

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES February 6, 2017

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:05pm
2. ROLL CALL: Excused: Vice President Macy. Unexcused: Senator Campbell
3. OPENING DEVOTION: Senator Garner – continue from what President Heckler said about treating others who are different than us with love and respect. Next week will be Senator Dubinsky
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS: None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Unanimously Approved
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Laatch
 - i. Attended one of Waves' meetings
 1. A group of them went to Haiti over winter break
 2. Upcoming silent auction for trip to Nicaragua
 - b. Senator Dubinsky
 - i. Sign up for Dance Marathon
 - ii. Registration cost will be reduced from \$15 to \$10 for a week coming up
 - iii. Attended AFLV fraternity/sorority conference in Indianapolis this past weekend where both IFC and Panhellenic were recognized as the number one councils for our size in the U.S., and the Faces of Mental Health project also won an award
 - c. Senator Behnke
 - i. VU Acabellas performed during dinner
 - ii. IEEE building laser tag system from scratch
 - d. Senator Young
 - i. The Lighter will be having their cabaret coming up soon
 - e. Senator Garner
 - i. Attended BSO kick-off for Black History Month
 - f. Senator Emeka
 - i. World Banquet was a success

7. ADVISORS' REPORTS: None

8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT: Nura Zaki
 - i. Attend "how" strategic planning meetings!
 - 1. Wednesday, February 8 from 8-11am in Mueller Refectory
 - 2. Friday, February 10 from 1-4pm in Mueller Refectory
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Sam Macy
 - i. Attending the Estonian Choir concert on campus
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Lauren
 - i. No Report
- d. SECRETARY: Micah Topel
 - i. Approval to use Union's label maker, mailboxes should be labeled soon
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Vacant
 - i. Vacant
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Brandy Gabe & Clayton Hatfield
 - i. February 20 stipend deadline, all requests due April 10
 - 1. If you didn't receive an email with those deadlines, contact Brandy to get on the list
 - ii. Setting up dates/times for finance tables again, will be requesting help from others
 - iii. Brandy will usually be in the office either late at night or early in the morning this semester, so try to fit meetings in during those times
 - iv. Can also ask Clayton about issues
 - v. Meeting with orgs about line item shifts and encumbrance requests
 - vi. Remind orgs to get university credit card use pre-approved

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Nura Zaki
 - i. Executive Committee Meeting on Wednesday at 3:30pm in the Helge Center Conference Room
- b. ADMINISTRATION: E.J. Dubinsky
 - i. Re-rec is February 18-19
 - ii. Re-rec tables on February 9 and 16 from 5-7pm in the SOS
 - iii. Personally email orgs about re-rec and budgeting (Admin will be asking orgs if you did actually contact them)
 - iv. Presenting SR related to re-rec next week
 - v. Let Admin know if you have ideas for how to punish orgs for not completing re-rec process on time
- c. FINANCE: Miller Conrad
 - i. Budgets for Tier 2 due March 19, Tier 1 on March 26

- ii. UPC requests to move \$1579.24 from Welcome Week to Special Events: line item shift passes 18-0-0
- iii. Cap-Ex request from VUTV to upgrade an iMac for \$2,088: passes 18-0-0
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Hannah Laatsch
 - i. Meeting on Wednesday to discuss media heads for next year
 - ii. Will have recommendations to present at Senate after spring break
- e. SCREENING: Chinny Emeka
 - i. 17 applicants for open positions
 - ii. Screening starting after Wednesday this week, recommendations for seats will be presented February 20
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Katareina Vincent
 - i. No Report
- g. DISCOUNT CARD COMMITTEE: Mark Young
 - i. No Report

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. SR-001-SP17
 - i. Fixing February 2017 to say February 2016
 - ii. Approved 18-0-0

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of SR-001-SP17: A Resolution to Reaffirm Our Commitment
 - i. Moved from New Business to Old Business so that it could be voted on tonight
- b. Budgeting Guidelines Regarding Uniforms
 - i. Finance Committee working with Brandy to refine bylaws regarding uniforms

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Decorating Office
 - i. This Thursday at 5pm

14. ADJOURNMENT: 8:36pm