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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order – 7:00

II. Updates

- a. *Speaker Alex Poling*

- i. *Senator Hickman will not be here today not sure about Wednesday*
- ii. *Sustainability will be meeting tomorrow evening, those are the only ones that I know are fully done*
- iii. *No vacancy applications today*

- b. *Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters*

- i. *Oversight met today and passed business and non degree seeking seats.*

- c. *Secretary Sarah Schmidt*

- i. *No updates*

III. Business

- a. 56-R-23: A Resolution to Encourage The Ohio State University to Improve Paratransit Services
 - i. Academic affairs passed it last weekend
 - ii. It is based on feedback from students and drives
 - iii. Everyone want them to have more training. Its rare for people who want more training
 - iv. It goes into details about the issues that students and drives have brought up.

- v. The info is from talking to people, I have talked to a dozen drivers and a good amount of students
- vi. Most students only use it for a period of time, but over the course of everyone the 150 is people who use it regularly.
- vii. Questions: none
- viii. Discussion: none

1. Vote: passes unanimously 5-0-0

b. 56-R-24: A Resolution to Urge The Ohio State University to Expand Air Condition to all Student Dorm Rooms

- i. Schmidt: i think this one is a little self-explanatory especially with how much we pay for dorms it doesn't make sense that students don't have AC it impacts our mental health as well as our physical health can lead to many different medical conditions.
- ii. Questions: Vaishampayan: does the university have a timeline?
 - 1. Not that I know of
 - a. Poling: some have box fans

iii. Discussion: None

iv. Voting: 5-0-0

IV. Vaishampayan: Motion to amend agenda to add 56-R-27

V. second

VI. Questions:

a. None

VII. Discussions:

a. Schmidt: I think it would be helpful to send to a committee to have workshopped

i. Vote: 3-1-1

A Resolution To Urge The Ohio State University To Promote Classroom Technology Training Programs For Faculty/Professors

b. Professors struggle to use different resources and many faculty joined in the late 1900 and they struggle to learn the new technology. To counter this many resources are available but professors are not aware. The

technology classroom department often gets calls about this. It would promote the resources to all staff and professors. It mentions what universities already have the plan which is sited. For example Case Western provides guides for all professors about how to use the. Many like to use their own computers and the resolution set are different. They give us a call and we fix it. They have a guide on how to fix this. This resolution urges the university to create a committee to have a training program for all the professors so it saves their time. It a bigger issue comes up it costs class time. We are trying to solve this. We don't have one tech department we have many and where I work covers many halls but Norton Hall has a special team that normal students can't understand. Since we have to go to all the buildings it is hard to give a walk-through to all the professors. Some professors struggle with the lights

i. Questions:

1. Vaishampayan: if the resources exist and teachers don't use them
2. They exists but teachers are not aware they exist. Im trying to work to get them promoted
 - a. Vaishampayan: can you explain the first let it be resolved? Is that this resolution
 - i. Yes
3. Schmidt: is the goal of the committee to promote it?
 - a. Yes, and they can also create some new future things for the things that are getting upgraded.

ii. Discussion:

1. Vaishampayan: amend anything that says OSU to say Ohio state?
 - a. Taken as friendly
 - i. Vaishampayan: For the let it be resolved I do not think these are the ways to solve it. For the first one, I think the fact that it exists does this. I think for the second one Schmidt's point was

valid as I do not know what a committee would do.

- ii. Schmidt: I agree I don't think a committee is necessary.
- iii. Vaishampayan: I know I'm address the whole committee but I think it would be worth sending this back to committee.
- iv. Nischal: all the point I made have been discussed with faculty and they think it's needed. SEI program is successful and this could be the same thing. It would save time and help students.
- v. Peters: I agree with Vaishampayan, there are a few formatting issues and sending it to committee would help. I would love more details of how you would form the committee.
 1. Nischal: it would be IT department and students in IT and the committee would discuss and take action on the steps that can get fixed.
 2. Schmidt: Motion to send it back to committee. To have what is being said added in the resolution.
 - a. Second
 - b. Questions: none
 - c. Discussion:
 - i. Vishampayan: I think it's worth pursuing and worry it won't get passed as it is.
 - ii. Roy: I don't want to send it back to committee as I do not think this is something

we should be mandating. Some required different requirements like an art teachers. I disagree with the whereas clause that says it doesn't already have training. I would rather vote no then send it to committee.

d. Vote: 3-2-1 motion falls

3. Schmidt: I agree with senator Roy, there are some good points but not this way.

4. Roy: I agree there are some good points that should be talked about but this is not the way to go about it.

vi. Vote: 1-4-1 resolution fails

c. Vacancy Applications

i. No actual applications to vote on but we need to talk about possibly closing vacancy applications.

ii. Peters: I think they should be cut off before march.

iii. Vaishampayan: I think the end of Feb, like the 29th.

1. Will the one business applicant reapply if we create another seat.

a. In my mind we can reconsider the application he already put in, it might need a motion.

iv. Schmidt: the faster the better so we can focus on resolutions and even do work after GA.

v. Roy: I agree with Schmidt

vi. Poling: my recommendation was going to be the 17th so we can do the last review on that Sunday.

vii. Vaishampayan: Motion to end vacancy applications on the 17th.

1. Questions

2. Discussion
3. Vote: unanimous consent

VIII. Announcements

- a. **Schmidt: thoughts on a raffle or some sort of incentive for writing a resolution.**
 - i. **Roy: doesn't sound like a bad idea**
 - ii. **Vaishampayan: if you have a way to measure if something is quality I think its good.**
 - iii. **Poling: I think that could be something steering could decide. As far as numbers we aren't behind but unique sponsors we are behind.**
 - iv. **Vaishampayan: add people who already have done resolutions**
 1. **Schmidt: Yes, that was the plan**

IX. Adjournment 7:45