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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
 - i. Kanas.1 for Nitta
 - ii. Imarah.1 for Yacoub
 - iii. Hoppes.36 for Colvin
 - iv. Donagan.1 for Spain
 - v. Quadri.8 for Serfozo
- c. Swearing in of Alternates
- d. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes APPROVED.

II. Open Forum for Public

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

III. Updates

- a. *Danielle Di Scala*: We've gotten submissions for the applications for the vacancies of Public Health and Social Work. Tell your friends to apply. They will be open this Saturday until 9:00 pm. so that we can look them over in Steering and have General Assembly vote on them next Wednesday.

IV. Executive Report

- a. *Gerard Basalla*: We have recently created a textbook taskforce. Something that should be noted is that the Mirror Lake Jump is not happening. Tell your friends and constituents because it's part of your job. It is an important part of Ohio State for students to be safe. We addressed the University Senate this week and talked about affordability and diversity. We met with the CFO Geoff Chatas and talked about energy management and affordability initiatives that will be out soon. We have met with Doctor J and Doctor Drake and we are excited to dive into course fees. We had a meeting to discuss the length of lines in dining halls and that is being mitigated as we speak. We have a great status with dining plans and we haven't seen the complaints we've seen in the past. Also, we're having new members come in to see what we're doing in this body. If you ever want to talk with me I'm in the USG office.



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- b. *Shaffer*: Is the university doing anything to stop the Mirror Lake jump?
- c. *Basalla*: The lake will most likely be drained and there are other things we're going to do. There is thought going into this and we want students to feel safe and comfortable.
- d. *Buss*: Are we coming up with an alternate event?
- e. *Basalla*: USG will not be planning a formal event to replace Mirror Lake jump. It is difficult to plan new traditions. USG just wants to make students feel safe and that things that can happen that will be constructive and good with the rivalry. There are other plans for the week, but USG will not be planning an event.
- f. *Bodey*: The front page of the Lantern says that USG is working on a new tradition. Can you address that?
- g. *Basalla*: We met with Doctor Drake after that quote was given. I've been sent that by many people. USG is more about policy. Just know that this isn't a USG sponsored tradition.
- h. *Branum*: What are the consequences for the inhabitants of the lake, the ducks?
- i. *Basalla*: I'm unsure of what they'll do with them. There are plans of the future of Mirror Lake so that hasn't been decided yet. Most likely the lake will still be there, but the depth might change. I yield my time.

V. Committee Report

- a. Allocations—*Derek Whiddon*
 - i. Funded Indian Student Association 1\$,500
 - ii. Funded Korean Student Association \$197
 - iii. Funded Hong Kong Student Association \$342
 - iv. Sunday is the deadline for budgets.

VI. Old Business

- a. No old business

VII. New Business

- a. 49-R-11 *A Resolution to Approve the Senior Director of Operations*
 - i. Motion to move to committee on the whole.**
 - ii. Motion passed.**



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- iii. *Belfiglio*: This resolution was brought to me on Saturday. We could have done an online vote, but I don't think that's transparent.
- iv. *Basalla*: We created a position called Student Director of Operations. We did this because Mariah Stepp is doing a great job, but as it was, all the operations committees reported to her. It was too much work for one person and it needed to be a separate job. I wanted to pass the creation of this position through General Assembly for transparency's sake.
- v. *Frank*: What are Ben's qualifications?
- vi. *Basalla*: He is a leader amongst leaders and he has served for years in Internal Affairs. This fell into his lap because it wasn't his job over the summer, but he's taking it in stride.
- vii. *Warnimount*: Was there an application for this position?
- viii. *Basalla*: No, just like other appointments made by the president.
- ix. *Vargo*: Is Ben doing this as well as his current role?
- x. *Basalla*: Internal Affairs is shifting around but he is leaving his current position.
- xi. *Clark*: Can you describe the responsibilities of this position more?
- xii. *Basalla*: This position oversees the Internal Affairs, and Communications, and Outreach. These groups have been off on their own and we decided to bring them together. The issue committees report to Jenna [Gravalis] and Internal Affairs, Communications, and Outreach will report to Ben. He will provide leadership and his job is to be there to answer questions and give advice.
- xiii. *Bidna*: Will this position continue after the 49th General Assembly?
- xiv. *Basalla*: This is the culmination of a lot of work. We hope the next administration will keep this, but it is up to them. I believe the operations now are running as well as they ever have.
- xv. *Belfiglio*: What is Ben's current position?
- xvi. *Basalla*: He is Director of Membership. He is doing a fine job now and he'll continue to do it in his new position.



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- xvii. Passed with unanimous consent**
- xviii. Motion to rise a report**
- xix. Report passed.**
- xx. Motion to pass with unanimous consent.**
- xxi. **PASSED** with unanimous consent.**

- b. *49-R-12 A Resolution to Support the Increase of the Maximum Credit Hours Undergraduate Students Can Enroll in Without Additional Fees*
- i. *Clark*: This resolution is to increase the maximum amount of credit hours a student can take per semester from 18-21 hours with no new additional fees. I yield my time to Director Abusway.
 - ii. *Abusway*: I will proactively address the mental health argument. This resolution applies to high achieving students who will not graduate if they don't have more than 18 credit hours per semester. We have modeled this after the program at the University of Southern California. They must have permission from an advisor and be working on a double major, dual degree, or major-minor combination. This is for a specific group of students, but we want them to graduate in 4 years just like other students who are only doing one major.
 - iii. *Moore*: This is part of the policy platform of the campaign and this resonated with a lot of people. I got a lot of feedback from people on the oval.
 - iv. *Frank*: I'm on the Dean's Student Advisory Board. The Dean expressed support for this and took 21 credit hours when earning his bachelor's degree. He graduated in 3 years and he thrived with this kind of program. This program is intended for students who thrive on programs like that and the process for determining what students can be determined at a later date.
 - v. *Warnimont*: The link in footnote five doesn't say anything about 21 credit hours. Can any sponsors respond?
 - vi. *Abusway*: That link should have been changed.
 - vii. *Belfiglio*: You can send the correct link to us.
 - viii. *Merchant*: Does this apply to students who want to graduate in 3 years?



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- ix. *Frank*: It is open for everyone to apply.
- x. *Bidna*: Are these the only qualifications necessary to petition?
- xi. *Abusway*: No. We have to make this work for Ohio State, but what has been mentioned is what other universities do.
- xii. *Bidna*: Can a student with 2.5 GPA apply?
- xiii. *Belfiglio*: We don't have specific requirements, but we're only stating that we support students being allowed to take 21 credit hours without paying more. Advisors and the university should decide who can do this. We support this, but the university is better equipped to decide the requirements than we are.
- xiv. *Abusway*: The GPA requirement is up to the university, but USC has a 3.75 requirement and is for high achieving students who thrive in this environment. This is not for everyone and there will be a process to decide who can do it.
- xv. *Gracia*: How do you believe that the university at the administration level feels about the ramifications of eliminating the fee?
- xvi. *Clark*: The 18 hour maximum was never for finance, but for mental health reasons.
- xvii. *Abusway*: If this passes, Gerard and I will meet with CFO Geoff Chatas to see if this is financially viable. This is just a recommendation.
- xviii. *Lovejoy*: Is there a specific standing that a student needs take more than 18 credit hours?
- xix. *Abusway*: The student requires sophomore standing with 21 credit hours earned. On a personal note, I don't think this should be open to freshmen.
- xx. *DePuy*: Will this replace the system or will freshmen still be able to pay for extra credit hours?
- xxi. *Abusway*: That may still be possible.
- xxii. *Belfiglio*: You currently have to petition for 21 credit hours. The current system is that anyone who has to take more than 18 credit hours has to pay. The new policy is that those who are accepted wouldn't have to pay, so it won't be that someone will have to pay and others don't. This is just a recommendation.



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- xxiii. Motion to cap speakers list.**
- xxiv. Speakers list capped.**
- xxv. *Lui*: Does this apply to international student fees? OSU has a unique way of calculating international fees. There is sheet on the university registrar that says the cost per credit hour. Does this resolution also apply to the different fees for international students?
- xxvi. *Belfiglio*: if you look at the international fee, the fee is flat from 15-18 and this wouldn't be an additional fee. A student is charged a certain amount for one credit hour up to 15 credit hours. Up to 21 would not be charged. It is charged from 1-15 so international students will not have to pay for more classes than they are taking.
- xxvii. Motion to move to discussion.**
- xxviii. Moved to discussion.**
- xxix. *Buss*: It's clear that we don't understand what the requirements are. We need something to say what we are recommending so that the school can look as a wide means of options.
- xxx. Move to amend.**
- xxxi. *Frank*: Director Buss, do you believe the requirements cannot be interpreted by the administration?
- xxxii. *Buss*: I understand where you're coming from, but I think it would be more transparent to say that we are looking at a wide range of options.
- xxxiii. Motion to move to discussion.**
- xxxiv. Moved to discussion.**
- xxxv. *Buss*: I believe this is a great resolution, I just wanted to add to it. If this language doesn't suit you feel free to change it.
- xxxvi. *Glass*: I agree with Director Buss's statements so I would be in favor of the amendment.
- xxxvii. *Warnimont*: Friendly amendment.
- xxxviii. *Bidna*: Friendly amendment.
- xxxix. *Shaffer*: Friendly amendment.
- xl. *Dorony*: Friendly amendment.
- xli. *Moore*: Friendly amendment.



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- xlii. *Chang*: Friendly amendment.
- xliii. The amendment passes.**
- xliv. Enter discussion on the whole.**
- xlv. *Clark*: Friendly amendment.
- xlvi. Move to pass with unanimous consent**
- xlvii. PASSED with unanimous consent.**

VIII. Announcements

- a. *Di Scala*: If you guys are attending the retreat, which you should come to because it will be fun, fill out the Google form. Please fill it out as soon as possible.
- b. *Bodey*: I wanted to talk with you guys about something for your professional development to make you a better member of this body. I wanted to talk with you about the Washington Academic Internship Program, or WAIP. I am a recent WAIP alum. I have interned in D.C. both with WAIP and without and I recommend you do it with WAIP instead of alone because it is a more efficient use of your time. You will be a full time OSU student and this counts for a third of a public affairs minor or public health minor, or it counts for two capstone projects in the John Glenn College. There are a variety of internship opportunities. Thanks to the alumni network and John Glenn College we can have connections, which is the most valuable part of the WAIP program. Thanks to my contacts I went to interviews this summer. We are having a Careers in D.C. panel with recent WAIP alums. Two alumni graduated from OSU and were in USG. We encourage you to attend this event on Monday at 5:30 in Page Hall. We will have free pizza. Feel free to reach out to me. The deadline to apply for Spring semester is October 7th and the deadline for the Summer semester is in January. Please apply soon because background checks may take time, especially at the White House.
- c. *Warnimont*: There are 27 days left to register to vote so get registered!
Buss: There is a solidarity event at Potter Plaza at the Union to stand with the Sioux tribe in North Dakota who are protesting the pipeline.
Kennedy: A major policy point from the campaign is the Good Samaritan law. It got passed this summer and signed into law and



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enforced yesterday. The law protects anyone who calls for a first responder or police help under the influence.

Chang: We also have something like this on campus but only with alcohol.

Kennedy: If you are on the other side of High Street it doesn't count.

Di Scala: This is a passport event for new members and I'll sign your passport at the end of the meeting.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting ADJOURNED.