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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
- c. Swearing in of Alternates
 - i. Polavarapu.4 for Senator Spain
 - ii. Bratton.60 for Senator Jordan
 - iii. Randolph.173 for Senator Bidna
 - iv. Marchese.29

II. Open Forum for Public

- a. No one spoke during public forum.

III. Updates

- a. Undergraduate Student Trustee- Halie Vilagi
 - i. *Vilagi*: Thank you to Gerard and Danielle. My name is Halie and I am a third year studying Public Affairs and Political Science. I was elected to a two-year term in the spring as Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees. One of our responsibilities is to provide oversight to the president. I have two updates. The first is about the Master Planning and Facilities Committee. Ultimately we decided for cost that Mershon Auditorium will stay. We also in April looked at restorations for Pomerene Hall and Oxly Hall. The architects are doing a great job with the buildings to maintain their historic integrity. I can direct questions to the staff because I am not sitting on this committee. This was a 50-million-dollar deal. Our CFO Geoff Chatas shared that due to the CampusParc deal we have hired 35 faculty and given more funds to campus busing. In-state students-the tuition will remain flat. The tuition- a particular point of pride to the University, has not changed It is the lowest in big ten. Out-of-state and international students' tuition has increased by 3 percent. Regional campus tuition will be frozen as well. These are some major updates. Some personal updates. I was traveling around the country to Boston and Saint Louis. We spent time at Harvard looking at reservation districts. We looked at many different models and we are in the planning phase. Last session the General Assembly discussed maker spaces. Your work matters and it is great way to see how



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students feel. Last night I returned from a convention of the Association of Governing Boards. Over 1,100 gathered for a weekend to discuss board governance. Ohio State University is an exceptional board. We are committed to improving our board and improving as a committee. I will become the first student trustee in June to cast a full vote on the Board of Trustees. Ohio State is innovative in many ways including this. Next fall we will begin the process of replacing me. If you are a sophomore next year I would love to talk with you or get coffee. I can give you my contact.

- ii. *Warnimont*: As a student trustee, do you reach out to us to write legislation?
- iii. *Vilagi*: I'm less of an advocate for policy and more of a member of the board. They are clear that I don't just represent students but I represent alumni, etc. I study from a distance and I will be here often.
- iv. *Bodey*: You noted 35 faculty members were hired. If there is a report of the demographics of those hired that would be helpful.
 - v. *Vilagi*: I will send the report to Danielle.
 - vi. *Bodey*: How does their salary compare to other members? I am aware of CampusParc facility who have hinted about that.
 - vii. *Vilagi*: I'll see if that's included in the report.
- viii. *Delbridge*: Will Mershon be a grand entrance to the oval?
- ix. *Vilagi*: A lot of the plan is to open up the university. But that is interesting. Maybe there will be a brick walk. I would be interested in looking into that.
 - x. *Bodey*: Does the Board of Trustees plan to submit a response to the Student Protests?
 - xi. *Vilagi*: I will send that to the president's office to ask them. I don't believe the board has any intention to address that. The board is at 1,000 feet and doesn't get involved in that.
 - xii. *Danielle*: I will send out the information for Halie Vilagi.

IV. Executive Report

- a. Undergraduate Student Government President- Gerard Basalla



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- i. *Basalla*: I'll thank Haile as well. Please apply to be Student Trustee. It is daunting but she is the most respected student trustee member in the county. To get at what Chris is talking about, it is something Danielle and I will look into. The main goal is to create an entrance that is central. That doesn't necessarily mean they will get rid of bars, but to create a grandiose entrance. I just wanted to address that. The cabinet will work over the summer because our goals are tangible. That will include all of you and Danielle will send out information about that. Lastly come to cabinet next year because recruitment is import. Tell your friends next year about USG. We are recruiting everyone so also include people on your floors, etc. Showing what USG is about is important. It's about not looking out for yourself but for others.
- ii. *Shaffer*: Will this affect off campus students?
- iii. *Basalla*: Between 13th and 18th, High street will be bogged down. I can't get into specifics. It probably won't be two lanes both way. They will also be re-doing Pearl to make it less sketchy. There will be apartments and a bunch of different stores but students will be affected.
- iv. *Buss*: is there an estimated timeline for this?
- v. *Basalla*: From what I know they will start in the Spring of 2017. The final design hasn't been approved yet. The renovation of Pomerene Hall will be starting in the fall and go into the summer.
- vi. *Vilagi*: Construction east of High will not happen quickly.
- vii. *Marchese*: The last time line is that it will go to University Senate in January 2017 and before the Board of Trustees. That is not a capital plan, it is a framework.
- viii. *Delbridge*: There is a lack of knowledge about who is behind this. It it a framer developer?
- ix. *Basalla*: You will get the answer but it is for students and families to get a place to call home. We believe that we will retain the facilities we want to keep. It's the look of the campus. It is that simple.



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- x. *Vilagi*: The spirit of the project is to increase safety and to increase the beauty of campus.
- xi. *Warnimont*: To change topics, are there any update on the Comprehensive Energy Management Plan?
- xii. *Glass*: I am on the board and they are still in the process of finding concessioners. There is no timeline for when it will happen or if it will even happen. In USG and with Sam Whipple we will be talking with students, but there is not timeline. I will be advocating with USG for a democratic process to make this happen.
- xiii. *Basalla*: I am doing stuff behind the scenes about this. We are farther away than people think. For those in the room who don't know what we're talking about educate yourself because this will be one of the top two issues of your term.

V. Committee Report

a. Allocations—*Derek Whiddon*

- i. We met Sunday at 4pm in the Coasters and Carnivals room. We funded:
 - 1. Phi Gamma Delta \$450 for food and trophies for their survival event.
 - 2. Greek organizations \$1500 for a cookout for Mental Health Awareness Week.

As you know and as I mentioned before, senators are expected to do constituency events.

- ii. *Wydman*: Everyone will have to do constituency events because they are important and students want to know who their senators are and who to contact. Make sure you are reaching to your constituents. This is something that needs to happen so be thinking of creative ideas.
- iii. *Clark*: Is there a budget for the events?
- iv. *Marchese*: There will be money set aside for constituency events. It is usually \$250 but some events will need more or less. There is a process we have to go through but we will go into detail when we get back. We just want you to be thinking



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about it. We will be sharing with you everything you need to know.

- v. *Bodey*: You can do surveys for constituency events. I would encourage senators to do that.
 - vi. *Gracia*: Are these events once a semester or year?
 - vii. *Di Scala*: They are once a semester.
 - viii. *Lovejoy*: Can we do them with other senators?
 - ix. *Di Scala*: Yes.
 - x. *Frank*: Is it \$250 per senator or event?
 - xi. *Di Scala*: It's per event.
 - xii. *Bodey*: Most don't spend that much.
- b. Oversight- *Mario Belfiglio*
- i. Oversight met and we went through the University Senate appointments. The Judicial Panel also has to send election bylaws to us to approve for use this year. It may be changing from plurality to instant run off. We will talk about it probably next year to see what we want in the election bylaws. That's it.
- c. Steering-*Danielle Di Scala*
- i. We tabled and referred a resolution back to Health and Safety committee. It will be on the floor. Look out for that.

VI. Old Business

- a. No old business.

VII. New Business

- a. *49R3 A Resolution to Approve Appointments to University Senate and University Level Committees*
 - i. *Di Scala*: I will send you the list so that you have the names of the appointments. Sam Whipple and I reviewed 63 pages of applicants. We had more applicants than ever before and that was really exciting. After a lot of review this is the list we came up with.
 - ii. *Belfiglio*: Oversight is responsible for discussing this and we discussed everyone briefly. If you have questions you can contact me or Danielle.
 - iii. *Frank*: how many non-USG members were appointed?
 - iv. *Belfiglio*: Lauren Todd for University Senate and multiple people for the other committees There are a decent amount of



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people on the conduct boards, but that's okay because they don't have this responsibility.

- v. *Marchese*: Were there interviews?
- vi. *Di Scala*: No, there were only questions about where their interests lie.
- vii. *Bodey*: How does attendance factor into appointments?
- viii. *Di Scala*: Sam Whipple is going to be stricter this year and those appointed had to sign a document saying they will go. They must have an alternate if they cannot attend.
- ix. *Bodey*: Was there anyone who didn't make it due to attendance?
- x. *Belfiglio*: No.
- xi. *Marchese*: Which positions are two year appointments?
- xii. *Di Scala*: Emily Clark and Shamina Merchant, Athletic Council, Fiscal is two-year appointments. Most are one year appointments.
- xiii. *Belfiglio*: The person has a position for two years because the committee is complex and two years is needed because there is such a steep learning curve.
- xiv. **Motion to move into discussion.**
- xv. **Moved into discussion.**
- xvi. *Glass*: I recommend we move forward. I trust the Vice President. I don't see any as underserving so I throw my support behind this.
- xvii. **Motion to call the question.**
- xviii. **Motion to call the question PASSED.**
- xix. **49-R-3 PASSED (Passed with acclamation)**

b. 49-R-4 A Resolution to Support Increased Transparency of Investments at The Ohio State University

- i. *Glass*: First I'd like to give some background and urge my fellow senators to vote yes. This resolution is somewhat in response to the discussion that happened in this chamber and it not taking a stance on certain issue, but it does support students calling for transparency because it is what they deserve. We discussed Divest last month and that became a



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difficult discussion to have. One thing that came out of that discussion is that the university should have more transparency about what the university is investing in. Many senators support this. We have a responsibility to students to make transparency available. It tackles the topic as a whole because we are a public institution. It is not a plan or clear cut playbook about how we reach transparency. Maybe that discussion is what we will have tonight. Before we take on a redwood or big project, it is often tempting to talk about every detail of that project. There is temptation to discuss who will be chopping it down and what kind of axe to use, but what is the redwood or project we want to focus on? May students have been calling for transparency and we are working with the university to make this possible. I would like the chamber to consider voting yes. It is our obligation to represent students and come up to bat on these issues. I would argue that most people in the room don't know how to address this, but I have full faith in the students at the university to come together because we find the solutions, but first we most find the problem and a stance. The intent of this resolution is to come to an idea that we can all stand behind to know where the money we all pay to this university is going.

- ii. *Frank*: I believe this addresses their concerns. We want the university to be more transparent and anyone can get behind it.
- iii. *Buss*: Senator Glass said it all, but I was skeptical at first to put my name on it because of all the controversy surrounding this. I thought: are we ready to tackle this issue? I believe we are ready and that this is the first step. We really need to know where our tuition dollars are going. I urge for your full support.
- iv. *Bodey*: This was a no brainer that I would co-sponsor this [resolution]. The last moth of General Assembly was one of the most stressful times as a member and at Ohio State because a lot of the issue were tough and personal. The year was powerful and impacted a lot of students. It doesn't matter what the issue is, it all comes back to transparency in investments.



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This shows that USG is getting on the ball of these issues. We have heard again and again for this to happen. I want to stress line 32. The university will say that have more sources of revenue than tuition, but this is important so that students who care can say that this is specifically from their tuition. This is a powerful and important part about this resolution. It will give us leverage when working with the president, University Senate and Haile Vilagi. I would encourage this to pass with unanimous consent to show that we care about transparency and how our money is spent.

- v. **Motion to move to Discussion**
- vi. **Moved into Discussion**
- vii. *Belfiglio*: The university doesn't tag tuition money but it could go to investment funds or it could go in to general monies used by the university. If there are surpluses this could be rolled into endowment funds but this tuition money is never tagged. Part of this [resolution] is asking to take a deeper look into how tuition is spent and where it is going.
- viii. *Marchese*: 48-R-43 was contentious discussion, but one thing that is common is that it is important that we know where our money is going. It is concerning to me that I cannot find what my tuition money is being spent on. We don't know what 3.6 million is being spent where. I am glad to see this taken up by the GA.
- ix. *Bodey*: The biggest problem that came about it that the Office of Finance investments. Not only can students not say where the money is going but students cannot meet with them. This resolution is showing that we want the university to do this. We are just basically saying that we want this level of transparency. There is something more in depth than the percentage. We can have a breakdown of tuition and how much each company is getting. Almost anything is better than just a percentage.
- x. *Polavarapu*: What is the pint of finding out this information? What are your plans for using this info and moving forward?



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- xi. *Frank*: This will allow organizations to set plans. Just the idea of having a view of this will help in the future.
 - xii. **Motion to call the question.**
 - xiii. **Motion to call the question PASSED.**
 - xiv. **49-R-4 PASSED (with unanimous consent)**
- c. 49-R-5 A Resolution to Commend President Drake on Freezing In-State Tuition
- i. *Shaffer*: This was brought to me by Sunder Sai who works for Sam Whipple. Sunder asked me to put it though here because it applies to undergraduate students. This is to thank President Drake for the tuition freeze.
 - ii. *Sai*: This is an undergraduate issue and this next academic year will mark the fifth time the tuition was frozen. The CFO confirmed that students have saved approximately \$1,000. This is the difference between working part time or full time and study abroad opportunities. The seniors have not paid a penny extra. This is to celebrate President Drake and his teams because his idea of college affordability is part of his 2020 plan.
 - iii. *Vargo*: This resolution is to thank President Drake to help undergrad students have a better time at Ohio State.
 - iv. *Buss*: Are we mandated by the state to freeze in-state tuition?
 - v. *Basalla*: Yes, that's true but that initiative was founded by Ohio State and I would like to add that we did try to pass this resolution in University Senate and it did not work because it only affects undergrads.
 - vi. *Buss*: Why do we need a resolution to say such a thing? I'm glad this has happened, but what will this do?
 - vii. *Shaffer*: I didn't write this but at the absolute worst this fosters good will between us and the university. At best this will help us talk to them more about getting other things frozen.
 - viii. *Sai*: We want to appreciate the hard work President Drake does because Ohio state is a leader on this. We want to focus in the future to bring this to all students. And that is the purpose.
 - ix. *Shaffer*: I am out-of-state and would do anything to lower my tuition.



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- x. *Warnimont*: Who is doing the worst right now in the country [in terms of tuition]?
- xi. *Shaffer*: We don't know who is doing the worst.
- xii. *Basalla*: Michigan is one of the worst but Ohio state is second best or the best.
- xiii. *Liu*: This is not helping international students. Why do international students have to thank President Drake?
- xiv. *Shaffer*: Any progress is better than no progress and hopefully we can help students in the future.
- xv. *Basalla*: The university cuts across the board with cost saving measures. A lot of this was on the burden of out of state and international students.
- xvi. *Sullivan*: Do you know if any non-tuition fees have been raised?
- xvii. *Basalla*: Fees have been frozen for 3 years now. Student activity fees are the same.
- xviii. *Warnimont*: A good thing is a good thing. It's still a step forward.
- xix. *Buss*: I'm troubled by it, although I have benefited from this freeze. I don't think that we shouldn't thank President Drake, but I find it interesting that we are thanking him even though out-of-state and international tuition has gone up. The money added does not benefit international students directly. I am not saying I am voting no, but I am concerned about why we are voting for this.
- xx. *Dorony*: I do think it this is important to think of those out-of-state. Ohio State wants to be a global university representing everyone and is making it harder for Ohio state to be diverse. I'm not sure how to vote, but as an out-of -state student this doesn't benefit me.
- xxi. *Kachnowski*: I did some research and out-of-state tuition has gone up 6 thousand dollars. Has this freeze lead to out-of-state increases?
- xxii. *Shaffer*: I am not aware of tuition freezes anywhere.
- xxiii. *Basalla*: This is not to screw international students and there hasn't been a freeze on out-of-state tuition because that is



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- impossible. I would add that the out-of-state tuition was projected to increase anyway.
- xxiv. *Clark*: This resolution is thanking someone and Dr. Drake did a good thing. He should be thanked for that and that is why I am voting in support.
- xxv. *Schaffer*: I agree with Senator Bus that raise in costs does not support international students, but I would imagine that the raise in out-of-state tuition is similar to other universities across the nation.
- xxvi. *Basalla*: This is to put us on par with the average at other universities.
- xxvii. *Shaffer*: I do not believe that the university has aimed to hurt out-of-state students.
- xxviii. *Bodey*: If we don't support this with a unanimous vote it doesn't look good for us. Thirteen percent of tax dollars go to higher education and your parents or you pay for this tax. These separations happen for a reason. The increases are difficult but it had to be done. I advocate for this to pass with unanimous consent.
- xxix. *Warnimont*: I would like to bring to attention the last clause. This affects all students and is a great resolution.
- xxx. *Gracia*: It sucks, but this is on par with other universities. I am voting yes because it does benefit students. I would like a resolution passed that addresses this, but it would look like we don't support President Drake if we don't pass this unanimously.
- xxxi. *Liu*: I have pulled University of Washington, Iowa, and New York University and there is 10 percent to 20 percent difference. Ohio State is known for charging international students a lot.
- xxxii. *Merchant*: These are important issues but there is no proof of direct causation. This is to show Dr. Drake that affordability is important and that is why I am voting yes.
- xxxiii. *Abusway*: I think this resolution is to say that this is to thank President Drake. We are a land grant institution and this shows signs that this may flow over in the discussion in other tuitions.



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It says that we support his decision and encourage this to flow into discussion about other tuitions.

- xxxiv. *Sullivan*: I am supporting this and would like to say that this opens up the point that more research should be done on out-of-state tuitions.
 - xxxv. *Shaffer*: I would like to clarify my previous statement: I do not agree with the raise of tuition.
 - xxxvi. **Motion to call the question.**
 - xxxvii. **Motion to call the question FAILED.**
 - xxxviii. *Lovejoy*: I recognize Senator Liu's concerns and recommend that he bring his research in a resolution in the fall. This is the first step into creating leeway.
 - xxxix. *Liu*: If the school cannot make money on in-state students it will find a way to make money on other tuitions. Shouldn't we focus on the minority instead of focusing on those who benefit already?
 - xl. *Gracia*: I would like to remind senators that you represent all students and not just where you stand on the spectrum.
 - xli. *Bus*: I apologize for opening a can of worms. I was raising the point of whether this is really necessary. We know how the body feels and I am voting yes. My intentions were to start a discussion.
 - xlii. **Motion to call the question.**
 - xliii. **Motion to call the question PASSED.**
 - xliv. **49-R-5 PASSED (44-0-0)**
- d. 48-R-6 A Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Judicial Panel
- i. **Motion to enter committee on the whole: Oversight**
 - ii. **Motion to enter committee on the whole PASSED**
 - iii. **Motion to move into question**
 - iv. **Motion to move into question PASSED**
 - v. **48-R-6 PASSED (unanimously)**
 - vi. **Motion to move resolution 48-R-7 to the floor**
 - vii. Zach Clark: As most of you it is mental health matters week and this resolution is to create an endowment fund to the CCS.



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There has been support through the state house and I would like to pass this while the iron is still hot.

- viii. **Motion to Move to Floor PASSED**
- ix. **Motion for Recess PASSED**

- e. 49-R-7 A Resolution to Support the Establishment of a Student Wellness Center Endowment
 - i. *Clark*: It is Mental Health Matters Week and on campus. Counseling and Consultation Services does not have enough funds to accommodate the student body. Counseling and Consultation Services has long wait times and this funding would help demand that there are enough resources. We are trying to increase this with an endowment fund for the Student Health Center. I yield my time to Reed Walter. He is leading the effort here on campus.
 - ii. *Walter*: Thank you for having me. This resolution is timely and important. For a background: Mental Health Matters Week was created 2 years ago to decrease stigma and raise awareness about mental illness. Thirty-three percent of survey respondents felt so depressed in the last 12 months they struggled to function and there are 600 to 800 suicide attempts each year at Ohio State. This is why it is important to increase funds at the Wellness Center. There is a wide spectrum of diagnoses from stressed out to relationship problems, to moderate and severe anxiety to serious conditions, to hotlines. Ohio State is unique because it has a suicide hotline. The counselors here need at least a Masters degree to treat these issues. Some students only need a little bit of help. Eighty percent felt that they felt overwhelmed, but those with larger issues can be addressed by a peer-to-peer wellness coaching program. I was looking for ways to make the biggest impact on campus. With this money the suicide hotline would still work and only one more counselor would be hired, but this endowment would cause positive training. The Wellness Center has 93 institutions that follow ours. But they are lacking



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funding. Six hundred suicides attempts is a powerful statement and asking for more help will allow us get more help. This is a way to directly increase funds and crate a positive change. Faculty support this and Rep. Boggs at the Statehouse supports its passage. She reached out to me and is writing a reference for this.

- iii. *Frank*: There is a difference between mental illness and health. I have mental illnesses, but everyone still needs these resources. This will better provide for growing support and need. Establishing this fund and providing continual monetary support will address these concerns. I am excited that we have support from faculty and state officials that can contribute state funding. This is a great way to help mental health on campus.
- iv. *Vargo*: I came at this from the perspective of the student involved in the suicide hotline. Over 600 or 700 attempts is astronomical and anything we can do to stop this would be great. This resolution was supported by Rep. Boggs and is a huge thing for this legislation.
- v. *Marchese*: This is near and dear to my heart. I have struggled a lot with mental illness and my issue was the stigma around this and there is a great need to reduce the stigma. This is important resolution.
- vi. *Joe Warnimont*: Are you still involved with the Mental Health Task Force?
- vii. *Michael Frank*: Yes, but there were hurdles and the task force's report will most likely be published in the fall.
- viii. *Marchese*: The report is being compiled and the research is done.
- ix. *Martin*: Can you speak more on the support received on this?
- x. *Reed*: Rep. Boggs reached out to me and so did aide to Rep. Anielski. They asked me how to support Mental Health Matters, how to support it on this campus? I'm doing a fundraiser and we raised \$3,000 in four days. To answer the question of where to get the money: ask and you shall receive. Everyone knows someone who has a mental illness.



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- xii. *Merchant*: I commend authors of this legislation. Can you talk more about constraints on the Students Wellness Center, like wait times? How will this help more emergent cases?
- xiii. *Reed*: I went to the director of the Student Wellness Center and she said that they don't have enough funding in general and outgrew their facilities. As a peer-to-peer wellness coach, we need a safe space. They were asking for \$30,000 a year just for space. Another \$30,000 could be used for appointments of assistants and put into training for wellness coaches. They have 60 wellness coaches, but it takes time to train coaches and training more coaches will eventually lead to having a wellness coach for every student organization. One of the reasons I started this was through being the president of my fraternity because people came to me for help and I didn't have adequate training.
- xiv. *Merchant*: could you talk about student things, where is the money going?
- xv. *Reed*: They are seeking out this service and some of this money is essential for advertising. They have the Student Wellness Center as a hub and because they are using this a resource, it is important for more people to know about it because it is an important resource. This increases wellness in the center. There is a spectrum of mental health, and these statistics support it: 25% have serious mental health concerns. All mental health care goes to CCS and they can't handle it. This takes emerging problems and makes them less likely to emerge so that it doesn't reach a stage that someone would have to call the hotline.
- xvi. *Bodey*: I am wondering what is the purpose of why the lines are so specific and why is this document giving specifics for where the money should go?
- xvii. *Frank*: If you look at the first and last "Therefore Let it Be Resolved" clauses, these are the ones we really want. It is on a continual basis. These other four are suggestions like hiring more coaches or more space. These are things we are seeing as important.



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- xvii. *Clark*: These are not concrete but are things we want to see happen.
- xviii. *Polavarapu*: How much would this endowment have to be and what percent of the CCS budget is this?
- xix. *Reed*: I don't know what they asked for but they said \$80,000 would be amazing. \$50,000 is the minimum. This type of endowment would be 500 to 1 million dollars. If we are able to establish a sizable endowment, I would like to see money raised each year for endowment and research. This would be easy to get because of the accessibility of donors.
- xx. *Liu*: Can I vote on this because it regards money?
- xxi. *Di Scala*: Yes, you can.
- xxii. *Liu*: How would this affect international students? Are they only hiring domestic students and how would this benefit student who don't speak English as a first language?
- xxiii. *Reed*: Wellness coaches are volunteers and anyone who applies has opportunity to be engaged in peer to peer coaching; there are no barriers. I think many multicultural clubs are meant to support each other and having a coach would benefit them.
- xxiv. *Clark*: It benefits everyone.
- xxv. *Sullivan*: Is there information about how much would be funded by the state?
- xxvi. *Reed*: Rep. Boggs seemed interested and is new and is looking for ways to make herself look better. I explained why we came to her. We need the Statehouse and University Governance to meet together to build an arch to meet in the middle. She was passionate about it.
- xxvii. *Clark*: She is seeing how much progress we can make and is willing to help on her end. She wants to see how this plays out.
- xxviii. *Buss*: This statistic doesn't have footnote; I recommend that you add a footnote for clarification.
- xxix. *Frank*: It came form my survey asking what services a student would be comfortable using. 400 students were comfortable using it and this would decrease strain on CCS.
- xxx. *Polavarapu*: Have you looked at peer institutions for similar endowments?



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- xxxvi. *Clark*: We have and Ohio State is lacking in that aspect. We have the lowest counselor-to-student ratio in the country and we are behind. This endowment would help fix that.
- xxxvii. *Branum*: Where is the money for the CCS derived from?
- xxxviii. *Clark*: I assume it derives from yearly budget.
- xxxix. *Frank*: The endowment fund would come from donation and state funds, but right now it comes from student fees. Students pay about 100 dollars and is distributed to these services.
- xl. *Warnimont*: The Student Wellness Center has nine dimensions of wellness, do you see this working only for emotional wellness or wellness in general?
- xli. *Clark*: There is not enough support on campus and this would go towards improving emotional and mental health on campus.
- xlvi. **Motion to Move into Discussion**
- xlvii. **Motion to Move into Discussion PASSED**
- xlviii. *Abusway*: This resolution is relevant to Mental Health Matters Week and a lot of people are talking about it and Michael has done a lot with this. Mental health affects all of this and would fund the Student Wellness Center and that it shows USG is supporting mental health on campus. I commend the authors of this resolution. It is a great example of finding a problem where the university is lacking and is something we should all do as citizens and students and I like that it benefits all students. We have all struggled. I urge the body to support and pass this resolution in support of the students to make real change tonight.
- li. *Gracia*: I hope we vote on this unanimously, 600 is too many attempts. And I don't see why there would be any backlash. And I do commend someone who is not in USG for working with us.
- lii. *Warnimont*: This is a fantastic resolution.
- liii. *Buss*: I propose to remove the clause as a whole because it is not a published report. I would like to move to strike this line.
- liiii. *Frank*: That is relevant. I move that we strike whereas clauses "mental heal and 40% respondents". Thank you all for the



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healthy discussion on this and I get excited when people speak positively about this. You can go home and sleep better because you are doing something to help students. This is a great resolution.

- xliv. *Belfiglio*: I would like to make the motion to amend to strike the three clauses before the “Therefore Let is Be Resolved” clause.
- xlv. **Motion to Amend**
- xlvi. **Motion to Amend PASSED**
- xlvii. **Move to question**
- xlviii. *Warnimont*: I just want to make sure that we aren’t removing content.
- xlix. **Move to discussion**
 - l. **Motion to accept amendment with unanimous consent.**
 - li. **Amendment passes**
 - lii. *Buss*: I support this because it is great. I have struggled with mental health and I didn’t know the Wellness Center can be used and to make sure that CCS isn’t a catch-all. This is a great piece of legislation that he authors should be proud of.
 - liii. *Clark*: I urge to pass with unanimous consent to show statehouse and facility that this is important.
 - liv. **Motion to call to question.**
 - lv. **Motion to call the question PASSES.**
 - lvi. **49-R-7 PASSED (with unanimous consent)**

VIII. Announcements

- a. *Di Scala*: I appreciate and thank you guys and I am excited to work with you in the fall. I am excited that we already have so many resolutions passed and I know you will do great things.
- b. *Belfiglio*: We will also be changing standing rules for the 49th General Assembly. Write resolutions in the summer.

IX. Adjournment