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56th General Assembly Steering Committee

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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order

7:01pm

- b. Attendance

8/9 members

- c. Approval of Minutes

Approved

II. Updates

- a. *Speaker Sarah Schmidt*

- Motion to extend deadline for meeting minutes from Wednesday

Passes unanimously

- Apologies for the QR code issues from last week, new one is created to ask for names. These are printed and there will be enough for each senator to have one sheet
- Looking for feedback on hand raising for motions and QR code for discussions

Bernard: I think this went well because when you saw a hand up, you put it into a written speaker's list. This method seems to work well with motions that have a lot of people discussing it, since it shouldn't get out of hand.

Price: Can we see the speakers list during hand raising? I would like to see it if I don't have my queue placement visible on my phone.

Roy: I think seeing queue placement is enough and we don't necessarily need to know names

- I will think on that and look into ways of addressing this
- I would like the LC's to have a meeting with their committees, take attendance and mandate this one meeting before we get back from spring break. This will allow us to work on resolutions before the next GA. If you have a specified date and time for those meetings, send them to me and I can invite the executive branch to those meetings to discuss legislation they'd like to work on.
- There is an issue with attendance as leaving during the middle of the GA sessions. This will affect senator status if it is not communicated to the Secretary beforehand

b. Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters

- Oversight met today and amended and passed Bernard's resolution to the floor

c. Secretary Mykenna Roy

- Apologies for delay in minutes, tech issues have persisted on my end as I navigate this new role. I appreciate your patience
- Keep sending in your constituency reports, LC's send a message to your committees to remind them of this requirement
- If you have to leave in the middle of GA, messaging me afterwards is ok. A senator left because they were not feeling well, and they communicated this to me, which is all I ask. I will be understanding as long as there is communication.

III. Business

Old Business:

Schmidt: we will be seeing Bernard's resolution under old business during this meeting

New Business:

Schmidt: during GA, there will be an election for Oversight as well as Academic Affairs since those seats are now open. We may get a resolution from the executive branch to approve the new CBRC member but I have not heard anything yet. If that is the case, we will form a committee as a whole

Q: Bernard: is the new CBRC member the one for outside of USG?

A: Schmidt: This is for the non-USG seat that was open, not to replace the former speaker's seat

IV. Announcements

Schmidt: Begin thinking about transition documents since those are required for LC's to complete. This will be coming soon

Q: Vaishampayan: When is the last meeting for this General Assembly?

transition period happen

A: Schmidt: our last meeting is March 27th, and our transition meeting will be on the 13th. I encourage you to go to this meeting, the last day to pass resolutions is the 27th.

Q: Vaishampayan: I have received questions from constituents regarding USG documents in the judicial panel, will the President and Vice President be addressing this on Wednesday?

A: Schmidt: I do not know, the Judicial Panel is separate from the executive and legislative branch. I think if you received a message from them confirming your position on the ballot, you should be good. I do not know what Bobby and Madison will say since it is out of their jurisdiction

Vaishampayan: When I get questions about this issue, it is clear that people see this as a full USG issue and are unaware of the separation of powers in the 3 branches. I think if the executive made a statement on JP's actions, people will be more understanding and receptive.

Q: Evans: Why did the Judicial Panel reject the divestment initiative from the ballot?

A: Schmidt: I will refrain from discussing this in the meeting due to the separation of powers that take place within USG, but we can discuss outside of Steering.

V. Adjournment

7:14pm