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**I. Opening**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. 6:36 pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
  - i. 26/32 Present
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
  - i. Koran.3 for Cumming-Vukovic
- e. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Minutes Approved

**II. Open Forum for the Public**

- a. Roy.457: I have been an alternate before so you should have seen my face. I am here on behalf of the university senate and the bill on the vice chairs. I advocate for undergraduate students on committees like academic affairs. We have been working a lot in shared gov. We have been working on a larger academic exchange with things like books, and furniture, and passing the bill would allow us to get working faster.
- b. Gore.153: You will see a resolution to instate and appoint all of the vice chairs and members in shared gov. I encourage you all to get to know these people. I am not sure if you know any of the vice chairs, but feel free to reach out to any of those people. The faster you appoint them the faster we can get to work.

**III. Executive Report**

- a. *President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Justin Robinson*

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- i. Hello everyone. Justin sits on a committee in the university senate and had a meeting so that is why he is not here right now. Not much, I just wanted to bring up the academic new GEs but the new GE requirement will have next year's class to graduate with the new GE. We met with the dean of undergraduate information, who has tasked us to get feedback on the new system. We have been able to get with a new research counselor to get feedback from students and we will get that to you all to let you guys know the trends. Other than that, that is pretty much it.
  1. Hardison: About the Buckeye tour, would regional students have access to that
  2. McApline: Yes, but they are leaving from the main campus
  3. Hardison: Could they make a stop there?
  4. McAlpine: Not right now, but we could look into it for next semester

#### IV. Updates

*a. Speaker George Bernard*

- i. No updates

*b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith*

- i. Oversight met and we will be meeting again this weekend to work on the JP standing rules.

*c. Secretary Lily Evans*

- i. Hello everyone, if you were elected in the spring, constituency reports are due on the 13th, which is the Sunday of fall break. If you feel that you

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need an extension, just let me know and I will work with you as much as I can.

**V. Committee Reports**

**a. Allocations Committee**

- i. This Sunday, we approve 5939 dollars including the glass council and other organizations. We still have 18,000 left.

**b. Oversight Committee**

- i. No updates

**c. Issue Committee Reports**

**i. Academic Affairs**

- 1. We met and I told the members to go to the cabinet meetings. I gave them contacts for resolutions or questions.

**ii. Black Caucus**

- 1. Gearing up to have the first meeting later this week or early next week

**iii. Health and Safety**

- 1. Look at the when2meet, I met with public health professors for ideas on resolutions. The exec has two events going on and let me know if you are interested.

**iv. Governmental Relations**

- 1. Met this Sunday and talked about issues we have seen and coming up with resolution ideas

**v. Justice and Equity**

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1. Met this weekend and spoke through some resolutions and plans to work towards. I was able to talk to some exec directors as well.
- vi. Student Affairs
  1. Check emails, and we are looking at 6-7 pm this Sunday for a meeting
- vii. Sustainability
  1. Had our first meeting this Monday and talked about the resolution ideas

**VI. Old Business**

**VII. New Business**

- a. How to write a resolution presentation
  - i. Braziel: Motion to table until adjournment
    1. Second Heard
    2. Motion fails 11-11-2
  - ii. Ahmed: Motion to amend the agenda right before vacancies
    1. Second Heard
    2. Motion fails 13-8-2
  - iii. Bernard: Gave a presentation on how to write a resolution
    1. Start with an idea and research it. Check out past resolutions to get an idea of how a resolution should work. Look at other schools and universities for ideas. You'll want to cite sources in the resolutions to back your points. Talking to the admin is important and it is not productive to just walk away from a resolution to see it through and not just leave it to the admin to deal with. Reach out to Bobby

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if you feel that you need help contacting admin, he is an excellent resource. His office hours are right before GA. Surveys and gathering data can help garner more support for your resolution and can be backed up by academic sources. Sometimes you will not find academic sources but that does not mean it cannot be a good resolution. Everything should be cited and use footnotes, and you should put the footnotes directly after your information, not at the end of the sentence. Another helpful thing is that if you have a PDF of information, you can create a go.osu link, and that way you can make it accessible to everyone at OSU. You start with an issue committee that you feel matches your bill the best, then it goes onto the steering committee, and if it passes that will see the floor in GA. Anything bylaw and standing rule related would go through oversight and skip over steering. An emergency resolution could skip the committees but must be a true emergency in which it could not be addressed the following week. You would have to present the resolution to everyone on the floor and you should prepare for questions and for people to nit-pick at it, so be prepared for it.

- a. Hansen: If we want to pass in terms of marketing would that be more allocations or an actual resolution to bring through GA? The idea is mostly through physical advertisement throughout the campus. Digital advertisements are really the idea I had going

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- b. Bernard: I would suggest working with Katie on the exec side. Their job is to promote USG and the events and work we do. That is something that is more internal and not necessarily something to be worked on with a resolution
- b. 57-B-4: A Bill to Amend the Undergraduate Student Government 2024 Autumn Semester Budget
  - i. McAlpine: The main campus has not done the greatest job at times to reach out to the regional campuses. This bill is to create something official to allow Justin and me to reach all the regional campuses and hear their concerns.
  - ii. Yadapadithaya.1: I am the CFO, and have worked on this trip. I wanted to remind everyone that there are 4 satellite campuses and there are 4 trips that need to be taken. We want to cover the rental car and donuts for the students. Let me know if you have any questions.
    - 1. Diaz-Elizarraga: I am the senior director of allocations. I have a testimony here that tells us how important it is to reach out to the regional campuses and offer them support. It will allow us to build relationships and will allow USG to gather information and problems on the regional campuses. Students often do not know the resources they have and this trip will open the door to allow us to help them better.
  - iii. Saini: Is it coke or SAF funds?
    - 1. McAlpine: It is SAF
  - iv. Saini: Would you be willing to use Coke funding?

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1. Yadapadithaya.1: It is for greater student funding so I would prefer to use SAF
- v. Saini: Do you believe it would be best to allocate it through SAF? Would you be opposed to switching?
  1. Yadapadithaya.1: I would not be opposed
- vi. Cade: How is that money being spent and can you break it down?
  1. McAlpine: It is the rental cars and the donuts. We cannot get official figures or even contact them until we can approve them.  
We cannot get you a hard figure
- vii. Chaudhary: Can we have a list of how they money is spent and give that to the allocations committee?
  1. McAlpine: Yes, we can do that. It will be a separate trip and be prudent about how we spend the money.
- viii. Braziel: On a fiscal aspect, given that the allocations committee does not give out money for gas and rental cars, why should we do this?
  1. McAlpine: We are trying to represent students and meet with students and see how we can advocate for them.
- ix. Hickman: Is the money from the speed dating event going to this?
  1. Yadapadithaya.1: It is just a reallocation of that money
- x. Saini: Motion to move into discussion
  1. Second Heard
  2. Braziel: I think it is reasonable to have a discussion on this. This is a large sum of money, it needs a really deep dive into a discussion.

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3. Migliore: I think we spent a lot of time on a presentation and think we should spend more time discussing something we actually want to discuss
4. Saini: I wanted to motion to move into discussion
- xi. McAlpine: I wanted to ask the speaker if there is anyone else who has questions. I am open to answering questions.
- xii. Saini: I withdraw my motion
  1. Cumming-Vukovic: What about Wooster?
    - a. McAlpine: We have not been able to find the student life person but we will work with that
  2. Hardison: Would the budget allow another person to go on the trip?
    - a. McAlpine: It is a possibility
  3. Hardison: What does the schedule look like?
    - a. McAlpine: It is looking like a Friday, but we will not be looking for hotels or staying overnight. We will meet with deans, student organizations, and faculty.
  4. Hardison: Many students leave on Friday so you might want to change that if possible
    - a. McAlpine: I do remember that we were considering changing that for that very reason
  5. Ahmed: What would be the implications of the spring semester if we move it to the Coke funds?
    - a. Yadapadithaya.1: It would just be less to spend next semester

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6. McCann: How did you come to this number?
  - a. McAlpine: We just looked at general trends of the costs
7. Migliore: Have you reached out to the student council at Wooster?
  - a. McApline: No, but we can talk after
8. Cade: How much coke funds are remaining to be used?
  - a. Yadapadithaya.1: Around 14,000 left in the coke fund.  
Generally, that is what it is every year
9. Braziel: Why isn't this proposed through the discretionary fund?
  - a. Yadapadithaya.1: What is the discretionary funding?
  - b. Bernard: The executive branch does not extra discretionary funding
10. Liu: What happens if you over or underspend?
  - a. Yadapadithaya.1: If it goes over, this is something we would come back to GA for.
11. Bernard: Can you explain the process of how the money is approved and allocated after it is passed in the GA?
  - a. Yadapadithaya.1: The person who requests that only has to submit a report to me and after I approve that then another report is submitted.
12. Braziel: I think that yes we should be willing to keep all students in mind. I do not agree with this amendment and how much it is. The general students are paying for this and I think that we could use these funds within the allocations where we are running out of money fast. I think \$1000 is a lot of money and that a rental car

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does not cost that much. We should think of ourselves accountable in the way that we hold other student organizations accountable.

13. Cade: Because there is no specified number, I motion to amend the amount to 1400 dollars
  - a. Saini: I agree with Senator Cade and the reality is that it is coming with Coke funds. Bobby and I both serve as counsel of student affairs and awe manage the SAF, which is paid into by Columbus individuals. I think the purpose is good. I would say that it is through Coke because I believe the core of the intent is correct but it is critical to understand where this money is coming from. I would only be in favor of this bill if it came from Coke funds.
  - b. Hansen: I yield my time
  - c. Ahmed: I don't see the need for the increase, the president can come back if he needs more money
  - d. Hickman: I would be interested to see what percentage of the student body got the merch or attended the silent disco, etc. In reality, a lot of the people attending the events are a part of the student government. I'll be honest, I don't think we need to be having this conversation to help students.
  - e. Hardison: I want to join this trip and I think it is important to increase the budget to have the available resources to do the trip

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- f. Liu: I empathize with the idea that we do not spend too much money. I like the idea of a breakdown afterward. If they do not use that money, it will go back to the fund and then there is not that much of a problem.
  - i. Yadapadithaya: Saini is right in saying that it is easier to use Coke funds and I wanted to add that we will not be going over the budget. Text me if you have any questions.
- g. McCann: We have that SAF funds, but we are increasing it to 1400. When I asked where the 1000 number came from. Why increase it to 1400 and why make it come out of the SAF when there are organizations that need more money?
- h. Swartly: I think we are pouring 400 dollars on this and I think we should stick with 1000
- i. Saini: I think if 1400 would help with engagement I am all for it. I would defer to the 1000. If we allocate it through SAF, but if we are using it through Coke, it would be a better use of the funds.
- j. McAlpine: When it comes to this motion of using 1400 dollars, for me, I trust my people so if they say 1000 dollars will work, I trust that 1000 dollars will work. The money does not leave until we actually do it. I am going to listen to my CFO and am okay with it coming from COKE.

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k. Cade: On this motion, I wanted to allocate more money because the money came from the speed dating event which 1500 dollars was allocated for. I think that 1400 would give more breathing room. It is already money that is allocated and the extra money would just go back to the fund

i. Saini: Motion to move to the previous question

1. Second Heard

2. Motion passes 19-2-2

14. Senator Cade's motion:

i. Motion passes: 12-11-3

15. Saini: I move to amend the motion to use Coke Funds

1. Second Heard

2. Hickman: I would like to congratulate everyone and I think this motion is not super necessary and overall through all of the students this is not that much. If we reduce the coke fund, we will feel that. I think we will be impacted by the Coke fund.

3. Liu: I would like to motion to the previous question

a. Second Heard

b. Motion passes 17-6-2

4. Motion fails 3-12-10

16. Ahmed: Motion to move to the previous question

1.) Second Heard

2.) Motion passes 16-3-5

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xiii. Bill passes 16-5-3

c. 57-R-3: A Resolution to Approve University Senate and University Governance  
Committee Appointments

- i. McAlpine: Justin and I are very excited and strove to do something different. A lot of times, the university senate was a place where old USGers went to die. We want to use the university senate as a vehicle of change. The application process made people jump through hoops.
- ii. Gore: I present a resolution to approve shared gov appointments and university senate appointees. We have faculty, deans, and admin as well as students. We have 141 members, 26 of them are students from the undergraduate colleges. I ask you all to approve the 26 appointments and I am happy to answer any questions.
  - 1. Hardison: What is the role of the university senate?
  - 2. Gore: They craft policy that impacts our day-to-day, the addition of new dorms, and the university roadmap. It is about policy and actual change.
  - 3. Hardison: Who would I talk to about academic affairs?
    - a. Gore: That would be McKenna Roy
  - 4. Chaudhary: There is one vacancy, has that been filled
    - a. Gore: It has been
  - 5. Ahmed: Can you add the information to the Excel spreadsheet?
    - a. Gore: That it is the resolution
- iii. Bill passes through unanimous consent

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d. 57-R-4: A Resolution to Confirm the Undergraduate Student Government Shared Governance Undergraduate Caucus Vice Chairs for the 2024–2025 Academic Year

- i. McAlpine: Justin and Nigel ran point on this and as McKenna can attest it was a fairly rigorous process. I think all of the vice-chairs really want to help students and are very passionate. They have already been doing a lot of great work and they are only appointed as of right now
- ii. Bernard: Are there any questions? No, any discussion points?
  - 1. McCann: I just wanted to say that I trust your judgment and would not put people in positions for resume building. I believe in trust and I know a couple of these individuals. I think this is a good slate and I think this is great work.
- iii. Bernard: Is there any dissent to unanimous consent?
  - 1. Bill passes unanimously

e. Vacancy Application

- i. Motion to move into executive session
  - 1. Motion passes
- ii. Jesus Valencia for Commuter Seat
  - 1. The candidate is appointed to the commuter seat
- iii. Motion to Rise and Report
  - 1. Motion passes

**VIII. Announcements**

- a. Constituency Reports

**IX. Adjournment**

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a. 9:03 pm

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