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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. 6:35 pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
 - i. 23/28 present
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
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 - ii. Chomicki.2 for Mudundi
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes Approved

II. Open Forum for the Public

- a. Rossing.1: Hi everyone. I have a few updates. I wanted to express support for the resolution in solidarity with DACA and undocumented students. On Tuesday at 7:30, we will be hosting a town hall about how students feel about SB1. This will be a wonderful opportunity to take that testimony and show our representatives in the statehouse. Also, on Friday the 21st in the Great Hall we will have an international student town hall, which represents 10 percent of the student body. Thursday, February 13th in going to be part of sex week. Thank you.
- b. Wade.635: Hi everyone. I wanted to let you know that this will be my last GA because I have a class starting. You are always welcome to come to my office hours on Thursdays or Sarah's office hours in the hour leading up to the cabinet. Yesterday I sent out the feedback form for SBA and would love it if you could fill it out or send it to people you know



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III. Executive Report

a. President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Justin Robinson

- i. McAlpine: Hi everyone. Back again. I am feeling a lot better than last week. I hope all of you had fun at the social last week. I heard some great things about it. We met with the city council president, he was really awesome. We were able to establish great connections and they have committed to giving one person from their staff to be a liaison to USG. We want to talk about things around the Oval, in which the entire president's cabinet and some vice provosts come and talk in a big circle about things students are facing. Justin and I have already submitted our topics, including campus safety. The scarlet button initiative is bringing AI into the university, which is related to the fact that OSU has so much information but it is not easily accessible at times. It would be a button that has all of this information in one place. On SB1, we will be talking about the student body's worries and getting rid of DEI and the student voting rights on the board of trustees. This bill would eliminate voting rights. If we want to say we are here for students, we have to fight for our right to make our voices heard.
- ii. Robinson: This past weekend we went to OSGS and it is about student governments throughout the region collaborating and exploring different ideas. This year's topic was about passing the torch and advocating at a personal and state level for student needs. Working with admin, DEI, and other information was discussed.



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Overall, it was a great weekend, and I recommend that leadership go again. OSU is a leader here in Ohio and having delegates there is great. We also have a new opening for the OSU foundation board as a student delegate and would be working with volunteers and philanthropists. The deadline is Friday the 28th, please apply if you are interested.

1. Ahmed: Can we get updates on the senior director situation?
2. McAlpine: So, Matt Levine was temporarily suspended from our senior staff after things came up. Others let us know their concerns. We are having an internal investigation where it is going to be us and Sarah as well as possibly George, Anna, and the chief justice just so we can come together and venture to answer what happened and if those actions went against our standards. We will come up with a collaborative decision.
3. Dobres: Could you elaborate on the allegations and the timetable?
4. McAlpine: I am not going to go into detail, but it has nothing to do with the law or anything like that. By Friday, this group will get together and meet once or twice in the coming weeks. The consultation does not tell us to do this but we want to make this as collaborative as possible.



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5. Migliore: My understanding is that there is a backlog of briefs. Seeing as there are several standing rules being broken, what is going to be done to address this?
6. McApline: One big thing that we told them was that last semester things were not getting done and there was a roadblock to get JP members on the panel. But they are ready and able to start reaching out to people that have put in cases. Right now their number 1 priority is looking at all of the signatures and after that, they are only going to work on those cases.

IV. Updates

a. Speaker George Bernard

- i. Not a whole lot going on. I am not singling anyone out. USG election talk is not allowed in here or any USG places. Any actions that contradict this will be addressed. We are entering election season and there needs to be a separation.

b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith

- i. Senator Ahmed brought up a point to me. There are rules about introducing a motion during debate. If you are going into a debate, you cannot speak and then have a motion, but you can add some explanation.

c. Secretary Lily Evans

- i. A reminder that constituency reports are due soon, here in a week. I will be sending out the template. Please let me know if you have any



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questions, or if you simply just need an extension. Also, sickness is going around, so please just let me know if you are sick and cannot make it.

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

- i. We saw 19 applications, we approved 9 of these and denied the rest. 3 are still pending follow-ups we have spent 10,073 dollars. If you have any questions, reach out to me

b. Oversight Committee

- i. Our resolution got pulled today but we will see that too

c. Issue Committee Reports

i. Academic Affairs

1. No updates

ii. Black Caucus

1. No updates

iii. Health and Safety

1. No updates

iv. Governmental Relations

1. No updates

v. Justice and Equity

1. Excited to see the resolution tonight. Also got to meet Anna last week

vi. Student Affairs

1. Excited to present our research as well



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vii. Sustainability

1. No updates

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. 57-R-24: A Resolution to Enhance Commuter Student Resources, Security, and Engagement

- i. Valencia: Good evening. As senators, our goal is to represent all students including commuters, who face unique challenges. This resolution advocates for improved commuter spaces, increased security to those lounges, and community-building events. A virtual platform like a groupme. The goal is to make commuters feel included, relaxed, and able to focus. This is able to build an inclusive, connected campus where they can thrive. They drive to feel part of their community. This is a step forward to show commuters that they belong. Let us continue to make OSU feel welcome and supported by commuters
- ii. Ahmed: We only have 1 space in the union. It is not go for those not near the union, so expanding that to multiple spaces, preferably 24 hours.
- iii. McCann: Thank you for this resolution. I love the nature of it. I am a little concerned about the part of the resolution where it says to use USG discretionary funds.
- iv. Bernard: That is not the most updated version. Let me look at that. You can strike it when we get to the discussion
- v. McCann: Can you elaborate on these spaces about how commuters utilize the space



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- vi. Valencia: It is supposed to be closed and used by buckIDs, however one of the doors is able to be opened, so this resolution wants the space to be available to only commuters and to increase safety
- vii. McCann: I move to strike the line on USG discretionary funds
 - 1. Motion taken as friendly
- viii. Bernard: We will go into voting
 - 1. Resoluion passes unanimously
- b. 57-R-25: A Resolution to Support Ohio State Students Who Are DACA Recipients or Undocumented
 - i. Valencia: We made a commitment to fight for every student. This resolution to support DACA or Undocumented students is a testimony ftothat. For these students, college is ffullof fear that can make it harder. They face policies that make their existence more dangerous. Never knowing when the next court ruling will upend ththeirives. They are Buckeyes just like us. They live in constant anxiety for a variety of reasons. This resolution is our response to those challenges. At its core, it reflects our mission to advocate for all students. This is not a political issue, this is a student issue. It establishes a Know your rights guide, access to legal aid and mental health resources, and encourages workshops with the Center for belonging and Social Change. The resource will be provided in multiple languages. Passing this is a steptowardo making OSU a safer and more proactive university. I encourage you to all pass the resolution.



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- ii. Ahmed: USG represents all students including DACA and Undocumented students. International students, students with undocumented parents, and Native Americans are being picked up by ICE. Knowing your rights is integral at the moment. Please vote for it.
- iii. McApline: Is there a Spanish version of this resolution to be passed?
- iv. Valencia: There is not, but I can make one
- v. Dobres: Do you have any information on how many students are DACA students
- vi. Valencia: The university cannot disclose that information
- vii. Bernard: We will go into voting
 - 1. Resolution passes unaimouly
- viii.

VIII. Announcements

- a. McApline: Lexi will be on the committee as well. Love you all

IX. Adjournment

- a. 7:19