SECRETARY’S REPORT NO. 3
May 25, 2005
REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE USG SENATE

The Student Senate met in Regular Session on May 25, 2005 at 6:30 in the Ohio Union, Grey Suite K. Speaker of the Senate Nick Benson presided.

Present: 39 Absent: 3  Alternates: 5

6:34, SWEARING IN OF NEW ALTERNATES, Mr. Benson

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES IS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6:34, OPEN FORUM FOR THE PUBLIC
-Ms. Singla-Makes a motion to suspend the rules for consideration in public forum of 38-R-19 so that speakers may have more than five minutes to speak. Speakers from the public include Mr. Matt Monta, Mr. Isaac Wu, and Ms. Kerry Hodak. Motion is seconded and is carried unanimously.

MR. MATTHEW MONTA: Mr. Monta passes around copies of the summary report for “The Underground” that they presented to CSA on May 2, 2005. Who knows what “The Underground” is? Who listens to it? Matt is the Business Manager of “The Underground.” It is not a regular student organization. Students can take a test to become a DJ. Their budget has consistently been cut by CSA for the last three years. They provide all sorts of shows. In the last few years, they have tried to facilitate better programming. They also do a mentorship program with students from Columbus City Schools. They really do give back to the community through education of students. Their programming also does fall within FCC guidelines.

-Three years ago, they had $45,000. Then, they went down to $33,000 and last year they only received $25,000. This year, they were able to operate upon only $20,000. It is tough for them to attain revenue because they don’t have a frequency. They broadcast
right now online and on a frequency on the dorms. So it is very hard for them to have advertising space. The money that they have right now is only sufficient to keep them running and operating. They have limited capabilities for marketing. What they need is help from us. On May 2, they gave a report to CSA. Two years ago, CSA decided that “The Underground” would have a two-year exemption for them to become financially self-sufficient. “The Underground” is in dire straights. No academic department wants to pick them up because they have no frequency and they are unable to receive advertising. In 2006, their funding from CSA ends. CSA recommended that USG earmark $20,000 out of our $200,000 budget for “The Underground.” USG would give up $20,000 to CSA, who would then give it to “The Underground.” USG would not have to do any oversight; that would be handled by CSA. CSA would be doing the work and the USG would get the credit. In the current plans for the new Ohio Union, space for “The Underground” was not made. If USG supported them, however, then they would have promised space in the new Ohio Union. If they are not in the Union, they’d have to be in the Drake and their membership and respect on campus will decline. They’d have no home. CSA’s proposal is the way for it to go.

-In regards to 38-R-19, “The Underground” does not support this plan. The plan stalls a wonderful CSA proposal. If we vote for 38-R-19, then we’re voting against student media. This is our chance to really help students and to keep student media alive. President Scharer probably has another resolution to support the CSA resolution. Please support that resolution.

QUESTIONS

-Mr. Brin-If USG were to support you with the money, would you be willing to defer some of those costs by offering free advertising to any student programming? ANSWER: They’re willing to help USG with outreach and to help broadcast meetings and debates. It would not be a soapbox for student government however. They tend to not editorialize.

KERRY HODAK: The idea was that the $20,000 was to underwrite the programming but not to advertise. What would happen would be that “The Underground” would broadcast USG events. If they were to raise ad revenue, it would not go back to USG but it would go back to “The Underground” for the future and it would enhance our investment in them.

-Mr. Wireko-How many students are tuning in? ANSWER: They can only see the number of hits that they receive on their website. There are many others that probably listen from the dorms. Consistently, they’ve had 100 people involved with “The Underground” for the past five years.

-Mr. Steele-How did you all deal with the cuts that you’ve been given by CSA in the last few years? ANSWER: There used to be stipends for the leader of the organization because of the amount of time necessary to run the station. Because of budget cuts, however, these stipends were cut. Furthermore, marketing and equipment expenses were also cut out.

-Mr. Luby-If BuckiTV is successful and they’re in the Drake, then why couldn’t “The Underground” be successful if it went to the Drake? ANSWER: They’re not successful because they’re in the Drake, it’s because they have a frequency.
MS. HODAK: There is actually not even enough space in the Drake Union for BuckiTV. They actually do not currently even have room for sound booths. There are no current plans to build a studio for BuckiTV or “The Underground” in the Drake Union.

-Mr. Brin-Is “The Underground” willing to succumb to stipulations with this money so that we know that we’re not funding a dying cause? Will you increase your outreach, etc.? ANSWER: Sure. As Business Manager, he’s focusing on creating a business plan that can be presented to us.

-Mr. Luby-Out of the 75 active members, how many members are in the office every week and have a show? ANSWER: There are about 20 shows right now. Oftentimes, a show will have more than one host. There are always people coming into the office. People even from the outside come in and pick up applications.

-Mr. Miller-The CSA proposal would fund “The Underground” for $20,000 from USG. For how many years would USG allot this money? ANSWER: KERRY HODAK: This is supposed to be an annual contribution and there will be 4-5 years to see what happens and then CSA will come back to renegotiate with USG.

-Mr. Bhatt-Would USG be the only source of funding and has it been in the past? ANSWER: Technically, USG would be the only source but there have been people from the community who have donated to them. They have generated some ad revenue but not enough to fund itself. Our contribution would be the majority of its operating expenses.

-Mr. Fogt-How much will CSA fund in the next year? ANSWER: If this is not approved, then they’ll receive $10,000 from CSA for the next year and that’s it. If it’s approved, then it will go directly into effect. The agreement would either include the $20,000 or go up to $20,000 with $10,000 from CSA.

MR. ISAAC WU: Isaac is the Chair of CSA Allocations. He has sat on CSA for a year and a quarter now. Who knows what CSA is and what it does? CSA is the governing body above USG, CGS, IPC, and all student organizations on campus. It’s their duty to see that every organization succeeds. In Allocations, they sat down and discussed the issue of “The Underground” and came to the conclusion that USG should fund it through an allocation. If we pass this, we could look upon “The Underground’s” future success and know that we did it. 38-R-19 would say that USG does not care about “The Underground.” We would be basically saying that the voice of the student body is not important. What is being proposed to the full council at their next meeting on Tuesday, May 31st is that if USG does not allocate $20,000 then “The Underground” will have a very slow and painful death.

QUESTIONS

-Mr. Klempay-Why is CSA cutting the funding? ANSWER: MS. HODAK: The cutting of the funding was not a CSA issue, it was a decision made by the Vice President of Student Affairs. CSA actually stepped in to make sure that their funding was not cut to zero. They came to a compromise of $25,000. When the Student Activity Fee was passed, this became the funding for student organizations. IN the deliberations for how this fund should be used, the debate
came around to the idea that all student organizations should be funded on the same level. The decision was made that student media groups were not different for them to receive a higher level of funding. They could receive more funding if they became associated with an academic department. A two-year term was given for “The Underground” to be financially independent.

-Mr. Benson-Why does CSA have a policy that treats student media groups in the same way as every other student organization when they are not the same? If you want us to support student media, then why is CSA not supporting it? ANSWER: MS. HODAK: CSA does support student media groups. If they have the resources to operate, then they can be supported by CSA. They have very specific guidelines that they must follow. There was a five-year agreement made between the three student government presidents on how student organizations should be funded. OUAB, for example, gets $1 million. After that, there is money for student governments. Then there are close to 800 student organizations that all could apply for funding. However, CSA would not be able to give money to all these 800 student organizations because they don’t have the resources to do that. They have to treat all organizations equitably.

-Mr. Fogt-Are you asking USG to be inequitable in how we fund? ANSWER:

MS. KERRY HODAK: ANSWER TO MR. FOGT: The input into how they decide to fund organizations is different than what they do. The thought was USG has a lot of money that they were not spending in a productive manner and we could use the money in a better way. Communication is very difficult on this campus. If USG was interested in underwriting “The Underground,” an organization that USG started in 1996, then it would be a good way for USG to reach the student body. We are in the business of funding programs and projects while CSA funds organizations. CSA does not do programs or projects.

-Mr. Luby-How many organizations competed for funds in the year before the Activity Fee and in the year after the Activity Fee? And how many members do these organizations have? ANSWER: She does not have the numbers of the years but organizations to be eligible for funding must have 15 members and 5 members for new groups. There is a tiered system. They ran out of all their money by last February. This will be an anomaly year because they’ll be able to fund every organization that meets CSA guidelines. By this time next year, there will be no unaccountable funds. All registered student organizations may compete for funding. MR. MATT COUCH: In the year before and after the Student Activity Fee, the number of organizations that registered increased by 100. Before they probably had around 650 groups and 500 asked for funding. Now it’s around 800 groups and probably 650 asked for funding.

-Mr. King-Next year, CSA will be funding “The Underground” for $10,000, correct? ANSWER: That is correct but it’ll take about $17,500 for a bare bones operation without any funds for emergency expenses. Additional funds would go to marketing and advertising. $20,000 would be a bare minimum for them to exist at an okay level. CSA would be asking USG to agree to $20,000, $30,000 overall or only $10,000 with CSA meeting USG halfway.
-Mr. King-What other student media groups had their funding cut? ANSWER: Makio didn’t need the funding because they were able to self-fund. BuckiTV received $35,000 but it’ll go to their academic department sponsor.

-Mr. Brin-You played a role in funding “The Underground” in the last few years. As a former funder of the program, would it be a wise decision for USG to fund it? ANSWER: Yes, it would address some concerns that are raised by Senators and students. Many of us ran on valuing student media and it would give us the ability to communicate in a better fashion with the student body. It would be a really good move on top of the fact that we would have no liability for the issue. CSA would take the liability for all issues that may come up. However, USG can take credit for “saving” “The Underground.”

-President Scharer-Why are we in such a time crunch? ANSWER: CSA’s last meeting is May 31st and they need to make a recommendation on how to move forward on this issue. Furthermore, “The Underground” is in a time crunch because the new Ohio Union is in the process of schematic design. Both media groups were supposed to be in the new Union but it was then taken out because it was going to be impossible for them to have it there. They were supposed to be shipped over to the academic departments but CSA knew that the academic departments would not support this. As the schematic design goes forward and concludes, there would be no way to put back student media space into the designs for the new Union once those designs are complete. If they cannot become self-supporting, then CSA cannot support them.

-Mr. Miller-This has been an issue for two years. Why are we getting this now when the deadline is so quick? ANSWER: This agreement was made two years ago by the members of USG who sat on the Ad-Hoc CSA committee that made the proposal two years ago. The idea of getting USG involved came up quite late. This issue has been on the table for the last two years. Whether our members of CSA have brought this back to us in the past few years or not is their fault and not CSA’s. This is not a new idea and has been talked about for three years.

-Mr. Benson-You believe as the Chair of CSA and reflecting the opinion of the members of CSA that “The Underground” should not be treated differently from all other student organizations on campus? ANSWER: Given the limited resources that CSA has and the vast variety of student organizations that OSU has, CSA has come to the decision that “The Underground” must be treated like everyone else?

-Mr. Marconi-Moves to end discussion and continue on with the agenda. Motion passes unanimously to continue on with the agenda.

7:37, EXECUTIVE REPORT
-Last night was the Academic Enrichment Grant Dinner. It celebrated 50 students who received grants for research and also the winners of the Denman Forum.

-We need to discuss cabinet selections and “The Underground.”

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS
-Last Friday, Policy & Governance met and edited 38-R-1 to reflect the differences between Mr. Benson and President Scharer. Resolution 38-R-7 passed and a
constitutional correction amendment passed unanimously. They also passed on Monday to discuss 38-R-14 and passed it unanimously. Concerning 38-R-15, they passed it on the floor but separated Sabrina Rosentraub, Kate Christobeck, and Ryan Fournier were tabled. Dave Knapp was passed and Cole Richter was not approved.

-Student Affairs met on Monday. They will reconvene in the fall. They came up with a lot of projects to work on.
-Academic Affairs passed the bylaws. Their Vice Chairs are Ms. McCrone and Mr. Pittman. Their Secretary will be Ms. Lockshin. They will look at majors and minors and the accessibility of study abroad programs.

CONSTITUENCY REPORTS

-Mr. Miller-Met with the Undergraduate Music Council to discuss a new Music Building. Further research found that a new music building was Number 2 on the Capital Projects List.

7: 43, OLD BUSINESS

38-R-1 A resolution to Ensure Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Accountability
MR. BENSON: Every concern that was raised last week was dealt with and President Scharer supports most of it.

DISCUSSION
- Mr. Wireko-Was this resolution talked over with Rashaun Geter, USG’s Office Manager? ANSWER: Yes. There is a new amendment that allows the Office Manager to subvert this resolution in emergency situations.
- Mr. Brin-Calls to question. Any objections?
- Ms. Wiseman-She’s really glad that this came to a compromise but still feels that we’re tightening our belt too much around Cabinet.

A ROLL CALL IS TAKEN AND 38-R-1 passes

7:49, 38-R-9, A Resolution to Approve the Final Nominee to the Independent Officer Selection Committee
PRESIDENT SCHARER: Danielle Karpus completes the trio as she was a cabinet member for the past four years. She is graduating and is able to give her input.
- Mr. King-Motions for unanimous consent and it is passed!

7:51, 38-R-14, A Resolution to Approve the Structure of the President’s Executive Cabinet
PRESIDENT SCHARER: There will be ten committees with one director each. This passed through Policy & Governance unanimously. They are very excited to get a Cabinet soon.
MR. BENSON-This is just a resolution to approve the structure, not a resolution to approve nominees.
CABINET STRUCTURE IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
7:52, 38-R-15, A Resolution to Approve Various Nominees to Cabinet
PRESIDENT SCHARER: There are several positions blank because of decisions made by Policy & Governance to table some nominees or defeat some other nominees. Policy & Governance has already scrutinized each nomination.
-Mr. Benson-Traditionally, nominations would be done individually and this is a group.
DISCUSSION
-Mr. Wallace- Why is Kate Christobek excluded from this list? ANSWER: Policy & Governance believes that they need to question some nominees (Sabrina Rosentraub, Kate Christobek, and Ryan Fournier) more fully so they will go through independent questioning
-Mr. Pittman-Why is Cole Richter excluded from the position of Greek Director? ANSWER: Policy & Governance defeated Mr. Richter in committee. It is still under debate whether or not we can give Mr. Richter an independent hearing.
-Mr. Brin-Is it Press Secretary or Press Director? ANSWER: It will be Press Secretary.
MOTION FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT IS MADE AND APPROVED

7:56, 38-R-18, Resolution to Approve University Senate Appointments
DISCUSSION
-President Scharer-In the past, concerning Athletic Council, a lot of past appointments have come from Block O people or from people involved in sports. What are Dan Klempay’s qualifications? ANSWER: All University Senate Committee Appointments must come from University Senators. DAN KLEMPAY: He has no experience with Ohio State Athletics but he felt that he’d be able to best serve on the Athletic Council.
MOTION FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT IS MADE AND APPROVED.

7:59, 38-R-19, Resolution to Support Student Media
MR. BENSON: This resolution was brought up to Steering last night. Mr. Benson met with Ms. Hodak earlier this week. It was a collection of concerns and issues that Steering discussed last night. There was a belief in Steering that there should be other alternatives for “The Underground” to pursue, including having CSA continue its funding. USG has only had one week to really consider this issue. The role of student media and “The Underground” is a huge issue and USG needs another year to fully consider the issue. The issue was never brought up last year.
DISCUSSION
-Mr. Wallace-motions to postpone this motion indefinitely. This motion is seconded. This would kill this motion for this meeting. Discussion?
-Mr. Brin-If we don’t make a decision today, then the issue is dead because CSA meets on May 31st.
-Ms. Singla-If the resolution is tabled indefinitely, would it be possible to bring forward another resolution on this issue? ANSWER: Another resolution would have no bearing. Every senator has the right to bring something to the immediate attention of the floor with a 2/3rds vote.
-Mr. King-He will not vote for $20,000 because they only need $20,000 to operate.
-Mr. Baker-He doesn’t think we should postpone it because the deadline is next Tuesday.
-Mr. Dodovich-If we vote yes on this, they’re screwed, if we postpone it, they’re screwed, and if we vote no, they’re still screwed.
-Mr. King-He feels that we should not postpone it indefinitely and bring it to a vote. If we postpone it indefinitely, we’ll just have to come back to it next week.
-Mr. Luby-We face a huge deadline. Right now, there is no resolution out there to be introduced. But people do want to see if there would be another resolution. Could we push this to the end of the agenda? ANSWER: You can push it down on the agenda. You can state that it can be considered at the very end of the meeting.
-President Scharer-Asks that we consider this motion so that a new resolution can be considered in the New Business section.
-Mr. Brin-Would Mr. Wallace be willing to withdraw the motion. HE DOES. He motions to move this to the very last item on the agenda. It is seconded. Motion passes with a few nays and abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS
-38-R-13 and 38-R-16 is referred to Policy & Governance. 38-R-17 is referred to academic affairs.
-President Scharer motions that we move to consider President Scharer’s student media resolution right now. It is seconded. Her resolution is the opposite of 38-R-19. It represents the research that has been done and the opinions of Mr. Monta, Mr. Couch, Mr. Wu, and Ms. Hodak.

DISCUSSION
-Ms. Innes-If this new resolution passes, what happens to the resolution that we just put to the end?
-Mr. Cropcho-What are the similarities and differences between 38-R-19 and President Scharer’s resolution? ANSWER: 38-R-19 asks for bylaw changes from CSA that have not been researched. It would also slow the process of funding “The Underground.” She feels that the money is needed.
-Mr. Brin-He feels that it is harmless to allow this new resolution to come to the floor. If we don’t like it, we can vote it down.
-Ms. Innes motions to bring it to the floor. There is a roll call vote and the motion passes.

8:14, 38-R-20, A Resolution to Support The Ohio State University Student Run Radio Station “The Underground.”
PRESIDENT SCHARER: With this resolution, we’re not considering just “The Underground.” This $20,000 would go to CSA and they’d fund “The Underground.” This could give CSA $20,000 more money in their funds to help other student organizations. Since there is no academic house for the radio station, it’s on CSA and USG to help them out. Why can’t CSA fund them? Well because CSA looks to benefit all students. Why should USG support it? We’re all committed to communication and to helping the student body. Ten years ago, John Carney, a past USG President, started it.
CSA cannot allocate enough operating funds for “The Underground” to be successful and to sustain itself. CSA must make a recommendation this Tuesday so we are in a time crunch. CSA takes all the risk. “The Underground” has run out of advocates and we (USG) have to be an advocate for it. There will be a ton of benefits. President Scharer has been researching this issue for the past three weeks. This resolution gives “The Underground” a chance to be successful. This can happen and it should happen because we should all be passionate about students. Consider this advocacy for students. Consider this $20,000 from USG programming that many of us do not support already. It is an outlet for USG to get back in touch with USG and all the liability goes back on CSA.

DISCUSSION
-Mr. Dodovich-Who would be handling negotiation of the contract between USG and “The Underground”? ANSWER: There would be a Memorandum of Understanding that would be in place for 3-5 years. Concerning how much “The Underground” would broadcast USG, “The Underground” would do as much as possible and it would be negotiated.
-Mr. Luby-How would you feel if a group came in to us and said that they’d advertise for us and would broadcast our meetings? Would you feel that that was bribery? How would you feel if a group came to us and said that they would fail if we didn’t support them? ANSWER: This is not bribery. This is an outlet for better communication between USG and the student body. Concerning emotional language, essentially, we might be killing a part of student media if we do not support them.
-Mr. Miller-How negotiable is 3-5 years in a Memorandum of Understanding? ANSWER: It would probably go under past precedent. Currently, considering how the university works, it’s upon internal review every seven years. With the Student Activity Fee, they have 5 years to see how it works and then conduct an internal review on it.
-Mr. King-In the $20,000, how can we ensure that the money will be used for the undergraduate student body? If “The Underground” only needs $10,000, how can we ensure that the other $10,000 is used wisely? ANSWER: The $20,000 would be given to “The Underground.” So, CSA would not have to use the $20,000 that they were thinking of already allocating to “The Underground.”
-Ms. Ghandakly-How USG ever in the past allocated such a large amount of money to a student organization? ANSWER: We’re only going into our third year with our current budget. In the past, we’ve given large purchases to student programs and student organizations, including Rock the Block and Buckeyethon.
-Ms. Innes-Will this be set aside in every budget every year or would it be decided each year? ANSWER: For the 3-5 years in the Memorandum of Understanding, it would be allocated automatically.
-Mr. Dodovich-Does the USG budget typically have money left over in it? ANSWER: The Senate budget last year went over. With the Student Activity Fee, the USG budget exploded from $80,000 to $200,000. So, two years ago, there was an overage of $40,000. So, President Pureval’s term had $240,000. So, this large carryover is still in place. The carryover is probably around $40-$50,000 right now.
-Mr. Fogt-Is it possible for other student organizations to petition USG for operating costs in the future after the precedent that we may set this evening? ANSWER: All student organizations are allowed to come to us for funding.

-Mr. Wireko-You’re asking us to invest $20,000 in them but what future does “The Underground” have? They currently have no frequency and have no hope of getting a frequency. Without a frequency, then how could they become financially self-sufficient? ANSWER: In the plans for the new Ohio Union, the plans are for “The Underground” to be on the first floor and in the heart of the Union. They have expanded membership and have expanded to the internet and the residence halls. We have seen a trend towards internet radio. There will be a reevaluation. We are not just throwing our money at something; we’re giving money to the future of a student organization. CSA will be watching them closely. They’re in a swing transition to become more financially self-sufficient. In five years, we may have a Broadcasting Department that could undertake them.

-Ms. Innes-Was the possibility for the School of Communications to undertake “The Underground” explored? ANSWER: That answer cannot be commented upon right now.

-Mr. Klempay-Is the 3-5 years binding no matter what may happen? ANSWER: For the 3-5 years, USG will be allocating money from the Memorandum of Understanding.

-Mr. Miller-He is concerned that our budget has to spend $35,000 for operation and maybe we should honor Initiative 2, which would be $50,000. So, we’d be allocating over half our budget in three weeks.

-Mr. Baker-He supports this because it’s a bad idea to get rid of “The Underground.” Smaller colleges are able to fund their media stations.

-Mr. Capone-He feels that the $50,000 that was part of Initiative 2 is in legal limbo. Is the spot in the Union a definite if we were to approve this? ANSWER: Yes. The schematic designs that are going to be decided upon this summer would include “The Underground.”

-Ms. Singla-SHE FULLY SUPPORTS THE RESOLUTION. The future of the organization needs to be ensured.

-Mr. Reed-From his understanding, we’ll be giving USG money back to CSA, who would then allot it to “The Underground.” But doesn’t CSA have very rigid strings that must be followed. So would “The Underground” then have to follow those strings?

-President Scharer-The $50,000 will probably not happen, according to CSA. Right now, we’re looking at operating at $240,000. Furthermore, the strings will not be part of the $20,000 that we allocate. They would be able to fully use our allocation for operating costs.

-Mr. King-Why does it have to be a recurring allocation for five years? ANSWER: CSA works on more long term contracts instead of on a year-by-year basis. We really need to support it for the longer term.

-Mr. King-So if “The Underground” goes down in flames, would this money then go to other organizations? ANSWER: It would go directly to “The Underground.”
Mr. Brin—He feels that certain parts of the resolution should be amended. He motions that the last “Whereas” clause be changed to “Therefore, let it further be resolved, that the communication between students and USG will be significantly improved with live broadcasts of meetings, debates, and public service announcements.” The motion is seconded.

DISCUSSION

- Mr. Wallace—Can you please clarify your motion? ANSWER: Instead of saying that things “can” happen, Mr. Brin wants to make sure that they “will” happen.

- Mr. Pittman—Feels that we should take out the live broadcast and meetings part. Our meetings can go on indefinitely and he feels that most students will not want to listen to a three or four hour meeting.

- Ms. McCrone—She agrees with Mr. Pittman.

A CALL TO QUESTION IS MADE AND SECONDED. MOTION PASSES!

DISCUSSION ON 38-R-20 AS IT HAS BEEN AMENDED

- Mr. Fogt—Would like to amend all instances of $20,000 to be $10,000. The motion is seconded.

DISCUSSION

- Mr. Capone—If we don’t pass the $20,000 then CSA would give them $10,000

- President Scharer—It’s $20,000 total. CSA does not have the option to pay $10,000.

- Ms. Innes—She does not agree with the amendment. $20,000 is needed for the bare minimum.

- Mr. Baker—Cutting it to $10,000 would be a bad idea.

- Mr. Luby—Mr. Monta spoke earlier and said that if we didn’t give them $20,000, then $10,00 would be given by CSA? ANSWER: This issue of $10,000 would start Fiscal Year 2006.

- Mr. Luby—If they only have $10,000 for next year but will not get money from us until FY 2006, then how will they operate? ANSWER: CSA is currently exploring options on that issue.

- Mr. Benson—Are we allowed to appropriate money to future USG administrations and Senates? ANSWER: We have signed Memorandums of Understanding in the past so the ruling is yes.

- Mr. Fogt—He offered this amendment because he felt that we should give them less than what they need to operate to force them to go out and get sponsorship.

- Ms. Innes—In response to the last suggestion, if we only give them $10,000, then what happens if they are not able to raise the remainder needed to operate? It would place another burden on “The Underground.”

- Mr. King—For basic operations, it would be $17,000 and the extra would be for emergencies. After 2006, would they be receiving any additional allotment from CSA? ANSWER: No, they would receive the $20,000 that we might allocate here tonight. This is about the development of an organization and we can foster that.
Mr. Luby - As President and Editor of a campus media outlet (THE SENTINEL), they receive $5500 in private funding. They have a staff of 15 people and are able to get private funding. Why can’t “The Underground” get private funding when they have a larger group of people?

Mr. Baker - What’s the problem with giving $20,000. Some students do listen to them on occasion; he does.

Mr. Capone - Motions to call to question and it is seconded. Motion to call to question passes unanimously.

AMENDMENT FAILS

Ms. Singla - Motions that the last “Therefore” clause be amended to “Therefore let it be further resolved that USG sign a Memorandum of Understanding to sign over $20,000 to CSA to be allocated to “The Underground” for no more than 5 years.”

Mr. Capone - Motions to call to question, which is seconded.

AMENDMENT PASSES!

Mr. Luby - Has the Memorandum of Understanding been written yet? If yes, what are the details of it? ANSWER: It has not been written yet because it’ll be written after the CSA meeting next Tuesday.

Ms. Ghandakly - Is it true that if USG does not allocate the $20,000, would CSA just be giving this money to other student organizations? ANSWER: Yes.

Ms. Innes - It will benefit other student organizations. Are you saying that this extra CSA money will not then be taken away from other student organizations? ANSWER: It’s the opportunity cost.

Mr. Capone: Motions to call to question is made and seconded. ROLL CALL.

38-R-20 PASSES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

9:11

-Mr. Brin motions to postpone 38-R-19 indefinitely. It is seconded. Discussion:

-Ms. Innes - It’ll probably be voted down anyway.

-Mr. Dodovich - Motions to call to question on the motion to postpone indefinitely is made and seconded.

MOTION PASSES: 20 yes, 17 no, 2 abstain.

9:14, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

-Mr. Brin: Cupcakes and soda were provided by Beanie Drake.

-President Scharer: thanks for patience.

-Mr. Luby: He feels this is an embarrassing day for Senate. He feels that we were bullied.

-Mr. Kreiner: This room will be decorated.

-Mr. Reed: The next University Senate meeting is Wednesday, June 1st from 3:30-5:30.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 9:15 PM

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY ERIC A. SAMUELS, SECRETARY OF THE 38TH SENATE