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57th General Assembly
Spring 2025, Session 19
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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. 6:33 pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
 - i. 26/28 Present
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
 - i. Korane.3 for Cumming-Vukovic
 - ii. Freidman.644 for Martel
 - iii. Williams.8170 for McCann
- 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. Thank you for passing the budget. Clap clap clap. Appreciate you all for doing that and everything that was said. I know there were concerns, but it does not end in the general assembly, feel free to reach out. I want to take some time to do the oath of office for the new JP members, as confirmed last week. So the justices are now confirmed, congratulations!! I am so very elated that these justices are here. We received an unprecedented 57 applications for USG. We do a smaller recruitment in spring and are seeing these trends continue to grow. We are reaching so many communities and that



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means so much. Off of that, we will be trying 15-minute interviews for people who want to be part of USG, whereas prior we used to only do an application. Also, Justin is sorry he cannot make it, he is sick. But, we will be releasing a safety survey to the student body in a few weeks. This will be delivered to the student body to see where they feel safe, unsafe, etc. This survey was made last year, but unfortunately, it was scheduled to be released on October 7th which would have made very skewed results. It would have been this Friday, but Senate Bill 1, which is a former rendition of Senate Bill 83, is to be heard. We heard from the student body that they disagree with the bill, between 80-90 percent of every single question. In my view, this hurts the student body. DEI makes it possible for people to go to college, to feel safe, it is part of the reason I am here. It bans faculty from striking, which is a big bargaining chip for any line of work. If OSU is trying to keep its standing as a great institution, we want to attract the best faculty, who may not want to be here if they cannot strike. If you have any questions or want to help, let me know. We will be speaking to an admin about climate weather policies given how cold it has been lately. Last year we pushed for the snow day policy to a better point. Now, there are specific things for snow days. Now we are going to push further, since it is easier to go to class online, we could have encouraged online classes when it was so cold. We will push them as much as possible. That is it from me.



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IV. Updates

a. Speaker George Bernard

- i. We have the social at the ice rink next week. Start thinking about resolutions as well.
 1. Cade: Will we be hearing vacancy applications
 2. Bernard: Steering had 8 applications this past week, but decided to table them for now. I guess that there are a lot of candidates going for a few seats. Some people feel that it is not worth our time given what happened last year

b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith

- i. No updates

c. Secretary Lily Evans

- i. Consistency reports will be coming up in a few weeks, so start planning on what you may want to do.
 1. Hickman: Do we have any money for the events?
 2. Evans: No we do not, that was a last-year thing
 3. Migliore: Can we get tablecloths or anything?
 4. McAlpine: Contact Lexi or Sarah and just ask

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

- i. No updates

b. Oversight Committee

- i. We have a resolution on our desk to reform how the budgeting process is done by Senator Cade



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c. Issue Committee Reports

i. Academic Affairs

1. We passed a resolution last week which we will hear this week

ii. Black Caucus

1. No updates

iii. Health and Safety

1. Check the groupme

iv. Governmental Relations

1. We will be hearing the poll workers' resolution today

v. Justice and Equity

1. No updates

vi. Student Affairs

1. We will start up again on the 26th

vii. Sustainability

1. We will be meeting soon

VI. Old Business

a. Justice and Equity Legislative Coordinator Election

i. Motion to enter executive session

1. Motion seconded, motion passes
2. Senator Dobres elected as the Coordinator

ii. Motion to rise and report



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1. Motion seconded, motion passes

VII. New Business

a. 57-R-18: A Resolution to Express the Undergraduate Student Government's Support for Ohio State Students Working at Polling Locations

- i. Dobres: Hello, I am Ethan. If you remember our resolution back in November was about civic engagement, in which we took out the poll worker programs. There are a lot of great statistics about students being poll workers and the great things that can happen as a result. Senator Liu and Prelimintarian Griffith helped a lot, so thank you

1. Bernard: We will go into questions, seeing none we will go into discussion.

- a. Resolution passes unanimously

b. 57-R-21: A Resolution to Urge the University to Support OTL

- i. Cade: Hello everyone, hopefully, you have read through the resolution. OTL has performed in Lawrence Tower for the past 2.5 years. But with the closure, it was unsure that they could perform there. They were told that they could perform but were then told that they could not. Their next show is next week. Their complex sets make it hard for other places to hold them. They have reached out to the music department and they are all booked up. It is unsure if they can continue to perform on campus. They will lose a majority of their funding if they perform off campus. I will read a statement by OTL

1. Bernard: Any questions? We will go into a discussion



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- a. Chaudhary: About this organization, I have a few friends who work with OTL and they love it. They have formed their little family. I'd love to cosponsor.
- b. Hickman: I like this resolution I do have a question, do they have a general idea of where to go?
- c. Cade: there is not any specific space, they want to try the performance hall but it is too expensive. They would need the hall for like a week and a half. We have identified any places that would fit.
- d. Griffith: Is there something that could be available to use SAF money to reserve a space, have you reached out to the expective branch
- e. Cade: I have discussed that to see if that could help
- f. Cummin-Vukovic: What kind of size isLawrencee tower?
- g. Cade: It is about half the size of the Archie Griffin ballroom. They could do whatever they needed in there and it was free of charge, they never needed to find money to reserve rooms.
- h. Liu: Is there a preference to stay in Lawrence Tower?
- i. Cade: No
- j. Hansen: Have you talked to art scholars? So the coordinator would be able to have sway about that as well. They are a theatre group and in the arts scholars scope



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- k. Cade: We have already tried reaching out to the music department and they are already booked up at the same time
- l. Dobres: Where are they planning on having the performance next week?
- m. Cade: Next week will be smaller, but to maintain all of their funding they need to perform in a venue of at least 150 people
- n. Swartly: Why hasn't housing helped them?
- o. Cade: Because of how last minute everything is and their unique needs. In the past, they had damaged something in a performance hall and that is why the performance halls do not want them.
- p. Bernard: Any discussion points?
- q. Dobres: I think this is good and hopefully there is a solution soon
- r. Hansen: I will talk to the arts scholars community and coordinator to see if any solutions can be found
 - i. Resoluition passes unanimously

c. 57-R-22: A Resolution to Update the University's "A" Reporting to the Law School Admission Council

- i. Griffith: Yes, so when I first got into GA was that we did not have different institutions that set ourselves up for institutional advantage. This resolution looks at targeting that. This resolution addresses the grade



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reporting to the LSAC, which weighs their grades on a 4.33 scale, which makes it more difficult for OSU students that weigh on a 4.00 scale. Inherently, going to OSU, which is in the minority of the BIG10 schools that do this, the GPA is deflated. So it brings up another question, does the admissions council that the universities may not weigh their grades a different way,? US NEWS ranks schools partially off on average GPA, and the universities are more inclined to take people with inflated GPAs. This resolution addresses that if a person gets 98-100 percent in a class, that A is converted as an A plus with a 4.33 GPA. Let's make sure we are up to the proper standards. I set this for this specifically to be for pre-law students. Other grad schools do not take pluses into account. I want to create a dynamic to make this as easy as possible for OSU. I want to emphasize that even though it is specified for pre-law, I am open to expanding that to grad schools in general. I have to give a lot of credit to Speaker Bernard. Thank you

1. Cumming-Vukovic: For any other grading scale, you usually have pluses in every other ggrade Why is 98 the cutoff and not 97?
2. Griffith: The LSAC defines 98 as the cutoff. In the interest of making this easier for the university, the percentage would make it easier.
3. Hansen: I do not know why we do not have an A plus if we do have our college of law



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4. Griffith: Part of the reason why we are slow to see change is because all of it is done through the LSAC
5. Bernard: Any discussion points?
6. Cade: As a pre-law student, I am in support of this
7. Griffith: I am open to discussion on opening it up to all students in general. Other universities send transcripts that have notes that show that the student succeeded. Motion to amend the resolution. Strike “registered as pre-law”
 - a. Resolution passes unanimously

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

- a. 7:41 pm