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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order

6:31

- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance

3 absent

- d. Swearing in of Alternates
- e. Approval of Minutes

II. Open Forum for the Public

Arvcuken Noquisi.1: I'm a citizen of the Mojave nation. I spoke at the previous GA meeting, but was unable to get into the room to express my concerns with resolution 56-R-33. I will hold you all accountable for the unprofessional and unsympathetic behavior from the seats. As I said last week, the Native American constituency felt strong about the threat of being disenfranchised by that resolution. At the last meeting, the back and forth about this resolution that we were expected to consent to was unacceptable, as if that resolved the long history of contempt native students had faced from USG. The minutes for GA Session 22 that introduced 56-R-33 were not publicly available before Session 23. We had to rely on our native emissary to even know we were going to be disenfranchised. Would you do that to your constituency of 1000 in one week and call it fair?

We were waiting outside in the hall at 4 p.m. last session, but were pushed to the back of the line, and people were unwilling to give a shit that we were there for a resolution on the agenda. You expected us to accept an unofficial meeting and last minute updates to a resolution while in a line unable to discuss a minor constituency. I thought it was an absolute failure on your part as GA to uphold democratic structures you supposedly care



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about with your position. In 2017, when USG voted to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus' Day, USG member Nick Davis said Native Americans weren't civilized people before Columbus brought Western civilization to America back in 1492, which blatantly told Native students we have no value to USG or this university. You might think past GA actions are meaningless to your GA, in which case you are denying your participation in a long cycle of history, and firstly, you should not be in this room. Secondly, you are at no place to expect Native American students to trust you at your word. We watch our native students' numbers plummet, legally not being able to find and support our constituency. It is literally a FERPA violation to access student racial information, and with this resolution you are punishing Native American students for an institutional failure we are suffering from. I'm a fifth-year student, I was here back when Black Caucus was formed from a similar act for an underrepresented constituency. The level of contempt I have witnessed from GA and USG members, laughter and texting during Madison Eagle's indigenous workshop with Cabinet, ...

Radford: Can we have the speaker expand upon what they were going to finish?
Noquisi: Laughter and texting during Madison Eagle's Indigenous Workshop with cabinet about our ancestors being forcibly removed from Ohio tells me exactly how low value my existence has to all of you. And that resolution was another nail in the coffin. Expanding on that is in relation to the land acknowledgement, how it explicitly states how there needs to be active commitment to Native Americans, to interacting, cooperating, and collaborating with Native American students, staff, and faculty. We continue to witness a lack of care and consideration which makes the use of a land acknowledgement laughable because we do not see anything happening beyond that.

McAlpine: Thank you so much for being here, I know it takes a lot of guts to speak truth to power and things like that. How Can USG work to support native



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students better? How can I use my position, how can Madison use her position, how can all of us use our positions to help support native students better?

Speaking for myself, Madison and Justin, we really want to support you all.

Noquisi: There are very basic, fundamentals of respect we do not see even now, which makes us feel like we can't even engage with USG in order to get any kind of progress. I have been here for five years. I have worked with the graduate council. I've worked with various levels in attempt to find some kind of changes to better support the plummeting native student population. There are 36 Native American students at OSU. I think there were 41 or 42 last semester. So in one semester, I think, we lost that many people, I'll have to double check the numbers, but we have lost a lot of people who we can't even reach out to or find to support them and check on them because of the FERPA violation. And there are no systems of support where do not see the kind of listening, going through more official means, not cornering us into these, not cornering us, expecting us to accept a deal because it's the only one we're going to get. Those are just the kind of basic steps into pursuing more material support, more active support than just verbiage.

Bernard: What are some specific, more policy based things that Native students would like to see us at USG doing?

Walkup.19: Ideas that we've been discussing as a group, we would really like to see USG put a resolution out to call for a university-wide land acknowledgement, because having that in place ensures that universities are held accountable to actions to improve things on campus for native students. Number two, The University of Arizona State has a position in place for a Native American staff, faculty, or student to advise the president of the university on Native American relations, and that's really important because it takes a level of understanding to reach out to tribes, since tribes are their own independent nations. Having somebody who's able to navigate that is also really



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essential to repairing things on campus for Native American students. Apart from policy, I would just really say that it is important to be very actively engaged. When a Native American staff, faculty, or student is coming to you and really expressing their concerns, you should not be on your phone, you should not be talking to a friend. You should be actively engaged with the person in front of you because they're trying to convey something to you that not many people in the United States know. We're such a small margin of the population in the United States overall, but also in Ohio and at Ohio State. When we are coming to you, it's because we want to educate and build bridges. So please, just listen, be open, and do better. Thank you.

Ginsberg: You mentioned 56-R-33, that was the resolution for the changes to the Emissary Seat that got tabled. What specifically in this legislation was concerning to you or the community at Ohio State?

Noquisi: It was the changes to the requirements to the emissary seat, which would have directly affected the Native American emissary seat because of the requirements for the numbers, associating the numbers to the smallest college. There are complications with that, since there are 36 Native American students here, and that does not count the students who included Native American in there with two or more races. The complications of that are not considered with the resolution where, okay, does my constituency include those people who are in these other constituencies? If the issue is fairness with that, then what does that mean? And then also the fact that with identity groups, such as Native American, the FERPA violations mean we are not able to actually locate our constituency. We have tried very hard throughout my five years.

It is very hard to actually find native students because they assume they are the only native students at Ohio State University. They don't know the very small community and event organization that we have been able to do because it's such a big university. That is



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an issue that was very directly ignored in the resolution. It was not considered. Also, the issue of in the minutes, talking about if it is so important that the Native American constituency has a seat, putting in the bylaws. It was this assumption that Native Americans, that we should just wait and trust that the undergraduate student government, which has historically not really considered our issues, which we have witnessed when we were with Madison Eagle at the cabinet meeting.

We were told to just trust that people would care about us, alongside the idea that tokenizing one Native American student as the fix to a problem of underrepresentation was going to solve everything which we have witnessed, so therefore once that happens there's no further action after that, which then means that we don't get anything else beyond one seat, basically.

Mason: Thank you so much for speaking out, we know it takes a lot, and it's very nerve-wracking, so I appreciate it. I also wrote the action items that you all talked about, and I had a follow-up question. I know in University Senate that there was a resolution to establish a committee of people to write a university-wide land acknowledgement last year. Do we have any updates about where that is at? And do you think it would be helpful for us to follow up on that or for us to continue to push for that in university senate steering? Is there anything that we can do to be helpful in that regard for that specific day?

Walkup: At this current point in time, there's only been consultations with native staff and faculty on what the land acknowledgement should look like. There have been a couple of native staff and faculty that have written their own late acknowledgements. Apart from that, there's been one written by Madison Eagle and one written by Melissa Beard. What we're finding is that they believe that what they're writing is good and they just want to basically get the stamp of approval that says, oh, Native people saw it, they



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like it, it's fine. I'm going to go ahead and just make the demand that it needs to be a Native written land acknowledgement. So if University Senate tries to bring a land acknowledgement before the University Senate, that isn't written by Madison Eagle, Melissa Beard, John Lowe, or any other native staff, faculty, or even like a student, then it's disingenuous. It shouldn't exist. With the land acknowledgment, another thing that I would just like to really touch on is that there should be pressure on the university to actually follow through with actions of what is being said in the land acknowledgement. Again, it's a statement that's meant to inspire action. There should be funding, there should be resources, there should be a support group in place for Native students, staff and faculty just based on the fact that there is a land acknowledgement.

Mason: Do you think that would be helpful to bring up making sure it's written by an actual native person making sure we're following up on that in that meeting?

If we brought this up to a steering meeting in two days, would that be helpful?

Noquisi: Yeah, so I think we need to emphasize that it needs to be written by a native individual connected to OSU, but also the emphasis should be on the actionable items beyond that. In my five years, the most that we have gotten is these kinds of consultations about land acknowledgments. There is very little progress beyond just talking about an official land acknowledgement. That is in part causing the plummet of Native American students attending OSU. There are very few effective attempts at working with tribal college institutions, for example, for pipeline programs to transfer tribal colleges to Ohio State University or bringing students from those programs. Or there are very few attempts at supporting the Native American students who are here, the Native American staff and faculty who are here.



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There are very little attempts to retain those individuals, which is where we see some of these students, Native American students, we see those numbers drop. Alongside, of course, we can't reach them. We are not given the permission to reach them, which is not unique. There are other universities that have been able to reach out to their Native American students. They have been able to provide those resources. It's just that there are no attempts at recognizing the needs for Native American students and the fact that I know there are ways that universities have been able to more directly bring native students together and make sure they're not alone without breaking FERPA violations.

Briana Walkup.19: I'm here to speak in support of 56-R-35, a resolution to improve university anti-doxing protocols. 56-R-35 is a means by which student safety, as well as justice, can be delivered. The Ohio State University needs to have safeguards in place to prevent their young academics from falling victim to online attacks that have real consequences. By allowing students' information to be posted and therefore broadcasted to the entirety of the internet, we are condoning insecurity and injustice. At the University of Arizona, there was an instance of doxing in which the assailant posted the information of his victim, a student at the university, online. Over the course of eight months, the assailant continuously threatened his victim, her friends, and even made an anonymous bomb threat against the university, all to terrify the student. Once caught, federal law enforcement was able to access the complete data of the student's information found in online forums to incite violence against her. Students deserve safety from online violence. It shouldn't escalate to in-person violence to bring justice. As an undergraduate student and an indigenous woman, I am horrified to hear stories like the one above. I have seen instances in which indigenous peoples have been targeted for their identities online. Indigenous identity is inherently political, and other



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indigenous peoples often take political stances that naturally some people will not agree with. Fear of ethnic or political standing based retaliation causes many to have anxieties that simply shouldn't exist. Whether it's simply fear of doxing or a completed action of doxing, doxing is dangerous and violent. I'm calling upon the university to take responsibility and stop the violence and harassment as soon as it starts. Doxing has horrible effects on student mental health, well-being and can ignite violent acts which put students in physical danger. To keep the community safe, I am calling upon the General Assembly to respond with a resounding yes to this resolution.

Strayer: can you define doxing in your own words? Like what it means to any Ohio State student.

Walkup: I was the one who wrote this resolution when I was a senator in GA. I'm going to go ahead and use the definition for doxing as defined by Oxford languages. They give the definition of doxing as the search for and publishing private or identifying information about a particular individual on the Internet. Typically with malicious intent. For me, I think doxing always has malicious intent when putting somebody's private information out. Which can include anything from like credit card numbers to Social Security to just first, last, and middle name. The way that we typically see doxing used is that it's meant to cause this online pushback against an individual for any sort of belief, or even just an identity feature.

Kaira Mack: I am the chair of the USG Black Caucus. I'm here in support of this resolution to improve and implement university anti doxxing protocols. I came before you last semester for another resolution to urge the university to expand hate crime and discrimination resources on campus, and following that resolution, I had the opportunity to meet with departments such as the Office of Institutional Equity and



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learn more about what we currently have in place and honestly, There's nothing that we have that adequately meets the needs of student safety online. I think it's our responsibility to meet students' needs including security, and doxing is something that puts them at risk. Online safety needs to be a priority for the university. Specifically. One of the things that we say in the resolution is that doxing threatens students' physical, emotional, and mental safety. It's any threat that could put students at risk. This could leaking private information as well. Based on my conversations I've had with admin and departments, there is a significant need for the expansion of resources in regards to online safety resources.

Evans: Thank you for coming, doxing is a huge problem. I'm just curious, if a person was sexually harassed or assaulted and then was not able to get any help from authority and chose to leak information about their assaulter to the general public, to create awareness for other people, would that also result in disciplinary action against that victim?

Mack: Honestly, I cannot tell you what that answer could be. That's a really serious situation and all students should be aware of what's going on. In terms of whether that should be considered giving out information in attempts to threaten a student... unfortunately I feel like that would fall into the definition of doxxing. Based on what this resolution can result in, and it could possibly fall in different means. Maybe the consequences won't be as severe on a case by case basis. But there will be things in place, potentially, and since there's nothing currently we can imagine what that looks like now. Maybe there are specific cases or scenarios where we can handle great differently if there's a precedent. So I think we have the privilege and the opportunity now to shape what that looks like, because there's currently nothing.



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Robinson.2660: Just want to introduce myself. My name is Justin Robinson, I am my 4th year, business major. Recently I was elected Vice President to serve with Bobby for the 2024-2025 school year. I am honored to be here amongst all of you. I remember when Bobby asked me to do this. I took a long time to give him an answer because I didn't feel qualified to stay in here in front of you all today. But then he convinced me that my relationship with the student body means I could be a real resource to them. I actually listen and I want to implement real things here. I just wanted to let you guys know who I was and that I look forward to serving.

Evans: On behalf of everyone in GA next year, we're really looking forward to working with you. What do you think that you're going to try to implement?

Robinson: I would want to allocate more resources to these student organizations. I listen and the main things they need is help with funding and awareness. I just want their voices to be heard and I will tell them to go to you in GA. I do plan on leaning on Bobby and Madison as well as the rest of you guys too.

Vaishampayan: You talked about advocacy for students on campus, how would you balance their interests if they conflict with administration's interests?

Robinson: They were talking about how they want someone listen and help, it's all about balance. Things being negotiated, trying to find a way to satisfy their needs as well as the administration. I just want to thank you guys. I look forward to working with you all.

III. Executive Report

a. President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Madison Mason



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McAlpine: Thank you all so much for working this year. It's been a very trying time, these past these past few meetings and the election. A lot's been going on as far as campus climate, especially within USG. Thank you all for standing tall and truly listening during that last GA meeting. I would like to apologize for being unable to attend, I was in the hospital last week unexpectedly before our cabinet meeting on Tuesday and stayed until Friday. I was not able to be here when a lot of things fell apart, so I know that it was hard. Madison and I want to give an update on what happened with the election.

Mason: We want to just be those transparent voices for you all. All parties involved were given this information March 6. They've been well informed way before me telling you all this. The Referendum gained a lot of attention nationally and in the state. And because of that, the Attorney General of Ohio stepped into the situation to give gentle advice on the legal situation we could potentially be in if we move forward with the resolution. He interpreted our organization's constitution, the actual ballot referendum, and Ohio revised code 9.76, which says that it's illegal for entities in Ohio to divest, boycott and sanction companies that deal with Israel. In June 2022 that was expanded to universities, so that now includes Ohio State. Based on his interpretation of the referendum and our constitution, our actions can't supersede state law and that we could no longer move forward with the ballot referendum because we can't ask the university to do things that would violate the law.

Our next question was how does that include us voting on this referendum? Like how is us voting violating the law? We got three parts to that answer. The first being our Constitution, based on the attorney general's interpretation, us voting is no different than us asking the administration to do something illegal. A lot of people have different interpretations, but his is the one that we have to go by. The reason that we can't vote on



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it is because the specific language of the referendum called for the Ohio State University to take action. To boycott, divestment, sanction. So essentially, we can't vote on it because we can't pass it. Because that's not something that as an organization we can ask the ability to do. This sets a precedent. We cannot ask with the university do anything to violate Ohio State law that has been codified. We did ask the follow up question of OK, but if there's a bill that hasn't been codified, we are still well within our rights to loudly advocate as an organization and on behalf of Ohio State that they support or don't support bills that are not codified. So for example, we did advocacy for SB-83 on behalf of the student body. Because it's not actually codified yet. The law says we can still do that. And our Government Relations Committee can still engage with the Ohio State House. We just can't explicitly ask for the University to take action against state law. That's the interpretation from multiple different legal teams. That does include ballot referendums, resolutions, us going up to the President. All of it is prohibited.

Roy: motion for a 20 minute recess

Braziel: why 20 minutes? That seems long.

Roy: How long does it take you to eat?

Schmidt: It's Ramadan, so at 7:12 the sun sets, and we want to ensure that we're giving opportunities for those in this Chamber to break their fast. I also add that it's time for them to pray as well, so it's not just about eating food. Please be back by 7:36.

Motion passes

McAlpine: Senior Staff Applications will open next Tuesday at Cabinet. I'll come here next Wednesday and let everybody know. Applications will be a list of all the positions that Justin and I decide to have for our senior staff, then there will be interviews and



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you do not have to be in USG to apply for that. We will post on Instagram and interview on a rolling basis for about two weeks. Then we will announce our senior staff by the end of the semester. After the end of the semester, I will start working and stuff like that throughout the summer and we'll kick off the next school year

Mason: You can still apply for senior staff if you're a senator, you just cannot be both and would have to drop one of those positions. I have a meeting with our non-USG CBRC representative. Tomorrow we'll be interviewing him. So excited. And then we have had someone from the General Assembly submit an application as well, and I'll be interviewing them. Hopefully by next Wednesday, I'll have a resolution for those two new members. Essentially, the way we passed our bylaws, and the original way we wanted this to work before the two vacancies was that people would present their amendments, we'd vote on them on the spot. It would be codified and then we'd reread the whole thing and vote on the whole document. But we can't do that without non-USG representation. So what we've been doing to this point is proposing amendments like basically just notes. We need to have all different constituencies represented for voting. And that's when we will actually clarify everything. Also trying to figure out, because I will no longer be Vice president in two weeks, what that looks like with the CBRC and based on like institutional knowledge. Potentially, Justin, the next Vice President will chair the meeting, and I'll just become a regular member and kind of guide him through that process. Or maybe we'll crank it out. Who knows? But yeah, that's the update. Pray for me. I really need to get this done. Any questions?

Schmidt: Are these changes accessible to be seen before the election or just after?
Just to review before the election?



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Mason: For the organizational bylaws and election bylaws, that goes through the next year. And for the constitution, it goes to JP. JP votes to put it on the ballot, and that is when everyone sees it.

Schmidt: If people want to recommend something to the CBRC, is there an avenue that they can do that?

Mason: If they're not an avid member of it, yes. We're in the process of creating a feedback form next week. I will send it to senators, and it will also go to the alumni association, because they've been in this organization for way longer than I have.

Schmidt: When can GA expect these nominees for the replacement?

Mason: I hope next Wednesday, pray for me. But again, I'm talking to the non USG representative tomorrow. I hopefully will talk to the GA representative within the next week and that is my goal.

Vaishampayan: Can you address the allegations against executive branch about funding being withheld? Allegations that the executive branch decided not to sign legislation passed by the General Assembly under the impression that funding would be withheld by university administration if the executive branch signed?

Schmidt: I can clarify. People came in saying that if GA were to successfully pass something, that execs won't sign it, because there's fear of repercussions of losing funding? So there was concern that if we do something, it won't really matter because when it gets to you, you won't sign it and kind of that there's like the stronghold by admin that if we do something that goes against them, we'll get funding taken.

Vaishampayan: Now that you know that, do you have anything to say?



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McAlpine: There was no credible threat ever given to myself, given to Madison, given to the undergraduate student government from anybody within or outside the organization. I make all my decisions with Madison when it comes to signing that signing or vetoing a piece of legislation. If the State House wants to write a resolution saying that the undergraduate student government should have no money ever again, in theory they could do that, but no. There's not been a credible threat.

Roy: I know there may not have been a direct threat to ever remove funding. But I recall having a conversation with Madison that, after our GA session, we discussed like allocations misusing funds as senators. Madison informed me that student life can take away our funding if they deem it necessary. So I wanted to clarify, is that like is student life able to do that? Because I know they have in the past because of misusing funds as USG.

Mason: Yes, I can clarify. A long time ago, there was an actual, very serious misallocation of funds. It was a mess, but the Council of Student Affairs put in more oversight that made it so that we couldn't spend our own money. It's not like the university would take away money if we weren't doing something they liked. However, if we were misusing it, like actually misappropriating funds in a severe way as they had done in the past, there would be more oversight 100%. That's how we allocate money.

McAlpine: Just to add, we also have funds from the student activity fee and so if we don't spend all of our money and if we don't do it correctly then the Council of student affairs could look at it and say that USG doesn't use their money. So then they can decrease our funding and put it to another organization that could use it.



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Schmidt: I want to make sure it's clear that in no way is the President and Vice President or our Chief Financial Officer the one ever swiping the credit card. That is always done by the business office. Mishandling funds is something we can't do because we have the business office being the one who going to type up those numbers for us.

McAlpine: Madison was more so commenting on the accusation of saying that there is misallocation of funds, especially with the Lantern in the room, that means something very serious, and that's something that does not happen. Because that is also breaking the law when you say misallocating funds. So Mason is commenting on the seriousness of that. So we just need to choose our language wisely.

Hawthorne: It was brought up that a previous USG President was threatened with either expulsion or his scholarship getting revoked if he signed the divestment bill?

McAlpine: So Jacob Chang was the President of the undergraduate student government two years ago. He was the first international student president of any major big 10 institution. He was never threatened by the university, they're not allowed to threaten somebody or revoke anything like that. He talked to lawyers and his lawyers told him to not sign a BDS resolution because this is calling on OSU to break the law. And if that does happen, then you could become in a little bit of legal trouble because your name is on that.

Mason: At the time, the treasurer of the State of Ohio had sent a letter talking about the legality of BDS. It was a similar situation to what it is now. It's just the attorney General. Jacob is in law school now at the University of Michigan, so he



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was just cautious for his own, like, ability to be here and study and live and breathe.

Mathebula: I, myself, am an international student, so I want to make sure I'm understanding what you said about the situation. If he had signed off on the resolution that was going against the law of Ohio, would that have had affected his status as a student? There's certain things we can and can't do, obviously because of legal reasons. So I'm kind of confused about that.

Mason: I'm not a lawyer, or his lawyer. I think what he was told is that had the potential to because I think for him, just the potential of that being in the mix was more than he was willing to engage with that, if that makes sense.

Ginsberg: I'm just curious, when do graduating seniors pick up our cords?

McAlpine: So their current they're ordered, and Kyla is working on it. She will communicate it to you. The business office has been super interesting for us to work with, updates will be next week.

Mason: If it's not a legal issue, we take every resolution independently. There are some times where you pass resolutions and there's implications that you're not aware of? That happens sometimes. Other things, the President and Vice President have to take into consideration. I myself have been really mad at certain presidents for that, without understanding kind of the context. We will be in a meeting on Thursday with the administration. That is probably not going to be super comfortable about this entire situation. We'll be articulating a bunch of things that they probably are not going to want to hear.

Vaishampayan: So there's context beyond this General Assembly that comes into account when you decide to sign or reject registration. Will you be able to share that context, or share the reason you decided to reject legislation?



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McAlpine: Yeah, definitely. I mean, just looking at back when actually speaking about Jacob Chang. When the BDS resolution came through, it did pass the General Assembly that I was the speaker of. I sent it to Jacob's desk and he fought it. Vetoes it. But even with the passing, a few months after is when they added universities to the Ohio revised code. That is now making us have to take this off the ballot today. That resolution is still being referenced on the floor of the State House. Politicians try to move things for their own advantage and put things and everything else that has been said for Senate Bill 83 in a type of context like, the students at the Ohio State University are brainwashed. You see, look at this resolution. You know what I mean?

Mason: Sometimes it is administrators, sometimes it is representatives at the Ohio State House who have a vested interest in bills and everything else that impacts us as students and us as university. Those inject themselves into these situations as well.

IV. Updates

a. Speaker Sarah Schmidt

A timeline of what we have coming up: we have one meeting left where we invite newly elected senators to watch. I ask the LCs to give a detailed account of your role. Leadership will be doing the same thing during their updates and this is just to give them an idea of like what that role is. Send any resolutions and transition documents to Steering by the 24th. Something we noted in the bylaws that was not mentioned before, is that committee meetings are able to be public, so if any of you have previous meeting minutes, send them my way. There is no strict requirement as to when minutes are up on the website, but they have to be approved by you all first. I'm working on getting the full website updated with constituency reports. We do have a new Zoom



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link because there's some issues with recordings, it went to our former speaker. So instead of 5-6 GA, it's 5-6 TH GA. I am also working with our Director of Communications about doing headshots and group photos next week before GA. Nominate people for GA awards, RSVP for the formal, and attend the end-of-year ceremony.

Evans: I never got a transition doc when I became an LC, what should that look like?

Schmidt: This is not standard, but I thought it would be important for the next LC to get an outline of their responsibilities. Make it so the next LC can understand it and know what they are supposed to be doing.

Ginsberg: With the election results, we emailed JP but what's going on with the write ins?

Schmidt: I got their dot numbers, they are notified by JP and I have their names and can include them on our email invitation.

b. Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters

No updates.

c. Secretary Mykenna Roy

I'm still missing a few constituency reports. I decided not to name drop you. You know who you are. I know who you are. Not everyone else needs to know who you are, but send me those constituency reports before the next meeting or you will be name dropped in front of your current senators and new senators. As for the meeting minutes from the last meeting, I'm so sorry. There's like 25,000 words on there. I took the transcript and pretty much just copied, pasted it and then edited it and stuff like that because I wanted to make sure that what people said was not misconstrued in any way. It's pretty much almost word for word what everyone said. Before we approve those, if



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you want to look at what you said. Like just control F, find your name and then figure out what you said and tell me if there's issues with that. As for members of the public. I just pretty much copied and pasted everything that they said. So I'm pretty confident on the validity of what they said there. If you want to personally look at what you said and what I put in the minutes and cross check that, I also have the zoom link if you want to listen to what you said if you think something's wrong. I did my best, but yeah, sorry about the 25,000 words. I made it a shared link, so if you sign into your Microsoft Outlook, you should see it there. If you didn't get it, let me know.

Schmidt: I wanted to hold off approving those minutes on our agenda. Just so that Secretary Roy could update you all on that.

Minutes are approved unanimously

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

Mathebula: we did not meet this past Sunday but there was an Allocations request, I think they'd asked for 1500, but we don't even have 1500 to give them, so we ended up giving 150.

Schmidt: When was the application deadline and how much is left in allocations budget?

Ginsberg: I know that we have 14 applications to see this Sunday. We have about \$850. We're going to try and spread it all out. The application deadline was spring break

b. Oversight Committee

We did not meet

c. Issue Committee Reports

i. Academic Affairs



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Price: We identified a bunch of stuff that we want to set up for next GA. Our ideas included the reintroduction of a resolution to encourage the university to allow students to attend class virtually on Election Day. We would like to see clarification on the use of generative AI for undergraduate classes. That's something that's come up a lot as they've really been pushing it for dissertation and masters degrees. And I don't think there's a focus on undergraduate degrees. We would like to encourage the university to reevaluate the General Education Launch seminar. This is something that admin has been very proud of and I don't think students have really been receptive to it at all. I think that it has gone very poorly and I think that's enough to write about here. We would also like to look at the new GEs because these credits aren't transferable with other universities. So if you're transferring in and out of Ohio State, or if you are doing dual enrollment, you're not able to use the credits here. One other thing that was brought up was that the university has an issue with staff and childcare and early childhood education majors have an issue with getting interaction with kids, and we thought that there might be something there with connecting those two groups that have problems to solve each other.

ii. Black Caucus

Brazil: We met before break, Kaira Mack gave us an update, we currently have one resolution we hope to see next week

iii. Health and Safety

Mudundi: We met before spring break and we got a lot of stuff done then, because that was the meeting after I spoke to the senior director of Housing and the Risk Management director. And from that, we've collected a lot of data from that and switched up a lot of things that we're going to be focusing on. We had refocused on the bussing system and having certain timings available to students that work in the



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hospital. Specifically, we'll also be having a resolution to call upon the university to update their what to bring us page. Hopefully that passes through our committee session tomorrow, and through steering, so we'll have that on board for next week. In general, we had a lot of new people too, so we got them incorporated and we have a lot of resolution and ideas available for the next session.

iv. Governmental Relations

Evans: Because of time constraints, we weren't able to meet, we would not have been able to meet quorum. We are going to be meeting at 5:00 on Sunday and everyone who is here, please be there so I can have a great update for our speaker. GR had a trip to DC that was very productive. I was on the trip as well as Senator Ellis. We talked to a lot of Ohio representatives, including JD Vance and Sherrod Brown to talk about student needs like mental health and the Pell Grant. We gave them positive and negative feedback. Everyone there was very excited for how people responded and this is going to have a massive response within the halls of Congress. Definitely will put Ohio State on the map for a day.

Ellis: Aside from meetings on Capitol Hill, we also met with The Association of Public Universities and that meeting went amazing. They are trying to represent universities very, very well through legislation and through lobbying efforts. We scheduled for half an hour. We ended up talking for upwards of an hour. They are very dedicated to the issues that we brought towards them, and they wanted to let the GA & USG know that students are being advocated for through that!

v. Justice and Equity

Vaishampayan: None of us anticipate any resolutions coming from our committee. Although we choose to look out. For the incoming general assembly. I'm glad that anti doxing is now on the agenda. Beyond that, there is still interest for an LGBTQ center



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resolution. But that will be passed on to the next General Assembly. Minutes would be appreciated from previous secretary

Schmidt: Even if it is an agenda, that would be great

vi. Student Affairs

Hickman: We passed the transportation to the airport resolution that we're seeing today. We also ended up passing the anti doxing resolution which kind of had a caveat and needed to go through steering again. We did, I guess in a way, signal our support from student affairs for that legislation. I got feedback on an earlier conversation in the year about off campus and lighting and how that's a big safety concern. We were wondering if there had been any movement on that? We'd love to hear more about that. We'd also talked about crosswalk safety and some tabling events that were mentioned.

vii. Sustainability

Evans: We did not meet, Baughman reached out to us but we did not meet

Schmidt: He said he reached out and there is no expected resolution coming from them. Also thank you all, that is how committee updates should be every week.

Motion to enter executive session

Motion passes unanimously

VI. Old Business

a. Academic Affairs LC Election

Hayden Price is elected to AA LC

b. Oversight election

Aidan Ellis is elected to the oversight committee

VII. New Business

- a. **56-R-34: A Resolution to Reestablish Transportation for Students to The Ohio State University Airport**



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Schmidt: conversation about ___ had to be chopped?

Price: question

Schmidt: ask in exec update next week

Vaishampayan: Motion to add a resolution to agenda to amend organizational bylaws

Bernard: It's a really solid resolution and it should definitely be debated. I know this takes a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote so I encourage everybody to vote to add it to the agenda

Price: question, can we make any changes to the resolution the same way we would in committee?

Schmidt: Yes, we technically take on the role of oversight, but focus on whether or not to send to the floor

21-0-4 motion passes

Price: point of privilege, can you project this on the screen?

Bernard: reestablish transportation to airport. Credit to Littlejohn. OSU owns a whole massive airport and 150-200 students have classes/extracurriculars there. Many students don't have cars on campus. Closest COTA stop is 1.5 miles away. OSU owns a lot of buses and should allow students to get there on their buses. They actually used to have an hourly bus service up until COVID, so this should be brought back. CABS on demand location should be there too, since there may not be enough demand for a full CABS bus, but having a short bus going there would be great. There is already a bus stop too, so the infrastructure is ready and just needs a bus. Every other university provides transportation to their airport, besides ours. Many students go here 4-5 days a week. International



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students and others who are less likely to own a car on campus would benefit, and there are also environmental benefits to using public transportation.

Price: can staff use this too?

Bernard: Yes, there are a lot of student employees at the airport in addition to the students studying there. There is a large number of students who live near Columbus that work at the airport upon graduation, so they can benefit from that.

Strayer: Why did the CABS service to the airport stop?

Bernard: I don't know for sure but I remember it existing in 2019 but it stopped during COVID. Everything shut down during COVID and they reevaluated the bus stops and said it was not worth bringing back. It had existed for a long time prior, especially since OSU owned the airport back in the 40s or 50s

Braziel: Did you gauge interest in bringing back this resolution? And from how many students?

Bernard: Yes I have talked to about 20 flight students out of all 150-200, a lot of them are underclassmen and could benefit from transportation. Some have cars on campus solely to get to the airport and back. It doesn't matter if it is on demand, since it is only being used when needed. A lot of students I know have problems with football Saturdays since their parking spot gets dedicated to ADA game parking and they cannot return until after 10pm.

Radford: do these students know before they sign up for these classes that CABS is not available for airport transportation?



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Littlejohn: No, because we expect it to be there. Most universities that own airports offer transportation, especially if there are classes there.

Strayer: Would the on-demand resources take away from other existing resources?

Bernard: I do not know, I don't think it would cause too much strain. If so, I think transportation can deal with that and OSU can make it work, since they have like thousands of these smaller buses.

Littlejohn: My aviation class cohort is trying to find ways to get to the airport but none of us have cars so we have to use the bus and pay to fly and pay to get there and back. This resolution would alleviate the added financial burden on us.

Littlejohn: To expand on that, the aviation class cohort has a small group chat for finding ways to make our way to the airport. Since most of us are first years, none of us have a car and we have to group up and we all still have to pay to fly and pay to get there and back. So it's just adding an unnecessary financial burden.

Vaishampayan: That's a 20 minute drive from campus to the airport, so do you think the current capacity of CABS On Demand would be able to handle the months of driving back and forth 40 minutes a day for one student, for example? Also, does this resolution just demonstrate an interest in this service? Rather than figuring out the logistics of making this happen.

Bernard: I don't work with transportation so I don't have that answer, but I do think this is a worthwhile service to provide, and it would be up to the university to address budget concerns and staffing shortfalls. The university gets a lot of income each year, so they can allot more to this. We should encourage the university to allocate resources here instead of us trying to do what isn't our job. This is simply saying the undergraduate student body needs and deserves this. It's a beginning step in



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working with administration to make this happen. If they say they just are so short staffed and can't make it happen, that's ok because we've demonstrated the interest and made its first step towards that goal. It also provides, future general assemblies a resolution that has already passed, which helps to build interest over years if this isn't an easy fix.

Price: Would you be willing to devote your time and social capital to ensure this resolution happens?

Bernard: Absolutely, I plan to meet with admin across a variety of departments to ensure we can do this. I'm gonna use what I have to make this possible.

Littlejohn: Yes, I personally have the head of my college's phone number so we can work together on this.

Migliore: What college is aviation under?

Bernard: 3, it is ASC, ENG, and business with similar classes on different programs

Roy: I think that this is an incredible resolution and I think that it is important to be able to support all of our students in their academic endeavors here at this university. We provide transportation to students on West Campus. We provide transportation to the student athletes to the athletic part of campus all the way to the right of the Buckeye lot. There's a lot of students that get transported everywhere except for the aviation students to the airport. This used to be a thing and I think that there should be no issue with asking OSU to bring this back.



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Saini: This happened in the past, so it is not outlandish to ask for to happen again. I think this should be brought back because Ohio has a rich aviation history, and the fact that we are not empowering our aviation students to have transportation to get to their own classes, to get their flight hours, it's frankly appalling. Logistical problems are not ours to solve, we are here to make sure this gets on their desks.

Price: George needs to get this resolution to admin's desks in order to show support for this change. Let's help him make this pass.

Strayer: I think this is a really great idea. I just want to recognize that it's not solely an aviation issue. I just wonder if maybe the aviation students knew ahead of time that transportation is a required thing and not provided. And maybe the college could provide like a financial reimbursement option, like how Nursing students are made aware ahead of time that as soon as we enter the program, you are not given transportation. Every nursing student does their pediatric rotation at Nationwide Children's Hospital. We are expected to get there. It is different in the fact that it is closer and there are bus routes. However, we have to carpool. We have to figure that stuff out. That's just Pediatrics There is a thing called Preceptorship where you are sent everywhere under the sun. I personally drove an hour both ways to and from Bellefontaine 3 times a week last semester. And it was really hard on my 2006 cobalt, so I did end up filling out a financial hardship form and the College of Nursing accepted my application and gave me gas money. So that kind of helped me out there. And then also this morning I carpooled with my friend whose battery died in her car and now she can't get anywhere. So I carpooled with her to an assisted living facility this morning in Dublin 20 minutes away, actually a little bit further than the airport. I just want to make it known that it's not solely an aviation thing. This is a nursing thing that we do



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often. However, there are other avenues that we can pursue, so if this is the best option for them, I'm all for it. I just would like to know if maybe there was other ways that this can be solved that may even be more helpful.

Migliore: I'm looking at the CABS map and I saw that the Waterloo Lab and the wetland research facility are on there. Not a lot of people take advantage of it. And while they are closer facilities, I think it's good to have something further out. Especially a lot of people are going to take advantage of it because we do have these other locations that I know a lot of people aren't taking advantage of.

Roy: Nationwide is not owned by OSU so they are not required to provide that transportation off campus, whereas the OSU airport is, so OSU should provide transportation there. The financial hardship application is something we should be looking to expand for other majors as well, especially for students who travel for internships and classes, like the nursing students do.

Price: There is a bus that runs to nationwide, so I think something similar for the OSU airport would be amazing

Vaishampayan: I will vote to support this. This resolution can set a precedent for having CABS on demand to places that the university requires you to go.

Roy: I have taken the COTA bus to the Nationwide Children's Hospital before. And I know that with our buckID we get free transportation there. So if that's something that nursing students aren't aware of, I hope they would be. I would love to look into expanding the financial hardship application to more students and more possibilities in the future with you.



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Saini: I think we owe it to our constituents, members of the Fisher College of Business, members of the College of Engineering, members of the Arts and Sciences. We owe it to our constituents that are falling within this category to advocate for them into our job. And let's bring this to the floor.

Bernard: I appreciate Strayer's points, we can work next year on this. This has existed for decades, and it is new for them not to provide that. Instead of new transportation for nursing students, we should be fighting the university to give back things we had before.

Mathebula: seeing that it was already considered and it was working beforehand, I do think that there's no excuse for it to not be working now. Honestly, seeing that times have changed, I feel like the process will even be better because they can find ways to make everything run smoothly.

Littlejohn: I'd like just to expand on it. When advertising the Ohio State flight program, they don't really talk about the bad stuff because they want you to go here. And since they want so many people to go here. We're currently backed up. All the grids backed up all the stages backed up on flight slots. This is more of a question as to when our students going to get their flight slots, and the people who have got their flight slots, are they traveling to and forth and then the classes that they scheduled to the airport?

Mathebula: Point of information, what if we were to let them know that transport is not available? It is an on campus job, do you think we should let students know beforehand?

Littlejohn: If I knew that Ohio State Airport didn't provide transportation, I'd most definitely take my chances and go to Embry Riddle instead and took out loans. Because they have the the best aviation program that the United States can offer me.



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Bernard: OSU absolutely should've notified students of lack of transportation before.

Admin is taking away services and is providing subpar services. We should be the best and outdo other universities, not fall behind.

24-0-3 resolution passes

b. 56-R-35: A Resolution to Improve University Anti-Doxxing Protocols

Roy: I first would like to start off by saying I was initially a Co-sponsor on this resolution instead of the primary sponsor. The primary sponsor was Briana Walkup and she worked with Kiara Mack and Ayah Aldosari with this resolution. So the questions that you all are going to ask, I'm going to yield to Kaira and Brianna. And as a co-sponsor, what I would say is that this resolution is extremely important because it calls for these services to assist students who have been victims of doxing that aren't currently provided by the university. I think it's important for the university to support every single student's physical and mental safety and well-being and in order to best do that, we need to expand our resources to include Anti-Doxxing solutions.

Vaishampayan: I was wondering if you or the people you will yield to have given any more thought to Senator Evans' question initially on whether victims of sexual harassment or any high-toned violations really may feel pressured not to reveal the names of the offenders as it is under this resolution?

Mack: I think the concern that Senator brought up was if victims of sexual assault would like face retaliation if they leak that information publicly. I had the opportunity to meet with the Office of Institutional Equity last semester about just their sexual assault reporting form and regardless, they do that publicly. Whether that be through doxing, the person that



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they report against still will be notified that they made a report about this person. So regardless, these victims are at risk of retaliation and more. If the person you make a report about is going to be informed that you made a report about them, all that information is going to be public regardless of if they do so by posting it online or doing so through the reporting form. If they were to dox someone online, leak their public information to make people aware? I think it's up to us and the university because there's nothing to implement proper policies and procedures about that.

Walkup: To add on to that as well, there is most definitely a difference with an instance of sexual assault, where that is a crime as opposed to somebody taking to the Internet to post somebody's information intending for people to attack. Like a racial feature, a religious orientation, a sexual orientation. Something like that. It's just the offender that is the one committing that crime, making the doxing threat or the action of doxing. When we say that we want to call on the university to improve, that's the protocols. There really isn't much in place, so we have the freedom to kind of play around with the language that would go into creating those protocols. So we could very much articulate specific exceptions or instances where if there is a crime that has occurred or an alleged crime that has occurred, then the victim could be well within their rights to simply say it involved this person, you know, without calling for the rest of the Internet to absolutely slander and stalk and harass that person.

Evans: How far would you go to ensure that this exception for crimes or alleged crimes happens so the victim would not necessarily be punished as harshly?

Mack: I'm going to be honest, I'd go pretty hard for it. I already do a lot of work about sexual assault awareness with organizations such as It's On Us and more. They already vocalize



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that they need additional resources and things like that, specifically for survivors. We have departments such as SARNCO on campus, but they aren't properly advertised and they would be more than happy to get even more involved with USG in this capacity to make sure that survivors of sexual assault, victims of sexual assault feel recognized and acknowledged in policies such as this. I mentioned retaliation, like when people fill out the OLE report about sexual assault, like their abusers get notified, like that person that you probably see in your walk across campus, like they see you. And these are like really real problems that we're trying to address and bring up currently in the work that we've done this semester and in the past. So I think I would still go pretty hard for sexual assault awareness and implementing resources such as this to ensure that survivors of sexual assault feel acknowledged and heard.

Sankhla: A resolved clause talks about cybersecurity education, so what does that actually look like and like who would be in charge of leveraging that to the students or whoever's affected?

Mack: So OSU currently has a couple of cybersecurity platforms and things like that. I know that you guys have been hearing weekly about the work that Bobby and Madison have been doing with artificial intelligence and implementing that into the academic affairs and curriculum and things like that. We definitely have the resources available. One that comes to mind immediately One that comes to mind immediately is cybersecurity for you.

And if you are familiar with that platform, it's a hands-on learning thing.

Also, on Buckeye Learn, there's a couple of trainings that you can do about cybersecurity and just like security online as well. So I think there are resources such as cybersecurity,



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Buckeye Learn, and more where students can access information about being more aware and just more safe, and these would be expanded to kind of go along with what this resolution is saying about doxing and things like that so students are informed about what to do and what not to do.

Migliore: Do you think academic misconduct should be held to the same standards as criminal and or court procedures? Like in both criminal and civil court, if somebody is accused of something, There needs to be complaining. So if there's no complaint, there's no crime. So should someone's name have to be behind this? Should it be held at the same standards?

Mack: I feel like you're kind of touching on the severity of the crime, maybe, of doxing, and with that weight that should hold to an actual crime of sexual assault, or maybe COAM. I think all instances like abuse or threatening or something like that, rather than sexual assault, COAM, there's different severity levels. I think it's ultimately up to us in the university to determine how we gauge that, like COAM and also, SARNCO, they're also in the same building so they work in conjunction with each other. I think there definitely is some overlap, but I think ultimately it's up to the university and us to determine what that looks like. I think all these issues are kind of related but also not really on the same scale, determining what the scenario is and things like that. So I think that requires a much greater discussion about what specifically you're talking about.

Senator: I don't know if this falls into the context, but in terms of like Title IX reporting and different types of reports, whether it's like bias, discrimination, whatnot, in addition to Title IX, is there conversations with OIE in order to allow students to start an investigation without allowing their name to be presented on all



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the documents that could be sent to a complainant? Since that may be very likely to persuade a student to not have an investigation started if their name will be possibly sent to the complainant. Even if the school says, oh, this isn't violating policy, even if it may have been something like that. Does that make sense?

Mack: When I met with OLE to talk specifically about the reporting forum and things like that, one of my key issues was that basically I was told that there's nothing that they can do. And if students don't want to report through the OLE reporting form, they'll have to go to the police, where they also, again, have to face their user, the person threatening them. So ultimately, there is no resource currently established for students can feel safe to report because their name is going to get delivered to the other person that they're reporting against. And that's something I'm trying to work with OLE to change, because, honestly, students don't feel safe because that's not something that they're prioritizing. And they know it's an issue. Courtney Johnson and OLE told me it's an issue, but they're working to fix it, but they really don't know how.

Senator: Are you referring to having to put their names, or is it in reference to putting your name just like when you submit the report, or in the investigation documents that could be sent to the person that's being accused of whatever it is in that? Because it's more so about in the documents that we made public or sent to the defendant.

Mack: I'm going to say both, when you're required to put, like you are required to put your name and you re all your contact information except that, and then obviously the person you're reporting against, And then in the process of them reviewing the reports, they will contact the other person to then investigate this case. They will get notified, like, hey, this



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situation is what occurred, and this is who said this. So ultimately, all that information gets revealed, and you are expected to disclose your personal information as well in that reporting process.

Saini: One of the things that's surmounted in Ohio State is the University Conduct Board. A lot of things brought in front of me—can't get into details obviously—deal with stalking and a lot of really egregious crimes committed by people on campus. We have mechanisms in place to deal with stalking. Doxing is not a far stretch. The only difference is under the law that it's a form of virtual thing rather than an in-person thing, but that has the same impact on someone. Repeatedly harassing someone is managed through stalking-related stuff, but the only differentiator between the two is the physical versus not visible. So in my eyes, looking at this piece, or this resolution, it would be a no brainer. Firstly, because we already have things on the books that you are protected in a physical sense, and I'm sure we're all aware of how detrimental a virtual one might be.

Strayer: I just wanted to throw my insane support out there, I am so for this. Briana's definition of doxxing was super helpful earlier. And thank you for clarifying what that means to you and what it would mean to a student. Sometimes when we hear about things, we think how does this actually pertain to a college student point of view? So thank you for that. I think this is an immediate safety issue and I think it should be treated as such and with as much vigor as we treat any other obvious threat to our safety here on campus. This makes me think a lot, unfortunately, about the recent uptick in violence against college students on their own campuses, specifically, sometimes in their own dorms. Three weeks ago, a University of Georgia nursing student was killed on campus. The four Idaho students that were killed last semester, I believe. So it's been an uptick and doxing seems to go hand



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in hand with some of these things. I feel like it's not a far stretch to say that it could start online and it could somehow happen in person. As Senator Saini said, stalking and doxing seemed to go pretty hand in hand. And I would hate for Ohio State to be the next school that makes headlines for something like that. I think it's obvious that a more intense anti-doxing statement, or in this case, an anti-doxing statement would fit right in with existing OIE policies, based on your resolution, statements six and ten fit right in. I'm in full support of this resolution, and I also love that you mentioned SARNCO. That's one of my favorite resources on campus. I think that other resources like it should also be highlighted just in general.

Mathebula: I also just wanna say I fully support this resolution. I really don't think that there's any big concern, like the only one that was brought up was about sexual assault, I think given the scenario, the people who get to determine what happens, they're going to prioritize the safety and the protection of those victims, so I don't think that's anything we really have to worry about. Also, I personally know someone, I've heard that some senators, during our last meeting when there was a lot of emotion, a lot of senators were also getting doxxed beforehand leading up to that. So it's more prevalent than than we think. I know people that didn't have the protection that they should have during times like that, which is sad. So I would love to see this resolution come into fruition.

Roy: I want to share more of the reason why I also joined as a Co-sponsor. For context, I got my identity stolen last year at some point, but I've had issues with this back in January. My bank account was hacked, I got emails that I didn't sign up for, I had to change all my passwords because my information is out there somewhere and somebody was using that to steal from me. And that wasn't cool. When I went to student legal and I was like hey, how



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do I go about this? Since doxxing is not illegal, they said all they can do is put alerts on my credit score get notified next time this happens. I asked why there's no punishment for the guy who did this because I have his name, age, address all of that information and nobody could do anything. So I encourage the university to take more of a stance on this and recognize that doxxing is a true threat. I would really like to pass this resolution in order to ensure that the next person who becomes the victim of a crime like this is properly supported with the resources we have.

Bernard: Honestly, I have not really thought about doxing all that much, but hearing other people talk about this, it's a serious issue that people really do encounter and this sounds like a really good resolution that is going to improve Ohio State. I understand a lot of concerns about doxing, not being a statutory crime in Ohio Revised Code. At least making sure the university has additional ways of making sure that it can be dealt with. Having it down on paper adds another level of value that adds some protection to make sure that entities like university conduct have no way of avoiding inconsistency of document, making sure that it's fully addressed, and having a standardized way of doing it. It's still a case by case basis, but making sure that there's at least a standard for it, it's really important and, you know, for those reasons, I'm gonna throw my support behind this resolution.

Resolution passes unanimously

Peters: Motion to form oversight committee as a whole

Passed unanimously

- c. **56-R-36: An Emergency Resolution to Amend the Organizational Bylaws to Improve the Accountability of Powers**



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Vaishampayan: The resolution proposes amending organizational bylaws to ensure accountability of the judicial panel. It suggests adding a section mandating the Chief Justice to present a judicial report to the General Assembly upon the Speaker's request. The amendment allows flexibility by stating that the Chief Justice need not attend every meeting but should be present when necessary. It also outlines procedures for appointing an alternate in case of conflicts. The Speaker must inform the Chief Justice at least 48 hours in advance of their required attendance. The aim is to ensure timely and informed discussions between the General Assembly and the judicial panel.

Price: Parliamentary Inquiry: is this where we ask questions?

Braziel: Parliamentary inquiry: doesn't oversight have a check on JP? isn't the current check on the judicial panel from the Oversight Committee? Or does the oversight committee only check on the balance between the GA and the executive? What is our balance?

Peters: So oversight only approves bylaws in an appointment. We don't actually get into the details of managing or being able to check anything that they actually do. Once we do anything like that, we approve the judicial election bylaws and things like that. But beyond that, it's not us, at least.

Schmidt: Also, they can do investigations into the judicial penalty rulings. And that completely done by oversight, if they make their ruling. Oversight can determine whether or not that ruling was done.

Radford: Can we make it so it's not such a quick turnaround? 72 hours instead of 48?



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Vaishampayan: So the reason I chose 48 hours is because I thought that was enough time to prepare a judicial report. I think for the past couple of weeks, we've seen that things are pretty fast and they happen pretty quickly. And if the judicial panel makes a decision during the week, it kind of becomes difficult. If this is a longer period, then it requires them to appear before us.

Price: Would you consider mixing everything before the first comma or placing the word pleasure with request, and instead of maybe modeled similar to, will be given in the same manner as, in order to make less wishy-washy and more direct and legally interminable directly?

Vaishampayan: I'm happy to change the language. My issue with the word request is that it allows you to say no or reject a request. In the Constitution it says that the cabinet serves at the pleasure of the president. I was just duplicating those words. But again, I'm happy to amend this.

Bernard: Would you be open to using the word compel instead of whatever it is that you must present? I just think it would be easier to say the speaker of the General Assembly may compel the Chief Justice of the Judicial Panel to present a judicial report. And then taking out the "in the spirit of checks and balances," since that just isn't usually used in like statutes. I really like what Senator Price suggested with reworking the first part of part one. Also, it seems like one subpart B, and part one, specifying the alternate must be an associate justice. You might just be able to say and simplify it by just saying if the Chief Justice has a reasonable conflict, they may allow an associate justice of the judicial panel to serve in their replacement or something like that.



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Ginsberg: With regards to the possible amendments to the word, "pleasure," I do think it's important to make it very clear that they kind of have to be here. They cannot say no, and you would hope that the Chief Justice or associate justice would come, but I do think it's important to make clear that this is compulsory because checks and balances are important.

Bernard: If you wanted, you could add a clause that says, "failure to appear is grounds for impeachment," and make it explicit that dereliction of this duty is, essentially, automatic impeachment. I'm not sure what you think of that, but I think that would be perfectly reasonable.

Radford: motion to change it from 48 hours to 72 hours

Price: I think that the entire point of this bylaw change is to prevent what happened before spring break, and we got less than 72 hours notice that it was going to be an issue. So I think extending it out to 72 hours kind of defeats the whole purpose of this bylaw amendment.

Bernard: I agree exactly with what Senator Price is saying. 72 hours means that the speaker would have to notify the Chief Justice before 6:30pm on Sunday, even though a lot of stuff tends to happen on Mondays and Tuesdays, since they're the two weekdays before GA meets. I think 48 hours is super reasonable because pretty much all of Monday happens before you can go into it being not enough time to compel. Whereas 72 means that nothing that happens during the week prior to the GA meeting will have any impact on whether we can compel a justice to come. I think 72 hours is a little bit too long. I think 48 is a nice courtesy of time to the Chief



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Justice. But it still gives the Speaker enough time. There are some duties that come with getting that level of responsibility, so I'm gonna say no to this amendment.

Ginsberg: In a normal circumstance, I'm sure it's possible to give a longer time, but I think allowing there to be a short circumstance, given that things are changing every 12 hours, is smart. When we really do need an immediate update, I think 48 hours is like a worst case scenario.

Radford: 72 hours to prepare a report, that ought to be a big change to your schedule, and not most students can accommodate that. We have our schedules planned far in advance, so this would give more time to plan, find an alternate, and update on briefings. Especially since this could be any week of the semester. Telling them, "hey, you gotta be here soon and come," seems a bit inconsiderate.

Mathebula: It's not saying anything about being not informed, right? I just think we should keep in mind that the "at least," means that at the latest, 48 hours before, which I think is a good amount of time. Especially if you're going to prepare for something you've been doing for so long. It would be different if it was preparing for something dramatic, but because they've been serving in their role, I feel like 48 hours is enough time to get the answers together.

Vaishampayan: I understand what you're saying, when I wrote this I only imagined it being used in dynamic situations like we saw ourselves in two weeks ago. But if it is something that we would expect, let's say, An election bylaw change or something like that, I'm sure that the speaker at the time will give the future Chief Justice adequate time to prepare.



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Ginsberg: In the Judicial panel bylaws, they do allow for them to give notification 48 hours in advance for various hearings or other things that they ask of people who are engaging with them. So I think for GA to ask for, at the very least, 48 hours is reciprocal and appropriate.

1-17-7 motion fails

Saini: What a bad time to not have my pocket constitution on me. But I unequivocally want to gain support for this resolution. I think it really echoes a lot of the sentiments that we have within this body itself. We all understand that having accountability within this process is integral to any democracy. Right now I believe that we are an idealized democracy. But we're not there yet because we aren't able to hold all of our institutions accountable. We all went through Common Core education here in the US to learn about checks and balances. I think it's pretty clear to vote for this resolution and pass it to make sure that we can hold the judicial panel accountable for their actions from the past, present, and future.

Braziel: I don't support this resolution. I think that the judicial panel does a good job with their opinions of what we should be doing and what should be on the election ballots and things that they're working on. I think that, yes, we do need to see them more, but I think we should be encouraging them to show up, not telling them they HAVE to show up. I think to say if you don't show up, you're going to be impeached is kind of disrespectful to the work that they do.

Ginsberg: Is the executive report at the pleasure of the speaker? Is that because they think it's good to do? Are they compelled?



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Schmidt: It's not required, but we are mandated to give them at least 10 minutes to speak.

Bernard: Is the executive report in the bylaws or standing rules?

Schmidt: It's in the standing rules and it's not enforceable. We can't force them to show up in any way. In the statement, for the executive report, we just allocate time so they can speak. It's not like we're forcing them to show up, but they just have that time allocated the same way we have open forum allocated.

Bernard: To address what Senator Braziel said, the amount of tomfoolery that I have seen out of the judicial panel is actually insane. And for people that are appointed for their entire time at OSU, even though oversight can kind of investigate opinions, it's this weird convoluted process without a lot of power. I think that adding a serious check to the judicial panel's power—and it's not even really checking the power—we're just making them show up and explain what they're doing, because half the time, what they're doing is done in emails that nobody knows about, nothing makes sense. If we can just get them to show up and explain what's going on, that would clear up a lot of what the problems have been with the judicial panel. Having the ability for the speaker to force the Chief Justice, the head of the entire branch, to just show up and explain what is going on is really important to making sure that there's a lot more transparency within this organization. If there's one thing that this organization is not super great at, it's transparency, and the worst of them all is within JP. There is literally no transparency on this branch at all. Nobody ever knows what they're doing because they just correspond somewhat infrequently over e-mail and never update anything on their website. It's just really, really bad, so having a check on their power and forcing them to show up is really valuable, even if they say nothing. When we're trying to navigate through the public demanding for us to do unconstitutional special



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elections, we can force the branch that's actually responsible for all of these random things that happened that just make no sense and actually explain what's going on is valuable in a way that we can't do, and nobody trusts us when we speak on their behalf. We really actually need this, it is an awesome idea and I really support and appreciate Senator Vaishampayan's work

Roy: I think this is a genius resolution and I think we should bring it to the floor for a full vote. I also disagree with what Senator Braziel says. "I think JP did a good job, I don't think we need to bring them here." I think that's totally wrong. I think that, we're allowed to talk to our exec and we just grilled them about issues from the past, and they were here to answer your questions. The speaker reached out to JP 3 times through e-mail and asked them to show up and answer the questions that we couldn't answer. The questions that you all needed to answer for your constituents. They said no every single time, all three times. So I think impeachment is actually a good thing to put in here because whether or not you fulfill your duty decides whether or not you should be in that position. Raise your hand if you know what the current Chief Justice's face looks like. No one? Exactly. I knew the previous Chief Justice's face solely because she was the only person who showed up on behalf of JP when we appointed these people in the beginning of the year. But the fact that we don't know who is on the judicial panel and we can't put a face to a name is an issue. And I think that this is a genius resolution that provides a good fix to this issue, and I wanna congratulate Senator Vaishampayan on such an awesome resolution that he put out in a day. Yeah, I want to bring this to the floor for a full vote.

Evans: I'm in full support of the resolution. I'm actually hopefully bringing a resolution before us condemning the judicial panel's actions next week. Because I think it's for all of us



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in which we're all probably angry. Maybe not about issue 29 in general, but just the way it happened, needs accountability. Like just the fact that the judicial panel rightfully needed to be able to be there last Wednesday and see us all get grilled over their decisions and they weren't there. If this resolution was here a couple weeks ago, they could have been here and we could have had a lot more answers. Although I have a lot of feelings about what happened last Wednesday, I am happy it happened for the sole reason that this resolution is coming about. If something like that happens in the future, with my full support, this resolution will be passed and stuff like our last meeting will not happen again.

Price: motion to change, "Change may be modeled similar to," to, "will be delivered in the same manner as."

Vaishampayan: taken as friendly. Also, I thank you all for your support on this resolution. The advantage of putting this into the bylaws is that it gives us grounds for impeachment, right? The judicial panels, you know? The judicial panel's information in the Constitution and the standing rules and in the bylaws is shockingly short compared to the executive and the legislative branch. This gives us enough reason to impeach if that is needed. I respect Senator Braziel's points that this might be a high standard to hold judicial party too. But I would remind the Assembly that we are also held to that standard, right? If we don't show up to meetings, that is grounds for dismissal. If we don't submit constituency resorts, that is grounds for dismissal as well.

Saini: On the topic of bringing this to the floor, I think not bringing this to the floor would be a kick to transparency. We are here to represent our constituents, time and time again. Our constituents ask us questions and we cannot answer those questions. The answer is simple. We bring it to the floor.



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Braziel: motion to previous question:

17-5-3 motion passes

24-1-2 motion passes, resolution goes to the floor for a full vote

Peters: I motion for us to rise and report

Passes unanimously

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Vaishampayan: I have nothing to add besides what I've already said in committee. But I would like the record to reflect that the judicial body, once they are notified of this change, they should read through the entire minutes of this meeting to understand the reasoning behind this. I want the record to reflect that this is not a judgment on the character of the justices themselves. This is a judgment on the judicial panel as a whole. As an institution. Six years from now, when all of them leave the university, there should still be this measure of accountability. Thank you.

Ginsberg: It was mentioned during the committee of the whole that multiple requests were made for the judicial panel to appear in GA two Wednesdays ago to answer questions. I would just like to inquire about what their responses were, if they gave reasons as to why they would not appear. Any information about that would be helpful to understand why they might not appear in front of us if we request and if they're not compelled?

Schmidt: Before any events that happened, I realized that a lot of constituents were having questions, and it was even brought up in Steering that week that a lot of constituents were



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having questions that senators just didn't know how to answer. Sunday night I sent an initial e-mail to who I believed was still the Chief Justice at that time. See, if we have them here, maybe I would know for sure, but who I believe was the Chief Justice at that time has resigned. I also had reached out to every single associate justice. Sending them a carbon copy e-mail blind carbon copy. But I just asked if she could come speak and just explain what's going on so that we can answer our constituent questions. I did not hear anything back. Monday I sent a follow up e-mail, asking again just if she could come speak and give us an explanation of what's happening, and I did not hear anything back. Tuesday I got a response basically saying no. It was just like, at this time, we won't speak in the chamber or something? And then I found out that there was a replacement for our Chief Justice, so I reached out to the new Chief Justice asking for anyone to come speak. I don't want to put all the blame here on the Chief Justice, I did not hear any response from them on Tuesday, I sent a follow up e-mail on Wednesday. Did not hear anything. I have sent some previous emails and they responded so I know they're getting them. They're just not addressing them.

Evans: I know that we mentioned something about adding on impeachment if you didn't show up. Would you take an amendment as friendly for adding on that this would be grounds for impeachment if you do not show up?

Vaishampayan: I thought about this, I wanted there to be something in here that demonstrated a consequence to not following it. My only concern with using the word impeachment here is that, since this is eventually the judicial panel that makes interpretations of our rules, if they decide that is in violation of the constitution's definition of impeachment, they can easily dodge that. What they cannot dodge is a violation of the



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bylaws, which would be true. I just don't want to add anything specific. I don't have the legal acumen to make these documents be synonymous with each other.

Price: Is dereliction of duty not listed under impeachable offenses in our bylaws?

Roy: I can read it. Grounds for impeachment shall include but are not limited to the following: Dereliction of duties or abandonment of post for an unreasonably long time; Serious or gross misuse, or misappropriation of organizational funds or features; Serious or gross misuse of one's position of power within the organization; Serious or gross violation of the Constitution of the undergraduate student government, or the organizational bylaws of the undergraduate student government, or the standing rules of the General Assembly.

Schmidt: motion for a 5 minute recess

Passes unanimously

Peters: There's nothing, so they don't have an attendance requirement, or any dereliction of duties involving impeachment. The conditions under which they can be impeached typically, for like bylaw infractions. That is written.

Price: Point of inquiry: So under our Constitution, we retain the exclusive authority to censure or impeach any member of the undergraduate student government? And we have specific reasons for impeachment that apply to us, but nobody ever wrote that into the judicial panel's bylaws, correct?

Peters: It's not explicitly stated for the judicial panel, unfortunately. But it is, generally, for the undergraduate student government, grounds for impeachment are like dereliction of duties, attendance, things like that.



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Roy: In the organizational bylaws of the undergraduate student government, it says that Impeachment as used in this section is defined as the initiation of inquiry into an arbitration of formal charges against a member of the undergraduate student government. Judicial panelists are considered a member of USG, and then grounds of impeachment shall include dereliction of duties.

Bernard: amend to C

Vaishampayan: does compelling them to speak make it a requirement

Bernard: I think this is an awesome resolution. We should definitely pass this even in its current state. If you know we don't, we don't make a lot of progress on improving it in some sort of small ways, and I understand Senator Vaishampayan's desire to not put a specific impeachment clause in there so that it just remains as an obligation. If it's a problem, we can leave it up to future general assemblies to deal with it. But I'm OK with not having a specific impeachment clause in there. I want to amend the very first clause to say that The Speaker of the General Assembly may compel the Chief Justice of the judicial panel to present a judicial report.

Vaishampayan: So in your opinion, do you think compelling someone to speak requires them to appear? Do you think there's any interpretation there that allows them to reject it?

Bernard: Under my understanding of the word compelled, yes. I think that it's to cause or forcibly doing something. It's compelling. So just under the normal definition of compel, I can't see how the judicial panel can just interpret their way out of us holding them accountable, I don't think that this is vague enough to allow them to do that.



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Roy: in Part D let's add a statement that says, "failure to appear before the General Assembly could be considered a dereliction of duty."

Vaishampayan: yes, taken as friendly

Bernard: Let's make it so they have to present a judicial report to the general assembly?

Schmidt: We have 15 minutes before we must adjourn, just a warning

Saini: I'll be brief. Let's just get this thing passed. I think we all are on the same page and that we have the vote. There's only a few of us that disagree with this.

23-1-2 resolution passes

VIII. Announcements

Schmidt: I want to thank everyone for how they handled themselves during our last GA session. Obviously that's not normal, but a reminder that our door is always open. We really appreciate everyone still coming to speak. Next week is our last week to get any resolutions in through steering. Steering is going to be Sunday. You have to have it to me by 1:00 PM on Sunday. If you don't get through a committee, it becomes 2/3 through Steering.

IX. Adjournment

10:33pm