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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 the Public**

**III. Updates**

- a. *Sophie Chang*

**IV. Executive Report**

- a. *Andrew Jackson*

**V. Committee Reports**

- a. Allocations Committee

*Averi Townsend*

- I. \$300 to Hispanic Business Association

- a. Oversight Committee

*Michael Swaggerty*

- b. Deputy Director Updates

- i. Academic Affairs: still working on four main projects of the semester: access codes, SEI platform, study abroad affordability.
  - ii. Diversity and Inclusion: talk about goals for next semester and project interest, improving demographics each year, resources for housing.



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- iii. Governmental Relations: few projects have a town hall for both governor candidates, democratic and republican, judicial government greets coming up.
- iv. Health and Safety: talking about a finals study room with snack and possibly puppies, on & off campus safety especially in regards to off-campus lighting, Instagram account with healthy food options with dining, meaningful and impactful conversations.
- v. Student Affairs: buckeye road trip a success, clean-up columbus for next semester.
- vi. Sustainability: time for change week for next semester, sustainability resolutions, local dairy, on-campus composting.

## **II. Old Business**

### **III. New Business**

- 1. 50-R-17: A Resolution to Support the Implementation of an eBike Hub on The Ohio State University's Columbus Campus
  - i. Sami: A week before thanksgiving smart campus seeks to improve students technology e-bike hub show students are interested in this art & humanities senator, treasurer of smart campus improve student life through advanced technology, reduce congestion reduce pollution and have health benefits for those that ride the bikes, increase bike ridership is through a bike hub, include bike repair, bike store facilities, and places to rent



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- out a bike, converted cargo container and the benefits would apply to all constituencies, bring attention to health sustain congestion, traffic and transportation management.
- ii. Munjal: Hub on campus would be nice so I don't have to lug my bike to... centralized place on campus would be great. Whereas as the grassroots orgs such as smart campus push for a bike hub? Would it be different?
  - iii. Davis: How much would it cost? Where would it be?
  - iv. Sami: Advocating right now. Staffed by an existing bicycle repair club. Rental facilities would be staffed by companies who rent the bikes
  - v. Moved to discussion:
  - vi. Maria: Motion to pass by unanimous consent
  - vii. Davis: Objection. Interested in the people who are doing the research to continue doing such. Planning should go a little further with more detail
  - viii. Munjal: Working with admins already doesn't need detail
  - ix. Sami: Still in prelim stages and not meant for the final seal of approval
  - x. Cromes: Since it is in prelim stages it's important for us to show our support for this project.
  - xi. 50-R-18 PASSED



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2. 50-R-18: A Resolution to Support “Race, Ethnicity, and Gender” as a Foundations Course for the General Education Curriculum

- i.Sami: Race ethnicity and gender and GE revision committee to have social diversity removed from the general education requirement. Right now the concern is the different identity studies would take away from classes and remove focus. Race ethnicity gender as a foundation requirement would be required for all Ohio state students important for undergrad to. General education classes are ultimate for understanding outside of their realm, united states or ohio wherever that may be, important for undergrad career. Latino studies prof, new ge curriculum rethinking what should be in our ge curric draft of proposal elimination of social diversity requirement, would allow for osu students to graduate without the understanding of race ethnicity gender, important that all osu students have the enduring social race ethnicity gender in our society, both valuable for majority and non majority students, the underrepresented groups do not achieve education, political representation, all osu students should be, require at least one class on reg, class may be in one category or multiple



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category, an important requirement that, research from other universities makes it more possible, deal with stereotypes, majority students able to understand hierarchy enhancing, valuable new friendships

ii. Quadri: Could not have said it better

iii. Moved to Questions

iv. Donnelly : Put this back in or increase the overall amount of credit hours.

The new GE curriculum eliminates had, so add it back in... do not know what the final number will be?

v. Spiegel: Doesn't add any more hours but intersect with a GE already taken?

Can take something in say literature to complete this GE

vi. Moved to Discussion

vii. Greer: on the committee for GE review, so is Samer. Support the spirit of

the resolution but have the questions and issues within the foundations but may be in upper themes. Has not gone by me or AA. Samer: the resolution and ge pulled up. Privilege of serving on the GE review committee reiterate the importance of the fact that the committee has been receiving feedback.

Looking to make this the best for students. Foundations model of the GE is to. Citizenship theme would be required but pick different themes, themes citizenship of world, this past Monday how to include diversity in the gen ed and make it



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well known. No answer yet. Verbiage for race ethnicity and gender. may not be conveying that. All in all the importance of the usg.. Undergrad students when we review the gen ed. Student who will be impacted in the future.

viii.Davis: Does not see. Business class where we talk about Three courses in diverse and just world, the concepts are well covered in the Form opinions of their own More classes to take in the same amount of timeStudents who fail a class have Ideas are already adequately covered

ix.Smith: GE requirements as is, adding another course, adding this requirement would mean whatever general requirement is A required class about these things Don't have to take class and agree with what it says important to get a different perspective Having it is extremely important

x.Quadri: In support of tabling in order to take it through AA. social diversity classes are covered in lots of different places. Such as sociology.

xi.Humayan: Crucial for reg course. Important to know about all types of reg, in full support of this resolution. Table to send to AA. speaker list cap

xii.Sami: Oversight on not reaching out to academic affairs. Revisions due to committee to December 1st.



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- xiii. Yield to Samer: working on timeline, most important thing is suggestions, members of the committee have been discussing this, visual requirement for this Current GE revisions do have a sort of reg sub theme, you have four themes and you can take classes in one of the four, reg should be a foundational course, option to take it is a right step, should not be an option to see the world in different perspectives, so basic, foundational to understand the world, people would deliberately avoid these classes
- xiv. Meersman: We should be aware when we enter the workforce. Should have to take courses to be mature
- xv. McKenzie: Important to Not likely to hinder the graduation of students  
Hopefully will help educate students in the future President Drake said
- xvi. Dennen: I think that drake's 2020 vision it's important and the reason you go to college to expose yourself ideals or ideas that you are formally comfortable with, not right to assume a lit course will cover reg
- xvii. Kate: Would increase amount of hours in the GE To make the citizenship diverse just world: required 3 courses, solution to make one of three courses to make one required for reg Ohio transfer model. Test out of these courses Don't put it in foundations because that is for critical skills and could be tested out of Not



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adding more hours but adding it into already existing. Review  
→ adding more people Implementation committee would be a  
large issue to discuss

xviii.Long: This is a great resolution, and from a personal statement that i do  
feel it is important that others understand other backgrounds  
that i or others have. Make me feel better as a student, my  
constituents more comfortable,

xix.Greer: Motion to table. Send it to next session, we will discuss in old  
business, no vote tonight

xx.50-R-18 Tabled

3. 50-R-19: A Resolution to Support the Implementation of a Standardized  
Lockdown Procedure at Ohio State

- i. Humayun: Many of you may know a year ago there was an attack on  
our campus, we learned some things, no standardized  
lockdown, roommate had no knowledge that the attack  
was occurring let out of class, run hide fight video was  
not shown until after attack.
- ii. Long: Keep it moving
- iii. Mckenzie: Sam
- iv. Kanas: Same
- v. Bowerman: Same
- vi. Cromes: Help mental health and reduce anxieties





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- vii. Donnelly: Previously said
  - viii. Moved to Question
  - ix. None
  - x. Moved to Discussion:
  - xi. Humayan: More research to do. Big10 schools do have programs in place. Illinois has various things. Other schools have things but not mentioned in the resolution
  - xii. Dennen: If we teach k we should teach college student. Pass with unanimous consent
  - xiii. 50-R-19 PASSED with unanimous consent
4. 50-R-20: A Resolution to Increase Transparency Under Blue, the New SEI System
- i. Barnett: Essentially osu is replacing SEI platform called blue. SEIs more transparent to students. Only one question is available to students. 3 average themes based on profs org, interest in students, class org PeopleSoft is the current database.  
Ratemyprof but through osu and accurate
  - ii. Greer: Our goal is get an idea of profs teaching Students can't get an idea from one question. Great opportunity since osu is rolling out blue in summer of 2018
  - iii. Smith: Making official and efficient and the real deal. Can't show all ten questions but can show some and a step in the right direction



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- iv. Moved to Questions:
  - v. Cromes: Will only some be showed? Average from the questions no comments
  - vi. Dennen: Is this changing the questions for SEI? Next resolution is to review the questions. But they will be the same three categories
  - vii. Discussion
  - viii. Humayun: pass with unanimous consent
  - ix. 50-R-20 PASSED with unanimous consent
5. 50-R-21: A Resolution to Encourage the SEI Committee to Review and Revise the Current SEI Questions
- i. Barnett: We should review questions they are old from back when we were on quarters
  - ii. Greer: Sat in SEI committee they want to hear about how SEIs look now to OSU students. Would love to hear the support of the students. Made for osu with open admissions, not geared towards Carmen or general website use. Giving the committee the nudge to meet more frequently.
  - iii. Moved to Questions
  - iv. Spiegel: Allow the general student body to put input on the current seis? Currently working on creating a survey for students to evaluate and if mobile app is best use.
  - v. Moved to Discussion



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- vi. Dennen: pass with unanimous consent
- vii. 50-R-21 passed with unanimous consent
- 6. 50-R-22: A Resolution to Ban the Sale of Plastic Water Bottles at The Ohio State University's Columbus Campus
  - i. Sami: This is pretty straightforward. Contract is up with coca-cola this summer. To cut down on plastic waste across college campuses. Drive and care about this in terms of sustainability
  - ii. Bowles: Move towards in terms of sustainability and financial
  - iii. Weller: Agree with everyone else
  - iv. Munjal: Resource stewardship goals is to achieve zero waste by 2025  
would be a great step towards that. 90% by then. Plastic water bottles ban in vending machines. Recycling is a big problem on campus as well. Reducing plastic water bottles in trash cans. Participate in ban the bottle. Water is readily available. Reusable water bottles are everywhere. A big move for us but for the big10. Impact on the planet and goals for the university by 2025
  - v. Moved to Questions
  - vi. Dennen: How would this affect the coca cola grants? How it impact student orgs in that way?



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- vii. Munjal: a good point we apply for usg grants. Our grant is up for renewal so if we bring this up to them of not in support having water bottles sold. Students support the ultimate goal of getting rid or reducing.
- viii. Asia: Selling more mycups. Northwestern currently does this. They'd make revenue up in mycups and cups to use the machines.
- ix. Dennen: hurt students in our efforts (discussion)
- x. Dretzka: what was the logic behind water bottles? Additionally, would free water be able from the coke freestyle machines?
- xi. Kinza: Ban water bottles, because there is access all over campus to water filling stations. Understand why these vs the others because there are other alternatives to water bottles. Didn't know you had to pay for water from the freestyle machines.
- xii. Cromes: Replacing water bottles in coke machines with the mycups? You can buy the cups at c-stores.
- xiii. Meersman: Did you know any health impacts? Or if students will drink more soft drinks
- xiv. Munjal: Students are already having that option to pick water or soda. No specific data
- xv. Kinza: Water filling stations. In the union already there is no vending machine



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- xvi.Asia: Other alternatives to make a healthy decision, if you make an unhealthy decision you will regardless
- xvii.Humayun: What is the feasibility of phasing out the water bottles? Any stats on who uses the machines?
- xviii.Munjal: No data on who uses the machines
- xix.Asia: Ban the bottle is an actual project who reaches out to campus. Water is accessible everywhere in water fountains.
- xx. Humayun: No access to water in Drackett? How would you work to combat that issue?
- xxi.Asia: Banning the sale of water but we could still distribute it if needed.
- xxii.Tyson: Could we ban it at coffee shops
- xxiii.Munjal: Hard because if someone from outside the ohio state community. Would you be working with ban the bottle or on our own? We don't reach out to them they would absorb us into their campaign? Would their be any movement to reduce costs of mycup or water bottles? Freshman and on campus students receive mycups. Involvement fair clubs pass out the bottles.
- xxiv.Humayun: Would we look into subsidizing water bottles?
- xxv.Mckenzie: Motion to cap speakers list
- xxvi.Mohamed: If you ban plastic bottles they might get a paper cup



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xxvii.Munjal: Paper is easier to recycle than plastic. Creates behavior change  
not something to dive into now.

xxviii.Moved to Discussion:

xxix.Dennen: I love the environment and not create more waste. Still have  
straws, cups, lids. If you forget the reusable water bottle  
what will you do. Students have dining plans so those  
students who can't afford a reusable one can use that.

xxx.Smith: Not that many trash cans around campus. Would eliminate litter  
on campus. Water bottle ban would allow for me to  
remember that water bottle. Have a bunch of refill stations  
on campus. Really reliable resource other than plastic  
water bottles. Whereas clause about refill stations. It'll  
overall catch up in the long-run. Full support of this  
resolution. Positives outway the negative

xxxi.Bowels: Not banning access to water to people. Multiple water  
fountains. There have been instances with water issues.  
Any student on campus can access to water.

xxxii.Munjal: Not getting rid of water bottles tomorrow. Might not ban them  
all but reduce them significantly. Cap speakers list.

xxxiii.Davis: banning sale of water bottles is a good idea but not feasible. But  
it should not be forced upon students. Frustration for



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students who may need to buy a plastic water bottle to get through the day.

xxxiv.Humayun: More than just a statement. Lacks feasibility or plausible.

Look out for all students. Lose water bottles and don't want to go out of your way to buy a new one. Freestyle machines are not fully used. Possibly endangers student orgs grants. Allocations uses these grants to give students.

xxxv.Chang: would not affect coke grant. More freestyle machines or cheaper.

xxxvi.Slavik: Ban. strong connotation. In place of the ban maybe suppress or discourage.

xxxvii.Mohamud: the idea of banning the water bottle is a good idea. Receive free water bottles all the time. Confused of the use as dining dollars. Decrease the amount of water bottles used on campus

xxxviii.Sami: mycups are expensive but there are cheaper options. Not german to the conversation. If you're spending \$20 a bigger problem.

xxxix.Quadri: Everyone really likes the environment but the main issue.

xl. Amendment to change eliminate the clause with being completely water bottle free by 2020



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xli. Humayun: more seats at the table when discussing this. Motion to table to this and discuss implications.

xlii. Motion fails

xliii. Dretzka: water bottles are thin and reusable water bottles are thicker more reusable water bottles.

xliv. Munjal: talked to a lot of people about the implication

xlvi. Voting: Roll Call 22-17-5 passes

7. 50-R-23: A Resolution to Overturn the Blanket IFC Suspension Ban at The Ohio State University

i. Davis: The petition we started as soon as the email was sent out with about 700 supporters. Extremely unique community, philanthropic and inclusive groups. IFC fraternities 11/37 chapters were under investigation. Impacts sororities and philanthropies these men impact. Fraternities who have been clean for years but were forced to stop and cancel events that cost \$1000. There were several comments blanket bans are unfair, greek life gave me a reason to stay at ohio state. Rough semester for greek life as a whole. Vibes from other universities. Appendix A USG should be an advocate. Suspension was not fair to smaller frats and those with clean records. Have been told by nationals to be quiet. Showing support Big steps to ensure recruitment





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activities are able to occur next semester especially for the smaller orgs who will cease to exist Possible amendments: whereas fraternities deserve a fair investigation strike that clause Office of student conduct recently... strike clause. Therefore let it further be resolved IFC should have their recruitment activities

- ii. Dennen: Our situation is very different here at OSU. Elaborate that when you put a cease and desist. Hold on all the good the frats do for the community. You're just taking out the good of the community. Not worth it to punish all others for the few that did something wrong
- iii. Cromes: 70% of the orgs in IFC were unfairly punished due to the fact that they were not
- iv. Mckenzie: The actions of few should not impact those of many 26 of the frats did nothing wrong. Hazing incidents have been bad
- v. Moved to Questions:
- vi. Quadri: Any more resolutions with better guidelines for hazing incidents?
- vii. Mckenzie: Yes working with ifc to have their input
- viii. Davis: working with ifc to have the control of their org but in the hands of their own
- ix. Donnelly: Statistics?
- x. Chang: Add them into the comments of session 16.



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- xi. Smith: Amendments?
- xii. Davis: Overturn to oppose January 7th, 2018
- xiii. Quadri: What did the fraternities do
- xiv. Cromes: Confidential information.
- xv. Quadri: In these incidents in the past, have disciplinary actions been taken  
by the uni or by the chapters
- xvi. Davis: chapter deals with it then student conduct intervenes if it is not  
sufficient
- xvii. Cromes: has to be reported to student life in order for it to be investigated
- xviii. Mohamud: Does student life does someone in the fraternity have to  
report it?
- xix. Cromes: Anyone can report it
- xx. Davis: we have had nothing like what other universities experienced
- xxi. Mckenzie: to clarify who can report. All the reports that are reported  
student conduct can immediately say you're under  
investigation
- xxii. N. Davis: To be clear you're saying some of these can be insubstantial?
- xxiii. Mckenzie: Some could be but because some of these reports only have  
to deal with one member of an org. Might not be dealt with  
fairly
- xxiv. Moved to Discussion:



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xxv.Bowerman: 11 out of 37 is too much not to take action. Uni did not make a mistake

xxvi.Slavik: Conversations have been happening. Constituents have said:

“brothers should be held accountable for all brothers as a whole.”

xxvii.Mohamed: since nobody has disclosed what these people have done i don't feel comfortable supporting those people.

xxviii.Malpass (Duvwe): i transferred to this university in this fall, i chose osu for many reasons an open diverse community, i feel this was halted when the ban occurred. Hazing and underage consumption has no place here. But the admin have been punishing all. We must work together to fix these issues. Lack of staffing has not allowed for these cases to be properly heard.

xxix.Cromes: this isn't taking away from the investigations from the 11. The other 26 would just be not on cease and desist. Not fair to judge all on a few especially bc they are not

xxx.Davis: should be left to ifc. Usg should not have an opinion on this matter. Very seriously taken. The university would be naive to not believe this isn't happening others. Other universities have banned greek life to change the environment.



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xxxi.Imani: philanthropy events were banned except the annual events. IFC

has no power a lot was taken away from this this semester.

Student conduct took this over even though they are

understaffed. Underage alcohol consumption. Blanket ban

was done poorly. IFC enjoys our support. IFC is huge here

at OSU. A 10 member chapter does not know how other

150 men chapters function. Amendments: strike last clause,

add instead, strike two whereas clauses Resolution to

oppose not overturn

xxxii.Mohamud: 11 out of 37 is a large number. Everything is confidential so

hard to support. The other large schools have done this

because of large incidents

xxxiii.Dennen: can't punish all, done poorly and affecting students poorly,

students in greek like and not greek life. When we have this

ban these parties are still taking place they're just more

dangerous. This ban has done its job and shocked everyone.

Not necessary for those that have done nothing

xxxiv.Quadri: not fair to punish all. Never good experiences with greek life

especially as a person of color. Doing something to the

culture

xxxv.Mckenzie: want to address that the 11 frats are still under investigation.

Other 26 should still be able to function as a chapter.



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Should not be held accountable. Not feasible for conduct to take 37 cases. A lot of stereotypes but they are not true.

13% of students greek

xxxvi. Andrew: came back from ifc meeting. Suspension of social activities.

There are no social events, no recruitment. IFC do a look at what is wrong. This does not put 37 cases in the student conduct. Action plan on what is happening now. The three steps: recruitment, new mem education, and social safety plan. Ifc ensuring safety of their members and non greek members who attend their events. Usg supports ifc and their endeavors. Social events part classification systems. Group A,B,C. A: block 10 during fall and 5 during spring. More events with campus law enforcement. Group B: paired events. Less than 100 expected. 15 during spring & fall. C: brother only events. Crackdown on underage drinking. Recruitment making sure men are focused on the values of the organization. How to make sure this happening. Culture change isn't easy. New member education: no longer chapter social events before or after events. Big little events, initiation, etc. All recruitment events are to be recorded the semester before. Cigar night type of events with a beer or drinking event they will not be



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allowed. No alcohol during recruitment. Dry period for recruitment. Not sure when this will be finalized but by Jan

7.

xxxvii.Nadeem: cap speakers list.

xxxviii.Cromes: everything from ifc and the changes. We hope u see

xxxix.Imani: Spring recruitment is important for smaller chapters. Separate chapters because they are not all the same

xl. Nick: Support its passage

xli.Slavik: no-vote purely because it is not finalized need action.

xlii.Passes 35-7-2

8. 50-R-24: A Resolution to Remove Investments from Top 200 Fossil Fuel Corporations, Energy Transfer Partners, and Duke Energy

i. Sockwell: constituents from renew. Trying to get uni to pull from fossil fuel companies. November 16 keystone pipeline with lots of oil pouring out harming the environment. The last time we saw investments they were investing in duke energy. With our goals this is a step in the right direction.

i. Munjal: Sustain goals.

ii. Yield time to Maria: fossil fuel and their impact on social issues/human rights. This pipeline hinders tribe actions. Huge step in the right direction for the uni



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- iii. Quadri: it lines up with our sustain goals. Seeking climate justice with  
people of color who are impacted by the fossil fuel industry
- iv. Smith: we make these plans and to follow this we must divest
- v. Meersman: human rights are an important factor in this as well. People of  
color are affected by this
- vi. Mohamed: step in the right direction
- vii. McKenzie: a lot of her constituents were passionate about this
- viii. Moved to Question:
- ix. Littman: what % of the endowment money is made up of the undergrad  
students? Not student funds. Why are we worried if its not  
from students? Undergrad students should have a say in  
where this money is going. Fossil fuel divestment. Not  
necessary an act of taking out the money. But taking a stand  
against what these companies do. Would this affect the  
internships etc from these companies? Would not affect  
these internships or student
- x. Greer: Energy academic council been aware of this resolution? NG is not  
mentioned in this bill NG not 200 companies
- xi. Moved to Discussion:
- xii. Littman: Leave university endowment up to corporations
- xiii. Malpass: usg is not the place for political issues such as this. Not a place  
to push our foreign policy. Not germane to discussion



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xiv. Munjal: the concern with how our endowment money would be spent

xv. Yield time to nick: developing new ideas and innovative. Other public land grant have done this. Umass-amherst. OSU prides itself on being a global leader. Impacts people of color etc. We want osu to be a leader of sustainability.

xvi. N. Davis: over a 2 decade period, a portion of our endowment if we divest from fossil fuels. Other products are made when using petroleum. If we are trying to do this, we would have to get rid of all of these products.

xvii. Meersman: we should definitely have a say. Our constituents have reached out and been supportive of this issue. USG should most definitely have a say in this. We are a voice of the students so we should have a say

xviii. Sockwell: Yield time to: partial divestment at this time not a full divestment we realize this is not possible. So it is not necessary to talk about footballs or chairs

xix. Littman: would hurt our endowments. Should not use political implications in this chamber

xx. Munjal yields time: not complicit to these companies who have an interest in destroying the planet. There is student support for this issue





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- xxi.Dretzka: SP 500 energy index. Most of those companies are fossil fuels. Not investing in these companies is smart because these companies are on the downfall.
- xxii.Smith: listen to what others are saying not what they're not saying. Listen to each other. Currently we do not stand what the board stands for. We do not stand for environmental disruption.
- xxiii.Spiegel: what did these sources say about taking that money and investing elsewhere or just taking this money from these companies?
- xxiv.Humayun: we only have one planet and global warming. Saying we do not support environmental destruction and human rights violations.
- xxv.Tyson: Feels attacked by things said. It is not the responsibility of outsiders to write policy.
- xxvi.N. Davis: Someone said it that it was a political statement and that should be a reason to strike down this resolution
- xxvii.Littman: The oils companies are not all evil. Three weeks ago we said it was not a political statement but they said it was.
- xxviii.Quadri: it is possible to support sustain goals and human rights. Ge review just global world. We are an undergraduate



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governing body. Consists emailed so we should be supported

xxix.Chang: Outside chamber members are allowed to write resolutions.

Thank you to those who came. You had less side chatter. Yield time to anyone else. Not just political but is a real issue we need to be focusing on. Human rights should not be a partisan issue. Although they are political they should not be.

xxx.Littman: body does not decide on political issues. Use your best judgement. Make clear that this was supposed to be a political statement. We should rep the undergrad body. Urge you to think about students. Appalachian students are being impacted by this as well. We are voting for all kinds of students. Worked for privately owned company who are pushing less waste and less fossil fuel use. It's a worldwide shift so why shouldn't osu be at the front of that.

xxxi.Passes: 39-1-4

**IV. Announcements**

**V. Adjournment**