

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 10/25/2021

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:31pm
 - a. Motion to amend agenda: Sen. Chenoweth
 - b. Second: Sen. Hernandez-Garrity
2. OATH OF OFFICE: Senator Gautum
3. ROLL CALL: Four excused absences: PRC Grimpe, Senator Hertzberg, Senator Abraham, Senator Byrnes
4. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion: Sen. Chenoweth
 - b. Second: Sen. Westphal
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Sen. Pariso:
 - i. Senate and APO will be doing a food drive the week of Nov. 15th. There will be a competition between the orgs. Please reach out if you are interested in helping.
 - b. Sen. Westphal:
 - i. Senior class gift committee sent a survey to be filled out. Follow @seniorclassgift on Instagram for updates
 - c. Sen. Chenoweth:
 - i. Sen. Cavinder and Sen. Chenoweth beat Sen. Robb and Sen. Lennon in the bags tournament but lost in the championship to PIKE.
 - d. Sen. Bakri:
 - i. There has been some Founders food quality content on instagram. Please direct your constituents to the dining committee or the Founders staff.
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Dr. Whittier
 - i. If there is a food safety issue on campus, immediately take that problem to the dining staff so it can be handled right away.
 - ii. Please attend the inauguration week events. Trunk-or-treat will be moved inside the union in the case of rain. Attendance for the parade, service projects, and ceremony is highly encouraged.
8. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
 - i. Trunk or Treat: Thursday 5-7 p.m., Parking Lot 15 and Harre Union West Lawn
 - ii. All Beacons Welcome Kickoff Parade and Event: Parade begins at 4:30 p.m. and will pick up participants as it moves through campus. The parade will end at a tent on the Harre Union West Lawn where cultural and seasonal activities and food will be available. The event is open to everyone and will conclude at 9 p.m.

- iii. The Faculty Senate is looking for students to serve on a committee to gain insight into the current practices of academic integrity, specifically as those practices relate to or avoid the honor council system. If you are interested, please email me!
 - iv. VP Jacobs and I met with President Padilla on Friday.
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Student Senate will be joining the service projects on Saturday morning for President Padilla's Inauguration weekend. This is not required, but it would be great if you joined us in supporting the surrounding community. [Sign up here](#) under "President Padilla Inauguration Service Projects" and add Student Senate as your organization.
 - ii. Looking for volunteers to be student ambassadors for President Padilla's Inauguration Reception to greet guests after the ceremony. [Sign up here](#)
 - iii. Please partake in all of the Inauguration events this week and weekend! Enjoy yourselves!
 - c. SECRETARY: Katelyn Shouse
 - i. No report
 - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. New Senators, please read my email and fill out the bio form and office hours sheet
 - e. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
 - i. Deadline for stipend submissions will be this Friday, October 29th at 5pm. There will be no submissions past the deadline.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Jolie Foor
 - i. No report
- b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. Tier 3 budgets are due Monday, November 1st on presence. Please contact senate.finance@valpo.edu with any questions.
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Ian Chenoweth
 - i. College Democrats
 1. Org never applied for re-recognition at the end of the semester so they now are needing to be re-recognized.
 2. Admin voted 5-0-0
 3. Motion to vote: Sen. Lennen
 4. Second: Sen. Robb
 5. Passes 20-1-0
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Sophia Behrens
 - i. Reaching out to CoM to schedule our next meeting this week
- e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
 - i. We have two interested applicants for college of Nursing and Health professions. We will hold interviews for them early this week. We hope to have that spot filled by wednesday.
 - ii. Still waiting to hear back about engineering.
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Tasha Abraham
 - i. No report
- g. DINING SERVICES: Georgia Martin
 - i. Every first Wednesday of the month, there will be an open meet and greet for students to meet the Parkhurst staff, get to know them, and voice their concerns.
 - ii. Welcomed 3 new non-senate representatives to the committee
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Allison Howard

- I. Met with the Assistant Vice President for DEI and presented a couple of ideas to her; we are working on a project right now and as soon as everything is more concrete I will share more details on it.
- II. Committee Meeting is happening this Wednesday the 27th at 7pm in the Gandhi-King Center.
- III. Nominee for the Committee: Maya Nietzel
 - A. Motion to vote: Sen. Westphal
 - B. Second: Sen. Dollison
 - C. 21-0-0
- i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Nathan Robb
 - i. DFC decided on a new application and funding requirements for this year
 1. Will be funding: Multi-sponsor campus wide events, campus improvements, university vetted speakers
 - ii. Application is open, will review all applications submitted up to Nov. 6th to compare and approve
 1. Application will reopen twice the following semester with a similar two week period before review
 2. DFC will vote by two weeks after application closing and bring to full senate
 - iii. Will send out campus wide email and PRC Grimpe will put up an infographic on all senate social media tomorrow morning

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Please attend the inauguration events and have a safe and fun Halloween weekend.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 8:56pm