**59-R-16**

**A Resolution to Amend the Organizational Bylaws to Add Acting Appointments and Outline the Procedure Thereof**

Speaker Braxton R. Glover (for himself, Parliamentarian Miriam Tesfay, Secretary Alana A. Andrew, Senator Maria Kogan, Senator Sadie Landry, Senator Jack Meyer, Senator Precious Okoroafor, and Senator Anne Sankale) introduced the following resolution to the Oversight Committee where it passed. Then, to the floor where it was adopted.

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

**Whereas** Article VI, Section C, Subsection 1(c)(iii)(1)(a) of the Undergraduate Student Government of The Ohio State University Constitution, henceforth "the Constitution," states that "*Nominations made by the President and Vice President shall be confirmed or rejected by the General Assembly by a majority vote and shall originate in the form of a resolution to the Oversight Committee of the General Assembly,*"; and

**Whereas**, per Article I, Section I, Subsections 2(a) and 2(b)(i) of the Organizational Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government, henceforth "the Bylaws," the appointment of members of the Undergraduate Caucus by the Vice President is subject to confirmation by two-thirds of the General Assembly; and

**Whereas**, per Article V, Section B, Subsection 1 and its subordinate clauses, the appointment of the Chair of the Black Caucus is subject to confirmation by two-thirds of the General Assembly; and

**Whereas** there currently stands no provision for a date by which an individual must be officially nominated or appointed, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, nor a limit on the interim service of an individual without pending nomination and

**Whereas** this technicality permits appointments, nominations, or individuals without pending nomination before the General Assembly by the Executive Branch to serve indefinitely in an interim capacity without the consent or, and in some events, knowledge of the General Assembly without consequence or restriction; and

**Whereas** there stands for select positions when vacated, a deadline of two (2) weeks by which an appointment to fill such position must be made; and

**Whereas** there also stands for select positions, a deadline for the appointment of such position by the second week of the Autumn semester.

**Whereas** there currently stands no formal mechanism for the appointment of individuals to act temporarily as a position when said position is vacant.

**Therefore, Let it Be Resolved** that Article II of the Organizational Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government be amended as to enact Section J; and

**Let it Further Be Resolved** that Article II of the Organizational Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government be amended to read as follows:

## *Article II: The Executive Branch*

A. The Executive Cabinet serves at the pleasure of the President, who retains the sole authority to dictate the Executive Cabinet's structure.

B. The Executive Cabinet's Policy is dictated by the President, but subject to resolutions passed by the General Assembly.

C. The President and Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government shall maintain a Senior Staff to assist in the administration, coordination, and execution of the priorities and initiatives of the Executive Branch.
    1. The Senior Staff shall include, at minimum, the positions enumerated in *Article III* of the Constitution, but must also include the following:
        a. Deputy Chief of Staff
        b. Senior Director of Communications
        c. Additional Senior Staff positions may be created by the President and Vice President, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly:

D. Responsibilities of Senior Staff
    1. Chief of Staff
        a. The Chief of Staff shall serve as the principal advisor to the President and Vice President and shall oversee the general administration and coordination of the Executive Branch.
        b. The Chief of Staff shall supervise members of the President and Vice President's Senior Staff and ensure communication and coordination between the Executive Cabinet and the General Assembly.
        c. The Chief of Staff shall assist in the implementation of the policy agenda of the President and Vice President and ensure that Executive Cabinet committees are operating effectively.
    2. Deputy Chief of Staff
        a. The Deputy Chief of Staff shall assist the Chief of Staff in the administration and coordination of the Executive Branch.
        b. The Deputy Chief of Staff shall perform duties delegated by the Chief of Staff and shall assist in overseeing executive initiatives, projects, and internal operations.
        c. The Deputy Chief of Staff may serve in the capacity of Chief of Staff in the absence of the Chief of Staff.
    3. Senior Director of Operations
        a. The Senior Director of Operations shall oversee the internal administrative functions of the Undergraduate Student Government.
        b. The Senior Director of Operations shall assist in coordinating organizational logistics, record keeping, and operational processes within the Executive Branch.
        c. The Senior Director of Operations shall work with the Secretary of the General Assembly to ensure proper documentation and maintenance of organizational records.

4. Senior Director of Communications
    a. The Senior Director of Communications shall oversee the public communication and messaging of the Undergraduate Student Government.
    b. The Senior Director of Communications shall manage official communication platforms, including social media, digital publications, and public announcements.
    c. The Senior Director of Communications shall assist the Executive Cabinet and General Assembly in promoting initiatives, legislation, and events to the undergraduate student body.
5. Chair of the Undergraduate Black Caucus
    a. The Chair of the Undergraduate Black Caucus shall lead the Undergraduate Black Caucus and serve as the primary representative of that body within the Undergraduate Student Government.
    b. The Chair shall facilitate meetings of the Caucus and coordinate initiatives intended to support and advocate for minority students at The Ohio State University.
    c. The Chair shall work with the President, Executive Cabinet and the General Assembly to advance policies and initiatives relevant to minority students.
6. Chair of the Undergraduate Caucus
    a. The Chair, in collaboration with the Vice President, shall appoint members to Shared Governance bodies.
    b. The Chair of the Undergraduate Caucus shall oversee the participation of undergraduate students in Shared Governance bodies, including University Senate and its committees.
    c. The Chair shall coordinate the activities of undergraduate representatives serving on university committees and legislative bodies.
    d. The Chair shall nominate Vice-Chairs to operate each of the subcommittees create by the Chair and the Vice President.
    e. The Chair shall introduce resolutions to University Senate on behalf of the Undergraduate Constituency.
7. Chief Financial Officer
    a. The Chief Financial Officer shall oversee the financial operations of the Undergraduate Student Government.
        i. The CFO may appoint members to the Finance Team of the Undergraduate Student Government, by any process deemed appropriate.
    b. The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for the management and oversight of financial resources allocated to the Undergraduate Student Government, including funds distributed to student organizations.
    c. The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for the creation of the Executive Budget.
        i. Following whatever procedures deemed appropriate by the President and Chief Financial Officer, the CFO shall have the authority to regulate where USG's funds are allocated towards.
        ii. The Chief Financial Officer shall present the Executive Budget to the Allocations Committee.
            a. Upon passage, the CFO shall present the Executive Budget to the General Assembly.
8. Senior Director of Allocations
    a. The Senior Director of Allocations shall oversee the processes related to the allocation of funds to student organizations and programs through the Undergraduate Student Government.
    b. The Senior Director of Allocations shall serve as the Chair of the Allocations Committee.
    c. The Senior Director of Allocations shall work in coordination with the Chief Financial Officer and the Allocations Committee of the General Assembly to administer funding procedures and ensure equitable distribution of funds.

d. The Senior Director of Allocations shall assist in the administration and evaluation of funding applications submitted by student organizations.

9. Senior Director of Issues
    a. The Senior Director of Issues shall oversee the work of the Executive Cabinet Issues Committees and ensure coordination among committees within the Executive Branch.
    b. The Senior Director of Issues shall assist the President and Vice President in identifying policy priorities for the Undergraduate Student Government and ensuring that Executive Cabinet committees are pursuing initiatives aligned with those priorities.
    c. The Senior Director of Issues shall facilitate communication and collaboration between the Executive Cabinet Issues Committees and the General Assembly Issue Committees when relevant to legislation or policy initiatives.
    d. The Senior Director of Issues shall provide guidance and administrative support to the directors and members of each Executive Cabinet Issues Committee, especially to the budgeting, planning, and executive of events.

E. Executive Cabinet Issues Committees shall be responsible for making a good faith effort to communicate with university committees, university entities, and student organizations relevant to their respective focuses.

F. The Executive Cabinet shall consist of at least the following issues committees:
    1. Academic Affairs
        a. The Academic Affairs Committee shall seek out academic issues within the university that should be addressed by the Undergraduate Student Government.
    2. Justice and Equity
        a. The Justice and Equity Committee shall be charged with supporting and empowering underrepresented and minoritized students by promoting principles of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion; and holding The Ohio State University accountable for its actions and inactions pertaining to the aforementioned.
        b. The Justice and Equity Committee shall create spaces for marginalized students to have access to university resources and to advocate for and effect policy in the Undergraduate Student Government that serves in the best interests of minority and marginalized students.
    3. Governmental Relations
        a. The Governmental Relations Committee shall be charged with advocating on behalf of the undergraduate student body to the municipal, state, and federal factions of the government.
        b. The Governmental Relations Committee shall additionally serve as the liaison committee between the Undergraduate Student Government and external municipal, state, and federal governmental agencies and entities.
    4. Health and Safety
        a. The Health and Safety Committee shall be charged with promoting the physical and mental well-being of the undergraduate student body, as well as advocating for the continuous implementation of safety measures throughout the university area.
    5. Student Affairs
        a. The Student Affairs Committee shall seek out non-academic issues that should be addressed by the Undergraduate Student Government.
    6. Sustainability
        a. The Sustainability Committee shall be charged with advocating on behalf of the undergraduate student body to promote sustainable and responsible environmental practices on campus and in the greater Columbus Municipal Area.
    7. The Undergraduate Black Caucus
        a. The roles and responsibilities of are prescribed in *Article V* of these Bylaws.

G. The Executive Cabinet shall include the following administrative teams:
    1. Operations
        a. The Undergraduate Student Government Operations Team shall be responsible for the internal administration and logistical coordination of the Undergraduate Student Government.

b. The Operations Team shall be led by the Senior Director of Operations, who shall report directly to the President and Vice President.
c. The Operations Team shall assist in the management of internal records, administrative procedures, and organizational logistics necessary for the functioning of the Undergraduate Student Government.
d. The Operations Team shall coordinate the scheduling, documentation, and logistical support of meetings, initiatives, and programs undertaken by the Executive Branch.
e. The Operations Team shall maintain institutional records, including but not limited to records of appointments, resignations, removals, and other administrative actions of the Undergraduate Student Government.
i. To this end, the Senior Director of Operations and the Secretary of the General Assembly must meet, at a minimum, once (1) each semester to ensure proper record keeping and documentation.
f. The Operations Team shall perform other administrative duties as assigned by the President or Vice President.

2. Research
a. The Undergraduate Student Government Research Team shall be charged with gathering, synthesizing, and presenting student opinions and attitudes to provide the organization with informed data to support student needs.
b. The Research Team shall be led by the Senior Director of Research who shall report directly to the President and Vice President.
c. The Research Team shall be comprised of at least two (2) Research Analysts who will be responsible for survey creation, distribution strategy, data analysis, and other activities deemed appropriate by the Director of Research.
d. All research and data collection efforts undertaken by Undergraduate Student Government will be coordinated by the Research Team.
e. All research and data collection must be consolidated into documented findings to be published on the USG website within two (2) weeks of the conclusion of data collection.
f. The Research Team shall be charged with completing surveys of the student body at the start and end of each Fall and Spring Semester to measure the effectiveness and responsiveness of the Undergraduate Student Government to the needs of the undergraduate student body.
g. The Research Team shall present a semesterly report to the General Assembly, via the Executive Update.
i. The President, Vice President, Senior Director of Research, or other designee must share all findings and recommendations of action that should be taken by the general assembly.

3. Communications
a. The Undergraduate Student Government Communications Committee shall be responsible for the public communication, branding, and dissemination of information related to the Undergraduate Student Government.
b. The Communications Committee shall be led by the Senior Director Communications, who shall report directly to the President and Vice President.
c. The Communications Committee shall manage all official communication channels of the Undergraduate Student Government, including but not limited to social media platforms, the organizational website, newsletters, and other digital or print media.
d. The Communications Team shall be responsible for promoting Undergraduate Student Government initiatives, events, and legislative actions to the undergraduate student body.
e. The Communications Team shall assist executive cabinet committees, the General Assembly, and other entities within the Undergraduate Student Government with the development of promotional materials and communication strategies.
f. The Communications Committee shall maintain the visual and branding standards of the Undergraduate Student Government across all official publications and communications.

4. The Executive Cabinet may establish additional administrative teams as deemed necessary by the President and Vice President, with the advice and consent of the General Assembly.

H. Cabinet Directors
1. Cabinet Directors within the Undergraduate Student Government shall comprise the chairs and directors of each existing and future executive cabinet committee within the organization.
2. Cabinet Directors shall be responsible for:

a. Reporting on the business of their committee to the full executive cabinet.
b. Reporting on the business of their committee to the General Assembly when relevant to legislation.
c. Deciding, in conjunction with the President and Vice President, the direction for their committee.
d. Submitting a report at the conclusion of the current General Assembly session.
i. This report shall include:
a. The business of the committee throughout the session.
b. Current committee projects.

3. ~~A Cabinet Director's term of office shall commence immediately upon appointment by the President, and shall serve in an interim capacity, until final approval by the General Assembly is granted.~~ A nomination to appoint an individual as Cabinet Director shall originate in the form of a resolution to the General Assembly Oversight Committee and shall require the consent of the majority of members present to be adopted on the floor by the General Assembly and thus appointed.
~~a. All appointments shall originate in the General Assembly Oversight Committee in the form of a resolution and require a majority vote of members present.~~
~~b. Final approval shall be granted by the General Assembly by a majority vote of members present.~~
~~i. If an appointee does not receive a majority of votes, they will not be permitted to serve in an interim capacity.~~
c. Director terms shall expire concurrently with the current General Assembly session, excepting their resignation or impeachment.

I. Deputy Directors
1. A Deputy Director may be:
a. Appointed by the President and Vice President.
b. Appointed from within the committee by its respective Cabinet Director.
2. Deputy Directors shall be responsible for aiding the Director of the Committee in the pursuit of projects which are relevant to the respective committee in which they serve.

J. Acting Appointments
1. No person may serve as a position subject to the nomination or the appointment by the President or Vice President and subsequent confirmation by the General Assembly in any capacity, nor be privy to the intelligence, exercise the rights, or perform the duties bestowed by right of the position without confirmation by the General Assembly or being made an acting appointee through proper compliance with the provisions enumerated in this Section.
2. Upon the vacancy of a position within the Executive Branch subject to the nomination or appointment by the President or Vice President and subsequent confirmation by the General Assembly, the President or Vice President, whoever has jurisdiction over the nomination or appointment of the position, may appoint an individual to temporarily serve as the position in an acting capacity without confirmation by the General Assembly.
a. To be an eligible candidate for an appointee to an acting position, an individual must:
i. Be one of the following:
a. A member of the Undergraduate Student Government.
b. A previous officeholder of the position.
ii. Excepting in the case of a previous officeholder, be either:
a. A current nominee to the position pending confirmation.
b. The current or immediately preceding direct deputy or assistant to the position.
c. A current or immediately preceding direct subordinate to the position.
d. An individual previously confirmed by the General Assembly within the same General Assembly term.
iii. Not have served previously as the position in an acting capacity during the same semester.
iv. Not have had a confirmation to the position rejected by the General Assembly.
b. The President or Vice President shall, through written notification, inform the Officers of the General Assembly, i.e. the Speaker, the Parliamentarian, and the Secretary, that a named individual has been appointed to serve as the specified position in an acting capacity.
i. At no moment before this notification by the President or Vice President to the Officers of the General Assembly may an individual act in the position in any

capacity nor be privy to the intelligence, exercise the rights, or perform the duties bestowed by right of the position.

3. An individual may act in a position within the Executive Branch that is subject to the nomination or the appointment of the President or Vice President and subsequent confirmation by the General Assembly in an acting capacity for no longer than twenty-one (21) academic days without pending confirmation before the General Assembly.
    a. The twenty-one (21) academic day countdown shall commence immediately upon notification to the Officers of the General Assembly of the acting appointment.
    b. The twenty-one (21) academic day countdown shall be paused if the appointee to the acting position has a pending confirmation to the position originating by resolution before the General Assembly.
        i. If such confirmation is denied by the General Assembly, the acting appointee shall no longer continue to serve as the position in any capacity, and the acting appointment shall be immediately terminated.
    c. Should the acting appointee reach the maximum service of twenty-one (21) academic days, the acting appointment shall be immediately terminated.
4. For the duration of which an individual serves as a position in an acting capacity, said individual shall be referred to as the acting position in official correspondence.
5. This Section shall not be construed as to supersede, repeal, modify, or otherwise conflict with any existing provision enumerated elsewhere within these Bylaws or the Constitution that governs nomination, confirmation, and appointment deadlines and restrictions; the delegation of duties of an office; temporary or emergency service in event of a vacated office; or the order of succession for an office.
    a. Where no provision explicitly governs the matter enumerated within this Section for an office or position, this Section shall establish the default for rules and procedures therefor.

Floor Vote: Aye: 20 Nay: 3 Abstain: 0 Present: 33

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*President*

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*Speaker of the 59th General Assembly*

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Date Terminated: _____