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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. Three members of the public came to speak: Kevin Peterson.645, Alex Temple.132, and Emily Evans.1855.
- b. *Kevin Peterson.645*
 - i. I am the President and Founder of the Casual Debate Club. Founded President's Council back in January. It's a group of presidents and officers of student organizations on campus and we have 200 unique student organizations. It's supposed to be an interest group—relevant to a lot of you, because I imagine a lot of you are running for higher-level USG positions eventually. Our version to get our opinion heard because the clubs are very fractured currently. First I'm going to go through why I formed this group. I wouldn't have formed it if these problems I'm describing were addressed. The current system makes it impossible to get anything done. 2 proposals. Help clubs most. Programming funds: apply months ahead of time and receive on merit. Strict CSA Allocations Committee. This has become a problem with many clubs because it doesn't seem that it's about the growth of individuals or clubs, but rather about getting Ohio State's name out there. Our club funding system should address things that help people grow as individuals and as a community. The way they divide the funding is per event and I think that's very important because if you were doing \$20 on apparel, you would have to get \$80 on something else. Large clubs that have a large officer base to work through bureaucracy. It really takes months for funding to be approved. From the club perspective, we can get rooms for free and professors as speakers, and events are just for smaller things, such as food or apparel for events. It allows clubs to efficiently use funding in the way that they know best. These are going to be checked and approved by administration



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no matter what. I don't see a full abuse or anything that people claim will happen. What I think should happen is that these percentages should be for the whole year. We can plan our finances for the year. Of the \$2000, we don't go over \$400 on food, or something. The current system is for flashy events that only large clubs can access that aren't for the greatest value. One of the things I thought would affect the clubs most is opening up hundreds of dollars to smaller clubs that don't have that many ties. I started the process of trying to get this stuff changed on August 25, 2015, and I happened to bump into Halie Vilagi and she told me that there was an administrative way to get these things changed. With hundreds of emails trying to get this changed, I had a promise from various subcommittees to review and approve to bring it to a committee to get it to Dr. J. That's why I'm coming here to get an appeal from you, because you're the people that even if you don't have the direct power through the Constitution, you can go to people like Dr. J and have them actively listen to you. I was directed to MacGregor Obergefell, who said this could be done in January. Then it got moved. I got an email saying it was going to be done in April. I'm a graduating senior, and what's my repercussion if he moves it again when I started in August? This isn't the approval—this is the approval to be brought to the committee with Dr. J. The second thing is the initiative system. I'm not trying to poke too much fun, but there's only one campaign for USG president because you have to get 750 signatures. An initiative system ballots to get some motion to be put and voted upon. Right now that's 25% of how many people voted last year. There are some things that haven't been put back, but last year there were 11,000 people voted, so for someone to get an initiative put forward they would need 2,8—signatures. Let's put that in the context of how much time you have to get these signatures. Timing starts at start of spring semester. By the second week, regardless of your ballot, you get it submitted and checked and reviewed. If it's turned down, you'd be out of luck. In the third week, you're supposed



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to get those 2,8—signatures. The presidential candidates get a fourth week. For someone to get an initiative measure forward, they get one less week. It's not just that. Where the USG President will get voted upon, let's say the initiative system is voted on, there's another review for the USG if it has any effect on the bylaws, they vote on it again. There are three checks on the system. 2,800 signatures representative system open to people on campus. To pretend that people are being represented is a fallacy. If you got an election and said people are represented, that's what I'm saying. That's what I have. Just to put it in context, these are the dates for how people would be going about things. Even by the third week, the second week you wouldn't know if they mattered at all because they could be rejected. These are the proposals and thank you for your time.

- c. *Marchese*: You can ask questions of Mr. Peterson as long as they're germane. There is no discussion on this.
- d. *Bodey*: Thank you for coming in tonight. Are you aware of the resolution we're discussing and voting on tonight? You'd be able to write a full resolution and submit it to the Steering committee and we would review it and bring it to the floor of the General Assembly. Do you feel that would aid your concerns?
- e. *Peterson*: If we're going to have that system, why do we have that other system? Would that be able to get Bylaws and stuff changed as well?
- f. *Bodey*: After we pass this resolution and it becomes part of our Bylaws, you'd get 300 signatures to endorse it. It would be sent directly to Dan and the members of the Steering Committee, and we would hear it after the signatures are approved by Steering.
- g. *Glass*: Okay uh Mr. Peterson thank you for coming in. I think it's great to have people from the public come in to share. I'd like to clarify what your proposals are. First thing you mentioned was reforming program funding, and second one was improving access to USG and administration.
- h. *Peterson*: What I'm suggesting is having a percentage per fund rather than per event. It creates an incentive to buy things you don't need,



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especially since it will be checked anyways. You wouldn't need to plan accordingly because there's a check. I just think it would be more valued to everyone as a whole to have effective meetings in which we can access the funds that were already allocated.

- i. *Harper:* I sit on the Council on Student Affairs and the Allocations Subcommittee, so I have some questions and would like to provide some insight into what you're talking about. Programming and Operating funds are for Student Organizations. Student Org Management make clear definition of two funds. Programming funds are to host programs. Based on funding window. Each funding window has a strict deadline so when we have our meetings to go through funding guidelines, we're looking at events happening within windows. Operating funds are used to support orgs throughout the year.
- j. *Peterson:* It would still be events.
- k. *Harper:* You would have to apply for each event you're doing?
- l. *Peterson:* No, you would just know your limit. When you've been an official club for a certain number of years, you would know ahead of time what percentages on a line you could access for certain funds. As long as you did under that and were aware of what you did before.
- m. *Harper:* I'm starting to understand a bit more. A reason we couldn't have you in is there's a point in our meetings when we'll start changing our own standing rules and operating procedures. We can't do that mid-semester because that would be unfair to organizations that applied earlier in the semester. When you come through the Allocations Subcommittee, we'll consider your statement.
- n. *Peterson:* MacGregor said I can't come in. He said I have to give him my views in a statement.
- o. *Harper:* Yes, and we'd discuss it. You also mentioned larger organizations and flashier events, which is completely the opposite of my and Jenna's perspective. These are to help smaller, graduate, and interprofessional organizations that may not be able to do so. Signature Event funding goes through Taste of OSU, Dance Marathon and a few other events. programming funds we saw in our last meeting over a hundred just for the second half of the spring semester funding window. I consider myself someone that is in tune with



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what's going on on campus, where max attendance was 15 and we were still funding the organizations because all of them are allowed to apply for funding that comes from Student Activity Fee. It might be more visible that the flashier events receive funding from us, but I would caution you against saying that all of our organizations are larger.

- p. *Peterson*: I met with Jenna in August and that's where the problems come in. It takes so long.
- q. *Warnimont*: I'm introducing the resolution about the initiative process. I'd like to invite you to sit with us. I can share the documents if you'd like.
- r. *Singh*: Just to clarify, you want to be able to use those funds for normal events, so like a normal speaker comes in with 20-30 people you just want to have people and fund that. Is that what you're saying?
- s. *Peterson*: There's no concept besides from people in the organization themselves. If they approve the larger ones, I don't know, to whatever event types they already approve, just allow us to use these funds. It would make sense to favor things are substantial in some aspect, but it's just that the crux of the problem is how you address funding and how they can plan for funding. Programming funds take much longer than operational funds to get together by any means because there's a whole different set of stipulations. You need a dedicated person to be working on it, and it's not conducive to smaller clubs. I don't think it should be arbitrary. If anyone's angry about certain levels, you could lower the levels. If you don't like food or publicity, lower the level and we won't use it. It's to make us have effective meetings the way we want to do it. \$250 printing thing is already there. Publicity and rooms are fine.
- t. *Honaker*: As far as all of these proposals and complaints, are they coming from you or are they backed from a group of organizations?
- u. *Peterson*: Yeah, so we had a vote on it. These were the two main concerns.
- v. *Honaker*: Who exactly?
- w. *Peterson*: About 200 of us, but around 270 of them.
- x. *Honaker*: Did you invite USG President?
- y. *Peterson*: Why would we need to?



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- z. *Honaker*: If it's presidents of organizations, I don't understand why USG wasn't included in it.
- aa. *Peterson*: You're a council, you're not really a student organization.
- bb. *Honaker*: To us, you're the government.
- cc. *Peterson*: What it is is an interest group. It's for people that are clubs. I consider clubs with people that go on the involvement fair and stuff specific interest groups. This isn't an interest group. It's the USG Senate. If you consider the USG an interest group, then why are you voted upon?
- dd. *Honaker*: More conducive and productive.
- ee. *Peterson*: We did have the chief guy.
- ff. *Marchese*: Chief Justice Taylor Marsilio.
- gg. *Harper*: I want to elaborate a bit more. Programming funds and why caps exist. We see a lot of applications and the idea behind p funds is they're funding events that provide meaningful benefit for students. Programming, education, piece behind the organization. Event that we wouldn't fund is going out on Oval and passing out hot dogs. The point of you being there is hand out hot dogs. Not responsible use of Student Activity Fee. Why caps and criteria plainly listed under Programming Funds and Programming Expense Categories what's supposed to be more flexible is Operating Funds. Programming is as-needed basis for events you want to open up to students, which is dollars students have put into the University and which are going back to them via meaningful programming at the University. While you and I and Jenna and everyone else on the committee may have different ideas on where they should go, programming funds are different than operating funds, but they do need to be per event and per program.
- hh. *Peterson*: If the goal is the have clubs use them effectively, I don't think it's a valid argument to this. These are arbitrary numbers and we want people to use small funds effectively and if you want that to be the actual goal, then it would be the fund as a whole. Our events are highly variable and a lot of us are very small groups and we don't have the months ahead of time to do these things.
- ii. *Harper*: One more thing. CSA is the most stringent that you'll find. We refer orgs back to USG and OUAB because they're more flexible. I



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wouldn't say the percentages are arbitrary, as they've been developed over years of doing this.

- jj. *Clark*: None of us know what the organizations are that are in your Council. Is there a published list somewhere?
- kk. *Peterson*: They just joined a Facebook group. I asked them to voluntarily put their club name forward. It's a guesstimate of 200 people. I'm not sure exactly.
- ll. *Belfiglio*: You have a group of some student org presidents. How many of them voted on supporting this? Do we have a yes/no count?
- mm. *Peterson*: I don't know. I don't have a full count, I'm sorry.
- nn. *Belfiglio*: It's the Undergraduate Student Government. We try to make decisions on behalf of the student body.
- oo. *Peterson*: No name. I'm guessing OSU President and Officer's Council, I'm guessing.
- pp. *Buss*: Is there somewhere we can find you all online?
- qq. *Peterson*: No, we're an interest group.
- rr. *Buss*: I'm not as interested in that as how to contact you.
- ss. *Alex Temple.132*
 - i. Hi, I'm Alex Temple. I'm here to advertise for an internship. If you're interested in joining a campaign, it's a great time to really learn about it. It's great to get this experience and network with it. I'm here with Ted Strickland for Senate. If you would like to intern this summer, it's a great way to meet people and get experience. Another is the Nonprofit Immersion program. You sit on board of a nonprofit. It's a great way to get leadership training. The application for that is due Friday. Application for Ted Strickland campaign doesn't have a deadline. Whenever you would like to be involved, please email me at Alex Temple.132@osu.edu.
- tt. *Emily Evans.1855, Real Food Challenge National Steering Committee*
 - i. So my name is Emily Evans and I'm part of the Real Food Challenge National Steering Committee. I'm here to give a bit of background on a resolution that's going through tonight. Our organization's goal is to shift dining dollars to a food system that's more sustainable and gives students choice and transparency in food. I've been involved with Real Food



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Challenge for two years now and I've been part of the organization for three years. Basically, we've been working to shift dining dollars to support food that is local, sustainable, ethical, and humane. That's only 20% of that by 2020. It's in line with President Drake's 2020 Vision. It's been signed by over 60 universities nationwide and provides form of account and transparency that can be used to measure our food system—where we are currently and where we could source from. We've worked closely with dining for about three years. We've had a farmer's market, parties, marches across the Oval. We even made valentines for President Drake to support Real Food. This is something that students are very interested in. Not everyone wants to know where their food is coming from, but it's nice to have that option and that choice. We've had great student support, but we haven't had great support from administration and dining. The Real Food Campus Commitment legitimizes values OSU already has in place, so that's we're here. On behalf of the national Real Food Challenge team, I'd like to say that it would be really nice for you to consider passing this tonight, so please pass it on through. It's a great opportunity for Ohio State to be a leader in sustainability.

III. Executive Report

a. Abby Waidelich for Abby Grossman

- i. The largest thing is a press release on the Comprehensive Energy Management Plan. We want you to be informed on it. Ask questions. In the next 10 months, admin will make a decision. Be sure to read up on the plan, and to read our statement. Utilize advisory groups, put carbon neutrality as a binding agreement to the plan.
- ii. *Sam Reed*: I typed up my comments. We're asking for more information to be given to the advisory groups, because very little has been and it's ridiculous to call us an AG if we're not getting any information. We're also asking that more information be spread to students, faculty, staff. This is the first press release USG has put out regarding carbon neutrality, so that's probably the biggest statement that we have in it. We're



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going to be pushing u in the future to make sure this happens. CEMP is a case study for not to do when transitioning into a clean energy future.

- iii. *Khan*: What other resources could we access to read more on the plan?
- iv. *Reed*: The answer is that there are none.
- v. *Waidelich*: Question and answer section probably has more substance than the other parts of the plan. My second is an update on dining. We have formed a Dining Review Committee. We had our first meeting last Friday and they're making a recommendation before the April Board of Trustees meeting. We have concerns on the same consulting firm that made recommendation for this same plan. They sent out a survey in January and got similar results as our Task Force survey. It shows that people value Dining Dollars really highly and talked about converting Access 7 to declining balance system. That'll be in the next two weeks before spring break. Myself and Mariah are on the Task Force, and we will not vote in favor of anything the student body does not support.
- vi. *Harper*: Are you two the only students?
- vii. *Waidelich*: The RHAC President and Director of Programming are also on the Task Force. Please reach out to me. Mikayla Bodey and her Campus Change Transition Day is really working out. Mario Belfiglio course attributes and integrating course syllabi by Spring 2017. Congratulations to everyone for good work.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Allocations – *Jenna Gravalis*
 - i. Allocations met this past week and gave out the following from the Student Activity Fund:
 - 1. UNICEF \$250
 - 2. Partners in Health \$200
 - 3. Kappa Theta Epsilon \$200
 - 4. Global Elite Club \$200
 - 5. Ohio Staters, Inc. \$180
 - 6. Phi Chi Theta \$200



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7. UNICEF \$250 (for a different event)
8. American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers \$240
- ii. We have closed the funding application because we don't have any more money. We gave out \$500 more dollars this year and funded 40 student organizations this semester. Our committee has been great. If you have questions about any of that or constituency event questions, please email me. It's the last week you can really do anything because it's the end of your term. Also touching on what Kevin said before, it's been a long process with him, but like Kinzie said, there are things in place in CSA for a reason, but we're looking to reform that. A lot of CSA meetings have been cancelled or moved, so we've had to crunch to get the numbers moved because President Drake's State of the Union address got moved.
- b. Oversight – *Daniel Marchese*
 - i. Oversight
 1. None.

V. Old Business

- a. *48-R-38 A Resolution to Implement an Initiative Process in the General Assembly*
 - i. **Motion to go into committee on the whole.**
 - ii. **Moved into committee on the whole.**
 - iii. *Marchese:* I would like to do this in two parts. We're going to gather a list of things we would like to change and address them in order. I'm going to warn that at some point, if it becomes overly contentious, then I might recommend that it go back to Oversight. The reason I recommend Committee on the Whole is because we would have a similar discussion in Oversight, as we already approved this to go through in Oversight and we don't want to miss any concerns that people in the General Assembly may have. If it becomes clear that we have to overhaul everything, then we'll follow the process.
 - iv. *Warnimont:* Amendment formatting rule Article 10.B.C.i one academic week. Article 10.B.b 300 to 100.



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- v. *Cramer*: I believe that the palatability of the signatures should take place in the Steering Committee to have checks and balances.
- vi. *Belfiglio*: More time to validate signatures than one academic week, but we should consider that. Also, since we're moving it to 100, which isn't a ton, we should consider whether primary circulator has full speaking rights. Might be better to have it work as they speak at the discretion of the Chair yielding time to them.
- vii. *Cramer*: Can we change the
- viii. *Frank*: My concerns are with the logistics of petitioning, such as the number of required signatures and locations in which petitioning are allowed to happen.
- ix. *Cramer*: If we choose to fail a student-led initiative or we completely gut the thing, we should allow them to have whatever number of signatures we decide, and it'll go on the next USG ballot. It's based on the State of Ohio's process. We're going to have to debate on how many required signatures there will be.
- x. *Marchese*: We're on Committee on the Whole because only the Oversight Committee can edit standing rules and bylaws and amendments.
- xi. *Belfiglio*: I like this idea, but getting it on the ballot requires editing a lot more to get it on the Constitution.
- xii. *Warnimont*: I want to change it to 100 rather than 300. I've talked to University of Maryland Michigan. Michigan requires 1000 and Maryland requires 25, but none have had an initiative come to the General Assembly. Limiting it is silly, because there won't be a lot coming forward. If it turns out to be a mistake in the future, we can change it with a simple majority vote.
- xiii. *Cramer*: Why did you choose a flat number rather than a percentage of the previous year's total?
- xiv. *Warnimont*: If it's a flat number, it's direct and simple for students to do, and there's minimal confusion in that.



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- xv. *Bodey*: I think that it would be smart to have a provision specifically saying that e.g. an organization like OUAB saying that we want to be able to control the Student Involvement Fair and some culture night or something that they don't control. Because they have a lot of members, they can submit something to take something from another office or organization. Can the nature of the resolutions be funding-related, not like funding reform, or not something that pits an organization against another?
- xvi. *Warnimont*: The Bylaws amendments initiatives may not allocate funds, and resolutions in the GA could impact student organizations, and we could vote down.
- xvii. *Marchese*: We cannot mandate action. We can say it is our opinion. The check on this is that first it goes to Steering. If Steering thinks it's frivolous, then they can vote it down. If the General Assembly thinks it's overstepping, then they can vote it down. Those are two checks.
- xviii. *Belfiglio*: The veto is another check.
- xix. *Cramer*: When I look at this, I'm looking at it from the perspective of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio. I would argue that a threshold is better in case any dramatic population happens
- xx. *Warnimont*: To question the number although we represent the whole of the student body. I'm having trouble putting it into words. Just because 20,000 students vote instead of 10,000 doesn't mean the signature requirement should be doubled.
- xxi. *Frank*: Article 10.B.b petition must be submitted to the Chief Justice of the Judicial Panel, and 10.B.c. members of the Judicial Panel shall verify the petition, and members of the Judicial Panel should
- xxii. *Marchese*: We're doing that with the next issue.
- xxiii. *Belfiglio*: meow.
- xxiv. *Cramer*: Members of this body are more than welcome to disagree here. I don't think it would be that hard to find more interest in something like this.



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- xxv. *Buss*: So I think a lot of rhetoric around USG in the past couple of weeks from what I've been seeing is increasing transparency. This whole resolution is something that could do that. If we're going off of precedent, I think we should go off of Big Ten schools rather than state legislatures. From what Warnimont is saying, they go off of flat counts rather than percentages. On that token of transparency, I understand that it's simple to do so, but I think a lower signature amount is going to make it a lot easier to make people heard from the body. It's not going to say that things will be passed, but I think it's a way for students to be heard.
- xxvi. *Chang*: I agree with Buss. This is a way to make the Undergraduate Student Government more transparent. I honestly don't think it should be that much of an issue for us to give students more of a voice in our chamber. Transparency. Type out.
- xxvii. *Warnimont*: Yield to Peterson.
- xxviii. *Peterson*: I'm going to use the example of the 25% earlier. We are often the largest university in the country and we're only going to get bigger. You have to think about it from the perspective of the circulator. People aren't going to get better at making connections than people were a few years ago. There will still be individual people going out to get signatures, so that's why I think a static number works into the transparency number. It's going to be something that was already a severe problem for many years, and then it'll be changed. A static number will not be a problem.
- xxix. *Shaffer*: Really in favor of moving it to 100. Maryland's next to DC, the most political area in the USA overall. Most people in Maryland are pretty politically charged. If they don't have a problem with 25, I don't see how at Ohio State we would have that much of a problem. At Ohio State, I would be in favor of this.
- xxx. *Belfiglio*: I'm really in favor of this and I agree with Chang that there are three checks on it. It would be great for the organization.



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- xxx. *Cramer*: I'll drop the percentage issue, but I think that 300 would be a better number to use.
- xxxii. *Reed*: I just think that a lot of the comments here are about abuse of the system. It seems like we don't trust the student body when we do. We're representing them. I have complete faith in the student body that they would not abuse them. University Senate doesn't have a signature requirement.
- xxxiii. **Motion to call the question on changing the signature count from 300 to 100.**
- xxxiv. **Signature requirement changed to 100.**
- xxxv. *Marchese*: Next issue is who validates the signatures.
- xxxvi. *Frank*: I think it's weird that officers of the Steering Committee validate the signatures. Article 10.B.b change to Chief Justice of Judicial Panel.
- xxxvii. *Cramer*: Do you think the Chief Justice or the Clerk should validate them?
- xxxviii. *Frank*: Submitted to the Chief Justice because it's more visible.
- xxxix. *Bock*: How often does the Judicial Panel meet?
 - xl. *Abby Waidelich*: Once a week, on Sundays.
 - xli. *Warnimont*: I understand limiting the power of people who will be voting on the resolution to verify if the resolution is valid, but I think that doesn't put a lot of faith in the General Assembly officers. I trust them to properly validate the signatures.
 - xlii. *Bodey*: I see this as a pure three branches of government issue. If you think about this as an initiative. Wait, I don't like this resolution so, sorry, your signatures are not valid. When it comes to a controversial issue, it's important for us to have that check. The Judicial Panel needs a little more to do than just elections. Just ten seconds ago we didn't trust the student body, so I'm going to not trust USG now.
 - xliii. *Cramer*: Any kind of oversight we can have is great. I would hate to not have something not brought to the floor because of political bias masked as invalidated signatures.
 - xliv. *Glass*: Three branches of government. Checks and balances.



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- xlvi. ACCEPTED as a friendly amendment. Changed to Judicial Panel.**
- xlvi. *Frank*: Article 10.B.c members of the Judicial Panel. Friendly amendment accepted. Another 10.B.c.i. one academic week to validate the signatures. Article 10.B.d. following approval, the Chief Justice of the Judicial Panel...refer to Steering Committee. All accepted.
- xlvii. *Marchese*: Whether the Judicial Panel should have more time to validate the signatures. Withdrawn from Belfiglio.
- xlviii. *Belfiglio*: New amendment, because steering should have one week to review the resolution.
- xlix. *Marchese*: It was originally submitted for two weeks. The idea in Oversight was that we don't want the Steering Committee to be able to sit on its hands at the beginning of the semester and wait until the end.
- l. *Belfiglio*: keep the timeline moving.
- li. *Chang*: I think that this makes sense. I sit on the Steering Committee. Let's say the Judicial Panel meets on Sundays at 2pm, as Waidelich said before, and Steering meets at 3pm. If the Judicial Panel validates signatures at 2 and forwards the resolution to Steering, that gives Steering an hour or less to review the resolution beforehand, and members of Steering generally have to review things beforehand. A big issue that's being brought up is that may Steering would sit on its hands and delay, which would not happen because there's a check on it.
- lii. PASSED to one week.**
- liii. *Marchese*: Whether or not the initiator should have full speaking rights.
- liv. *Belfiglio*: Against motion. I move to strike section 4.C.5.c.
- lv. *Warnimont*: Amendment to that motion? They need to be able to present it.
- lvi. *Marchese*: I would prefer, as the Parliamentarian, for it to be explicitly stated.
- lvii. *Belfiglio*: amendment for primary circulator speak at discretion of the chair.



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- lviii. *Bodey*: Without it, we could be sitting here without fully understanding the real intent of their resolution. Especially when we talk about friendly amendments or clarifying questions, I don't see them to be able to fully participate without that ability. I think they should have full speaking rights, but everyone in the chamber could call a point of order, and everything is still at the discretion of the chair.
- lix. *Marchese*: To clarify, we have the authority to remove anyone from the chair.
- lx. *Belfiglio*: Primary circulator could still respond to questions. Full speaking rights means they can make any motion the rest of us can, which can get weird, and I'm not sure the concept of friendly amendments should apply to these resolution. I don't think one person could take something as friendly for a whole group of at least one hundred people.
- lxi. *Frank*: When it says full speaking rights, does that mean amendments and all of that fun jazz stuff, or?
- lxii. *Marchese*: It's like how the Undergraduate Student Trustee, Halie Vilagi, has full speaking rights. They're able to motion and argue over motions, et cetera.
- lxiii. *Shaffer*: Would there be any way to finagle it so that they come in with full speaking rights, but if they overstep, then the Chair could remove their full speaking rights?
- lxiv. *Marchese*: That would be very complicated and probably unnecessary.
- lxv. *Warnimont*: Chair has high amount of discretion to remove them. There's an entire section in the Standing Rules. If we were being disruptive, we would be removed from the chamber or otherwise chastised.
- lxvi. *Belfiglio*: Let's say we wanted to move into Executive Session. I can see instances with very contentious resolutions during which you might not want them in the chamber. I think it's constitutionally wonky.
- lxvii. *Abby Waidelich*: They would not be allowed to be in Executive Session.



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- lxviii. *Cramer*: I think the perfect format is the public forum format. I think as long we format the circulator the same way as we do a member of the public, we wouldn't have these problems.
- lxix. *Warnimont*: I think they should have full speaking rights. I have fully speaking rights as a senator, and I can be removed from the chamber at limited discretion of the chair. I trust the student body.
- lxx. *Hottinger*: In relation to the friendly amendment, with Halie Vilagi, she has speaking rights, but she has never been a sponsor of a bill. So if she sponsors it, would she have full speaking rights? I agree that they can
- lxxi. *Warnimont*: I say that they may accept friendly amendments, because friendly amendments are only formatting changes. If I introduce a resolution, it may be amended to the point that I vote no on the resolution, and I agree with that.
- lxxii. *Belfiglio*: My amendment does not stop them from speaking and answering the questions. We do this when Chief Justice Marsilio is here to answer the question. I will say that I'm not okay with friendly amendments being accepted by them. They aren't the same thing as a sponsor, because a hundred other people are sponsors by signing that.
- lxxiii. *Cramer*: I would not be okay with a circulator having the same power as an elected senator.
- lxxiv. *Shaffer*: When you submit legislation, on behalf of the people who voted for you, you are still allowed to accept friendly fixes to it without every sponsor's consent. I would argue that the primary circulator most likely thought up the bill in a way, and I would think that they have a creator's privilege to change it in small grammar and formatting ways. I agree that it is hard to completely override the other people in the room motion. I don't see any real problem in giving the primary circulator full speaking rights during the discussion phase.
- lxxv. *Chang*: I think everyone's opinion has pretty much been solidified, so I'm motioning to
- lxxvi. *Frank*: I second everything that Shaffer said. I'm fully in support of turning this one down.



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- lxxvii. *Warnimont*: 100% in support of Shaffer's statement. These primary circulators have been pseudo-elected with the signatures they gathered.
- lxxviii. *Marchese*: Full speaking rights gives the primary circulator power to move to amend their own resolution if they would like, gives them power to answer questions during questions, and gives them power to speak during debate in support of their resolution. I'd like to throw those out there.
- lxxix. *Reed*: Although Vilagi was appointed, she was not elected either. That's an indication that with 100 signatures, you should be allowed to speak about your "baby," in a way.
- lxxx. CLAUSE REMAINS AS IS. AMENDMENT FAILS.**
- lxxx. *Belfiglio*: I'd like to thank everyone, because I think it was a necessary thing to discuss. However, I'm not sure if it should be General Assembly officers or the Judicial Panel.
- lxxxii. *Frank*: A resolution much contain the entire resolution?
- lxxxiii. *Warnimont*: A resolution will include the petition signatures, circulator, and name of the resolution.
- lxxxiv. *Bodey*: I believe these petitions should include the same restrictions as other documents that contain where and where not students can petition.
- lxxxv. *Cramer*: Is it in Bodey's or the Parliamentarian's opinion that we could put it in 10.B.b and creating subsection 3 to insert that? Amendment circulators.
- lxxxvi. *Bodey*: Would that allow it to include the same repercussions as in campaigns?
- lxxxvii. *Abby Waidelich*: Valid signatures must be obtained following the rules in the election bylaws.
- lxxxviii. *Cramer*: Language as it's proposed would make it subject to the dates in the election bylaws? We should make it
- lxxxix. *Warnimont*: Locations in the election bylaws.
 - xc. *Belfiglio*: Specifically state dining and libraries?
 - xc. *Bodey*: If we change election bylaws, this will always reflect those changes.
 - xcii. *Weisman*: Punishment process?
 - xciii. *Marchese*: Valid signatures clause.



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- xciv. *Mubarak*: Only collect signatures during election season?
- xcv. *Marchese*: No, clarifying locations only. 10.B.b.iii says that valid signatures must be collected in accordance with rules laid out in locations listed in election bylaws. Wait, no locations are listed in the election bylaws. We're changing the language one more time. 10.B.b.iii says that "Valid signatures are subject to the same restrictions as outlined in the "Off Limit Areas" of the election bylaws."
- xcvi. *Warnimont*: I don't find this a necessary addition to the Standing Rules, but I'm not opposed to it.
- xcvii. *Marchese*: A yes adds the valid signature subclause, a no keeps it as is.
- xcviii. Subclause ADDED to the bylaws.**
- xcix. *Belfiglio*: Article 10.B.f three General Assembly officers *and* the Judicial Panel shall be charged with reviewing it. Friendly.
- c. *Cramer*: Full ballot initiative. Essentially go directly on the ballot for the next USG elections.
- ci. *Abby Waidelich*: It's an invalid motion. That would require a change in the election bylaws and our constitution.
- cii. *Marchese*: We're moving on to consideration of the changes. Does anyone have questions for Warnimont?
- ciii. *Warnimont*: I'm not 100% happy with it, but I'll be voting yes on this.
- civ. *Mubarak*: If the Steering Committee rejects the resolution, can the sponsor bring it directly on the floor with a 2/3 vote?
- cv. *Marchese*: No.
- cvi. Move into discussion.
- cvii. *Belfiglio*: I think we have a clear idea of where we want to go with this. I don't think Steering would reject it. We won't have a problem. If people get 100 signatures, I don't see any reason why Steering would reject it.
- cviii. *Chang*: Steering retains the power to strike a resolution based on content, but we have not done it in recent history and we do not plan to do so.
- cix. *Frank*: Let's pass this.



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cx. *Warnimont*: Overall I enjoy the amendments that have been made. I thank everyone for their work. I will be voting yes on this.

cxii. 48-R-38 PASSED 38-0-1.

cxiii. Motion for an 8-minute recess.

cxiiii. Motion for 8-minute recess PASSED.

VI. New Business

a. 48-R-41 *A Resolution to Support the Signing and Implementation of the Real Food Campus Commitment*

- i. *Chang*: Hi everyone! My name is Sophie Chang and I'm a South Campus Senator. Tonight I'm going to talk about a topic that I'm very passionate about, and even though it might not seem to directly affect you, it does. If you didn't know, I'm also a Resident Advisor in Baker Hall East, which means that I am required to purchase a meal plan. However, as a vegan by choice and as someone severely allergic to pesticides, I am limited in my food options at on-campus dining locations. That's understandable, because I can't expect the food on campus to cater to my individual needs. That's why, back in August, I contacted Dining Services and asked them to waive my participation in the meal plan. Through meetings and extensive emails, it took me five months to withdraw from the meal plan in January—only after obtaining a doctor's note stating that I need an epi-pen owing to the severity of my allergies. As Emily stated before, Real Food OSU has been in partnership with Dining for three years and has advocated for the Real Food Campus Commitment through the administration for two years. Dining does not have the ability to influence or set policy, and that's why I'm introducing a 48-R-41, A Resolution to Support the Signing and Implementation of the Real Food Campus Commitment. Over 60 universities throughout the United States have signed the Real Food Campus Commitment, and I'd like our university to be the next. The Ohio State University is a land-grant institution, and owing to our sheer size, is one of the largest institutional purchasers of food in the Midwest. This means that we have the



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opportunity and the potential to make a huge difference in our food system. Signing the Real Food Campus Commitment would mean purchasing at least 20% “real food” by the year 2020. In the Real Food Campus Commitment and in the scope of the resolution, real food is defined as local or community-based, fair, ecologically sound, and/or humane. This is also in line with the University’s sustainability goals adopted back in November, which state that the University would like to increase local and sustainable food purchasing to 40% of total purchasing by the year 2025. This past year, we passed 48-R-25, A Resolution to Support the Replacement of the Current Meal Plan System, in which we advocated for a declining balance system. Declining balance would give students options and control over their food purchasing, and the Real Food Campus Commitment is another way to do so while supporting local producers and a better food system designed for student engagement and participation. My main goal tonight is to encourage administration to adopt the Real Food Campus Commitment and to embrace student engagement efforts in that process. As students, we deserve options. Our constituents deserve options. This is a practical and sustainable reform, and I hope you all recognize its importance and vote in favor of this resolution.

ii. Clark: Proxy Emmy Wydman.

iii. Mubarak: Proxy Manasa Punugu.

iv. Bodey: So first of all, I want to say that Sophie deserves much praise on this resolution. It’s one of the most-researched and most well put-together resolutions I’ve ever seen. I, like Sophie, also have a strong passion for food policy. It would like to see the U.S. Congress pass something like this. I would like to clarify what it says and what it means for students in availability on campus. The Real Food organization has done plenty of work on campus. A lot of people have said to me “Haven’t they protested?” and “Aren’t they an activist group?” If that were me, I would protest too. They’ve tried to meet with administration countless times, and they’ve pretty much been



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ignored and pushed to the side. Their concerns have not been clearly heard by administration. As the General Assembly, it's our job to listen to them and move forward with the governing power we have. I'll go more into the content of the resolution, I want to drive home that local is a big component of this. Generally speaking, local means Ohio-based products and a little outside of Ohio. This is economics that we learn in class. It impacts local communities and small business. A really good example of this is David Glass's roommate, whose family owns an apple orchard. Those apple cider bottles in the fall were from his family. We're asking that things like that continue to happen. My roommate is a meat science major and she spends her days processing meat. It goes to Sloopy's, but because Sloopy's has contracts with different distributors, they can't sell all of it to Sloopy's. We're asking that local growers have that local stability in the form of a contract with Ohio State, so that they're able to know that the university is going to buy from them. It's about institutional purchasing power and giving farmers that option. Some of you prior to GA were concerned about affordability. There are other schools that have implemented the Real Food Campus Commitment that have not experienced increases in dining costs. It's all about allocation. It's not 20%. It's not about turning OSU into a giant Whole Foods, it's just 20%. It just has to fit one of those requirements, not all of them. The "Whereas" clauses that detail the organizations and professors that have endorsed them is another great example of OSU interacting with the local community. Food is a powerful thing. We are a land grant institution. I may or may not have cried with Sophie when I read this at Bibibop last Friday, but I encourage unanimous consent on this resolution.

- v. *Gonzalez*: Senator Chang and Senator Bodey said everything I wanted to say. I think Real Food OSU will really be able to use this resolution to push for their initiatives. With that, I will yield to Rachel Metzler.



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- vi. *Metzler*: Hi everyone, my name is Rachel Metzler and I'm the President and a founding member of Real Food OSU three years ago. First I'll go over the tenets of the commitment. There are five tenets in the commitment, and they're really centered around making the food system accessible and engaging for students and this procurement. The first tenet is 20% real food by 2020. To be considered real food, it only has to meet one of these values. This is in line with the university's stated values including sustainability goals enacted by Provost's Council. The second is analysis and the recording system in the form of the Real Food Calculator, which is used on 60+ campuses that have signed the Commitment, and others. It helps analyze where purchasing is coming from, and helps to make recommendations. The third is a food systems working group, which is chaired by a student and made up of staff, dining, administrators, faculty, and other stakeholders who are responsible for writing policy on how the percent of procurement will be achieved. It will also be responsible for engaging large audiences on how to make this possible. The fourth tenet is around transparency. It's one of my favorites, and it's about making all of documents publicly available so we can have engagement on all levels. The fifth tenet is trying to ensure that students, if they want to, have a chance to engage with where their food is coming from. The criteria, again, is about local and regional production and size. Fair is about wages and benefits. Ecologically sound is focused around production and treatment methods. All of these criteria are recognized across the field. Many honored agricultural and health organizations look to Real Food for their criteria on what's local and sustainable. I want to state again with affordability that we have a lot of options and we have creative power to choose how we want to make this happen, especially with research with the Real Food Challenge there are ways to make it happen without increasing costs at all. Thank you for having me today and I hope you vote in favor of this resolution.



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- vii. *Andrew*: I agree with all of them. There's nothing else to be said. Sophie did a lot to write and finish this resolution, and obviously you can see it's really well done.
- viii. *Warnimont*: I normally wouldn't do this because this is such a well-written and well done resolution, but could you explain the relevance of Dr. Barbara Galantowicz of Nationwide Children's Hospital in line 120, and why I should care that she supports the Commitment?
- ix. *Chang*: Yeah, of course. I'll discuss a bit about it and yield to Rachel, since she knows a bit more about Dr. Galantowicz. She is a recognized health expert and authority on nutrition at Nationwide Children's Hospital, and she also helps lead Flying Horse Farms.
- x. *Metzler*: She is a leading expert in terms of child nutrition and runs Flying Horse Farms. In terms of health and benefits of these criteria from the Real Food Campus Commitment, she is supportive of Ohio State doing this for the health of students.
- xi. *Kaczmarek*: The goal is 20% real food. What percentage of our food is currently considered "real food"?
- xii. *Chang*: I don't have an exact number, since Dining has restricted our access to that information, even though it should be transparent and available. However, based on what Zia has told members of Real Food OSU, he considers 30% of our food to be "local" even though it's transported from very far away, so I would contend that probably less than 3% of our campus food is considered "real food."
- xiii. *Cramer*: I can already predict the answer to this question, but I think it would be good to have this answer on the record. It's regarding safety. Chipotle used locally grown food and Jeni's used locally grown food and caused hysteria with the breakouts. I'm wondering if the sponsors could speak to that at all?
- xiv. *Bodey*: Definitely valid. There's a lot to be said about preparation methods more so than about production methods. Think about the production levels scaled up dramatically. Jeni's occurred when expanding, good example of getting too big too



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- fast. This talks about making food slow down a bit. Chipotle is trying to do big things, but getting big like that is a bit of a danger. The other thing is that it's not really about being local. It's not about local, it's about their management of food safety and handling. It's not related to where the food comes from.
- xv. *Cramer*: The senator mentions that it was related to growth. Would this growth be an issue at Ohio State?
- xvi. *Chang*: No, because we're not expanding our production facilities like Jeni's and Chipotle did. Rather, we're retaining our production facilities and not necessarily changing anything about them—we're changing our purchasing power and our purchasing methods to increase sustainability. We're aiming to purchase more real food, more local food, more sustainable food, to provide students with more options.
- xvii. *Weisman*: I'm reading over the list of universities that have taken on this challenge, and none of them seem as big as Ohio State, so I'm just a little concerned that this isn't possible at a university of our size. Will there be consequences of programs and formatting at Ohio State? Will there be repercussions for expansions, like at Chipotle and Jeni's, such we're much larger than other universities that have adopted the Commitment?
- xviii. *Chang*: No. Actually, among the universities that have signed and are implementing the Real Food Campus Commitment are the entire University of California and the entire California State University systems, as well as the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, which has one of the largest dining services food purchasing budgets of any university in the country. I would contend that these are all comparable in size to Ohio State. Also, I don't think there will be consequences and repercussions as you mentioned, because we're not Chipotle or Jeni's, and we're not expanding our central kitchen or our production facilities or increasing anything. We're simply choosing to divert more of our purchasing power to local producers. We're not asking one small producer to suddenly scale up all their production to meet our need for 20% real food. Instead, we're going to invest in many small producers



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for the products that they already produce, so the expansion isn't really an issue. It's just a question of commitment and contracting from Ohio State to ensure that producers have that stability from Ohio State.

- xix. *Khan*: I appreciate the work coming out of this resolution. Knowing that you said what Zia has said to you, 97% of my food is not "real food." That's scary, and that makes me wonder how the two terms are defined? Could you give me common examples of those two terms, and how the food production process sort of works? The two terms and humane and ecologically sound.
- xx. *Chang*: Of course. That 3% is a scary number, which is why we encourage administration to release information regarding our university-wide food purchases. Ecologically sound is around production and treatment methods, while humane is around the treatment of animals and different criteria. I'll yield to Rachel on this, since I'm also typing as well and I think she can expand more on these two definitions.
- xxi. *Metzler*: The way that they're defined is widely recognized throughout the food world. For ecologically sound, organic is the most recognized one. Many producers utilize it. We have a pilot proposal going with organic cooperative in the state. There are plenty of these organic and humane producers available, but it's not prioritized on the university level, which is why we haven't seen a change.
- xxii. *Warnimont*: I recognize that it's been addressed already, but I'd like the sponsors to expand on this a bit more.
- xxiii. *Chang*: Investing in these producers would entail sourcing locally, which is something the university could easily do. One thing is that sourcing more locally with more producers will develop and improve our relationship with the local community, and the closeness of these producers will allow us to cut down on transportation and processing costs often associated with larger companies. We'd also be investing in our own community, so that's a huge part of it. I'd also like to touch again on the fact that we're not advocating to spend *more*



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money on other types of food—we're looking to redirect 20% of our *existing* \$13 million minimum food and beverage budget to more local producers. So we're spending that money anyways, but the question is where are we choosing to spend it?

- xxiv. *Bodey*: We've talked about declining balance, which allows students to evaluate financial options themselves. I don't see that happening, but if at some point that happened, if we had a dining hall that was completely vegan or organic and went really hardcore, then we met every tenet. With your dining purchase, you have the right to choose that.
- xxv. *Metzler*: UMass Amherst is an example of costs not increasing. The Real Food Calculator helps you to look at large percentages that you're spending on food and enables you to make decisions and see if you've made great strides. Ohio State's Dining Services is self-operated, which is rare for an institution and gives us more flexibility because we have a central production kitchen, so we can take in produce. That means there's more room for flexibility and swapping out options. We could make that a priority as well.
- xxvi. *Chang*: You know all those Limited Time Offers that Dining puts out pretty much every month? That's an advantage, if you will, of our self-operated system. We're able to pick and choose which produce we want when, because we have that central kitchen and because we have that flexibility to pick and choose.
- xxvii. *Honaker*: From my understanding, University Dining is the entire university, so is there a plan to bring this to the branch campuses? Is there a plan in place to make sure all the campuses hit 20%? It might make it easier for Columbus campus to do so if there's a plan in place.
- xxviii. *Chang*: Dining has a \$55 million budget across the entire university, with \$13 million specific for food and beverage on the Columbus campus. It's definitely a possibility, and that's why we have the Food Systems Working Group as part of the tenets of the Commitment. I'll yield to Rachel and let her speak more on that.



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- xxix. *Metzler*: Actually, I know a person involved in the agro-ecosystems management program in Wooster. He directs the initiative for transformation in agriculture in fact. It's a discovery theme initiative. We've talked to him about including branch campuses, and he's very excited because they have flexibility, as they're not only surrounded by producers, but they produce food themselves.
- xxx. *Cramer*: So I'm wondering if the USDA has endorsed it?
- xxx. *Chang*: There has been no specific endorsement from the USDA.
- xxxii. *Bodey*: However, the criteria for organic producers are the same all across the board, whether you're a small or large producer.
- xxxiii. *Metzler*: The USDA doesn't make statements one or the other. Organic is part of our criteria, and is endorsed by the USDA.
- xxxiv. *Cramer*: So what I'm gathering is that David's roommate's family has to follow all the same rules as those large companies like Monsanto?
- xxxv. *Chang*: Yes, exactly. The USDA has not outright supported or not supported the Real Food Challenge or the Real Food Campus Commitment, but a lot of our criteria is based on criteria developed and publicly endorsed by the USDA, such as the organic label.
- xxxvi. *Cramer*: Why do you think administrators have locked you out?
- xxxvii. *Metzler*: We've had a relationship with Dining for three years. Our last meeting was a month ago with the Director of Dining Services, Zia Ahmed, and Dean Hendrick of CFAES. They told us that signing or committing to the Real Food Campus Commitment is not in their purview, so it would be best for us to look to bodies that create and endorse policy, like USG and President Drake.
- xxxviii. *Honaker*: Have you gone to IPC and CGS? Have the other student governments gotten on board with this as well?
- xxxix. *Chang*: No.
- xl. Motion to move into discussion.**
- xli. Move into discussion.**



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- xlii. *Buss*: I want to say quickly that I was supposed to be a co-sponsor on this, but I wasn't able to meet with Senator Chang during the weeks leading up to this to get my name on it, but this is one of the best resolutions I've seen in my time as Director of Diversity and Inclusion. This is incredibly well-crafted by Senator Chang. I know she and Real Food OSU have spent tireless amounts of time advocating for their organization and their work. Their work with administration has been respectable and admirable. This is clearly what our students want, and I fully support this and the notion that we should support our student organizations in this way. This is what our Undergraduate Student Government is supposed to do.
- xliii. *Reed*: This is a three-part comment, but I'll go quickly. Our entire university was founded on agriculture. That is the basis of who we are. If you look at the letter or the statement above our seal, agriculture is the base. In terms of sustainability, as President of Sustainability Council on campus, Real Food OSU is a member—a great one, might I add. I cannot support this enough. It is ridiculously important for sustainability to place pressure and emphasis in terms of where our food is coming from. There are problems that have real-life consequences. Runoff from Toledo led to 500,000 people not being able to drink water. It's hard to even comprehend having to tell your kid they can't shower because of increased nitrogen levels in the water. This resolution has the component of an increased focus on growing our own food, so I'm very much so in support of this resolution and I'd like to commend Senator Chang for a job well done on this, frankly, great resolution.
- xliv. *Belfiglio*: I think this is an amazing, well-researched resolution. They're really making change. The one thing that concerns me is affordability. My only concern is that if we're advocating for this, will this raise prices on dining plans, although there are ways real food can be added without changing the price of dining plans, but we can't guarantee that from Dining. I move to amend it by adding "Let it further be resolved that the USG



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doesn't support increasing the price of the meal plans in order to achieve the Real Food Campus Commitment goals."

- xliv. *Cramer*: Could that be a loophole to increase the price of food?
- xlvi. *Belfiglio*: We're trying to say that administration will use their purchasing power differently. I just want to make sure when students see this, they're understanding that USG is not moving to increase the amount of money they have to spend on meal plans and dining.
- xlvii. *Chang*: I support this. I think "Let it further be resolved that the USG doesn't support increasing the price of the meal plans in order to achieve the Real Food Campus Commitment goals" should be added to line 175, right before the last "Let it further be resolved" clause.
- xlviii. Motion to call the question.**
- xliv. Amendment passed.**
 - i. *Glass*: As a student in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and as a representative of the undergraduate students at OSU, I give this resolution my full support. As a student studying agribusiness and agricultural economics, I can see the benefits of this resolution. It provides options for students, develops relationships between students and local agricultural producers, is a student-led initiative, and aligns with the University's goals. It's an opportunity to take a lead in strategic goals and transparency in implementing the university's goals. I want to make clear that I'm not in opposition of commercial agriculture, but overall I don't see this resolution, the Real Food Campus Commitment, or the goals of this resolution as an opponent of commercial agriculture. I see it as a way to increase options for students. I commend Senator Chang for a really well-researched resolution and by far the best one this year.
 - li. *Cramer*: This hits all of it. All of America. American farmers, blue-collar workers, and small business owners. It's been endorsed by agriculture and sustainability individuals and it's pretty much been guaranteed that it won't affect affordability. It's a no-brainer. We should pass this with unanimous consent.



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- lii. *Marchese*: We can't pass it with unanimous consent, because I'm subbing in for Abby, so I can't vote yes or no on this on principle. I would vote yes, but I can't on principle. So we can't pass this with unanimous consent.
- liii. *Shaffer*: Thank you to Real Food OSU and thank you to the sponsor and co-sponsors for presenting a really well-researched bill.
- liv. *Reed*: One question. Why didn't you guys include anything about carbon emissions? Since we'd be purchasing food from closer, we could also decrease our carbon emissions.
- lv. *Chang*: Honestly, I was not expecting the overwhelming amount of support I am receiving tonight. In case this resolution was extremely polarizing, I wanted to frame the resolution in more of a local, sustainable manner and include a lot about the student voice and thus focus more on the Real Food Campus Commitment and not necessarily more pressing environmental concerns like decreasing the amount of carbon in the atmosphere. I know that's surprising, considering that I'm an EEDS major, but I think had I known this would not be an extremely contentious resolution, I would have included more environmental components for sure.
- lvi. *Reed*: I will say in the future with other resolutions of the same caliber, I think it's important to include environmental components like carbon neutrality because it relates to everyone.
- lvii. *Bodey*: Sophie Chang did a really great job and I'm really bummed we can't pass with unanimous consent.
- lviii. *Bock*: It's really cool, it's something I was really interested in for the involvement fair. When I came as a freshman, I somehow got on the listserv. I usually delete them, but I usually read them. I have a lot of classes with Emily as well, who was up here earlier. I think it's been really cool to see how far it's come since I've been a student.
- lix. *Buss*: I want to add in another statement of support to buckle up. This resolution covers so many things relating to diversity and inclusion, and diet is certainly one of them. This would



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totally open it up. That's another reason why I'm so in support of this. Thanks to Sophie for writing this extremely well done piece of legislation.

- lx. *Chang*: Thank you for your support. I really wasn't expecting all of it. I'm ecstatic that you all recognize the merits of this resolution. Thank you.
- lxi. *Metzler*: Thank you for having me. It's a move forward that's directly in line with what USG is trying to do and that's why I hope you're all in support of it.

lxii. Motion to call the question.

lxiii. 48-R-41 PASSED 38-0-1.

VII. Announcements

- a. *Reed*: Two big events coming up that you'll need to register for. Environmentally inclined individuals please attend the Environmental Professors Dinner on March 21st. It'll be super casual. If you want to hear about what it takes to move forward for graduate school or fieldwork, please come. Another thing is Seeds of Service event. Worked with landscaping services to get shovels in the ground to plant trees along Olentangy. That is very hard to approve, digging on OSU's campus. Each student organization gets \$75 for doing it. Probably 3 hours. There will be food and kayaks on April 10th. Need to register because it fills up fast. Sustainability Fair April 6th I'll talk about it at a later date.
- b. *Bodey*: I'm making another one of the million comments about voting in the primary. You all are super involved people and I know you know democracy is important, but I know you all know 27 people who think democracy is a sham and don't believe in voting. Please go vote before spring break, especially if you're going somewhere for spring break. If someone you know is not able to drive there, OSU Votes March 5th. If you show up at the Union.
- c. *Chang*: The OSU Votes website is http://payitforward.osu.edu/Our%20Programs/osu_votes and Early Voting Transportation is on March 5th at 10:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 3:00 pm. Sign up here: http://payitforward.osu.edu/Our%20Programs/osu_votes/earlyvoting.



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- d. Challapally:* Annual Conference on Leadership and Civic Engagement 11-5 pm this weekend on Saturday, March 5th. It'll be focused on personal development, and we'll take StrengthsQuest. Totally free. Visit <http://www.go.osu.edu/annualconference> to register!
- e. Warnimont:* Thanks everyone for the discussion. This is one of my favorite GA sessions so far.
- f. Kenyon:* My fraternity is having a Blaze fundraiser on Tuesday. Come through! I'll share it on Facebook.
- g. Buss:* If you don't have a car to drive to vote, I'll drive you. I would like you to vote, it's important to vote. Bottom line: I will drive you.
- h. Shaffer:* (At 9:44 pm) I don't know whether to be ashamed or proud, but we haven't reached 10 pm yet. I motion to adjourn.

VIII. Adjournment