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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 don't have much for you. Gerard and I have to leave at 6:55 to attend a meeting. Mario [Belfiglio] will be taking over as chair. We have two members of the Judicial Panel today to go over changes of the election bylaws to approve and at the end. Ryan Schmiesing came in last week and he would like to see official work come from the discussion. Michael Frank has offered to help with this and it is important that these resolutions get written.

IV. Executive Report

- a. *Gerard Basalla*: Yesterday we had the State of the Union Address to recap the year. We announced some new textbook affordability to save \$2.5 million on textbooks. How we submit books is one thing and that involves a massive inspection of access codes and what that means and the required courses textbook codes. That's three of six things we're looking for. On the University Senate side, they are looking at an 18-month clip for the library. We aren't necessarily behind other universities, but we aren't in the lead in the Big Ten when it comes to libraries. There is a gen ed review led by Randy Smith with two members from USG, including Senator Belfiglio. It is a big deal and we need to make sure we are looking at gen eds for the first time in 30 years. We are also working on a few other initiatives for the strategic plan. I can do whatever I can as the executive branch. Michael Frank is a beast, so help him out. Let's take this seriously. It's for next year and they need to make sure they can walk in with work. One thing that can be helpful for the legislative side is for it to be concise. I can see 175 recommendations were made, but one challenge is, and thank god for Michael, is to make this a concrete thing and that's the structure I'd like to see.



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- b. *Di Scala*: Just to clarify: his responsibility does not fall on Michael; he is leading it.
- c. *Basalla*: Michael is a beast, but make it easy on him. Michael, it's not all on you, but I love you, though.

V. Committee Report

a. Allocations—*Derek Whiddon*

- i. We got off to a quick start and had full meeting. We funded \$1,500 to the following groups:
 - 1. Students for Justice in Palestine
 - 2. Jump Rope Club at OSU
 - 3. Asian American Association
 - 4. Indian Students Association
 - 5. Sport Club- Cricket
 - 6. Art of Living
 - 7. The Collegiate Council on World Affairs
- ii. If you are planning any events get it to me as soon as possible so we can work with Renee to get it funded.

VI.

Old Business

- a. No old business.

VII. New Business

a. Governmental Relations Deputy Director Vacancy Election

- i. *Di Scala*: Senator Bodey resigned the deputy director spot so we need to fill it. If only one person wants to do it, we won't vote. You are expected to be a member of the allocations committee and allocations on Sunday.
- ii. ***Maria Vargo nominated.***
- iii. ***Mario Vargo appointed Deputy Director of Governmental Relations Committee.***

b. 49-R-29 A Resolution to Approve the Elections Bylaws

- i. *Di Scala*: [Chief Justice] Conner Greenwood could not make it tonight, but Seth Lamp and Ryan Moore are here. Go to the drive to see the bylaws.



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- ii. *Lamp*: There are no proposed changes from 2015-2016 as we saw there was no need. There was a lot of turnover with the JP and we saw that the changes we made last year were sufficient.
- iii. *Moore*: The bylaws will be looked at by the CBRC as well.
- iv. ***Moved to questions.***
 - v. *Shaffer*: I believe Senator Warnimont passed a resolution for runoff voting.
 - vi. *Lamp*: We looked at that and reached out to him, but he didn't get back to us.
 - vii. *Frank*: In reference to looking at the clauses addressing breaking laws, is j-walking sufficient enough to break this policy. What exactly is this getting at?
 - viii. *Lamp*: We have discretion. That was the example that came up last year, that would have to be forwarded to us from some type of body and then we can make the judgement.
 - ix. ***Moved to discussion.***
 - x. *Frank*: I'm curious on line 16, is it supposed to say standing rules?
 - xi. *Di Scala*: We copied and pasted that from last year so you have to make an amendment to change it.
 - xii. *Frank*: friendly amendments.
 - xiii. ***Motion to pass with unanimous consent.***
 - xiv. ***Motion to pass with unanimous consent failed.***
 - xv. *Shaffer*: Senator Warnimont is under the weather.
 - xvi. *Glass*: Is that regarding the resolution that was passed earlier, the voting resolution?
 - xvii. *Di Scala*: The JP has that information to consider and I tried to get them in touch, but Warnimont has not gotten back to them, so it won't be there for this year.
 - xviii. *Glass*: Has that been passed to the CBRC?
 - xix. *Basalla*: We had a discussion with Greenwood because we want it to happen next year as a trial run. There wouldn't be time to add it this year because it doesn't have time to code it.
 - xx. *Belfiglio*: That would be the goal.



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- xxi. *Glass*: Since we passed it as a General Assembly on behalf of the body, it will be implemented. So the goal will be that it will be implemented next year.
- xxii. *Belfiglio*: it is being seriously considered.

c. 'Strategic Planning' Legislation Breakouts

- i.** *Frank*: In Steering Committee last week, we discussed this and we feel that resolutions would be the best way to do this because it leaves a paper trail. And it is more official. We felt that splitting the groups up in to the four categories we discussed last week. I would rather delegate this and we can work on this effectively; like creating committees out of GA.
- ii.** *Di Scala*: The timeline for Ryan would be to have it by next week. If you want the list, you can see everything we talked about.
- iii.** *Belfiglio*: We will break up into four groups and identify topics. Michael and I will come around and facilitate this.
- iv.** *Frank*: The groups are teaching and learning, research and innovation, outreach and engagement and research stewardship.
- v.** *Frank*: Who wants to volunteer, before we break up?
- vi.** *Belfiglio*: Please don't leave because we are still in committee because we did not adjourn.
- vii.** *Frank*: Please have this done by Sunday.

VIII. Announcements

- a. No announcements.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned.