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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
 - i. Emma Walker.2018 for Ciggy DeVeyra
 - ii. Cole Wallis.55 for Ben Kanas
 - iii. Kenny Horsley.50 for Nick Davis
 - iv. Lei Guo.1141 for Keason Hao
 - v. Hannah Marchand.27 for Paige Bennett
 - vi. Michael Corrigan.142 for Tommy Bowles
 - vii. Chris Funk.206 for Maria Vargo
- c. Swearing in of Alternates
- d. Approval of Minutes

II. Open Forum for the Public

- a. *Kurt Shaffer.518*: I was a GA senator just like you guys, and whenever I come in here, wish I could be back. The hours you spend in here are sometimes going to be very long and sometimes angry, and sometimes even pointless. But don't lose sight of the fact that what you do in here plays a big role. What you do in here matters. I am actually here tonight because of an impact that you guys made, and I was asked to thank you for. Outside of USG, I am a brother of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. You might remember us because a few weeks ago, the allocations committee approved a \$1,500 donation to us for the purchase of pumpkins. Our fraternity puts on a yearly pumpkin sale funds for our national philanthropy. This fund is a network of cancer programs around the world



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that provide fun experiences to children who have been diagnosed with serious, life threatening, or potentially even terminal illnesses. Because of your help, our fraternity was able to raise a record of \$10,350 for donation directly to the fund. I was asked by the coordinating brother to come here tonight and personally thank the General Assembly, and specifically the allocations committee, for helping us out as much as you did. Thank you for helping us achieve our goal. You have impacted my fraternity, the spirit of philanthropy, and a number of children's lives. Thank you and have a good night!

III. Updates

- a. *Sophie Chang*: No updates other than the fact that prayer time is at 6:45 today, and we will not be able to have that break today because we are on a very tight schedule. One of the candidates needs to leave by 7pm. Anyone who does need to pray, you are free to get up at 6:45 and go pray, and then just come back whenever you're done.

IV. Executive Report

- a. *Andrew Jackson*
 - i. We met with the new Vice Provost and the Dean of Undergraduate Education. We talked to her a lot about academic affairs stuff. We met with Jeff Chadis who is the CFO of the university. We talked to him about the tampons and pads initiative, which he is on board with — which is great! Just so we are all aware, we are not asking him for money; the money will come from somewhere else which we already have planned. We just wanted to run through



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everything with him. We waiting for Senate fiscal to come with the report for the 21 credit hour initiative. That should come out next week. We are not expecting that to be a financial strain on the university just so you are aware of that, but before we can move forward, we have to get the report from fiscal. Scholarship registry is continuing. The email to the Associate Deans will go out tonight. We also had a discussion with the Office of Financial Aid to discuss the collection of all of the other scholarship that we have. And then finally, I discussed this in cabinet last night but the Richard Spencer news about how he was denied access to speak on campus, we discussed that last night a little bit in cabinet clarification denied access to speak. Just a clarification, he was denied access to speak, not because of what he is saying, but because of what happens after he says it. If you have any more questions about that, please feel free to come to my office hours, text me, or email me!

V. Committee Reports

- a. Allocations Committee — *Averi Townsend*
 - i. International Undergraduate Future Orientation, in the amount of \$250.00
 - ii. Asian American Student Association, in the amount of \$200.00
 - iii. OhioMOD, in the amount of \$750.00
 - iv. OSU Women's Club Soccer, in the amount of \$1,000.00



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- b. Oversight Committee

Michael Swaggerty — No updates.

VI. Old Business

- a. Constituency Reports — Due tonight by 11:59 pm. Just make sure they are on the folder by tomorrow morning.

VII. New Business

- a. Indigenous Peoples' Day

Alex Wesaw: Good evening everyone. I will introduce in myself first in my native language. Bozhoo Alex Wesaw ndezhnakaz. Pokegnak Bodewadmik ndaw. What I have just said is, Greetings, Alex Wesaw is what I am called. The Pokagon Potawatomi are my people., I am here today to give you a little r misconception; i am here today. calling on the university. Recognizat There are still native American people. 4th year student. Someone legitamately asked — there are still native american in this country That person had the courage — what do native Americans look like?n Western part of the country. 567 tribes in the united state. Each with different sizes of land, and going about their ways of life. Thank you for your time and

- b. 50-R-12: A Resolution Calling Upon the University to Replace Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - i. Quadri: this resolution ins calling for the second monday. Alex pretty much said everything
 - ii. Leader: reiterate — not changing anything but that name — still something that native American people struggle with



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- iii. Ahmed: very important — while we cant change the past, we can change hw we approach
- iv. Mohamed: good step forward.
- v. Question:
- vi. Weller:
- vii. Quadri: celebrate it during thanksgiving; celebrate people and history
- viii. Wesaw: Reconstitue it as Columbus day. Second Monday to be viewed as indiginous people’s day. Do not forget about Columbus day. No observation. Recognized on the day after thanking
- ix. Discussion:
- x. Long: There are still native Americans. Motion
- xi. Dennen: We live in Columbus ohio.
- xii. Westaw: Yeah, while are located here.
- xiii. Quadri: Adding on to what Alex says. Interprofessional students — very realistic — all these different groups of students
- xiv. Wesaw: We have a plan to take it to CGS, USg, IPC, university senate.
- xv. HUmayan: I think it is about time to we step up to the plate and recognize. Cannies a lot of weight. Native American students.
- xvi. Cromes:
- xvii. Horsley for Davis: None of us would be here if it weren’t for Christopher Columbus. He brought western culture to the US and created a connection between the Americas and Europe. He



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brought civilization to the Americas. He put America on the path to what it became today. He can't ignore all his accomplishments and successes, which were remarkable, just because we disagree with something else we think he did. No one is ignoring the contributions of the "Indigenous People" on society, in fact part Columbus Day is to recognize those. Why can't we have both Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day? By replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day, we are pretending that our history never happened. Pretty soon we're going to become a society with no history, and those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. This holiday has been celebrated since the 18th century. Nothing has changed since then- why are we just up in arms about it the last few years? FDR, a Democrat, proclaimed it a National Holiday. There's no reason we can't just have both. Replacing Columbus Day is silly and irresponsible. Also, this is not an issue USG should be worried or care about. It's a federal holiday, I don't see any congressman jumping at the chance to change it. I strongly urge a no vote on this ludicrous and preposterous resolution.

xviii. Quadri: Columbus day will still exist. What we just heard is very politically charged and divisive. I'd also say that western civilization I don't think that this resolution is. We representation.



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- xix. Sockwell: Not about marking Columbus. Slap in the face, its alright that we have this day. We cant fix what happened in the past ashen paths dd . Done . Own to them.
- xx. Weller: Personal level I agree, as a representative. This is inherently political. I plan to abstain
- xxi. Quadri: i dont know why I had my hand up
- xxii. Wesaw: understand some people might think that this is political. White House — Tr
- xxiii. Tyson: Whereas clash
- xxiv. McKenzie: Window art ban, inherently political. I don't think that this,
- xxv. Dennen: He never set foot in America.
- xxvi. Smith: What would Alex think about
- xxvii. Quadri:
- xxviii. Wesaw
- xxix. Swaggerty: Land grant university, not discrediting,
- xxx. Ahmed: Represent students at Ohio,
- xxxi. Long: Swaggerty stole; an alternate of the senator. As a person who knows, impossible to not be empathetic. We represent all students. It is our duty . Obama and Trump — Use for,
- xxxii. Wesaw:
- xxxiii. Buss: USG history — what should and shouldn't do. USG not dealing with political issues, lie. Resolution isn't beyond that, This has to do with what we think USG should do. this is in line



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xxxiv.Cromes: Educative institution; we have to recognize what is correct.

xxxv.Treglia: Thrid last let it further be resolved. Motion to change to reflect the new

Motion passed

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xxxvii.Human:

xxxviii.Malpass: Have we talked to admins??

xxxix.Quadri:

xl. Wesaw: POrovost and pres are in support.

xli. Dennen: Falls in line with Drake 2020. Think forwawrd.

University is in line. Not inherently political.

xlii.Tyson: Very happy with change. Last whereas clause. Confusing, and not true. Not a federal holidaus.

xliii.Quadri: Federal designation

xliv.Chang:

xlv.Smith:

xlvi.Quadri: Refrain because it is poltical. You can say the same thing about desegregate. They are seen as political. Respect, proper recognixaion, common de

xlvii.Humayun — motion to vote by role call

Votes by role call:

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Senator	Constituency	Vote
Shukri Ahmed	Commuter Living Area	Yay
Chase Barnett	Business	Absent
Paige Bennett	Nursing	Yay
Brooke Bowerman	South Campus	Absent
Tommy Bowles	North Campus Living Area	Yay
Sterling Clemmons	Off- Campus Living Area	Absent
Caitlin Cromes	Education and Human Ecology	Absent
Imani Davis	Arts & Humanities	Absent
Nick Davis	Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	Nay
Julia Dennen	Public Affairs	Yay
Ciggy De Veyra	Business	Yay
Megan Ferguson	Medicinal Sciences	Yay
Keasen Hao	International Student Emissary	Yay
Bailey Hoppes	Off- Campus Living Area	Yay
Maria Humayun	North Campus Living Area	Yay
Lauren Judge	Business	Absent
Ben Kanas	North Campus Living Area	Absent
Anthony Long	South Campus	Yay
Jordan Malpass	Social & Behavioral Sciences	Yay
Alexis McKenzie	Off- Campus Living Area	Yay
Micah Mensing	Regional Campus Living Area	Absent
Em Meersman	Public Health	Yay
Halima Mohamed	Natural & Mathematical Sciences	Yay

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Safiyo Mohamud	South Campus	Yay
Celeste Morris	Social & Behavioral Sciences	Yay
Amraha Nadeem	Commuter Living Area	Yay
Shivani Patel	Pharmacy	Yay
Curtis Pierson	Engineering	Yay
Farhan Quadri	Engineering	Yay
Kinza Sami	Off- Campus Living Area	Absent
Rebecca Slavik	Arts & Humanities	Absent
Maddie Smith	Natural & Mathematical Sciences	Yay
Nate Smith	Engineering	Yay
Savannah Sockwell	Off- Campus Living Area	Yay
Michael Swaggerty	Social & Behavioral Sciences	Yay
Aaron Treglia	Engineering	Yay
Grant Tyson	West Campus	Yay
Sabrina Virani	Social & Behavioral Sciences	Yay
Chris Weller	Exploration	Yay
Erin Donnelly	Director of Student Affairs	Yay
Jake Dretzka	Director of Government Relations	Yay
Kate Greer	Director of Academic Affairs	Yay
Alex Leeder	Director of Diversity & Inclusion	Yay
Vikas Moon-jal	Director of Sustainability	Yay
Maria Vargo	Director of Health & Safety	Yay

c. Vacancy Election for Education and Human Ecology Senator

Entered executive session at 6:42pm

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Exited executive session at 7:05pm

***Salma Abdi Shire.14** elected as Education and Human Ecology Senator*

d. Vacancy Election for Natural and Mathematical Sciences Senator

Entered executive session at 7:55pm

Exited executive session at 8:27pm

***Leah A'Dastolfo.2** elected as Natural and Mathematical Sciences Senator*

e. Vacancy Election for Social Work Senator

Entered executive session at 8:31pm

Exited executive session at 8:58pm

***Michaela Murphy.1546** elected as Natural and Mathematical Sciences Senator*

VIII. 5-Minute Recess for Prayer

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

a. **Adjourned at 9:15 pm**