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48th **General Assembly**
Fall 2015, Session 13
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I. Opening

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

II. Open Forum for Public

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

III. Executive Report

- a. *Abby Waidelich on behalf of Abby Grossman*

- i. If you're unaware of what happened on Friday, and the campus-wide movements happening last week, definitely educate yourself on the topic, because it's a nationwide problem, and it does affect Ohio State. We're making changes in our organization to best represent the student body. Please read the press release we tweeted out yesterday. It was signed by Senior Staff and the Committee Directors. When we send out the demographic report, please fill it out so we know what situation we're currently in and how to best reach out to students next year.
 - 1. *Jackson*: What will be on the report?
 - 2. *Abby Waidelich*: It will cover the entire span of the student body, including gender,
 - 3. *Rollins*: Will the clubs they're involved in be part of the demographics report?
 - 4. *Abby Waidelich*: That's a great suggestion, thank you.
- ii. We have also opened up the CBRC applications again. They are open until Friday.
- iii. Mirror Lake. Last year, there were comprehensive Town Halls and a large report was released with recommendations for the University. Wristbands have decreased the number of arrests on Jump Night, because it has deterred non-students from jumping. Make sure to contact your friends about what are they consuming, what are they wearing, do they have a buddy system set up? They will be checking wristbands. There are two entrance points this year: one on the South Oval and one near Hale Hall. Be sure you're advocating for student safety and for the safety of your friends.



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- iv. University Senate will be meeting on Monday, November 30th at 3:30pm. They moved it because Bill Clinton will be speaking on campus tomorrow. Presentation in Cabinet—new summer schedule. Separating structured and financial piece of the new summer schedule. As students in USG, we have been advocating for the three credit hours during Maymester to remain. The University must come back to USG as one of the constituencies of University Senate to present their decision on finances. Don't have a precedent to change something less than a year beforehand. Dr. Drake will also be giving his address that night. Interim Provost will be CFAES Dean Bruce McPherson. This will be officially announced soon.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Allocations – *Jenna Gravalis*
 - i. Allocations has met twice since last session and has given out the following:
 - 1. Student Activity Fee:
 - a. Black Student Association \$750
 - b. Sustained Dialogue \$750
 - 2. Coke Grant:
 - a. African Youth League \$1200
 - 3. Organizational Development Grants (6)
 - a. The names of the organizations will be released next meeting, because the organizations have not yet been notified of their acceptance.
- b. Oversight – *Daniel Marchese*
 - i. I keep cancelling our Oversight meetings, sorry about that. I'm waiting for the CBRC appointments to come through. Oversight may meet soon, but probably not. The earliest date will probably be in three weeks.

V. Old Business

- a. No old business.

VI. New Business

- i. 48-R-19 *A Resolution to Permit the Use of Pepper Spray in Self-Defense in the Code of Student Conduct*
 - 1. *Poe*: The sponsors of the legislation and I believe that students should be able to use pepper spray in self



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defense situations. If students use pepper spray when they're being physically or sexually assaulted, we wouldn't like there to be repercussions from the University, and students who defend themselves with pepper spray should not have to deal with any repercussions from the University. We wrote this resolution to clear up this gray area.

2. *Challapally*: I co-sponsored this resolution because I think it's common-sense to be able to have pepper spray on campus. There are still dangers on campus like there are off campus.
3. *Gonzalez*: Pepper spray is a safe device, and most if not all of them have a safety lock. Having that pepper spray there is a nice security blanket, and it's pretty safe, so they should be allowed.
4. *Belfiglio*: Pepper spray is safe and legal to use. This is a gray area in the Student Code of Conduct.
5. *Sai*: Coming from a Cabinet perspective, I wanted to distribute pepper spray in the safety packs we are handing out, but I discovered a discrepancy in the Student Code of Conduct. I then got on the phone with people and administrators and Student Legal Services to ask about it. Going forward, I think it'd be great for us all to support this resolution.
6. *Jackson*: Why is it necessary to have the second "Therefore Let it Be Resolved" clause? We're here for the students, not for ourselves.
7. *Poe*: Sunder did a lot of work and he's not a senator so he can't be an official sponsor.
8. *Bodey*: Let me clear it up, according to the Student Code of Conduct we're not allowed to have pepper spray on campus?
9. *Poe*: Yes.
10. *Bock*: Where is this section?
11. *Warnimont*: Friendly amendment grammar edit, delete "as" between is and a.



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12. *Weisman*: Senator Wydman also reached out to me. We all put a lot of work into legislation, including people in our Cabinet committees. This kind of sets a precedent for that. If it's taken as friendly, we'd like to remove that and not pinpoint one person over another especially since it's bettering the security of students on campus.

13. Motion to strike lines 43-45.

14. *Kaczmarek*: Is there any precedent for that type of "Let it Be Resolved" clause?

15. *Weisman*: I've never really seen one of these clauses before, being a second-year senator.

16. *Cramer*: Sam Whipple commended the work of Mario and Mary, who at the time were not senators. It's not that it's new. Recognizing a senator would be new, recognizing Sunder would not be new.

17. Motion to move into discussion.

18. *Cramer*: I'm voting no on this motion, but I would only strike the recognition of the co-sponsors. That would be a better use of our chamber's abilities.

19. *Belfiglio*: I think we could remove the co-sponsors part. The way I see it is that Sunder did way more work on this bill, yet my name is sponsoring it.

20. *Poe*: This would not be here right now if it were not for Sunder. I think this would foster some sort of inclusivity that does not exist in USG right now.

21. *Jackson*: I think that we should strike the whole thing. USG has a representation of only doing things for ourselves, and not for the student body. I don't think that it's going to be helping our reputation.

22. *Weisman*: I just want to clarify that I understand why it's important to recognize people's work. This is nothing personal to Sunder. This is just more of a precedent that's been set, there's some debate on that, but I think we should be focusing on the legislation.

23. *Warnimont*: I think Sai's name should remain on the resolution.



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24. *Marchese*: There is a precedent. I see this as doing hard work and being recognized for it.

25. Motion to call the question.

26. *Hottinger*: A lot of people are worried about individual recognition, and sponsors' names are on this. I think he deserves this recognition.

27. *Shaffer*: I think it's important that people not in GA can get this recognition. It allows people in Cabinet to feel as if they're more involved in the process. To outsiders, it allows them to see our minutes and see wow these are real people doing actual work.

28. *Cramer*: Point of clarification, a yes vote would take it out, a no vote would leave it in there?

29. *Abby Waidelich*: Correct.

30. Motion to strike lines 43-45 failed.

31. *Cramer*: I move to amend and strike the first four words of line 44 "the cosponsors, and especially"

32. *Poe*: I take that as friendly.

33. *Bodey*: I think this resolution brings forth a point of discussion that may need to. We need to actively seek out. We should be working with Directors to push forward legislation.

34. Motion to call the question.

35. PASSED with 0 abstentions.

VII. Announcements

- a. *Warnimont*: Blood Battle is ending next Tuesday or Wednesday, and we're still losing to Michigan. Make sure to donate blood!
- b. *Abby Waidelich*: If you're going to be on campus for Thanksgiving, make sure to get a ticket to the Thanksgiving Dinner free for all students. It's been held for the past 30 years.
- c. *Stross*: We're giving out USG gloves for the Michigan State game. We'll be passing them out on the Oval from 10am-2pm.
- d. *Punugu*: Taiwanese American Student Association has a Moon Festival on Friday at 6pm.
- e. *Harper*: Buckeye Soup is made to look like Columbus Soup, which is a good way to crowdfund. Related to Health & Wellness. Come in, donate for a bowl of soup, then leave your spoon in whatever



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- organization you think would do the most good with the money you donated. I can invite you on Facebook if you're interested.
- f. *Honaker*: STEP task force released all their surveys yesterday. Please share it and take it if you're in STEP.
 - g. *Bodey*: President Bill Clinton will be here to discuss the status of the Glenn College. We're going through an exciting rebranding process, including John and Annie Glenn calling in for some favors. It helps our image—recruitment of good students, word of mouth stuff. If you don't have tickets to the event, I can refer you to folks who may be able to get you some last minute tickets. 3pm at Mershon.
 - h. *Greer*: STEP Survey. Just take 5 minutes out of your day. Also, Dining Survey is out. If you're on the meal plan, please take it. We're taking all the answers we get very seriously. Tell all your friends who also have a meal plan about the dining survey.
 - i. *Abby Waidelich*: We're on 19, past years 60s. Look into your Cabinet committees. Cabinet is currently beating GA. They're doing incredible work. If you don't want to work with an issue in Cabinet, look within your own college or constituency. There's a lot of people in Cabinet, GA, and other student organizations. You don't just have to work with people in USG. There are organizations on campus that are dedicated to a specific topic. You are not alone in writing policies. Research policies and work with people. We have a lot more work we can do. If you ever need any help, I'm always free to meet. Just reach out if you need help starting policy points.
 - j. *Bock*: Thank you for emailing me about the organizations you'll be speaking to. The Prezis have been sent out. Email me at Bock.94@osu.edu with the names of the organizations you'll be speaking at if you haven't already!

VIII. Adjournment