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57th General Assembly
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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. 6:35 pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
 - i. 24/32 Senators Present
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes Approved

II. Open Forum for the Public

III. Executive Report

- a. *President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Justin Robinson*
 - i. McAlpine: Hello everyone, I am happy to see you all today. My fraternity hosted Reverend Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson amongst others. The reverend told me to tell you all to keep up the good work and they are doing a great job. Wall Street Journal is live right now and it will be sent in the GroupMe. We will schedule a meeting with the mayor's team to talk to the mayor because we need to be listened to since we all live here. We will bring the issues that we hear like lighting, e-bike programs, etc to city hall. There is an internship that is a communications specialist within the university senate that is available so reach out if you are interested.



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- ii. Robinson: Make sure you go out and vote, your vote is important. We will also be doing focus groups to possibly make legislation on dining plans and the GE launch seminar.
 - 1. Braziel: I know you hinted at having a meeting with the mayor, how possible would it be for a member of GA to sit in and hear this?
 - 2. McApline: We can bring that up and as soon as we get to the next step we can explore that. We are trying to open the door so we can all walk-in

IV. Updates

a. Speaker George Bernard

- i. Senator Thomas has stepped aside and will no longer be a senator. Tomorrow 7-9 pm there will be a social at Ethyl and Tank. Additionally, in GroupMe, there is a link to get the Wall Street Journal. The notebooks have arrived and if you want one you can grab one. If you do not have access to GroupMe please let me know and I can get you in. Finally, I am working on a document that I will send later this week with USG resources and everyone's contact information. Any questions?
 - 1. Braziel: Could you make sure senators have access to a team's drive?
 - 2. McAlpine: CLT has a team but not USG-wide

b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith



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- i. Hopefully next week will have JP standing rules and will meet this week to see that.

c. Secretary Lily Evans

- i. I just wanted to remind everyone that if you were elected in the spring, I still expect your contingency reports. Only waiting on a few right now, just go ahead and email them to or else I'll start pestering you. Another thing is that you are not excused just because you text or email me, I am allowing excuses if you are sick, have an unavoidable necessary event, a religious holiday, or something that important. If you need to study for an important exam the next day, I get it and can excuse if I feel is necessary. But a reminder that you are allowed 3 unexcused absences in a semester or 5 unexcused absences overall. Just try your best to communicate with me and not avoid GA for other events that you can miss.

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

- i. Diaz: We saw 6 applications and approved 3390 dollars in applications

b. Oversight Committee

- i. No updates

c. Issue Committee Reports

- i. Academic Affairs



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1. We have been doing great work, we have been working on changes to the add/drop classes program and have meetings on how to deal with the GE launch seminar
- ii. Black Caucus
 1. We will be meeting this week Friday
- iii. Health and Safety
 1. We met before the break and will be meeting again this Sunday and have dorm safety and mental health subcommittees set up. We will also pass bylaws
- iv. Governmental Relations
 1. I got to talk to Luke in the CLT meeting on Monday. We are meeting this Sunday and will be looking into how to research student feelings on the asynchronous day for election day
- v. Justice and Equity
 1. Executive is working on queer week which is next week
- vi. Student Affairs
 1. No updates
- vii. Sustainability
 1. Please join sustainability

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. 57-R-5: A Resolution to Confirm the Undergraduate Student Government Black Caucus Vice Chairs for the 2024 –2025 Academic year



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- i. McApline: I am proud of both of these resolutions. We wanted to make sure that there were more senators here to hear this applicant. Also, because it took a while, if you look at the amount of events that the black caucus has done, they deserve applause and flowers. They have brought in so many new members of the black caucus and I hear from their chair every week that they are the front lines of seeing our vision happen. They treat black caucus with the respect they deserve. I am so proud of all of them and they are truly amazing.
- ii. Robinson: We have seen nothing but great things from the Black caucus and we know they have already been doing great work.
- iii. Asante-tut.1: My vice chairs have been amazing and I encourage you all to get to know them.
- iv. Bernard: Any questions? Seeing none, any discussion points?
 1. Braziel: Thank you all for all the work you have done. As a member myself, I am surrounded by greatness. I know all of the candidates here have been doing the work and can push the boundaries of what a caucus can do. Many of my colleagues are prepared and are able to carry out the task at hand. Secondly, I want to voice my displeasure in having to see these resolutions this late. I think waiting to have a full GA is great, but we should have seen this much earlier.
 2. McApline: I understand and that is fair. This is the 5th resolution you all have seen and we understand that it is a lot



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to be doing vacancy applications and doing resolutions all at the same time. But we want to get as many voices as possible before we do something this important. These people are part of the front lines and they are incredibly important.

3. Bernard: Are there any other discussion points? Seeing none, we will move into voting.
 - a. Bill passes unanimously

b. 57-R-6: A Resolution to Confirm the Undergraduate Student Government Issue and Operations Committee Directors for the 2024 –2025 Academic year

- i. McApline: So ditto. They are all amazing. The directors have been firing on all cylinders, it does not make any sense. They have all been doing great work and I am proud of all of them, they are doing things that show how wonderful they are at all times. I am so excited and they are doing so much and it takes a lot to run a committee and do it with such excellence. They all deserve it.
- ii. Bernard: Any questions?
- iii. Cade: The director of academic affairs is super dedicated and I am very excited for her
- iv. Evans: I noticed a spelling error in the last whereas clause so fixing that would be great
 1. McAlpine: I'll take that as friendly
- v. Musa: I am super excited for everything Chay is going to do



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VIII. Announcements

- a. No announcements

IX. Adjournment

- a. 7:15 pm