

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES October 2, 2017

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:00PM
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Excused: President Shahine, Senator Felty
  - b. Unexcused: Parliamentarian Gabe, Senator Cabaya, Senator Donarski
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
  - a. Senator Steinhiser: "These people are members of the community that care about where they live. So what I hear when I'm being yelled at is people caring loudly"  
-Leslie Knope
  - b. Next Week: Senator Garner
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS: N/A
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Add Speaker Rick Gillman
    - i. Proposal for the new academic calendar
  - b. Approved Unanimously
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Donarski: Thank you for nominating me and to all those who attended homecoming events this week. Even though I was not crowned Homecoming Queen, it was still amazing to participate!
  - b. Senator Waisnora: Positives and negatives of human sexuality program (check your email for the notice!). Send your interest in attending to the counseling center.
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. No report
8. SPEAKER RICK GILLMAN - ASSOCIATE PROVOST:
  - a. Proposal for the new academic calendar
    - i. If you have questions about the proposal email [calendar@valpo.edu](mailto:calendar@valpo.edu) or email Senator Funk ([peter.funk@valpo.edu](mailto:peter.funk@valpo.edu) - he may not have all of the answers though).
9. OFFICER REPORTS
  - a. PRESIDENT: Hussein Shahine
    - i. No report
  - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Eric Dubinsky

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- i. Thank you to everyone who attended the Homecoming activities this weekend
  - ii. People who did nothing this past weekend are weird
  - iii. We have an event coming up for the residence halls - look out for an email for more information on this
  - iv. Next Executive Board meeting will be this Wednesday at 8AM in the Helge
  - v. Anyone can come to an Executive Board meeting and talk our ear off
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Brandy Gabe
  - i. No report
- d. SECRETARY: Katareina Vincent
  - i. Please continue to send excuses to my personal email: [katareina.vincent@valpo.edu](mailto:katareina.vincent@valpo.edu)
    - 1. If you have any questions/comments/concerns about your attendance email me, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.
  - ii. If you are unsure if an absence is excused or unexcused do not hesitate to email/text me and ask me. I will let you know with no judgement.
  - iii. Philanthropy events are not excused absences.
  - iv. You receive 3 unexcused absences, on the 4th a grievance will be made about your attendance
  - v. Absences should be sent in by 4PM the day of the meeting at the latest.
  - vi. Please do not lie to me about your absence, I get rather offended if you tell me you are sick, and then I see a snapchat of you getting "turnt" at 8:35PM that same Monday night. I probably will find out, just be honest with me.
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Mark Young
  - i. No report
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Clayton Hatfield & Jamie Dykstra
  - i. Creating a "How to Finance" for organizations for how to fill out forms among other things
  - ii. Any questions can be directed to Treasurer Hatfield or Assistant Treasurer Dykstra

#### 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Hussein Shahine
  - i. No report
- b. ADMINISTRATION: Alex Winter
  - i. S.R. is going to be sent out as a guide for "How to Liaison"
  - ii. Watch out for an email as some Liaison organizations will be changing
- c. FINANCE: Carlos Cabaya
  - i. No report
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Annika Brown
  - i. No report
- e. SCREENING: Brandon Hansen
  - i. Open positions: 2 senior senator seats and 1 international senator seat
  - ii. Email was sent out about the open positions, though there may be a correction email going out soon
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Adam Apel
  - i. No report

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11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. N/A

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. N/A

13. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. N/A

14. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Thank you for your engagement tonight, and stay on top of your Liaison-ing

15. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. 8:43PM