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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order 6:31
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
- e. Approval of Minutes

II. Open Forum for the Public

- a. **Angad Dillon.93**
 - i. **The director of GR in the executive branch is here to talk about two bills for this week. The election day resolution is very similar to the one that will be going through University senate and passing it would be a great sign that we are all in agreement. The other bill is for increased funding for DC trip. It is a opportunity for members of USG to advocate for their student body. We focus on college affordability and mental helath. They say that it is really great if people come and advocate for it. We want additional funding so there is no cost barrier.**

III. Executive Report

- a. *President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Madison Mason*
 - i. *ABTS went really well 14 schools and over 80 delegates and people are doing great things. Thank you to the planning committee.*
 - ii. *Met with the Libraries about Live Library occupancy updates. It would be locked behind a Buckeye password*



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- iii. As you all know Bobby and I were unable to attend last week's GA meeting, and we are sorry for our absence, but it has come to our attention that there was some concerning conduct at last week's meeting that conflicted with the shared values of our organization and of our University. Specifically, there have been concerns about certain comments and behaviors in the executive session of General Assembly last week. We as student representatives, including you all as senators, have a duty to hold one another accountable and to be transparent in our efforts to serve students. As members of USG, it is our responsibility to call out comments and behaviors that contradict our standards and we must take immediate, proactive measures to rectify the situation. It is important that you all understand that what you say matters and how you conduct yourself matters not only to yourselves and to this body but also to this organization as a whole. Information spreads throughout our organization with a quickness. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, about anything I've just said please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your input is important as we work together to and uphold the standards that define us. We'll be actively discussing ways to move forward and how we can readdress the USG code of conduct not just for the General Assembly but for the entire organization.
- iv. *CBRC is meeting tomorrow from 5:30-7:30 delegates were requested to review the preamble to article 3. Ill open the meeting and we will go line by line. If its friendly we will take it as friendly*



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if its structural they will have a discussion, question and voting period.

IV. Updates

a. Speaker Alex Poling

- i. *Assuming we get through agenda in a good time I will hold a resolution workshop.*

b. Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters

- i. *Oversight will be meeting this Sunday for the reapportionate bill and we will be seeing those.*

c. Secretary Sarah Schmidt

- i. ***Constituency reports are going to be pushed till the 21st so that you can use funding. funding is required to be requested 2 weeks before the event.***
- ii. ***Attendance: remind about valentines day and that you are required to find an alternate.***

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

- i. Ginsberg: we passed senators schmidts bill for the GR trip and passed a few other allocation requests. 56-b-4

b. Oversight Committee

c. Issues Committees

i. Academic Affairs

- 1. Meeting soon to discuss possible resolutions

ii. Black Caucus

- 1. Meeting soon to discuss possible resolutions



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iii. Governmental Relations

1. Met Sunday and passed 56-R-22 and it went to steering and passed

iv. Health and Safety

1. Respond to message

v. Justice and Equity

1. Met this week and discussed issues

vi. Student Affairs

1. Passed two resolutions one for AC and the other about paratransit issues.

vii. Sustainability

1. Meeting next week to look at resolutions

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. 56-B-4: A Bill to Amend the SP24 Budget to Allocate Additional Funding to the Governmental Relations Annual DC Advocacy Trip

- i. Secretary Schmidt: hi I'm Secretary Schmidt, on behalf of the Gr committee and Angad I am here to advocate for more funding for the DC trip after looking at the funding and seeing that it is a two day four day trip that we accidentally didn't have enough money for funding, and to limit the financial burden for our annual trip

1. Questions?

- a. Senator Evans: how confident are you this new allocation is more accurate



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- i. Schmidt: That was an error on our part, we take accountability, so we ask for 6000 to help with travel, meals, and hotels and
- b. Senator Bernard: Is this student activity fee being used for this funding?
 - i. Schmidt: Yes, this is the student activity fee and for this annual trip we use this money because it is for all students
- c. Senator Saini: Is this being taken out of any other funding?
 - i. No, we made sure this is allocated from our available funds, the only reason we didn't get closer to this is because of slight calculations errors
- 2. Discussion
 - a. Senator Ginsberg: expressed support
 - b. Senator Nischal: expresses support
 - c. Bernard moves the previous question
 - d. 26 yes, 1 abstain
- 3. Voting: 27, 1 abstain
 - a. passes
- b. 56-R-22: A Resolution to Urge The Ohio State University to Allow Students to Attend Any Lecture or Recitation Virtually on November 5, 2024



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- c. Calling on us to urge The Ohio State University to Allow Students to Attend Any Lecture or Recitation Virtually on November 5, 2024. There will be a senator and president as well as state legislators. In 2016 half of students couldn't vote because of busy schedules. OSU prides itself on encouraging students to vote and this will help. During 2020 staff got up to 8 hours of paid leave to be poll workers and allowing accessibility for students is huge. Other universities are doing this and up to canceling classes. GR has been exploring this and independently I concluded that labs would be rejected and mirror what is going through university, and it will be extremely important.
 - i. Questions?
 - ii. Ginsberg: what is the logistics in making sure classes can be recorded?
 - 1. Bernard: it's up to professor discretion and we went through this during covid, and I don't imagine that this would be hard as many classes already have online options
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. Evans: I think this is a great resolution especially with the election we are seeing
 - 2. Schmidt: Can I be a co-sponsor?
 - a. Yes, she worked on the 7th were as clause.
 - 3. Collish-patrick: During 2022 it was chaotic as people could not go home to vote. We ran out of provisional ballots.
 - 4. Davis: I think this is a great resolution, as a poll worker it is very near and dear to me and it was something we heard that



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longs were long and students were having to choose between voting or missing class. As a poll worker my grade was lowered, I reached out to a dean, and they said they would try and fix this in the future. I say firsthand how students were impacted.

5. Brazil: I think the resolution is needed, travel between states and interstate is hard for students to manage and I think urging the university to get the day off is important. I would like to be a co-sponsor.
 - a. I'm going to limit it to just Schmidt as she added language.
6. Hickman: They predict that our student turn out will be about 25 percent and this resolution will get that number up.
7. Nischal: I support this as it's important students get their voices heard.
 - a. Bernard: motion to move to the previous question
 - i. Second
 - ii. Vote: 27-0-0
8. Vote: 28-0-1
- iv. Move to enter the executive session
 1. Unanimous
- v. Point of inquiry:
 1. Saini: Have we looked at a voice vote?
 - a. A voice vote would be for every person to go individually, unanimous consent is an option.



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- d. Vacancy Application Elections
 - i. Presentation of Candidate
 - ii. Discussion of Candidate
 - iii. Appointment Vote on Candidate
 - 1. Mehak Sankhla is elected for the business seat
 - 2. Brody Koch is elected for the Off-campus seat
- e. Administration of Oath of Office
- VIII. Motion to rise and report
 - a. Second
- IX. Announcements
 - a. Roy: This is a big body and I do not like the fact that we are silencing each other. Motion to previous question isn't debatable and we need to do a better job of allowing senator to speak for themselves.
 - b. Leedy: resolution for bathroom safety so if you have been an RA or lived in Baker, I would appreciate you opinion.
 - c. Mathebula: Creating international seat if you have any input I would appreciate it.
 - d. Roy: everyone is doing great and if you want to be on the ballot next year you need your petition with 50 signatures due Friday.
 - e. Brazil: There are no more session for the judicial panel.
 - 1. They can in theory make exception or be a write in candidate
 - a. Bernard: do they need to go to the judicial session
 - i. No
 - f. Poling: Resolution workshop right after
 - g. Schmidt: on campus senators meets right after this



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- h. Walkup: If I have a question about ballot petition can I ask now.
 - i. Ask me after.
- X. Adjournment:8:00