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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 Public**
 - a. No one from the public came to speak.
- III. Executive Report**
 - a. *Abby Grossman*
 - i. Diversity Discussion this Thursday. I would encourage everyone to attend. People have been working hard on it. It's in Independence Hall and we had issues with booking, but I definitely encourage people to come. Reach out to people you know in other organizations. It's going to be a great event regardless of what's been happening surrounding it. The Comprehensive Energy Management Plan is moving forward and we will be putting out a statement from USG soon.
- IV. Committee Reports**
 - a. Allocations – *Jenna Gravalis*
 - i. Allocations met this past Sunday and gave out the following from the Student Activity Fund:
 - 1. Servitecture \$804.77
 - 2. TEDx Ohio State University \$500
 - 3. Ohio State MANRRS \$774
 - 4. Echo Studio \$189.90
 - 5. Buckeyes for Public Health \$450
 - 6. Club Cricket \$265
 - b. Oversight – *Daniel Marchese*
 - i. We did a lot of stuff. We'll go over it today. Hope you've all read it.
- V. Old Business**
 - a. No one business.
 - b. Motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda for an appeal from Allocations.**



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- c. We have an appeal from Echo Studio to request more funding from Allocations. There is an appeal process that student organizations can go through, and that's what Echo Studio did with 48-B-1.
- d. Motion to bring 48-B-1 to the floor.**
- e. Student name: Hi everyone I'm president of Echo Studio, and she is the event coordinator of Dance Competition. I will go into the PowerPoint presentation, and she will go into the detailed questions about the event details and planning. I'm going to start. Who are we? We are Echo Studio, a Chinese student org and we provide a platform for all kinds of dreams and creative ideas. These are the fields media movies dance music and culture. This is the event we are applying for funding. The Movies Feb 27 7pm in the Performance Hall. Cohost with Oriental Dance Troupe open to all OSU students. 3 judges coming to the event and we are expecting more than 300 people in the audience. This is the second time hosting the event. these are pictures from last year's event. last year we had around 250 people, so this year as we're putting in more effort, we're expecting growth to about 300 people. This is our budget. I'm going through the cost breakdown. For the prizes, the prizes for champions is speaker, cost \$249. We're going to show you the pictures over here. We found it on Amazon, where we got the prizes. The prize for best dancer is headphones 65.44. the trophies cost \$53.78 they've already been ordered. Amazon gift cards 3 for \$50 lucky audience member. The last one is the certificate frames which cost \$31.92 for 8 of them. this is the receipt for the trophies. The \$150 is for the 3 gift cards that we bought, and the \$34.32 is the frames. The money we got from you already is for the food. We are going to provide food and beverages for the dancer groups and the judges, so the amount is \$3.80 per person, which is already allocated from the funds we received from you. The flowers we are planning to give the groups cost \$80 total and the balloons and other decorations cost more than \$60. This is the information for the three judges. One is from OIA, so we did not include her for the judge fee. For the other two, we are giving each \$100 for them to be our judges. That's what I have for our budgeting. Do you have any questions right now?
- f. Abby Waidelich: We'll go right into questions.



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- g. Marchese: Any questions you have for Echo Studio or Jenna, direct them through Abby Grossman.
- h. Belfiglio: Have you done any outside fundraising and did you apply for USG funding last year?
- i. 1: We had outside sponsors Saks Fifth Avenue, but they're only giving small gift sets for the dancer groups. They're just small sets, because last year the groups came in but they didn't want the prizes. This year, we just communicated with Saks Fifth Avenue and saw if they could provide us with small gift sets as Thank You gifts.
- j. 2: Also encourage more dance groups to join our dance competition. Last year we only had 6 groups, so that's why we have 8 this year. Each participant in the dance group can have a little package, little samples of perfume and body lotion.
- k. 1: We didn't apply for any USG funding last year.
- l. Challapally: The budget says \$1080.97, but it's different on the resolution. Are they professional or student groups?
- m. 1: They are student groups. There is another group coming to perform from outside.
- n. Honaker: Is there anything on here we can't fund from the student activity fee?
- o. Gravalis: Yeah so we wouldn't be able to find individuals, prizes or trophies or certificates. We would get questions on why we're giving out 3 \$50 gift cards and not small ones. They'd have to give them out in a way that every student has an equal chance of getting it. We were also given the impression that the food and refreshments that we funded would be given to all students. The original budget also said that they're funding judges from the University, which was not clarified. Prizes, trophies, certificates would be hard to give out. They just left out a bunch that was presented to the committee before, so this is a bit more manageable.
- p. 1: Jenna said our budget is a little bit different. There are two points. We eliminated the printing fee for tickets, because it was only \$40 and we decided to go with the Resource Room. We decided to do it by ourselves. The judges' fees were \$300 before, but we decided to change it to \$200 because we cannot give a fee to Renee, who is from the OIA.



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- q. Bodey: How much money is the Oriental Dance Troupe contributing to this?
- r. 1: They are going to cover the performance hall, which is rented. It cost them \$3000 or so, but they already applied for programming funding for that. Our agreement was for us to cover the other expenses.
- s. Marchese: This is for Jenna. Can you give us a summary of our current financial situation.
- t. Jenna: Just under \$3000 left. If we funded every org lined up, we could give every one \$272 at the maximum. We're probably going to have to close the funding application soon just because we're almost out of money. By this point, we've funded 22 organizations, as opposed to 14 last year at this time.
- u. Marchese: Some of these things aren't fundable. Could you walk through and see what the maximum fundable amount is for this?
- v. Jenna: You can fund all the consumable supplies if they're not going to be reused after the event. I would stay away from the prizes, because they're going to individual students. You can fund the judge fee, but we haven't funded any judge fees for any other organizations. Based on past precedent, we have not.
- w. Marchese: Would you consider gift cards prizes?
- x. Jenna: We'd probably get questioned on why the gift cards are \$50 and not a lower amount.
- y. Hardin: Are you allowed to bring outside food for an event in the Union?
- z. Jenna: If it was donated. We were under the impression that the food was coming from the Union.
- aa. Hardin: The budget says Domino's cheese pizza.
- bb. 1: We can order pizza from Woody's Tavern rather than Domino's.
- cc. 2: We think that pizza is the most convenient.
- dd. Hardin: For drinks, did you guys not apply for a Coke grant?
- ee. 1: No, we did not.
- ff. Souders: Would we be able to fund the flowers since they're going towards students?
- gg. Jenna: Yeah.
- hh. Kaczmarek: The judges' fees are for the non-OSU judges, right?



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- ii. 1: Yes.
- jj. Belfiglio: You're saying the refreshments are only for the performers and the people helping to set up the event?
- kk. 1: No. It's not for the audience. Just the judges,
- ll. Jenna: In the presentation, they said that it would be for all students, so we can't retroactively take that since we've already given them the funding.
- mm. Honaker: Since the funding request is for ten pizzas from Domino's and we know that Union Catering is more expensive, can we get an adjusted figure on that?
- nn. Punugu: Union does not allow catering from outside restaurants and they make you get it from within unless you make it yourself. It says refreshments, so is that included within this number?
- oo. Chang: \$27 per, so \$270. Dk if can fund.
- pp. Drenkhan: I'm not sure who to direct this to, but what exactly can we fund and would we be funding at this point?
- qq. Jenna: Balloons, paper supplies, potentially judges—we haven't done it in the past—and you could potentially fund gift cards even though we typically don't do that. If you guys want to bump up the food, then you can bump it up.
- rr. 1: There is a rule saying that if any food and beverage expenses incurred during the event is good. The food we are providing is for their early dinner since the event begins at 7pm. When they first arrive at the Performance Hall during rehearsal, they can take some food. It's not like we invite them over and have food during lunch. It's because we don't think they will have time for dinner outside, so we're bringing food in.
- ss. Motion to move into discussion.**
- tt. Dixon: Just to clarify, you haven't applied for University Catering? I'm looking at the catering policies, and to guarantee whatever's being catered, you need to have applied for it on Monday.
- uu. 1: We're going to order pizza from Woody's Tavern by noon, because ten pizzas is nothing for them.
- vv. Move into discussion.**
- ww. Belfiglio: I think I'm disappointed that they have not done any significant fundraising. I think the prizes and judge fees are fairly



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- extravagant, and I'm also concerned that the food was originally intended for all students but is now only for the performers.
- xx. Levi: I'm pretty much in agreement. I'm not okay with funding \$189 for the food either, but that's already earmarked.
- yy. Drenkhan: How does this process work? Is it all or nothing?
- zz. Marchese: If we denied this appeal, they would still get \$189.
- aaa. Ferzacca: Do we have to fund by line item?
- bbb. Jenna: Yes.
- ccc. Marchese: It's of the opinion of us at the front of the room that we do not have to amend the resolution to do so.
- ddd. Cramer: Motion to amend from \$189 to \$249.93.
- eee. Motion to discuss the amendment.
- fff. Harper: How did you do your math? You took \$189.90 and you added what?
- ggg. Cramer: Added line items paper supplies and balloons.
- hhh. Harper: It should be \$250.56
- iii. Decided that it was \$250.83.
- jjj. Cramer: I withdraw my original amendment. Motion to amend from \$189 to \$250.83.
- kkk. Harper: So you're not including the judge's fees even though two aren't from Ohio State?
- lll. Hardin: I have a question more for the organization, but have you used the Resource Room for the paper supplies and balloons?
- mmm. Abby Waidelich: Have you purchased the balloons or paper resources yet?
- nnn. 1: The resource room is very expensive and the balance won't allow us to do that.
- ooo. Jenna: How do we move forward with that?
- ppp. Harper: Is there precedent for adjusting the funding and lowering it if...Do we have to stick with that if it's not for all students?
- qqq. Jenna: Our funding is more liquid than CSAs. We typically try to have everything go towards all students, but we don't have guidelines like CSA does. We typically just stick to those guidelines. If you went on a trip, CSA wouldn't be able to fund a whole lot, but USG would.
- rrr. Rollins: So we're discussing this \$189.90. Is it marked specifically that they have to spend it on food?



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sss.Jenna: Yes.

ttt. Honaker: If we knew that they brought in Domino's Pizza and that that's not allowed in the Union, would we be able to not reimburse them?

uuu. Belfiglio: I think \$252 is the maximum we should fund him. I frankly would support it because we have a really tight budget.

vvv. Punugu: I think they should have tried to do their own fundraising at least, so I agree with Belfiglio.

www. Drenkhan: What's the number again?

xxx. Abby Waidelich: We'd be changing the amount at the end to \$250.83.

yyy. Drenkhan: I'm not that familiar with Allocations, but I think that \$200 is not a big deal, and I think more people should come in. I think it's cool that they came in and said that they want more money for this. Since this money would be going toward stuff that we can fund, I think we should fund them.

zzz. Challapally: I'm on Allocations. There are certain things we haven't funded in the past, and lots of people still want funding, so we have a tight budget.

aaaa. Drenkhan: The \$200 doesn't come anywhere near what they want, right?

bbbb. Motion to call the question on the amendment.

cccc. Belfiglio: I would encourage everyone to vote yes on this amendment.

dddd. Souders: I was going to echo what Senator Belfiglio said, and to give perspective as an Allocations committee member. Sometimes these discussions go down to the dollar, because there are lots of student organizations who request a lot of money, and they're all doing really cool things.

eeee. Motion to amend to \$250.83 on 48-B-1 APPROVED.

ffff. Harper: I think we should not pass this resolution. I don't think that there's been enough presented to make me think otherwise. I was going to call the question, but I think there are lots of people who would like to speak.

gggg. Kaczmarek: I agree with Harper, so I'm going to call the question.



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- hhhh. Kaczmarek: I think we should vote no on this resolution. I'm not an official member of Allocations, but I've subbed once or twice. I think that other student organizations would be able to use this funding better.
- iiii. Frank: Do we need to amend the number on line 23 to change the number from \$189.90?
- jjjj. Marchese: You'd have to propose it.
- kkkk. Frank: Amend \$189 to \$189.90 on line 23?
- llll. Grossman: Approved.
- mmmm. Cramer: I'm disappointed that more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the budget we're giving will not be spent on all students.
- nnnn. Belfiglio: I think the prizes are very extravagant. \$250 for one student is a lot of money. Even if we were going to fund it, they would still have \$500+ in deficit at the end of the event. It could end up as an event with no people and ten pizzas in the middle.
- oooo. Punugu: I would vote no on this just due to what Senator Cramer said.
- pppp. Buss: I want to hear more from Jenna about the money we already do have. Can you talk about the money we do have and how much we could conceivably offer?
- qqqq. Jenna: That would come out to \$272 per organization we have scheduled.
- rrrr. Cramer: Is that with the \$189.90 subtracted?
- ssss. Jenna: Yes, it's included. If you don't increase anything, then we'd have \$272 maximum per organization scheduled.
- tttt. Warnimont: Yield to Gravalis.
- uuuu. Jenna: This is your decision. I'm just here to say what you can and cannot fund.
- vvvv. Motion to call the question.**
- www. Resolution 48-B-1 FAILED.**
- xxxx. Abby Waidelich: I want to thank you guys for coming. I know this is a tough process. Feel free to email me through the contact or contact Jenna. We wish you the best for this weekend.

VI. New Business

- a. 48-R-38 A Resolution to Implement an Initiative Process in the General Assembly



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- i. Warnimont: Hello everyone, good night. I'd like to start this off by quoting something from the Constitution. "while being attentive to, and the voice for, undergraduate concerns." We all got elected by other students to represent them. I hope everyone agrees that we come every week, we put in the work, and it's going well. But no organization is perfect. None of us can talk to every one of our constituents, and there's no way we can know all of their opinions. That's not our fault, it's the inherent flaw in our system. Through an initiative process, students can tell us their concerns. 21 states including Ohio have them, where anyone can submit legislation. 4 other in the B1G have them. initiatives are a powerful tool for direct democracy and will force GA to address concerns find most pressing. There are many we do not address or are unwilling to do for political reasons. Process I've created outline. 300 signatures on petition for an initiative to come in. UMD 25 signatures, Nebraska 600 and Michigan 1000. 300 is high enough not easy to do it, but low enough to be attainable. For Constitutional amendments in USG, it would require about 3000 signatures. 3000 compared to 300 is a good mirror of what impact a resolution would have compared to an amendment. It would still go to Steering. Provides tips for sponsors to improve legislation. Also power to decline. Power is used sparingly, but in this context, it would help repetitive or redundant resolutions from coming to the floor. Diff is that it comes from someone outside USG. Doesn't take away power from us, just makes us more accessible to students. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to tonight's debate.
- ii. Shaffer: This is a great way to create a mechanism for students to voice their opinions.
- iii. Mubarak: About 2,800 signatures. Threshold expected to increase every year. We weren't allowed to collect signatures electronically, and there were so many restrictions. Some students had to drop classes. Many students outside USG already believe this high threshold is an intentional mechanism



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- created by USG to stifle the student voice. I think this is a great idea and I urge all senators to support.
- iv. Kaczmarek: One of the pts brought up is petitioning last year there were certain restrictions on the ballot on how signatures could be collected. Are there differences for campaigning?
 - v. Warnimont: Bylaws vs Standing Rules.
 - vi. Cramer: State of Ohio already does this. Can you talk us through how the state of Ohio does this?
 - vii. Warnimont: Only requires 1000 signatures to submit legislation to the Statehouse. I don't know if there's a sponsor, but it gets referred to a committee and can eventually become a law. The citizen doesn't have a voice in the legislature.
 - viii. Cramer: Other universities?
 - ix. Warnimont: Similar process to what I've outlined. I've emailed other schools, and very few have gotten initiatives in recent years.
 - x. Gonzalez: does that mean someone from Senior Staff or Cabinet won't be able to do this?
 - xi. Warnimont: Anyone currently in USG should be capable of working with a senator to get a resolution passed.
 - xii. Frank: I noticed that it passed Oversight on 5-1. Why was there a differing opinion?
 - xiii. Warnimont: Yield to Parliamentarian.
 - xiv. Marchese: Concern was that the system might be abused. There's no guarantee that someone won't get together every week and gather 300 signatures and waste Steering's time every week.
 - xv. Honaker: If we passed this system and it was being abused, would there be any way to change it?
 - xvi. Warnimont: The process I've outlined is in the Standing Rules. If the process ends up being imperfect, it's much easier to fix than if it was in the Bylaws, like I originally introduced it to Oversight in December.
 - xvii. Rollins: Shouldn't the number be higher in proportion to the amount of OSU students?
 - xviii. Warnimont: I think we should try 300 first.



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- xix. Bodey: Restrictions. I'm concerned with a couple of things. There are restrictions for people petitioning in any form related to USG. If this passes, they would be allowed to petition in dining areas, libraries, computer labs?
- xx. Warnimont: Yes.
- xxi. Bodey: Couldn't this be seen as disturbing student time?
- xxii. Marchese: Dinning halls and libraries have only been restricted for the last year or year and a half. For the restrictions, we don't have to state directly, but students do have to follow the Student Code of Conduct. We formalized those rules in election bylaws so that there'd be repercussions for breaking them. If signatures were gathered in an "unkosher" way, that would be a reason to deny.
- xxiii. Bodey: In this resolution, Steering would be able to determine whether they felt the signatures were collected in a fair way.
- xxiv. Abby Waidelich: Steering has the power to The Secretary is the one who determines whether the signatures were valid or not.
- xxv. Gonzalez: Time limit? How long to present resolution and how long for questions and answers?
- xxvi. Warnimont: One week for Secretary to verify signatures. Didn't deem it necessary for initiatives to have time limits.
- xxvii. Gonzalez: Is there a check on people abusing the system or filibustering?
- xxviii. Marchese: We as the GA are allowed to set speaking limits. There are ways to prevent people in this room from filibustering.
- xxix. Jackson: Why are there no citations for other universities that do it?
- xxx. Warnimont: I didn't put them in the resolution. If you want to amend that, I can do that during discussion.
- xxxi. Jackson: Why isn't there a clause on the amount of signatures to bring resolution to the floor.
- xxxii. Marchese: Standing Rules guidelines. It was a separate email with Bylaws documents.
- xxxiii. Belfiglio: Steering has the right to reject a bill?
- xxxiv. Marchese: Yes.



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- xxxv. Reed: Maybe it's not what you guys wanted, but have you considered implementing an electronic system?
- xxxvi. Warnimont: This process does not do that. That can be something that gets implemented in the future. I know other schools have informal electronic petitioning systems.
- xxxvii. Honaker: So I guess my question is just like kind of like are there organizations who have come to you with this? I'm trying to figure out why we need this. I would hope that my constituents would come to me and see if I would back that resolution.
- xxxviii. Warnimont: This is a concrete gesture that shows students that we care what they think. Ideally, we would like students to approach us, but we know that student opinion of USG isn't the highest.
- xxxix. Souders: If we pass this and we don't pass the amendments to the Standing Rules, then how would that work?
- xl. Marchese: The changes and documents would be available online. We're voting on them collectively by voting on the resolution.
- xli. Move into discussion.**
- xlii. Belfiglio: Question about whether USG members could do this. I agree that USG members shouldn't be able to do it. That doesn't make sense. It's not about a unified branch, but I don't think the President should be able to get signatures to force something into GA. I think that's weird and destructive. Wasting time. If they try to come in every week, steering has right to reject legislation based on rounds that it was considered last week. I'd like to hear from more people before making my conclusion. A way to address pressing and controversial issues.
- xliii. Cramer: agree with process and what it wants to do. I just don't agree with how we're doing it. So my vote is no. roughly 9-1000 now. Someone sends to GA, has 4 months or 100 days to do something about it. If they edit heavily, which steering isn't allowed to do, or don't change it, push to SOS and go directly on ballot in next election. What this boils down to is in Ohio it's



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SOS. In USG it would be JP. If the GA fails to act, they have to go about the whole process again to go to the GA. If the GA doesn't want to act on something, they should be able to escalate further and put it on the ballot. Poor Sophie she would only have seven days to validate all the signatures. I think 2 weeks for GA is okay but I'm not huge fan of Steering and not JP, and not a huge fan of validating signatures.

- xliv. Marchese: The three of us would be in charge of validating signatures—me, Abby Waidelich, and Sophie.
- xlv. Abby Waidelich: I think it's just Sophie.
- xlvi. Warnimont: The GA Officers shall validate the signatures.
- xlvii. Buss: Ok so I think Levi made a lot of good points. I'm in favor of such a thing. Idk how closely you've been following the response to USG in the past couple of weeks. We've gotten a lot fo student feedback and a lot fo the things we're hearing are on the D&I end. Demographics report is an increased avenue for transparency, which this I belive would allow. A lot of indivs are not comfortable coming to USG esp their senators, but they're nonetheless uncomfortable. Avenue to get something done legislatively for their cause through their USG avenue.
- xlviii. Challapally: I think what we're voting on is whether we want student voice in GA. Having them come here and speak would be a courtesy to them to voice opinions. In the end we decide on whether it passes or not. I'm on steering and we have sent resolutions back to comms before. If there is a resolution that is very contentious, we can also push it back if there are too many other reoslutions on the agenda.
- xlix. Buss: I've worked with lots of student orgs. I was a national co-chair for an entire campaign and a big thing I learned about that is that these petition systems have been successful at a lot of schools.
 - l. Punugu: It'll allow people within the communities that surround USG to view USG in a better light.
 - li. Bodey: I was asked to be a co-sponsor and I didn't know if I could. I wasn't okay with allowing the restrictions on collecting signatures to be stripped. I think we need to respect personal



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time and see places seen as mental release eg library and cafeteria and I think these petitions need to have those restrictions. I also don't like that Steering has the power to check the signatures. I think the JP needs to be involved at that point. I know we talked about that, but I think we almost need that third party to check the signatures. I don't think it's fair to students that clearly took a lot of time to do this. For people to say that this would be wasting our time is pretty disgusting. I think if there's a student organization willing to re-submit legislation over and over again, I would be okay with that. I would like to table this and possibly introduce amendments to this later on to amend how the signatures will be reviewed.

- lii. Harper: Big policy point in campaigns last year was University petitioning system, which is a great idea and a way to bridge the gap between USG and other parts of campus. I'm excited to see what this sparks. Hopefully the co-sponsor will agree
- liii. Chang: I think a lot of student organizations and individual students have had frustrations with the USG legislative process, and I think this would make it more transparent. I agree that it would be more work for the GA officers, but I think that it's worth it to introduce the student voice into GA. Ok with amendments or in current form.
- liv. Warnimont: great process. all in standing rules e.g. one week requirement to verify signatures is too short. As it stands, perfectly appropriate resolution to pass.
- lv. Gonzalez: Echo Buss, Reed, Challapally, Chang.
- lvi. Cramer: Bodey took what I said earlier and said it so much more beautifully than I could have said. I don't think tabling it is necessary. I think we should send it back to Oversight to tweak and then we'll be done.
- lvii. Motion to send back to Oversight.**
- lviii. Glass: Would Oversight have power to change and amend?
- lix. Abby Waidelich: Oversight has original jurisdiction on changing the documents.



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- lx. Glass: I'm just questioning if that's the best process to bring it back to Oversight, or whether it would be the best for it to go through the sponsor.
- lxi. Abby Waidelich: It has to go through Oversight or Committee on the Whole.
- lxii. Discussion on sending it back to Oversight.
- lxiii. Frank: I think everyone's in agreement that this is a great idea. We need this so that students have an avenue to voice their concerns. I believe with a few more revisions it'd be passed easily.
- lxiv. Belfiglio: I agree with the concerns about validating signatures and the timeline, but I think the concerns with filibustering, but I think we could tweak the primary circulator's speaking rights, etc. University Senate has an easier process than this. Any person can send a bill into our University Senate without a petition. If the University does it on a whole, we should absolutely be doing it. In fact, I find it funny that ours would be stricter than the University's.
- lxv. Warnimont: I don't see anything as incredibly pressing or problematic with the amendments I've created. I think the process as it sustains is good enough to pass as it is.
- lxvi. Marchese: I'm going to state some facts. Hopefully it doesn't get contentious. This Sunday and next Sunday are during election. I know a large number of people in my committee are part of elections, so I will be mildly surprised if I can get quorum this weekend. I don't think Oversight needs to see this for a third time, and I think we should vote it either up or down.
- lxvii. Cramer: I hear you, Marchese. If it needs to be sent back, it needs to be sent back.
- lxviii. Motion to call the question on sending it back to Oversight.**
- lxix. Glass: First I'd like to say that I support the spirit of this resolution, but there are problems that I think should be solved since even the sponsor said that it's "decently good." I will not vote yes on this issue in the way it stands today.
- lxx. Harper: I was just going to echo what I previously said. We've sent other resolutions back for not being as perfect as they



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could have been. I think there's a stark contrast of different opinions that are being brought up, so I think that sending it back to Oversight is the best option.

- lxxi. Marchese: First, I'll apologize for committing the cardinal sin of saying "election" on the floor. It's been seen by Oversight twice now. The first time, we had concerns about it and sent it back to Warnimont. The second time, we changed it and sent it back to him. We sent it to the floor this time because we believed it was ready for the floor. I'm going to yield to Warnimont if he has anything else to say to the floor.
- lxxii. Warnimont: I think it's all been said.
- lxxiii. Motion to send back to Oversight (needs 2/3 vote) FAILED 23-17.**
- lxxiv. Belfiglio: This is interesting. If we force a vote, it could just be voted down. We have more than 50% pushing to send it back. I think tabling it would be a good idea.
- lxxv. Glass: I was going to say the same thing. If you want it to have a chance to pass, it doesn't need 2/3 to pass, just half.
- lxxvi. Bodey: I'm in support of tabling, but I would ask the sponsor to submit the amendments he is planning to hopefully do prior to next GA. I think there are a couple of us who would like to provide feedback. Tabling with the hope that the sponsor will submit amendments.
- lxxvii. Cramer: If we table it, it'll be a much harder process than if we just sent it back to committee.
- lxxviii. Harper: In its current form, I would say no to this resolution. I think we should encourage another option. It's an important move by us, and we need to do it right.
- lxxix. Frank: If we do vote this down tonight, can you imagine what that'd be saying to the student body? That we don't care what they say, we don't want them to submit legislation to us? I highly encourage everyone to reconsider that vote and go back to Oversight with this.
- lxxx. Gonzalez: I understand that Oversight has seen this three times and this is the first time we've seen this. If we're going to do it, we need to do it right.



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- lxxxix. Abby Waidelich: If you withdrew it, it'd be a new resolution. If there were new changes, they'd still have to be approved by Oversight.
- lxxxii. Reed: If we're voting on the whole thing, I'm voting in support of it. I think the message and framework are more important. If it doesn't pass now, I don't see it coming back. Very few resolutions make it back.
- lxxxiii. Marchese: Here's what I'm going to propose. There is a reason that sending back to committee is a higher burden than tabling a resolution, but I think it would be better to have a discussion as committee on the whole. 5 out of 6 people on Oversight thought it was good as is. I don't think it'd be a good idea to send it back to a committee in which the majority thought it was a good idea.
- lxxxiv. Motion to table.**
- lxxxv. 48-R-38 TABLED.**
- b. 48-R-39 A Resolution to Change the Seating of the 49th General Assembly
- i. Marchese: These are the seat changes we were talking about two weeks ago. We decided that it would be better to do in two parts, but we also wanted to make sure we are properly representing the student body that elected us. This first one is right now we have the seat for the College of pH and Medicine as one seat, which is interesting because these are very different constituents with different issues and concerns. Creates a seat and details how we're going to deal with the vacancy in the next general election. Treat College of Medicine seat as a vacancy, or College of Public Health seat as a vacancy.
 - ii. Frank: did you outline that that vacancy filling would occur?
 - iii. Marchese: Yes, it's in the resolution.
 - iv. Move into discussion.**
 - v. Belfiglio: I'd like to reiterate that this is very imp college of med is 3.5% more than public health, public affairs, nursing, and dental. We believe it's lumped in for historical reasons. I like the way it's being changed. It seems like a good plan. I like it.
 - vi. Hardin: As the current senator for it, I agree.



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- vii. Frank: Does the resolution force the next GA to have it?
 - viii. Marchese: Yeah, it's outlined in the email sent out.
 - ix. **Motion to approve with unanimous consent.**
 - x. **48-R-39 PASSED with unanimous consent.**
- c. 48-R-40 A Resolution to Re-Appportion the Seats in the 50th General Assembly
- i. Marchese: This is the other half of the seating changes. The reason for this is because we don't want to take seats away from under people who are currently running for them. the only thing that changed on academic side was engineering had a seat added. On living area side, we've taken one away from the off campus side and given it to the north campus side so that north and south campuses have the same number. This is in accordance with our population shift.
 - ii. Frank: exact pops of living areas currently?
 - iii. Marchese: Not off the top of my head.
 - iv. Frank: Do these seat proportions reflect your knowledge at the time?
 - v. Marchese: Yeah, North and South campus. Technically West campus isn't even enough for one seat, but we give everyone at least one seat.
 - vi. Warnimont: Reason for changing Engineering in the 50th instead fo the 49th?
 - vii. Marchese: Odd to change constituencies that people are currently running for. I think adding it to the 49th is an unnecessary technicality.
 - viii. Shaffer: Why take away from off-campus?
 - ix. Marchese: AT one pt had 60 people. We waver between 40 and 55. We're on the upswing rn, but I want to make sure we're not packing this room. Currently, until we changed it, off campus was technically off campus and commuter seats. We didn't have a way to distinguish. The idea behind taking that seat away is that we'll have more people living on campus than living off campus because they'll be required to live on campus during their second year.



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- x. Honaker: Um yeah so I'm cool with this resolution. Could you find those numbers? I know commuter and off-campus are hard to find.
- xi. Marchese: I have them and these calculations were based off of those.
- xii. Motion to move into discussion.**
- xiii. Belfiglio: I helped Dan figure out these numbers. We vetted the numbers for all the other constituencies. We have one for every college. This is an accurate representation which I think is very important.
- xiv. Motion to pass with unanimous consent.
- xv. 48-R-40 PASSED with unanimous consent.**

VII. Announcements

- a. *Wydman*: Senators, fill out Google form about constituency organizations please.
- b. *Cramer*: DC meeting tomorrow night.
- c. *Warnimont*: I look forward to the debate and I enjoyed the debate tonight.
- d. *Marchese*: For everyone involved in elections, please remember to sleep.

VIII. Adjournment