



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

October 17, 2001  
 Corner Room  
 Abby Doran, 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:; 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-Mr. Carlos Recordon, 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
<b>EXECUTIVES</b>				
President	Jim Hintz	X		
VP	Mattie White			X
Treasurer	Holly Seckinger	X		
<b>EXEC STAFF</b>				
Chief of Staff	Ken Brown	X		
Parliamentarian	Matt Hunter	X		
<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>				
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		
<b>SENATORS</b>				
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.  
There were none.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, asked if there were any presentations.  
There were none.

### **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 none.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, first wanted to congratulate Greg Hall on all of his work with Athens City Council regarding the proposed fence around Court Street for the Halloween festivities. Mr. Hintz would also like to congratulate Colleen Doughty for doing a great job with the SAC interviews.

Mr. Hintz wanted to let everyone know the city of Athens and Ohio University will be joining together to write and distribute a pamphlet on safety for the upcoming holiday weekend. Mr. Hintz encourages everyone to come to the "Yell Like Hell" pep rally tomorrow, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. This weekend the Bobcats will be playing Kent State University and there will be an additional student section, so please come out and support your team.

The Provost will be coming out with a letter addressing plagerism that will be distributed to first year students.

Amanda Cunningham, Ken Brown and myself [Jim Hintz] will be meeting with Dr. Glidden about the student center soon. Also, I, along with Amy Owens will be meeting with Dr. Glidden about the budget scenerio for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Mattie White, Vice President of Senate, had no report.

Ms. Holly Seckinger, Treasurer of Senate, said that there were no revenues this week, \$6952.21 in expenditures and the balance is \$21664.72.

### **EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS**

Mr. Ken Brown, Chief of Staff, reminded everyone to keep doing office hours. Also, he needs a list of everyone that will be in town this weekend for a possible emergency.

Ms. Amanda Cunningham, University Relations, introduced Mike Rose, the new university relations associate director. They will be working on a new project called "Hi, how are you." They will be needing volunteers to go to different offices on campus and see how people are being treated. It is just a short evaluation to fill out and when you return it to Amanda or Mike, they will score them. After this project is up and running they will publish the results in The Post. We are doing this project in order to recognize those offices that are doing well and those that need improvement.

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

Mr. Mike Sostarich, Advisor, had no report.

### **SENATORS' REPORTS**

Ms. Kristen Flanagan, Academic Affairs, attended the Graduate Student Senate meeting last Sunday. Anyone that is curious about the meeting should feel free to see me or email me.

Ms. Flanagan spoke with Dr. Bloemer, the Chair of Faculty Senate last week, and he is very positive about looking for new ways to improve academic advising. My committee will be meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Baker Center, room 302.

Mr. Jeevon Harris, Black Affairs, had no report.

Mr. Greg Hall, City and County Affairs, reported that Athens City Council decided against the fence for this weekend. But, there will be emergency strobe lights mounted on top of the Armory at the end of Court Street. Mr. Hall would like to thank Stacy Oliver for coming with him to the City Council meeting.

Mr. Hall is trying to schedule a senate meeting where the City Council candidates could come in and talk to the general body.

Mr. Carlos Recordon, International Affairs, said that he and the vice commissioner Nick Wright are developing a project that they would like to implement at the beginning of next quarter. The basic objectives of the project would be to provide support to international students and to promote diversity and understanding among the nations represented by the students of Ohio University. The first steps, which will be implemented this quarter will be to establish a link of communication between the senate, the international community and the different departments of the university related to international affairs.

Mr. Scot Gerding, LGBT Affairs, said that his commission has decided on a Pride Week theme. They will soon start planning for this event, which will take place April 7<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Gerding is wrapping up research on an LGBT Studies program. He has a meeting with Susan Burgess, coordinator for the Women's Studies program at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. They will discuss the possibility of branching this off of that certificate program.

Mr. Gerding met with Mickey Hart to get in-depth, first-hand information on increasing the hours for the LGBT Programs Office. They agreed that we need numbers of LGBT people and allies that we can take to administration. In the coming weeks, they will be working on ways to obtain those numbers in the best possible fashion. Also, they will be looking at other schools, such as Ohio State University, that have a full-time LGBT Programs Office.

The LGBT Commission received and distributed packets of information to Black Affairs, Women's Affairs, and Minority Affairs on a program called "Boxes and Walls" for the Free Your Mind Forum of Winter Quarter. This program may be used as an alternative to the roundtable discussions of the past because it puts students in the shoes of minority groups and could lead to better dialogue on such issues.

Mr. Gerding stated that they will attempt to get either Leslie Fienberg, a lesbian/transgender activist and author, or Michelangelo Signorile, a very public gay male activist,

to come and speak for Pride Week. We will be writing letters to UPC, the Department of Residence Life and other organizations in the next week to ask for their support in bringing one of these speakers to Ohio University.

Mr. Shawn Temper, Minority Affairs, said that he is currently working on knowing the needs of regional campus students.

Mr. Simon Welling, OCH, met with Terry Hogan, Dean of Students. They discussed the possibility of the university creating an office of Off-Campus Housing and it seems that the university is behind the idea. A committee is being formed by Merle Graybell to develop this office. The OCH commission is working on the "Worst and Best" House Contest for next quarter. Also, the OCH commission plans on lobbying the new city council in order to gain support for raising the penalties for housing code violations.

Ms. Christy Frank, Residence Life, said that she received an email today from Terry Conry from OU Facilities Management. He received a copy of Senate Resolution 0102-28, the garage lighting resolution passed by Student Senate last week. He informed me that the lights have been turned back on. He also said that any further energy saving plans related to lighting would be run by our commission before implementation. Great job to the commission and thank you to everyone for supporting this resolution. Student Senate can get results!

Ms. Frank stated that they have nearly completed compiling the results of the lighting walk. We will be setting up a meeting with campus safety to review them.

The Residence Life commission met with Greg Hopkins, Director of Food Service, for two and a half hours to discuss the dining halls. The meeting went very well. The discussion focused on a wide variety of issues including the lack of quality vegetarian selections. He wants to focus his resources in two dining halls to improve the selection. However, this would eliminate vegetarian selections at all other dining halls. Please respond to the email that I sent out on the list serve the other day if you have an opinion on this.

The Halloween Information Meeting is on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. in Morton 237.

Mr. Josh Wolf, State and Federal Affairs, said that Kara Bauman is working on domestic partner benefits, which correlates very closely with House Bill 234, which is up for consideration in a resolution tonight.

The entire commission is researching the horrible budget situation in Ohio, looking into Bio-Medical research fund (from the tobacco settlement), proposed by Senator Fingerhut and Herrington, scholarship funds, capital planning, and why the finance and finance appropriations committee aren't meeting. Colin Caywood has been relentlessly calling state government officials and we are gaining knowledge, understanding and many new friends through this process.

The commission is also still researching Affirmative Action Policy and are planning on a lengthy discussion next meeting.

Mr. Wolf would like to congratulate Pam for helping to kill HB 378. Although it is not officially dead, my sources say that it has very little chance of making it through next week's committee meeting.

Mr. Wolf also said that they are still working on getting legislative speakers for a senate meeting.

Mr. Wolf then asked if everyone had seen the State and Legislative Affairs Commission signs. He said that they are being hung all across campus to promote the commission.

Ms. Colleen Doughty, Student Activities, said that last Wednesday was the last day for interviews. Everything went well. We got some great ideas from the interviews on how to change the process to make it better. We are going to set up a meeting with all treasurers of student organizations after officer transitions. This meeting will be conducted by some members of SAC, Lynn from Chubb Hall, and an administrator from Office of Student Activities. During this meeting we will teach all treasurers to write outflows and inflows from SAC funding in a uniform way. This will make the audit much easier because we can see if they spent the money, misused the money, or didn't use any of the money SAC funded them. Overall the audits went well and we did take money back from some organizations. The FAC committee did a GREAT JOB asking questions and getting information about the organization's programs. During the interviews they used the first ever evaluation form for each organization. After the interviews were done for the week the FAC committee has made some great suggestions concerning how to improve the evaluation form for the next funding process. As far as totals of money, Rachel (FAC chair) came

up with some rough numbers. She presented this to the FAC committee last week and made a few changes. This coming Friday we will be presenting our recommendations to the SAC general body. They will have a week to look for any problems or questions then the general body will vote on the recommendations on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Now that the interviews are over, the COC committee knows the organizations that need help concerning funding and planning events. Emily, the COC chair, has the names and phone numbers and she will be contacting these organizations to set up meetings to help the officers understand programming and how SAC can help them. The COC committee is also in the process of forming their evaluation sheet for organizations to fill out after their program goes on. This will help SAC keep record of each program we give money to and how well it went. I would like to thank everyone that was at interviews. Rachel was there every day and did a great job! The FAC committee, the auditors, and the advisors did wonderful. I hope next quarter will be just as good if not better.

Ms. Jen Sanson, University Life, had no report.

Ms. Pennilane Webb, Women's Affairs, said that she is conducting a survey on the Sex 101 class that is required to get birth control at Hudson.

Ms. Webb said that her commission is working on getting speakers for TBTN. They would like to see more people get involved and help because TBTN is a big project.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, asked if there were any committee reports. Mr. Josh Wolf, chair of Budget Committee stated that the Budget Committee did not vote on anything because they did not meet quorum.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Jim Hintz, President of Senate, asked if there was any new business.

Sen Res. 0102-11

### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS AND IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 234**

*Whereas:* The 124th Ohio General Assembly has introduced House Bill 234, commonly known as "The Defense of Marriage Act," and

*Whereas:* This amendment to Section 3101.01 of the Ohio Revised Code seeks to limit the definition of marriage in the State of Ohio to that between opposite sex partners, and

*Whereas:* It will treat legal same-sex marriages of other states, countries, and jurisdictions outside of the state of Ohio as having no legal force or effect in this state, and

*Whereas:* These limitations restrict lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, here after referred to as LGBT, couples, non-married heterosexual couples, and their families to second-class citizens, thereby giving legal standing only to the marriage of heterosexual persons, and

*Whereas:* This bill would limit LGBT and non-married heterosexual couples the means to provide for and protect their families, and

*Whereas:* Students at Ohio University do not receive domestic partner benefits and be it

*Resolved:* That the Ohio University Student Senate support domestic partner benefits, and

*Resolved:* that the Ohio University's Student Senate finds H.B. 234 as being non-representative of today's vast array of family situations, and be it

*Resolved:* that the Ohio University Student Senate opposes H.B. 234, as being discriminatory against LGBT couples that wish to be married and heterosexual couples that wish to not marry, and be it

*Resolved:* that the Ohio University Student Senate further opposes any legislation that discriminates against people based upon their sexual orientation, and be it

*Resolved:* that a copy of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to: Robert Glidden, Ohio University President, Robert Taft, Ohio Governor, Stonewall Columbus, On Campus Organizations; Open Doors, one., Feminist Coalition, Globe, Ohio State Representatives Larry Householder, Willamowski, Seitz, Core, Grendell,

Latta, Manning, Womer-Benjamin, Sulzer, Ford, Jerse, Jones, Ohio State Senators Jacobson, Blessing, Amstutz, Austria, Hottinger, Goodman, Espy, Fingerhut, Brady, Student Governments University of Akron, Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, Central State University, Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio State University, Shawnee State University, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Wright State University, and the University Presidents of these respected institutions of higher education.

Sponsors: Mr. Scot Gerding, *Senator for LGBT Affairs*  
Mr. Joshua Lee Wolf, *Senator for the State and Federal Legislative Affairs*  
Ms. Pennilane Webb, *Senator for Women's Affairs*

There is a motion to suspend reading. The motion passes.

Mr. Scot Gerding, Senator for LGBT Affairs, stated that House Bill 234 seeks to limit the definition of marriage to pertain only to heterosexual couples, thereby targeting the lifestyle of the LGBT community as being "against public policy." This bill would kill any future legislation in support of LGBT marriage rights and send the message to the many LGBT persons living in the state that this is not a safe and progressive place to live. In essence, this bill is flat out, state-sanctioned discrimination. As students and residents of Ohio, it would negatively influence the LGBT population of Ohio University by telling them that they cannot marry in a state that they call home. It would furthermore hinder the struggle for domestic partner benefits in and around the university. House Bill 234 will be several steps backward in the struggle for equality, which has never been an easy one. The LGBT community of Ohio University and the State of Ohio needs to know that they are supported in this effort. Please vote yes on this resolution.

Sen. Res. 0102-12

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF CURRENT FAILURE TO DISPERSE  
LAW

*Whereas:* Under existing law, a law enforcement officer generally may not arrest an offender for failure to disperse, a minor misdemeanor and

*Whereas:* Under existing law, a law enforcement officer instead must issue the offender a citation, unless certain circumstances apply, and

*Whereas:* H.B. 378 changes the violation from a minor misdemeanor to a 4th degree misdemeanor, and

*Whereas:* H.B. 378 demands the law enforcement officer arrest the citizen who violates failure to disperse law, regardless of the circumstance, therefore be it

*Resolved:* The Ohio University Student Senate support Section 2917.04 of the Revised Code of current Ohio Law and be it

*Resolved:* The Ohio University Student Senate strongly discourages expansion of Section 2917.04 of the Revised Code and be it

*Resolved:* The Ohio University Student Senate strongly opposes H.B. 378, and be it

*Resolved:* This resolution be sent to, but not limited to: Robert Glidden, President Ohio University, The Ohio House of Representatives, Student Governments University of Akron, Bowling Green, State University, Cleveland State University, Central State University, Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio State University, Shawnee State, University, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Wright State University, Robert Taft, Ohio Governor, Senator Finan, Speaker Ohio Senate, ACLU, AFL-CIO, UAW and the FOP.

Sponsors: Mr. Joshua Lee Wolf, *Senator for State and Federal Legislative Affairs*  
Mr. Greg Hall, *Senator for City and County Affairs*

**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.