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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order 6:33
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Attendance
- d. Swearing in of Alternates
- e. Approval of Minutes

II. Open Forum for the Public

- a. Lepsky.2 President of pre dental club, thank you for your time, over of club, it is one of the largest clubs in the undergrad space with a regular 110 attendance, we want to keep cost low so it's more inclusive. We want to offer support and info for dentist school. The mid-winter meeting in Chicago is a great networking opportunity they can meet professions and other pre dental students. Past members say it offers a great opportunity.
- b. Yousuf.17
 - i. ODA liaison of pre dental. I oversee the trip. This year. We had the most applicates and we only take 16 students. I went last year and can talk about how important it was to me. I got to meet my mentor. 3 African Americans 3 Asian 1 Latino 8 males and 8 females. We ask that you give us 1,500 so we can cover our hotel.
- c. Huh.79
 - i. Treasurer, previous year we received funding and it helped tremendously to allow students these opportunities. We are a large org and have existed for a while now helping pre-dental students. This is an important trip to help students recognize they are on the right track. We got 1,500 last year and we are still paying 1,500 for



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the hotels. It is our biggest expense for this trip. I went last year, and it was extremely meaningful as I sat down with the former president of ADA. It really made me think about orbital dentistry.

d. Stanitch.26

- i. I am the fundraising chair for pre dental. My job is to raise money for the Chicago trip and to make it affordable. We have done many fundraisers and it has been extremely difficult reaching 1,500. I went last year, and it was extremely important for me as I met the dean of Ohio states dental school. It was important.

III. Executive Report

a. *President Bobby McAlpine and Vice President Madison Mason*

i. *Mason:*

1. *I am the vice president of USG. I love how many people are here. I know pre dental and journalism is here as well.*
2. *We have been working on the scarlet button which is an AI for student life. Our Information systems team has been working on it and the prototype is moving along. We learned it is multi language. We will be presenting it to academic affairs within the month to get their feedback.*
3. *OSU was given 2.5 million for mental health for 2 years. We sat on a committee to allocate that money and it was approved. One was on demand therapy appointments and the mental health grants. If you can't be seen at a CCS you can get funding to go off campus.*



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4. *Met with Zia whole oversees res life to go over dining efforts. Hot vending machines are ago we are considering burgers and pizza. They are exploring how to get meal swipes accepted. If not this semester at least next semester. Piloted cultural options for Chinese New Year which got good feedback and they want to make sure they have options for holidays that include fasting during sunlight.*

IV. Updates

a. Speaker Alex Poling

- i. *We have mics that you can use when you are asked to speak. Hopefully, that helps with accessibility. If you are struggling to hear people, you can plug headphones in. We do not have the projector hopefully fixed by next week.*
- ii. *Those who requested funding please talk to me after as I have updates.*

b. Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters

- i. *No present*

c. Secretary Sarah Schmidt

- i. *Constituency reports due tonight at 11:59*

V. Committee Reports

a. Allocations Committee

- i. *Diaz: Met Sunday and approved funding for a few clubs but we are limited on funding. We will see the appeal today.*

b. Oversight Committee

- i. *Bernard: Passed R-33 and appendix A*



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c. Issues Committees

i. Academic Affairs

1. Met next week send thumbs up in group me

ii. Black Caucus

1. Two resolutions tonight

iii. Governmental Relations

1. No updates

iv. Health and Safety

1. No updates

v. Justice and Equity

1. No updates

vi. Student Affairs

1. No updates

vii. Sustainability

1. No updates

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. 56-B-5: A Bill to Overturn the Allocations Committee Funding Decision for the Pre-Dental Club

- i. Yadapadithaya.1: you should have the bill, essentially the pre-dental club is appealing the decision to fund them 750\$ of the 2,000\$ they requested.

- ii. Braziel Point of Information: wouldn't it be up to the general body to interpret it?

1. Poling: Technically it is up to the parliamentarian.



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2. Schmidt: motion to recess for 5 minutes
 - a. Second
 - b. Questions:
 - i. Mathebula: is it to investigate that issue?
 - c. Discussion:
 - d. Vote: 25-2-2
- iii. Roy: Upon reading the bylaws we will award them 1,500 has USG can't allocate more than 1,500 per semester.
- iv. Yadapadithaya: This bill is to overturn the funding decision made of 750 dollars and the bill is passed would award 1,500 dollars. We have roughly 7255 dollars left to allocate for the rest of the semester. The committee has seen over 55,000 this semester and allocated 33,400 dollars. I think the allocation committee has been doing a great job.
 1. Vaishampayan: Point of inquiry: We can't change the number.
 - a. Poling: We can
 2. Questions:
 - a. Braziel: How many orgs have been funded?
 - i. 37 total orgs.
 - b. Diaz: Has pre-dental seek any other forms of funding?
 - i. Pre dental: Yes, we have, Columbus dental society, OSU College of density, ODA, ADA, Personal practices, alumni society all said no.



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- ii. We have raised 150 dollars through fundraising. We have sought out other sources. No CSA funds though
- c. Davis: What would the burden be on each student as of right now?
 - i. For those looking to be dentists there are financial barriers from making them be practitioners. We pride ourselves on not making them fund this trip. Our dues are only 20 dollars, so we aren't receiving much revenue. It's our hope not to make people fund it.
 - ii. It's 188 dollars per participate for 16 people.
- d. Saini: What is the average allocated for this past semester or past view semesters? Or even a Chicago trip?
 - i. Average amount allocated is 912.03
 - ii. We have funded Chicago trips in the past, we gave BUCC 1,550, SCNO 1,550.
 - iii. Price: Point of inquire: How 1,550 is only allowed 1,500.
 - 1. We found this out after the fact, and we are right now in compliance with the bylaws.



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- e. Bernard: How many outstanding requests do we have and how much is requested.
 - 1. 3 requested and 4,000 is being requested.
 - a. Are we anticipating a lot more requests?
 - i. Given the past weeks we do expect a significant amount
- f. Schmidt: what's back up plan if funding is not increased
 - 1. We would be exhausting our savings. I just received an email about a trip for canton and we have been going since 2012. And would likely move to a system of having them pay for it in the future but not this semester.
- g. Price: What was the average without the 2,000 dollars being factored.
 - i. The 900 dollar was that for the semester that only offered 1,500
- h. Ginsberg: What is the likelihood of allocations getting allocated more funding and how much would we get?



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- i. That is up to the executive branch and there are left over funds from last semester but that is up to CFO and executives.
 - 1. Do we know how much was forfeited last semester?
 - a. Around 7,500 but that does not mean we can just use those funds and we are not clear if that money has been committed elsewhere.
- i. Roy: All funding has been denied can you explain why or the reasoning behind it?
 - i. ODA sponsored a dinner for us and them already pledged to that dinner and could not give more. The private practice was not all in pre dental clubs and so it's just asking for a handout. We asked them to speak as a thank you, but they were unable to. ADA had exhausted all their funding. That was a common theme we experienced.
- j. Evans: In your experience do you think applications are going to increase before the cut off in the coming weeks and are you concerned about how much is left?
 - i. I do think we have reached our peak but that does not mean the ones we are currently getting are not significant. I am not necessary



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concerned as I think we can stretch it to spring break. I do think we should be conservative, and we are trying to continue be that way.

k. Davis: How many clubs would we turn down if we give this money? Do you think we have enough money to do this?

i. It entirely depends on how many applications we get and how allocations decide to go. It won't destroy our funds.

l. Vaishampayan: The average isn't that helpful do you know the ratio of how much was requested verses how much they got.

i. 60.9 percent is normally granted.

3. Discussion:

a. Braziel: I think as a member of allocations I don't fully funding every org is the way to go to hold ourselves fiscally responsible. We were allocated 41,000 dollars for the semester and we need to make sure we are given out money to a large amount of student orgs even if that means not giving the full amount.

b. Diaz: Allocations is having to cut a lot of requests by half if not more and the original 41,000 was intended to last fall semester and we saw a high number of requests and this semester we are seeing high requests. It's not something we do out of spite or due



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to specific clubs. We had the most diverse meeting the meeting we allocated funds for Pre-Dental. We feel bad cutting them already and we do it strategically. We were not trying to be mean but rather making things stretch out as much as possible. We did have to slash a lot already.

- c. Saini: I took the current amount in allocations and did how much we on average allocated per semester.

There are about 2.7 weeks of funding and if we are closing on spring break, we will hit that. Coming today shows passion. These are individuals talking about diversity and removing that financial burden shows extreme passion. Personal experience shows that during BUCC one of the largest gaps was through funding and this is one way we can work with them. CSA is not applicable in this event as it is not open to the public. There is a lot of passion in the room, and I love to see it and I don't view it as a stretch to allocate this funding. I also think we should talk to members of the executive and see about getting more funding for allocations as allocations is the way we can make the strongest impact.

- d. Roy: I would like to emphasis everything Saini said. I think the pre dental club has expressed something that no other club has asked for. I do not view it as a



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stretch to give them 1,500 as they originally asked for 2,000. As someone from the low-income community I would be devastated if I could not attend due to financial reasons. I think we should allow them to experience as much as they can.

- e. Bernard: this club does prioritize some important things. It won't impact the trip this year and it would be future funding. I think we should give some funding but not total 1,500. Is the pre dental going to eat into savings is what we are preserving. I do think there does need to be an increase in funding. I disagree with Braziel as I do think this is a worthy cause.
- f. Ginsberg: I am on allocations but wasn't there for this one. We have had to cut funding in the past, but them coming here has shown the efforts and our job is to bridge the gap and really help them. Since they can't get CSA funding, we really should help them. The constituency event funding that was allocated towards us if there is remainder can we reallocate it to allocations.? We have three weeks left of funding and this warrants additional funding.
 - i. We would need another bill to come forward to amend that



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- g. Vaishampayan: I was part of the committee who allocated the amount. It is a question of if we have the money and the request is legitimate. Some of the line items were unacceptable for USG funding. I did not realize other trips to Chicago were allocated 1,550 and I think the same should be allocated to this club. Motion to addend resolution to 1125 dollars.
- h. Second
 - i. Question:
 - 1. Radford: Can we motion to increase that amount.
 - a. Yes, you can
 - 2. Mathebula: Why 1,125?
 - a. Vaishampayan: for other trips we funded 72% of their request and 1,125 dollars is 72%
 - 3. Leedy: They originally requested 2,000\$ so shouldn't we do the 72% of that.
 - a. I would not support that as 500 dollars were not acceptable.
 - 4. Mathebula: why make them ineligible to the 1,500\$
 - a. My argument is that the orgs that requested 2,000 made sure they fell into their guidelines



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5. Roy: do you think it's fair since they didn't know that limit.
 - a. Vaishampayan: Did pre dental come up with 1,500 after coming today.
 - i. Poling: I found out that they were requesting more than 1,500 today.
 - ii. I created the resolution before looking at by laws and after looking at the bylaws
 - iii. Pre dental club: On the funding report is say max of 2,000. We thought we were within the by laws
 - b. Ginsberg: We can amend the motion?
 - i. During discussion
6. Mathebula: Some funds were not allowed because they fell outside of the allocation's rules. How much was outside of our ability to fund.
 - a. 500 for gas.



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7. Mathebula: Is it fair for us to allocate based on the 2,000?
 - a. Vaishampayan: In an honestly it roughly 80 dollars so I do not care.
8. Radford: Since he motioned to 1,125 will it revert to the original amount.
 - a. Yes
9. Ellis: Motion to move into previous question.
 - a. Second
 - b. Vote: unanimous consent
- i. Discussion:
 - i. Braziel: I think we need to be cautious of the allocations budget. I think increasing what we are allotting is a bit much and unnecessary.
 - ii. Methebula: I think so many clubs got cut down and we can only make so many people happy.
 - iii. Evans: I have been going back and forth and there are good points on both sides. They are trying to help students and I think it's a good cause. I think increasing money is good.
 - iv. Ginsberg: As a member of allocation, I think with this org appealing shows passion, and 1,500 would help them significantly.



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- v. Motion to amend to 1,500 dollars
 - 1. Second
 - 2. Questions:
 - a. Methabula: Could another amount be suggested.
 - i. We need to decide on this first.
 - b. Price: Are voting on changing motion or bill.
 - i. The motion
 - 3. Discussion:
 - a. Braziel: I think going forth with this motion of another 750 dollars taking away that money from other organizations is not a good idea.
 - b. Methebula: Looking at the current figures I think we stick to 1,125.
 - c. Vaishampayan: I don't understand 1500, as it sets a bad precedent. I think that it should be based on legitimate expenses. Even in the resolution from



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today, the illegitimate expenses
are still on the current budget.

- d. Sankhla: I am a pre dental
students and recognize the hard
work, I think giving them the
funding is legitimate. It has been
proven not to hurt the allocations
committee. The reasons why they
need it is proven. I am in full
support
- e. Saini: I am in complete
disagreement with the rational of
Vaishampayan they made a
clinical error. It was an honest
mistake. If you look at their
budget, they allocated some
money to food and if they
reallocate money, they can cover
gas and ask for food. The 72%
figure makes no sense it $\frac{3}{4}$
multiplied by 2,000 would be
1,500, and 400 dollars is not a big
impact.



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- f. Schmidt: Point of order: I should speak before Ginsberg it is out of order.
- g. Ginsberg: The motion is to make it in line with the bylaws.
- h. Schmidt: I stood here a few weeks ago and asked for an increase in the funding for our DC trip so we can all recognize the cost of going on a trip. I think we should treat organizations the way we treat ourselves. It's not their fault that their trip came later in the year and that shouldn't cause them to suffer. They could have easily said they were going to fund gas and have that go to food. It shouldn't harm them as it would directly harm the students. There were no concerns about increasing funding for DC so I encourage you to increase their funding as well.
- i. Tcheurekdjian: I agree with the secretary, we are framing this as



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the argument that our mistakes should be on the pre-dentistry club. We have not been properly allocating funds. I agree with the point of this whole like 72% businesses being nonsense but not for the same reasons I think its distributions I think is the wrong way so we can model I think running requests as demands on risk free time expiring money market assets and then use like use some black trolls contributions you know looking we have metrics on villosity rate flow to like geometric on where like our spirit dates for a book called parity rate that's going to exist at and I I did these models so yeah I I ran through these models and it looks like you like clear there shouldn't be a problem with allocation running out of funds like assuming that we make



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reasonable future decisions
coming like within closure. In
when like applications have to be
done by so I live from a purely
quantitative standpoint I'm
behind it and from like an
institutional standpoint I also
think that they should be
penalized for our mistakes.

- j. Roy: I was one of four people who
voted in allocations, I have never
been in allocations and don't like
math. Senator Vaishampayan was
also last minute. We were 50
percent of the vote that decided
this. I completely understand why
they are appealing the decision.
For two of those people to be
making those decisions we should
take their appeal seriously. They
have tried other sources and they
put in the effort. We went
through 18 orgs that day and I
don't want my decision to make
this club more financial distress.



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- k. Brazier: Point of Info: are there still hands from previous?
 - i. Yes, we are working on them
- l. Davis: I think the point of precedent is dangerous as it questions the legitimacy of allocations. It's important we trust our allocations committee. Since Friday I the first of the 7 weeks it seems concerning that we are so low in budget. I don't think this year we are in a place that we can give them those funds.
- m. Diaz: We spent more time on this then the budget and that should be concerning. I agree we shouldn't be blaming them for our mistakes. As a member of allocations, we take responsibility. The 750 dollars allows us to give more orgs. This is a learning experience, and the first-time allocations was slightly



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ineffective. I don't agree with 1,500 but am comfortable with 1,125. They should have known about the gas prices. Other orgs that reached out if they did not understand.

4. Vaishampayan: I agree with Schmidt's point it is unfortunate that it is based on the time they submit but unfortunately that is the case. However, thousands of dollars are not accepted each week.
5. Mathubula: I understand the transportation issue, but we also made a mistake. Double the amount is a stretch.
6. Saini: There are mistakes on both side they made a careless error. They could have fixed their error. They don't come from business backgrounds, and I don't think it's fair we penalize them for that. 1,500 does not detrimental to allocations. We have a fixed amount and see how much we currently have; we have three weeks of funding left. We are planning on shutting down the form, I



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think we are fine, they made an error

and that's okay. I think the 1,500 is far.

7. Price: I think we should be asking are we going to make them dip into savings in the future. Motion to previous question.
 - a. Second
 - b. Vote: Unanimous
 - c. Motion to recess for three minutes.
 - i. Questions
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Vote: 20-8-0
- vi. Vote: 16-11-1
 1. Motion to amend motion passes
4. Saini: Now that we have voted on the amendment, I think we quickly vote on the original motion. Their trip is Friday and there were mistakes on both sides. They would need to tap into their own saving. I know that precedent was brought up. 1,500 is the precedent set by BUCC. I think it's dangerous to say it undermines allocation authority. It is their right to amend them. View people have the passion to do this and to say our doors are not open is a dangerous statement.
5. Tcheurekdjian: motion to previous question
 - a. Second
 - b. Vote:17-6-5



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- v. Voting on motion to change motion from 1,125 to 1500
 - 1. 20-5-2
 - 2. Potion passes
 - 3. Bill is now 1,500
- b. Discussion on Bill:
 - i. Bernard: 28 senators mean we need 21 in favor to pass, if we don't get 21 the bill fails, Motion to previous question
 - 1. Second
 - 2. 18-9-2
 - 3. Motion passes
- c. Voting: 3/4th of present is needed
 - i. 21-8-0 bill fails
 - ii. Price: motion to reconsider
 - 1. Braziel: point of privilege: we still have a que.
 - 2. Second
 - 3. Questions:
 - a. Mathebula: Would that be a revote.
 - i. Questions and discussions would be reconsidered as well as vote.
 - b. Bernard: Would it go into vote?
 - i. No, it would go into question then discussion.
 - c. Radford: Why would it restart the process.
 - i. To consider a defeated motion again. In my interpretation is to reconsider it fully.



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- d. Ginsberg: Point of information: We can motion to previous question.
 - i. Yes
4. Discussion:
 - a. Saini: it anyone is in apprehension about these two individuals could make the decision. They came with so much passion and if we look in precedent its 1,500. The lantern will take this and say how we fund it unfairly.
 - b. Mason: They come from different budgets.
 - c. Vaishampayan: I encourage senators to vote for this. As disappointed, I am from 1,125, they shouldn't be punished. Motion to previous question.
 - i. Second
 - ii. Vote: 24-3-1
 - iii. Braziel: Point of privilege: Can the chair make the effort to look at everyone when in discussion, I was shunned from speaking.
 - iv. Davis: Point of Privilege: can the journalism students not take pictures.
 1. They are allowed to
5. Vote to reconsider the bill. 21-4-2
 - a. Motion passes
6. Go into reconsidering:
7. Presenting:



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- a. Yadapadithaya: The bill is to allocate funding for a total of 1,500 dollars there is space in the budget for that we will not run out of money. Allocations is still fully on track. We can fund it.
 - i. Questions: Do anyone have a figure on how much is left from unused constituency funds.
 1. Poling: there is about 3,000
 - ii. Discussion:
 - iii. Ginsberg: motion to move to previous question.
 1. Second
 2. Voting: 23-4-2
8. Move into voting again on bill: 25-4-0
 - a. Bill passes they are given 1,500 dollars
9. Schmidt: motion to move vacancy up the agenda to next matter
 - a. Second
 - b. Vote: 22-1-2
 - c. Motion to go into executive session
 - i. Second
 - ii. Vote: unanimous
- d. Vacancy Application Elections
 - i. Presentation of Candidate
 - ii. Discussion of Candidate
 - iii. Appointment Vote on Candidate



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1. Katie Strayer.133 is elected for nursing
2. Motion to rise and report
 - a. Second
 - b. Administration of Oath of Office
 - c. Braziel: Point of inquire would we have to amend agenda further to do that.
 - i. It was unclear if it was part of vacancy application
 - ii. Braziel: since it was not in the motion, I think it should be later.
 - iii. Diaz: Motion to amend agenda to add oath of office.
 1. Second
 2. Vote: 20-2-1
 3. Motion passes
 - iv. Administration of Oath of Office
 1. Braziel: Point of inquire: Would she have immediate speaking rights?
 - a. Yes 4196705318
- e. 56-R-30: A Resolution to Acknowledge Black History Month and to Formally Condemn Racism at The Ohio State University
 - i. It has passed previously, and I and black caucus have noticed in the past and currently that there is no formal acknowledgment of black history month. The resolution is to really press them to



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acknowledge us and the culture and history of African Americans. It also condemns racism as it is prevalent in our daily lives.

ii. Hawthorne:

1. This resolution mentions just wanting OSU to formally recognize black history month and condemn racism.

iii. Questions:

1. Price: this is calling on us the 56th GA.
 - a. I need to amend it

iv. Discussion:

1. Braziel: Motion to amend it to 56th.
 - a. Taken as friendly

v. Vote:

1. Passes unanimously

f. 56-R-31: A Resolution to Acknowledge Black History within the Undergraduate Student Government

- i. Braziel; 56-R-31 has passed in the previous GA, and it essentially provides the history of any black student that has taken part in USG and to keep that alive. It acknowledges what they have accomplished it's from 1962 to the present day. It will continue to be updated.

1. Questions:

- a. Roy: it doesn't acknowledge the 55th when it was passed can you add that
 - i. Taken as friendly

2. Discussion:



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- a. Vaishampayan: I commend the sponsors and I learned a lot reading through it.
3. Vote: passed unanimously
- g. 56-R-32: A Resolution to Encourage The Ohio State University to Work with the National Hockey League and Columbus Blue Jackets to Ensure Students Will Have Access to Discounted Tickets at the 2025 Stadium Series
 - i. Bernard:
 1. Last Saturday the NHL announced the stadium series will be played at the shoe. Around 2008 they started playing a game outdoors and they want to expand that. In 2014 they started playing outdoor games at different stadiums which drew 250,000 fans. Next year it's in Columbus for the first time the blue jackets will play outside. There will be around 100,000 fans. I want students to have access. Hockey is notoriously expensive. With D tix already existing we can work with them and get USG to push for D tix to be available for the game. I want it to be at a cost that meets them. They are using our facilities and using our staff.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Radford: is that not the plan already?
 - a. D tix doesn't advertise this far out, in situations like this the league takes the responsibility for organizing and tickets. So, it would be a discussion with the



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league not the blue jackets. I want to go to
administrators and say it has our support.

iii. Discussion.

1. Evans: I think this is a great idea, I don't personally like hockey, but it provides a great opportunity for the NHL to give back to the community they are affecting for the weekend. It gives students the ability to see hockey.
2. Walkup: I also really enjoy this resolution and I know my professor is the team psychologist, so the CBJ relates to the university and its time they give back. Ticket prices are unfeasible.
3. Diaz: I fully support this and think it's important for the students living around.
4. Price: We are not the first university to hold a game and other schools have given discounts to students. Also please fix grammar issue.
 - a. Taken as friendly
5. Brazier: I think that it's a good resolution, but I don't feel its necessary. I think it's the NHL's choice, there are many avenues to get tickets.
6. Radford: I think it's a great thing and we should be encouraging the university to enjoy the tickets.
7. Schmidt: I think its incredibly close minded to say that it's not necessary. It would directly help our constituencies who we represent. I think there is a confusion on the deal we have



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currently with the Blue Jackets and making a deal with the NHL

8. Bernard: I agree with Secretary Schmidt even though I slightly see Braziels point. If they are using our facilities, we should be given discounted rates
9. Walkup: the professor I have has already had to cancel class, so they are using our faculty.
10. Deerman: I represent the sport management students and they are often required to attend these events. Motion to move to previous question
 - a. Second
 - b. Vote: 23-0-1
- iv. Vote: 23-1-0
- v. Diaz: motion to adjourn.
 1. Second
 2. Vote: unanimous
- h. Adjournment: 9:53
- i. 56-R-33: A Resolution to Amend the Organizational Bylaws to Improve Article 1 Section 2

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment