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### **I. Opening**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. 6:34 pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
  - i. 28/ 30 Senators
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
- e. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Minutes Approved

### **II. Open Forum for the Public**

- a. Chief of OSUPD Dennis Jeffrey
  - i. Hello everyone I am the new chief of police. I was homicide commander with the Columbus police and grew up about a mile here. I want to continue the great relationship that started with the body. I want to work with this body and am open to any questions.
    1. Migliore: What are your 1,3 and 5 years goals? How do you define success?
    2. Chief: We will respond to all the different retail outlets and get that established in January. In 3 years we need to get to 75 officers and are currently at 69 officers. In 5 years, I want to be able to better prevent crime and collaborate with the community to have more of an intelligence sector. I would love to hear what you all think we need to train for and what



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we need to change. For success, it comes from you guys and capturing what you all need accurately.

3. Ahmed: We have seen an increase in crime, what is the current protocol of OSUPD?
4. Chief: 4 days a week the police ride for certain hours. I want to use the team to follow up with off-campus students Crime intervention program also provides other programs. I want to expand our reach a little past the gateway and help the sound have a more fluid response.
5. Cade: Thanks for coming. A lot of students have a strained relationship with the police, what will you do to mend that relationship?
6. Chief: I want to listen and work from the input we are given. The community can tell us what needs to happen.
7. Hensley: What are the ways you are going to differ from the last administration?
8. Chief: Most of you live off campus and we should have more input in what is going on off-campus and work with CPD to get that done
9. Dobres: I know last year that the Lantern said OSU is number 1 in hate crimes
10. Chief: We have to report query stats and we do not know about them and to come up with some of these crimes. We



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need to know so we can ask. We need to better train officers to encounter these crimes.

11. Musa: As a student who is concerned with justice and equity, how do you plan to uphold that right and deal with students who are participating in participation?
12. Chief: How do we provide police but also not over police? In the last few events, we have tried to not have police there. I do not want 20 officers at these events. I like to not have that many there and majority of last year there were like 30 events where we had minimal events. It is about protecting people in the streets and it is about creating a bubble to protect the protestors. The goal is less and less presence.
13. Migliore: Are you open to email updates?
14. Chief: I have not come up with how I am going to do that yet, but I am willing. How do we create a more active forum, I would love some ideas. Email is easiest and I try to check that a lot. If you feel that OSU officers are not providing you with a service, please call and let us know so we can investigate and change.
15. Cade: On bridging the gap, maybe making training more transparent or a buckeye-learn to teach people about these rousers. I wanted to talk about the recent burglaries, and what is being done to prevent that. We did not receive a public notice about that until much later.



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16. Chief: We are increasing patrols and what these halls look like when you walk in. What is that fine line between being safe and also not overly secure? A lot of people piggyback in. I think we need to take care of the people around us. We need to come up with a way to spread this information to only certain individuals and not the entire campus. We want to make it a little smaller. We have a citizen police academy and I want to take it on the road and condense it down to an hour to increase outreach.
17. Liu: One challenge any administrative body is going to have is many interests, how do you go about balancing those different interests?
18. Chief: Safety is going to be number one and my first focus. It is still me learning and figuring out the best way to share information.
19. cumming-vukovic: You were talking of bridging the gap, a newsletter would be great with updates and include the emergency and nonemergency line, where to report mistreatments by police. Forums would be great to increase student voices. An open Q&A and students might be safer.
20. Wood: Columbus PD's use of force is inadequate, how does that compare to OSUPD



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21. Chief: We review every use of force, we only have about 20 a year. A lieutenant does an investigation. We do a good job and accountability is huge. Compared to CPD it is a scale.
22. Musa: The Campus Act was passed and was awarded 4 million to local police and I want to know if there is transparency on how that money will be used
23. Chief: I have not seen how that money will be used, but I will share what we will share on
24. Sanchez-Reich: You talked about justification, as I understand there are other organizations like fraternities, how does that work?
25. Chief: We do have a joint patrol to do follow-ups and have some sort of jurisdiction in that area. Response times are impacted by how big the area is
26. Kronenfled: Regarding the balance of freedom of speech, how do you plan on monitoring protests and feelings of safety?
27. Chief: We want to know if there is a counter-protest and if there is no counter-protest we might leave that alone unless someone reaches out to us. We are going to let our officers know what is happening and give them a heads-up. We want to be as hands-off as possible.
28. Griffith: According to the campus crime report, is there a specific crime that OSUPD is aiming to target?



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29. Chief: The biggest one we have is scooter theft and are trying to get ahead of that. If you want to see our headquarters and have an extensive amount of cameras with people watching them

30. Liu: You seem to like a data-driven approach to police. What groups are you partnering with to achieve your goals?

a. Chief: I want to have a CPD analyst in our crime center and have that instant ability to communicate with CPD. We are operating independently and bring that together.

31. Bernard: What can students do to enhance safety?

a. Chief: Situational awareness and that can be problematic and dangerous. Maybe taking out headphones can decrease that opportunity.

### **III. Executive Report**

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

i. Hi everyone, we just have one thing. Yesterday the university saw an increase in reporting to the Office of Institutional Equity and when it comes to OIE we were able to talk to the directors of the department. We let them know that after the election people do not know what OIE is and how to access it. It is for discrimination harassment, title 9, etc. They are going to try to share the word on the department and how to utilize it. They sent us thousands of



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bookmarks on how to report to the department or just to be kind. It would be great if you could share it with your constituency. USG will most likely make a joint post to allow students to know what the office is. Congratulations, exit polls are showing there was a stark amount of students voting in the Columbus area. We might be having a focus group tomorrow and will let you guys know.

### **IV. Updates**

#### *a. Speaker George Bernard*

- i. We do not have election bylaws this week, but will next week. We are doing it so we can do it right the first time. Loving that we are getting legislation through. Contact me if you need help have questions, etc.

#### *b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith*

- i. I have read the new Roberts Rules of Order. If there is a motion to make an amendment, it has to be germane and cannot essay something the author is already talking about. One more thing is that a motion to a previous question can be made in this body but cannot be made in a committee meeting.

#### *c. Secretary Lily Evans*

- i. Hi everyone, just a reminder that constituency reports for vacancies are due at our final meeting. Also, a reminder that everyone gets 3 unexcused vacancies in a semester and 5 overall.

### **V. Committee Reports**

#### **a. Allocations Committee**



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- i. We saw 4 organizations with 2251 dollars and 4407 left. Application closes on November 1st

### **b. Oversight Committee**

- i. Oversight will meet this weekend and will see the election bylaws

### **c. Issue Committee Reports**

#### **i. Academic Affairs**

1. We met with Dean Jones yesterday and talked about the GE program and AI

#### **ii. Black Caucus**

1. No updates

#### **iii. Health and Safety**

1. We had 2 resolutions pass unanimously and Senator Mudnundi regarding mental health invites

#### **iv. Governmental Relations**

1. We have a survey and am meeting with Dr.Coach

#### **v. Justice and Equity**

1. No updates, met with the exec yesterday

#### **vi. Student Affairs**

1. No updates but will meet this Sunday

#### **vii. Sustainability**

1. Will meet in the next week

## **VI. Old Business**

## **VII. New Business**





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- a. 57-R-10: A Resolution to Increase the Visibility of The Ohio State University Police While on Patrol
- i. Migliore: Hi everyone, when we get into a discussion please use your mics. This resolution calls for the use of cruise lights on police cars. It would distinguish OSUPD from Columbus police and would allow their presence to be known to students. Supporting this resolution would help restore a relationship with the police. OSUPD becomes a more visible guardian that will help lower crime. OSUPD is ready to go on this and is willing to do so. It would not cost the university anything. I think we can use this opportunity to create a safer Buckeye community.
  - ii. Bernard: Any questions? Any discussion points?
  - iii. Chaudhary: Motion to the previous question
    1. Motion passes
    2. Resolution passes unanmoisly
- b. 57-R-11: A Resolution to Address Health Hazards and Unsafe Living Conditions in OSU Housing
- i. Migliore: This report addresses an urgent health issue in Lawerence Tower that includes black mold and mushrooms which have harmful health impacts. I have been in contact with local legislation to combat these issues. We as students have done everything in our power, and in the end, it calls on the university to make lasting change. We are calling for immediate relocation and remediation and working towards preventing these problems in the future. We



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have reached out to many departments which have said that OSU is not under their jurisdiction so it has to come from them. We have met with eh person who posted on Reddit, a respondent 82 percent posted mold, and over half have reported negative health impacts. 100 percent were aware of the issues, but only 2 were made aware by building staff. “I initially thought it was just a stain, but then I realized it was mold. I experienced headaches and brain fog. I believe it has impacted my grades” This is a situation that must be addressed. With this resolution, we are making a statement to the university that this cannot be swept under the rug. Several members received an email from Dr.Ahmed and I questioned how close it was to the university.

- ii. Dobres: In the let it further be resolved section on calling on relocating students, is that referring to everyone in the dorms?
- iii. Migliore: Yes, and we have a hotel
- iv. Liu: What is the follow-through? What is a feasible timeline for relocation?
- v. Migliore: We have been in contac twitch local legislators. We want to pass laws making mold in rental spaces legal. I am not sure about the relocation.
- vi. Wood: What are your thoughts on adding an amendment to the Department of health to review the mold?
- vii. Migliore: That was part of the plan to include other health departments in the enforcement



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- viii. Hickman: Regarding some of the press, employees said there was no mold. Were we able to do other digging into finding that out?
- ix. Migliore: The morning the S2F leak was reported they said there was no mold, so there is an issue.
- x. McApline: Could you read the entire email?
- xi. Migliore: Hello all, I understand that USG's General Assembly will be discussing a resolution this evening related to Lawrence Tower. As you go about this discussion, I wanted to make sure you have the following information and updates: A water leak occurred in a utility chase, the vertical space that allows pipes and wires to run from one floor to another, on the 11th floor of Lawrence Tower. This leak caused water damage to the drywall and is limited to the rooms that are adjacent to that utility chase. The leak was reported via Service2Facilities on October 28, and the same morning Facilities team members were on site assessing the damage. They moved quickly to repair the leak and work to identify the extent of the water damage and begin making repairs to those spaces. Student Life and Facilities Operations and Development's Environmental Health and Safety teams have been working with an external consultant to develop and implement a remediation plan to repair the damage caused by the leak and replace the saturated drywall. While no immediate health or safety concerns to residents have been identified as a result of the water damage, the best option for the most rapid fix will require us to temporarily move all residents



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in the rooms adjacent to the utility chase to another location within the university housing system. This will allow crews to do the work more quickly and efficiently and is the sole reason for the temporary relocation. Only students living in rooms impacted by the leak will be moved. Approximately 40 students will be temporarily moved from 19 impacted rooms. We are working with those students to facilitate and assist them with the relocation, including but not limited to assisting with their move, storing items, providing support for academic and other resources, etc. While it is too early to have a timetable for repairs, we anticipate that these will be temporary moves and that students will be able to return to their rooms after the work is completed. In addition to impacted students being notified about their temporary relocation yesterday afternoon, we have also shared information in response to an inquiry from The Lantern and other media, and we also provided an update to all Lawrence Tower residents. We have been sharing information about the situation with parents upon their outreach. Please let me know if have any questions. Dr. Zia Ahmed; Associate Vice President for Residential Experience

- xii. Chaudhary: I think this a great solution. Have you heard about HB 882?
- xiii. Migliore: That is one of the bills we were reached out about and had a discussion about



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- xiv. Cade: We have been conducting so much research and this issue spreads across campus. It is across floors and rooms. We have talked to people who had an independent contractor come in to test it and the inspector found black mold. Our room was the first to show purple mold. We were never told to have our shower fan, although none of the fans seem to work. The 40 or so students who were moved will have to return. The issue is throughout the building. We must take this measure seriously and make sure the university addresses this. This is unacceptable. It is despicable that these students have to pay so much and the living conditions are unacceptable. I do not know how they live there.
- xv. Kronenfeld: Reach out to me if you need help. I lived in Lawrence Tower last year and my roommate got mold poisoning. We were advised to call a cleaning service and pay for it ourselves. There are more people that have experienced it than anyone knows.
- xvi. Griffith: Over the summer, I lived in Lawrence. There are no functioning fans there, it almost feels thick. I want to draw attention to the language used in the email. He said that it is the sole reason for relocation. I think it extends beyond a quick repair. I want to clarify about the rate of this housing. Lawrence Tower is rate 1 housing. People are paying more than Morrill.
- xvii. Liu: There is a lot of stuff going on in terms of tests, should we wait to hear what is going on



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- xviii. Migliore: At times we cannot wait for an opportunity. How much longer are we going to postpone people's health?
- xix. Chaudhary: Can Senator Cade and I become cosponsors?
  - 1. Motion taken as friendly.
- xx. Cade: It is a super big issue. This is the perfect time to emphasize the point. No one should be living there. Now is the time to act
- xxi. Bernard: Is there any dissent to unanimous consent?
  - 1. Resolution passes unanimously
- c. 57-R-12: A Resolution Calling for Carbon Emissions & Investor Transparency
  - i. Alford: Good evening, I am bringing forth this resolution, The IPCC has found that human activity has led to global warming. Since the 2020 action plan, the university has not updated this plan to meet this plan. The information we received was in 2023 but not for the years prior. The lack of information can result in the OSU community which are key stakeholders in the university's carbon emission levels being unaware of what is going on. We believe that the university should publish a climate action plan and share how they are working on these goals.
  - ii. Musa: In favor of this and it is very direct
  - iii. Migliore: I am curious how this plan would be effective for businesses that work on campus
  - iv. Alford: Yes, we just want more transparency in what is happening



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- v. McApline: I do not see anything in the resolution about investor transparency. What do you mean by that?
- vi. Alford: Just about this kind of third parties that are associated with OSU about overall transparency about where that money is going
- vii. Martel: Would this resolution help put more sustainability measures on campus?
- viii. Alford: I think having this published data is the best first step to figure out what works well and what does not
- ix. Bernard: We will move into discussion
- x. Braziel: This is a well-made resolution. Having to ask for this data is absurd and improving our knowledge would be a good use of the university's time. I think for the title I would take out the investor part and I think it is found either way
- xi. Alford: I yield my time. The investor is not supposed to be in the title. Motion to strike out investor in the title
  - 1. Second Heard
  - 2. Motion passes
- xii. Bernard: Any other discussion points?
  - 1. resolution passes unanimously

### **VIII. Announcements**

### **IX. Adjournment**

- a. 7:51 pm