

56-R-14

**A Resolution to Create An Emissary Seat For The Center for Aviation Studies**

George Bernard (for himself, Caitlyn Moloney and Krityug Singh) introduced the following resolution to the Oversight Committee where it passed. Then to the floor where it passed/failed.

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**Whereas** the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University; and

**Whereas** according to the Organizational Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government, the General Assembly may create emissary seats with a two-thirds (2/3) vote “to better represent groups that the body feels are underrepresented”; and

**Whereas** an Emissary Seat within the General Assembly is aimed to represent, magnify, and uplift underrepresented student voices; and

**Whereas** over 200 students have classes at the Center for Aviation Studies, but they are split roughly equally between the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering, and College of Business; and

**Whereas** the Center for Aviation Studies is located at OSU Airport, 7 miles from campus; and

**Whereas** due to the relatively small size and distance, aviation students often have no means to raise awareness of the unique challenges they face; and

**Whereas** students with classes at the airport are forced to have a car on campus because there is no public transportation to the airport and CABS discontinued service to the airport in 2019; and

**Whereas** in some instances, student employees at the airport receive wages half of market value; and

**Whereas** the airport has historically been ignored by past administrations; and

**Whereas** roughly 140 students at the center are enrolled in the Professional Pilot Specialization, which costs them an additional \$76,400 in lab fees by the time they graduate;<sup>1</sup> and

<sup>1</sup> [Academic Flight Lab Costs](#)

**Whereas** OU, BGSU, WMU, UND, ERAU all have a dedicated college for aviation studies, but OSU splits it between three, leading to students with essentially identical majors being gerrymandered out of a meaningful voice in a college.

**Therefore, Let it Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government creates an Emissary Seat for an undergraduate student who currently takes classes at the Center for Aviation Studies and is either majoring in Air Transportation in the College of Arts and Sciences or Aviation Engineering at the College of Engineering to serve and contribute to the General Assembly; and

Floor Vote: Aye: \_\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_ Present: \_\_\_\_

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Bobby McAlpine  
President

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Alex Poling  
Speaker of the 56<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Date Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Terminated: \_\_\_\_\_