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I. Opening

- i. Call to Order
- ii. Attendance
- iii. Swearing in of Alternates

II. Open Forum for Public

- i. No one from the public attended tonight's meeting to speak.

III. Updates

- i. **A. Waidelich:** There are no updates for this week.

IV. Executive Report

- i. **Grossman:**
 - a. Deputy director workshop will be held this Saturday from 9:00AM-12:30PM in the senate chamber
 - b. Office access application is going to be closed Friday – please get your names into me to get access to the office.

V. Committee Reports

- i. **A. Waidelich:** Allocations community did not meet this week.

VI. Old Business

- a) Deputy Director of the Committee on Outreach
 - i. *Hayley Bock nominated*
 - ii. *Emmy Wydman nominated*
 - iii. *Secret ballot vote*
 - iv. ***Emmy Wydman elected as the Deputy Director of the Committee on Outreach.***

- b) Deputy Director of the Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. *Sarah Souders nominated*
 - ii. *Brandon Weisman nominated*
 - iii. *Secret ballot vote*
 - iv. ***Sarah Souders elected as the Deputy Director of the Committee on Academic Affairs.***

- c) Deputy Director of the Committee on Government Relations
 - i. ***Brandon Weisman nominated and elected as the Deputy Director of the Committee on Government Relations.***



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- d) Deputy Director of the Committee of Student Affairs
 - i. ***Joe Warnimont nominated and elected as the Deputy Director of the Committee of Student Affairs.***
- e) Deputy Director of the Committee on Health and Safety
 - i. *Emily Martin nominated*
 - ii. *Braden Poe nominated*
 - iii. *Secret ballot vote*
 - iv. ***Braden Poe elected as the Deputy Director of the Committee on Health and Safety.***
- f) Deputy Director of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
 - i. *McKinzie Harper nominated*
 - ii. *Caroline Gonzalez nominated*
 - iii. *Andrew Jackson nominated*
 - iv. *Secret ballot vote*
 - v. ***Caroline Gonzalez elected as the Deputy Director of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.***
- g) Deputy Director of the Committee on Sustainability and Environmental Affairs
 - a. ***Varsha Challapally nominated and elected as the Deputy Director of the Committee on Sustainability and Environmental Affairs.***

VII. New Business

- i. **48-R-5 A Resolution to Support More Affordable and Transparent Meal Plan Options**
 - a. ***Marchese:*** This is about meal plans. The vote is coming up in June by the Board of Trustees. There is a large amount of people (2,400) who have signed an online petition against this meal plan proposal. This is time sensitive as this is the last time that we will meet before June.
 - b. **Motion to move to discussion on moving the legislation to the floor.**
 - c. **Motion to calling the questions.**
 - d. **Voting on moving 45-R-5 to the floor.**



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- e. **Gonzalez:** The new proposed meal plan is less flexible. I have seen a lot of students express concern about the meal plan being less flexible and less convenient for them. The fact that 2,400 students signed the petition, this is a big deal.
- f. **Marchese:** I have been staring at the proposed meal plan for three days. They have less value, and I feel that this is not fair for students.
- g. **Jackson:** This is important for this to be passed now.
- h. **C. Waidelich:** I don't think that requiring a certain number of traditions visits will increase the social aspects of the campus.
- i. **Belfiglio:** Dining services do not even like this proposed meal plan. It is a total loss for students.
- j. **Warnimont:** How do we know that it is only students signing the petition and not random web users?
- k. **Marchese:** This is something has been shared on multiple Ohio State Student websites. I can say with much confidence that the main majority of these signatures are of Ohio State Students.
- l. **A. Waidelich:** Resident Hall Advisory Panel approves of these meal plans.
- m. **Ferzacca:** Can someone explain to me what the debit system is before I support this resolution?
- n. **Gonzalez:** It works just like a debit card, it is very easy and flexible.
- o. **Luther:** I am wondering if voting no on the new meal plan will mean reverting back to the current meal plan, which I do not like.
- p. **Marchese:** We will most likely revert back to the block meal plan that is currently in place. Although I do not like blocks I think that blocks are better than this meal plan.
- q. **Ferzacca:** I am still confused about the debit card plan part of this resolution.
- r. **Marchese:** Instead of paying in 5 dollar increments, you could load your card up at the beginning of the year and charge throughout the semester. There will be predetermined amounts.
- s. **Dixon:** With the dining dollars you have to eat at traditions dining and you have your dining dollars if you want to pay extra for something, like a bottle of water.
- t. **Jackson:** I am responding to Senator Luther's question about dining dollars. More people understand how the block system works and this is a much easier plan than this proposed meal plan.



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- u. Motion to move into discussion.**
- v. Bock:** How does the traditions dining factor into the new debit system that we are going to support?
- w. Marchese:** We are just saying that we support this, and that what they are proposing now is not a good idea and students do not support it.
- x. Belfiglio:** The debit system is the ideal meal plan. If you load your debit meal card with \$2,000 you can spend that in any increment you want on anything you want. Several universities have this plan already.
- y. Reed:** One of the things I noticed is that this new meal plan will create a lot of new food waste. If you look at traditions dining, they are throwing away mass food once traditions is closing.
- z. Dixon:** I am in support of this resolution. I read over the given article. How are people supposed to understand this new meal plan? Blocks are hard enough to understand at first. I do not think that we should settle with something not as great because we are not content with what we have.
- aa. Arato:** I have spoken with dining and they told me that the debit meal system will not occur. Also the debit system should be more clearly explained throughout the resolution. Assuming that they will know what we are talking about is a bad idea.
- bb. Waidelich:** There was a consulting firm hired to look at the meal plans at OSU. This new meal plan originated from this. Leah Lacure and Erik Leidon passed this meal plan on to Board of Trustees with a list of concerns about the difficulties with this proposed meal plan. The new meal plan was put in front of the Board of Trustees where it was tabled.
- cc. Poe:** I would advise that we remove the debit system from this resolution. I think that this resolution should just reject the proposed meal plan. I propose an amendment to remove lines 31-32, 52-54.
 - i. Waidelich:** We are now going into questions for Senator Poe for his amendment.
 - ii. Motion to move to discussion.**
 - iii. Belfiglio:** If I may suggest, let us limit discussion and get back to the vote on the main resolution.
 - iv. Motion to call the question.**



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- v. **Gonzalez:** By supporting the debit system we are supporting a system that is transparent and flexible for students. I think that by listing other universities that have the debit system it will allow the Board to look into other universities to look into their meal plans.
- vi. **Marchese:** There are better options to what we are putting forward. I am voting no to this amendment, but I wouldn't be opposed to something saying we want something better than blocks for a meal plan.
- vii. **The amendment was passed.**
- dd. **A. Waidelich:** We are moving back into discussion on the main resolution.
- ee. **C. Waidelich:** I personally traveled to Purdue where they have a meal plan like this proposed meal plan. I spoke to the students there and heard many complaints about the meal plan and many students said they would prefer blocks.
- ff. **Motion to call the question.**
- gg. **Poe:** I support the future dining reform. I hope next year we can tackle two things at once.
- hh. **Luther:** I do not have a strong stance on this because I haven't had time to look over it thoroughly. We want the most flexibility even though we amended this, a debit system would be the favorable. I think that not having to spend units of money, in \$5, is a step in the right direction.
- ii. **Marchese:** This new plan actually keeps the \$5 unit system of money and makes it worse. It will work against us by palatalizing us. Let's say this turns into a big deal and a big negative outcome occurs. I think that this is the best time to pass this resolution so that the student body can see that we were not in favor of the new meal plan, so if the new meal plan passes through the Board of Trustees we at least have that.
- jj. **Belfiglio:** This plan is SO much worse and I think that it is important that we make a strong stance now and try to stop this.
- kk. **Sing:** This is definitely a bad deal for students. I think we should speak out for the student body now and pass this resolution.



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- ll. **Drenkhan:** I am in support in adding something in this resolution to say that we would like to keep the block system for next year and add some teeth to the resolution.
- mm. **Ferzacca:** I have written a friendly amendment. I think that by adding back in that we do want the block system for next year, there will be no surprises. I think that this friendly amendment it will add more teeth.
- nn. **A. Waidelich:** That would technically just be an amendment.
- i. **Motion to move to discussion on the amendment.**
 - ii. **Motion to call the question.**
 - iii. **Arato:** I am just imagining the field day the Lantern will have with us saying that we support blocks, when we moved to change the block plan.
 - iv. **A. Waidelich:** This will become public legislation. This piece of legislation will be since by the highest officials of the university so be careful about the wording of this. The amendment fails. We will now go back to discussion of the legislation.
- oo. **A. Waidelich:** There is a motion to remove the cap from the speakers list with unanimous consent. Are there any objections?
- pp. **Speakers list is now open.**
- qq. **Marchese:** Motion to tabling this resolution to the end of the night.
- rr. **Motion to call the question.**
- ss. **48-R-5 Tabled**
- ii. **48-R-6**
- a. **Warnimont:** This resolution is 48-R-6. The necessity of this resolution is so that it can be worked on during the summer. This resolution is to establish a USG historian.
 - b. **Motion to move to discussion.**
 - c. **Ferzacca:** I do not think that there is a pressing need for this to be moved to the floor tonight.
 - d. **Motion to call the question.**
 - e. **Waidelich:** Does anyone want to be added to the speakers list?
 - f. **Reed:** Quickly, your position in USG does not matter, the students matter.



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- g. **Warnimont:** Although we are all tired, we need to address these issues so we can represent our constituents.
- h. **Marchese:** I do not think that this resolution is important enough to be brought to the floor tonight.
- i. Resolution was not brought to the floor.

iii. 48-R-7

- a. **Glass:** Motion to move 48-R-7 to the floor. This resolution encourages funding from USG, that is important before a budget is set and also underlines a coalition between regional campuses.
- b. **Michelson:** The resolution is meant to set ourselves up to network and relationships and this will take time, so we need to pass this before the summer.
- c. **Belfiglio:** I question the need for this bill to come to the floor tonight.
- d. **Vilagli:** There is currently no one representing the regional campuses.
- e. **Ferzacca:** I yield time to Jenna Gravalis.
 - i. **Gravalis:** Currently Senator Glass will get \$250 to reach out to regional campuses. If senator glass has a certain event that he wants to be funded we can work with him for that event to be funded.
- f. **Motion to call the question.**
- g. **Resolution 48-R-7 brought to the floor.**
- h. **Vilagli:** There are multiple avenues that regional campuses could get their funding from.
- i. **Marchese:** Are these positions referring to the positions made in the resolution?
- j. **Ferzacca:** What is the funding for?
- k. **Glass:** The funding will go to events for the regional campuses that would connect them.
- l. **Bock:** Why is the connectivity important?
- m. **Michelson:** The regional campuses are a gateway to higher education.
- n. **Arato:** Are we going to be advocating for funding, but not advocating for our own funding?
- o. **Motion for a one minute speaking limit.**
- p. **Marchese:** I think that this is a great idea. I am really excited to see the connections grow between our regional campuses.



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- q. **A. Waidelich:** The biggest thing about this resolution that the funding. I am hesitant on passing on this resolution.
- r. **Glass:** In response to the senators and the vice president I believe our language in funding is vague enough to allow the allocations community to decide where this funding can come from.
- s. **Belfiglio:** I move to amend the bill by striking the lineage on the back.
- t. **Motion to call the question.**
- u. **Glass:** I move to pass this resolution with unanimous consent
- v. **Role call vote.**
- w. **48-R-7 passed.**

iv. **48-R-5 A Resolution to Support More Affordable and Transparent Meal Plan Options.**

- a. **Motion to bring back 48-R-5 to the floor.**
- b. **Motion to move into discussion.**
- c. **Motion to call the question.**
- d. **48-R-5 brought to the floor.**
- e. **Vilagli:** I move to make an amendment to the resolution.
- f. **A. Waidelich:** Questions on this amendment?
- g. **Motion to move into discussion.**
- h. **Bock:** I think that this is a good amendment.
- i. **Motion to call the question.**
- j. **48-R-5 passed.**

VIII. **Announcements**

- i. No announcements.

IX. **Adjournment**