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# I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Attendance

# II. Updates

- a. Abby Waidelich
  - i. Tonight we will be swearing in Mary Honaker and Manasa Punugu for Commuter Senator. This is something that was updated last night.
  - ii. There are still Senate seats open for Off-Campus, Public Affairs, and Nursing. The applications are currently out!
  - iii. The elected senator for the Dentistry seat has rejected her confirmation. There will be an application for the Dentistry seat coming out.
  - iv. We have about 250 T-shirts to give out at the event tomorrow.

# III. Executive Report

- a. Abby Grossman
  - i. Tomorrow's It's On Us event is very important for USG, as we are one of the main partners in this event. Abby and Abby will be introducing the Vice President, and Dr. Drake, two survivors, and Josh Hutcherson will be speaking at the event. Please text, tweet, and Facebook all of your friends to come to the event tomorrow! Tickets are available for another four hours.

## IV. Opening (Continued)

- a. Swearing In of New Senators
  - i. Mary Honaker
  - ii. Manasa Punugu
- b. Swearing in of Alternates
- c. Approval of Minutes

## V. Open Forum for Public

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

# VI. Committee Reports



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- a. Allocations Jenna Gravalis
  - i. Allocations met this week and we gave out \$750.00 to Alpha Epsilon Pi for their event.
  - ii. The Social and Behavioral Sciences Senators had their constituency event this week. If you have any questions about your constituency events, feel free to email me and cc Danielle. We are happy to help!
- b. Oversight Daniel Marchese
  - i. We worked on two things at this week's meeting. We started the discussion of changing the bylaws to accommodate the new way that we interpret the CFO position. It is currently being drafted, and it will be going into committee in approximately two weeks.

#### VII. Old Business

#### VIII. New Business

- a. 48-R-8 A Resolution to Approve University Senate and University Senate Committee Appointments
  - i. *Abby Waidelich*: Sam Whipple is here today as our University Senate Liaison. Any questions can be directed to me.
  - ii. *Warnimont*: What was the application process like and how did you ensure that you got the highest quality candidates?
  - iii. *Abby Waidelich*: There were several essay questions, and candidates were asked about their passions and other involvements on campus.
  - iv. *Whipple*: We were interested in their past service in USG and in other student organizations on campus. Not being in USG was not a prohibitive factor, but we just wanted to make sure that each candidate had relevant experience working with student organizations on campus.
  - v. *Poe*: Just to clarify, you did check for previous involvement in other organizations outside of USG?



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- vi. *Abby Waidelich*: This is also an entry into the organization, into University Senate governance. What we were interested in was the combination of their passions and what they perceived as the largest problem within the committee of their choice.
- vii. *Whipple*: We wanted to make sure their interests and previous organizational involvements were aligned with their committee assignments.
- viii. *Abby Waidelich*: We made sure that their committees aligned with their other involvements and passions. Candidates who we thought would fit well with a committee that they didn't choose were notified and asked if they would like to be in that committee.
  - ix. Wydman: Clarification on the Google document.
  - x. Whipple: Issue clarified.
- xi. Motion to call the question.
- xii. Resolution 48-R-8 PASSED with 5 abstentions.

# b. 48-R-9 A Resolution to Approve Cole Ledford's Appointment to Council on Student Affairs

- i. Harper: Why didn't this pass in oversight?
- ii. *Marchese*: It was the opinion of the committee that we wanted to separate his appointment.
- iii. *Poe*: What made Cole stand out, because you said you looked into other involvements?
- iv. *Abby Waidelich*: Cole Ledford is a well-known figure on campus for many reasons. In his application, it was obvious that he has connections with many student organizations on campus, and bringing that to the council is what we saw as a strong application.
- v. *Marchese*: I'm going to motion to move into Executive Session with a few exceptions: the Judicial Panel, Sam Whipple, and Cole Ledford so he can answer questions.
- vi. *Glass*: Why would the Judicial Panel be present?



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- vii. Marchese: It would be nice to have some judicial oversight.
- viii. Entered into Executive Session.
- ix. Resolution 48-R-9 NOT PASSED 12-24 with 5 abstentions.
- x. Executive Session over.

# c. Move into Questions

- i. Chief Justice Taylor Marsilio: There are some small grammatical issues—mostly punctuation—as our newly formed Judicial Panel has found. They do not alter the meaning of the documents, but we would like to alter the document to the make the document grammatically more sound.
- ii. *Whipple*: If this is passed to the floor, will copies be distributed and will we be able to review them? Also, could Chief Justice Marsilio comment on the process that was used?
- iii. *Abby Waidelich*: Yes, and the second question can be asked when we move to the floor.
- iv. Motion to bring forth 48-R-XX A Resolution to Approve the Standing Rules of the Judicial Branch.
  - 1. PASSED with 1 abstention.

# d. 48-R-10 A Resolution to Approve the Standing Rules of the Judicial Branch

- i. Motion to move into discussion.
- ii. *Whipple*: I'd like to commend Chief Justice Marsilio and the entire Judicial Panel for updating the Judicial Panel bylaws so speedily.
- iii. Motion to call the question.
- iv. Friendly amendments to 48-R-10. 48-R-10 now referred to as A Resolution to Approve the Standing Rules of the Judicial Branch, rather than 48-R-10 A Resolution to Approve the Judicial Panel Standing Rules.
- v. Resolution 48-R-10 PASSED with 0 abstentions.
- e. 48-R-11 A Resolution to Approve the Election Bylaws
  - i. Motion to move into discussion.



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## ii. Motion to table the Resolution.

- 1. *Abby Waidelich*: I think we should go over this while Chief Justice Marsilio is here this week.
- 2. Marchese: I respectfully disagree.
- 3. *Belfiglio*: I think we can all read at home and do our due diligence at home.
- 4. *Dixon*: Will Taylor Marsilio be here next week if we decide to table it?
- 5. *Luther*: Do the bylaws apply retroactively? If we make changes next week, do they apply next week?
- 6. *Marchese*: These don't apply right now. They apply for USG Elections in the spring.
- 7. Harper: Second Dixon's question.
- 8. *Marsilio*: Yes, I will be here next week if you table this Resolution until next week.

### iii. Resolution 48-R-11 TABLED with 1 abstention.

### IX. Announcements

- a. *Chang*: Hey everyone! I'm part of this organization called Real Food OSU, and we're having an event called Real Food, Real Party that will be held in the Browning Amphitheatre next to Mirror Lake this SATURDAY from 7-10pm. I ask that if you're going to the game or if you're free on Saturday night, stop by for some free, fresh food and some local music! It'll be very fun and informative. That's all!
- b. *Hottinger*: Take the rest of the ice cream sandwiches.
- c. *Cole Ledford*: Thank you for giving me this opportunity. In the future, I ask that you please hold everyone to the same standard. As someone who stands up about mental health a lot, I feel that this was unfair to me, but I trust that you made the right decision for the student body.

## X. Adjournment