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**I. Opening**

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

**II. Open Forum for Public**

- a. No one

**III. Updates**

a. *Danielle Di Scala*

- i. We are having a work session within each constituency next week. Members of outreach will be here to help you. Just keep in mind that this is on the agenda in addition to whatever legislation is submitted.

**IV. Executive Report**

a. *Gerard Basalla*

- i. We had an interesting week. We solidified what we did with mental health with the Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS). Schools are looking at us for models on what they should do with mental health programs. We are writing legislation that will be passed at our winter conference held in Columbus. A resolution in University Senate will pass regarding mental health statements on syllabi, but we want to thank everyone who worked hard to get that passed next week. We celebrated the north residential district. Danielle and I were there with military students to celebrate what was done there.  
If you are representing colleges, please consider reaching out to the dean of your college. They care about students and want to hear what they say. Meeting with them is beneficial.
- ii. *Bodey*: In lieu of passing over what happened last night, how do we protect people on campus? Three of my Muslim friends were assaulted at 3 am last night and LGBT students skipped class today because they didn't feel safe. Regardless of your political affiliation, we can't say that someone should feel safe



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if they do not. What do we do about this, regardless of affiliation?

- iii. *Basalla*: We have talked with CCS [Counseling and Consultation Services]. They released a statement and you can find it under the news statement on their website. We are working with the Multicultural Center. We need to have discussions in the coming weeks in USG and this chamber will be good for this discussion. Many schools are pointing towards their current resources, but we need to do more to help students affected.
- iv. *Bodey*: If I propose legislation in this chamber to decide what the next administration does, what's to say that the current senior administration won't overturn it?
  - v. *Basalla*: I don't know what you mean by that because I haven't seen it, but we need to make sure that marginalized students aren't affected by violence.
- vi. *Buss*: Is there a press statement that will be released regarding this?
- vii. *Basalla*: Yes, some schools are staying out of it and some are addressing it head on. We are staying out of it for now, but we will be having a discussion with the directors about this.
- viii. *Cooper*: In regards to CCS, can students go to the Health Center to have a session because a lot of people of color are in the Health Center and a lot of people don't know that they go to the Multicultural Center for group sessions. Will we hold services there to reach out to more people?
  - ix. *Basalla*: I will send an email tonight.
  - x. *Bidna*: I have friends at UC Santa Barba and they are having protests. Their student government is having pop up safe spaces, so that can be an option offered here?
  - xi. *Basalla*: Yes, we are working on making safe spaces, but we are trying to emphasize the resources that we already have.
- xii. *Couch*: The MCC is packed and there would be more demand for opportunities, so we can look into that.
- xiii. *Cooper*: If anyone is interested in attending, at 7pm BSA and LAS will meet in the Health Center MLK lounge to have a



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discussion about what will we do now, like how we will come together.

- xiv. *Bodey*: Can you send an email to those expediting BART reports to make sure that they are addressing those?
- xv. *Basalla*: Yes, and if anyone wants CC'ed on that let me know at the end and I can do that.
- xvi. *Jambunath*: Is there a way we can be in better contact with OSU police to have better protection for students where this happens?
- xvii. *Basalla*: I have met with Chief Stone and we talked about the possibility of this happening and to be completely honest, this wasn't the result I was expecting. The first thing they want to do is to protect students. We are also going to talk to the Columbus Police Department and there's only so much we could have done in the last 12 hours, but we'll look into that.
- xviii. *Liu*: How are the diversity related discussions in the First Year Experience program going?
- xix. *Buss*: Parts of it are being done but we are having discussions to see what is missing. If you want to help with that let me know.

## **V. Committee Report**

- a. Allocations
  - i. Japanese Student Organization-- \$299
  - ii. MUNDO: 1500
  - iii. Operation Smile \$80

## **VI. Old Business**

- a. No old business.

## **VII. New Business**

- VIII. 49-R-23 A Resolution to Support the Addition of a Farmer's Market to the Goals of the University Panel of Food Sustainability
  - i. *Gracia*: I'll try to keep this short and efficient. We wrote a resolution about farmer's markets seeing as fresh produce isn't readily available on campus. Buying local food helps the



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environment and local businesses. We are doing this in the sustainability committee for logistics. We are also looking at collaborating with other farmer's markets. Clintonville is interested in collaborating with the university because this fits in with President Drake's 2020 Vision. It also fits into Frameworks 2.0 by using facilities we have now; we can help out with that. I yield my time to my cosponsors.

- ii. *Bodey*: I am on the University Panel for Food Sustainability, which is appointed by the provost to help reach President Drake's 2020 Vision. Essentially, the panel is charged with a metric to do this and we are taking open presentations with people. We are hearing from Real Food Challenge and people from L.A. and other cities. This resolution and four or five other resolutions will be what we take to the panel. This will not be taken piecemeal; it will be presented in January by me and Sophie Chang to the panel. We want the people making the plan to look at farmer's markets, like a C-store with only Ohio products to give farmers and other students the opportunity to sell their products and show this side of the university to students. We think that having a retail location makes this so much more real. This is not someone making the food at dining halls without students seeing the product, this is a consumer choice that you get to make at a pivotal point in your life. We are passionate about this and the provost is excited to listen and they really looking forward to these resolutions. I ask for unanimous support.
- iii. *Glass*: My cosponsors did well framing this. As a senator representing Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences, I am happy about this because it fits the sustainability goals. The second thing is that it brings choices to students and that's good when we look at dining options. I'm proud to sponsor this and I look for unanimous support on this and the continuing resolutions that we can bring to the administration and University Senate.
- iv. *Bidna*: Have you talked to dining services about this? Would this would be in competition with their sales?



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- v. *Bodey*: We are asking dining to administer this so it's not in competition. Students would be able to utilize their meal plan, however it looks in 2025, to buy produce. A farmer's market is not logical, that's why we are asking for it to be a retail space because it didn't go very well before and that is our solution to that.
- vi. *Liu*: I also want this to support adding kitchens in residence halls because students with meal plans who would be buying this produce don't have kitchens.
- vii. *Bodey*: We can address that in the future.
- viii. *Clark*: Is there a student led farm on campus?
- ix. *Glass*: The university has a partnership with Waterman Farm and there are products that can be utilized for this. Much of the meat processing in the College of Food and Agriculture is already provided by the university but this would address this. If you go west of Dairyman Road, they grow crops, etc.
- x. ***Motion to cap the speaker's list.***
- xi. ***Speakers list capped.***
- xii. *Williams*: I am curious, what are the following resolutions and how they would build from this?
- xiii. *Gracias*: The next resolution is about food waste.
- xiv. *Bodey*: We also have ones for meat and dairy consumption and how we source that with the existing farms and beginning small farmers, like students who come to the College of Agriculture who want to go home and farm. We want the university to buy food from them when they graduate and begin a farm.
- xv. *Glass*: I would echo both the sponsors and say that I am excited that this can go through the panel and say 'this is what students want'.
- xvi. *Polavarapu*: On the first clause, you want to incorporate student involvement. Would that be volunteering with a student organization or through the college?
- xvii. *Bodey*: There is an academic component and this would be a good opportunity to incorporate working on the farm as course work.



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- xviii. *Belfiglio*: this is a good resolution; I move to pass with unanimous consent.
- xix. **49-R-23 A Resolution to Support the Addition of a Farmer's Market to the Goals of the University Panel of Food Sustainability PASSED.**

## **IX. Announcements**

- a. *Jambunath*: Next Tuesday from 7:30-9:00 we are having a diversity discussion on the house Israeli Association on the second floor. It's supposed to be a discussion on having respectful dialogue with groups on campus who have not always seen eye to eye and hopefully something positive will come from it. We have four speakers and will have discussion later.
- b. *Liu*: Next Tuesday from 11-3 the English Conversation program is having a social and there is free coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. Talk to random strangers and you'll get free drinks.
- c. *Buss*: There is an event going on at the MCC right now. It is dialog series about post-election dialogue and coming together. It is going on until 7:30.
- d. *Bodey*: If you are interested in life after OSU in politics and are female, the Glenn College will host a campaign training on December 1. The cost is 50 dollars and there are scholarships. This is for female students interested in politics. Come talk to me and I'd be more than happy to help you get involved.
- e. *Cooper*: There is a Thanksgiving dinner at Curl Market upstairs.
- f. *Chang*: There is a letter writing campaign to prevent fracking in the Wayne Natural Forest starting December 13<sup>th</sup>. It is going on right now until 8 in the Student Center.
- g. *Liu*: I am sorry I did not say the location of the event; it is in Emerson classroom lobby.
- h. *Couch*: Hi, my name is Matt Couch for those of you who don't know me. I am available if anyone feels like they want to stick around to discuss the election. The room is full in the Alonso family room. I would engage in that discussion. I wanted to avail myself if you need someone to process it with let me know, today or any other day.



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- i. *Shaffer*: I can tell everyone is down, but there is good news. Dott, my dog, came up to Virginia. I got nothing this weekend but pictures on my phone of her crawling on my mom.

- X. Adjournment**
  - a. Adjourned.