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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 Public

- a. No one from the public came to speak.

III. Updates

a. *Abby Waidelich*

- i. A lot of policy initiatives are currently going on within University Senate right now, such as energy privatization, dining, STEP, affordability, student life, off-campus, housing, etc. Please get in contact with Sam Whipple, because there is more than likely a chance that a USenate Committee is already working on policy points involving those topics. If you're at all interested in working on policies regarding the topics above.
- ii. For Veteran's Day on November 11th, we're planning on not having a General Assembly meeting unless absolutely necessary.

IV. Executive Report

a. *Abby Grossman*

- i. The Director application for the Committee on Diversity & Inclusion was sent out last night, and they're due this Friday.
- ii. We just launched the U Are Not Alone campaign a few days ago. Share on Facebook and Twitter. There's also a temporary Facebook profile picture for it, too!
- iii. Sexual Violence Townhall this Thursday from 6-8:30pm in the US Bank Theater. Reach out to Sarah, Emmy, Varsha with questions.
- iv. The USG Halloween Soiree is soon. Information was sent out in the USG Newsletter.

V. Committee Reports

a. *Allocations – Jenna Gravalis*

- i. Allocations has met twice since last session and has given out the following:
 - 1. Student Activity Fund:



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- a. Real Food Challenge \$425
 - b. Pi Kappa Alpha \$401
 - c. American Institute of Architect Students \$393
 - d. Men's Soccer \$774
 - e. The Art of Living Club \$200
 - f. Echo Studio \$621
 - g. Net Impact OSU \$275.25
 - h. Real Food OSU \$900
2. Coke:
- a. Muslim Students Association \$1,000
 - b. Make-A-Wish at Ohio State \$127
 - c. Pilipino Student Association \$500
 - d. Chi Omega \$500
 - e. Phi Kappa Tau \$500
 - f. Phi Gamma Delta \$300
 - g. Operation Smile \$600
- ii. Constituency events. Keep in mind that it takes 3-6 weeks for an idea to come to fruition. Everything is on the Google document that Danielle sent out. You can send out a campus climate survey or do something within your college, and that can still counts as a constituency because that way you're still reaching out to your constituency and getting input for policy and feedback. You can do them this semester or next semester, so don't feel too rushed, but be sure to be thinking about them.
- b. Oversight – *Daniel Marchese*
- i. Oversight hasn't met since last session. One of the things I'm going to try to do before we run out of our four-meeting maximum is to re-proportion the amount of seats there are on North Campus and South Campus for next year, since next year there will be the same amount of students on both campuses, so it doesn't make sense for South Campus to have more seats than North Campus.
 - ii. CBRC doesn't have the right amount of people on it to be created. It hasn't been formed yet, so TBD.



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- iii. One person will no longer be on our committee. If you're interested in being on Oversight and you aren't already, and you aren't on Steering, please come see me.

VI. Old Business

- a. 48-R-11 A Resolution to Approve the Election Bylaws
 - i. *Chief Justice Marsilio*: Make sure your comments are suggestions, not amendments. Be careful the way you word them because they will not be taken into consideration otherwise. Please be sure that you've read the election bylaw changes, because I don't want to be repeating myself because some of you have not read the original version or the corrections. Let's move on.
 - ii. *Abby Waidelich*: We're going straight into the speaker's list from last session after this, so keep that in mind.
 - iii. *Marsilio*: Read out Articles...
 1. I.A.3.a,b
 2. I.B.1.c
 3. I.B.1.c.i
 4. I.B.5.f
 5. I.B.5.g
 6. II.A.2.e
 7. II.A.2.e.i
 8. II.A.3.b "station" rather than "site"
 9. III.A.5
 10. III.C formatting change
 11. IV.A. formatting change
 12. IV.B.3.a
 13. IV.C.3
 14. IV.D.1. an e-mail address, not phone number
 15. V. various changes underneath
 16. V.C
 17. VI
 - iv. *Abby Waidelich*: We're now going into the speaker's list from last week.



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- v. *Weisman*: I don't know the exact reason for Article III.A.5, but it may be confusing for voters that slate affiliations are not published on the ballot, because people may be confused or not know who to vote for.
- vi. *Marsilio*: This is simply a wording change and a clarification from previous years. If you'd like a reason, I'd be happy to give you a reason, but it's a wording change, not a content change.
- vii. *Warnimont*: I love the amendment changes and the no ex post facto changes, among others, so I'm totally willing to vote for these bylaws.
- viii. *Frank*: I'd like to commend the Judicial Panel for a job well done on these Election Bylaws.
- ix. *Luther*: I just want to say thanks to everyone who came to the meeting we had about Election Bylaw changes and suggestions, and I'm glad we could make lots of great strides as a General Assembly. At the meeting, the use of devices for voting was an important issue that was brought up. Voting on devices is not addressed in the document at all, and I'd just like to bring that up. I'm yielding the rest of my time to Chief Justice Marsilio.
- x. *Marsilio*: The Judicial Panel expected this question to come up. We have reasons for everything we include, but we don't feel that it's necessary to address this issue in the Election Bylaws.
- xi. *Marchese*: This is awesome, thank you. I know for a lot of us, this has been intense and crazy, but I'm glad that this is something we've had a long discussion about. There's one thing that doesn't need to be fixed now, but something under the Voter Qualifications section, it doesn't say anything about international students being able to vote for their emissary, but again that's something that doesn't have to be added right now. That being said, I'm really happy with this document and I will be voting for it.
- xii. *Weisman*: I'd like to yield my time to Chief Justice Marsilio to explain why slate affiliations are not published on the ballot.
- xiii. *Marchese*: They've never been published on the ballot, it's just that the Judicial Panel decided to make it an official part of the Election Bylaws this year, rather than just have it as something that's always been done.



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- xiv. *Belfiglio*: I don't think we should publish slate affiliations on the ballot, because it makes USG seem even more divisive to outside organizations.
- xv. *Bock*: Mine was about formatting, so withdrawn.
- xvi. *Cramer*: This is about formatting. Under the Miscellaneous section, III.B. I think it should say polling stations, not polling station.
- xvii. *Marsilio*: I got that as soon as I read it out loud. Taken.
- xviii. PASSED with 0 abstentions.
- b. Nursing Vacancy Election
 - i. Move into Executive Session.**
 - ii. Paige Bennett elected as Nursing Senator.**

VII. New Business

- a. *Luther*: I have a bill I'd like to introduce.
- b. *Abby Waidelich*: Well, you need to introduce the full name of the resolution, and then we'll take a two-thirds vote on it to be introduced to the floor.
- c. *Luther*: This bill is called A Resolution to Support Visit Rollover. Important to bring to USenate
- d. *Ferzacca*: Why does it have to be presented to USenate and not just to Dining Services?
- e. *Luther*: It would be more effective if we wrangled some support from faculty in University Senate.
- f. *Abby Waidelich*: It's also currently under the USenate Fiscal Committee's perview.
- g. *Warnimont*: What would happen if we didn't bring it to the floor tonight?
- h. *Luther*: It would hinder our progress in USenate.
- i. Motion to call the previous question.**
- j. *Greer*: I want to emphasize the importance of bringing this to the floor tonight in order to pass this for students by Thanksgiving. I think we should bring it to the floor tonight because of the time issue for University Senate.
- k. Motion to bring the resolution to the floor PASSED.**
- l. 48-R-16 A Resolution to Support Visit Rollover
 - i. *Luther*: An overview of how the dining plan works, for those who don't know. You probably all do, but regardless. There's little opportunity to use your swipes, especially over Thanksgiving break. If



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you remember, blocks were first implemented back in 2012. 450 block plan was too big, and then the 350 block plan was presented and used. Hopefully, with this resolution, we can present a united front.

- ii. *Greer*: Especially with Thanksgiving. To be expected to use 10 to 14 meals in one or two days is ridiculous.
- iii. *Shaffer*: I support this because quite frankly put, the University makes how much money
- iv. *Warnimont*: I support it.
- v. *Waidelich*: It's imperative to get this passed today, because this could lead to more meaty resolutions in the future.
- vi. *Souders*: Important to push on dining reform but within the system. I think that this is important.
- vii. *Gonzalez*: Lose money if you're off campus during break, but you also lose money if you're on campus during break.
- viii. *Marchese*: I support this resolution.
- ix. *Bodey*: For students who are on campus and unable to use the swipes they've already paid for, the only one open is the RPAC juice bar—the really tiny one—so happy Thanksgiving. If you know students on campus for Thanksgiving, there is a dinner in the Union, so please encourage them to attend that.
- x. *Singh*: Is Thanksgiving a Friday or Thursday or what?
- xi. *Abby Waidelich*: It's Thursday.
- xii. *Singh*: So is that correct? Nothing's open?
- xiii. *Bodey*: No.
- xiv. Motion to move into discussion.**
- xv. *Belfiglio*: I think this is a good stepping stone for more
- xvi. *Bratton*: Is it appropriate to do a friendly amendment right now?
- xvii. *Abby Waidelich*: Yes.
- xviii. *Bratton*: Friendly amendment to change "rollover" to "roll over."
- xix. *Kenyon*: Block system. I was confused when they stopped using the block system. I liked blocks even though they were annoying sometimes, but they were definitely fairer, so I definitely support this resolution.



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- xx. *Warnimont*: Formatting lines at the top. Abby Waidelich is the Vice President, not just the Speaker of the Senate.
- xxi. **Motion to call the question.**
- xxii. *Abby Waidelich*: Friendly amendment to change 48-R-XX to 48-R-16. Last semester, Dining Services had an internal review by an external company. They came up with a “best meal plan” with feedback from USG and RHAC. It was never brought to this GA floor last year, and we didn’t have much feedback last year. Just so you guys know, what this will do moving forward is...why this wasn’t presented to Dining Services is because dining didn’t want to do it and didn’t think that students wanted it. Weekly reset. Dining is mandated to review the plan November 3rd and 17th. This resolution is fantastic because this sends a message to dining and to USenate. Bring to USenate, Fiscal committee, and will decide how changes to the meal plan will be made throughout the years and in years to come. There is a lot of reform needing to be made. Thank you to all of you who have put a lot of effort into making this happen.
- xxiii. *Rollins*: I just want you all to know that I work in Dining Services, and weekly resets like this really suck. People come back from break and
- xxiv. *Cramer*: Agreed.
- xxv. **Motion to pass with unanimous consent.**
- xxvi. PASSED with 0 abstentions.

VIII. Announcements

- a. *Touvelle*: College of Social Work has a service learning program that’s open to all undergraduate and graduate students. Contact me if you have any questions about the class! SWK5026: Follow the Tomato: Community Food Strategies will involve community service, readings, et cetera. Contact Michelle Kaiser.267 with any questions on enrollment.
- b. *Marchese*: Oversight will not be meeting this week. Anyone interested in joining Oversight, please contact me!
- c. *Bodey*: OSU Votes Ambassador applications will be opening for next semester very soon, so I encourage you all to apply. Applications can be found at this link: http://payitforward.osu.edu/Our%20Programs/osu_votes.



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- d. *Jackson*: Our new #EndHateOSU campaign just concluded its soft launch today. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter! We will be coming out with new information about Diversity Discussions, focused on International Students, LGBTQ students for diversity discussions.
- e. *Cramer*: The College Republicans are hosting a seminar.
- f. *Challapally*: We're having a Sexual Violence Town Hall tomorrow in the U.S. Bank Theater. Please come out and contribute to the discussion! There will be free cookies.
- g. *Souders*: Academic Enrichment Grants application closes on October 30th. Make sure the word gets out, post on Facebook! (Grants can be found under the Briefing Room tab on the USG website. Link: https://usg.osu.edu/posts/documents/doc_10132015_23361995.pdf.)

IX. Adjournment