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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. 6:38
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
 - i. 12/14 members present
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Session 1 and 2 minutes Approved

II. Open Forum for the Public

- a. Braziel: Motion to limit all current speaking to each person for speaking
 - i. Second Heard
 - ii. Hickman: Does anyone need more time than 3 minutes?
 - iii. Bernard: Any other discussion points? Any dissent to unanimous dissent
 1. Motion Passes
- b. Alexis Wade (Wade. 635)
 - i. Hi I go by Lexie. I am really excited to be appointed. I was senior PR counsel last year. I am exited to get to work with you guys and have been appointed as co-chief of staff. I have experiencing working with bobby and was director of comms last year. Outside of that I am a facility assistant at the north rec center. I am a pre-law student, majoring in political science and plan to go to law school after this. If you have any questions, I am happy to answer them.



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1. Hickman: Did you and Sarah have a chance to meet? Is a co-chair thing happened before?
 2. Wade: Yes it has, I will be working on the comms perspective and Sarah will work more on the administrative side
 3. Dobres: What are you top priorities of the role?
 4. Wade: I am huge on transparency, I want more people to know what is going on in USG and to highlight that in the organization and outside
- c. Sarah Schmidt (Schmidt.1318)
- i. Hi everyone, you may recognize me. I am Sarah Schmidt and I am applicant for co-chief of staff. I was speaker last year and got to work with a lot of you last year. I wasn't to document our processes and have a smoother transition in the executive and legislative branches. Most of you already know me so I am happy to answer questions you may have.
- d. Rut Bansal (Bansal.157)
- i. Hi, I'm Rut Bansal. I have been invited to be appoint for senior director of issues. I have been in USG for 3 years now and was deputy director in student affairs and was co-director this past year. I am very excited for everything that is going to happen and to connect everyone in GA with each other. I am happy to take any questions
- e. Matt Levine (Levine.1891)
- i. Some old faces, some new faces. I am Matt Levine and have been appointed for senior director of operations. If anyone was familiar



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with final care packages and I was a part of that. I am now a university ambassador and you may see me around campus. I am interested in starting a mentorship program, to be able to pair younger students with senior staff. I am happy to answer any questions

f. Jessica Asante-Tutu (Asante-Tutu.1)

- i. Hi, I'm Jessica Asante-Tutu, also known as Jess. I am currently a second year psychology major with another major in criminology and was appointed to be chair of the black caucus. I have served prior in the black caucus and have loved getting to know people better. I was to be more united in USG and to not be as separate. I am happy to answer any questions

g. Nigel Gore (Gore)

- i. Hi, am Nigel and I am a 3rd year in John Glenn and was in the chamber just like you. I was to achieve advocacy on campus and expand it beyond just people in USG and want to hear more thoughts moving forward
 1. Braziel: Thank you for speaking today. How can we hold you accountable for the position you are being appointed to?
 2. Gore: I have been engaged for the last 2.5 years. Even after stepping down last year, I was still involved in USG and became a part of other roles

h. Aryav Yadapadithaya (Yadapadithaya.1)



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- i. Hey guys, I am Aryav and I am here today to be appointed for the chief financial officer. I was a senator last year and was in the role last year. Outside of USG I am a part of a consulting non-profit. I am a brother of delta sigma pi and am open to any questions you may have.
- i. Hanniel Diaz Elizarraga (DiazElizarraga.1)
 - i. I will apologize to my former co-senators, it was not an easy decision. I got tired looking at Hickman. I have experience working with Aryav in the past. I promise I will do a good job and I vouch for everyone tonight. I was dared to include fisher in my speech. Fisher Fisher Fisher
 1. Hickman: What is something we can do as a body to help you and increase funding for clubs on campus?
 2. DiazElizarraga: If you see GA not need as much money, feel free to move that money around. Be respectful of the amount of money in the budget. It is not easy telling people that they have less money than they need. I think that having a good team of senators in allocations is needed. When there is an appeal, we probably have enough money for that.
- j. Raegan McNellie (McNellie).3
 - i. Hey guys, I am Raegan McNellie and I'm appointed to be administrative Counsel for Bobby. I was marketing coordinating for comms and have some good administrative practice. I am super excited to be a part of this community and if you have any questions let me know.



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- k. Rishabh Mehta (Mehta.590)
 - i. Hello everyone, I am Rishabh Mehta and I am first year in finance. I am part of Ohio States IPE honors program. I have experience in finding a non-profit and help single mothers in redlined communities. I will be the new senior initiative counsel. I was to focus in safety initiatives and things of the sort.
- l. Hayden Price (Price. 1695)
 - i. Hey guys, you might remember you from last week, I'm Hayden My favorite part of being in GA last year but the AI legislation I brought through and Bobby wanted to make that as my whole job. I am excited to work in senior staff. Any comments, questions or concerns?

III. Executive Report

- a. *President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Justin Robinson*
 - i. *McApline: Yes, we are not going to spend too much time talking today. We are asking for approval for all of the people that we just heard. University senate will be having their last meeting for the year soon*
 - ii. *Robinson: We thank senior staff for coming and I look forward to getting to know you all.*

IV. Updates

- a. *Speaker George Bernard*
 - i. *We will have to move into committee of the whole and then pass it through oversight and then we vote on it again on the floor. Director applications are still open, but deputy directors*



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applications are also open you can still be in GA. You cannot be a director and is GA at the same time. Committee meetings with the resignations of Senators Price or Diaz, so many committees cannot pass bylaws. But I encourage you all to make groupmes and come up with ideas for the summer. We will have an opportunity to have some input in the media and comms team in the USG Instagram, if that interests you please reach out to me. The website has been mostly updated, but not completely, you may find things I made mistakes on there so please let me know and I can fix it. We are going to have elections for allocations, oversight and academic affairs LC position, but do not volunteer if you do not feel ready for it.

b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith

i. Still working on the resolution to amend the contradiction in the current bylaws and that will be something we look at in the fall.

c. Secretary Lily Evans

i. Hello, everyone. I given access to the website and was able to upload the agendas and any minutes we have so far. I do apologize for the confusion with my minutes, I apparently forgot to press send on my email but luckily I was able to send it to you all. But anyways since this is our last meeting I just wanted to remind you all that I am going to send out a pdf later in the summer that outlines how to take minutes, what constituency reports are and everything else. And just so everyone knows, you should be contacting me if you



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cannot make GA or steering, not Speaker Bernard. But anyways,
that should be it.

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

i. No updates

b. Oversight Committee

i. No updates

c. Issue Committee Reports

i. Academic Affairs

1. No updates

ii. Black Caucus

1. Braziel: No updates, but we are planning to meet sometime this week

iii. Governmental Relations

1. Dobres: No updates

iv. Justice and Equity

1. Musa: I have a vacancy now if anyone is interested in taking it

v. Student Affairs

1. Hickman: I also have a vacancy

vi. Sustainability

1. Alford: We will hopefully meet in the next week before finals

VI. New Business

- #### a. 57-R-1: A Resolution to Confirm the Undergraduate Student Government Senior Staff for the 2024–2025 Academic year



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- i. Griffith: Motion to form Committee of the Whole
 1. Second
 2. Unanimously passed
- ii. Passed through oversight
- iii. Motion to rise and report
 1. Second
 2. Unanimously passed
- iv. McApline: Hello, I am very excited for this resolution. I know that it is kind of weird with the weather we have been having. Sorry that I have been a little low energy, but I am very excited with your first resolution and hopefully this will help the new senators understand how resolutions work. I am going to read off what Justin and I did. We have expanded the role of chief of staff and the senior staff people gave an overview of what their role was and what they would do better. We see Alexis as actually doing the PR side of what Chief of staff did as well as what she did last time. Sarah will be doing a lot more of the administrative stuff. The chief financial officer and the allocations officer, with Aryav doing all things budget and one thing Omar said that he wanted a little more face time with the business office and create more structure. Hanniel will be working on getting the allocation committee into the student body. Bansel is the director of issues, after talking to Marina, she wanted a former director. She was a part of student affairs last year and got the most done last year. Paul Huang makes everyone happy and you all know about him. One thing we saw with Matt is that when it comes to



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operations is changing the way we do recruitment. With Nigel Gore, what resonated with us in his interview is that he wants to make sure that we get resolutions done and get things done, HE wants to add things to the Senate. With Jessica Asante-Tutu, she was chosen by the black caucus and is such a hard worker and have made so many things happen in black caucus last year. Regan McNeillie is a senior administrative counselor is going to make sure we are on top of our stuff, and has lots of experience. She is at a regional campus and can bring a lot of what USG needs. With the senior initiative counselors, they are so passionate about what they do and are going to help Justin and I carry out our goals. They are helping Madison and I with out priorities. Justin is going to go into what we did.

- v. Robinson: We want you guys to know that we went through the same interview process. We kept the fairness about the same applicants, each interview and application question was the same and had about 48 applications and more that 24 hours of interviews. We appreciate everyone who applied and those who did not get the position. In my new experience, the crowd we back there is going to work well together and present resolutions. We will get the job done, we promise you that. I am new to USG, but I am big in working with the student body. You were all wanting to make the student body more aware of what is going on and telling so many things to help people be better senators and representatives. They have innovative ideas and there is no question about the people that we chose.



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- vi. Bernard: Do we have any questions? Seeing none, we will move into discussion
- vii. McAlpine: 6 former members of GA represented, 5/13 colleges presented and someone from a regional campus. It is pretty diverse.
- viii. Hickman: I think this a no-brainer, I am looking forward to what you all are going to do.
- ix. Bernard: We will now going to go into voting. Is there any dissent to unanimous dissent?
- x. Resolution 57-R-1 passes
 - 1. Passes Unanimously

VII. Old Business

a. Motion to enter Executive Session

- i. Second
- ii. Unanimously passed

Standing Committee Elections

- iii. Oversight Committee (4)
 - 1. No nominees
- iv. Allocations Committee (1)
 - 1. No nominees
- v. Academic Affairs LC
 - 1. Senator More elected

b. Braziel: Motion to rise and report

- i. Second
- ii. Unanimously passed

VIII. Announcements



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- a. Bernard: Any announcements? Seeing none we are adjourned

IX. Adjournment

- a. 7:46