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50th General Assembly
Fall 2017, Session 9
September 27th, 2017

I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
 - i. Jacqueline Roebach.1 for Tyson
 - ii. Liz Webb.761 for Vargo
 - iii. Charles Giganti.4 for Bowles
 - iv. Jack Gangestad.3 for Munjal
 - v. Molly Duncan.1157 for Bennett
- c. Swearing in of Alternates
- d. Approval of Minutes

II. Open Forum for the Public

III. Updates

- a. *Sophie Chang*
 - i. I don't really have a lot this week. Thank you for showing up!
Have a wonderful Wednesday.

IV. Executive Report

- a. *Andrew Jackson*
 - i. We are still just going through our meetings and setting the foundation. We met with the provost last week and talked a lot about the 21 credit hours and the scholarship registry.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Allocations Committee
Averi Townsend — No updates.



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b. Oversight Committee

Michael Swaggerty — No updates.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. How to Write a Resolution

i. *Chang*: I figured that most of you have a lot of ideas but don't know where to start, so I thought of going over how to write a resolution with you. In our brainstorm session, a lot of you had good ideas, but may not know where to start. Feel free to ask questions during this presentation.

b. 50-R-10 *A Resolution to Canvass for the Creation of a Standardized Absence Policy at The Ohio State University*

i. *Barnett*: Hey guys, I am the deputy director for academic affairs, and I am the lead sponsor for this resolution. This is something that academic affairs has been working on over the summer. So a little bit of background: currently Ohio State has no absence policy. All policies are completely up to the professors and their colleges. This is unfair because students in different colleges may have the same issues, but they may be getting different responses to their absence requests. After doing some research, we found that nearly all the Big Ten schools, and almost all of the Ivy League schools as well have a set in stone policy that encompasses their whole university.



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- ii. *Slavic*: Farhan and I are contributing to the section at the end regarding religious absences. I know, due to personal experiences, I am sometimes required to show extra proof of my religion, and that the absence is really necessary. This can sometimes be trivial and difficult situation to go through, and we would like to ensure that no one at Ohio State has to go through this.
- iii. *Quadri*: I was just going to say that this resolution is important because it creates a standardized policy for across campus.
- iv. *Nadeem*: Given that Ohio State is so diverse, it is important to take into account everyone's requirements. Mainly, hitting on the religious aspect, but also taking into account sickness or funerals. I think it will make it more fair for everyone, and we should support diversity.
- v. *Greer*: I also want to point out that another resolution passed in GA last year, but we wanted to be able to bring in a new and updated resolution when we talked to administrators. Also I wanted to make sure to point out that this would only be enforced in the classrooms that do take attendance. If you're in a lecture hall with 300 or 500 students, attendance is usually not taken and will not be affected by this resolution.

Moved to discussion

- vi. *Sami*: ***Motion*** to pass with unanimous consent.

Moved PASSED

50-R-10 PASSES with unanimous consent



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c. Resolution Brainstorming Session (10 minutes)

VIII. 5-Minute Recess for Prayer

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

a. **Adjourned at 7:22 pm**