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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance.
- c. Swearing in of Alternates

II. Open Forum for Public

- a. No one.

III. Updates

a. *Robert's Rules Review*

- i. *Mario Belfiglio*: Hi, everyone. I was a senator in the last 2 GAs and served as parliamentarian last year and Lauren Fechtel was the secretary. We stay on until you elect new people to fill the roles. I guess, briefly, for those of you who don't know, we operate under Robert's Rules that governs how a representative body works. We read about them here in the GA. The basic thing is that everything has an order and the principle is to have a body come to a decision and to respect the rights of the minority. Even if the majority has an opinion, the minority has a right to say their opinion; it is majority rule, but it must balance the majority opinion and minority speaking rights. We have an agenda every session. The first half [of the agenda] will always be there. There will be attendance, updates, and we move into Old Business and New Business. Old Business is from a previous GA and New Business is a new item for debate in the GA. It can come from the Steering Committee that meets every Sunday. They go through the resolutions and edit them and place them in an order. It can come to the floor if someone motions to bring it to the floor at the end. It needs a 2/3 majority to hear it on the floor. The only reason that you would do this if it is time sensitive. You have to explain why this happened, such as a having late meeting and you couldn't bring it to Steering. Then, to explain—I'll go through the structure and then the motions. Once a resolution is on the agenda, it is debated and it starts with the sponsor or cosponsor speech. They speak on the resolution and then it goes to questions. All you can do is ask questions, not discuss it. For example, 'how will this affect the budget?' It is not opinion. Once this is done, it moves to discussion. You can say—'this is what should be added', 'this is what I feel', etc. Then you move to vote. There are weird levels with Robert's Rules. Someone might say in discussion that it needs an additional clause.



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Then someone can move to amend the resolution. There is questions, discussion and voting on just whether the amendment should be included. This can get complicated. Then it goes back to the previous discussions. Frist and foremost, in questions, if---if you want to speak, you raise your hand and the parliamentarian or Sophie will nod to show that you were added to the speakers list. If no one is left, the vote will be called. If you want to move into that sooner, you can motion to end discussion with a 2/3 vote, but then no one else can speak. You can also cap the speakers list in the same way to limit discussion, especially when discussion is repetitive or things need to move faster. Lastly, you can call the question, which is a vote to vote. I encourage the GA to only use this in time sensitive situations, and to only use this if discussion needs to be limited, but use it rarely. You can also move to table it and it goes to old business. If it needs significant changes, it delays the resolution for a week and it can come back with new edits. If you want to add an amendment, you can do a 1/3 second to discuss the amendment and then you have questions and discussion on the amendment. You can amend an amend. You can also move to amend an amendment on an amendment. We will go slowly to get used to it, but it will start to make sense. Only three motions can be used when you are not speaking, with interruptions, which is point of order. This is correcting a procedural error of the chair. A point of parliamentary inquiry is used to ask what is going on. For example, 'are we in questions, discussion or what is the correct motion to do something?'. A point of personal privilege can also be used to appoint a proxy vote and it can only be used on that resolution. You can also use it to correct your name, etc. I encourage you to go to the website, you can download the standing rules and the USG table of parliamentary motions, which is a part of the standing rules, is useful. I encourage you to have a copy on your laptop for the future. There are hours of this. I can take questions or we can move into GA and you can get a feel for this.

IV. Executive Report

- a. *Andrew Jackson*: Hi everyone. I am Andrew. I look forward to talking to you. I don't have a report; this is our first day in office. Hopefully I can report to you next week.



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- b. ***Motion to amend the agenda*** [to move elections of parliamentarian and secretary to the end, and to table the remaining elections].
- c. *Belfiglio*: We always table this every year so that you will get a feel of what each position does. This is because Lauren and I will not be here every week. At the end of new business, you can get a feeling of this role from observations in the assembly.
- d. **Agenda amended.**

V. Committee Reports

- a. No committee reports.

VI. Old Business

- a. No old business.

VII. New Business

- a. *50-R-1 A Resolution to Approve the Senior Staff and Operations Team*
 - i. *Jackson*: This is pretty basic. It has listed our senior staff. Feel free to ask questions why we appointed people a certain way. Are there any questions?
 - ii. *Chang*: This is just to approve our senior staff and operations team. They are vital to our success because they keep Andrew and I accountable and they help us with what we do daily.
 - iii. *Humayun*: I want to ask all candidates this question: why do you think you should have this position?
 - iv. *Abusway*: Hi everyone, I'm Samer Abusway and I am the hopeful Chief of Staff. I am excited to be Chief of Staff to continue USG's productivity with diverse perspectives through senior staff and members.
 - v. *Watson*: I am the prospective Deputy Chief of Staff. Building off of what Samer said, I think USG is one way I try to give back to the student body and this is another avenue to do this.
 - vi. *Spain*: Hi, I'm Sara. I will be—might be Senior Advisor and Counselor to the President and that's advising Andrew and to be more of a person to be there to talk to and to give a hug. I'll also talk for Tony [Buss] who will be the Consoler for Sophie. We are here for you but mostly Andrew and Sophie to keep them transparent. I ran their campaign and I'm used to keeping them stable and I look forward to that.



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- vii. *Belfiglio*: This position oversees all of University Senate and University Senate committees. I've served on University Senate for 2 years, been on the Council of Academics Affairs for two years, I was University Senate Vice Chair for Academics, and I'm on the Gen Ed Review committee. I also worked on the two resolutions that passed last year. I have read many apps and I've been busy and I look forward to a productive year.
 - viii. *Dorony*: Hi, I'm Connor Dorony and I will oversee the budget to see that the money is spent correctly.
 - ix. *Townsend*: Hi, my name is Averi Townsend and I will be deputy CFO. I will chair the Allocations Committee and will be the CSA Vice Chair of Allocations. I have a background in public finance and I think I can take on a technical role.
 - x. *Khan*: My name is Zawwar Khan and I was appointed halfway through my sophomore year to Communication Director. I have helped with recruitment and communications and the website. I will manage the outreach and internal affairs.
 - xi. *Clark*: Hi, I'm Emily Clark and I am the prospective Communications Director. I served in this role last year and I believe strong communication is important and I learned the best way to do this.
 - xii. *Brandenburg*: I've been on IA for 2 years. It is my passion and I believe everything in USG has to go through IA. We also have to work with other student groups and I hope you see I am dedicated.
 - xiii. *McDaniels*: I am the Director of Outreach. I was a liaison last year. I am eager to be in this position and I have good relationship with other leaders. I want to fill Zawwar's footsteps and expand this.
 - xiv. ***Moved to discussion.***
 - xv. ***Question is called.***
 - xvi. 50-R-1 A Resolution to Approve the Senior Staff and Operations Team ***PASSED.***
- b. 50-R-2 A Resolution to Approve the Cabinet Directors
- i. *Jackson*: This is technically my resolution. It's not really my role to bring resolutions to the floor, but this is the formality. This is the appointments of the following committees: Academic Affairs, . Like I said, you are free to ask question. We have interviewed them, reviewed their apps. We feel they are most qualified and have the best view for the future of the positions and the government.
 - ii. *Chang*: I don't have anything else to add, so we'll go to questions.



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- iii. *Kanas*: Would you rather fight 100 horse-sized ducks or 100 duck-sized horses?
- iv. *Chang*: That question is not relevant.
- v. *Quadri*: I want to ask everyone why they are the most qualified.
- vi. *Greer*: I was a CR in Academic Affairs Committee and I am passionate and dedicated. I have lead projects like the Access Code survey and helped pass the Seal of Bilieracy. I have participated in other projects and I believe I am qualified.
- vii. *Leeder*: I am also a USG rookie and I have great connections with different organizations in the Diversity and Inclusion range and I am eager to make more connections. I am eager to learn more.
- viii. *Dretzka*: I am the Deputy Director of the committee. I have managed and created projects thought the year and I am connected to officials throughout Columbus.
- ix. *Vargo*: My first year in USG I was in Health and Safety. I was in GR last year and I was still involved in Health and Safety with shared governance. I made good connections with that and I continued it. I have a huge passion with mental health and I hope everyone has access to CCS and that's why I believe I am most qualified.
- x. *Donnelly*: I am a USG veteran. This will be my fourth year and next year will be my fifth. I was a Deputy Director in Student Affairs for three years. It is such passion of mine and through hard work and networking I want to continue that work.
- xi. *Vikas*: I am third year and I've been in USG all three years. Sam Reed has shown me the ropes. I've worked on a lot of projects with Sam and I think I have a good hold in continuing the sustain train.
- xii. ***Moved to discussion.***
- xiii. ***Question is called.***
- xiv. ***50-R-2 A Resolution to Approve the Cabinet Directors PASSED.***
- xv. ***Directors sworn in.***

VIII. Elections

- a. Parliamentarian of the General Assembly
 - i. *Belfiglio*: The election procedure is in the standing rules. Sophie will call for nominations and a member must be nominated by someone. They must accept the nomination. Once we have received them, the nominating period will close. If only one person is nominated, they will win. If more than one person is nominated, a set of questions will be decided and the body can ask 3 questions at a minute each. The candidates will be brought back in and asked the questions and



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the next candidate will be brought in until they have all spoken. We will enter discussion and vote on the candidate. The last thing- they need a majority vote to be elected. If there is not a majority, the bottom person will be eliminated and then we will recount. So, if someone has below 30 percent, the other two will be voted on again. We enter executive session and minutes are not taken and members are the only ones who can be here. The contents of the session are not discussed and if you disclose this to someone, this is grounds for impeachment so that things can be said honestly and that no one feels hurt. We don't enter if often, but it is important to discuss this and I hope you respect this.

ii. Motion to enter executive session.

iii. Entered executive session at 7:30pm.

iv. Exited executive session at 8:34pm.

v. Nadeem elected as Secretary.

vi. Swaggerty elected as Parliamentarian.

- b. Secretary of the General Assembly
- c. Deputy Director of the Committee on Academic Affairs
- d. Deputy Director of the Committee on Budget and Finance
- e. Deputy Director of the Committee on Student Life (Student Affairs)
- f. Deputy Director of the Committee on Health and Safety
- g. Deputy Director of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
- h. Deputy Director of the Committee on Sustainability and Environmental Affairs (Sustainability)
- i. Deputy Director of the Committee on Government Relations
- j. Allocations
- k. Steering Committee
- l. Oversight Committee

IX. Announcements

- a. *Jackson*: I want to talk about the chamber and what it means from here on out. I want to make sure you understand campaigns are done and we need to get stuff done for student body. I want to make sure you are voting not based on who you were on a campaign with. Look at the resolution on its merit, not based on the people you were on a campaign with. It has been a problem before and it is not good for the student body. Campaigns are done and we are here for the students. I can sit down and talk with you if you have any questions.



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- b. *Chang*: The best legislation has honor and integrity and the students should be at the center and I want you to reach out to your constituents. I know we had 4 campaigns but we don't want there to be any voting blocks. We want honor and integrity. At the end of the day we are all in GA and as executives, we are counting on you to get the best deal for students. I look forward to working with you. If you can't make it reach out to me beforehand. If you have any questions, ask me. See you next week.

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting is adjourned.