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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. Congrats to Salma and Kate for a successful constituency event!

IV. Executive Report

- a. *Andrew Jackson*
 - i. Meeting with provost. Talked about scholarship registry. We also will meet with Mike Hulbert tomorrow who is a CIO. Looking for corporate sponsorship for tampons and pads initiative.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Allocations Committee
- b. Deputy Director Updates
 - i. Academic Affairs - Scholarships. Exploration shadowing programs
 - ii. Diversity and Inclusion — Two diversity discussions coming up!
Introducing a resolution regarding interfaith spaces.
 - iii. Governmental Relations - Applications for a the DC trip
 - iv. Health and Safety — None.
 - v. Student Affairs — Buckeye RoadTrip is open to students!
 - vi. Sustainability — Tonight at 7



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VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. 50-R-34: A Resolution to Make Spelling, Grammatical, and Formatting Changes to the USG Constitution Commencing with the Inauguration of the 51st General Assembly
 - i. Chang: Basically the constitution was voted on was confirmed by the student body by the next application cycle. Going through we found some errors within the resolution. If you have any questions please let me know.
 - ii. Move into committee on the floor.
 - iii. No objections
 - iv. Tyson: Motion to pass with unanimous consent.
 - v. 50-R-34 PASSED with unanimous consent
- b. 50-R-35: A Resolution to Canvass for the Creation of a Final Exam Policy at The Ohio State University
 - i. Rachel: No limit to multiple exams on the same day. Moving these exams are completely up to the instructors. May not have enough time to travel or even get lunch. Without time to travel or lunch, but you can see show this may affect. Many universities already have this!
 - ii. Greer: They said it really well.
 - iii. All sponsors agree.
 - iv. Humayan: Motion to pass with unanimous consent.
 - v. 50-R-35 PASSED with unanimous consent.
- c. 50-R-36: A Resolution to Amend the Standing Rules for Increased Transparency



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- i. Davis: Transparency is an important thing in any government and governing body. It provides openness, clarity, responsibility, and accountability. It is the duty of all elected officials, including us here in the USG Senate Chamber, to be open, honest, and transparent. We were elected to represent our fellow students. They elected us to listen to their concerns, vote based on our constituencies, not our own interests, and do what's right and what's best. Like with any elected official, they deserve the right to know how we voted- to know how we represented them. It's the beauty of fair, democratic governments. When I ran for my seat last spring, a policy point of mine was transparency. Not just transparency from the university on things such as "miscellaneous fees," but also and specifically on transparency of USG, a body which sometimes forgets who we are here for. Most of you all too campaigned on the idea of transparency, which, in my opinion, includes transparency of USG. This resolution seeks to provide that: transparency of USG to our constituents. The people we are supposed to represent. The people who deserve to know how their representatives are representing them. It does this by amending the standing rules to make the most stringent method of voting recognized in this chamber the roll call vote, and only allowed a secret ballot on vacancy elections and elections of GA officers, NOT on legislation, so future general assemblies are held accountable to their constituents. This measure has already passed through GA before. In the 43rd General Assembly, they passed 43-R-58 ridding the secret ballot. When it passed in



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2011, Micah Kamrass, who was the President of USG then, said “people really deserve to know how their representatives vote on their behalf,” and “people should have the courage in their convictions to put their name next to their beliefs.” I wholeheartedly agree with his statement, and I hope you do too. As the resolution notes, the student governments at University of Michigan, University of Illinois, and University of Maryland, all do not allow secret ballots for legislation and make all voting records public. The standing rules for other Big Ten student governments either do not mention secret ballot or are not available online. Moreover, the United States Congress and the General Assembly of Ohio both do not allow secret ballot voting on pieces of legislation and all votes are made publicly available. I hope tonight that you all choose to do right by your constituents, and I strongly urge you vote YES on this resolution.

- ii. Kanas: Articulated why this is so important. Recent general assemblies have done it. USG has done a lot to increase transparency. We have to hold ourselves accountable. I urge you vote YES.
- iii. Bowerman: I just want to say that transparency.
- iv. Tyson: Let’s get some windows in here
- v. Smith: Talks about secret ballot in section XV. I don’t know if it was mentioned in the resolution.
- vi. Sockwell: How is this any different from when you were voted in to become a senator?



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- vii. Davis: There is a huge difference between election and voting on legislation
- viii. Tyson: it is ridiculous that they
- ix. Barnett: If this were to pass, would this stay in the standing rule.
- x. Chang: until a
- xi. Quadri: Do we currently publish
- xii. Quadri: What if something is brought up in GA and becomes polarizing in the session.
- xiii. Davis: Table it
- xiv. Kanas: What right do we have to hide it from constituents
- xv. Bowels: Those are the most important to have their constituent.
- xvi. Greer: Senators would fear safety.
- xvii. Davis: That is not something that should be brought forward. Like we have done before, tabling is not voting one way or another.
- xviii. Sami:
- xix. Davis: I stand by my former comments
- xx. Sami: When the
- xxi. Long:
- xxii. Chang:
- xxiii. McKenzie:
- xxiv. Davis:
- xxv. McKenzie: What would be too polarizing?



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xxvi.Kanas: That is not how it work. If other universities arent, we shouldn't be using them either.

xxvii.Quadri: Could prevent resolution from coming to the floor

xxviii.Tyson: You have three options. Yay, Nay, or Abstain. It is not supposed to

xxix.Kanas: I do think that we are getting into off topics. I think it

xxx.Quadri: Why should we model this off of congress when we should not be taking polarizing resolution.

xxxi.Kanas: it is a model that we should look at

xxxii.Davis: Y

xxxiii.Quadri: Talk to the parliamentarian not me.

xxxiv.Davis: So the vastly difference

xxxv.Sami:

xxxvi.Davis:

xxxvii.Long: Is this a reactionary resolution?

xxxviii.Davis: We had around 50 people. And they were there to know how we voted.

xxxix.Tyson: This is not reactionary. This is about doing the right thing.

xl. Bowels: We believe in open and right democracy.

xli.Davis: I think is important to note that we all have the same purpose with the legislation. The reason may be different.

xlii.Long: Im confused.

xliii.Davis: Moved this up on my priority list.



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xliv. Tyson: I wasn't even here that day. I realized that my constituents were upset.

xlv. Bowerman: Whether or not this is a reaction

xlvi. Smith: Motion to cap the questions list

xlvii. Quadri: Could this conflict with Roberts rules?

xlviii. Ch

xliv. Murphy: What you think the purpose was.

i. Discussion:

ii. Humayan: Going off of the events that have o. Although I think transparency is awesome. We are here bc we want to make our student body better. We are voted in. We are allowed to vote.

iii. McKenzie: University of Michigan is listed, but in their governing documents, you can.

iiii. Davis: I messed up.

lv. Tyson:

lv. Davis: I probably just misread. Friendly amendment bc it does

lvi. Chang: are we deleting the university of michigan or?

lvii. Davis: I wish I could delete the university of michigan

lviii. Dretkza: I dont agree with the the way that . I think it is just ironic that it is a reaction. Transparency is in the eye of the beholder.

lix. Dretkza: Semantics based on what I saw. We are not the same



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lx. Sami: I know the sponsors are steering in a better direction. Whether they are polarizing for no. I don't believe that striking secret ballots is going to make sure that we are. I don't think we have ever

lxi. ElKhatib: One is safety and another one is progress. At one point I see a lot of contradictions. We should follow other examples including the congress, while at the same time, we shouldn't engage in any kind of political discussion. Another point is whether or not this is a reaction to a. And I think I have to go to a doctor.

lxii. 5 Minute Recess

lxiii. El-Khatib: Whether we like it or not, some people will. This is not okay or progressive. This place is preparing us to be

lxiv. Ferguson: I think I and some of the other senators. Motion to strike the second to last whereas clause.

lxv. Tyson: I am confused when we are a senate and I don't think it is necessary. We are models after a congress.

lxvi. Kanas: I think this furthers the resolution. Going off of what my student g. It is simply saying that is why I

lxvii. Davis, Imani: This is a charged time.

lxviii. Meersman: Safety concerned. Although it was. I think the secret ballot would help avoid that.

lxix. Smith: I feel as if, for the safety of. This is not a good I It is unrealistic.

lxx. Malpass:

lxxi. Kanas: That is why tabling a resolution is a thing.



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lxxii.Quadri: I hear some comments about. You guys know how some people got very unsettling emails. I

lxxiii.Human: We are a body that was elected by our constituent . That is what we are here for. Transparency is great. I am trying to make the student body better. I would rather be protected by a secret ballot. We are not here because we. Think about. The vote will come out the same way they would. Is this not polarizing enough?

lxxiv.Ratlif: They would be. Are you elected to vote on the way people. Would not impede progress. It matter of principle. Which is a principal. If you are not standing for democracy then why are you here.

lxxv.Murphy: Transparency is important.

lxxvi.Smith: Racism is ugly. It is insane. I don't want to have to deal with it bro. I am here to make ohio state more diverse and inclusive. Stuff needs to come up here that is divisive. I just want them to be able to know where I live.

lxxvii.Sami: Thank you for sharing that with us. Things that are. If someone is asking, I really don't understand why is a concern. If it has been used responsible

lxxviii.Kate:

lxxix.Litman: File a bart report

lxxx.McKenzie: I dont think we want any of our. I would tell them why. If the. There have not be

lxxxI.Malpass: Point of personal privilege is to just say something.



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lxxxii.Mckenzie: There have not been any reported . We are students first before GA. IT is our job.

lxxxiii.Sami: Basically I just want to say,

lxxxiv.Mohamed: Me and a I wouldn't want that to happen to anyone else that is in GA.

lxxxv.Humayan:

lxxxvi.Quadri: We don't get to choose what is polarizing th Someone else may think that is not a big deal. I did not think that it was very polariing. We talked about for two hours We cant choose what.

lxxxvii.Human: Safety!!! There are going to be polarizing. That is something that we all could agree with. I understand where you are coming from, but none of us should feel unsafe because when we are walking out of here. And I am

lxxxviii.Cromes: Why wouldn't we want the same safety. Motion to vote by secret ballot.

lxxxix.5-34-1

VIII. Announcements

- a. Tyson: Amraha I am so sorry. I hoped so hard that this was not gonna happen. To everyone who has been threaten, or offended, I am down to think about it. Thank you for all that. There is a thing called "Call the question
- b. Human: Take that picture and put it in one groumpm. International. I am sorry
- c. Bowels and I: I do apologize, I did not mean it in that way. I do apologize and appreciate everyone taking the time.



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- d. Ferguson: Where can we print at
 - e. Samer: A month ago, we and the cabinet did the demographic report. Samer. Take the survey again. In incognito mode.
- IX. Adjournment**
- X. Adjourned at 8:40**