



## **Alex Poling Speaker**

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### **56<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Steering Committee**

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## **I. Opening**

- a. Call to Order 4:21

## **II. Updates**

- a. *Speaker Alex Poling*

- i. *We sent out the feedback survey and haven't gotten many responses so please fill it out, I'll add it to the weekly email. It should not take much time to fill out. We are currently going through them as they come in but we want to have a better view. We will be implementing some things on Wednesday. One of the things that was included was changing our voting methods. It separates motions and resolutions. There can be voice vote for motions and for resolutions I think we should move to an online poll so that it is faster and less chaotic. As looking into the possibility of a formal speaker list, we are talking about ways to have people add themselves to the speaker list. If you have feedback say it now or add it to the survey. I talk about some more changes on Wednesday when we get more feedback. I know it was messy last week so I want more of it as it was contradictory the feedback I was given.*

1. *Vaishampayan: I like a speaker list and am glad there was a system before as I did not know that.*

- a. *Poling: If anyone has any ideas, we would love to hear it. I don't want other people to be able to edit what other people wrote (like a spreadsheet)*

- b. *Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters*
  - i. *No updates*
- c. *Secretary Sarah Schmidt*
  - i. *I can speak on behalf of people who want to remain anonymous.*
    - 1. *Vaishampayan: does the sponsor have the right to respond to do they need the speaker list?*
      - a. *They need to be on the speaker list, but if a comment is made directly to someone, they can jump the speaker list.*
        - i. *Vaishampayan: Can you remind people to refer to the speaker when speaking I think it would decrease tension.*
          - 1. *Poling: yes I think that would help*

### **III. Business**

- a. 56-R-27: A Resolution to Urge The Ohio State University to Fund the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center's Ice Core Facility Renovation
  - i. Parliamentary will sponsor it to help things run more smoothly this week.
  - ii. Poling: We had a resolution similar in the 54<sup>th</sup> Ga and the sustainability has been working with the research center for like three years and this has to do with the university and no one else supporting the research center and causing it to be an issue that is impacting faculty and students doing research as they are unable due to infostructure issues. It is an issue for current and future climate research. Some samples are only here and nowhere else. It is a precious research that the University has done nothing about. We have meet with those who oversee it and the researchers themselves. The conversation has died down and the university has not prioritized it. It brings up the issues again.
    - 1. Questions:
    - 2. Schmidt: do you think it would be better if you sponsored it as you are knowledgeable and can speak on it?

- a. Poling: other people are coming to talk about it and can answer questions my info is outdated and they can do a better job. Peters can yield to them.
  - 3. Vaishampayan: Who specifically is this on behalf of?
    - a. The sustainability subcommittee who has been working with the bird polar.
  - 4. Discussion:
    - a. Vaishampayan: I think extensive work has been done and I look forward to hearing from the subcommittee
  - 5. 6-0-2
- b. 56-R-28: A Resolution to Call Upon The Ohio State University to Divest from the Fossil Fuel Industry and Invest in Climate-Friendly Organizations
  - i. Also sponsored by Parliamentarian Peters, this is bringing it back from last year.
  - ii. Peters: I am bringing this back. We have direct and indirect investments in companies that impact climate change. Climate change disproportionately impacts low-income and people of color. This has been brought back to negate the impacts that OSU associates with climate change which would elevate the cost and save money in the long term. Environmentally friend companies can result in green bonds.
  - iii. Questions:
    - 1. Roy: Is there data to back that it would save money in the long run?
      - a. Its in the footnotes
  - iv. Discussion
    - 1. None
  - v. Vote: 7-0-1
- c. 56-R-29: A Resolution to Urge the University to Implement University-Wide Flexibility in Attendance

i. Urge the university to be more flexible in the way it is issued in assessment. It does not show if they completed the objective in the course. There are many reasons they wouldn't be able to be in class and they shouldn't be punished. SLDS does have accommodations for some disabilities, but they require previous notice. They are not providing excuses for covid and flu season is right around the corner. I think we can have a more compassionate attitude towards accommodations. IT would remove attendance-based barriers for disabled students.

1. Questions: None
2. Discussion: None
3. Voting: 5-1-2

d. Vacancy Applications

- i. We have one vacancy application but we forgot to discuss the deadline and if we would review them till after the deadline. We can review the one application today or hold off and vote on all of them next week.
- ii. Vaishampayan: I say vote now
- iii. Schmidt: I don't think we implied a first come first serve basis after setting a due date so waiting is more fair
- iv. Hickman: I agree with Schmidt
- v. Vote: 3-4-0

e. I have not gotten the business seat resolution back from McAlpine so we cannot consider the application yet.

**IV. Announcements**

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**V. Adjournment 4:55**