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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order 6:34
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes are approved

II. Open Forum for the Public

- a. Mehta.590 Senior administrative counselor, have a nonprofit in Cleveland, I have experience communicating with leaders. I am on top of my work and am excited.
- b. Yadapadithaya.1: Sophomore in finance and computer science, Director of Allocation. Used to be a senator and in J and D. I'm in a nonprofit consulting club. Thank you for considering me.
- c. Mack.469: Undergraduate black caucus. If you have any questions about the budget or priorities let me know.
- d. Camara.57: Ohio State student for the ABTS liaison, it will be held at OSU next week. Let me know if you have questions about the budget.
- e. Lieberman.129: Lantern reporter for the semester, excited to work with you
- f. DeNunzio.10: I over see the issue committees so if you have questions about the budget I am happy to answer them. The programs that they put on are the heart of USG and reach far for the student body.

III. Executive Report

- a. *President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Madison Mason*



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- i. *VP Mason: CBRC is happening, and first meeting is tomorrow. I am thinking of making format like GA. Meetings will be biweekly.*
 - 1. *There is an AI committee to go over how AI is used and regulated at the University. If interested let us know.*
- ii. *President McAlpine: Scarlett button is moving forward. The CIO made it the priority for the last few weeks and put everyone on hold on other projects. They are working on a prototype and will hopefully go through GA and then the university senate.*
 - 1. *Moskowitz: Will money for Scarlett Button need to be considered in the budget for today?*
 - a. *Mason: No.*
 - 2. *Saini: How will this work, and will it be like a floating on the screen?*
 - a. *It will be using AI and target resources to the person.*
 - i. *McAlpine: Is it for emergencies?*
 - 1. *No, it's not an emergency will be pointed to 911.*
 - ii. *Bernard: are we building this from scratch or outside source.*
 - 1. *Mason: there are 4 different programs. One is by amazon, but they are also doing some by themselves. They are trying a few different things.*

IV. Updates



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- i. Vacancy application will be the last do, you are welcome to leave for a period or do homework*

b. Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters

- i. Passed 1 resolution to reapportion seats*
- ii. And passed senior staff resolution*
- iii. Sponsoring bill for House Bill 68*

c. Secretary Sarah Schmidt

- i. Thank you for all of the get-well wishes at the end of last semester, I ended up getting one of my tonsils removed which was not fun, and lucky me I get to have another surgery to get the other one removed in March, this will cause me to have to miss some meetings. If anyone is interested in being secretary for a day or two let me know.*
- ii. Constituency reports for the next round will be due February 7th, I'm going to be less lenient on the late request since you do have about 3 weeks to complete this. As always email me for questions and concerns and your final report. Make sure they are of college quality.*
- iii. Attendance: reminder you have three unexcused absences per semester and 5 in total. If you need an alternate, you are responsible to reach out to people. Last resort is to reach out to me, and I will reach out to our list of alternates. If you are sending an alternate, please let me know so I can be on the lookout for them. If*



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you are going to miss GA and you know in advance people let me know by Tuesday at Midnight.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Allocations Committee
 - i. Met and based budget and sad to see Yadapadithaya leave us, but we are excited for him to be director.
 - ii. We have one vacancy, and we encourage someone to join.
- b. Oversight Committee
 - i. We have one vacancy
- c. Issues Committees
 - i. Academic Affairs
 - 1. Passed two resolutions that will go to steering on Sunday. One is about AI in the syllabus, and clarifying undergrad students to use pass/not pass for grad-level classes
 - ii. Black Caucus
 - 1. No updates
 - iii. Governmental Relations
 - 1. No updates
 - iv. Health and Safety
 - 1. We have LC position open
 - v. Justice and Equity
 - 1. LC position open
 - vi. Student Affairs
 - 1. Poling: Peer transit services resolution meeting to come
 - vii. Sustainability



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1. No updates

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. 56-B-3: A Bill to Approve the Undergraduate Student Government 2024 Spring Semester Budget
 - i. President Mc Alpine: excited to have a budget and happy with what we have. We will have the CFO go over it almost Line by line.
 - ii. Mason: USG has 2 types of funding SAF and Coke. SAF is what every student pays, and we get a portion, anything with SAF has to be for the students. Coke funding can be used for internal things. CSA evaluates how much USG gets based on what we spend so we need to use it or lose it. In 2021 we worked hard to get it extended and the goal is to use it, especially SAF. OSAP is a grant specifically for sustainable projects, we use it and it does roll over.
 - iii. McAlpine: spent 2.5 months working on budget and used wide variety of information including feedback, consultation, and scrutiny. This budget is focused on Bridging the Gap. Allocation has approved the bill.
 - iv. Omar Alkowitz: I am the chief financial officer this year and last spring. It was endorsed by the business office. There are 80-line items with a summary at the end of the document.
 - v. Questions:
 1. Bernard: Line item 7 does OSU already have a program for this.



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- a. Mack: Last year we started a program with the current program as they informed us, they needed more diverse donors. We learned from students that they are worried about sickle cell. They can get tested for sickle cell.
 - i. What is the money being spent on:
 1. Room reservation, food, making event fun.
2. Bernard: Line item 9: why is it so expensive?
 - a. McAlpine: last year they bought a bunch of cap and gowns and gave them to students to borrow. Some students did not return them, and we are trying to grow the program. It is need based
 - b. Mack: last year was a piolet event and we say a need and the marketing was bad for it. So many expressed needs. Follow up service showed wide variety of students
 - i. Schmidt: how will you ensure returns
 1. Mack: meet with legal to talk about contract and we will have card information to charge them if they are not returned. Program encouraged other governments to do the same thing
 - ii. Vaishampayan: you said its need based?



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- a. Yes, we asked them what the program would do for them and they expressed it would benefit them.
- iii. Saini: can we negotiate a rate with Barns and Noble?
 - 1. The cost increased to 72 and the manager and I are in contact, it is possible but not yet happening.
- 3. Evans: How was it decided what events got catering?
 - a. Mason: If it has catering it needs people to participate. For things that are not as popular we want to have something to incentivize them to go.
- 4. Hickman: Line item 41 if black caucus is having such a high-profile event for less money, why is it 680 dollars?
 - a. McAlpine: It is 5 tabling sessions it's about 100 dollars per session plus buckeye donuts.
 - b. DeNunzio: this is over 5 sessions and donuts to engage people. We need data for the administration to listen.
 - c. McAlpine: trying to bridge it back to the student body.
 - d. Mason: it will also be to the city government
 - i. Hickman: are you planning to put the tables near the crosswalks
 - 1. Yes



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5. Braziel: A Buckeye Road trip of 30,000 dollars is steep. Why such a steep number and how many students actively use it, especially for one break?
 - a. McAlpine: has been one of the biggest programs and a lot of students use it. It's 50 cents a student.
 - b. Tumulty: Over saw program last year. It serves 9 total buses. Each bus serves 56 students. We have reached full capacity each year. Part of it will be made up as people pay to use the bus.
6. Vaishampayan: Line item 30, who are these for, and why are they SAF funds?
 - i. McAlpine: They are using them to advocate on behalf of the student body.
7. Bernard: Line item 26: Greek life petting zoo why is Greek life not paying for it?
 - a. McAlpine: We are trying to bridge the gap and Greek life doesn't like USG. We are starting to see this change. It will be an opportunity to meet and talk to them.
 - b. Bernard: are we splitting the costs?
 - i. Mason: No, we are paying for it, and they are bringing their people. It is also an SOA event.
8. Bernard: line item 49: it cost 4,000 for the room?
 - a. Mason: yes
9. Bernard: line item 50: two groups for 4,000?



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- a. Yes, and we did cut that down
 - i. Bernard: Are 200 gift bags necessary?
 - 1. McAlpine: yes, it will be a bunch of people
- 10. Moskowitz: Diversity Summit and Native Visibility Summit how are they different
 - a. DeNunzio: the Native visibility summit is the kickoff event, and the diversity summit is a few-day event.
 - i. Ginsberg: Does it cycle through different groups?
 - 1. McAlpine: Each year there are different ones for different diversity groups.
 - b. Deerman: if you add up the line by line for the Native visibility summit is 8,000 but budgeted for 7,500.
 - i. Al Kowatli: adding error
- 11. Vaishampayan: are you accounting for discretionary funds?
 - a. Al Kowatli: more often than not we don't use it so we found it redundant to add. We passed a resolution to remove them from the budget. They were more specific this year.
 - b. Mason: Al Kowatli does a good job tracking so we get a good idea of where it is spent.
- 12. Saini: why are room reservations SAF, not coke?
 - a. McAlpine: The Finance office told us to do it
 - i. Saini: can we negotiate with the university



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1. McAlpine: we cannot negotiate with the union
2. Mason: each org gets 3 per day so Tuesdays cause us to have to pay. Since they rent rooms to outside it is set rate.
 - a. Saini: if rooms are budgeted for does that mean we already used our three free?
 - i. Yes
13. Braziel: Line 77 is new; how many people are expected?
 - a. Poling: we did it in the past and it was successful.
 - b. DeNunzio: Hoping for 40-50 people as many as possible. We will provide the ingredients.
 - c. Mason: It's great we do advocacy, but students want to feel empowered to do their own advocacy.
 - d. McAlpine: We told directors to be as out of the box as possible we are tired of PowerPoint.
14. Schmidt: why was the GR DC budget so little in comparison to previous years?
 - a. DeNunzio: I think that is what was requested.
 - b. Al Kowatli: yes that was what was requested
15. Diaz: why was TEN increased 200 dollars?
 - a. Hsich: Started 2 years ago, by AA. They have been trying to build a little library and make it more affordable for students. We are working on getting a



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website. This money will help advertise and ensure we have space for it.

16. Moskowitz: What is going on in the background especially as the Carmen textbook increases?

- a. Hsich: This is not in competition some still require physical.
- b. McAlpine: The Dean of academic supports it.

17. Vaishampayan: Line item 63: Is it just for USG?

- a. Tumulty: 60 organizations participate per month, and it has a wide reach. Greek life can't afford it and they go to the warehouse to grab the supplies we need.
- b. Tcheurekdijan: Is USG funding the collaborative events in full?
 - i. McAlpine: the university department is short on cash. The orgs that help clean up have the incentive to come.
 - 1. Tcheurekdijan: Are we funding the collab events for other line items?
 - a. Mason: we are given a lot of money and in return we help.
 - b. McAlpine: Other ingrained orgs like OUAB doesn't ask for funding for collaborations. Since the school gives us so much



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money, we are told to give it back to different students orgs.

- c. Tumulty: They can apply for up to 500 dollars in comparison to our 700,000.
- d. Tcheurekdijan: How do we decide who we partner with?
 - i. Mason: That is something we have worked to streamline, and people apply to collaborate or we ask to collaborate.

18. Hickman: 40,000 for allocations, why 40,000 and not more?

- a. McAlpine: we are not supposed to give all of our money to organizations. Last year we gave out about 37,000 for the year, last semester we gave about 51,000 so 90,000 in total and that is kind of the ceiling.
- b. Al Kowatli: 40,000 is because the spring semester tends to have fewer requests.
- c. Poling: that can be changed later if they run out.

19. Diaz: what is the process for buying books.

- a. Hsich: they book an appointment and physically come in and then we log in the info and their contact



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information. Money doesn't go through USG
textbooks are just stored through us.

- b. Diaz: how many have you sold or donated?
 - i. The first semester of developing the website so we haven't marketed or sold any. There also will be a transition

20. Schmidt: to go back to TEN, would it make sense for the library to take, and hasn't there been hesitant about continuing this due to manpower?

- a. Hsich: The University isn't allowed to support this as it would break the contract. There isn't any other org that could do this, and we have 200 people on our contact list. We are not forcing people to contribute to it.
- b. McAlpine: The line item is 700 dollars, and it can help a lot of students.
- c. Price: how many have successfully been exchanged?
 - i. Hsich: We have a lot of textbooks in our library, but we haven't exchanged anything since it hasn't been advertised.
- d. Diaz: what is the process for textbooks with codes?
 - i. Hsich: This is a narrow problem, and we can't do anything about this.
 - ii. Roy: it's not widely affecting program
- vi. Roy: don't limit questions in exchange for time



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1. Hickman: Motion to limit questions to final three questions
2. Mason: We can make a speaker list
3. Braziel: wouldn't 15 minutes have been effective.
- vii. Braziel: motion to limit questioning to 15 minutes.
 1. Second
 2. Vote: Motion fails
- VIII. Bernard: 58 and 59: do we need to spend that much on catering
 1. McAlpine: yes, we do because everyone spends so much time on the org and they deserve it.
 - a. Bernard: can we combined the events?
 - i. Mason: no
 - b. Moskowitz: TEN what type of classes require physical textbooks?
 - i. McAlpine: A lot, I know engineering especially and social sciences.
 - ii. Price: What is the value of the books?
 1. Hsich: It is student negotiated and B&N has a set price and TEN allows us to negotiate to the students
 - iii. Bernard: Ryan day mental health is that space or speaker fees?
 1. McAlpine: It is space and security.
 - iv. Bernard: line item 66 1,000 dollars for 3 tabling?
 1. Mason: it's a resource fair and advertisement and food,
 2. DeNunzio: it is a national week event and getting people to the event
 - c. Braziel: Point of info: shouldn't the questions be pointed to the speaker?
 - d. Point of privilege: can we make the questions to the speaker
 - e. Nischal: line 55 says spring 2023



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- i. Al Kowatli; it is a typo
- f. Deerman: will the lab equipment have card info?
 - i. Poling: yes
- g. Deerman: ABTS doesn't impact students why isn't it Coke
 - i. Mason: conferences of any sort go under SAF funds
 - ii. McAlpine: Each school will pay the fee and be made back
 - iii. Camara: we will have made money back
 - iv. McAlpine: benefits students as it provides an opportunity to talk about issues and find solutions and hear solutions.
- h. Schmidt: line 61 who are we paying?
 - i. Mason: Instagram, business program feels we should do this to get more people there.
- i. Moskowitz: motion to move to the previous question.
- j. 20-0- 0
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Roy: TEN I understand it's 700, if it is as successful as projected that would be great. But I do not see that. AA does not want to continue this event and would rather this money go to grants. The people who oversee running this don't want to do it.
 - 2. Hickman: Motion to make an amendment: line item 29 we were given 4,800 dollars we were each given 120 and I think this is too much. I suggest we decrease it by 1000 and reallocate it to student orgs.
 - a. Second



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- i. Questions
- ii. Ginsberg: what happens to money we don't use?
 1. Al Kowatli: It's a rough estimate and we tend to over budget. It just stays in our bank account.
- iii. Ginsberg: In former years, did they use the money that was allocated?
 1. Al Kowatli: it was budgeted 4,800 and 2,300 was used.
 - a. Ginsberg: Allocations went over last semester, so I think giving them 1000 is a good idea.
- iv. Saini: Allocation was given 40,000 with the idea that it was a record high can we move that money?
 1. Poling: we can but it would be two different amendments.
 - a. Saini: Are others at the university going to be mad if we spend more on allocations.
 2. Evans: Would you rather decrease by 1000 or come to agreement on what we would spend.
 - a. I want to give back to students



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v. Discussion:

1. Braziel: I think this is a good motion and give back to students
2. Vaisampayana: motion to move to the previous question:
 - a. Second
 - b. Vote: 20-2-0

vi. Vote: 20-0-2

ii. Hickman: motion to add 1000 dollars to line 28.

1. Second
2. Question:
 - a. Roy: Is this the right place to put the money?
 - i. McAlpine: it's 1000 won't hurt.
3. Discussion:
 - a. Vaishampayan: motion to move to the previous question?
 - i. Second
 - ii. 23-0-0
4. Vote: 21-0-2

iii. Vaishampayan: I understand that we can do but other orgs can do this.

iv. Braziel: I love black caucus. I do think we are giving them too much for food.

1. Motion to amend line item 21: taking amount from 2,900 to 2,200 dollars and have one less event



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- a. Second
- b. Questions:
 - i. Mathebula: how do the town halls work?
 - 1. Mack: I think it's a good reason to spend they are new last semester, and they were an attempt to have meetings with food how can we invite students to the discussion. We has good feedback and about 30 people attend and we are working together for ever town hall. I think it's a good incentive.
 - 2. McAlpine: Former acting president, 2 million back to safety after we had feedback from the townhall. Power of the programs are huge.
- c. Discussion:
 - i. Roy: I am against this motion as its non-university catering as it's an incentive. It also supports the local community.
 - ii. Braziel: Why put funds towards it if it isn't catered.
- d. Voting: 6-16-3
- 2. Schmidt: motion to recces for 5 minutes
 - a. 19-0-0
- v. Vaishampayan: Motion to move to the previous question



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1. Second
2. Vote: 13-5-2
- vi. Voting
 1. 17-4-0
- k. 56-R-17: A Resolution to Amend the Organizational Bylaws Concerning Seat Apportionment
 - i. Peters: The business and non-degree-seeking students are not being represented well. We want to give them representation
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Radford: can you clarify the non-degree-seeking students
 - a. Peters: a student are taking classes but not enrolled in a college they tend to be in certificate programs.
 - i. Do you know how many are in certificates?
 1. Poling: 568
 2. Bernard: are more students going to fisher but less going to others?
 - a. Poling: They are only overrepresented if they have only one senator.
 3. Price: Does that include CCP
 - a. Poling: no
 4. Vaishampayan: What is the difference between senator and emissary?
 - a. Emissary is specific for the body and are not supposed to represent a college or living area.



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5. Saini: There are a lot of vacancies in the business department do we think we will fill them?
 - a. Poling: Yes, last semester we had more applicants than seats.
6. Ginsberg: Have there been students who fit non-seeking who want those seats? And what are their concerns we are not meeting?
 - a. Poling: yes, in the constitution every college with a major has a seat if you aren't in a college, you don't have a seat. If they are certificate-seeking they aren't represented. There are academic concerns. They are typically low-income.

iii. Discussion:

1. Moskowitz: I think it's great we are expanding.
2. Diaz: I have had people ask about vacancies in the college of Business and hope they will fill the vacancies.
3. Braziel: We shouldn't be adding so many seats and do think there should be a cap at some point.
 - a. Mason: CBRC will also review this.
4. Radford: has there ever been a seat for non-seeking
 - a. Poling: No
5. Vaishampayan: I do not think there should be a cap
6. Ginsberg: Have admin had any input on a non-degree seeking seat?



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- a. McAlpine: Our advisors and some Academic affairs people said they average age is 45 and they are taking only a few classes. 95% are not full-time students. They said many of those students would not have the time to participate so they suggested adding it to the exploration seat.
- b. Vaishampayan: I agree with Senator Ginsburg, if there are issues, we are not addressing then their representation is important. If most are getting a degree. I think we separate this into two seats.
- 7. Vaishampayan: Motion to divide the question.
 - a. Question
 - b. Discussion:
 - i. Schmidt: I think we should send this back to oversight
 - ii. Braziel: I think dividing this provides a quick fix for the business seat and to think about the non-degree seeking seat. I think it's a good use of time to do this today
 - c. Motion receded.
 - d. Vaishampayan: Motion to send 56-r-17 back to oversight.
 - i. Second
 - ii. Question:



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1. Roy: How often has exploration been filled
 - a. Poling: A good amount
- iii. Discussion:
 1. Mason: CBRC will be doing this
 - a. Poling: If it goes through CBRC it will not go into effect until 2025
 2. Nischal: Motion to move to previous question
 - a. Second
 - b. 21-1-1
- iv. Voting: 17- 3-3
- l. 56-R-18: A Resolution to Confirm the Undergraduate Student Government Senior Staff for the 2023-2024 Academic Year
 - i. McAlpine: I want to introduce the new senior staff. Senior director of allocation is Aryav Yadapadithaya he has experience and can hit the ground running. Alexis Wade couldn't make it tonight, but she will oversee public relations. We saw a gap for the major things that were happening, and we were getting overwhelmed with how to address this info. She used to be on the communications team. Rishabh Mehta is young and new, and we love it. He is a freshman and does a lot with data. He runs a nonprofit and is good at goal tracking.
 - ii. Mason: We released the positions in cabinet and GA they were internal, and we wanted to elevate our own members. We had 9



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members apply. We reviewed applications and interviewed them we asked 4-7 questions and made the decisions from there.

iii. Questions:

1. None

iv. Discussion:

1. Vaishampayan: That was a good explanation
 - a. Motion to move to previous question
 - b. Second
 - c. 23-0-0

v. Voting: 22-0-0

m. Motion to enter executive session

- i. 19-0-0
- ii. Rise and report
- iii. second

n. Introduce emergency resolution 56-R-19: **An Emergency Resolution to**

Oppose Ohio House Bill 68

- i. To bring it to the floor
 1. Questions
 2. Discussion
 3. Vote: 21-0-1
- ii. Peters: HB 68 this would ban transgender care and is a direct attack on transgender youth. It contradicts medical advice. It prevents youth from making choices about their bodies.
- iii. Diaz: I think this is a great resolution and I know many people who would be impacted by the bill.



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iv. Joyce: I agree with senator Diaz. I think it's important to make a formal statement.

1. Questions

a. Vaishampayan: Have you spoken to people on campus

i. Poling: I have spoken to individuals and talked to people who are in groups that have formally condemned the bill.

ii. Bernard: why should the university as an institution?

1. Poling: it specifically impacts college sports.

2. Diaz: OSU has a hospital and if it were to pass it would make a strong statement. Like SB 83

3. Poling: We do have minors who are constituents.

4. Roy: I think having such a large university condemn it would force our representatives to listen.

iii. Schmidt: do you think you have a biased view as we targeted groups?

1. Poling: I think they are the ones who care

2. Peters: they are students no matter what

iv. Deerman: what does condemning mean?



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1. Poling: the university has formally condemned bills before. Passing this is the formal condemning.

2. Discussion

- a. Saini: I think we represent our constituents, so we represent people who have come to us and those who have come to us are against it.
- b. Moskowitz: No one has addressed it within itself, we are trying to make a statement for a community, and I don't think pushing away the bill gives visibility to those against it.
- c. Leedy: I do not think the whole bill would be opposed by the majority of our constituency
- d. Price: I don't think many would disagree with it
- e. Bernard: I don't think this is the university responsibility to intervene in public policy
- f. Senator Nischal: Motion to move to previous questions
 - i. Second
 - ii. Vote 15-4-1

3. Voting: 15-3-3

- o. Move to enter the executive session
 - i. Second
 - ii. 22-0-0
- p. Elections



Alex Poling Speaker

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- i. Health and Safety Legislative Coordinator
 - 1. Shyla Mundudi is appointed
 - ii. Justice and Equity Legislative Coordinator
 - 1. Vaishampayan is elected
- q. Standing Committee Appointments
 - i. Allocations Committee (1)
 - 1. Senator Hickman is elected
 - ii. Oversight Committee (1)
 - 1. Senator Bernard is elected
- IX. Rise and report
- X. Ginsberg: Motion to Adjournment
 - a. Motion passes
 - b. Adjournment: 10:07
 - i. Vacancy Application Elections
 - ii. Presentation of Candidate
 - iii. Discussion of Candidate
 - iv. Appointment Vote on Candidate
 - 1. Kwanisha Broomfield - EHE
 - 2. Aidan Ellis - A&H
 - 3. Jineen Musa - Commuter
 - 4. Catherine Steele - Off Campus
 - 5. Ruth Tesfay - Nursing
 - c. Administration of Oath of Office

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment