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**I. Opening**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
- c. Swearing in of Alternates
- d. Approval of Minutes

**II. Open Forum for the Public**

**III. Updates**

- a. *Buss for Chang:*
  - i. Andrew and Sophie are at the Legends and Legacy event honoring Congresswoman Joyce Beatty this week. Vacancy elections will be next week. Also, be sure to submit resolutions by midnight on Sunday. Constituency reports due next Sunday night!

**IV. Executive Report**

- a. *Buss for Jackson:*
  - i. Andrew and Sophie with met with provost, and talked about textbook affordability, and open sources. We have exciting news from academic affairs! Be sure to check out cabinet slides for more information.

**V. Committee Reports**

- a. Allocations Committee

*Averi Townsend*

- i. International Career Management, in the amount of \$250.00
- ii. Korean Student Association, in the amount of \$308.00
- iii. Refuge, in the amount of \$1,000.00



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- iv. Indian Student Association, in the amount of \$1400.00
- v. Pen Pals in North Korea, in the amount of \$320.00

b. Oversight Committee

*Michael Swaggerty* — No updates.

**VI. Old Business**

**VII. New Business**

a. 50-R-11: A Resolution to Increase Transparency of the International Fee at The Ohio State University

- i. *Hao*: The previous seat holder tried to reduce the international student fee in previous years but it didn't work. I am trying to approach the issue through access to information instead. The fee has increased by 194% over the last 3 years.
- ii. *Sockwell*: I support the bill itself, as it is also an issue with other areas in the university's budget.
- iii. *Leeder*: I think this is a great resolution. The university should be more transparent in what they spend, and why they increase it so drastically and constantly.
- iv. *Quadri*: I support this resolution because in 2015 it was \$419, and now it's over \$1500, even though the number of international students is relatively the same.

***Moved to Questions***

- v. *Treglia*: Have you looked at the Registrar's page on fee explanations? Because it says that the fee is assessed on credit hours, provides resources for international students, and for



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university wide strategic investments. If you have looked at it, great; if not it does a good job explaining.

- vi. *Hao*: Yes, we have looked at it, and that is why I started looking at writing this resolution. The programs have remained the same since 2014, and the fee has increased. Fisher does not have this fee and their programs aren't funded through our fee, and our programs haven't grown with the fee.
- vii. *Sockwell*: This just doesn't seem fair to international students and the university forces international students to prove they can pay for all four years of university, and for the university they just see international students as money.
- viii. *Quadri*: Programs have been the same for the past 3 years, but now it's three times more. If they have the same programs and the programs aren't even that effective, then why are the fees increasing? Are they actually benefitting from the fee or are they just being overcharged?
- ix. *Smith*: The resolution says it's increased 194% over the last three years but that math is wrong. It's actually closer to 300%, do you want to change that?
- x. *Hao*: Yes.
- xi. *Swaggerty*: For future reference, that's in discussion.
- xii. *Humayan*: **Motion** to cap the speakers list.

***Motion PASSED***



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xiii. *Treglia*: It's not that I have a problem with more transparency, but I want more specifics with what you want exactly. I was able to find what is being said on the website. Maybe you want to see a quantitative breakdown and a more descriptive explanations. Ohio state needs to work on transparency

xiv. *Humayan*: **Motion** to pass with unanimous consent.

**Motion PASSED**

**50-R-11 PASSED with unanimous consent**

#### **VIII. 5-Minute Recess for Prayer**

#### **IX. Announcements**

- i. *Buss*: Get any resolutions in on time is paramount to your success and steering's success. Any questions on constituency reports? I know it's sooner but it's what is required by the bylaws, so they will be shorter. WE will make sure the process is easier. If you have any questions, just grab me at any time.

#### **X. Adjournment**