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I. Opening

- a. Call to Order 7:01

II. Updates

- a. *Speaker Alex Poling*

- i. *Sent info about USG elections in the main chat and in our committee chats we need to make sure nothing is being talked about elections. It does not look like organized teams are running so many senators are unaware of the process. We will need to do that transition process and if a pres. or vp is not elected it is something we would have to address.*
- ii. *I want to talk about how GA is running. I know Wednesday was messy and we are hoping to figure out some of the Zoom issues and streamline the process.*
- iii. *We got feedback in the form and I'm not sure what it's applying to but if you have ideas about what they are talking about let me know. If there are issues, please let me know. If there are ways to improve let us know.*
 1. *Vaishampsyam: I think this was regarding the senators who were laughing during the election speech.*
 - a. *Poling: I will reach out to the senator and apologize about that. I wish I handled that better but I think that was what this is about.*
 - i. *Brazil: I think we need to be more formal and direct, it seems like we are really casual. We*

need to make sure everyone knows the rules and how it works.

1. Poling: I'm trying to find a balance between fun and efficient. We need to handle the talking outside of those who are allowed to speak.

a. Hickman: If I catch myself talking its normally about the parliamentary process and I think figuring out a process for that.

i. Poling: I think you can make a point or inquire without being called on. If you do have questions direct them to leadership. I think that would help.

b. Roy: Is this talking about you specifically or in general?

i. Poling: I don't know

c. Roy: I think the three leaders sometimes seem like they do not know what they are doing. I think everyone is kind of following. I think it is an issue that parliamentary procedure is not known.

i. Poling: I will sometimes ask our parliamentary about the procedure and I can ask them louder but I'm not sure if that is very

helpful. I can do it louder if that is helpful. I can not hear the whispering so if it is about procedure I think we all should speak louder.

d. Braziel: Can we work on the privousing of a senator? Can we keep that in place.

i. Poling: Yes I can work on that.

e. Schmidt: Can we work on making the voting more effective?

i. They never replaced the voting things. I do not know what the problem is and I'm not sure why people are missing the voting. Digital voting is an option, but it might slow us down on motions.

b. Parliamentarian Keyanah Peters

i. Not present

c. Secretary Sarah Schmidt

i. No updates

III. Business

a. 56-R-20: A Resolution to Clarify the Pass/Non-Pass Option for Undergraduate Students Enrolled in Graduate Courses

i. Price: If you do not want to take a letter grade you can choice to do pass/not pass. The graduate handbook doesn't have that. There are many instances were undergraduates can take grad level classes. I

think a statement in 4.1 to clarify this to students. In the by-laws it allows this and I think clarification on senior petitioning is important.

1. Question

2. Discussion

a. Hickman; Good job Price a lot of time went in and I'm excited to vote for it.

3. Vote:

a. Unanimous it passes

b. 56-R-21: A Resolution to Encourage the Adoption of Generative AI Syllabus Statements

i. The resolution lays out what it is and how it's used. In the recommendations, USG passed a mental health statement, and it has AI suggestions, but it says to look at the professor's preference. Many different colleges provide different options for teachers to include. It makes clear what can be used and how

1. Questions:

a.

2. Discussion:

a. Braziel: I like this resolution to makes the professor have to do something.

b. Roy: I do think it inforces instructors but it gives them a new way of communication and transparency.

c. Mudundi: I like it as other university are adopting it can be beneficial.

3. Vote: Unanimous it passes

c. Vacancy Applications

i. I will be inviting them back from last week so we will start with them as it is old business. It does get strange with executive discission. I will probably make an announcement on Wednesday. We will also have an oversight seat

1. Schmidt: Wouldn't the ones we approve today need to go in new business.
 - a. Poling: technically yes: we can invite them for next week
 - b. Vaishampayan: Can we amend the agenda and move them to the front?
 - i. Yes we can but I do not want to split them up
 - c. Braziel: were the last week ones technically tabled?
 - i. Yes so they were automatically tabled to this week
- ii. Koch:
 1. Poling: we have one off campus seat left and one from last week was approved last week we can consider this one for this seat and they would be against each other and we can consider them for exploration seat. We can motion for that.
 - a. Schmidt: have we talked to them about wanting to do that
 - i. Poling: we haven't, we can change what seat we are considering for Wednesday too.
 - b. Roy: Why would we vote to see them on the seat they applied for.
 - i. Poling: it will get really complicated on Wednesday as far as new business and old business.
 - ii. Poling: we will consider them for an off campus seat.
 - iii. Discussion:
 1. Roy: I think they did a good job on specific idea for the constituency they are applying for. I also think its great that some of the programs are already in

motion and keeping them in that position would be good.

iv. Voting: Unanimously passes

1. Vaishampayan: I would ask if they want exploration in an email.

iii. Poling: we keep having the problem of people applying for dentistry when they are pre-dental.

iv. Mudundi: I think you should have more clarity

1. Yes I can say which ones are not included.

2. Poling: Do we want to consider them for business?

a. Muduni: I would and know she would do well in that seat

b. Vote: Passes to have them considered for the business seat.

v. Vaishampayan: I think she would be a good senator and has some really good ideas.

vi. Roy: I think they have some good ideas that can be worked on and did not issue there was an issue with Pre-dental and think it would be interesting for them to combine forces with others. I think they have some good ideas that can be worked out.

vii. Hickman: I think this is a good candidate and think having some understanding of that area is a good idea.

viii. Vote: 6-0-1

1. They will be invited for the business seat

d. Poling: the next candidate is someone who applied for off-campus but lives on campus and talked about the process of finding off-campus housing. Unfortunately, we can't put them in an off-campus seat but I will give them info on elections for next year.

IV. Announcements

V. Adjournment 7:50