

**50<sup>th</sup> General Assembly** Fall 2017, Session 14 November 8th, 2017

## 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. Sophie Chang:
  - Sterling Clemmons has been removed from GA. Vacancy Applications will be going out soon.
  - ii. Warning emails will be sent out by Amraha to those who have poor attendance. This is a job you should all take seriously. If you are not showing adequate attendance, you can be removed.
  - iii. Allocations Committee: Show up to allocation! If you are not able to fulfill your commitment, resign. Also, Avery will be replaced soon.

# IV. Executive Report

- a. Andrew Jackson
  - We are moving forward with the scholarship registry, and the Associate Deans of the Colleges are all sending in the list of all of the scholarships that are offered in their colleges. That has been going really well.



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- ii. We are moving forward with the free tampons and pads initiative.We are working on getting that piloted in the union and RPAC next semester.
- iii. We also met with President Drake earlier this week and discussed many things! One of them being the Campus Climate Survey. Just making sure that we are aware and working on sexual assault resource for students on campus. If anyone has questions, please email me, or come to my office hours.

### V. Committee Reports

- a. Allocations Committee Averi Townsend
  - i. Chinese American Student Association, in the amount of \$200.00
  - ii. J2K, in the amount of \$200.00
  - iii. Women's Soccer Club, in the amount of \$400.00
  - iv. Men's Soccer Club, in the amount of \$400.00
- b. Oversight Committee

*Michael Swaggerty* — *No updates. We will be meeting again soon.* 

### VI. Old Business

a. Constituency Reports --- Congrats! All are in.

#### VII. New Business

- a. 50-R-16: A Resolution to Support Textbook Affordability by Encouraging
  a State and Local Sales Tax Exemption for Post-Secondary Textbooks
  - i. Dennen: The tax on textbooks will be state exempt! It will save students an average of \$86.95 per year.



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- ii. Vidya: Academic Affairs had been working hard on text book affordability. This is an issue that is very fixable with this.
- iii.Barnett: Textbook affordability is sweet.

iv. Morris: All students will save money on textbooks.

#### Moved to Questions

v. Sockwell: Did you say \$86.95?

vi. Dennen: Yes

vii.Donnelly: How is the 4 million in tax impact going to impact

Ohio? Can it in any way come back to negatively impact students?

viii.Dennen: I do not know exactly how it will impact Ohio, but I do know that 27 other states have done it. 5 million dollars may seem like a big deal to students, but to a larger government, it is not that significant.

### Moved to Discussion

- ix. Sockwell: Friendly amendment to change the comma in \$86.95 to a decimal.
- x. Davis: Anything that advocates to get rid of taxes is good with me
- xi. Munjal: Rough calculations put things in perspective add all the sales taxes from barnes and noble; it ends up being equivalent to the lab notebook. Think about it for over year. I have had to buy all of these books.

xii.Humanyun: Motion to pass with unanimous consent.

### 50-R-16 PASSED with unanimous consent

b. General Education Review



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- i. Basically GE review curriculum is currently being revised. Kate, Samer, and Maria have been coming up with a new plan with the GE review committee. They have been doing many listenings. The new GE curriculum will be out by December or January. People in cabinet on Tuesday got to address their questions and concerns. Many wondered how it would affect honors and scholars. Those are all valid questions to ask. I wold encourage you to look through that frame work. Pose anything you want via the link on the Facebook page. Have this done by next Wednesday at 11:59pm.
- New Addition to Agendas: Weekly GA Deputy Director Updates (starting next week)
  - i. GA Deputy Directors will be providing updates every week at GA now. This will help keep you in the loop.

## VIII. Announcements

## IX. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm