

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

April 11, 2016

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:06pm
2. ROLL CALL: Excused: Senators Tiemann, Attallah, Schlosser, Browning, PR Coordinator Williams. Unexcused: Senators Gabe and Morrison. Excused Tardy: Senator Davis
3. OPENING DEVOTION: Be kind to yourself, enjoy the small things
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. Watch Valpo Day on VUTV or [www.valpo.edu/proudtobevalpo](http://www.valpo.edu/proudtobevalpo) from 9am-9pm
  - b. UPC
    - i. Thanks for support
    - ii. Know they spent a lot of money, but spent a lot of time on finding exact numbers
    - iii. Programs are campus-wide, benefits everyone
    - iv. Lectures line is new, feel it's a need for students, TED-X was a huge hit
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Emeka
    - i. World Banquet went really well. President Heckler and Dean Jenkins were present
  - b. Senator Donarski
    - i. Multi-culture groups got together to discuss differences
  - c. Dance Marathon raised over \$42,000
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Dean Jenkins
    - i. Student Activity Fees are paid by all undergrads, but at the rate of 1% of the Arts & Sciences rate of tuition (which is lower than tuition of other Colleges) up to \$19,000, plus 0.6% of any tuition above that. Capped at \$622,000, then anything above that is put toward the V-Line, and only then is extra money put back toward Senate (rarely has happened)

## 8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT: Maura Jonas
  - i. Final Town & Gown meeting tomorrow
    - 1. Talk to President Jonas about concerns
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Nura Zaki
  - i. Encourage people to be involved in the election process
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Zachariah Hughes
  - i. Abstentions
    - 1. Only count yes/no votes, abstentions are like if you aren't present
    - 2. Should only abstain if there's a potential conflict of interest according to Robert's Rules and our Bylaws
  - ii. Senior Votes
    - 1. According to the constitution, all undergrads can vote
  - iii. Would like to start approving last week's minutes during meetings
  - iv. Bring up bylaws by next week
- d. SECRETARY: Micah Topel
  - i. No Report
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Jacob Williams
  - i. **Annual Senate Banquet**- Mark your calendars, for we will be dining at Pestos on Monday, May 2 starting between 6:30 or 7:00 (details still need to be worked out, but Senate will be notified once they are good to go.)
  - ii. **Website Status**- If you have not sent me an updated version of your documents or filled out the survey that I sent out last week, then please do so. As soon as I have all of the updated documents and a few more pages restructured, the website will be ready to go live.
  - iii. **T-shirts**- Only received two designs in addition to my own. Please send me something if you want a say in what kind of t-shirt I will be ordering. If not, then the Comic Sans text t-shirts will prevail, and nobody wants that. This will be the LAST week that I will accept designs.
  - iv. **Programming Requests and Questions**- If you have an idea for the website, please send me a brief description of what you had in mind. Any other questions may be directed to my e-mail. Thank you all.
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kyle Crawford & Brandy Gabe
  - i. No Report

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE
  - i. Impressed with discussion/productivity next week, continue it this week!
  - ii. Exec at Board of Directors Room on Friday at 10am
- b. ADMINISTRATION
  - i. Motion to vote on American Choral Directors Organization re-rec as a Tier 2 organization: passes 19-0-0

- ii. Amendment to give them a very small sum of money later
- c. FINANCE
  - i. \$98,428 rollover last year was built up over a few years and voted to be used last year. This year we cannot budget with a rollover because no money will be available until July 30 (end of fiscal year)
  - ii. Motion to table discussion on adding American Choral Directors to the Tier 2 slate: passes 18-0-1
  - iii. College Mentors for Kids requests to shift \$203.93 to Organization Sponsored Events: passes 19-0-0
  - iv. American Society of Civil Engineers requests to shift \$1,225 from Purdue Professional Development Registration Fee and Transportation Costs to Great Lakes Conference Student Registration Fee line: passes 19-0-0
  - v. American Society of Civil Engineers requests to shift \$300 from Purdue Professional Development Conference to Structure Steel Pieces line: passes 19-0-0
  - vi. VUTV requests shift from Cap. Ex. funding to them for \$589.47 for camera repair: passes 18-0-1
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA
  - i. Meeting Wednesday
  - ii. Interest in new chairman!
- e. SCREENING
  - i. Email sent to Student Body for exec applications, many responses. Interviews taking place Thursday-Sunday
- f. COMMUNITY SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY
  - i. No Report
- g. VUSSOLISA
  - i. Meeting time Thursday, presenting candidates next Monday
- h. ELECTIONS
  - i. Union has approved new panel discussion for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates 7:30 pm April 20 in the Cafe.
  - ii. Tables have been reserved for voting.
  - iii. Fliers made for union event, will go out as soon as IMC sends them.
  - iv. Fliers for elections pending. Will go to IMC in next two days.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

- i. None

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Senate Budget
  - i. Insurance: covers if organization's equipment is damaged or stolen
  - ii. V-Line: required to pay
  - iii. Capital Expenditures: used most by Media Orgs, not seen by Senate

- iv. Crusader Discount Card: asked for slightly more because cut budget close last year
- v. VUSSOLISA: scholarship given out
- vi. End of Year Banquet: thanks non-paid senators
- vii. Cultural Arts Co-Sponsorship: through the Union and obligated to spend it to help fund events
- viii. Welcome Back Event: one event to get out name out there
- ix. Publicity: used for Homecoming this year
- x. Letterhead: for discount cards and other messages sent to campus
- xi. Office Supplies: for Senate Office
- xii. Phone Charges: for required phone in the office
- xiii. Stipends: in the constitution that no other org officer can be paid more than the senate President, main reason why it's \$2,001
- xiv. Roughly \$10,000 spent on ourselves (including stipends)
- b. Almost \$50,000 is contractually obligated to be paid

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. VUTV
  - i. Thanks to Finance Committee and Senate as a whole, especially for transparency tonight
  - ii. The work on changing the studio, logo, brand as a whole, and with TED-X and Valpo Day is meant to prove to the university that they are a worthy investment. Trying to expand but it is difficult with a \$40,000 budget

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. None

14. ADJOURNMENT: 9:24pm