A Resolution to Ensure Transparency and Accountability Through Public Disclosure of USG Records

Nick Benson (for himself, Ciara Ahern, AJ Babcock, Stacie Baker, Alok Bhatt, Igor Brin, Jim Cropcho, Laura Denning, Liz Evangelista, Andria Fuquen, Ajmeri Hoque, Brennan Howell, Meghan Innes, Larry King, Dan Klempay, Tim Krock, Ben Leland, Matt Luby, Nick Marconi, Nicole McCrone, Michelle Pineiro, Brad Reed, Stephanie Seger, Pat Sprinkle, Pete Steele, Steve Miller, Charlene Chi, Matt Dodovich and Elaine Yeh) introduced the following resolution; which was passed by the Committee on Policy & Governance.

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Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students, and

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government is the elected governing body of the undergraduate population at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government operates, in part, on funds derived from student monies, and

Whereas, undergraduate students have a right to have easy access to public information regarding their student government and all activities therein,

Therefore Let it Be Resolved, that the Undergraduate Student Government shall publicly disclose all of the following information on USG’s official website:

   a. All legislation introduced in the Senate
   b. Minutes from all USG Senate meetings
   c. Minutes from all USG Senate committee meetings
   d. Reports from all USG Senate committees
   e. Voting records for all Senators on all votes
   f. Attendance records for all Senate meetings
   g. All constituency reports from individual Senators
   h. Minutes from all USG executive cabinet meetings
   i. Reports from all USG executive cabinet committee meetings
   j. All budgetary information, including the approved general budget, and all specific budgets for each line item including every expenditure under each line-item section.
   k. Periodic Executive reports from the President and Vice President.
   l. Decisions of the USG Judicial Panel.

Let it Further Be Resolved, that all of the aforementioned information and records must be kept and produced by the respective involved parties, and
Let it Further Be Resolved, that the responsibility of posting all information and executing the will of this legislation shall be in the hands of the executive branch, who are advised to work on this with the USG Office Manager, and are subject to the oversight of the Senate, and

Let it Further Be Resolved, that the Speaker of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate shall produce all necessary Senate-wide information and request all information from individual Senate committees, and

Let it Further Be Resolved, that gross negligence of any committee chair, cabinet director, treasurer, Secretary of the Senate or other involved party to keep such records and produce them for publication shall be subject to punishment outlined in Article I, Section C, Subsections 1 and 2 in the Organizational By-Laws.

Floor Vote: Yea: 45   Nay: 0   Present: 0

Suzanne Scharer
President

Nick Benson
Speaker of the Senate