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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order Attendance
- b. Swearing in of Alternates
 1. Ross.1372 for Serfozo
 2. Griffiths.99 for Warnimont
 3. Kanesh.1 for Jagoe
 4. LaPointe.17 for Moore
 5. Wedding.10 for Reed
- c. Approval of Minutes
 1. Minutes APPROVED.

II. Open Forum for Public

- a. **No one**

III. Updates--*Danielle Di Scala*

- a. Steering had to amend the agenda to add a funding appeal; there is one more thing on the agenda.

IV. Executive Report--*Gerard Basalla*

- a. *Basalla*: The Cleveland Indians are three outs away from the World Series. This week we talked with Doctor Fus about innovation and learning. We are excited to get the teaching and learning institute under way. We are also talking about minority student enrollment and how we are not there yet. We have the largest enrollment in the university's history, but with inflation that is not good. We want to change the model. Although we are good for financial literacy, we want to increase it to number one. We are looking at social security and criminal justice reform
- b. *Shaffer*: What is financial literacy?
- c. *Basalla*: Financial literacy is run by Student Wellness and it teaches sophomores how to handle their money, but we also want to help 16 to 18-year-old high school students in the future.
- d. *Vargo*: What is Dr. Fus' role in the teaching and learning initiative?
- e. *Basalla*: His grades are higher than others who take the same test. Teaching and learning is important, but why are some professors



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having success and not others? He has the highest score of any class but it's a lot of innovation in the future. You are going to do your homework and prove it in class.

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations --Derek Whiddon

- a. UNICEF at OSU: \$294.00
- b. Phi Kappa Tau: \$1000.00
- c. Operation Smile Cub: \$650.00
- d. ACM-W: \$1500.00
- e. Kingdom Asian Basketball Club: \$1500.00
- f. Asian Business Student Association: \$900.00
- g. *Whiddon*: Tonight we have a funding appeal from the Asian Student Business Association. We had to reject their appeal because it wasn't open to all students and that is stipulation to receiving the money. They are going to give their presentation and explain. They are requesting five hundred dollars for their event and you'll have the ability to ask questions and discuss. We also need three alternates for Sunday's meeting that would take an hour at maximum. Email me at whiddon.1. It's at four o'clock on Sunday in the President's Room.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- 1. **Motion in favor of amending the order of the agenda**
- 2. **Motion approved**
- 3. *49-B-1 A Bill to Overturn the Allocations Funding Decision for the Asian Business Student Association*
 - i. *Surian Raman*: I want to give a brief explanation of what our association is. It is with Fisher for the last 15 years. We are dedicated to improving students professionally and personally. We bring in Fortune 500 people come in. We network and hold cultural events. We have a trip where we go to Harvard every year where we go to the Asian business conference.



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- ii. *Erin Gao*: This is the first year where we want a banquet and we want to hold it at the end of the year, November 28th. We expect 50 people to attend. It was originally closed but now we are opening it to everyone. We will have E-board members set up at 6:30 and we plan on having a key note speaker. A lot of our alumni are not in Ohio. Our backup speaker is here on campus. We also plan to have a network opportunity and understand what our organization is about. We will be giving out raffle prizes and food and drinks.
- iii. *Gao*: Food will be from Joyce Village for 300 dollars. And we also want money for gift cards (\$125) and t-shirts. We also want to give the speaker money for her time.
- iv. *Bodey*: Are the t-shirts event specific?
- v. *Gao*: Yes, because this is a first time event we want it to be memorable.
- vi. **Motion to enter executive session**
- vii. **Motion withdrawn**
- viii. **Moved to Questions**
- ix. *Glass*: The reason why this was shut down was because it was an exclusive meeting. Is that right?
- x. *Whiddon*: Yes, it is open now.
- xi. **Moved to discussion**
- xii. *Frank*: Motion to amend the last resolve clause to remove the term door prizes, to say “guest specific and guest speaker gifts.”
- xiii. **Motion to move to discussion**
- xiv. **Motion withdrawn**
- xv. *Bodey*: Are your key note speakers from the university?
- xvi. *Raman*: First speaker no, our second speaker yes.
- xvii. *Whiddon*: We cannot fund anyone who is a student, professor, or administrator.
- xviii. **Moved to discussion.**
- xix. *Bodey*: Friendly amendment.
- xx. **Called the question on the amendment**
- xxi. **Amendment passes**
- xxii. *Frank*: Friendly amendment.
- xxiii. *Bodey*: Just for future reference: the allocations committee this year is not funding raffles, contests, or a something someone could win. We can't



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guarantee everything will be picked at random and we are not funding anything like that. That is the precedent, no gift cards and no raffles.

xxiv. *Glass*: With the amendments we made this would be clear of that?

xxv. *Bodey*: Yes.

xxvi. *Glass*: This seems like a no-brainer and the reason it failed was because it was an exclusive meeting of students. This is justified in overturning the ruling and I support this.

xxvii. *Glass*: Seeing as Bodey explained the amendment, I move to pass with unanimous consent.

xxviii. 49-B-1 *A Bill to Overturn the Allocations Funding Decision for the Asian Business Student Association* **PASSED**

4. 49-R-19 *A Resolution to Appoint Members to the Constitution and Bylaw Review Commission*

e. ***Motion for committee on the whole.***

f. ***Motion passes.***

g. Every five years we have to appoint members to the Constitutional Bylaw Review Commission [CBRC]. Eight people approved and I move to approve all of them. There is also someone from the public as well.

h. *Belfiglio*: This wasn't ready on Sunday due to fall break, but we feel this is urgent.

i. **Motion to move to discussion**

j. **Moved to discussion**

k. **Motion to pass with unanimous consent**

l. **Motion approved**

m. **Move to rise and report**

n. **Motion approved**

o. **Moved to questions**

p. *Clark*: Is there a typical number for the CBRC or is it your discretion?

q. *Buss*: I want to hear why everyone wants to do this.

r. *Belfiglio*: This is my second year on oversight and I feel like I know the bylaws really well. I've written a student org. constitution before. Let's do it.

s. *Bodey*: My name is Mikayla Bodey and this is my second year in GA. I am a Public Affairs major and I find this fascinating. I have also



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written student org. constitutions before. The CBRC is incredibly serious and has the potential to change the entire structure of USG. This is the one group of people to change this and if you feel like you are disenfranchised, I encourage you to reach out.

- t. *Frank*: I'm a political science major and all of this is great for me. I have also worked on writing constitutions and I've downloaded our USG constitution 40 times. I'm familiar with it and I want to make it better for all.
- u. *Gravalis*: I've been a senator, in cabinet, and seen a lot during my time in USG. I want to make campaigns more accessible and I want this to reflect best practices. And like Senator Frank says, I want to make documents that actually work for people
- v. *Hildreth*: My major is history and economics. I am interested in politics and have political experience, and I feel someone who is not in USG has to make sure this is fair and reasonable for everyone at OSU.
- w. *Kaczmarek*: Have you guys read the constitution and bylaws? They're really bad. This is still called the Senate, not GA. Half the students in USG don't understand it and how can we reach out to people if they don't know what it says.
- x. *Liu*: This is my fourth year here. I am a communications major. I want to use this and my background as Asian, Chinese, and homosexual and make USG more accessible for everyone and this is what I'd like to do in the following year.
- y. *Post*: I'm the director of Internal Affairs and this is my duty to see how the changes in the constitution and bylaws will affect the culture of USG and how people interact with each other and other organizations. We want to work on campaign bylaws and clean up the dirtiness and make it more clear for the members of USG and the community.
- z. **Moved to discussion.**
- aa. *Glass*: What an all-star cast for the CBRC. I believe this has gone through the proper channels and everyone knows what needs to be made and I move to pass with unanimous consent.
- bb. **Motion withdrawn.**
- cc. *Frank*: friendly amendments.



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- dd. *Belfiglio*: I wanted to make sure that everyone knows that everyone writes the constitution then it moves to the ballot and students vote on it in the spring. For anyone here right now who thinks it doesn't function right, please contact one of us. We want to have opening listening to get student input. This is the only time in five years so let's make a constitution that works.
- ee. **Motion to pass with unanimous consent.**
- ff. **Motion failed.**
- gg. **Call the question**
- hh. **Question called.**
- ii. 49-R-19 *A Resolution to Appoint Members to the Constitution and Bylaw Review Commission* **PASSED**

5. 49-R-18 *A Resolution to Further Improve the Academic Programming of the STEP Program at The Ohio State University*

- i. *C. Dorony*: This resolution is about improving STEP. The program provides a great way to get involved and network with professors. There are still a lot of ways to improve this and I believe this will have a great impact on improving the program
- j. *K. Dorony*: I've talked to people and some people have said that their meeting is only an ice breaker for an hour and a half.
- k. *Merchant*: This program is an asset to students of Ohio State, but I think there are certain things that can be improved on the programming side to make it what it should be.
- l. *Abusway*: They did a good job explaining this. We are working with the administration. STEP is by no means broken, but we want to improve it.
- m. *Shaffer*: I think this is a step in the right direction.
- n. *Sullivan*: I agree with what everyone has said. The program has great goals and as involved students we all understand spending time on things and you're not sure why.
- o. *Clark*: I understand that the STEP program was created for students who live on campus their second year. I know there are still students who live off campus. I feel like this would be good for students like us, but we are barred from it. Are you working on that?



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- p. *Abusway*: I know some off campus houses are STEP approved. I can't speak for your scholar's house, but I know there are ways to get it improved.
- q. *Clark*: Are STEP coordinators not required to submit sample curriculum now?
- r. *Merchant*: They do get some sample curriculum, but it is very vague. While it makes sense for some reasons to have some ambiguity in the curriculum, we feel like it is too much and certain professional development opportunities would be beneficial so professors don't make things up every time. They have icebreakers, but these aren't actually transformational.
- s. *Clark*: Do they have to submit curriculum?
- t. *Merchant*: I believe they don't have to submit.
- u. *Abusway*: They are encouraged to do what they want with the program.
- v. *Buss*: I know the advisors are given a large binder of stuff that has things that they can be doing.
- w. *Merchant*: They have options, but there is no general STEP direction. Not having a more refined curriculum would make it easier for the leaders and more impactful for the students.
- x. *Sullivan*: We are doing an outline type thing. There are examples but we want to have a direction you can go in, but also go further. We want it more directed to a specific interest.
- y. *Gracia*: Would getting funding be more rigorous?
- z. *Merchant*: This resolution doesn't have any impact on funding.
- aa. Motion to move to discussion.**
- bb. Moved to discussion.**
- cc. *Belfiglio*: I think this is a fantastic resolution. I really like that they tailor the groups to common interests. I was talking to my professor who is a STEP coordinator and he said he wants to make major based cohorts. It would be interesting programming for students of similar interests. One of the criticisms of having a large school is that you don't know students in your major. He felt that making it based on interest areas would help students get to know professors in their major and interests and I would have loved to be in a group that was based on my major.
- dd. *Bodey*: I would like to propose an amendment. One of the biggest problems is that regional campus students are barred from STEP. Even if they participate



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in res. life as a freshman they are still excluded from STEP and Honors and Scholars. They don't have any way to have access to this.

ee. Moved to Questions.

ff. *Buss*: Are we 100% sure this is true? In my second year I was in STEP as a transfer student.

gg. *Bodey*: You can be in STEP if it is marketed to you, if you move on campus. If I am a second year live-on in a regional campus, can I do STEP? No, I'm excluded. If I'm a regional campus student, can I apply this to my senior year? Why can't we have this on regional campuses?

hh. *Glass*: My understanding is that if you are at OSU ATI [Agricultural Technical Institute] you were allowed to do it if you lived off campus. Since 2015 that has changed, so coming here you are required to live on the Columbus campus in campus housing if you have only completed one year on another campus. I believe in 2013-2014 you could have one year, but now you must live on for two years.

ii. Moved to discussion

jj. *Sullivan*: I think this is an awesome idea that needs to be addressed. I think that this would be better for a new topic and it is a really detailed discussion because this is academic based. Research and sources would be good for the specificities. I think this is great thing that should be addressed, but I don't think this should be addressed here in this resolution.

kk. *Belfiglio*: I respectfully disagree. It is hard to change STEP, but I would like to make a friendly amendment to have it say that the administration should make STEP more accessible to students off campus. This is a step the administration could take to make this more accessible.

ll. *Glass*: I'm coming out in favor of this resolution and I want to include regional campuses and OSU ATI. This is an example of how regional campuses are afterthoughts and we need to make sure this is in favor of what we do here. To be included after coming here after one year and let them fit in would be great. I am in favor of this amendment and resolution.

mm. *Abusway*: I yield my time to Director Merchant.

nn. *Merchant*: I agree that this should be addressed, but we're working on a resolution that would work on the accessibility side because, as senator Sullivan mentioned, this is more about academics in STEP.

oo. *Clark*: can you elaborate on this?



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- pp. *Merchant*: I yield my time to Director Abusway.
- qq. *Abusway*: we want to have this resolution go through to talk about the academic programming and we wanted to talk about the report from the task force last year. The second resolution is about accessibility to the STEP program. The first thing is an addition to this because this is something the STEP program should be doing. We also want to address the stipend to make sure it stays high. As Director Merchant mentioned, this was intended just for academics and I see fit to have this added to the accessibility resolution.
- rr. *Clark*: What they brought up, that is disturbing and it should be addressed. I do not believe that tonight is the right time for this to happen and is a fight for another day. I would be more than happy to co-sponsor something but I don't feel this is right tonight.
- ss. *Buss*: With the new wording, I like this. I will vote for this resolution with or without the amendment. STEP was a big part in making my transition easier and I really appreciate this amendment regardless of where it needs to be.
- tt. *Sullivan*: To serve to your point that transfers students are an afterthought, I feel like this doesn't have to do with this initiative. I think it would illuminate the problem to have it with accessibility.
- uu. *Belfiglio*: I don't have an opinion either way on its placement.
- vv. *Bodey*: I want to elaborate that regional campus students are an afterthought in this chamber and I withdraw this amendment contingent on the fact that this be included in another resolution.
- ww. *Glass*: Thank you for the comments that were made about regional campuses. I wish that Senator Bodey wouldn't have withdrawn her amendment. I feel like this is important and I feel like we need to highlight that we represent all undergraduate students. With that being said, I do support this and I look forward to a resolution next meeting that highlights this issue.
- xx. *Prayner*: I'm in full support of this resolution and someone brought this to my attention yesterday and the reason why I bring this up is that this largely impacts their experience. That 5,000 dollars given to professors can be used at their discretion and the fact that they can chose how much goes into their faculty mentor is why I support this.
- yy. Motion to cap the speakers list.**
- zz. Speakers list Capped.**



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- aaa. *Buss*: I fully support this resolution. I am going to echo Senator Body's call to action to include regional campuses and ATI in their upcoming resolution. Although I had a good experience, I know others did not so I want to improve this for all.
- bbb. *Frank*: friendly amendment. This is a great resolution and we should pass it.
- ccc. **Motion to call the question.**
- ddd. **Question called.**
- eee. 49-R-18 *A Resolution to Further Improve the Academic Programming of the STEP Program at The Ohio State University* **PASSED.**

VIII. Announcements

- xxix. *Di Scala*: This isn't a problem because you are all respectful, but please address comments to the chair. Your constituency reports are due October 27th. Also, please utilize Liz [Fries]. She is here to help and she is always available. I want you guys to focus on targeted outreach. I sent you an email of how you can reach out to your constituents.
- xxx. *Merchant*: Please sign up for the shifts at the USG booth at the Off Campus Expo. This is a good way to interact with your constituents and we need your help.
- xxxi. *Buss*: There is an event at 8:00 tonight at the Multicultural Center. It's about sexual misconduct on college campuses.
- xxxii. *Shaffer*: My fraternity is having a pumpkin sale to come to 15th and Indianola. The proceeds go to charity.

IX. Adjournment