal is and you spread the word to how many you want to you put your own spin on things and it becomes your campaign your event and after all this is our student government so if we keep it a little lower we force them to become a little more creative and make them do it because they want to do it.
Stepp: withdrawn
Brunner: I am actually going to defend our reasoning why this passed if you look at 5000 or 3500 it looks like a big difference but if you look at it broken down each senator is only getting 50 dollars more and obviously it’s a lot more as a slate but we
are encouraging 10 more to join. Another part of our reasoning senators who work on big slates they probably barely get what they get out of it most of their work goes to getting the president and VP elected our focus is helping individual senators elected.
Kedia: withdrawn
Shoub: withdrawn
Edwards: this isn’t small it’s a 42% increase you have made your self’s clear you are voting tonight vote this down.
Fitzpatrick: I mean I really think its kind of sad we are getting hung up on this one piece helping independent candidacy and making it easier for senate slates to run and making it tougher to reach it everyone is thinking 5000 is a lot of money I don’t think it is I pay 3300 compared to someone who pays 8000 5000 for one person yes a lot more to one person then another but its not saying you have to spend all of it as Jen put it you can be flexible and if your not that’s your problem not mine so I encourage you to pass this and I understand it might not I think we have made some substitutes that we haven’t really talked about that I really like.
Kamrass: point of information if we fail this tonight and there are pieces of this that someone liked could they directly introduce this on the floor next week?
Fitzpatrick: we could do it directly into committee. Yes
Mikac: we are now going to vote all in favor say aye. Risen for a hand vote.
7-23-5
43-R-66 fails

43-R-71
Mikac: is dependent on the passage of 43-R-66 all in favor of passing 43-R-71 all in favor say aye all opposed say nay
43-R-71 fails

43-R-60
Fitzpatrick: deals with a basically unresolved clarification on one of the bylaws
Mikac: any questions
Kamrass: so if I was a candidate and sent a mail merge email and it went to 385 students does it count as 385 penalties?
Fitzpatrick: yes
Edwards: Move to table indefinitely
Moved and Seconded. Objected
Edwards: I encourage you to fail this
Fitzpatrick: again if you send this back to P&G it can be clarified
Withdrawn motion
Mikac: discussion
Suster: withdrawn
Fitzpatrick: move to send back to P&G
Moved and Seconded
43-R-60 sent back to P&G
Fitzpatrick: This is a piece that got a lot of discussion. No campaigning in the Center for student leadership.
Antani: point of information what is the actual student government sweet?
Red: as far as resources belonging to another student org we can use the block o office space?
Fitzpatrick: no
Collins: does that mean you can still pay
Fitzpatrick: no that’s already excluded in another bylaw
Edwards: withdrawn
Antani: so if a candidate or candidate team want to go and speak to an org who is meeting in the office would that be utilizing their resources?
Fitzpatrick: I would say no using their materials or office space is what this is for
DeFrance: what is the concern here?
Fitzpatrick: the student government center and using resources there
Liles: can a student organization print off flyers saying they endorse a member?
Fitzpatrick: not using the resources but yes.
Antani: Do student organizations have the right to endorse a candidate? So even though they have the right to endorse that candidate they can’t use their resources to do that?
Fitzpatrick: They can use their resources just not in the student center.
Antani: withdrawn
Messenger: Does this apply to any resource belonging to them even if they purchase those themselves without any help?
Mikac: This is the question a JP would do best or the EGB
Fitzpatrick: The resources used by a student organization for a campaign are already regulated
Collins: withdrawn
Farinacci: I think senate has wasted enough time on this and I motion to adjourn
Moved and Seconded. Objected.
Mikac: Ok we are going to vote on adjourning now.
Motion to adjourn fails
Mceeloran: This won’t apply to any of my regional campus?
Fitzpatrick: only to Student of Leadership Center
McFarland: withdrawn
Mikac: ok any more questions? Seeing none. We are now into discussion.
Edwards: As much as I do appreciate the intent here there is another lack of clarity by the number of what if questions. I think this is unclear and should be voted down this is just more nonsense.
Antani: withdrawn
Pyle: it’s a struggle to get people involved and by limiting this it’s playing a part in that. There are organizations in that suit that focus only on elections and especially to limit them during a time of an election is unfair.
Antani: I apologize I move for committee on the whole
Motion fails
Fitzpatrick: I don’t understand why there are all of these questions its all right there in front of you. I do disagree with the vice president I don’t want to see them being mulled
down I understand they are allowed to take an opinion those are the ones and I believe those are the ones that should be limited the most. I call to question.

Messenger: I want to talk about two issues. The reason we write these bylaws is so that the JP and EGB director can follow them. The more vague these are the more issues that will arise. I think the wording is fuzzy and is confusing the actual meaning of this bylaw change.

Edwards: I am not surprised that the author of this thinks it’s not unclear. But it is unclear and proven by the number of questions that have been posed I encourage you to vote this down.

Collins: I guess if any student organization can advocate I don’t see why USG should be an exception.

Kamrass: I’m against this. The Center of Student Activity is where they are supposed to be they have to lease their space. I don’t think it’s our right to tell them how to use their money. I encourage you to vote this down.

Liles: do they pay money?

Kamrass: depends on the organization

Fitzpatrick: Should be a comma after materials and organizations use these resources that are paid for in part by the student activity fee money. It doesn’t preclude them to vote for them.

Mikac: ok we will now vote on 43-R-61

43-R-61 fails

43-R-62

Fitzpatrick: There are additions not added despite made in committee as well. EGB director to go and double check where campaigning can take place.

Mikac: Questions?

Red: your saying the EGB director would have to ask every single person before hand so the EGB director is making sure different regulations at different dining halls?

McClellan: Does this affect Regional campus?

Mitchison: I’m just wondering what happens if they just declare a certain area off limits. Like when I worked Bulletin Boards were allowed but you weren’t allowed to canvas desks or pamphlets. What happens if a dining hall director gives a partial answer?

Fitzpatrick: that’s up to them

Mitchison: So they can specify within this?

Fitzpatrick: yes

Antani: withdrawn

Pyle: would wearing a t-shirt be considered campaigning?

Fitzpatrick: we had talked about it and it was supposed to be changed as of now the case is yes

Messenger: withdrawn

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

Farinacci: I motion to table indefinitely

Failed

Red: Just from a RA perspective I don’t want people I don’t recognize on my floor because of safety reasons. Also for people like me campaigning is soliciting and I don’t
want to subject them to that its nice to have the residence halls non political and I would vote no.

Edwards: point of information resident halls and computing sites are off limits anyways. I think this is another piece of non-sense legislation. EGB director is already going to be touch and we need to let him put on an election and not make his job more subject.

Kamrass: I’m with Edwards out of all that have been proposed this is the most damaging any single thing that will change our rules. If it is going to limit our access then we won’t be able to reach out to more students. This is where they eat and live and I don’t know how you would be able to keep all of the different rules separate.

Antani: I yield to mitchison

Mitchison: Point of information any senior staff can lay down the law of no campaigning as long as that is clear I don’t understand why we need to go further with this.

Antani: I’m just confused as to why this is writing in. I think it’s pretty good how it is. I urge you to fail this.

DeFrance: I think this is a clarification verging unnecessary.

Farinacci: I move to table this indefinitely.

Moved and seconded. Objected.

Antani: We can make a decision and stand up for them motioning to table it indefinitely is saying we aren’t going to consider and take a stance. I think we need to make a decision and make it tonight.

Edwards: move to call the previous question

Fitzpatrick: this offends me why are we restricting the debate from occurring. I highly encourage you to fail this motion.

Edwards: I encourage you to fail it so you can vote it down.

McFarland: withdrawn

Suster: withdrawn

Mikac: ok we will now vote on the motion

Motion failed

Edwards: move to call the previous question.

Farinacci: withdrawn

Fitzpatrick: what we are doing here is not so much saying yes a hall director can kick you out but there is no repercussion as our by laws stand. This is a definition that gives it a set of limits and in terms of reason I also want to address yes the EGB would be asked to send an email to a couple of people not to everyone and even if it did its easy to get a hold of that list. Its foolish to think otherwise some people may see this as unnecessary ad I really wish someone would make the friendly amendment to make sure the possession of t-shirts. Yes Brad that is a problem and if it weren’t changed I would vote to fail it as well.

Suster: how is this handled now?

Fitzpatrick: it isn’t

Suster: As Fitzpatrick has said it’s not difficult to send an email if their bosses say no and its off limits you’ve limited it. I know it wouldn’t be preferable but I don’t feel like that’s our decision to make its very easy to chalk right outside which is under different authority. I would like to add a clause possession of campaign material.

Withdrawn

Pyle: how many dinning hall and resident hall directors are there 40?
Collins: I agree with Micah I don’t think we should constrict this.
Kamrass: yea I think this can be dangerous and I think the only thing that may be more
dangerous is 40 different people telling the EGB director not just yes or no but 40
different rules.
Red: I think as someone who as worked extensively with email people probably only
50% would get back with you. I just don’t think this really does it.
Collins: withdrawn
McFarland: I actually think it might be benefits what is and isn’t off limits so people
know what areas are good and there is no confusion.
Fitzpatrick: There are a lot of gray areas as it stands and this would take those out.
Mikac: ok we are now going to vote
43-R-62 fails.

43-R-63
Fitzpatrick: this one if you fail is a huge issue.
Suster: could you indicate the change made during committee?
Fitzpatrick: when you run you only have to be a member of continuing education at the
time of election.
Mikac: discussion
Edwards: I think we found one that makes sense. Pass it.
Antani: amend J to read all of it or previously designated a continuing Ed for two quarters
and may serve up to four terms
Mikac: not considered friendly
Schmitt: I hope this isn’t to out of line sitting and listening to the debate I want to make
as clean and respectful as possible without throwing attitude
Bruner: call the question
Moved and seconded
43-R-63 passes

43-R-64
Fitzpatrick: I’m going to turn this over to nick
Messenger: we just wanted to see the debate on the floor on this one.
Antani: in the election bylaws what is section d it is not election governance?
Mikac: should read H instead of D
Schaffer: what happens if the EGB doesn’t report?
Fitzpatrick: they can be impeached
Kamrass: what does it mean to process and report?
Fitzpatrick: investigate and if they find it proceed to the JP
Mikac: any other questions? Seeing none we will go into discussion
Edwards: this one I don’t see anyone understanding after two years and people moving
on how can we interpret what investigations are necessary or control. I think this is
another useless bylaw and should vote no.
Farinacci: withdrawn
Pyle: having gone through the elections process what this will do is instead of campaigns they will email the EGB and he will have ten million things instead of past campaigns when they said oh you should take care of that before you get in trouble. This is foolish and to impeach the EGB director before election would be ridiculous.

Fitzpatrick: he asked what could happen I said it’s the range of options in terms of what this can do if you commit it and someone submits it you should be fined that’s why we have these rules it not why doe we have them.

Messenger: this is one that I opposed I think its unnecessary it will lead to what Brad said and it encourages to go through the JP. Mature people would just go to one another its more harm then good. I would agree with brad and vote no.

Kamrass: a couple things I disagree with process and investigate are not the same. This turns the EGB director into a prosecutor and a pawn.

Antani: I consider myself a literal person and there are various interpretations of this. I think the EGB director is neutral and that’s how they should remain.

Farinacci: call to question

Mitchison: point of information how are these violations handled now?

Fitzpatrick: its up to the discretion of the EGB director.

Mikac: ok we are now going to vote. 43-R-64 fails

43-R-65

Fitzpatrick: campaigning not allowed in library during the 48 hours I really feel strongly about this and that’s not a place for campaigning

Mikac: any questions?

Mcclellan: our library and student center are together would that restrict our whole building.

Fitzpatrick: if that’s a University Library then yes I don’t know if your building is a part of that though.

McFarland: were there any issues in the past? Have people complained?

Fitzpatrick: no but Thompson is now open.

Mikac: any other questions? Seeing none we are now into discussion

DeFrance: I’m in favor with you being able to do anything anywhere all the time. We have classes on the oval but looking at this if there were to be campaigning they would still have to follow the rules. I’ve been in the library and none of them were distractions it was just another part of the day if you can manage to campaign and not get kicked out more power to you and I think it’s a benefit.

Antani: The berry café is housed within the library and on a more general basis I think it is disrespectful to interrupt. As well I think its very affective to just lay a flyer in the great hall reading room and I think that reaches a lot of people and I think that the people who spend long days in the library are the ones we should reach out to. I think the people in senate are a different population and I think this is again hampering a campaign from reaching out to a different constituency and I have faith they will be respectful and I urge you to fail this.

Edwards: I echo Antani and I want to reiterate if I were running for president campaigning in the library you do so if you are going to annoy you are going to hurt yourself in the campaign if it works it does if it doesn’t it doesn’t.
Fitzpatrick: it’s not about restricting campaign. Yes but its more about sanctity if they come up and talk to me that’s annoying I need to get back to work. I don’t hold people to that high of standard
Pyle: reiterate dinning halls residence halls and student services if they campaign there there are rules there and this is just making it harder to reach out to people please fail this. Mcclellan: at Newark we have one center and if this goes I can’t reach out to hardly anyone. I don’t like that so I’d like to make a motion to line 36 to University library designated areas
Fitzpatrick: Only the first floor of your center is the library so no I don’t consider that friendly
Mcclellan: withdrawn
Kamrass: be about the issues Andrew if you were to observe you would have seen one of the biggest issues library be open later one of the reasons we were able to if you have an idea it would only be affected if you communicated it I’m opposed to anything that restricts that’s fair to all teams its first come first serve all votes if you are rude and go up to someone they are going to vote against you and I reject the argument that someone would be rude or come off as negative I wouldn’t want someone wearing my shirt that would its another attempt to restrict and restriction on ideas our campaign I hope you fail this
Schmitt: point of clarification I just want to during the 48 hour period the university library possession of any campaign null
Fitz:
McFarland: I think that I’m still a little in between I think your going to limit students access to we will try to stretch it as far as possible good ways to I think with the sentiment 48 hours can’t talk to people when are the campaign 2nd and third week midterms third week I think people don’t want to be messed with adds one more thing make it as broad as possible reach as many as you can things we have passed and have not passed
Antani: the sponsor has talked about protecting the academic sanctities two of the three I got the instructors permission and spoke and took questions that’s in the classroom in a contact hour having talked to the university architect kicked out for sleeping and not studying and one the major things about the reservation open up and make it a place for everyone that would be you sitting there on your lap top facebooking them asking them to vote messaged all of their friends you have to be able to do that ways of doing it without being disruptive texting people I think this is not very well worded and does inhibit who we can reach out call the question.
Red: I’m going to support Sean I think if your not going to reach people on the oval or the rpac you are not going to be able to engage people having a bastion
Poole:
Suster: his notion for quiet is respectable it’s a valid concern however you may be concerned I put that responsibility in trust they are an adult and know how to express themselves there are a lot don’t restrict them all
Collins: disrupting would be in appropriate common sense if it were to the court of people would say we aren’t going to vote for you I don’t’ think we need six more lines in a bill crossing over
Messenger; I do agree with the premise senator red if you don’t reach them you might not reach the person but reach them in the SEL I think we are talking about the entire system I want to go back and talk about what jams said I think in this room we have long debates and the people that speak in the beginning get drowned out if you can campaign in the library with out getting kicked out you get kicked out by doing other things and if you are campaigning in the library and being obnoxious you aren’t going to I look for the best and not ways to be more concrete I think in a situation last years election we have to have a little confidence put slates together not going to go into the library and shoot a cannon off it took 30 secs yes or get out of my face I’ve been there to study for long days I don’t think I would be in Braden: I def. agree with passing this my biggest there are so many places that it can happen it’s a get away and I’m frustrated when I’m disturbed realistically it’s the one place that people have to go no one can campaign there lose for everyone we should pass this Sullivan: I think this resolution is a tremendous blow to the outreach they don’t understand they don’t know about it and to limit would be detrimental I’m not representing the commuters but one of the few places you can find them and they would probably not know about elections if they didn’t have people to tell them and the library is one of the few places you can have this I recommend voting now Farinacci; withdrawn Fitz: fundamental difference area of student life area of academic it exists meant to be a study place may not be undergrads faculty staff general members of the public very damaging to our org on how its viewed you can’t reach out to as many people stand at the entrance not in a nice arm cozy setting I encourage you to vote for this fundamentally about academics we are here to be students this can interrupt damage study habits we are also the ones involved some of us don’t care they would rather be focus on academics and that’s what comes first not ok to violate 43-R-65 fails

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