

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 11/29/2021

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:35pm
2. ROLL CALL:
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. Active Minds
 - i. Nonprofit organization, promoting mental health awareness and education
 - ii. Have the opportunity to host a backpack event to create a space for the discussion of suicide prevention.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion: Sen. Westphal
 - b. Second: Sen. Henandez-Garrity
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Sen. Martin
 - i. We are currently in need of freshman overnight student ambassadors. Please reach out if you are interested.
 - ii. Working on setting up a meeting with Earthtones in order to plan a space on campus for the discussion of the national climate change conference that occurred.
 - b. Sen. Behrens
 - i. Constituents have expressed the need for more blue lights around the sorority houses and the German house.
 - ii. Students have expressed concerns about the catering requirement on campus, which eliminates possible bake sales, etc.
 - iii. Students are expressing concerns about receiving tickets when parking in staff lots due to other lots being full.
 - iv. There is a concern about study rooms being full during finals week and to consider having them only available to students during that time
 - c. Sen. Robb
 - i. Valpo doesn't have many resources for trans students at this point. Hoping to create a list of resources for trans students who are looking for access to services such as laser hair removal in the area.
6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Vice President Janowiak
 - i. The V-line stop at the north end of the union will soon have a solar powered sign that will indicate where the bus is on its route at that time via a video screen.
 - b. Dean Blevins
 - i. Feel free to contact student life if you are struggling to get through these last weeks of the semester.
7. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
 - i. No report

- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Constituency Reports
 - ii. How to use Robert's Rules in voting on budgets
 - iii. SR's must come to Executive Committee tomorrow in order to be voted on this semester
 - 1. 5:30 - Campanile Room
 - iv. Lots of Holiday festivities this week
 - 1. Tree lighting is tomorrow at 6:15
 - v. Check out our door! Voting is tomorrow
 - vi. Our last meeting of the semester will be next week, Dec. 6
 - 1. Holiday party?
 - c. SECRETARY: Katelyn Shouse
 - i. No report
 - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Senate GroupMe does not want to work
 - 1. I will be making a new group chat this week
 - ii. Once we get the headshot digital copies, we will use these in Senate promotions, window promotions, and website biographies
 - iii. If any committee chairs want to promote their meetings or any events you have planned, please reach out to me to get promotions made.
 - e. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Jolie Foor
 - i. Working on Senate representation structure and then the financial structure tomorrow
 - b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. Tier 3 Budget Voting
 - ii. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14zSlzg9JPCdO5TYPXUw344P3LWi1ReWcqyeMvyMhQvs/edit?usp=sharing>
 - 1. Motion to discuss: Sen. Henandez-Garrity
 - 2. Second: Sen. Behrens
 - 3. Motion to move \$40 from pot to Orthodox Christian Fellowship for ongoing organizational functions: Sen. Chenoweth
 - a. Passes 22-1-0
 - 4. Motion to move \$25 from pot to VU Haunt for supplies and office necessities: Sen. Chenoweth
 - a. Passes 18-5-0
 - 5. Motion to move \$0.01 from pot to Hooked on Tonics supplies and office necessities
 - a. Passes 22-1-0
 - 6. Motion to move \$20 from pot to Women in Stem for supplies and office necessities: Sen. Behrens
 - a. Passes 23-0-0
 - 7. Motion to vote on tier 3 budgets: Sen. Robb
 - a. Passes 23-0-0
 - c. ADMINISTRATION: Ian Chenoweth
 - i. Valpo Pre-Law Society
 - 1. Admin voted 5-0-0
 - ii. Research Society
 - 1. Admin voted 5-0-0
 - iii. Motion to vote as a slate: Sen. Hertzberg
 - iv. Second: Sen. Behrens
 - 1. Passes 23-0-0

- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Sophia Behrens
 - i. The Lighter Fall 2021 issue has been sent off to the printer! We are hoping to receive the books before Saturday December 11th
 - 1. The Lighter has reduced the number of books being printed to 300, which will also significantly decrease our invoice from Gilson, the printing company
 - ii. The Torch's 11th issue came out Nov 15
 - 1. Worked with WVUR on Portage teacher protest
 - 2. Two more issues this semester
 - iii. WVUR broadcasted remote cultural events from the Union for the first time
 - 1. two alumni lectures during inauguration week
 - 2. News Dept broadcast a special podcast report about the teachers' protests in Portage
 - 3. Planning to broadcast one evening of Christmas Vespers
 - 4. Offering a full range of news, music, chapel and sports programming
 - iv. The Beacon has 317 seniors photographed
 - 1. Last chance for senior portraits is Jan. 26-27, 2022; emails to Seniors will go out in early January
 - v. VUTV has been producing weekly newscasts with better involvement from members
 - 1. Weather updates are now going out twice a day
 - 2. Weather show has started production & sports show starting soon
 - vi. We need a new Committee on Media Chair!
 - 1. Nominations :)
 - a. Sen. Williamson will be the new Media Chair!
- e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
 - i. We are holding off on filling the remaining two positions for this semester as we only have one meeting left. That being said, I am starting to fill positions for next semester.
 - ii. Please let me know if you will not be here next semester. You can email senate.screening@valpo.edu
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Tasha Abraham
 - i. First meeting was held before break.
 - 1. Most of the issues are being addressed. New blinds are being installed in the freshman dorm rooms.
 - 2. Our main request is water bottle refill stations on the dorm floors.
- g. DINING SERVICES: Dianne Dollison
 - i. No report
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Allison Howard
 - i. No report
- i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Nathan Robb
 - i. DFC is not meeting for the rest of this semester. We will resume next semester when the submission application reopens.
 - ii. We have 2 open positions on the committee for next semester. Please email me if you are interested.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. None

12. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Thank you all for your time tonight and for taking the time for headshots today.
- b. SRs are due tomorrow by the Executive board meeting at 5:30 pm.
- c. There will be more details coming about the holiday party.

13. ADJOURNMENT: 9:45pm