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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. 6:35 pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
 - i. 27/28 Senators
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
 - i. Thaploo.2 for Senator Chaudhary
 - ii. Chomiski.2 for Senator Alford
 - iii. Cox.1664 for Senator Hickman
 1. Senator Hickman returns at 8:32 and Cox rescinds his alternate position
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes approved

II. Open Forum for the Public

- a. Schmidt.1318: Hi I am Sarah Schmidt. We have 2 important resolutions which are the budget and the JP nominations. I wanted to explain that a little more. The spring recruitment merch will give the next chief of staff an easier time for the involvement fair. Working in the office is really for things such as couches and day-to-day supplies. Senior staff at times had to buy items for events, when his money would help with those unfortunate situations. To the second resolution, I sat in on all of their interviews, they have the necessary qualifications for the role and each



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comes with a unique set of skills to hit the ground running. I am happy to answer any questions.

- b. Wade.635: Hi everyone, my name is Lexi and I am the other co-chief of staff. Thank you to Aryav. For the budget items that I worked on. The end of your celebration, stoles and pictures for the office. It is based on tradition and culture. I looked really hard for the cheapest options. I wanted to go off on what Sarah said. We were looking for 3 qualities for Jp, integrity, fairness, and impartiality. They are very deserving of these nominations. I am more than happy to answer any questions. Thank you so much
- c. Asante-tutu.1: Hi everyone, I am the chair of black caucus. I wanted to speak on the budget, specifically for the black caucus. Aryav worked really really hard on this budget. The black caucus has been going on for 5 years and mentioned things like the gala and crown day. It caters to the whole student body at large because students find it helpful and feel a real impact. I would be happy to answer any questions
- d. Bansal.157: Hi everyone, I am the senior director of issues. I wanted to talk about the budget. Aryav did an amazing job, I worked really closely with him and the directors. We went through the budget meticulously and worked to keep the events alive. We want to add new traditions and provide new opportunities for students. Please feel free to ask any questions
- e. Mathebula.1: Good evening, I am serving as the big10 student associations ambassador. We are looking for new applicants. It allows for many



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collaboration opportunities amongst other things. With that being said, please scan the QR applications. Applications will probably close this Sunday. Please keep in mind you would have to pay for things such as food. I am in the back if anyone has questions

III. Executive Report

a. President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Justin Robinson

- i. We will make this quick. First, off the budget, we have worked for months on this budget. I have presented 5 or 6 budgets and this is one of the best. It gives directly back to the student body. This budget bridges the gap to the student body. JP nominees we are so excited to see them as well. We have worked a lot to get justice here.
- ii. Robinson: Welcome back and thank you all for being here.

IV. Updates

a. Speaker George Bernard

- i. It is election season, just know you are not allowed to campaign in USG spaces. Do not be disrespectful. 2 weeks from today, Paul worked to get a USG social at the ice rink at 8, so we could end early and walk over
 1. Braziel: I have noticed that we have not updated the minutes and the agendas
 2. Evans: I can doubt check on the agendas, but I know that the minutes should be up there

b. Parliamentarian Oliver Griffith

- i. Feel free to come to us for help if any are needed



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- c. Secretary Lily Evans*
 - i. No updates
- V. Committee Reports**
 - a. Allocations Committee**
 - i. No real updates, but we met on the 5th to approve the budget
 - b. Oversight Committee**
 - 1. The JP passed unanimously and we will see them soon
 - 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. Excited about the poll workers' resolution
 - v. Justice and Equity
 - 1. No updates
 - vi. Student Affairs
 - 1. We passed 2 resolutions which we will see here today
 - vii. Sustainability
 - 1. No updates
- VI. Old Business**
- VII. New Business**



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a. 57-B-6: A Bill to Approve the Undergraduate Student Government 2025 Spring Semester Budget

i. McApline: I will yield my time to the CFO

1. Yadapadithaya.1: I am the CFO of USG. Happy to be here. I want to take you through the process. On October 21st of last year, we opened up the budget form to everyone in GA. They had over 3 weeks to submit it. After November 10th, I met with every director and with all of the senior staff to discuss all of the line items. This budget is the result of that. I had one meeting, over 50 hours, to craft the budget. But, for the entire process, we have a finite amount of money. We had to cut around 30 percent, meaning everything was thoroughly evaluated. I did attend the general assembly meeting last year to see if there were any questions from senators. We do not get to carry forward money that we save. OSU will take away funding if we do not use it, so we must use it all. I am super excited. If you have any questions, feel free to ask
2. McApline: We have 4 main goals. Transparency, making sure that we were transparent with the process to the student body. Details were a second component, it is a very detailed process and took many months. Cost-effectiveness is another component. The 4th is bridging the gap and giving back to the student body. We have broken our backs to make sure that we are giving back directly to the student body.
3. Robinson: Aryav picked apart this budget and was very thorough, there is not much more to say
4. Bernard: Are there any questions?



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5. Hensley: How much was spent on food?
6. McAlpine: The reasoning for food is honestly one of the biggest ways to attract students to the events. Allowing people to get a meal is an idea of service in our book.
7. Hensley: Can you give me a range?
8. Mcapline: I do not know
9. Hensley: Do you think 46,000 dollars is too much?
10. McApline: I do not, in past budgets there has been much more. Especially with the sheer amount of events that we put on
11. Hensley: Would you be surprised that it was a 17 percent increase from last spring semester?
12. McAPline: Well you have inflation amongst other factors, but it is worth it to bridge the gap
13. Dobres: Can you explain more about the process? Is there room to spend more or less?
14. Yadapadithaya: Every year, the Council of Student Affairs does an overview of the budget. We need to try and spend the amount that they gave us so they do not reduce that amount. We can't go over and I guess you could go lower, but that would hurt our chances of getting more money next year.
15. Migliore: I have a question on line item 7. I am curious why the hotel fee has increased by 267 percent.
16. McApline: Everything on this budget was run through by the office of student life, then they would have caught it. This was in conjunction with them. I do not know the premise of the question, but I will let you know that we have reduced costs in other ways.



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17. Migliore: Last year, we approved the budget and this was supposed to come out of the SAF budget, but it came out of COKE funds without GA approval. COKE funds are for the academic enrichment grants, is there anything in the budget that makes up for that 5000 dollars from the last budget?
18. McAlpine: What happened, we spent money from the Coke budget, and they said that it had to be switched to the COKE funds. We did that because of the situation. There were 93,000 dollars in the Coke grant in the former administration. The former president and vice president used a lot of it with almost less than 20,000 dollars in the budget. We have to keep people wanting to be in the organization. Last year, I had to cut a lot of money in the Coke grant. I made a slight surplus this year. This year we are being fiscally responsible, academic enrichment grants are still going on just not out of the Coke funds.
19. Braziel: I want to talk about food because it is interesting to me. We have spent a lot of money on food and food-led items. Do you know that our food spending comes from the university and these larger corporations?
20. McAlpine: I do
21. Braziel: Do you know how many items contain food-related items? We have 76 line items and over half, 42, have food-related spending. Do you know what this was last year?
22. McApline: No
23. Braziel: Why do we continue to give money to large corporations and help our local businesses?



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24. McApline: I will take full responsibility, we tell directors to try and support local businesses. I do understand that within the union, there are rules that an event in the union must use union catering. I will take that one personally to have events outside of the union to use small businesses in Columbus or in Ohio. I know that we will give back to the community that way.
25. Griffith: Is there in funding cut from the budget, what will happen to that money?
26. Yadapadithaya: The money does not go anywhere. We work with the business offices and need to do our best to tell them what is going on. We need to be cognizant of the paid professionals in the office.
27. Liu: What were the common trends for line items that did not get funding?
28. Yadapadithaya: For that, I sat down with the directors and talked it through. We chose together what to cut
29. Liu: Were there any common trends?
30. Yadapadithaya: Probably lack of time to plan. Some were cut because students did not have time to plan with their studies. That was the most common trend.
31. Liu: A lot of the budget set relies on x number of students coming kind of analytics do you have to figure out how successful or accurate these numbers are?
32. Yadapadithaya: This came up last year and we will work to compare what we think will happen with what actually happens



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33. Schmidt: We talk a lot about feedback on the events and the attendance we have for an event. We seek to get feedback from the student body as well.
34. Hensley: How are you going to get the numbers for attendance
35. Schmidt: We will work with the union to get card swipers so we can see if it isn't USG people or the student body. We are asking directors to put up QR codes at the event so we can get quantifiable data
36. Hensley: Do individuals have to state goals for attendance prior to the event?
37. Yadapadithaya: feel free to reach out to me after this meeting
38. Cade: Those card swipes in the building, are we allowed to use those?
39. Schmidt: Those are not for us to use, so no
40. Ahmed Let's go back to the enrichment grants. I agree with what you said. Is there a reason why it was removed?
41. Yadapadithaya: We had a limited amount of coke money and had a lot of requests. We wanted to look at the number of people benefitting from the money. The events that we put on we find that to be more beneficial and looking at the costs and benefits of the money
42. Bansal: Right now with how the grants work, we do not know how the money is being spent and we cannot verify if that money is being spent correctly. We walked with Dean Jones and they are okay with the accountability factor. We are



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looking into grading them. Using USG is not feasible for accountability purposes.

43. Cade: Line item 39; why does the photobooth cost so much?

44. Rossing: I think we are conflating the photography booth and photography services. The booth gets more people involved.

45. Cade: What is going into the photo booth?

46. Rossing: The leader on that is one of the CRs and the business provided an invoice. That is the amount that the company gave me.

47. McApline: We are semi-required to make sure that we get money to certain businesses. Some businesses have contracts with the university so we have to use them.

48. Bansal: We do not have that information on hand right now, but we would be happy to discuss that later.

49. Liu: What is one thing that was a problem with previous budgets you have tried to fix with this one?

50. McApline: Sometimes things in the budget cannot happen for a variety of reasons. Our CFO helped with that problem and it was almost solved last semester and will be better this year.

51. Yadapadithaya This is the first time we worked with directors and vice chairs directly this year and this is why the budget is more successful this year.

52. Hardison: Motion to limit debate



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- a. Second Heard
- b. Braziel: Discussion would be more beneficial for this. We get too meticulous in questioning and do not have time for discussion, which would be more fruitful
- c. McCann: We have asked a million questions, we have had plenty of time to ask questions. It would be more fruitful as a discussion. We also have a full agenda.
- d. Liu: If you have something to say, please say it now
- e. Hansley: Why are we spending money on bottled water if we have unlimited Coke products at events?
- f. Griffith: Before we go ahead and vote, I want to keep in mind that historically I do not know if we have more than a day to ask questions about it
 - i. Motion passes 22-2-0; move into discussion.
- g. Migliore: Food and events, we want people to keep coming. I am here to present my college, not get food and events. But, for the sake of putting my money where my mouth is. I move to motion to amend and strike line item 51.
 - i. Braziel: I semi-agree, then-of-year celebration has some merit. We often ourselves throughout the semester. We are doing a lot for the organization. We should have a celebration. It shows we have done work, it is like a big review. We should not limit ourselves. Our constituents do deserve more money, but we should not take it all entirely.



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- ii. Cade: Did we not pass resolutions last semester that students are not getting the food that they need and are paying for?
- iii. Migliore: My point is that there is a deficit and I am trying to get money back in the hands of our constituents. I am not putting down the work we have done. I am trying to fill the 5000 hole. I would love to hear other suggestions.
- iv. McApline: To explain what happened before. Someone spent too much money from Coke and pledged the money in AEGs. We spent 70000 in coke money in one year. It is a zero-point budget, the former budget just did not do something that was in his purview to do. We have 14 years' worth of funding to AEGs in one year. It was a nightmare logistically. Some students have given false receipts, and hashes have been a lot. With AEGs, this did not come lightly. It was a very founded decision. A lot of people agree. This decision is not made lightly. The money will be going to students.
- v. Schmidt: I would like to talk about the end-of-year celebration. This has been a long tradition and it is a time to reflect on the amazing work and achievements that have come out of the year. We have done so much hard work and this is the one time of the year to recognize the great work we have achieved.



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- vi. Cade: We do not want to discredit all of the hard work we have been doing. I think it is important to carry on this long tradition and show that it is important.
- vii. Alford: CRs are the people who end up doing a lot of work and they deserve a party frankly. It is not the right move to make
- viii. Migliore: I don't think this organization is a failure. I am not saying the executive should not be a part of a celebration. The opening retreat was basically a celebration. I am trying the get money in the hands of our constituents. I see a great benefit in AEGs and I do not want to give them up.
- ix. Hardison: Motion to previousu question
 - 1. Second Heard
 - 2. Unanimous consent
 - a. Motion fails 2-17-3
- h. Bernard: We are in discussion now
- i. Hensley: The fact that we are spending 710 dollars every week on food. That is unreasonable. Each one of those meals may be reasonable, there has to be somewhere that something that can be cut. We have access to Coke products and we can cut bottles of water.
- j. Cade: Student Life Marketing offers free photography services. Considering that that we can use that somewhere. Motion to amend line items 42 (500 dollars), 56 (600 dollars), and, 40 (500 dollars).



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- i. McApline: I also know that we are talking about supporting small businesses. We have done this in the past by supporting small photography businesses in Columbus. We are blessed with more than regular student organizations, we try to funnel some of that money into those businesses.
- ii. Rossing: When I put this out, I did not know about that service. The Arab night event is next Friday and we are looking for local businesses on that.
- iii. Cade: I want to make the point that we are students serving students. It is something that is already being paid for. We can take this money to something more outreach-orientated. At the end of the day, our budget had not been approved. We could use that money best elsewhere.
- iv. Griffith: I think we are in a precarious position that we got 2 days ago. When we talk about the budget and the issues with it, keep in mind we did not have much time to look it over. I do not know how these contractors are outsourced. I want more transparency on who is getting what contra.ct
- v. McAlpine: We are only allowed to get certain photographers that are approved by the university
- vi. Bernard: I sent out the budget on Monday and had not been aware it should have been sent out earlier than that. That is on me, I was not aware of that dema.nd



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- vii. Griffith: I support his motion to cut the photography. This is a great opportunity to cut money where we can
- viii. Yadapadithaya: If you see something in the future, feel free to text me
- ix. Schmidt: In the group, there is contact information in executive leadership. If there is ever a project, come talk to any of us
 - 1. Motion passes 19-2-1
- k. Braziel: I want to take some time to support this budget, although we hear a lot about how the staff worked hard on this. I want to give you guys some flowers. On ABT on the Hill, I think we should be trying to do more outreach. I have never been to these meetings and I know that the work being done is impactful. With the hotel costs, it is going to be expensive. I think that the cost is something we should expect. However, on some other things, I do think we need to take a look at it. I have been talking about food for a while. This budget is significantly less money, but we are spending more money on food in general. I that is a little crazy. I know that there are food insecurities in universities around the state and nation. That is not something we should try and tackle alone. We should be working with those people. We could be hosting more impactful events. 3000 chocolates across the board. I think we could do a lot better. That should be the bottom line. I am in favor of the budget i do not think a quarter of the



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budget should be food-related. We do not need to promote food to get the results we want. We are spending more money on that than we are on the money we are giving out to student organizations. I think we should re-look at it and change the narrative.

- l. Dobres: I am going to support this budget. I am concerned about line item 48.
- m. Schmidt: I am in charge of ordering merch for the fall involvement fair. I had to wait for the summer budget to get the merch for the fair. You are seeing it now to make it easier for the next chief of staff
- n. Griffith: For line item 39 for the diversity summit I am interested in 4000 dollars towards a stage. I also read that there would be a number of dances. I know that being outside makes clothes more difficult to wash. I am concerned just on the stage may be a misallocation of funds
- o. Schmidt: They are planning to have people tabling there. Other places still cost as much, I would encourage you to not strike that and have a conversation about whether it should be outside
- p. Hardison: I do not think Bobby is going to go out and spend a lot more money. I motion to the previous question
 - i. Second Heard
 1. 3-14-3; motion fails
- q. Hardison: This bill is amazing. What happens if the bill fails?



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- r. Bernard: It would go back to allocations and then come back to the floor.
- s. Hensley: I motion to strike 6 dollars in line item 1; line item 5 300 dollars in cookies; cut 500 dollars of cookies in line item 4; line item 30 cookies and the brownies; line item 33 6 dollars in cookies. Line item 41 in cookies and brownies; Line item 43 75 dollars in cookies and brownies. Line item 38 the chocolate lovers and catering, 3000 dollars
- t. McApline: None of these things are funny, please can we have some respect in the chamber for the people that these are
- u. Bansal: I want to make a point clear, if you have never planned an event before, what gets students to come out is food. If you are asking people to come to events, people need to eat. A lot of our events are held at the union, we hold a lot of events here. We have to cater through the union. The cheapest thing to do is cookies and brownies. We try to limit the cost of food, and we have tried to put food on the budget. We offer food because it does help. This is something that I do know about. They have food for a specific reason. I promise the food is finished. They are benefiting from the food at these events. The same events do not happen every year, the cost is not going to be the same every year. I hope you consider the food items as something purposeful.



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- v. McAlpine: The reason why I ran is that no buckeye felt so alone that they go through mental challenges. Food insecurity is running rampant. The last report I saw was that 22 percent of students were food insecure. On the other hand of that, we allow students to get what they need and get food. Over half of students feel lonely and this food is something that creates fellowship and helps stop people from feeling alone. It can be the difference between life and death. We do not take any of this lightly. End of point
 - w. Cade: That is a powerful message, when I was growing up the holidays were the best time of the year. Many students come from out of state and also suffer. This provides a safe space for these students, food goes a long way and it is the cornerstone of what we want to do. The food that we give out is not enough. We should continue to do this work and if food is part of it, so be it. Motion to the previous question
 - i. Second Heard
 - ii. 18-5-2
 - x. Motion to amend
 - i. 3-17-5; motion fails
53. Hensley: I was intentional to cut things of less nutritional value. I am not going to go against the body.
54. Hickman: For student allocations, we have increased almost 10,000 more dollars. I think that we need to get this process going so we can get to these other resolutions
55. Hardison: Motion to the previous question
 - a. Second Heard



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- i. 13-5-6; motion passes
- 56. Bill passes 19-3-3
- 57. Motion to recess
 - a. Second Heard; Unanimous
- 58. Brazil: Motion to postpone items c, the LC position, and also table 57-R-18 until the next general assembly
 - a. second heard
 - i. Brazil: I think we have to be efficient with our time. I think having too much on the agenda is going to be a waste of our time
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously
- b. 57-R-17: A Resolution to Confirm Executive Judicial Panel Nominations
 - i. McAlpine: I appreciate the comments on the budget. About the JP nominees, we are finally here. We have an amazing team of nominees that exceed our expectations. We got over double the applicants that we needed. I sat in all interviews except 1. I want to thank you all for sitting through this meeting.
 - ii. Robinson: Each applicant went through the same interview. Every applicant, we are all confident in. We all asked them the same questions. What motivated you to apply and what relevant experience do you have? Can you walk us through the process when dealing with conflicts of interest? Describe a time when you were a part of the team, what role did you play and what was the outcome? We also did a scenario and showed the impartiality of the question. We fully back them.



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- iii. Yallop.3: Good evening, I am honored to be nominated. I am in my 3rd year in the pre-law track. I believe that a fair and impartial judicial panel is essential for the university and the study body. I have interned at my local court and observed the impartiality of the courts. I am also an active member of several pre-law organizations. If I am confirmed I will strive to uphold those principles. I will make sure to consider all perspectives and strictly uphold the university rules and regulations. I will foster open and effective modes of communication. In addition, I keep to keep other branches and parties updated. I am confident that my background makes me a strong candidate for this position
- iv. Doucette.43: I am honored to be here. I am a first-year honors student majoring in public policy analysis. My experiences have taught me a lot about collaboration service and integrity. I want to focus on transparency and fairness. I am dedicated to clear and consistent communication. Thank you for your time and consideration
- v. Moore.495: I don't have as much to say, thank you for the opportunity. I am a second year and am excited to be nominated. I am ready and here. I am excited to bring the impartial aspect of it, I am excited to be shaped and molded as needed
- vi. care.97: Hi everybody, I am a second year and am getting my degree from John Glenn. I know what it means to come from a place where not much is around you. The mission is to serve students essentially. My big core values are transparency. At the end of the day, it is the students who matter. If given the opportunity, I would do an amazing job



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- vii. euchko.3: I want to thank all of you for giving me this opportunity. I feel grateful to be standing in front of all of you. I am in my third year, and here on campus, I am in a frat and on the standards board as well. I am someone who holds myself to a high standard of integrity. Clear communication brings clear decisions. It will make the lives of students easier. With integrity comes firm beliefs and good morals. It is crucial to be impartial. This is my firm belief. I will do everything I can to make this happen. I am asking you to put faith in me. I thank you all for listening
- viii. O'Brien.117: I am in my first year and have been fostering relationships with those in my LC. I applied to the judicial panel and have always wanted to be part of student government. It is at the forefront of our position to be transparent. I believe in this new panel. We will take it as our number one priority. I was raised with great morals and ethics. I am ready to work if you will let me
- ix. go.56: Hi everyone, I am a second year studying PPE. I value communication and connection inside and outside the classroom. I hope to bring these abilities to the position if confirmed. I hope to continue these values and skills and to assist the nominees. Thank you all for your time
- x. McAlpine: We had a few things to go into what it means to figure out what quality justice is. We really put that in to get a justice team. Transparency is important and make sure to talk about talking with other branches. Impartiality, just making sure that everyone has a bias, but they will be well positioned for that to be on the back burner. Personality, they think



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critically and are detail-oriented. Not all of them want to be lawyers and that goes into diversity.

- xi. Ahmed: Thank you for finally getting this done. I agree with eh diversity of backgrounds. This question is for everyone, do you have any relationship with anyone in USG currently?
- xii. Cade: Motion to suspend the rules to allow us to directly ask questions to the candidates
 - 1. 17-1-4; motion passes
- xiii. Ahmed: I will ask my question again, do you have any relationship with people in USG and if you do will that affect your decisions?
 - 1. Candidates have relationships but will not let that affect their decisions.
 - 2. Griffith: I would like to talk about my relationship with Ethan more. We had the same Spanish class, a year went by and I decided to reach out over Instagram since I knew that his is what he was interested in. This was strictly a business relationship. I know that with election season coming up and with my own candidacy and other potential candidacies someone should be in JP that will do the job and I know that Ethan would do that.
- xiv. Cade: What was the hypothetical?
 - 1. McApline: Just to protect future processes, this question will be used again. I am not going to read it right now. It was a scenario looking at it looking into if a person broke bylaws. There was no correct all-the-way answer.



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- xv. Hickman: Do you all commit to be fair and partial?
 - 1. All candidates agree
 - xvi. Cade: I was going back through the vacancy applications, does that decision that you were not chosen affect how you make decisions?
 - xvii. Coats.63: It will not
 - xviii. McApline: We cannot talk about candidacy at all in any USG spaces
 - xix. Migliore: What is the punishment for discussing it?
 - xx. Bernard: Let's move on from it and not talk about it
 - xxi. Cade: JP standings rules require that they rescind themselves after a conflict of interest
 - xxii. Braziel: I think this is a great group of panel nominees. I think that it is important to look at their resumes. I like these nominees and think they would be a great asset. Given that we have election season going on, I look forward to the way they make decisions. We need to do something now or try to change what is going on now.
 - xxiii. Hansen: I will quickly run through the candidates. All of them would make a great fit and have great experiences that will aid them well.
Overall, great nominations.
 - xxiv. Bernard: Any dissent to unanimous consent?
 - 1. Resolution passes unanimously
- c. 57-R-19: A Resolution to Enhance On and Off-Campus Safety
- i. Cade: This resolution comes from a variety of safety concerns. You can see all the citations and the instances. I worked with several police forces. This resolution empowers them to do great things



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1. Hickman: I live near the UDF shooting, when we were talking about the shoot, it was ridiculous students were not getting notified. We cannot keep playing hot potato
 - ii. Resolution passes unanimously
- d. 57-R-20: A Resolution to Urge the University to Establish Preventative Measures Concerning Fungal Growths in Buildings
 - i. Cade: Calls for preventive measures to prevent what has happened in Larence Tower from happening again. Regular tests and other measures to hold the university accountable
 1. Resolution passes unanimously

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

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