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49th **General Assembly** Spring 2017, Session 21 February 22, 2017

I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
 - i. Sabrina Virani for Shamina Merchant
 - ii. Kate Greer Samer Abusway
 - iii. Julia Dennen for Mikayla Bodey
- a. Swearing in of Alternates

II. Open Forum for Public

a. No one

III. Updates

a. *Danielle Di Scala*: I'll be short and I know this is preaching to the choir, but you all still have responsibilities to be here and attend GA meetings over the next two weeks, so hold yourself to a high standard.

IV. Executive Report

a. *Gerard Basalla*: We have lot of projects going on especially in University Senate. The fiscal committee is doing a lot of work with student fees and affordability. CSA is giving a lot of allocation money to students so if you know any organizations looking for funding let me know. I will touch on the obvious nature of the next weeks. Campaigning begins shortly. I will give my brief cabinet executive advice. Get some sleep; it's really important. If you say you'll get sleep you probably won't,' but you might be better. Your friends are there for you so step back. Have a blast. If you were involved in campaigns, know that that was one of my favorite time in college, but take to heart that we need to have a positive message and we have to work with each in the future. Lastly, to reiterate Danielle, come around the next couple weeks. We're excited to get things done for students.

V. Committee Report

a. Allocations



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VI. Old Business

- a. 49-R-44 A Resolution to Support the Implementation of Dialogue Spaces in Framework 2.0
 - i. *Bidna:* I move to take this off the table. I spoke with Jeff Pelletier, the Director of the Ohio Union. He said there is a need for this for the future, but there is a more need for spaces now. With Framework 2.0, it won't be done for two years, but we need this next year. He brought to me the idea of using the STEP rooms because they need to be better allocated. I'm going to look into this and have a resolution for next time. Even the administration understands that not using the STEP spaces is not okay. He wants more rooms like dialogue rooms and faith rooms.
 - ii. Motion to withdraw.
 - iii. 49-R-44 A Resolution to Support the Implementation of Dialogue Spaces in Framework 2.0 WITHDRAWN.
- b. 49-R-47 A Resolution to Recommend an Increase in the TOEFL Requirement for Undergraduate International Admissions
 - Liu: I emailed Vern Granger, and the vice provost of internationalization and we are meeting march second, so I would like to keep this tabled to the 23rd session.
 - ii. Motion to table.
 - iii. 49-R-47 A Resolution to Recommend an Increase in the TOEFL **TABLED**.

VII. New Business

- a. 49-B-3 A Bill to Overturn the Allocations Funding Decision for Animal Science Community Alliance
 - i. Pechtl: My name is Heather Pechtl and I'm the fiscal advisor for the Animal Science Community Alliance. We had an event last week for the Food of Agriculture and Environmental Science. We have 17 members and we cover requirement and teaching courses, as well as running the CFAES Back to School Bash which is our annual fall event that brings us together. Our goals



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of the mingle is to encourage students to know the department and faculty. This is important to us. We have a broad range of students and so we have a lot of students to cover and we want to pair them up as much as possible. We want mentor relationships. Last year when we did the mixer, I met my research advisor there. It is important for connections. Any questions? Students will leave with new relationships. And we accomplished that. We had food and had a speed meeting game to make the relationship more informal. After the speed meeting we had a Quiz Bowl trivia, like about their alma mater or Ohio State things or the College of Food and Environmental Science. The theme this year was game shows. To give more information, it was free entrance because we value what this event is about and we don't think you should be charged. We actually had 100 people, which was our goal, and we expect more next year. Last year was the first year and we continued it this year. Some responses we got: 100% said they felt the goal was accomplished. They enjoyed the game and felt engaged. We got positive constructive feedback. The students: 90 percent said yes, the other 10 had not response about whether the event was successful. Most are pre-vet and one student said that it helped them know the faculty. It is a very competitive program and you need to know what you want to do. Helping to find research I s a common theme. Finally, just setting the informal feel of the event: his student felt good coming away knowing that the professors are like them. We would like to recommend this to transitioning freshmen. We are working on recruiting perspective students. We are small; we have 17 members and we rely on external funds a lot. We use this for training the TAs and the undergrad recruitment. When we look at the budget, this is what we have not yet funded. We were funded the Coke Grants and the Shot Clean Up and this is what we have left over. Highlighted at the bottom is what we still require funding for.

ii. Moved to questions.



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- iii. *Kaxzmarek*: I looked up the Animal Sciences community and it says it is only for full time students. Was the event open to all students?
- iv. Pechtl: It was open to all students in the college.
- v. Glass: This was to clarify, was it denied funding?
- vi. *Pechtl*: We were allotted \$500 but we don't have the funds, but we are asking the full \$836. We asked for \$1,000, but we got a discount.
- vii. Glass: Was that the maximum amount?
- viii. *Fechtel*: Yes, there was \$5,000 available that day, so \$500 could only be given to each group.
- ix. *Chang*: So for the remaining money, was that determined that was funded, or could it be added? Were all groups fully funded?
- x. Fechtel: I yield my time to Gerard.
- xi. Basalla: you could do \$100 more.
- xii. *Buss*: My question is for anyone on allocations, should that be funded?
- xiii. Basalla: Yes, they can fund this.
- xiv. Di Scala: The allocations committee funds trips.
- xv. *Kaxzmarek*: When we are funding trips, that is only CFAES or is that for only a certain student org?
- xvi. Bidna: Can we fund events including faculty?
- xvii. *Pechtl:* Rachael Adams is an undergraduate student and president and the faculty are invited to the event, but it was run by students. We are an undergraduate student organization.
- xviii. Glass: How much money are you requesting?
 - xix. Pechtl: We are requesting \$836.
 - xx. Di Scala: So you only want \$336 as you were funded \$500?
 - xxi. Pechtl: Yes.
- xxii. *Basalla*: based on the money left, we only have that much left. That is the max, 100 dollars.
- xxiii. *Dorony:* where would we get the remaining money?
- xxiv. Basalla: It does not exist.
- xxv. Moved to discussion.



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- xxvi. *Kaxzmarek*: If we are already funding them 500 and we only have 100, maybe we should spend it on another organization.
- xxvii. Vargo: I was there when this came up. A lot of times we don't get money from the school of agricultural Sciences. We want to get more of a connection because there is a divide between the campuses. I would like to encourage more organizations to come to increase this in the main campus and I'm in full support of giving as much money as we can.
- xxviii. *Glass:* That is part of the thing I tried to do in student council. As a CFAES senator I sit on the council. I'm glad you are here and received \$500 and I hope you can have more funding for that. I yield a minute of my time--is that how much we can give now to the organization in total?
 - xxix. *Basalla:* Based on precedent, any other groups would not be getting the same amount as the other groups given. You can change the precedent. It's been great that we have new groups, but with the logistics, this is how it is working.
 - xxx. *Glass*: We do have \$100, but I would recommend staying in precedent and give \$100 more to stay within precedent. This is a student lead activity and it would be good for this to benefit students and their relationship and building our relationships with the constituency.
 - xxxi. Motion to amend to allocate 600 to the group.
- xxxii. Moved to question on the amendment.
- xxxiii. Discussion.
- xxxiv. Amendment passes.
- xxxv. Moved to discussion.
- xxxvi. *Dennen*: Is this--do you need the money now or next quarter?
- xxxvii. *Pechtl*: We did apply and we have 21 days after the event to send in the budget for the reimbursement.
- xxxviii. *Dennen*: Could you reapply next quarter?
- xxxix. *Pechtl*: We could, but the fact that we are willing to come in is that our TA training is in the summer and we need funds for that. The animal science 2700 class would not happen without that.



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- xl. *Bidna*: Are you saying that walking away with a deficit of \$230 would have you not have training?
- xli. *Pechtl*: It would cut the triaing short.
- xlii. *Bidna*: Why-what is the main reason for going over the budget of 500?
- xliii. Pechtl: Our assumed budget was \$1,000 and we received \$500.
- xliv. Move to call the question.
- xlv. Question is called.
- **xlvi.** 49-B-3 A Bill to Overturn the Allocations Funding Decision for Animal Science Community Alliance **PASSED**.
- b. 49-R-51 A Resolution to Approve the Standing Rules of the Judicial Branch
 - i. Di Scala: This was something that didn't get done do to the transition from the justices. We wanted to approve them through you guys.
 - ii. Shaffer: Are there any new changes?
 - iii. Di Scala: No.
 - iv. Moved to discussion.
 - v. Motion to call the question.
 - vi. 49-R-51 A Resolution to Approve the Standing Rules of the Judicial Branch **PASSED**.

VIII. Announcements

- a. *La Pointe:* Those of you who came to cabinet have already heard this, but Senator Sullivan suffered a sudden loss. Her mom passed away a couple days ago. It is publically known at this time. I spoke Gerard and Danielle and they will make sure she gets flowers. If you feel like you can come to the visiting hours or funeral, come talk to me. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- b. *Buss*: I had a great meeting with Dr. J yesterday and she said to find ways to acknowledge the work they've done. They've done this and are asking for that, and they will be more likely to listen if they give



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credit where credit is due. This is advice to get more done or if they want a smile of your face.

c. *Shaffer*: The weather in Moscow is 30 F. Dott is doing well.

IX. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned.