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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. 6:33
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
 - i. All Senators Present
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
 - i. No Alternates
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes Approved

II. Open Forum for the Public

- a. Roy.457: Hi everyone, I am a vice chair for academic affairs, and everything that you do here and want to see on a larger university scale think about university Senate. If you have any questions about the academic affairs budget, I am here to answer them
- b. Schmidt.1318: Hi, I am one of the chiefs of staff, we worked really hard to get this budget together. I know we are requesting a lot of money, but I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have in regard to
- c. Levine.1891: Good to see you guys. I am the senior director of operations. Our main big-ticket item is the final exam care package and that did a lot of good if anyone of you guys got one of the packages
- d. Rossing.1: I am your director of justice and equity, and I am here to support the budget. I worked with senior staff to get this all set up and if



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you have any questions then I would be more than happy to answer those questions

III. Executive Report

a. President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Justin Robinson

- i. Robinson: I am your student body vice president, just wanted to introduce myself. I just wanted to let everyone know that if you are interested in the university senate to apply, we still need another 8-10 more people to apply. If you have any friends, please tell them to apply
- ii. McAlpine: Justin and I have been working a lot and want to connect to students and their concerns and bring those concerns to you all and the executive branch. One new thing that we have been working on is that we will be doing an OSU tour of all of the regional campuses to talk to all the students out there. We may ask some of you to come so keep an eye out. We are going to have a spot for the homecoming picnic. We really want to connect to the student body
- iii. Robinson: If you guys have any ideas for campus safety, please please reach out to us with any ideas you may have

IV. Updates

a. Speaker George Bernard

- i. On September 17th, 6-8 pm is the USG retreat. It is normally the time that the cabinet will meet. I understand if you already have commitments, but it is a really good opportunity to meet other people in USG inside and outside GA. Additionally the 18th we do



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not have the senate chamber, we have a different room in the union and we are going to have a social that is more casual. That again arises in November so we can decide later if we want to meet or not. We can figure that out later, though. Today we are hearing about a few vacancy applications and the budget. We have like 17 vacancy applications that we need to get through in the next few weeks. The CRBC committee has wrapped up everything and they are putting it all in a resolution, but it will be a few weeks until we see that. I understand that committees are small now, but as we get more vacancy applications, that should improve. Please start talking about ideas for resolutions. We are working on name plates as well.

b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith

- i. We will be preparing a crash course for Robert Rules, and I am excited for CRBC. We will be working with JP to pass their bylaws and Secretary Evans will be appointed as temporary parliamentarian as I have to leave here in a little bit.

c. Secretary Lily Evans

- i. No updates other than I am going to be working on a presentation to teach you all how to properly do meeting minutes that we should see here in a few weeks

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

- i. Passed the budget

b. Oversight Committee



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- i. We will hopefully meet in a few weeks to pass our bylaws
- c. Issue Committee Reports
 - i. Academic Affairs
 - 1. No updates
 - ii. Black Caucus
 - 1. No updates
 - iii. Health and Safety
 - 1. No updates
 - iv. Governmental Relations
 - 1. Went to cabinet and excited to work with everyone
 - v. Justice and Equity
 - 1. Began discussion on ideas for resolutions
 - vi. Student Affairs
 - 1. Join the committee
 - vii. Sustainability
 - 1. No updates

VI. New Business

a. 57-B-3: A Bill to Approve the Undergraduate Student Government 2024 Autumn Semester Budget

- i. McAlpine: Hello everyone, happy to be here. Welcome back from campus, we are excited about the things we are going to be doing this semester. I want to highlight how we are completing our mission of serving the student body. We are bringing back the homecoming picnic for the third time. We are also doing final exam



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car packages as well; it is good for mental health as well on campus and we are supporting Columbus businesses as well. Allocations funding of 30,000 dollars this year, which did go down since last year. We wanted to give as much as possible, but with logistics with a few people we came to the 30,000 dollar number. In governmental relations, we are going to have a how-to advocate panel and things related to voter awareness, etc. In health and safety, they are working on a flu shot drive. The NYT subscription is being renewed and you should get it if you aren't because you are technically paying for it. Buckeye road trips are happening by student affairs as well as Buckeye Learn compost training by sustainability. We are trying to push for more sustainability on campus. This is a great budget, and we are going to make this happen.

- ii. Robinson: He said it all and said all the points.
- iii. Bernard: Looking to the cosponsors
 1. Yadapadithaya.1: Through the work with Diaz, we have crafted a good budget that works with what we have. We had to cut the budget in some ways, namely under the student organizations but I am proud of the budget overall and want to thank everyone who worked so hard to craft it.
 - a. Kerner: Can you tell me how academic enrichment grants are dealt with?



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- b. Yadapadithaya: They are decided by the academic affairs committee, and I yield my time to McKenna Roy
- c. Roy: The students are not paying for it directly, but through COKE funds. They help students pay for things like lab coats or other things they cannot afford for class. I would be happy to answer more questions.
- d. Braziel: I am a little confused about line 47
 - i. Yadapadithaya: Advertising is important for the NYT subscription to help spread the word on it
- e. Braziel: Can you explain line 45?
 - i. Yadapadithaya: The ADA office requires us to get accessibility tested for the NYT. We were able to opt out in the past, but we have to pay around 20,000 in the past to test the wall street journal
- f. Migliore: What happens if it goes over that 20,000 budget?
 - i. Yadapadithaya: That is a good question, it is very likely it will not go over, but if it does, we will just come back to you guys



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2. Hickman: Thank you so much for all of the work you are doing. I wanted to bring more money to student organizations. Yadapadithaya sat down with me to explain the logistics and how that could not work. Frankly, we should not stand for this, and we have more work to do. We have clubs coming to us for things like posterboards and over the next couple weeks we should work together to encourage the business office to help student organizations.
3. Braziel: Thank you everyone. I think it is cool to have a lot of spending for many people who may not have opportunities outside of their major. I must piggyback off Senator Hickman and say that we must increase funding for student organizations. It is worth noting that we are spending a lot of money on buckeye roundtrips and subscriptions, but we cannot fund student organizations. I think that we should be able to do so
4. Griffith: Motion to move into previous question
 - a. Second not heard
- iv. Bernard: Is there any dissent to unanimous consent?
 1. Bill passes by unanimous consent
- b. Vacancy Applications
 - i. Motion to enter Executive Session
 1. Motion passed
 - ii. Jack Swartley for Business seat



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1. Candidate Passed and sworn in
- iii. Jade Hutton for Business seat
 1. Candidate Passed and sworn in
- iv. Motion to rise and report
 1. Motion passed

VII. Old Business

- a. Standing Committee Elections
 - i. Oversight Committee (5)
 1. No nominees
 - ii. Allocations Committee (2)
 1. Senator Hutton nominated
 - a. Braziel: Motion to suspend standing rules
 - i. Second not heard
 - b. Motion to enter executive session
 - i. Second heard, motion passes by unanimous consent
 - c. Hutton appointed to Allocations
 - iii. Motion to rise and report
 1. Motion Passed

VIII. Announcements

- a. Bernard: Reminder of the two dates of September 17th and otherwise I am looking forward to doing more vacancy applications next week. If anyone else wants to join more committees talk to me. Any other announcements?

IX. Adjournment



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a. 8:17