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## **I. Opening**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
  - i. Ben Devenport.3 for Cromes
  - ii. Lei Guo.1141 for Hao
  - iii. Ben Sack.24 for Vargo
- c. Swearing in of Alternates
- d. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Minutes Approved

## **II. Open Forum for Public**

- a. No one

## **III. Updates**

- a. *Role of GA Deputy Directors*
  - i. Tony Buss: Okay, so basically how it's going to work is you are nominated by someone else. If you are planning to run, make sure to ask someone else to nominate you. Once nominated, you will be asked to leave the room, and we will come up with questions to ask. GA deputies are basically the liaison between GA and the committee. You serve as another deputy director, and would communicate what happens in GA with your committee. In GA, you will give an update about what work is done in your committee that week. You are the bridge between the GA and Committee.

## **IV. Executive Report**

- a. *Andrew Jackson*: Hi everybody. I am just going to go over what we went over in cabinet. Vidheya in Academic Affairs has been working on the textbook options and making sure incoming freshmen know their options when they come to OSU. Kurt Shaffer is working on looking into a north and south for ER. There is a tweet of the week info session this week about knowing your rights if you live off campus. All of this information is shared on the USG Facebook group, so if you aren't already a part of it, have someone add you.



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We frequently post updates on there and it is a good way to stay up to date with what is going on.

- b. **Motion to amend the agenda** [to move elections to the end]
  - i. *Chang*: This is because there are a lot of elections and we may not get all of them done today. We will discuss the resolution first, and then move on to elections.
- c. **Agenda amended**

## V. **Committee Report**

- a. No committee reports.

## VI. **New Business**

- a. 50-R-3 A Resolution to Approve Appointments to University Senate and University-Level Committees
  - i. *Chang*: Each year we get to appoint representatives to the University Senate, and University-Level Committees. As part of University Senate, these students sit on committees with faculty and administrators to make changes at Ohio State. We aim to represent all undergraduate students and therefore we solicited interest from within USG and also from the general student body. Does anyone have any questions?
  - ii. *Smith*: I was wondering how you solicited interest from the general student body, rather than just the undergraduate student government? I was wondering how you went about that.
  - iii. *Chang*: Mario can speak about this.
  - iv. *Belfiglio*: Okay so, we focused on outreach this year more than done in the previous administrations. We sent it in an external newsletter, Facebook groups, and campus emails. We did get a large number of applications, and a large number of people who were from outside of USG were appointed. We got a record number of applications this year. We had 70 last year, and a 125 this year — that's over a 70 % increase. This shows that we did a good job of getting the word out. We got a lot more applications than before!



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- v. *Chang*: Beyond that, speaking to the email list that we sent them [the applications] out to. We sent them out to the office of diversity and culture, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, and as many of the academic departments as I could.
- vi. ***Moved to questions.***
- vii. ***Moved to discussion.***
- viii. *Weller*: I think that all of these appointments are great, and that you guys have done a great job with this. I move to pass with unanimous consent.
- ix. ***Motion to pass with unanimous consent.***
- x. *A Resolution to Approve Appointments to University Senate and University-Level Committees* ***PASSED with unanimous consent.***

## **VII. Old Business**

- a. Elections
- b. *Chang*: Explains the rules for elections .
  - i. ***Motion to enter executive session***
  - ii. ***Entered executive session at 6:49pm***
  - iii. Motion to suspend election Deputy Director of the Committee on Budget and Finance
    - 1. *Chang*: The committee no longer exists
  - iv. Deputy Director of the Committee on Academic Affairs
    - 1. ***Chase Barnett elected.***
  - v. Deputy Director of the Committee on Government Relations
    - 1. ***Julia Dennen elected.***
  - vi. Deputy Director of the Committee on Student Life (Student Affairs)
    - 1. ***Maria Humayun elected.***
  - vii. Deputy Director of the Committee on Health and Safety
    - 1. ***Abu Rogers elected.***
  - viii. Deputy Director of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
    - 1. ***Farhan Quadri elected.***



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ix. Deputy Director of the Committee on Sustainability and Environmental Affairs (Sustainability)

**1. *Chris Weller elected.***

x. *Allocations*

xi. *Steering Committee*

xii. ***Exited executive session at 9:18pm.***

**VIII. Announcements**

- a. *Chang*: Thank you for sitting through the session. I know a lot of you have been doing a great job being proactive and reaching out to address some of the issues your constituents are concerned about. As we move forward throughout the year, just make sure you're continuing to keep your director updated and seeking their advice before meeting with administrators in case there's additional input they can help with. It is your job as senator to reach out to your constituents. Try to go to as many meetings as possible, especially for people in your constituency!

**IX. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting is adjourned at 9:20pm