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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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46th Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

Agenda

February 26, 2014, 6:30 pm
Senate Chambers — The Ohio Union

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8 **I. Opening**
9 Call to Order
10 Attendance
11 Swearing in of new alternates
12 Approval of the Minutes
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14 **II. Open Forum for Public**
15 a. Shane Ingalls
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17 **III. Executive Report**
18 Stepp
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20 **IV. Committee Reports**
21 Allocations- Picha
22 Oversight- Leiden
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24 **V. Old Business**
25 1. 46-R-36 (Leiden)
26 2. 46-R-37 (Beavers)
27 3. 46-R-38 (Beavers)
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30 **VI. New Business**
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33 **VII. Announcements/Reminders**
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35 **VIII. Adjournment**
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46-R-36

4 A Resolution to Amend the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution to
5 Emphasize the Importance of Student Constituencies

6 Erik Leiden (for himself) introduced the following legislation to the Oversight
7 Committee, where it passed unanimously.

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9 **Whereas** the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students,
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11 **Whereas** currently the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution states that issue
12 directors shall hold seats in the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly,
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14 **Whereas** this rules allows for nine members of the General Assembly to be appointed by
15 the President rather than voted for by the student body, and

16 **Whereas** issue directors do not have a specific student constituency, but rather are there
17 to represent the expertise and ideas of their committee, and

18 **Whereas** the expertise of the issue directors is valuable to the members of the
19 Undergraduate Student Government, however can be represented through speaking rights
20 without voting rights;

21 **Therefore let it be resolved that** the Undergraduate Student Government supports
22 measures to eliminate the 18-hour credit cap for undergraduate students; and

23 **Let it further be resolved that** the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution
24 shall be amended as follows, pending the approval of the student body:

25 *A. Membership on the General Assembly*

26 *1. Senators within the General Assembly shall be elected annually by*
27 *undergraduate students in their respective constituencies, and shall retain*
28 *full voting and speaking rights.*

29 *2. Cabinet Directors within the General Assembly shall be appointed*
30 *annually by the President, and shall serve as ex-officio members with full*
31 *speaking rights but not voting rights.*

32 *i. Cabinet Directors and the senators serving on their committees*
33 *shall meet at least once per month to discuss legislation and*
34 *initiatives relevant to their committees.*

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Floor Vote: Aye: _____ Nay: _____ Present: _____

Taylor C. Stepp
President

Date Adopted: _____
Date: _____

Joshua A. Ahart
Vice President
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46-R-37

A Resolution to Support House Bill 111

Timothy Beavers (for himself) introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the Steering Committee.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students of The Ohio State University; and

Whereas undergraduate students have long valued the rich tradition of shared-governance within the decision-making bodies of the university community; and

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government has consistently advocated for the ability of student trustees to vote unrestrictedly on the Board of Trustees in order to further improve student representation;

Let it be resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government at the Ohio State University firmly supports H.B. 111 which would legally provide a permissive option for universities to grant their student trustees voting rights; and

Let it further be resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government calls on the Ohio Legislature to expediently pass H.B. 111 so that it may be signed into law before the current session expires; and

Let it further be resolved that while the Undergraduate Student Government supports the permissive language used in the bill, it is the firm belief of undergraduate students that the student trustees of each university should have equal voting rights.

Floor Vote: Aye: _____ Nay: _____ Present: _____

Taylor Stepp
President

Josh Ahart
Vice President

Date Adopted: _____

Termination Date:

1 **46-R-38**

2 **A Resolution to Affirm the Right of Students to Lawfully and Peacefully Protest**

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4 Timothy Beavers and Erik Leiden (for Mohamad Mohamad) introduced the following
5 resolution, which was referred to the Steering Committee.

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9 **Whereas** the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students
10 at The Ohio State University; and

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12 **Whereas** the right to freedom of expression is a protected right laid out in the
13 Constitution of the United States of America; and

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15 **Whereas** lawful, peaceful protests pose no threat or harm to students, administration,
16 faculty, or property of the Ohio State University; and

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18 **Whereas** student activism should be an encouraged activity for students; and

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20 **Whereas** promoting a fear in students of speaking out about issues can only lead to a
21 lower level of civic engagement and efficacy;

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23 **Let it be resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government opposes the arrest of
24 students for conducting lawful, peaceful protests or other peaceful forms of student
25 activism; and

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27 **Let it further be resolved** that while the Undergraduate Student Government supports
28 the right of students to lawfully and peacefully protest, this does not replace the
29 requirement of a resolution to be passed in order for the Undergraduate Student
30 Government to endorse a viewpoint; and

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32 **Let it further be resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government looks to
33 collaborate with the Columbus Police Department, the Ohio State University Police
34 Department, and other law enforcement officials to form a transparent framework for
35 conducting lawful, peaceful protests, including but not limited to:

- 36 a. Obligations by Law Enforcement Officials to respect students' rights to
37 lawfully and peacefully protest,
38 b. Students' obligations to properly notify authorities of protests, and remain in
39 accordance with prescribed local, state, and federal laws and statutes.

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41 Floor Vote: Aye: _____ Nay: _____ Present: _____

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