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

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## I. Opening

- a. Call to Order 7:02

## II. Updates

- a. *Speaker Alex Poling*

- i. *We do have a regional campus seat back open since the senator that was filling that has disappeared, he has officially been removed. We have about 10 vacancies. We have a couple of applications for today and two applicants from last week are coming this week.*

- b. *Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters*

- i. *No updates*

- c. *Secretary Sarah Schmidt*

- i. *No updates*

## III. Business

- a. **Schmidt:** *Motion to add a resolution 56- R-22 to the agenda.*

- i. **Questions:**

- ii. **Discussion:**

- iii. **Vote: 7-1-0**

- b. **56- R- 22: A Resolution to Urge The Ohio State University To Allow Students To Attend Any Lecture or Recitation Virtually On November 5, 2024**

- **Bernard:** Asking students to attend lectures and recitation online on November 5, 2024, as it is the federal election and we have a presidential and senate election. Research shows that students tend to be politically active, but classes get in the way. Other universities have done this or gone further. The university showed they could do online learning without learning less as they went through COVID-19. I specified Lecture and recitation as I worried the university would be opposed to labs

as those would be hard to do online. This is very doable we wanted the ask to be very narrow.

i. Questions:

1. Roy: Would this account for professors who have never allowed a class to be virtual?
  - a. The university would tell professors that they must provide an avenue to attend virtually so they have time to vote
2. Poling: I know GR was trying to get the day off and were are they with that?
  - a. I talked to the president, and he said this is more realistic
  - b. Evans: Last time we met with them they had a survey they sent out but with how the schedule works they said it wouldn't be possible. I know the survey is still happening.
3. Roy: Do you think there is opposition to professors and the university would listen to them?
  - a. I'm not sure but I think it's worth sending to the administration and giving them a path to pursue that isn't super disruptive.
4. Hickman: I know that the board was going to do a trial run. I would check with Angod.
  - a. I can reach out to him and get more info from him. But I think this is the best path forward
5. Schmidt: Angod has been working on something very similar through the university senate and it was presented to Carter and he is in full support.
6. Roy: Can we have something that requires classes that are mandatory class be optional that day?
  - a. We want them to still be mandatory but just virtual. We want to step away from the canceling classes option.
7. Mudundi: Is there any plan for teachers past COVID times who don't know Zoom so it's not a setback for students?
  - a. Not really, I do think that is a very nonexistent issue.

ii. Discussion:

1. None

iii. Vote: 5-2-1

c. Bill 56 – B – 4

- i. Poling: The first sentence needs some edits and adds word total to the final line.

1. Schmidt: All accepted as friendly

d. Vacancy Applications

- i. Ali Hussain: We do have someone else coming for the business seat so they would be running against each other

1. Discussion:

2. Roy: I think the policy points do not represent business students. I do like the individual though.
  3. Vote: 5-2-1
- e. Mercedes Herrmann
- i. They are a Spanish major that is how they are a Arts and Humanities major.
    1. Discussion:
      - a. Schmidt: I worry how lack luster the application is and it looks really rushed especially question 11
      - b. Braziel: I agree answers seem focused and that they don't understand
      - c. Roy: I think the application is saying the same things that the others are saying but just shorter and the application does not have a length requirement.
        - i. Poling: No min stated just max 300
    2. Voting: 2-5-1

#### **IV. Announcements**

- a. We will have a resolution the bill and at least 2 vacancy applications. Not sure if we will have time for resolution workshop.
- b. Vaishampayan: are the updates for the committee just resolutions to be on the lookout for?
  - i. They can be resolutions or when you are meeting or what you are working on.
    1. Can the workshops be recorded?
      - a. Yes, the slides are in the welcome email.
- c. Poling: senator Roy I have a resolution for you and I will formally send that to you. Senator Hickman, are you meeting this week?
  - i. Hickman: yes, we will be to hear two resolutions.
- d. Poling: senator Braziel, the last few years we have had resolutions for black history month and there might be resolutions for you. I will send the ones from last year.
  - i. I went to the black caucus last week and they gave me some info.

V. Adjournment: 7:38