



Regular Meeting
 Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate
 Presiding Officer

October 17, 2001
 Corner Room
 Jen Bockmuller, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Jim Hintz at 7:18 p.m.
 The agenda was agreed to: I: Call to Order; II. Roll Call; III. Student Speakout; IV. One Minutes;
 V. Presentations: Mr. Andy Sinozich, "Residence Hall Challenge"; VI. Adoption of Minutes; VII.
 Additions to the Agenda; VIII. Officers' Reports: A. President-Mr. Jim Hintz, B. Vice President-Ms.
 Mattie White, C. Treasurer-Ms. Holly Seckinger; IX. Executive Cabinet Reports: A. Chief of Staff-
 Mr. Kenneth Brown, B. Staff Not on the Agenda; X. Advisor's Report-Mr. Mike Sostarich; XI.
 Senators' Reports: A. Academic Affairs-Ms. Kristen Flanagan, B. Black Affairs-Mr. Jeevon Harris,
 C. City and County Legislative Affairs-Mr. Greg Hall, D. International Affairs-, E. GLBT Affairs-Mr.
 Scot Gerding; F. Minority Affairs-Mr. Shawn Temper; G. Off Campus Housing-Mr. Simon Welling;
 H. Residence Life-Ms. Christy Frank; I. State and Federal Legislative Affairs-Mr. Josh Wolf; J.
 Student Activities-Ms. Colleen Doughty; K. University Life-Ms. Jen Sanson; L. Women's Affairs-
 Pennilane Webb; XII. Committee Reports; XIII. Old Business; XIV. New Business; XV.
 Roundtable and Announcements; XVI. Roll Call; XVII. Adjournment

ROLL CALL

		Present	Absent	Proxy
EXECUTIVES				
President	Jim Hintz	X		
VP	Mattie White	X		
Treasurer	Holly Seckinger	X		
EXEC STAFF				
Chief of Staff	Ken Brown	X		
Parliamentarian	Matt Hunter	X		
COMMISSIONERS				
Academic Affairs	Kristen Flanagan	X		
Black Affairs	Jeevon Harris	X		
City & County	Greg Hall	X		
International Affairs	Carlos Recordon	X		
LGTB	Scot Gerding	X		
Minority Affairs	Shawn Temper		X	
OCH	Simon Welling	X		
Residence Life	Christy Frank	X		
State & Federal	Josh Wolf	X		
Student Affairs	Colleen Doughty			X
University Life	Jen Sanson	X		
Women's Affairs	Pennilane Webb	X		
SENATORS				
At-Large	Aaron Bayer	X		
At-Large	Micaela Fernandez	X		

At-Large	Kevin Rosenberg	X		
At-Large	James Joyce	X		
Arts & Sciences	Angelica Anatole	X		
Business	Michael D' Arienzo	X		
Communication	Kyle Stichtenoth	X		
Education	Kim Schroeder	X		
Engineering	Alicia Colvard	X		
Fine Arts	Tim Norris	X		
Health & Human	Debbi Parzinger		X	
Honors Tutorial	Katherine Smith			X
Osteopathic	Thomas Nguyen	X		
University	Frank Bishop			X
Greek Life	Adam Bodenmiller		X	
East Green	Mary McHenry	X		
East Green	Melissa Naroski	X		
South Green	Kelly Royer		X	
South Green	Gary Gross	X		
West Green	Sarah Weigel	X		
West Green	Julie Luther		X	
OCH	Jessica Lawrence	X		
OCH	Seth Grossman	X		
OCH	Brad Meyer	X		
OCH	Frank Gadd	X		

STUDENT SPEAKOUT

There were no students to speakout.

ONE MINUTES

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, asked if there were any one minutes.

Mr. Matt Hunter, Parliamentarian, said that Katherine Smith gave him extra executive evaluations if you don't have one and they need to be turned in by Friday.

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, commented that if you do not turn an evaluation in it is assumed that exec is doing a good job.

Ms. Amanda Cunningham, University Relations, said that OU proud shirts are on sale at College Gate this weekend and at the dean of student's office for \$12. Please buy one and wear it to the game this weekend.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, asked if there were any presentations. Mr. Josh Wolf, State and Federal Legislative Affairs Commissioner, was giving a presentation on "The Youth Vote Coalition".

Ms. Kara Bauman spoke about how this is the largest nonpartisan organization and is made up of 90 members. The purpose of the coalition is to educate young voters.

Mr. Josh Wolf informed us that the number of registered voters is higher than the number of voters that actually vote as showed in a study done in 1996. The coalition began in 1998 and has caused an 8% increase in voting because of personal phone calls to registered voters encouraging them to vote. OSU and Cleveland State support the coalition. The leader of the coalition, Ellen, is very willing to get involved and help us endorse it. We need to mobilize student voters to get out and vote.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, asks if there is a motion to adopt the minutes. There is a motion to adopt the minutes. There is a second to the motion. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, asks if there is anything to add to the agenda. There is a motion to add Resolution 0102-10 to the agenda. There is a second to the motion. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, introduced Wiona Porath, the GA for SAC. The retreat went well, and thank you to everyone that came. If you missed the retreat, it counts as a no show. Thanks to Mattie for a great job organizing it. He met with Chief Ramirez for lunch today to discuss the lighting and Halloween issues. The outcome was that they are trying to get reinforcements here for Halloween because of the high state of alert. There is a University Planning Action Committee meeting tomorrow, there is no money to pass around most likely but he and Holly will do their best to show the need that tuition must stay balanced. Please keep the office clean; we will start throwing stuff away. If you have not yet gotten your picture taken for the web page, please stay after the meeting to do so.

Ms. Mattie White, Vice President of Senate, said thank you for coming to the retreat. Those that were not there need to speak to her. She welcomed new members to Senate: Carlos Recordon-International Affairs, Brad Meyer-OCH, and Alicia Colvard- Engineering. Two students came to the office because they were interested in joining Senate and Nick is present at the meeting tonight so she welcomed him and thanked him for coming. She had the opportunity to meet with some minority students interested in OU; hopefully some of them will come here. She will not be here next week because she is taking BSCC to Howard University for a career fair, so have a great meeting. Lastly, applications for Student Government Conference are in the office and are due by Oct. 24th in her box.

Ms. Holly Seckinger, Treasurer of Senate, said to put reimbursement forms and receipts at the secretary desk or in her box. There was no revenue, \$1,445.52 was the expenditures, and the current balance is \$27,171.41

EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS

Mr. Ken Brown, Chief of Staff, informed everyone to keep doing their office hours and complete the sheets or email the hours to him. Please keep the office clean and be quiet when you are up in the office. The PR work needs to be done by the PR person unless told otherwise. Give them time to get the work done, at least 5 business days. The commission not out of the PR budget pays for all work, unless it is over \$100 and you are responsible for getting the money. Please give suggestions about other ways to do this by emailing Ken.

Ms. Amanda Cunningham, University Relations, she has no answers why people on committees have not been contacted yet. Let her know if you have or have not been contacted after the meeting. Thank you for volunteering for being on the committees.

ADVISOR REPORT

Mr. Mike Sostarich, Advisor, said that he is paying attention to the state budget and the cut is not good. Homecoming is next week and there are many activities to participate in. The Halloween information will be going out next week. There are still George Clinton tickets available for Saturday's concert.

SENATORS' REPORTS

Ms. Kristen Flanagan, Academic Affairs, is doing research on academic advising. Kyle is working with the T-Com people to upgrade computers.

Mr. Jeevon Harris, Black Affairs, met with Eric Perry to discuss the survey he developed. He will also be at Howard University and is unable to attend the meeting next week.

Mr. Greg Hall, City and County Affairs, was doing research the past few days on the fence issue for Halloween. He has a time conflict with the city council endorsements, so a committee has been appointed and talk to him if you are interested in being a part of it.

Mr. Carlos Recordon, International Affairs, said hello to everyone.

Mr. Scot Gerding, LGBT Affairs, checked in to see how folks felt about the OUTWeek this year and the general consensus was that it went well. He has begun delegating the need for help on certain projects and he has several people coming into the senate office this week to help. So far he has contacted 5 people to speak for Pride Week and has heard back from 3. He also went over the cost and plans to contact UPC and student activities for financial help. The surveys on interest for a LGBT studies program have come back and he will be pulling research together

soon. He will be working with LGBT programs office in coming weeks to start discussion about increasing there office hours. There has been talk about a "Free Your Mind Forum", similar to last year's that they will be doing with Black Affairs, Women's Affairs, and Minority Affairs. He is planning for teambuilding project for winter quarter. Planning to discuss the research and defense of the Marriage Act (Senate Bill 234) this week.

Mr. Shawn Temper, Minority Affairs, was not present at the meeting and had no report.

Mr. Simon Welling, OCH, met with Dave Baer at CSA last week to discuss a lot of different plans they have for the commission. On Friday we are going to meet with the Dean of Students, Terry Hogan, to discuss the possibility of creating an office of OCH within the university to help students make the transition from the dorms to off-campus housing. We are also planning to create a contest to pick the best and worst houses on campus; more details about this will come at a later date.

Ms. Christy Frank, Residence Life, informed us that Stacey Oliver will be taking over her position in the winter after she graduates. Thank you to everyone who participated during the lighting walk. We are in the process of gathering together the information and making a list. When it is complete we will be meeting with OUPD to go over the results. The results will also be shared with senate. We sent out surveys this week to other schools to find out about their meal plans so we can use this information to improve our current process. This project is coming along very well and we hope to be finished with the research aspect of the project by the end of the quarter. We are meeting with Greg Hopkins next Monday to discuss Food Services. If anyone has any suggestions for the dining hall they would like us to bring up, please email Christy. Don't forget about the Halloween Meeting on Oct. 29th in Morton 235 from 7-9pm. Kelly Royer has been appointed to a staff position, so she is no longer the South Green Senator. We have had several applications come in, and hopefully we will have someone by next week.

Mr. Josh Wolf, State and Federal Affairs, said that this week we began our intense research of Affirmative Actions in Higher Education. By next week or the following week we will present to the senate an intense report of our findings. Josh may be attending the Rally in Cincinnati, which is not supported by the commission or student senate, on Tuesday. If you are interested in going please let him know. This week we also began to understand the Freedom Support Act of 1992 and its affect on Armenia and the U.S. based on the terrorist attack of September 11th. Although somewhat an international affairs concern, my commission has taken on this task. As for Student Trustees update, the letters have been sent out, we are planning to phone the representatives to check on progress the beginning of next week, followed by a visit to the hill some time in early November. We are receiving encouragement from the OU administration on this matter also. As you may know or not know, Governor Taft this week recommended a 6% decrease in all state agencies, which means a decrease of 6.4 million dollars at OU. We are on top of this. We are calling state representatives and senators to locate information; we have been in contact with the Governor's office voicing our concerns, the board of regents to locate information and with numerous state agencies to determine a proper plan of action. More information to follow this week. Recently you may have received an email from Shawn, Minority Affairs Commissioner. HB 234 is against same-sex marriages in Ohio. We are looking into this legislation and will report our findings next week. Shawn and Scot please contact Josh about the issue. We are ready to take HB 378, harsher punishment for failure to disperse. Expect an awesome resolution next week. Dan Schrickel is the intern for this commission. He is extremely hard working and talented! This week Josh asked him on Tuesday to create a complex flyer for the commission including articles about the state and federal commission from the past 2 years. He really did a great job. Please join the commission, we need members. Meetings are 9:00pm on Tuesday evenings in Baker 330.

Ms. Colleen Doughty, Student Activities, says to please be nice to SAC people. The applications for funding for next quarter will only receive emergency funding.

Ms. Jen Sanson, University Life, said that the lighting walk went well. Thanks to those who participated. We will be putting up table tennis next week to promote the use of bobcat cash at Peden Stadium. Matt Hunter will be meeting Baker Catering on Friday to discuss discounts for student organizations. Halloween information session will be on October 29th at 7pm in Morton 235. Everyone should see advertising for this starting next week. We will be having a meeting tomorrow at 5pm.

Ms. Pennilane Webb, Women's Affairs, said her commission met on Monday. There is a new intern Alicia who is not able to attend all meetings. They have discussed women's problems with Hudson. The surveys are out concerning problems. The student health insurance plan does not cover the pill. Susan Burgess has agreed to help with Hudson and insurance problems. No help is needed with the women's study program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, asked if there were any committee reports. There were no reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jim Hntz, President of Senate, asked if there was any old business. There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Sen. Res. 0102-8

Do not go gentle into that good night. Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING BRIGHTER LIGHTING IN OHIO UNIVERSITY PARKING GARAGES

1. *Whereas:* many Ohio University students have expressed concerns with poor lighting in the parking
2. garages, and
3. *Whereas:* Ohio University Student Senate has expressed these concerns to Facilities Management,
4. and
5. *Whereas:* the lighting has not changed during a two week monitoring period, and
6. *Whereas:* the decreased lighting level may conserve energy and therefore save Ohio University
7. money, and
8. *Whereas:* this diminished lighting level poses a safety hazard for all students and staff that utilize
9. the parking garages, therefore be it
10. *Resolved:* that Facilities Management increase the number of lights used as well as the brightness of
11. these lights during all times during the day and night, and further be it resolved
12. *Resolved:* that the lighting levels in the parking garages are bright enough for people to walk and
13. drive safely, and further be it
14. *Resolved:* that Ohio University makes student and staff safety a higher priority than cutting utility
15. costs by increasing the lighting levels in the parking garages, and further be it
16. *Resolved:* that copies of this resolution and a letter of explanation be sent to, but not limited to
17. Gary North, Vice President of Administration; Terry Conry, Director of Facilities
18. Management; Sherwood Wilson, Vice President of Auxiliary and Facilities Management;
19. Gene Mapes, Chair of Ecology and Energy Conservation Committee; Ted Fares,
20. Director of Engineering Services and Technical Support.

Sponsors: Ms. Christina Frank
Commissioner for Residence Life

Ms. Sarah Weigel
Senator for West Green

Ms. Julie Luther
Senator for West Green

Mr. Gary Gross
Senator for South Green

Ms. Melissa Naroski
Senator for East Green

Ms. Mary McHenry
Senator for East Green

Ms. Christy Frank, Residence Life Commissioner, says there is a problem with garage lights. They are not safe, and can cause car accidents or people getting attacked. There is no reason you shouldn't vote for it.

Ms. Sarah Weigel, West Green Senator, said that they have spent the past two weeks monitoring the situation. Seven out of the twenty-four lights are on and dim from 7am to 7pm. There are many shadows in the garage and it is very hard to see. This is an important issue to support. People pay \$100 a quarter to park in the garage and they deserve for them to be well lit.

Ms. Aimee Laschon, Intern Director, said that to be 100% safe in the garage, there needs to be an increase for adequate lighting and safety.

Mr. Garry Gross, South Green Senator, had nothing more to add. Driving in the dark is not safe and cutting cost is not worth student safety.

Ms. Melissa Naroski, East Green Senator, had nothing to add.

Ms. Mary McHenry, East Green Senator, had nothing to add.

There is a motion for unanimous consent. There is a second to that motion. The resolution passes with unanimous consent.

Sen. Res. 0102-09

"To make democracy work, we must be a notion of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain." - Louis L'Amour
A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE YOUTH VOTE COALITION

1. *Whereas:* Youth Vote is a national coalition which works to involve young people in the
2. political process, and
3. *Whereas:* their goals are to increase the political and civic participation of youth ages
4. 18-30, to build accountable, active and a responsive government, and to
5. foster greater awareness about the value of youth participating in democracy,
6. and
7. *Whereas:* Youth Vote helped to increase youth voting by 8% in the 2000 elections, and
8. *Whereas:* Youth Vote is the largest, most diverse, and non-partisan coalitions dedicated to
9. engaging youth between the ages of 18-30 to vote, therefore be it
10. *Resolved:* that The Ohio University Student Senate endorse the Youth Vote Coalition, and
11. be it
12. Resolved: that this resolution be sent to, but not limited to: President Glidden, Ohio
13. University, Ellen Montgomery, Ohio Youth Vote Organizer, OU College
14. Republicans, OU College Democrats, OU College Libertarians, The Athens
15. Women League of Voters.

Sponsors: Mr. Joshua Wolf
Senator for the State and Federal Legislative Affairs

Mr. Frank Bishop
Senator for the University College

Mr. Josh Wolf, State and Federal Legislative Affairs, addressed senators and executives that the state and federal legislative affairs commission is responsible to coordinate and collaborate with student and community organizations voter registration and voter mobilization campaigns. Voter registration is long passed numerous organizations and our own organization have done our part to register students. Now it is time to do our part for voter mobilization. The Youth Vote Coalition is a strong organization, with non-partisan support across the nation. Their goal is to register a student to vote and mobilize students to vote that is all. There is not playing of party politics, no leaning left or right, or any sort of bias. We have researched this organization thoroughly, studies have shown that they have been successful in youth turnout and registration, and are also willing to visit Ohio University and organize mobilization with the student senate. There isn't one reason that this resolution should be opposed, unanimously unite senators.

Mr. Frank Bishop, University Senator, says that the Youth Vote Coalition is a special organization. It is in our best interest to participate. We need a campaign to support it, please support it.

There is a motion for unanimous consent.

There is a second to this motion.

The resolution passes with unanimous consent.

Don't Fence Me In

A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE CITY OF ATHENS TO PURSUE ALTERNATIVES FOR HALLOWEEN SAFETY

1. *Whereas:* The Athens Mayor, Ric Abel, and the Athens City Councilman, Dale Tampke have
2. proposed new legislation encouraging the City of Athens to build a construction
3. fence around the perimeter of Court St. for the Halloween festivities, and
4. *Whereas:* The Ohio University Student Senate feels this would be ineffective, and might actually
5. impede the safety and welfare of those attending the Halloween festivities in the
6. unfortunate event of a mass evacuation, and
7. *Whereas:* the fence will cost approximately \$7,500, \$2,000 of which is solely advertising, therefore
8. be it
9. *Resolved:* that we the Ohio University Student Senate recognize the good intentions of this
10. proposal, but respectfully encourage the City of Athens to pursue alternative
11. means to promote Halloween safety, and further be it
12. *Resolved:* that this opinion be expressed during a special session of the Athens City Council next
13. Monday, October 22nd, and copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to all
14. members of the Athens City Council, the Mayor, Ric Abel, and Athens Police Chief
15. Richard Mayor

Sponsors: Mr. Greg Hall
Senator for City and County Legislative Affairs

Mr. Joshua Lee Wolf
Senator for State and Federal Legislative Affairs

Mr. Greg Hall, City and Council Affairs, tells us that this resolution is not an attack on the city's choice and he respects their opinion to protect us. The city is planning on putting up a three-foot high fence with eight checkpoints to enter and exit Court St. There will be gaps in driveways and alleys. There is not enough manpower to cover the checkpoint areas. The money should be spent in other ways. The fence may impede the ability to get out if an emergency were to occur. The purpose of the fence is to keep out glass and smoke bombs. There will be people bypassing the checkpoints because they are coming out of apartments. It is possible is that the fence may not stop problems but rather add more problems. Law enforcement officials will not man the checkpoints. He does not see the benefit of the fence.

Mr. Josh Wolf, State and Federal Legislative Affairs, said that by putting up the fence, Athens is trying to keep us safe but it won't. What is safe about it? It violates our rights. He supports Greg Hall in all his ambition and hard work these past few days for this resolution. In these times of uncertainty and question, the city of Athens is attempting to make Athens safe. Unfortunately, safety cannot be achieved by spending a large sum of money on a project fence that will not do anything but cause student problems. He asks, "What is safe about enclosed spaces?" "What is safe about unfair search and seizure?", and "Why not spend the funds for the fence on more police, better trained police or better advertising of being responsible on Halloween?". If there is trouble within the fence students will be unable to reach safety and a fallen fence will cause a huge safety hazard. Student's rights may be violated if unfair search and seizure occurs. With more police on the streets and smarter students we can enjoy Halloween just like we did last year, where no fence was needed. These times are uncertain, but irrational fencing in of students like a wild herd of cattle is no way to treat civilized human beings. There is a motion for unanimous consent. There is a second to this motion. The resolution passes with unanimous consent.

ROUNDTABLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Thomas Nguyen, Osteopathic Senator, said that it costs five cents to print on the laser printer at the osteopathic medical library. Let him know of any other printers that charge you to print on them.

Mr. Jeevon Harris, Black Affairs, told us that there will be a Multicultural presentation on Thursday at 10:30 pm in the Music Auditorium of the Music Building.

Mr. Kyle Stichtenoth, Communication Senator, says to buy OU proud shirts and wear them to the game. Be loud to make Miami mad.

Ms. Penilane Webb, Women's Affairs, tonight is the last night for the feminist film festival. Come watch and discuss feminism in James Bond Goldfinger tonight.

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, reminds everyone to go to the game and have a lot of fun. Remember to get your picture taken after the meeting if you have not already done so.

ADJOURNMENT

There is a motion for adjournment.

This motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:02 p.m.