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## **I. Opening**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance
  - i. Tristin Wright.1785 for Jagoe
  - ii. Brian Griffiths.99 for Joe Warnimont
  - iii. Farhan Quadri.8 for Serfozo
- c. Swearing in of Alternates
- d. Approval of minutes.
  - i. Minutes APPROVED.

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

- a. No one from the public came to speak.

## **III. Updates**

- a. Constituency Reports DUE 9/21
  - i. *Danielle Di Scala*: I talked a little at the General Assembly workshop about the consistency reports. Each semester you are required by the bylaws to have a constituency event. There is a folder and template that I made for each of you in the Progress Reports folder and it tells you what you need to include in the constituency report. It includes meetings you've attended, things you've done, and how you've voted on resolutions, but I encourage you to do more before you turn them in. The first deadline is September 21 so this is your first announcement. I'll send follow-up emails about it as well. When you've completed it move it to the Completed Report folder and I'll upload them to the website. The file is located in the GA folder in the constituency reports. Thank you for coming out tonight. The event went well and we gave out 33 boxes of pizza. I want to gauge your opinion of holding them in the North Campus area. I will budget for that.
- b. Constituency Events
  - i. *Derek Whiddon*: Liz Fries and I are here to talk about constituency events that have to be held each semester. Liz will be your first point of contact. If you don't need funding the process will be easy. If you need to get funding you must



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request space by submitting a BEN request, and if it's inside a building that's not the Union you need approval from the building manager. You need to do that 6 weeks before your planned event. You also have to submit a marketing request. They are pretty simple with a quick turnaround. They need to be turned in five weeks before the event. In order to get funding you need to submit a USG Request for Payment form four weeks before your event. It asks how much you need and what the money is for. You have to turn in the Marketing form and Space Reservation form with the USG Request for Payment form to Renee. I will share you on the form so you can see when your deadlines are. If you miss them, it's not the end of the world but we want to make this as simple as possible for Renee. Most importantly, don't buy anything because it's harder to reimburse.

- ii. *Bidna*: What if an event is spontaneous, like grabbing a cup of coffee with a constituent?
- iii. *Di Scala*: That can't be reimbursed because the student fee is not a reimbursement situation. Chloe Kirby can send out the Google form and I'll ask and see if you can fill them out.
- iv. *Whiddon*: And that Google form is for requesting space in the Union. The BEN request form is at [ben.osu.edu](http://ben.osu.edu).
- v. *Liz Fries*: Look in the handbook for ideas. If you email me and say 'this is what I want to do', I can walk you through the steps and I can help you if you give us enough time. If you miss the deadlines we can say that we can't help you, but don't stress out.
- vi. *Di Scala*: We also have a list of organizations that Liz can give you information to advertise your event.
- vii. *Fries*: The liaisons can also outreach your events. Don't feel like you have to do everything yourself. I can talk to Zawwar and Leroy for advice. Ask me for any resources. There are many people in USG that can help.
- viii. *Lui*: Can events be held on holidays?
- ix. *Di Scala*: Yes. You have \$150 per semester. You can add the money together with your other senators or split it up. Most



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people don't use the full amount, but it's there. Technically the Meet and Greet counts as an event but you are all budgeted \$150 to hold an event before December 1. You already have money so you don't have to request more.

#### **IV. Executive Report**

- a. *Gerard Basalla*: We have a new member class. There are 108 new members, so it's very small. It was the largest application pool in recent memory and we're very excited about the new members. You guys are cool to them and you don't have to say you are a senator, but please talk to them. Don't feel weird walking up and introducing yourself. The new members are also going through a new member process. It is not like pledging. They are going through a passport process and shadowing cabinet committees. There is an opt in for the Interns Program. Interns used to be competitive and a lot of people would quit if they didn't get it. We don't want that. We are a more inclusive organization now and we want people to be involved with what they want. I yield my time to Senator Belfiglio.
- b. *Belfiglio*: Today I talked to Jack Miner, the Director of Operations for the University Registrar. Last year General Assembly passed a resolution that would make it so that students could see the syllabus before signing up for a class. This would also give students more time to find books. The website is [syllabus.osu.edu](http://syllabus.osu.edu) and it will go live for Spring 2017. It is an opt in program for professors, but we think many professors will participate in this.
- c. *Basalla*: Danielle and are looking at attacking specific things. I had four meetings today about textbooks. As we move forward, I will be highlighting issues in here to get as many policy points done as possible. That being said, I need resolutions so work within your issue committees so I don't have to go into meetings with nothing. We have a bunch of things in the pipeline and we're really excited on our end and to see what you've got.



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**V. Committee Reports**

- a. Allocations-*Derek Whiddon*
  - i. *Whiddon*: Allocations this week funded Students for South Asian service \$1,000.

**VI. Old Business**

- a. No old business.

**VII. Issue Committee Breakouts**

**VIII. New Business**

- a. No new business.

**IX. Announcements**

- a. *Bodey*: The Government Relations committee has been challenged by Michigan State University for a voter registration contest. If you come up with a name for this contest, you can message me or email me at bodey.15@osu.edu.
- b. *Buss*: Register to vote!
- c. *Kennedy*: We will bring forms to the next meeting.

**X. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned.