

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 04/12/2021

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:31pm
2. ROLL CALL:
3. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. Here is a link to a budgeting concern submitted by Alliance
    - i. [Forums of Concern 4/12/21](#)
  - b. Becca Wireman on behalf of The Torch
    - i. I would first like to thank you and the Senate for the funding we have received. We are very happy with our budget and appreciate it very much. However, I do have a small concern with line 35, our website fees. We had requested \$3,700 and received \$3,500. We are very grateful for this amount, but are concerned due to rising prices. In the past years we have seen slight increases to our website fees, and unfortunately, we cannot work around this. The website is an important feature of The Torch as many alumni and students alike read our online issues. We would appreciate the full funding of this line to ensure that we can continue to provide this service to the Valpo community. Thank you for the consideration.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion: Sen. Bakri
  - b. Second: Sen. Raimondi
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Sen. Pariso
    - i. Food Access Committee's food drive happening until Friday, April 23rd
    - ii. Please encourage donations
  - b. Sen. Robb
    - i. Writing an SR with Sen. Chenoweth about updating student organization rules/regulations
6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. This Wednesday, there will be a campus-wide email about an on-campus vaccination clinic
    - i. J&J Vaccine
    - ii. Partnering with Walmart
    - iii. Will need to sign up for a time slot
  - b. Campus space & planning projects:
    - i. "Hammock hangout" (hammock garden)
    - ii. 9-hole disc golf course
7. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
    - i. Associate Provost Yogan: role and follow-up on zoom accessibility
      1. Access to class materials & class attendance are separate issues
      2. 5-point memo that the Provost sent to the Deans:

- a. 1. Want to honor what is already in the faculty handbook. Attendance is between students and their professors; instructors are encouraged to pay particular attention to commuters & others who have travel-related issues
      - b. 2. Faculty are not required to provide Zoom sessions for in-person or hybrid sessions unless they have students in quarantine or isolation, and are not required to record classes.
      - c. 3. If faculty are using Zoom, they cannot deny some students access to the session while allowing access to others. The same applies to recorded sessions.
      - d. 4. Faculty decide their attendance policies for their classes.
      - e. 5. If faculty do not record their class sessions, they are still expected to provide course materials (notes, presentations, etc) for students who are absent.
    - ii. Senate Banquet
      - 1. May 2nd
      - 2. Tent; brunch or dinner?
      - 3. Link to Doodle Poll: [https://doodle.com/poll/4n64wennytp28m7c?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/4n64wennytp28m7c?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)
    - iii. Student Org Awards: April 26th at 5:00 pm under the tent
  - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
    - i. Please turn your cameras on :)
    - ii. Meeting next week is in person in the ballrooms (with a Zoom option for those in quarantine).
    - iii. If anyone would like to be added to the VUSSOLISA committee, please email me!
    - iv. Last week CCPC met and we have created our report on December Graduation: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RCzFsp5Q\\_LmyzK8z5huNKm4CPCduyTZHln7r-Gy\\_HCs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RCzFsp5Q_LmyzK8z5huNKm4CPCduyTZHln7r-Gy_HCs/edit?usp=sharing)
  - c. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
    - i. No report
  - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
    - i. Website Updates
      - 1. New format for tabs that decreases the amount of tabs
    - ii. Social Media Updates
      - 1. Promote election materials!!!!
    - iii. Internal Updates
      - 1. I have not done much with the guidebook - I take full responsibility for the lack of attention to it. If I become the PRC for next year, I will work on what I have already completed over the summer.
  - e. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
    - i. April 30th: Stipends due
    - ii. May 7th: Encumbrance requests due
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - a. EXECUTIVE: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
    - i. No report
  - b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
    - i. Tier 1 Budgeting
      - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1k6acmvOO0qcqgXQkHVwEvusMhlnvYPH4H1rtr3SA\\_gc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1k6acmvOO0qcqgXQkHVwEvusMhlnvYPH4H1rtr3SA_gc/edit?usp=sharing)
    - ii. Sen. Behrens made a motion to add the SALT budget to the slate
      - 1. Second: Sen. Sedlar

2. Motion passes 25-0-0
- iii. Sen. Behrens made a motion to move \$200 from the pot to the Torch budget line 35
  1. Second: Sen. McMillan
  2. Motion passes 23-1-1
- iv. Sen. Robb made a motion to move \$250 from the pot to line 80 of Alliance
  1. Second: Sen. Hoeksema
  2. Motion passes 25-0-0
- v. Sen. Zaki made a motion to move \$900 from the pot to line 33 of BSO's budget
  1. Second: Sen. McMillan
  2. Motion passes 22-3-0
- vi. Sen. Behrens made a motion to move \$5,963 from the pot to fulfill SALT's budget
  1. Second: Sen. Vicari
  2. Motion passes 25-0-0
- vii. Sen. Raimondi made a motion to move \$665 from the pot to line 31 of Alliance
  1. Second: Sen. Robb
  2. Motion passes 21-4-0
- viii. Sen. Robb made a motion to move \$1000 from the pot to line 95 of Alliance
  1. Second: Sen. Vicari
  2. Motion passes 20-5-0
- ix. Sen. McMillan made a motion to approve Tier 1 budgets as a slate
  1. Second: Sen. Behrens
  2. Motion was interrupted
- x. Sen. Behrens made a motion to edit Student Senate's to reflect the new stipend amounts in BP004-SP21
  1. Second: Sen. Wesphal
  2. Motion approved 22-3-0
- xi. Sen. Behrens made a motion to approve Tier 1 budgets as a slate
  1. Sen. Robb seconded
  2. Budgets were approved 25-0-0
- c. ADMINISTRATION:
  - i. New org applications closed
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Sophia Behrens
  - i. Will have transition meeting week of April 19th
- e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
  - i. I would like to nominate John Shen for Diversity and Inclusion Chair
    1. Sen. Shen accepted the nomination
    2. Second: Sen. Chenoweth
    3. Approved 24-0-1
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Aidan Byrnes
  - i. Upcoming meeting on Wednesday the 14th
- g. DINING SERVICES: Billy Robinson
  - i. Upcoming meeting on Friday, April 16th
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION:
- i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Gwyneth Hoeksema
  - i. AFRO Week ASA Proposal
    1. Passed in DFC 4-0-0 AND in Finance 4-0-0
    2. Requesting \$7,680 for their events (The events for the week will begin Tuesday April 13th and end Sunday the 18th).
      - a. This includes African fabrics and clothes for a total of \$3,500 and food for a total of \$4,180

3. Events are catered by a restaurant in Chicago called African Experience. They are also getting the clothing and pants from black owned businesses.
    - a. All of the food will be individually wrapped and single-serve.
    - b. Because it is a small business, the food is a little more expensive
  4. Most of the events will be in the ballrooms or outside on the West Lawn/Helge Center
  5. Sen. Raimondi made a motion to approve \$5,980
    - a. Second: Sen. Jones
    - b. Sen. Bakri made a motion to discuss
  6. Sen. Robb made a motion to table
    - a. Sen. Chenoweth seconded
    - b. Motion passes 25-0-0
- j. DISCOUNT CARD: Bryce Jones
    - i. Got into contact with most of the businesses and am waiting for a reply
  - k. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: Phoebe Lersch
    - i. Tomorrow (April 13) at 8pm is the organizational meeting
9. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. [BP006-SP21](#)
10. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. BP007-SP21  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gDTIoxBHqEpbbpZTfUtzxux4VCzkyOlnA1G7Y7\\_33wck/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gDTIoxBHqEpbbpZTfUtzxux4VCzkyOlnA1G7Y7_33wck/edit?usp=sharing)
  - b. Sen. Pariso rescinded her Bylaw Proposal
11. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
12. POSTMORTEM:
13. ADJOURNMENT:
- a. Sen. Jones made a motion to adjourn
  - b. Sen. Raimondi seconded
  - c. Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm