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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
 - i. D'Astoifo.2 for Colvin
 - ii. Silvestri.25 for Prayner
 - iii. Edwards.1297 for Chime
- c. Swearing in of Alternates

II. Open Forum for Public

- a. No one

III. Updates

- a. *Danielle Di Scala*: Thank you for being here tonight. It means a lot. Look out for a feedback form so I can see how you guys like Wednesday night and how I can improve. I got an email from Chief Justice Marsilio who is resigning from his position as Chief Justice of the Judicial Panel. We need to fill the vacancy and other vacancies to get it up to nine justices, so look out for that.
- b. *Shaffer*: Is there a reason cited for his resignation?
- c. *Di Scala*: Over-commitment.
- d. *Bodey*: Can the CBRC continue? Are there enough justices to make a ruling on that?
- e. *Di Scala*: Yes, we can still continue.
- f. *Frank*: Do we need to fill this position?
- g. *Di Scala*: The clerk can serve as a clerk and justice at the same time. We currently have the amount of justices that are required, but we need to fill the vacancy.
- h. *Frank*: How many justices are required by the bylaws?
- i. *Di Scala*: We currently have six, but with the clerk we have seven. The bylaws say we need seven to nine justices.

IV. Executive Report

- a. *Gerard Basalla*: We are going to be moving to fill the vacancy to the top of the list to rule on decisions for the election and to hold ourselves accountable. I want to touch upon the presidential election. Last night at cabinet I talked about the importance of self-care and looking out for each



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other. We are a family and we need to look out for one another as this experience has transpired. There has been a lot of hate on campus and it is disheartening. We have a zero tolerance policy for this. As the student government and administration, we need to keep people safe. USG released a statement that you can find on Facebook and Twitter. We reached out based upon a request from the chamber last week to CCS and talked about how they can reach out to marginalized communities. We mentioned going to Hale Hall for counseling sessions, but if you have any ideas, send them my way. We meet yesterday about that. There is a significant increase in BART reports, which is good that students are using this. I signed a joint statement with Dr. Drake. I will read one paragraph of that so you can have the contact information:

“Over these past few days, we have heard deeply disturbing reports of verbal assaults on students and others at a wide range of institutions, from middle schools to universities across the country, including our own campus. We protect First Amendment rights actively, but we do not under any circumstances tolerate intimidation or threats to students, faculty, staff or visitors to our campus. If you are subjected to or witness any such acts, please notify The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety at 614-292-2121 (9-1-1 in an emergency) or the Office of Student Life at 614-688-5664.”

This will lead me to a point down the road, but reporting is good when we talk to administration and law enforcement and it holds people accountable. I have been attending events around campus during the last week, but please send anything my way that I can attend. I can't guarantee that I will attend everything, but I'm trying my best. A lot of events I attended were about marginalized students and how we can help them. I am blessed to see that students are reaching out to make sure there is no hate on campus.

There was a rally on Monday, and I think we've all seen it. It was a peaceful protest. USG released a statement right away because we want everyone to be safe. I tweeted from my personal account facts from Chief Stone. In my position, as the situation develops, I will let you know. There are questions about the attacker. I'm not allowed to release information in terms of medical information. Turn to social media. I just wanted to make sure that everyone felt safe and USG also released a statement



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about it. I have been in contact with OSU Police Department every day and we are making sure that the situations that are reported can be brought to justice. Social media is good for people to know, but police reports allow them to act swiftly. We have planned a discussion for this Friday and Sophie can talk about it. I will attend more rallies this week and I will keep in contact with Student Life and OSU Police Department. We are concerned about hate speech and making sure it's taken care of swiftly.

The provost office is starting the strategic planning process. General Assembly is going to play a large role here. Your role in representing your specific constituency is important. We need to decide how this campus looks in years to come. We will be able to shape how this university looks. I will give you a physical example of how the planning looks. I wanted to give you a heads up because you are student leaders and it would be beneficial to me and students across campus.

I give credit to Michael Frank in the squad in the passage of the inclusion of a mental health statement on syllabi in University Senate, but I want to thank Sam Whipple. He has given his heart and soul into it and is one of my best friends. He has shaped how we view University Governance. He means so much to this organization.

- b. *Bidna*: Regarding the rally on Monday, I know you said it was a peaceful protest. I know the man assaulted had a megaphone. I know the union has a policy against excessive noise. Trump supporters were loud, but they were quiet when they entered the Union. Is there a double standard in talking about Ohio Union policy?
- c. *Basalla*: The student group worked on logistics with the police beforehand, so it's not on the students.
- d. Motion to amend the agenda.**
- e. Motion approved.**

V. Committee Report

- a. Allocations
 - i. *Derek Whiddon*:
 - ii. There is no normal funding report this week; I am compiling a report for the semester. This appeal comes from Operation



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Smile. They were approved last Wednesday. They received \$80 for decorations and are appealing for \$120 for prizes.

- iii. My name is Celeana Lambing and I am here to appeal for money that we need for the prizes for the Battle of the Bands on Friday. We are handing out flyers about our event and are handing them out to raise awareness for this event. A little bit more about Operation Smile Club: we raise awareness for children with cleft lip and cleft palate in third world countries. We try to raise \$230 per event because that's how much it costs for one surgery. This is our fifth year as an organization. In 2012, we raised \$60, but it was really negative money at our first event. The next year, we had 15 events, upped our members to 25, and we raised over \$2,000, which is amazing. We had 16 events our third year, doubled the money we raised, and added five new members: we raised 5,200 with 20 events. This is now our fifth year. About the event on Friday, this is our second year hosting it. It is at the Performance Hall again from 7-10 pm. We will have popcorn and have received a Coke grant, so there will be drinks there. The show itself is free and this when we hosted this event in particular last year, we had no idea what we were doing, but it turned out to be really successful. We had 5-6 bands perform. How we raised money is we had jars with the band names and the audience donated money to the band they liked the best and wanted to win. Our goals are to raise awareness, raise money, and bring the community together. It is right before Thanksgiving and is a distressing event that supports local music. A breakdown of the budget; we received \$80 for decorations. For prizes, we are doing the same thing as last year. The grand prized winner is going to get a \$100 gift card to a restaurant on High Street because the bands have more than one person and we want all to have prize. We also wanted to give a small prize to the band if they raised \$240. We want to educate and support local music and distress. We raised over \$1,000 at this event and it was a big deal for us. We didn't know how it was going to go, but this was so successful and it the most successful fundraiser



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we've had. We raised 1/5 of our total money from last year at this event. Any comments, questions, or concerns?

iv. Moved to questions.

- v. *Bodey*: Are all the members of all the bands students?
- vi. *Lambing*: Yes.
- vii. *Bodey*: The prizes are only going to the band?
- viii. *Lambing*: Yes, but we are giving candy and snacks if they raise the \$240.
- ix. *Bidna*: Is financial voting the only way the winners are chosen?
- x. *Lambing*: Yes.
- xi. *Bodey*: Can you go back to the funding slide? One of our bigger concerns was t-shirts. Is it the people who are playing?
- xii. *Lambing*: It's \$100 for the gift card and money for the reward for raising 240, and the t-shirts are from our own money.

xiii. Moved to discussion.

- xiv. *Bodey*: The only precedent that affects this is we have not funded gift cards this year.
- xv. Motion to move to executive session.**
- xvi. *Frank*: In allocations, it is customary and precedent that people requesting funding in the room are not present. Our discussion should not have an effect on the speaker. I see things outside of this that affect it.
- xvii. *Bodey*: When we had the last funding appeal, they did not leave the room and they were here the whole time. This young woman pays the student fee and she should be able to hear the discussion.

xviii. Motion to call the question.

xix. Question called.

xx. Motion to enter executive session failed.

- xxi. *Bodey*: Like I said, it is precedent that we do not give gift cards; we cannot guarantee that the decision to reward the prize is not subjective. This funding is intended to benefit everyone participating in the event and there is no way for us to follow the money with gift cards. We can't be passive with that; we need to know where all the money is going. Not that student organizations wouldn't be responsible, but we need to be



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certain about where the money goes. We have funded Operation Smile \$1,500 in this period since the beginning of the year which is significantly more than a usual organization.

- xxii. *Shaffer*: Does Derek have any comment?
- xxiii. *Whiddon*: It is precedent that we do not fund gift cards. Also, we do have the funds available to fund this, so don't let that affect your decision.
- xxiv. *Frank*: I would like to motion to amend the amount in the resolve clause to be \$200 because that's what they are appealing for.
- xxv. ***Motion to amend.***
- xxvi. ***Moved to questions.***
- xxvii. *Belfiglio*: To be clear, this is changing the amount requested.
- xxviii. *Shaffer*: Is there any way we can ensure that money this does not go towards gift cards?
- xxix. *Frank*: With all of our decisions, we need to say how they are allocated.
- xxx. *Whiddon*: Things we can fund are event specific t-shirts, the candy, medals and trophies. Everything else is up to your discussion.
- xxxi. *Yacoub*: In terms of not giving gift cards, has that happened in the past?
- xxxii. *Frank*: It is precedent that gift cards have not been approved.
- xxxiii. *Buss*: They were funded \$80 and want to be funded \$120. Initially they were funded \$80?
- xxxiv. *Frank*: They want to receive \$200 in total. Allocations initially funded them \$80.
- xxxv. ***Moved to discussion.***
- xxxvi. *Belfiglio*: The reason Senator Frank is making this amendment is to have about of money listed in the appeal. I suggest that it is passed to \$200 and it can be moved to a lower amount. We can't vote if there isn't a number in the appeal.
- xxxvii. ***Question called.***
- xxxviii. ***Amendment passed.***
- xxxix. ***Moved to discussion on the whole.***
- xl. ***Motion to cap the speakers list.***



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- xli. *Speaker's list capped.***
- xlii. *Yacoub:* I don't understand the whole allocations precedent and I think that only people in allocations in this room know what is going on. I feel like this goes against the whole point of their event. I feel like the only way they get money is from the money they earned and I feel that the funding limitations, if we have the money, I don't know why we would object it if it is not over the limit.
- xliii. *Gracia:* This money is for all students. Gift cards and prizes only benefits few students and this is why allocations and previous committees decided it is not best because it leads to a slippery slope that we fund things that aren't for the student body and selecting who gets the funding. We can't say "let's start now" because we've said no in the past two quarters.
- xliv. *Shaffer:* Everything Senator Gracia said is correct and I see no reason why we should change the precedent for to the first time in 4 years.
- xlv. *Frank:* We have no control to where the money goes and who's to say that the executive board wouldn't just keep it? We cannot reliably trust people because it is money. It goes to that band that wins the competition. We can't say that the competition is 100 percent fair. It's not to say that we don't want this to be successful, but we have to say that it should come from the organization and not from all students at Ohio State.
- xlvi. 49b2 has failed.**

VI. Old Business

- a. No old business

VII. New Business

- a. Outreach Discussion
- i. *Di Scala:* Derek will talk to you guys about funding to make sure that you are abiding by the deadlines. I want to make sure that your events happen and that Renee doesn't kill us when you submit an event late. I know half of you aren't here, but if



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you have a constituency with more than one person I'd like for you to get together. We are more than happy to help with this. If you are a single representative, we can answer questions. I truly apologize that not everyone is here, but I appreciate you taking the time to be here.

- b. Constituency Breakouts

VIII. Announcements

- a. *Gracia*: Please alternate for me in allocations this Sunday if you can at 4 pm.
- b. *Bodey*: University Food Panel on Sustainability is meeting tomorrow. The founder of the Real Food Challenge is flying in from California. And there is a public version of his speech at Thompson Library Friday at 9am. I expect you will get emails from your constituents about this, please respond. I don't care if you agree or disagree with them, but answer because it was your job.
- c. *Shaffer*: I was going to yell at you guys for not being here, but you are all here. Look how bad this would look if a big group came in with an important issue. We barely made quorum. It is not that hard to donate and hour or two a week to this. Reach out to other senators and tell them that they need to be here because they were elected by the student body. It is their duty.
- d. *Bodey*: I would like the attendance sheet to be released so we can see who hasn't been attending. I would also like to impeach senators who have not been attending.
- e. *Shaffer*: My dog Dott is happy because her favorite season is winter, but is sad because he favorite ice cream shop is only open in the summer. She got her last serving this week because it closes.
- f. *Gracia*: What is her favorite flavor?
- g. *Shaffer*: It is vanilla because dogs can't have chocolate.
- h. *Clark*: Has she had puppuccinos from Starbucks?
- i. *Shaffer*: She doesn't like those as much.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned.