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- I. Opening**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Attendance
 - c. Seating of Members
 - d. Swearing in of Alternates

- II. Open Forum for Public**
 - a. None

- III. Updates**
 - a. University Senate
 - Sam Whipple (Senior Delegate to the University Senate)*
 - a. University Senate Apps are open now
 - b. USenate is students in shared governance; legislative medium between committees and governance; vet and goes to the Board of Trustees
 - c. App that is live right now is also for the committees → vet legislation comparable to Congress; some are long-standing and central like Academic Misconduct
 - d. There are a lot of options for committees → some are standing committees that will always exist because they are in the Constitution; some niche committees that are brought up on an ad hoc basis (like the Intellectual Property Committee)
 - e. All are encouraged to apply for both of these → benefit is that it will allow you to broaden your experience in USG; important to have representation to carry USG's legislative agenda to administrators and make it happen; we get delegates on the Senate and all Committees
 - f. As members of GA, you all get preference
 - g. Tips"
 - i. Check your schedule → USenate meeting time is locked in, so try to leave that window open; committees meet in frequency according to their own schedules → some committees have already figured out when they will meet for next year, some have not, and you can find this at senate.osu.edu
 - ii. Try to compliment your work in USG → I applied for CAA because I was a Deputy Director on the



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Academic Affairs committee in Cabinet, so it allowed me to bring legislation that I've already been working on over to USenate

h. Check FB page or email me if you haven't received the link; all we ask is a resume and a short response; simple app

i. All questions can be directed to Abby Waidelich (.11) or Sam Whipple (.55)

j. *A. Waidelich* - nothing is a stupid question, so be sure to ask about USenate if you're confused about anything

i. On the app, you will have preferences which committees you will be on

1. *Whipple* - you can apply for up to 5 so that if you apply to very competitive committees; will probably only be on up to 2 because it's a big time commitment

k. Committee meeting time and frequency depend on which committee you apply to; do some research beforehand; as a general rule, budget at least 2x the amount of time that the committee meets (for example, USenate takes about 2 hours, so I budget 4 hours to vet legislation and the agenda)

l. General Assembly related to USenate → relate this through an anecdote. In GA, you pass non-binding resolutions that give the student's voice. It depends on administrators to take into account the student's voice to apply this. In the last GA, we passed a resolution about student intellectual property; able to say how the students feel. Take this resolution to USenate and say this is how students feel, so how can we fix this? Having the policy connection between the two bodies is very useful in pushing our agenda

m. These student delegates are appointed by Waidelich and approved by the GA; faculty and staff have different rules for appointment; undergrads have 26 seats

n. If you apply for a committee, you are not required to be in the actual USenate → you can just be on the committee

o. *Gravalis* - in the past, students who don't like legislation that might be passed have not gone to the meetings and made it so there was no quorum so that the meeting could not take place; students have a really powerful voice



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- i. *Whipple*- students are not just tokens
- p. The kind of work you are doing with USenate can be really great - like Meal Plans, Fall Break, etc.
- q. There is no obligation to be on both USenate and a committee
- b. Legislation Introduction
 - Halie Vilagi*
 - c. A lot of new senators aren't sure how to write legislation, and this is a normal thing
 - d. Write about what you're passionate about because you won't put love into it if you're no
 - e. Research a ton
 - f. Find cosponsors
 - g. Download resolution template
 - h. Resolutions are important with credibility; content and how you are displaying it
 - i. Establish ethos - good grammar and punctuation; spell-check everything; use "Elements of Style Guide;" Google it if you can't find it
 - ii. Grammar matters because they will be going to administrators/news outlets; can ruin credibility with both groups if there are spelling errors
 - iii. Find co-sponsors → ask around to see who is interested in the project; highly suggest collaborating with Cabinet Directors; could be offensive to not include Directors
 - iv. Research very thoroughly → scientific journals; university publications; recommend citing in Chicago style and not MLA; support all of your claims
 - v. Format → use the template the website; title should probably say "Support" somewhere because we don't have authority to mandate anything; line numbers are very important especially when things get to the floor because of revisions on the floor (line #s are in template, but can also Google)



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- vi. Recommend that you thematically match your clauses thematically; resolved clauses should follow the general direction of the whereas clauses
 - i. What to write about?
 - i. Issues specific to your constituencies; issues that need student support; issues that you're passionate about
 - j. Can contact me at Vilagi.4 if you have questions
 - k. Don't be afraid to write resolutions; occasionally they may initially fail, but you can go back and put more work into it; don't be discouraged by a lot of debate or feedback
 - i. Use returning senators who know how this works
 - l. A. Waidelich - All resolutions go to committees and can work with committees outside of Cabinet; for bikeshare, a lot of other universities used our resolution as a template
 - m. Many times the lead sponsor will use the sponsor to lobby
 - n. General Assembly broad update (*A. Waidelich*)
 - o. Want to create a FB page that you can utilize
 - p. If you were not formally in USG before elections, you will be added to all listservs to stay in contact
 - q. GA members will have business cards, nametags, and name cards for GA meetings
 - r. Will have constituencies sit together
 - s. Update within elections → 2 Commuter and Denistry seats are still contested because there was an appeal; the problem now is that there are not enough Justices to hear a brief, so nothing can be done without them; the appointments will most likely be brought to GA to be approved next week
 - i. *Luther* - what are the responsibilities of a justice?
 - 1. *Grossman* - look through documents online or contact Taylor Marsillio (.3); their biggest role is monitoring USG elections; time commitment varies depending on the time of year



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2. *Waidelich* - encouraged that they have not been involved in USG
 - ii. *Whipple* - if the Dentistry/Commuter senators want to run for a Deputy Director position and there isn't enough time to approve them, what will happen?
 1. Will work on a case by case basis
 2. We have the ability to table elections if we so choose
 - iii. *Belfiglio* - we can table the elections?
 1. Correct
 - t. Attendance policy will be outlined with the new Secretary; sending an alternate is not an excuse to miss; must contact Waidelich by the Sunday before the meeting; find an alternate who is appropriate for the seat; make sure they know how to voice your opinions; we will have GA 2 more times this semester; if you cannot make it, let me know and send alternated
 - i. *Weisman* - can we introduce legislation the 22nd?
 1. Yes
 2. *Marchese* - yes, bring it to Steering, or can bring it to the floor (only do this if it is a pertinent resolution that can't wait until fall); Steering cannot be established until after Deputy Director positions have been confirmed
 - u. Meetings will be Wednesdays at 6:30
 - v. Access to USG office and computers → fill out a Google Form when you see it
 - w. Attire to GA meetings is important because you never know who will be at the meetings (*The Lantern*, Dr. J etc.); don't need to wear a suit, but have to look presentable
 - x. Keep computers closed as much as you can; most documents will be sent out via email beforehand; during meetings shouldn't be working on anything except for GA stuff; exception is the Secretary
 - y. Conduct and behavior (Read the bylaws/Constitution/Standing Rules



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- i. Members of the GA should conduct themselves in a good way
 - ii. Cannot be disruptive or distracting
 - iii. Speaker can essentially kick you out if you violate this
 - iv. All remarks should be directed to the speaker; don't address the senator in question; address each other as Senators; applies at all times
- z. Committees themselves will be established after the elections; per the bylaws, they have to be tonight, but we are able to table them (logistically this will make sense); oversight has to be established after all elections
 - i. Parliamentarian chairs Oversight → committee oversees all appointments, impeachment papers, review bylaws/Constitutions; serves as the general knowledge and structure of GA; made up of 9 members of GA, and one of the members is Parliamentarian; kind of a come-and-go committee (when needed, they work, but when not needed, they will not meet)
 - ii. Steering will also be created after elections; meets every week; agenda and pending legislation is reviewed and passed/not passed; don't look at content so much → format and language must be correct, unless it's blatantly wrong
 - iii. *Glass* - what is the rough time estimate per week for a DD?
 1. Everyone should attend Cabinet because you are the liaisons between branches; for Cabinet, GA, possibly Steering, and Allocations, working on legislation, it's most likely going to be a big time commitment → about 8 hours per week
 - iv. Parliamentarian and Secretary's main jobs are within GA
 - v. All senators will be placed in Cabinet committees, not just Deputy Directors → choose what you are passionate about, but can also choose based on Directors



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1. *Marchese* - two separate committees for each area (for example Academic Affairs) → in GA, legislative Academic Affairs and in Cabinet, another committee that works on projects
 - aa. Danielle Di Scala will be Senior Council to VP → she will be in charge of internal affairs director of GA (make sure you attend GA, plan constituency events, etc.) → reach out to her because she is a great resource

IV. Executive Report

a. *Abby Grossman*

- b. Intent to return form is not necessary for you to fill out, but make sure your friends fill it out by Friday at 5 pm
- c. Director positions will be finalized by this Sunday
- d. Deputy Director positions will be finalized by the next Sunday (not including GA Deputy Directors, just the Cabinet ones); GA members cannot be these kinds of Deputy Directors
- e. If you are interested in running for a deputy director position, we will have a workshop from ~10-3 on the 25th
- f. USenate apps due
- g. Judicial Panel applications are due this Friday at midnight → typically not people who have been affiliated with USG in the past
- h. Conducting a Constitutional Bylaw and Review Commission (CBRC) → in years ending in 2 and 7 or in special circumstances, must have this
 - i. There will be app out sometime soon for the Chair of the CBRC → help recruit members (due at 11:59)
 - ii. Should have no desire to be affiliated with any campaigns in upcoming years
 - iii. Needs to be one member who has never been associated with USG
- i. Cabinet → not required to go if not Deputy Director, but strongly encourage you to be active in Cabinet because it helps you to get a sense of the whole organization; be liasons between two branches



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j. Next Tuesday there will be a guest speaker to speak on Sustainability to gain feedback; will also be a campaign debrief held by people that were not very involved in campaigns, no not partisan; meeting at 6pm

k. USG Banquet will be April 21st at 7 in the Cartoon Room

i. It's a fun end-of-the year celebration; food; superlative; other festivities

l. Make sure you fill out office/computer access; I will be cutting it off eventually; will want access; refill it out even if you already have access

m. Do not have to go through New Member Process because you are in GA

n. *A. Waidelich* - want to see all of you at Cabinet; last year only a few people went; want more GA updates within Cabinet so everyone is on the same page

i. *Weisman* - how long does it run?

1. *A. Waidelich* - first meeting is about 30 minutes; committee breakout is about 30 minutes to an hour

2. *Grossman* - next week will be about 1 ½ hour

V. Committee Reports

a. CFO/Deputy CFO will give update every week; DCFO will work closely with GA

b. Oversight/Steering will also be able to have reports when they want them

VI. Elections

a. Parliamentarian of the General Assembly

i. PASSES TO VOTE - 1 Abstention

ii. 1 nominations - Dan Marchese

b. Secretary of the General Assembly

i. PASSED TO NOMINATIONS -

1. Emily Quade

ii. MOTION TO APPROVE WITH
ACCLIMATION - PASSED



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- c. Deputy Director of the Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Tabled until next session
- d. Deputy Director of the Committee on Budget and Finance
 - i. Tabled until next session
- e. Deputy Director of the Committee on Student Life
 - i. Tabled until next session
- f. Deputy Director of the Committee on Health and Safety
 - i. Tabled until next session
- g. Deputy Director of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
 - i. Tabled until next session
- h. Deputy Director of the Committee on Sustainability and Environmental Affairs
 - i. Tabled until next session

VII. Oversight Committee

- a. *A. Waidelich*
- b. Due to abstaining rules, must table until next week
- c. Dan Marchese will oversee the committee if you are interested see Marchese after this meeting

VIII. Old Business

- a. *A. Waidelich*
 - i. No old business for this week as this is the first meeting of this assembly

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

- a. *A. Waidelich*
 - i. Please announce if you are planning a constituency event - must be announced each week
- b. *A. Grossman*
 - i. Fill out forms for business card/name tag form
- c. *A. Waidelich*
 - i. Budget for constituency events last year was \$150.00 - this year it will be \$250.00 per senator per constituency event



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- d. Whipple
 - i. Tri Delt “House of Pancakes” Wednesday
April 15th, 2015 all donations go to St. Jude Children’s Hospital

XI. Adjournment