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57th General Assembly
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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. 6:34 pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
 - i. 29/31 Senators
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
 - i. teich.21 for Senator Kronenfeld
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes Approved

II. Open Forum for the Public

- a. Roy. 457: Hi everyone, a reminder to take care of yourself. I would like to say, have we all heard what is going on in Lawrence tower? I have heard there are mushrooms and mold on the walls. OSU environmental services have moved the people in the room, but not have done anything for everyone else in the building. I have called numerous departments and they do not have jurisdiction over OSU and they cannot do anything. OSU needs to do something. We need to hold OSU accountable. But the whole point of this is to make it widely known. I have reached out to some representatives but I have not heard back yet except from Beatty. Thank you

III. Executive Report

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

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- i. McApline: Hi everyone. I have a quick statement to read. USg I hope this message finds you well. With the recent election result, there are many emotions. With the events that have happened, it may lead to different feelings. As we navigate this together, lets us remain aware of our diverse perspectives. With fostering this type of respect, it will us to bridge the gap. Please remember we are all here to support each other. Lexie has piled a list of resources to keep us informed. Thank you all for your hard work. It is a range of emotions for the student body that represents, please remain respectful of that whether you love or hate the election results. We are here to serve students. If you are not okay with that, please reach out because we have great resources that can help. With the historic nature of this election, as leaders, we are going to be seeing a lot in the next few weeks. Make sure you take care of yourself. We are public servants, just make sure you are not pouring from an empty cup. As black leaders, last night was a blow to our existence and words matter. When I come in here and work every single day, but then people that the only reason I am here is because I am a DEI hire is a blow. So, again, I will continue to serve and lay myself down and let you all know that is what going through our heads rights now. We feel unsafe and there have been personal things that have happened to us. Just know if you do reach out, we are going through a lot. Just let me know

IV. Updates

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a. Speaker George Bernard

- i. Happy to announce that next week in GA we will bring in the new chief of police for OSU and will be an opportunity to build relations. I know USG has made a public post, so some members of the public might be here. Besides that, election bylaws will be next week. I will explain more next week. Senator Saini has resigned. If you need to reach out on sensitive issues.

b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith

- i. Brief announcement: We decided that we would bring out the new Roberts rules of order in the assembly. We now have Robert here as well *unveils a picture of Robert from Robert's Rules of Order*

c. Secretary Lily Evans

- i. A quick reminder that for those who filled vacancies, constituency reports are going to be due by our final meeting this semester.

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

- i. We have 6,998 dollars left and have approved money for a few organizations

b. Oversight Committee

- i. No updates

c. Issue Committee Reports

i. Academic Affairs

- 1. I have a few meetings set up and we are looking forward to passing bylaws

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- ii. Black Caucus
 - 1. No updates
- iii. Health and Safety
 - 1. Will be seeing 2 resolutions and will meet this week
- iv. Governmental Relations
 - 1. Excited to work on the resolution passed last week
- v. Justice and Equity
 - 1. No updates
- vi. Student Affairs
 - 1. Passed a resolution that we are going to see today
- vii. Sustainability
 - 1. Went to the exec meeting to get some ideas

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. 57-R-8: A Resolution to Call Upon The Ohio State University to Increase the Lyft Ride Smart Program Discount

- i. Hickman: In general, this resolution is regarding the Lyft ride smart program which provides a discount to Lyft for students between certain hours. The idea is to promote safety to help students move around at night. It began in 2019 and started with 5-dollar discounts and then grew to 6.50 and students used 600,000 rides in the 2022-23 school year. Another thing is that it was taken down to 4 dollars. At the same time, we are seeing an inadequate CABS services bus. A lot of students cannot really use these buses to get

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off campus. This resolution is calling on the university to increase the discount again, we did not do a specific amount. We are seeing an increase in crime and given that we just saw robberies in dorms and academic buildings. The fact that we have seen an increase, this resolution is important. The difference might not seem like a lot, but every dollar really counts and a lot of students have walked home in states and times they should not walk in. We just want to engage with the administration.

- ii. Chaudhary: I agree with the idea, you have so many students and safety is important when walking is dangerous. This is to prevent that
- iii. Mudundi: Most of our concerns come about safety, this is the biggest change that we could make. Since it is very flexible with what it can do it can do great things
- iv. Ahmed: The amount of usage shows that the students are interested. This is a resolution we need to pass
- v. Sanchez-Reich: We are students and need to do projects late a night.
- vi. Cade: This is to help increase safety and with the Michigan game it is going to be crazy.
- vii. Hansen: It is very important and substantive and should pass
- viii. Griffith: I put my name on because we need it and it is well-written
- ix. Bernard: Any questions?

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- x. Liu: I agree this is important but I wanted to know if this will be effective?
 - 1. Hickman: I was able to pass this last year but I want to put more people with me and meet with other people to show that the student body is behind this
- xi. Bernard: Any discussion points?
 - 1. Hutton: I motion to amend the clause about student wages are 13 dollars. Whereas the minimum wage for student wages are 13 dollars. The rest of the clause stays.
 - 2. Dobres: I motion to the previous question
 - a. Motion passes
- xii. Resolution passes unanimously

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

- a. 7:08 pm

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