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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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46th Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

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46-R-30

A Resolution to Welcome Dr. Drake and his wife to The Ohio State University

Erik Leiden (for himself and the General Assembly) introduced the following piece of legislation to the steering committee where it passed.

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all students, and

Whereas the Ohio State University has recently hired a new University President, and

Whereas the Ohio State University is the premier land grant institution of the state of Ohio, and

Whereas the President of The Ohio State University must publicly represent the university, act as the leading administrator of staff and students of the university, pursue both long and short term goals on behalf of the university, and manage various different business and academic centers owned and operated by the university; and

Therefore, let it be resolved that USG extends a formal welcome to President Dr. Michael V. Drake and his wife, and wish him the utmost success in his tenure as university president; and

Let it be further resolved that USG looks forward to pursuing a strategic partnership with Dr. Drake under the shared governance model between administrators, faculty, and students at The Ohio State University.

Floor Vote: Aye: ____ Nay: ____ Present: ____

Taylor C. Stepp
President

Josh Ahart
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46-R-31

A Resolution To Support a Staff Increase in The Ohio State University Police Division

Jennifer Tripi (for herself) introduced the following legislation to the Steering Committee where it passed.

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students, and

Whereas the safety of the Ohio State community should be a priority, and

Whereas Ohio State has the lowest ratio of police officers per 1,000 students among Big Ten Universities, and

Whereas the current 46 employed police officers on the Columbus campus is too few to successfully and effectively patrol such a large university, and

Whereas adding twenty additional police officers will lead to only an average ranking for the police officer: 1,000 student ratio in comparison to Midwest universities, and

Whereas an internal 2013 staffing study called for an additional 10 to 13 more officers, and

Whereas it is crucial to expand the Ohio State Police Division in order to increase the services and resources available, and

Whereas unlike most other BIG universities, OSU is located in the heart of a large city and is faced with a wide variety of security concerns, and

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government supports an increase in staffing of The Ohio State University Police Division.

Floor Vote: Aye: ____ Nay: ____ Present: ____

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46-R-32

A Resolution to Support a One-Year Pilot Program of Knowta Services

Christiana Fote (for herself and Josh Ahart) introduced the following resolution, which was introduced directly to the floor.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government and the General Assembly represent all undergraduate students; and

Whereas affordability is a common and growing concern among undergraduate students; and

Whereas in University Libraries black and white printing costs \$0.09 per page and color printing costs \$0.50 per page; and

Whereas the company Knowta launched services in August 2012 which included providing free printing resources to institutions such as universities and libraries; and

Whereas Knowta offers a one-year, risk-free pilot program of their printers and services which has been utilized by Case Western Reserve University and John Carroll University; and

Whereas At the termination of the pilot program, Case Western Reserve University made an agreement with Knowta to continue use of their printing services; and

Whereas Knowta printers and services would create an alternative, not a substitute, to traditional printing services in libraries at no cost to the student or to the university; and

Therefore Let it Be Resolved the Undergraduate Student Government supports a one-year pilot program of Knowta services at The Ohio State University.

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

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Vice President
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A Resolution to Amend the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution to Emphasize the Importance of Student Constituencies

Erik Leiden (for himself) introduced the following piece of legislation to the steering committee where it passed.

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students, and

Whereas currently the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution states that issue directors shall hold seats in the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly, and

Whereas this rules allows for nine members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the President rather than voted for by the student body, and

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

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

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

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

A. Membership on the General Assembly

- 1. Senators within the General Assembly shall be elected annually by undergraduate students in their respective constituencies, **and shall retain full voting and speaking rights.***
- 2. Cabinet Directors within the General Assembly shall be appointed annually by the President, **and shall serve as ex-officio members with full speaking rights but not voting rights.***

Floor Vote: Aye: ____ Nay: ____ Present: ____

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A Resolution to Amend the Undergraduate Student Government Organizational Bylaws to Reflect the Conversion to Semesters

Erik Leiden (for himself) introduced the following piece of legislation to the steering committee where it passed.

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all students, and
Whereas The Ohio State University converted from quarters to semesters in 2012, and
Whereas the Organizational Bylaws still reference dates on the quarters calendar, and
Whereas clear and consistent bylaws are vital to the efficient functioning of student organizations;
Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government Organizational Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

Article I, Section C

3. Reports shall be submitted by the following dates and shall reflect events attended during the time period that has elapsed between assumption of office or the prior submission deadline
 - i. Wednesday of the 5th **fifth** week of Autumn ~~Quarter~~ **Semester**
 - ii. Wednesday of the 10th **tenth** week of Autumn ~~Quarter~~ **Semester**
 - iii. **Final** Wednesday of the 5th ~~week of Winter Quarter~~ **Autumn Semester**
 - iv. Wednesday of the 10th **fifth** week of ~~Winter Quarter~~ **Spring Semester**
 - v. Wednesday of the 9th **tenth** week of Spring ~~Quarter~~ **Semester**
 - vi. **Final Wednesday of the Spring Semester**

Article I, Section F

6. Student Affairs
 - a. The Committee on Student Affairs shall have original jurisdiction over all legislation pertaining to non-academic student interaction with the university
 - b. The Committee on Student Affairs shall seek out non-academic issues that should be addressed by the Undergraduate Student Government and shall educate other members of the Assembly about those issues
 - c. The Committee on Student Affairs shall only be comprised of Living Area General Assembly members and Emissaries not otherwise prohibited
 - d. The committee on Student Affairs shall make a good faith effort to meet ~~quarterly~~ **at least once every semester** with student members of the University Committee on Student Life

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