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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
 - i. Ben Rein.21for Frank
 - ii. Lapointe.17 for Dweik
- c. Swearing in of Alternates
- d. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes approved.

II. Open Forum for Public

- a. No one

III. Updates

- a. *Danielle Di Scala*: So just so this in on the record, Senatir Liu pulled his resolution about just so everyone knows why it is no longer on the agenda.

IV. Executive Report

- a. *Gerard Basalla*: Tomorrow we have the most important vote in conceivable University Senate history and we are using University Senate to do cool things next year. I want to applaud Sam Whipple, Samer Abusway, and Jenna Gervalis. We've been working our tails off to make sure this passes. USG voting ends tonight so vote and the news will come out tomorrow.

V. Committee Report

- a. Allocations—*Derek Whiddon*
 - i. We are starting to hear Q4 events that start in April before the budget.
 - ii. We funded:
 - 1. Fishbowl Comedy \$ 765
 - 2. Club Dance
 - 3. Ted X \$292.22
 - iii. Directors, I believe Sunday 19th is Emmy's deadline for budgets and we will compile the budget on March 26.

VI. Old Business

- a. No old business.

VII. New Business

- a. 49-R-55 A Resolution to Support the Reduction of Food Waste at The Ohio State University
 - i. *Bodey*: This is a resolution as a part of sweeping resolutions for food sustainability for the committee I sit on with Director Chang. The resolution in the drive that everyone has hasn't been corrected so I will correct that with friendly amendments.
 - ii. *Motion to suspend the rules to see updated resolution.*
 - iii. *Motion passes.*
 - iv. *Bodey*: Food waste is a large problem because OSU encourages students to have dining plans with Traditions dining because it contributes dramatically for food waste. There is a lot of data on how to make food look appealing; if there is only 1 apple left, they will have more and this is true for other items as well. We also have a lot of post-consumer waste. With pre-consumer waste the University has done a lot to use what they have, but there is still a lot we can do. The panel is used to define local and sustainable and the president has a sustainability goal of 40 percent by 2025 and zero waste by 2025. We want the University to consider this in their definition. We want them also to take on an educational aspect to educate students on how much to take. We have a number of food digesters on campus and expanding this to include other locations, there's one in the Union, would be great. We also encourage the body to look at portions, personal purchases, and Greek life.
 - v. *Glass*: Senator Bodey explained it well. It is a comprehensive and through look at how to reduce food waste. Like she said, this is also a part of other resolutions and I think this is a great resolution. I look forward to discussion and passing this.
 - vi. *Chang*: I think this will be good for helping our committee define this. And I think this will put pressure on them to reduce food waste.
 - vii. *Moved to questions.*
 - viii. *Motion to cap the speakers list.*
 - ix. *Motion failed.*
 - x. *Vargo*: Can you clarify in the first clause why it is just for the main campus?
 - xi. *Bodey*: Yes, this is for all campuses, but we can't recommend food waste and digesters. It's tricky because the food panel doesn't know their impact and even with President Drake's sustainability goals, the campuses know they have the responsibly, but we can't demand that the joint college do that. We don't want to overstep our bounds, but this will still impact regional campuses.
 - xii. *Moved to discussion.*
 - xiii. *Liu*: friendly amendments.
 - xiv. *Vargo*: Friendly amendment.
 - xv. *Motion to pass with unanimous consent.*
 - xvi. *49-R-55 A Resolution to Support the Reduction of Food Waste at The Ohio State University PASSED with unanimous consent.*

VIII. Announcements

- a. Merchant: Tell your friends who live in Cleveland that there are Cleveland seats left for Buckeye Road Trip.
- b. Abusway: Tomorrow there is the University Senate meeting at 3:30. If you are a university senator make sure you are there. Also, just go. I am not in University Senate, but I will be going to show my support. I will be sitting in the back doing homework,
- c. *Belfiglio*: Do come, because it will be interesting due to the amount of moneys students will save. We absolutely need all of our 26 votes.
- d. *Basalla*: This is fairly unprecedented and we need everyone there.
- e. *Liu*: If you have questions about the living community email me because I have a meeting tomorrow.
- f. Reed: Time for Change week is coming up and we do awesome things with the sustainability fair and we are potentially bringing in former Sen. Barbara Boxer and we need your support in retweets and sharing events. We are partnering with 14 other orgs and it's great for the org and even more so, it's great for the community. Share and retweet as much as possible.
- g. *Liu*: I'm going home on Friday so if you want any cheap goods contact me.
- h. Gracia: Happy International Women's Day.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned.