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### **I. Opening**

- a. Call to Order: 6:30pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
- e. Approval of Minutes

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

- a. Nigel Gore.153: The Black History Month Gala is tonight and we would love for everyone to make it and learn about Black History and how it pertains to USG.

### **III. Executive Report**

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

#### McAlpine:

We had our presentation to the Office of Academic Affairs today for the Scarlet Button and it went overwhelmingly well, they were highly receptive of our input. We're hoping to get the university to invest in AI at a high level. We were prototyping what's already made, and it is amazing. So far, you can ask it to talk about Ohio State mental health services in German and it'll do it. You can ask about what prerequisites are for a certain class or major and it'll do it in Mandarin or in English or anything. And this is only just the beginning. This was done in six weeks' worth of time with very little money invested. If we can get the university to invest some money in this, this will change Ohio State. This is a direct quote from a member of the Chief Information officers' team in ODI. He told us that this is the same kind of equivalent to a major organizational shift. If Ohio



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State decides to invest in this, that it is comparable to when they decided to invest in the Internet and like bringing all the research and things like that through the Internet and not just doing facts. So this is amazing. We're really, really excited.

### Mason:

We'll keep you updated if we need a resolution or something from you all once we get more of the tasks in order, so thanks for all your support. Also, there's a bunch of things happening in motion in the organization. It's just important that we conduct ourselves at the highest level and that you continue to be close with one another. USG can be very intense sometimes, so just be sure to lean on one another in times of need. Midterms are coming up. Things are getting hectic and stressful, and one of the things that I love about USG is that I found my best friends here, who I can really trust and lean on when times get hard. I hope that you're forming those relationships among yourselves as well and that when things get stressful in school and life that you have people.

### McAlpine:

Just like Nigel said, The Black History Month Gala will be happening. I really think you all should go to that. This is a big thing that we do within USG and this is the third year that we're doing it. We're having Chief Judge Marbley come in. He's the chief judge appointed by President Clinton. He is the chief judge for the Southern District of Ohio. He's the first black Chief and one of the first black judges in the federal court system. He's really amazing and I think you all should come.

- Q: Diaz: With Speaker Poling's recent resignation, how does that affect the CBRC committee?
- A: Mason: CBRC right now has 2 vacancies and one of them should be filled by next week. We had a Non-USG member apply and I'll be interviewing him in the



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following days, looking like a great prospect. That does mean that one of you all in this room right now is going to have to fill the GA seat on the CBRC. It's actually really interesting, and you get a lot of say in what the organization will do in the future, but again, you cannot operate in the organization after your own position, so just keep that in mind. If you're not planning on running next year, I recommend you reach out to me because we do need someone to fill that seat, and if we don't have someone to fill that seat, then the next Vice President has to begin this process again.

### McAlpine:

I understand that USG can be very daunting because we are here to represent the voice of 60,000 students. It's very hard to do that. I know I had to take a mental health break yesterday from our cabinet meeting. I wasn't there, but I just had to take a little bit of a break. I understand it can be hard sometimes, so if you need anything at all, please let us know. We are here to represent not only you all, but all of your constituencies. We know you guys are trying to serve the student body as well, but again, you are students first. Of course you do amazing work. You write amazing resolutions. We do a lot of great stuff in this organization, but just remember we are people first and just know we love you guys.

## **IV. Updates**

### *a. Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters*

#### Peters:

I know you all are probably all aware, but Alex resigned so I would be training until the new speaker is elected. Other than that, our only parliamentarian update is oversight passed the resolution. By tonight I'll finally get those minutes out.

### *b. Secretary Sarah Schmidt*



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### Schmidt:

The website has the most up to date agenda and minutes for steering and GA; however I am missing session 5, session 10, and session 11 minutes for steering. If you have them I would greatly appreciate you sending them my way. I am working with Parliamentarian Peters to get oversight agendas on the website as well. I am taking over the constituency funding issues that former Speaker Poling was dealing with. Please bear with me while I catch up and figure out answers. You will not be penalized if you have not submitted one yet. I went through and updated the spreadsheet with who has turned in constituency reports and will work to get those added to the website by Friday. If you have any concerns or questions about that let me know. And if you think you submitted it but it's not marked also please let me know. I was asked by members of senior staff to remind you of the Black History Month Gala happening this Thursday. It will be a great opportunity to learn and experience one of USG's annual events. There will be food provided and no cost to attend. I will be going so if you don't wanna go alone I'd be happy to go with you. I can't stress enough how important it is to attend other events put on by USG to fully get a sense of what we are capable of and the advocacy work we do. Plus it's always fun to get dressed up! Here is the QR code! Reach out to me with any questions and I can get you answers

### **V. Committee Reports**

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

Diaz: We met on Sunday at 3:00 PM and funded 5 student organizations as SDA Yadapadithaya expected. Our applications did go down in numbers and we expect them to continue going down so we should be able to cover everything until the end of. This until spring break which is great, that's our plan. We have been following our updated



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bylaws with the \$1500 limit and we are being ever more careful to ensure we are within them.

### b. Oversight Committee

Peters: We passed the resolution you will be seeing today by Senator Bernard

### c. Issues Committees

#### i. Academic Affairs

No updates

#### ii. Black Caucus

No updates

#### iii. Governmental Relations

No updates

#### iv. Health and Safety

Mudundi: We met with the senior director in the Office of Student Life, Housing and Residence Education, and also the Director of Risk and Emergency Management. We talked about new resolutions entailing safety- like the housing contract, ways to update that. Tomorrow during our meeting, we will be talking about that.

#### v. Justice and Equity

No updates

#### vi. Student Affairs

Hickman: We will see a resolution that Senator Walkup sponsored as well as Senator Deerman. Senator Littlejohn also just dropped a resolution. We'll see how long we go tonight. I think my preference would be to get it done tonight just so we can have it on Steering's agenda for Sunday, but we can also talk about it after the meeting.

#### vii. Sustainability



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No updates

Schmidt: motion to enter executive session

Motion passes

### **VI. Speaker Election**

Sarah Schmidt is elected as the Speaker of the 56<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

19-4-2

Mykenna Roy is elected as the Secretary of the 56<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

uncontested

### **VII. Old Business**

- a. Oversight Vacancy
- b. **56-R-33: A Resolution to Amend the Organizational Bylaws to Improve Article 1 Section 2**

Bernard:

The resolution is calling for an improvement to Section 2, which governs the Emissary state process as it currently exists, in my opinion. I think that it's poorly written. It's really vague and it doesn't allow for representation of moderately small groups because this body has repeatedly shown hesitancy to allow groups like aviation students, CCP students, and non-degree seeking students to have a seat because they're so small. We don't want to give them a vote because it would be so disproportionate. My amendments to Appendix A in the bylaws are going to allow for greater representation in this body and more flexibility when giving additional representation to groups that are already underrepresented. Really, it just goes through the fact that we need 2/3 vote for this to pass today. Any improvements that are made to that system won't go into effect until the summer of 2025 if they're instituted by CBRC, which currently is paralyzed and won't do



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anything. So if we are going to improve the Emissary seat, we really are going to have to do it through amending the bylaws through this package of amendments.

Section 2 of this amendment looks fairly similar to what the section looks like now with a number of changes. For section A I explicitly say that it's for large academic or non-academic groups that the General Assembly feels are underrepresented. In oversight, we debated and settled upon creating a floor for the number of people that Emissary needs to represent and we set that at 150. I'm open to debating that today and there's consensus that it needs to be higher or lower. I'm perfectly happy to take some friendly amendments to be able to change that to find a nice number that everybody thinks is good.

Another concern that I addressed in Section 2 of part A is that I'm going to require that there be a petition that accompanies the resolution with 15 signatures, and it requires that they be undergraduate students, right? We don't want postgrad students signing this, it just doesn't really make much sense for the Undergraduate Student Government, and then students that are currently in USG can't sign it, just trying to avoid some branch of government conflict and conflict of interest there

Section 3, I'm actually going to make a friendly amendment to change it from the speaker being responsible from sending guidelines to the steering committee, just to try and alleviate any concerns preemptively about too much concentration of power with the speaker. In this issue, section A part 3 addresses that.

We need 3/4 of all present so abstentions essentially counted as no. We need 3/4 of people present. It lowers that bar down to 2/3, which really just makes a lot of sense because it only takes 2/3 to amend the bylaws so requiring 3/4 for emissaries is this arbitrary threshold that's way higher than it needs to be, and just setting it in line with



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2/3 is really consistent with pretty much every other thing in the bylaws, and so creating some uniformity there would be nice.

And then it just specifies this is copy and pasted from the current advisory section that elections take place in the same manner that they do for vacancies. Section 2 Part A stipulates that emissaries always expire at the end of the General Assembly term of which they were created. Because of some concerns that have been raised, I'm going to make a friendly motion to make this go into effect on April 1st of this year to alleviate any concerns that this affects current emissaries Walker, Mathebula, or Joyce.

Part 2 Section C states they retain full rights of speech, debate and enfranchisement within the General Assembly. And then this is not explicitly stated in the bylaws as of now, but it will be with this package section. It says that Emissaries will be allowed to sponsor and Co-sponsor legislation. They'll be held to the same attendance standards as senators. Straight from the bylaws as they currently exist, they're required to submit constituency reports and removal if necessary takes place in the same manner as it does for Senators.

Section Three, this is unique and this is brand new. I copied this style of delegate essentially from the US Congress. So in the US Congress, the five delegates that represent the five inhabited territories in the United States. Puerto Rico, Guam, etc., can vote in committee but not on the House floor. I essentially modeled a delegate seat in the General Assembly directly after that. So delegates may serve in the General Assembly and represent small academic or non-academic groups that the body feels are underrepresented. But compared to the Emissary seat, the threshold is much lower. They just need to represent 25 people because it's a much smaller constituency. The petition that accompanies that just requires 6 signatures and has the same stipulations





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that the Emissary seat stipulations are. The General Assembly can create a delegate seat with  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the General Assembly members present, so the same threshold that it would be for emissaries. Delegates shall always expire at the end of the General Assembly year. Delegates shall retain full rights of speech and debate within the General Assembly. Notice that there's no enfranchisement. Delegates shall not be allowed to vote in the General Assembly. Delegates shall be allowed to sponsor and cosponsor legislation. Delegates shall not be required to attend every meeting. However, they must be in attendance for no less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of meetings during a semester. So because they're representing a small group and that group doesn't necessarily have something at stake in every General Assembly meeting, this seems unreasonable to require them to attend every single meeting. Lowering the standard for that, the number of meetings that they attend just seems sort of reasonable on their part, and is respecting their time. There are plenty of meetings where they'll be coming, and there's nothing at stake since they can't vote. Requiring them to go to every meeting just seems a little disrespectful to their time. But there's a stipulation in there that the speaker can compel A delegate to attend the meeting. So if there's something really important regarding that delegate, the speaker may compel them to come to that meeting. They must give the delegate notice 48 hours in advance with writing.

And then absences for periods of time shall constitute grounds for removal of office. That applies to everybody else, but because of section F I wanted to specify that directly just to say, you know, if you are missing certain periods of time, you can't use section F there as an excuse to say that you shouldn't have attendance standards be applied to you, and because they're representing small groups, it's essentially assumed that they're



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already in close contact with those groups, and so exempting them from constituency rewards. It's a courtesy to them. You know, we don't need to waste their time.

Section H says delegates shall be limited to serving on one issue committee, and it just requires half of the General Assembly to allow them on an issues committee and they're allowed to vote on issues committees. So if there's a particular group that they're representing and there's a committee that really focuses on issues that that affects their groups, they're allowed to be on that committee pending 1/2 approval from the General Assembly and they can vote on that committee.

That is my overview of the bylaws that I'm proposing here. As I've said before, I'm open to amending things here. If you see something you're not comfortable with, please speak up and I'm happy to have people debate it, have a discussion develop, and I will take from the amendments on this. Just a reminder, I'm going to make it so that the Steering committee has to set guidelines and approve petitions for delegates and emissaries, and I'm going to make this go into effect on April 1st just to make sure that this is not affecting the current senators.

**Q:** Are the delegates only having 25 constituents?

**A:** It could be something like CCP, it could be Aviation. I didn't set a cap on delegates so you could have a delegate representing 200 students. Even though that's above the bar for an emissary, there's not a strict box between. Once you reach a certain amount, then you go into Emissary territory. So even if that delegate is representing maybe 200 people like CCP student, so I'm not really sure how many there are, so even if there's five CCP students that could still be represented by A delegate and this allows the General Assembly a lot more discretion on finding an appropriate solution to filling in those gaps of coverage in our current representation.



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Q: Attendance clarification

A: There's similar languages used throughout the bylaws for other removal and attendance standards. There isn't an exact formula on like 3 meetings or seven meetings. It's just what the General Assembly deems as being unreasonable.

Q: One of the things that I kind of advocated for when I joined was having representation for pre health students. Do you think that is a constituency that could be represented by an emissary seat?

Q: Bernard: I'm kind of unfamiliar with pre health students. I'm sorry. Can you just elaborate a little more on the size of this group? To provide me context to answer your question.

A: It's pretty big. I can't give you an exact number, which is why I kind of wanted your opinion on if you think that would be a group that would be well represented. I can't really give you an exact number, but it is a big chunk. And just barely covered by a college already.

A: It would be based on their major, so regardless of whatever pre professional track they're on, it depends on their major, but I think that being on a pre professional track you do deviate from your major as well, so it's not necessarily the same thing. But I would say that it would kind of be divided into specifics like pre Med, pre dental, pre law. I think groups like that would be perfect for the delegates. I mean, this is my personal opinion. It's up to the body to decide in cases like this, right? So that's what's beautiful about this, is that it really gives us a lot of expression, but groups like that, they're already covered with the Living Area Senator and College senator. But if we say the pre law students have a really unique experience, we could advocate giving them a delegate even though they're already represented in the two areas. But because of that



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unique experience, we could give them a delegate seat and allow them to have input on resolutions, sponsor resolutions, and join academic pairs or whatever other committee they deem is appropriate to focusing on representing their students and their constituency. I think that's really exemplifies why this is really helpful in a lot of cases.

Q: When we add those seats, is that like a whole other process? Or are you going to kind of predetermine what seats are?

A: The way that it works now is that you introduce a resolution that creates an Emissary seat to the Oversight Committee and it goes straight to the floor here, so it would be the same process, right? Oversight is still going to retain jurisdiction over emissaries, and then it will also gain delegates as another area of jurisdiction. The other stipulation is that you're going to have a petition that goes along with it that's approved by steering on sort of a separate track. If you wanted to maybe give that to oversight, It's essentially the same thing as introducing resolution. It's the same process. That process isn't going to change with this. It's just adding a second option.

Q: Walkup: My question isn't really aimed so much at Senator Bernard about the proposed resolution, it's more so that I represent a constituency that only has 45 members. Like with these current emissary guidelines. We see that you're supposed to have 150 to be an emissary in these new changes. Why am I an emissary?

A: The bylaws currently do not have any limitations on the number of students that you must represent. So this is this is just a proposal to the organizational bylaws. Currently, there's no limitations on how many students you have to represent. So we're going to create it so that it's not going to affect your seat for this current 56th General Assembly. But if you were to come back next year, you'd be a delegate just because of where the



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numbers are. Now, if we were to move them then that could change. But right now, as the numbers stand, you would be a delegate next year, so you wouldn't have the right to vote on the floor. But you would have the right to vote still committee.

Q: Davis: My question relates to where you mentioned the numbers and I think directly after it mentioned that emissaries represent no less than 150 undergraduate students. You then mentioned non degree seeking and CCP. Would those fall under undergraduate students? If you are CCP and non-degree seeking?

A: So yes, from my understanding, they still are undergraduate students. They're enrolled in undergraduate classes, they're so non degree and some of them live in undergraduate housing. No, I'm getting some head checks. Maybe I need some clarification on this and maybe we need some modification of the wording, if that's incorrect. Yeah, I think we'll talk about that more in discussion.

Q: Joyce: In your amendment, you specified emissaries represent academic or non-academic. That's a slight change of language. Is there precedent for academic emissary seats? Because the three that are standing right now are non-academic so is there a need to specify academic or non academic?

A: I honestly I couldn't find anything within, like recent history. The archives are kind of sketchy going back and it's kind of hard to find some stuff, but so within like the last few years, I haven't seen anything. But I think that that. We've kind of in recent years interpreted just we've never done that in the past as we should never do this in the future. But if you look at the violence, there is literally nothing to say one way or the other. And I think that it's really important, especially in later, more discussion a few weeks ago about CCP students getting a necessary seat or not new receiving students getting, , some sort of seat on the table. I really think that it's important that we specify



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that academic seats are a possibility just to dispel the notion that Emissary seats are never to be academic seats, which is nowhere to be found in the bylaws themselves. So, having that in text is important to senators for years that aren't here for this discussion now.

Q: Price: Are you really tied to the hard threshold of the number or would you think about including, like that's what you have to get to steering. But say the speaker at her discretion would be allowed to implement the new Emissary seat for less than 150 people to have an emissary seat. Would you add language to say 150 signatures, or the discretion of the speaker, like could the speaker at her discretion, be able to add it an emissary seat? So that groups that are small but maybe fit the bylaws and an emissary like Native Americans would be able to still have that voting right.

A: I'm kind of torn on that. I think I'd love to hear more discussion on that throughout the body. I'm not going to say yes or no, I'm kind of open to it, but I think that it might kind of defeat the purpose. Like I think you might as well just kind of delete the whole Section I. If you're going to do that because it's kind of self-defeating at that point. But I mean, if people are really, really opposed to sending any number of any type, then I'm open to that. But I think that it's important to not have somebody representing 20 students, thirty students and have one vote when, for example, Senator Diaz here is representing 4000. Having that much of a disparity is unfair, and giving people that much power is not necessary. I think that giving somebody a delegacy is still a very powerful position. You still get to talk in the General Assembly, and you still get to vote in committee. Not voting on the floor doesn't mean that you don't have a major impact on legislation going to the General Assembly. We've heard many times throughout this,



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session or just the 56th General Assembly that if one person makes one point, it shifts half the room. So just because they can speak gives them a lot of sway in this area and I think that having some sort of floor vote may be important, but I'm open to seeing how things go.

Q: Hickman: First off, Senator Bernard. Thank you for presenting such a detailed resolution. It's super well organized, easy to read, and I appreciate it. I'd also like to commend you on bringing something back that has been tabled before. I think it's awesome. That being said, how are we not silencing the voices of the disenfranchised and preventing a core constituency here, one that we read the land acknowledgement for every meeting, both in this Chamber and other chambers and at the bottom of every school, just like how are we not disenfranchising that?

A: What I would say in response to that is that if you believe it is that important, then I think that it should go into the bylaws because I think that if it is as important as what you're saying, I'm not going to really take position one way or the other. But if it's, if Native American students and having their voices represented we have that land, knowledge and statement, if it's that important, then we should build it into our bylaws the same way Black Rock this is built into our miles. I think that like creating an Emissary seat and kind of manipulating the text of it to try and create this permanent Emissary seat in this weird work around of the bylaws, rather than just creating a seat in the bylaws for Native American students, I think that you'd be much better off just creating an S or a permanent seat in the bylaws for Native American students. If you're worried about disenfranchising in that manner because I think that an Emissary seat and in this proposal of delegate seat is that the General Assembly identifies the specific gap in representation that year. Let's fill that. If we say that Native American students





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need a permanent representative in the General Assembly, then put it in the bylaws. And right now, it's actually easier to do that than it is to create an emissary seat because it requires 3/4 of Members present as of now to create a emissary seat where it's only 2/3 to just put a Native American seat through the bylaws. Like, if it's that important and it's really essential to the core of USG and the General Assembly. Amend one of the bylaws, since that's not what emissary seats are made to do.

Q: Broomfield: My question is if someone who wants to be an emissary or someone who wants to be a delegate, how would their specific group ensure they have a certain number of students?

A: So as it says here, when the resolution to establish an emissary seat is introduced it must provide evidence that the proposed seat will directly represent no less than 100 and 50 residences. So I mean for Senator Walkup's emissary seat, since she knows that she represents 45 students, when you have this identified group, it should be easy to identify how many students. I can tell you how many students take a particular major or how many students are in a specific identity or demographic group. It shouldn't be that difficult to provide evidence of some sort. And even if the evidence is loose, then you fall back on the required signatures. You form that petition to supplant we have the demand for this seat.

Q: Broomfield: So it's kind of like a loose number around 150, and as long as they get the 15 signatures, they're OK?

A: Let me clarify. So it's not a hard number, but what I'm saying is you provide evidence that you have that number. You need to have that evidence, but it shouldn't be that difficult to find for a delegacy you can walk around and find 25 of a certain group that you need to and it's also for tiny Native American students, you can go to native OSU for





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finding different identity groups. There are generally clubs or a lot of these people are involved in and you can contact those organizations to find what their membership roster looks like. I don't foresee this being a major barrier to creating emissary or delegate seats.

Q: Diaz: With these signatories, how are we going to be enforcing whether they're from that, that proposed constituency, I guess or that underrepresented group, and how are we going to like that at this moment of it? Being proposed, it's like. It's kind of said that you can essentially have 15 of anybody to create an emissary. See how are we? Are we trying to enforce that? And why? Why is that bar of signature is so low compared to anything else?

A: So first off, to address your one of your points, it isn't anybody. In fact, it says the resolution must be accompanied by a petition from the under-represented group with a minimum of 15 signatures. I came up with 15 simply as 10% of 150. I figured finding 10% of this 150 people is a fairly reasonable number. And then for the 25 I just did six it's a little bit arbitrary. There an exact science, it's more just like, what's a reasonable number here. And that's for us to debate when we go into discussion, what is a reasonable number signatures on this situation? And then for your question of, like, how do we enforce that? One is that the steering committee decides, they have their own rules on how to enforce things, but it's also a large degree of trust from one senator from the other. You have to at some level just trust that they are being faithful on their word.

Diaz:

In oversight, we decided that 150 would be a better representative. Not everyone was in the oversight meeting that day, so we really wanted to see what the other senators on the



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floor had to say about this. We thought it was a was a pretty good thing to discuss here on the floor with more people present so that that was our rationale for passing this. Just to let you guys know.

### Evans:

We got to give Senator Bernard props. I mean, this is a great idea and it helps a big problem that we have had in the GA so far. I particularly do like the delegate portion, which I think although we begin the discussion about there being no vote with delegates. I think that makes complete sense given the fact that we don't want one seat to completely skew the vote, the guess the vote of another senator who represents a vast, vastly larger number of students. Although I agree that we definitely should have a discussion about some of the numbers within the resolution I think that in of itself, we should make sure that we do our very best to pass this bill, because this resolution, because it's a great idea. I love it, that's all.

### Leedy:

So actually going off of Senator Evans, I do also think this resolution is great for representation, but I would like to talk about some of the numbers on here. I think in in many cases there is no certain way to know how many people are in a certain group, because a lot of the groups that we're talking about in this that are like very small numbers are often discriminated against, or it could be unsafe for them to publicly identify themselves as that in a way that we could easily find those numbers. So I think that for the delegacy, I don't think we should put a minimum amount because of that reason, 25 is already a pretty low number and I just think that the senator that makes the resolution and then the steering committee and then the body as a whole can determine if that is a large enough constituency that needs a delegate seat and then also



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for the emissary. I personally expected there to be more than Senator to Walkup's 45 Native American students, undergraduate students. So I think there may be other constituencies where we expect them to be more than they actually are. So they are very underrepresented. So I think that 150 should also be under the 45, that way in the future if we don't get a resolution to make a permanent necessary seat made of Native American students, that there can be a constituency report brought up every year. Because I think that's very important and there's also probably other groups with similar numbers that. Could very well use an emissary seat. I can motion.

Motion to amend 150 seats to 25 and to strike the 25 requirement for delegates:

Q: Price: I was about to make a point about this legislation itself, but I will say on this, I do feel like lowering that number that much does kind of defeat the entire point. But why 25? Because I don't know what group would have under 25.

A: Leedy: I said 25 just as going over out there. I do think it should be a little bit lower than the 45 just because the numbers can change a little bit about the years. And I just want to make sure that this particular emissary seat would be protected in the future. I'd be open to amending the motion, I think to a different number, but I just wanted it to be lower than the 45 in this particular example.

Q: Hickman: Would it be to say that's what you're trying to do here, right? Lowering the number is to develop a happy middle ground with other points made earlier about making sure that we can protect the roads that are rights of some of the like the less populated student groups such as Native American students. And the intention of you ordering this number



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specifically to increase representation and protect the seats of groups like Native American students.

A: Leedy: Yeah, I think that just setting trying to use what is already precedent as any services and making sure that this doesn't go against that precedent, as I agree with the precedent.

Q: Davis: So not necessarily directed towards the senator, I'm open to hearing from anyone. Is there an example of another group who would fall near 25 students to be represented by an emissary seat? As Senator Bernard mentioned? People are covered by both living and college. I know that the Native American group is very important, as we've highlighted in our reading of the land acknowledgement, but other than that group, is there any other groups that we can foresee following around that 25 number immediately?

A: Bernard: I do not foresee any other groups being that small.

Q: Bernard: So this is directed to the chair. Given that emissary seats are meant to sort of temporary measures to fill in representation where there isn't any, and you stated in your amendment that you essentially intend to just perpetually create an adversary seat for Native American students every year, why is it better to create an emissary seat every year rather than just? Putting it in the bylaws.

A: Leedy: So I didn't say that like I personally like intend for this to be like the main. Reason, but I like at this point we don't have it in the bylaws and we don't know if it will be put in the bylaws to create a permanent emissary seat. So I think it's just better to make the protection now than just assume it's going to happen in the future.



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Q: Bernard: I guess have a follow up to the chair. Do you think that it is fair that 45 students have equal representation to Over 2000 that are already covered by a living area, senator and college senator. So they have representation.

A: Leedy: I think if the general body if a single senator plus the sharing committee plus the general body, believes that it is right that a group that's small gets an emissary seat, then I think that that discretion in the future. But right now, if we're considering the example that I stated, yes.

Braziel:

First of all, I think that with this motion it essentially. Takes away the delegate stuff which has no business, but also I don't think that we should be trying to do any that are not for historically unrepresented peoples of any nature. It does not matter. No, it doesn't. This takes away from the entire system of what we currently have and how we look at the Emissary seat as an idea. And so I don't think this is the right decision and I'm strongly against it.

Walkup:

Mainly my reason for speaking, I was actually meaning to answer a question given by Senator Davis, where she basically asked the body if there's another group that's kind of like Native American students and that they have a really small population here. Now I'll give the example of Pacific Islander students. They're they have a smaller population, but even like Native American students on campus, I can't give you an exact number, I've been trying to find the number, but I do know that.

Broomfield:



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I would like to amend the motion to have required 25 undergraduate students for an emissary, but 10 for delegates. And can I explain why? I look to motion to amend the end of the going on right now, right to change the delegates to 10 and keep the emissaries at 25. I just think since we're requiring 6 signatures for the delegates, there should at least be like some number of people that need to be represented. And I think it's. I'd like I'd like the three a part where it says that. The basically all of it where it talks about the small academic or non-academic groups and it specifies they're underrepresented in the General Assembly and I think we should keep all of that in there and just change it to 10 so that it makes sense that we're asking for signatures.

Motion to require 25 undergraduate signatures for an emissary, and 10 for a delegate:

Braziel:

Motion to previous question:

Motion passes with majority of 7

Motion passes 6-3-7

Joyce:

I think in part we're getting a little bogged down by the numbers of it all in our discussion of this. I understand that the point of this is to compensate for under representation. So the idea of a body. We have 45, 60, however, many people having what I believe Senator referred to as triple representation, but it is an intentional move to compensate for the fact that there's not satisfactory representation within the body, so it's in my role as an emissary. It was deemed when the seat was created that there was not sufficient representation of disabled



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people. Amongst the pre-existing senators. And so I'm here to compensate for that. And so I think that triple representation or whatever you want to call it is on purpose.

Roy:

I would like to say that I'm against this motion entirely, I think the whole point of this resolution is to bring fairness and equality amongst those who are being represented in the General Assembly. I think that if there are colleges who have certain numbers of students that they represent, I don't think that emissaries should be significantly lower than that, especially since they have full voting rights. I think that we should look at the college with the smallest number of students and then have emissaries be a number that is similar to that. I think that 150 is the perfect number. So I'm extremely against this motion. And I think that this motion could be disregarding the entire point of this resolution, so that that we should keep it how it was originally written or do something that is not lower than 100.

Bernard:

So to address a couple points that have been made previously, firstly a couple of reasons that I really support having it say at 150 and then I'm going to move on to just an alternative proposal that we can bounce around. I think one reason that we really have to have a high ish number is that when a group is coming to the general assembly and if that group is 50 people, we could give them a delegate seat or a emissary seat and it's going to be really, really hard for people to actually vote for a delegate seat because it's going to feel like we're voting no against representing them. Part of the reason that you want a high number is that you don't allow the General Assembly to be peer pressured by special interest groups and giving them



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an Emissary seat when they are really small and don't deserve that vote on the Senate floor when they have such small numbers that they're actually representing. I genuinely believe that having a high number for an emissary seat is a reasonable thing to do, because we don't want overrepresentation. I genuinely believe that like next year, Senator Walkup should be a delegate. I don't think that we should have a senator representing 45 people when I'm representing thousands of students. And many other people here represent thousands of students. I think that it like, fundamentally, it's unfair, and it gives them more votes. Senator Diaz was talking about a hypothetical Pacific Islander seat, which is representing 30 people. So you could have two senators representing a cumulus of 75 people, which are outvoting individual people that are representing over 1,000 people. That's fundamentally unfair and skews the votes of this General Assembly in a way that is, I think unacceptable. But with that said, I am open to an amendment, so I'm going to oppose this amendment. But if somebody wanted to make an amendment that made it so that an emissary may not represent a number of students less than the smallest college, I would be open to that. Because I think that that would be a fair, moderate solution that if necessary, is never representing a smaller number of students than the smallest college. But I'm going to oppose any motion that sets that number any lower than that.

Motion to amend the current motion to 2)A)i) to say no less than the smallest college represented in the General Assembly

Diaz: Point of Information

The smallest college is 143 students in the College of Medicine.

Roy:





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I am extremely in favor of this motion, especially since the number will likely change a little bit by however many students there may be in those colleges in the coming years. I think that that is extremely fair and reasonable and it should set emissaries at the same level as the smallest college. The point of emissaries is to uplift those underrepresented voices, but with the new delegate proposition, that would do the same exact thing, just without the voting rights. And I think that is more than sufficient as well.

### Leedy:

I would just like to restate my intention for my original motion. I do believe that groups like who Senator Walkup is representing should have an Emissary seat with a vote on the floor and not a delegate seat, which was the main intention behind my original motion, and I hope that I'm repeating Senator Joyce's point correctly in saying that I think this over representation is intentional with Emissary seats and that saying that they should represent the smallest college, while it is around the same figure as it sits right now and the resolution I think that I don't really understand how that applies, because it's supposed to make up for the fact that there is already a representation. And not to just create the same representation as other groups it's to make up for it, so it should be a different standard.

### Hickman:

So again, I'm very proud of you for bringing this back up I genuinely believe it is a really good resolution, but I am going to have to vote against it, solely because of the order of things. So if we're going to go the route of baking into our bylaws protections for the three emissary seats that we have right now,



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I'm in. I will Co-sponsor or help sponsor. That sounds great. But because that's not done first, I can't effectively sit here and vote to demote Senator Walkup and then and others. I've seen the work that she has done. I understand as a concept, I mean, Senator Roy I'm also going to disagree with you. A delegate is not the same as an emissary. We see this in the US Congress, which is what this system is based off of, we see the big debates about DC statehood, right, and how, like literally where the nations capital is, they're not getting the representation they need. They have a delegate named Eleanor Norton Holmes, but like she sits there and in committee, she does her best. She advocates as much as she can, but they're still not getting the same representation. So I don't think that the amendment to change the numbers is the correct way to go because I do understand the point. But it's just like I can't be conscious to that. So that's why I'll be voting no.

### Broomfield:

I also am leaning more towards disagreeing with this just because I wouldn't want to move the emissaries that we have now to delegates and I think if we're going to keep the number at 150 or a high number like 140 or comparing it to academic groups. And we're talking about representing academic or non-academic groups. I don't think we should be comparing it to like the size of the non-academic groups to the size of the academic groups because we are I mean. We're a university and we have certain groups here that are larger than other groups and emissaries are supposed to represent the underrepresented groups.

### Davis:



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I have to say I really strongly support the amendment to change it to be equivalent to the smallest college. I feel like that's the biggest stride we could make as far as fairness and the amount of people that are being represented by each vote and I also want to say I think it's a great idea to bring in the delegates. I think that's a really great way to still provide representation for smaller groups, but also still keep the voting power relatively fair for the amount of people that are being represented. And I'm just going to say that I'll be definitely voting yes for this amendment and this resolution, and I strongly support it, and it's a great thing that you've done to bring this back.

### **Bernard:**

To go over a couple of points that I made previously, I strongly disagree with Senator Hickman's statement that a delegate is a demotion. I genuinely believe that in this body that a delegate as proposed is not a demotion because I don't think that it is fundamentally fair for somebody to be representing 45 people and have the equal vote to those who represent thousands. Especially when there is an option for delegates because it's one thing if I'm proposing this in absence from the delegates, then I understand getting rid of it or lowering it way down, but with the delegate option I think it is reasonable to have it equal to the smallest college. Which Senator Diaz said was 143 on the College of Medicine. Which means that all votes are equal to those that are representing at least the smallest college. That means we're not having groups that are representing in this. And if we don't adopt my amendment to the amendment, we could have groups representing 25 people having one vote and that's simply unfair, especially when there is an option



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for a delegate seat, which gives them 95% of the same power, but they don't have the ability to throw out the voices of thousands when it comes down to close votes, which has happened numerous times throughout this 56th General Assembly. I agree that, yes, with Senator Joyce's point that adding an Emissary seat is, in a way intentionally over representing a group, but that group should not be over represented in the General Assembly with a vote on the floor when there is a delegate option available. In absence from a delegate option, I agree, but the delegate option allows for the General Assembly to have discretion and prevent some really small groups from having outsized power. And I think that it's important that we adopt this going forward, and I strongly believe that a delegate is not a demotion from being a Senator, it is equally as powerful.

### Price:

I think that's pretty good. I think as a whole, we should really look into guaranteeing enfranchisement for certain groups like Native Americans before we take it away from them. I do agree with that point was brought up.

### Roy:

I would like to echo both Senator Bernard and Senator Hickman. I think they both made really good points here. I do think that emissaries are an extremely valuable component to the General Assembly, they would be representing those voices and bringing a diverse perspective to GA. But in order to keep the votes fair, because if I wouldn't be represented by an emissary group, and if I would only be represented by one vote, why would somebody else who's represented by three emissary groups get 3 votes?



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Because I don't think that's the most fair in terms of votes. But I do think that we should revisit this and ensure that there are added protections for certain groups within our bylaws. I think it will be voting yes on this motion. But As for this resolution or the whole, I'm not sure how I will be voting for this.

Diaz: Just to clarify it with the motion to change it, so that it represents no Less than the number of the smallest number college, that's a number that fluctuates every semester. In fact, every other week. Yes, you been changing their majors. Yes. Students dropping out from regional. Here it happens like on a weekly basis. But with that I do say I fully like the idea of not being. A certain special interest group not being overpowered and some of the larger colleges on campus such as Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Business, which are the big three. But what I do say is that if we're going to do this, we need to make sure that certain groups that do not personally do not count as special interest groups such as that the kind of historically underrepresented groups within this university. And groups that have, in our university's past history, not been treated with the equal rights that several other groups have been treated on this campus. This is a good motion, but if we can ensure as a body that we protect the groups that we currently are representing, that would be great. I'd be more willing to work with this resolution as a whole if we can ensure that historically underrepresented groups are represented within this and they don't get, I want to call it a demotion. I also don't think it's a demotion because you're still representing the people within your constituents within here. But I do think that senator Walkup, Senator



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Mathebula, Senator Joyce. They don't have any special interest groups. That's not your interest group. It's who you are.

### **Bernard:**

OK, so a couple of points I'd like to echo. So it sounds like. In this room, there is universal support for a Native American seat. That means we have 2/3 to put it in the bylaws, right? It shouldn't be an Emissary seat in the 1st place. If it is something that we believe should be permanently represented in the General Assembly, then it is not, then it does not belong as an emissary seat, which is kind of a stopgap measure to fill in gaps in representation. But if we believe, which I think everybody here believes that it should be a permanent seat, then put it in the bylaws just like we have Black Caucus In the bylaws, let Senator Mathebula's seat, let Senator Joyce's seat be in there, too. The whole purpose of Emissary seats is being mischaracterized. And I'd also like to push back on Senator Braziel's point that it's always underrepresented groups represented by emissaries, which is just not true, like we have represented veterans before, we have represented lots of different groups that are identity based that not necessarily have been mistreated by the university in the past. That's not how emissaries have existed in the past and so if we want to ensure that these exist forever, then the best way to do that is put that in bylaws. And as sort of a measure to make sure that that happens, I'll sort of offer, how about we make this resolution go into effect on August 1st of 2024, which gives us however many months to draft, file our amendments to put Senator Walkup's position permanently in the bylaws as it seems to deserve from the unanimous support that it's getting here.



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### Davis:

My point really echoes Senator Bernard. It was that I believe you previously mentioned April 1st, but now proposing August is great as well. It sounds like there's a lot of support to build in some of these seats, and I think it's important to consider that if we were to pass this today, it's not like it goes into effect today. We still have several weeks to make the necessary adjustments for some of these seats that have already had concerns raised. I think that could happen as quickly as next week or right after spring break, given time to draft. I think there's definitely enough passion in the room that those things could be taken care of and this could still pass today. There definitely seems to be passion. I don't think we would have to worry that nobody would bring that up. I think it would definitely be brought up. So consider that we do have definitely weeks as it stands as April 1st, but considerably potentially months if we were to adjust that to August.

### Braziel:

First of all, I don't think that creating delegates is the right way to go about trying to represent people, I think. And then also I think many of us fall into many different categories, like I fall into under three seats. I am triple represented and I know many people are like that. And creating delegates and creating more emissary seats and having more people in here to and having work I guess trying to expand our reaches in representation is not going to be the way to go. I think that the seats that we have now are getting the job done. We can introduce stuff like this, but I don't think that lowering the threshold of what you need to create another emissary. See, I feel like



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we're going to just constantly creating and it's going to get too much. I do not support any of these motions.

### Littlejohn:

Motion to limit the speaker list.

Motion passes with 13-1-5

### Price:

Kind the minimum number for an in the series seat to the smallest college tides representation of underrepresented groups to the number of people they admit into the dental hygiene program. And I just don't really think that makes sense. So I'm kind of against this motion.

### Hickman:

I understand we're still In the college one. I think that's fine. Speaking on the general thing. That had brought out earlier. I'm more comfortable with that. I would hope to see everyone who is behind this motion also equally behind the motion to protect the. Seats that we talked about. I like the. I actually do like the idea of delegates. This thing I think it's a cool model. I think it's cool, it's. Just try it out at the very least. But I just could not get behind. The idea of. Turning 3 or turning people that we already know are in this body into delegates, especially because I understand that you say it's 95% of the power. But when our body will literally derives its quote UN quote power from voting. Like I just I I just don't fully understand like that disconnect. So again I do support the motion to extend the timetable of like when this thing is enacted so that we can get some of the. Emissary seats baked in and then this can just do it.





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Deerman: I really like the idea. I know we talked about adding those seats for voicing this really good idea. I think for that reason we can kind of move past the numbers. It seems like we're kind of being stuck up on I like they did in the smallest college. I think that it shows rather than they would get presentation and even if you're smaller than that and just being delicate and even though you can't like vote in GA like speaking. I was like get my opinion changed when we're talking in discussion. So I think that's really valuable and being able to go on committee like if you're for your for like specific group you can be on the committee that it resonates with that I think that's still really important. So I'm fully support this amendment.

Leedy:

Senator Bernard made a statement earlier and I just want to make sure I understand that he believes that the Native American emissary seat should be a delegate seat next next year but then later said that it should be a permanent seat. So I Just wanted to clarify. Between those two statements.

Bernard:

I guess I was saying under what this is putting out, I think that it would be like, obviously, Native American students would be given an emissary, but if we propose a bylaws amendment to create a Native American seat, I see the value in that and I think I almost certainly support it. It depends on the exact text of the resolution, but I could definitely see myself supporting resolution the same way that Black Caucus has to see and creating a seat for Senator Joyce and baking that into the bylaws I think would be. Far better of an



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option than what we have now, which is like a perpetual emissary. Which is not what it was designed for.

Motion passes 8-4-7

Braziel:

I think the numbers do not matter, quite frankly. We're going to have our opinions about how many people we assume or assume should be represented within an emissary seat. I feel like we're wasting our time here and quite frankly, we need to move on. We have other business to attend to.

Motion to previous question

Motion passes 16-5-2

Motion passes 8-4-9

(The resolution is changed in Section 2)A)i) it's going to say when a resolution to establish an Emissary seat is introduced, It must provide evidence that the proposed seat will directly represent no less than the smallest college represented in the General Assembly. Under 3)A)1), it's going to say when a resolution to establish a delegate seat is introduced, it must provide evidence that the process will directly represent no less than 10 undergraduate students.)

Walkup:

I guess the biggest thing that's kind of sticking out to me is this idea that emissaries are going to need to have their constituents prove that they belong to that constituency. Personally for me, I just I would have a hard time imagining this. Being able to go to people from a specific. Emissary and saying like. Hey, can you provide like proof that you belong to like the disabled community and therefore like are represented like need



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representation by a just like an emissary for disability? That's just kind of my biggest thing.

### Braziel:

I think that even thinking about taking away seats such as Senator Walkup's quite frankly, disrespect at the bearing, we do not only do a land acknowledgement every week, but we're standing on stolen land right now. There should never be a oh, they aren't representing thousands of people to have an actual vote in our body. That should not be a question. They should automatically have those rights. OK? I think personally, that changing any of what we have in place now is not the way to go with it at all, OK? I think creating emissary seats should be under direct scrutiny and we should have that threshold of 3/4 of the votes, regardless of anything. I don't think we need delegates. It doesn't change anything. OK, what is a delegate but going to really say to senators who can vote but I don't see purpose in even creating it. I think it's an OK idea. I have no issues with it. I don't think it's a good idea to try. To implement right now, OK, I quite frankly do not. I think what we have in place in our bylaws, in our Constitution, the things that have been done are perfect and we can continue to improve them as they go for it, but this is not the way to go. Thanks so much.

### Diaz:

Number one, I think we've got lost a little bit and hyper focusing on the numbers and the actual idea of the resolution itself. We're focused on the smallest college, smallest everything smallest this smallest that. I'd like to point out what Senator Walkup said, I don't think we as a General Assembly have, #1, There's a lawsuit that protects students making sure we can't just identify who everyone belongs to, it would be very hard for let alone the speaker or USG to be able to, like if Senator Walker came here with 150



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signatures, we can't legally verify that all those 150 signatures are part of an indigenous or Native American group. We can't do that. That's simply, that's federal regulation we can't play around with. How do we as a general assembly verify that the signatures include either in delegates or in the Emissary seat are in fact truly from that constituency because I could walk out on the Oval and ask any 6 people to sign a petition.

Roy:

Senator Diaz, actually, to reiterate your point, I think that the way to do that would kind of be to amend this resolution some more and incorporate guidelines for creating that petition or just all from what the Judicial Panel says. I also don't fully agree with the numbers in this. I actually think the delegate numbers should be a little higher than 25 like it was originally proposed, and I do think that this resolution needs a lot of work and I would like to motion to either table it or send it back to committee. I'm not sure which official motion I should make, but I'm going to leave it up in the air for the next senator to decide on that motion.

Bernard:

A couple things here. So first, I'd like to address Senator Diaz's point. I actually really agree with what you're saying. I think we could probably just get rid of the petition altogether if it seems like it's adding for a lot of people. It's adding a little bit of too much complexity just and it's a little unnecessary, especially on the delegate side like Senator Diaz said, getting 6 signatures is not hard at all. And even on the emissary side where I have 15 signatures. That's again not hard so, I'm gonna continue speaking here, and then see if I can make a friendly amendment just to strike the petitions, because it seems like it's just adding too much complexity and people don't really like it all that much. Again,



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to respond to Senator Diaz, we should be focusing on the numbers. That is the whole purpose of us being here today, it's to figure out and debate the numbers. Like it seems like generally, the structure has a lot of support behind it but we need to figure out the numbers. That's why we're here and so I'm going to oppose any motion to table this and send this back to committee cause we went through committee and we said lots of numbers in oversight that we thought were good, but now we have everybody here, so let's figure it out now. I don't see any point in trying to go back and do it in committee. If we want to table it for next week and pick this up next week, sure. But sending this back to committee seems absurd. I want to again reiterate that I support not implementing this till August 1st and give us plenty of time to figure out ways to make sure that if this body thinks that Senator Walkup and Joyce and Mathebula want to have permanent seats, as outlined in the bylaws. Then I am all in support of us figuring that out and giving us plenty of time to do that to make sure that they are unaffected in the interim time. On a side note, I'd like to address Senator Braziel's point that delegates are useless. No, they're not, on plenty of issues regarding native issues, regarding issues with disabilities, for any issues concerning African Americans. I have been very convinced and very moved and changed my vote on numerous occasions based off of what they said. I don't know how they're going to vote going into something, but based off of Senator Walkup's experience or Senator Joyce's experience or Senator Mathebula's experience, that is very influential in this body. And I think that all of us can concretely say that particularly because they represent these very underrepresented communities, they actually have a lot of sway, even more than the average senator, who has less sway than these emissaries because they represent these groups and we want to make sure that we're protecting them. So I don't agree at all, with Senator Braziel's point



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that delegates are pointless just because they don't have a vote. I think that they have their power because they represent those small groups and because we want to make sure that we're protecting these groups and allowing and not infringing on any students' rights. Those delegates will have significant power within this body.

Motion to make an amendment to strike the petition provisions from both emissaries and delegates.

Diaz:

I was actually going to make this point during discussion before we move into this, if we remove that petition as a whole, I don't really see the difference. So then how do you confirm these 143 students are that constituency? That's it, we can't if we can't confirm you're part of that constituency. If we don't have a petition, we can't even confirm there's 143. And personally, I don't see a way, I'd love to have this room full but we can't have 143 people here and to support and then like what would essentially be an in person petition to get someone a seat at this point it's just an Emissary seat which requires resolution. That's it. I fully support the idea of delegates and I think this is a great resolution. This is a great idea for a resolution that we can sort of all try and make sure that it's not just how many of us are here right now, 20 of us in here right now, make sure there's at least someone designated to one of these seats. I think it'd be great to have delegates, it'd be great for communities. Especially similar committees, just academic affairs or student affairs pretty small. Maybe even Black Caucus gets some help from delegates who have small who represent smaller groups of people. But I don't think at this point we're just making it an emissary seat. It's really not something we want since it changes the idea of the resolution as is.



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### Deerman:

I want to agree with Diaz, I do want a bit of the petitions. I think if we took it off, I would be open to talking about it more, but I think we talked about non-degree seeking students. So we said nobody would want it. Even I think this shows people are actually interested. I think it's valuable but I I'm saying all this with the idea that we build the permanent seats for like native students. The Black Caucus students and then the disability students I feel like to get those out of the way of seeing everybody is a very open to I feel like this is very strong, so I don't know.

### Bernard:

Given that nobody supported my idea, I'll rescind my motion.

Motion rescinded

### Baughman:

I really like the resolution and how it introduces delegates. I think that solves a lot of problems. But I really can't support it right now because of the fact that it would be stripping power away from certain communities. I think that this does need to be tabled, unfortunately, until we can add those other communities to the bylaws, because I don't think I could vote yes on it right now. Otherwise, my only other recommendation is if we wanted to pass it through now. And I don't want to change any of the numbers we could potentially add an H to #2 for the emissaries, and just make an exception for the Native American seat, because that's the only one that we can qualify right now. Would that be something anyone else would be interested in?

### Walkup:



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Gathering my thoughts and I just want to put it out here to this body that when members of USG first came to NativeOSU, they did so because we released a statement basically saying that you cannot push things for like reconciliation with like indigenous peoples without having our voices at the forefront and this is just kind of another issue I have with this. It's almost forcing my hand and having to advocate for a seat here when I'm going to be completely honest with you, it was my plan to eventually bring a resolution before this body to build a permanent seat within USG or GA specifically for indigenous undergraduate students. But this is just kind of forcing that hand and we have 3 or 4 weeks left in the semester, and, I already have a couple of resolutions that I'm hoping to bring to this body, but this just adds a whole different thing. None of my constituents even know about this yet because I haven't had the opportunity to talk to them about this yet so it just puts a time crunch on us and I just don't feel like it's representing our voices properly.

### Price:

I think that there is a lot of good stuff in this resolution, but I think that as it stands right now, this would take away voices from underrepresented groups and I would not want to vote on this before it can be guaranteed that those groups would be permanently enfranchised.

Motion to send this back to oversight.

Motion passes 14-4-2

### **VIII. New Business**

### **IX. Announcements**

Schmidt:





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I will start by saying thank you for electing me as speaker. I really appreciate that. I look forward to making some positive changes to GA specifically. Thank you for being with me today. It was my first day and I promise to learn the motions, resolutions and all those requirements and have them in front of me. So, thank you for being patient with me through that process. I also want to say that I will be a little more strict than our previous speaker and it's not me trying to be rude, but in order for GA to operate smoothly, there must be no side conversations and that just helps to keep people from being confused. And I really would like feedback in any manner. I know a lot of you feel comfortable enough to give me feedback, but it might not be comfortable enough to give me feedback about myself. So there is that anonymous feedback board, LinkedIn, the GroupMe that I have access to see with that I will open it.

### Diaz:

I just want to say and we have all of us, how we kept ourselves on your discussion, didn't talk about each other. Granted there was a lot of side conversations which we will work on, especially myself, but really proud of all of us. We definitely followed Bobby's suggestions if the reporters were here.

### Leedy:

Yeah, I just wanted to provide some clarification. This feels like literal hours ago now, but with the oversight, thing I just wanted to say thank you for the nomination. I appreciate that. I would love to run for oversight. However, I didn't realize that I am in church at the time of the meeting, and so I didn't mean to like waste like 2 minutes, but thank you.

### Bernard:



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Please reach out to me to find compromises because I'm happy to compromise to make this work, and we have three more sessions left and everybody seemed to object to passing this as it is before making bylaw amendments to add Native American seats so we can find a compromise to do this before that happens because it's kind of unlikely that we're gonna get that through in three weeks. Please reach out to me with suggestions, I will happily work with you. I swear I'm not that scary. Like, I promise. Like I want to get this passed and it seems like a lot of people see good parts of it. So like, let's work to get this passed.

Schmidt: Thanks to our new Secretary Roy for stepping into that position.

### Roy:

I will make the announcement here and say thank you all for electing me into this position, even though I ran uncontested, I appreciate it. And then now that I am stepping into the secretary role, I would like to reiterate the fact that I will need your constituency report, and that I will be the one sending out these minutes. But I also know that I kind of started halfway through so these minutes might take a little bit longer than a couple days to send out. I'll get them to you as soon as possible, but thank you all again and then send me those consistency reports and let me know if you have any questions, I'm here to work with our leadership and all of you, so thank you.

### Schmidt:

One last point is while people are talking, please refrain from packing up. It's very frustrating to those who are talking. I did forget to send out emails about attendance. Now they go to Secretary Roy. Please do not send them my way and along with that if you are going to have to leave early in the meeting, Please let Secretary Roy. No. We have an issue where too many senators are leaving halfway through or even before



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halfway. And then we're not really getting like the true GA experience. So if you leave without informing Senator Roy, that could impact your attendance. So please just let Senator Roy know and she can guide that from there. And if you have any issues with the constituency event funding, Please come talk to me right now. I'm trying to figure this out.

### **X. Adjournment**

10:13pm