

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

April 18, 2016

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:04
2. ROLL CALL: Excused: Senators Jackson & Taylor, & PR Coordinator Williams,
Unexcused: Senators Dubinsky and Morrison
3. OPENING DEVOTION: The Beacon (yearbook) looks great and is available in Chapel View Lounge
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. SALT
 - i. Clerical error when submitting budget, so number reflects those from two years ago. Currently \$1300 for Color 4 A Cause, actually need \$5500.
 - ii. As of now could not even buy paint. Requesting \$1600 for Color, \$2200 for T-shirts, \$1,000 Sunglasses, \$300 shipping. Very important for campus and SALT
 - b. Senior Programming Council
 - i. Due to lapses in communication budget turned in late, but Senior Week is long-standing tradition. At least want transportation covered
 - c. UPC
 - i. Thanks for funding
 - d. VUTV
 - i. Asking for \$300 for Assistant Directors (requested \$500, only approved for \$150 each)
 - e. Alliance
 - i. MBLGTACC conference: With an additional \$3,500 we would be able to send a number of students to the conference who in turn will help enrich our community on campus.
 - ii. GAYpril: We are requesting an additional \$5,000 to bring in guest speakers and promote events
 - iii. The Drag Show: We are requesting an additional \$7,000 in order to bring in professional queens and gather supplies for the show
 - iv. Transgender Awareness Week: We are requesting an additional \$4,000 to bring in guest speakers and put together a transgender panel of students
 - v. World AIDS day: We are requesting \$200 to provide free AIDS testing to students

- vi. Advertising: We are requesting an additional \$500
- f. VU Ballroom
 - i. Ranked sixth in the nation currently
 - ii. Not asking for more, just don't want to be cut (especially Valpo Comp)
- g. The Lighter
 - i. Not asking for more money. Requesting line item shifts, don't worry about these tonight
- h. Valpo Robotics
 - i. Competition Supplies cut to \$0 (need this because it isn't possible to open the Manufacturing Lab on weekends) would like \$500
 - ii. Need one motor controller per motor, not different numbers of each
- i. WWUR
 - i. Thanks for funding
- j. Waves
 - i. Requesting extra \$100 for PR
 - ii. Requesting extra \$100 for speakers
 - iii. Implementation Trip will happen this year, requesting same amount of money from last year (\$500)
- k. LIVE
 - i. HHM Dinner, got \$200 this year, need at least \$500 to work with Dining Services
- l. BSO
 - i. Black History Month Dinner: Budget cut down to \$1000, but spent \$1200 this year so requesting back up to \$1200
 - ii. "Soul Food Kickoff" line only has \$50, previously spent \$500 so need more to serve food for event
 - iii. \$25(?) approved for Performances & Performers, requesting \$500
- m. Honor Council
 - i. Requesting more for Stipends. Receive 60 cases per year, takes 3-4 hours per case so like to compensate people for that
- n. Asian American Pacific Islander Organization
 - i. Diwali Festival of Lights and Midwest American Student Union (fall leadership summit and spring event) are major events
 - ii. Diwali cut in half, last year budget was \$3,000, but cut to \$1,500. 400 attended last year, large event

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- a. Motion by Senator Avery to move Finance Committee (item C) to Letter H: passes.
- b. Motion by Senator Macy to vote on slate of executive committee positions under "Screening Committee": passes.
- c. Amended agenda passes

6. SENATORS' REPORTS:

- a. Senator Macy
 - i. Letter from Alliance
- b. Senator Conrad
 - i. Project on how different universities run organizations and Senate
 - ii. Survey results will be published
- c. Senator Attalah
 - i. Healing the body with religion
- d. Senator Schlosser
 - i. April 22 from 8am-5pm in Chapel View Lounge
 - ii. Open forum for President/VP on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30pm in the Café

7. ADVISORS' REPORTS: No Report

8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT: Maura Jonas
 - i. No Report
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Nura Zaki
 - i. Speak loudly so can be heard
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Zachariah Hughes
 - i. Student Alumni Association has not been approved
 - ii. Senior Planning Council and American Choral Directors have yet to get money
 - iii. VU Robotics new drill could come out of Cap Ex funds
 - iv. Discuss line item shifts later
 - v. Can recommend to the Board of Directors that we receive more funds
- d. SECRETARY: Micah Topel
 - i. Minutes will be uploaded to new website
 - ii. Discussing way of publicizing attendance records at exec on Friday
 - iii. Forum of Concerns emailed
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Jacob Williams
 - i. The Senate Banquet time has been moved to 7:30 due to multiple requests to have it later. It will still be at Pestos on Monday, May 2.
 - ii. Reminder to send in documents for the Senate website if you have not already.
 - iii. Please e-mail me with any questions or concerns.
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kyle Crawford & Brandy Gabe
 - i. Encumbrance requests due

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE
 - i. Meeting on Friday, 10:00am in Board of Directors
- b. ADMINISTRATION
 - i. Report next week
- c. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA
 - i. Nomination for Chair will be next week
- d. SCREENING
 - i. Nomination for Clayton Hatfield to Assistant Treasurer Position: passes 19-0-1
 - ii. Nomination for Secretary for Micah Topel: passes 20-0-0
 - iii. Nomination for PR Coordinator Zoe Kelm: passes 20-0-0
 - iv. Nomination for Committee on Media Member for Maisley Strange: passes 20-0-0
 - v. Current Senators: think about running for Parliamentarian, no one who was qualified/interested applied
- e. COMMUNITY SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY
 - i. SALT's C4K on Saturday, April 30
- f. VUSSOLISA
 - i. Six candidates, narrowed down to two. Motion to approve Leah Birhanu and Marissa Rhinas for VUSSOLISA Scholarship Award: passes 18-1-1
- g. ELECTIONS
 - i. April 22 from 8am-5pm in Chapel View Lounge
 - ii. Open forum for President/VP on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30pm in the Café
 - iii. Student-body-wide for Senator At-Large position
 - iv. 3 senior, 2 junior, 3 minority, and 1 international positions open, so encourage people to apply
- h. FINANCE/Tier 1 Budgets (passed motions in red)
 - i. \$150 Cap for Advertising, \$200 for Banquets, \$100 per night allowed for hotels, also said no to Transportation costs, no to food per diem, no to T-shirts
 - ii. Senator Donarski motions to add Senior Planning Council to slate: passes 19-0-0
 - iii. Senator Macy motions to put American Choral Directors Association on Tier 2 slate. Senator Macy amends motion to move ACDA to the Tier 2 slate for \$0: passes 18-0-1
 - iv. \$9,722.83 in the pot
 - v. Senator Davis motions to move additional \$2,700 from Funds Remaining to Line 37 for Yearbook printing: fails 15-4-0
 - vi. Senator Emeka motions to move \$210 from Funds Remaining to VU Robobics (\$90 for line 104, \$120 to line 58): passes 16-1-2

- vii. Senator Bobo motions to move \$2,000 from Funds Remaining to line 50 for SALT's Color 4 A Cause: fails 14-3-2
- viii. Senator Laatsch motions to move \$700 from Funds Remaining to line 54 for BSO's Black History Month Dinner: passes 17-0-2
- ix. Senator Davis motions to move \$2,600 from Funds Remaining to the Beacon's line 37 for Yearbook printing: passes 16-1-2
- x. Senator Macy motions to move \$1,000 from Funds Remaining to Alliance's (line 24 \$500, \$500 to line 70 Drag Show). Passes 17-1-1
- xi. Senator Laatsch motions to move \$500 from Funds Remaining to Waves' line 16: fails 10-4-6
- xii. Senator Bobo motions to move \$1,500 from Funds Remaining to line 50 for SALT's Color 4 A Cause: fails 13-4-2
- xiii. Senator Conrad motions to move \$2,000 from Funds Remaining to line 75 for Asian American Pacific Islander Organization's Diwali Light Festival: fails 13-4-2
- xiv. Senator Macy motions to move \$300 from Funds Remaining to Live's Budget for food: passes 19-0-0
- xv. Senator Bobo motions to move \$1,000 from Funds Remaining to line 50 for SALT's Color 4 A Cause: passes 13-2-4
- xvi. Senator Davis motions to move \$2,000 from Funds Remaining to Senior Planning Council's line 57: fails 9-7-3
- xvii. Senator Laatsch motions to move \$50 from Funds Remaining to line 77 of Waves budget for Advertising: fails 14-3-2
- xviii. Senator Emeka motions to move \$400 from Funds Remaining to line 76 of AAPIC. Senator Conrad motions to amend motion to change amount to \$2,000 and line to line 75. Amendment fails 9-9-0. Original motion fails 15-3-1
- xix. Senator Macy motions to move \$500 from Senate Budget End-of-Year Banquet to American Choral Directors Association. Senator Davis motions to amend motion to be \$300. Amendment passes 14-4-1. Amended Motion fails 14-5-0
- xx. Senator Hallenberg motions to move \$300 from Senate Budget End-of-Year Banquet to VUTV's assistant director lines: passes 17-1-1
- xxi. Senator Browning motions to move \$500 from Funds Remaining to VISA's World Banquet line 39: passes 14-2-3
- xxii. Senator Laatsch motions to move \$200 from Funds Remaining to BSO's line 56 for Gospel Fest Kickoff: passes 15-1-3
- xxiii. Senator Donarski motions to move \$1,700 from Funds Remaining to Senior Planning Council's line 57: fails 13-3-2
- xxiv. Senator Macy motions to move \$500 from Funds Remaining to Alliance's budget (\$350 to GayApril line 52 and \$150 to Transgender Awareness Week line 49): passes 16-1-2

- xxv. Senator Davis motions to move \$400 from Funds Remaining to the Beacon's line 37 for Yearbook printing: passes 19-0-0
- xxvi. Senator Conrad motions to move \$2,000 from Funds Remaining to line 75 for Asian American Pacific Islander Organization's Diwali Light Festival. Vote to amend amount to \$1,000: passes 18-0-1. Motion for \$1,000 passes 19-0-0
- xxvii. Senator Laatsch motions to move \$100 from Funds Remaining to line 63 of Waves' budget for Speakers: passes 15-1-3
- xxviii. Senator Macy motions to move \$800 from Funds Remaining to Senior Planning Council's line 57: passes 15-1-3
- xxix. Senator Macy motions to move \$330.83 to ACDA line 49. Senator Emeka amends motion to move \$100 from Funds Remaining to ACDA and \$230.83 to Honor Council Stipends. Amendment fails 9-9-0. Original motion for \$330.83 fails 6-12-0
- xxx. Senator Davis motions to move \$515 from Student Senate Stipends (\$100 from 87, \$100 from 88, \$50 from 91, \$25 from 92, \$25 from 93, \$100 from 94, \$100 from 95, \$15 from 96) to Honor Council's Stipends (\$500 to line 83, \$315 to line 84): fails 5-12-3
- xxxi. Senator Schlosser motions for a five-minute recess: failed
- xxxii. Senator Bobo motions to move \$330.83 from Funds Remaining to line 50 for SALT's Color 4 A Cause: passes 16-1-2
- xxxiii. Senator Winter motions to approve Student Senate's budget. Senator Schlosser motions to amend Senate budget to include a 5% across the board cuts to Senate Stipends: motion fails 3-16-0. Senator Schlosser motions to amend Senate budget to include a 5% across the board cuts to Senate Stipends excluding the President: fails 6-11-2. Original motion by Senator Winter to approve Student Senate's budget: passes 14-1-3. Recount fails 11-5-4.
- xxxiv. Senator Conrad motions to approve Student Senate's budget: fails 11-5-4
- xxxv. Senator Conrad motions to make a 5% cut to Senate Stipends across the board: fails 10-7-3
- xxxvi. Senator Emeka motions to approve Student Senate's budget: passes 16-1-3
- xxxvii. Senator Baker motions to approve Tier 1 slate as a whole: passes 20-0-0
- xxxviii. American Society of Civil Engineers requests to shift \$944.18 from various lines to GLC Hotels: passes 18-0-0
- xxxix. American Society of Civil Engineers requests to shift \$249.71 from various lines to Portland Cement line: passes 18-0-0
 - xl. VISA Requests to shift \$1,430.36 from Unity Ball line to World Banquet line: passes 18-0-1
 - xli. American Red Cross Club request to shift \$245.16 from Spring Campaign speaker to End of the Year Banquet: passes 19-0-0

- xlii. American Society of Mechanical Engineers requests to shift \$315.71 from Student Development Conference to Engineering Design Competition: passes 19-0-0
- xliii. Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition request to shift \$2,962.96 from various lines to MAASU Conference: passes 19-0-0

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SR by Parliamentarian Hughes
 - i. Finance Committee must bring budget-cutting guidelines to the senate meetings for discussion
 - ii. Voting on this next week at the last meeting

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. SALT
 - i. Thank you for your time
- b. VUTV
 - i. Thank you for giving additional stipends
 - ii. Thanks for help with Valpo Day

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Thank you for due diligence on budgeting task

14. ADJOURNMENT: 11:19pm