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57th General Assembly
Spring 2024, Session 4
July 10th, 2024

I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. The officers take their station and the meeting of The Ohio State University Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly will come to order
 - ii. Time: 6:33
- b. Land Acknowledgment
 - i. Speaker Bernard reads Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
 - i. 10/14 members present + 2 alternates
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
 - i. Mykenna Roy sworn in for Senator Cumming-Vukovic
 - ii. Aya Rikabi sworn in for Senator Musa
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Session 3 minutes approved

II. Open Forum for the Public

- i. Aryav Yadapadithaya – CFO of student government. Created budget with priorities that will help USG prepare for autumn semester. He is willing to address any of GA's concerns but is very confident in budget.
- ii. Sarah Schmidt – co-chief of staff. Has full faith in budget. Happy to answer any questions. Believes budget will help USG get off to strong start.
- iii. Hanniel Diaz-Elizarraga – senior director of allocations. Ready to defend budget.



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- iv. Matthew Levine – senior director of operations. Hopes everyone is having a good summer. Budget ensures committees are able to innovate this year
- v. Hayden Price – senior director of initiatives. Willing to answer questions about WSJ.
- vi. Rut Bansal – senior director of issues. Supports everything that the issues committee has requested

III. Executive Report

a. President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Justin Robinson

- i. McAlpine: Explains why he's wearing a nice suit. Honored to be president again. No Judicial Panel applications have gone out yet because they are revamping process. He and Madison noticed application process was broken. Justin and Bobby have onboarded senior staff and most of directors. Rut's been doing a great job meeting with directors. Bobby will send emails to administrators and asks if USG members have interests in joining meetings.
- ii. Robinson: Excited to be here. Working second job with students. Promotes his USG takeover tomorrow. University senate committee applications are open. Will talk to Nigel. Wants people to apply to USG.

IV. Updates

a. Speaker George Bernard

- i. Wants to start working on legislative ideas. Understands senators don't know process for writing resolutions. Encourages senators to come up with ideas and learn more about resolutions. Will set aside



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time at beginning of school year to learn about writing resolutions. He is working on vacancy application and wants to get feedback from GA members, especially returning senators.

b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith

- i.* Oversight committee has not met yet but he's very excited to teach Robert's rules of order

c. Secretary Lily Evans

- i.* Excused absence. Speaker Bernard clarifies that members should communicate with Secretary Evans about attendance and absences.

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

- i.** SDA Diaz: Allocations met on Sunday and passed 57-B-1 unanimously. Diaz says he is a "fun chair" and encourages members to join allocations.

b. Oversight Committee

- i.** No updates from Parliamentarian Griffith

c. Issue Committee Reports

i. Academic Affairs

- 1.** More: Still need members

ii. Black Caucus

- 1.** Braziel: "It is I, Rayvon Braziel. Second term-senator here." Still need members. Creating recommendations to improve committee bylaws.

iii. Health and Safety

- 1.** Mudundi: Discussing ideas with members.



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iv. Governmental Relations

1. Dobres: Talked to director in exec. Excited to work with members.

v. Justice and Equity

1. Musa: Alternate

vi. Student Affairs

1. Hickman: Absent

vii. Sustainability

1. Alford: Has ideas and looks forward to working on them

VI. Old Business

a. Standing Committee Elections

i. Oversight Committee (5)

1. No nominations

ii. Allocations Committee (2)

1. Speaker Bernard reiterates that allocations is “fun”. No nominations.

VII. New Business

a. 57-B-1: A Bill to Approve the Undergraduate Student Government 2024 Summer Semester Budget

i. Comments

1. President McAlpine is sponsor of legislation and introduces it. High majority of budget is buying something for entire student body. Trying to be as innovative as possible. Working on applications and spending a lot of money during the summer. Justin and Bobby have looked at budget with



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Aryav, Sarah, and Hanniel to ensure money does not go to waste, as USG does not have money to waste. Bobby uses word “frugal”. His parents’ home phone rings. Budget allows USG to give back to student body and advocate for them. Notes Big 10 student government conference is a key part of the budget. This spending is all about giving back to student body.

2. VP Robinson reiterates that budget looks good and that they made necessary cuts.
 3. CFO Yadapadithaya: Proud of budget and excited to answer questions
 4. SDA Diaz: “More than excited” to answer questions
- ii. Questions:
1. Alternate Roy: Wants to know about academic enrichment grants
 - a. McAlpine: Limited COKE funds. His mother and grandmother are discussing something in background
 - b. Yadapadithaya: Academic affairs committee has received funding from Department of Education. Wants to add funding for semesters when students will actually be there
 2. Senator Dobres: Why did we choose 750 as number of shirts to buy? Any way we can get that down?
 - a. CoS Schmidt: We looked at historic precedent. It’s important to recruit for USG. Thousands of students



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come to involvement fair and it's good to give tangible goods

3. Senator Braziel: Why pens and notebooks for GA?
 - a. Speaker Bernard: We already have shirts.
4. Parliamentarian Griffith: Wants to “rip the band-aid off” and talk about WSJ. Specific numbers on how many students need WSJ? Happy with negotiated rate. Uses word “tremendous”. Is there a way to buy subscriptions only for some?
 - a. SDO Price: 20,000 active subscriptions for NYT and expects large amounts of interest for WSJ
 - b. President McAlpine: Talked to former provost. WSJ is one of most requested subscriptions.
 - c. SDO Price: Same deal with WSJ that other Big 10 schools have. Previous SDO was involved in negotiations.
 - d. President McAlpine: Newspapers want everyone to have access.
5. Speaker Bernard: USG also discussed ‘The Economist’ last year. Is this still a possibility?
 - a. SDO Price: Still waiting for accessibility work on WSJ, so they are doing one thing at a time. The Economist and Columbus Dispatch are potential future goals.

iii. Discussion



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1. Senator Braziel: Previous question asked about GA budget. Doesn't think we need notebooks. Wants shirts or hoodies instead. Motions to change line-item 6.
2. Parliamentarian Griffith: Clarifies how to properly make motion
3. President McAlpine: Has "vast" time in USG. Business office wants specificity. \$45 per student limit on merchandise.
4. Speaker Bernard: Is there a second for Senator Braziel's?
 - a. There is not
5. Parliamentarian Griffith: Will pens and notebooks be personalized?
 - a. Speaker Bernard: Yes
6. Vote passes 8-0-1
7. **Budget is approved**

VIII. Announcements

- a. Bernard: Any announcements? First meeting of GA will likely be August 28th.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Time: 7:21