

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE:

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER:
 - a. 8:00pm
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Unexcused: Senator Lukas
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Presentation by Executive Director of Retention, Andrea Welch
 - i. Discussion of add/drop time length
 - ii. Shortening add time and lengthening drop time
 - iii. Making information more accessible to students
 - iv. Email: andrea.welch@valpo.edu
 1. Email with ideas on how to reach students in organizations
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Senator Imel made a motion to approve the agenda
 - b. Senator Brown seconded
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Pimental:
 - i. Been meeting with Chinese Student Organization about re-recognition
 - ii. Talked with President Winters about changes to the Student Organization
 - iii. Also have been talking about forming a Diversity Inclusion Committee on Senate
 - b. Senator Steinhiser:
 - i. Value of student forums (specifically Dining Services Forums)
 - c. Senator Warren:
 - i. Also attended the Dining Services Forum; was more productive than the meeting last week
 - ii. Don't be afraid to reach out to people
 - d. Senator Imel
 - i. Encourage people to reach out to Vice President AmRhein
 - ii. Don't be afraid to say negative things
 - iii. Apply to be an Overnight Student Ambassador
 - e. Senator Behnke
 - i. Traveled to Disney World over Fall Break for a class
 - ii. Learned of importance of culture in organizations and leadership
 - iii. Senate is not thinking about our internal and our external culture

- iv. Senators are being “pencil-pushers” and not willing to look past the bylaws; Senate is not working together
 - f. Senator Hollis
 - i. IT came in and installed a printer in the office, and all computers have internet
- 7. ADVISORS’ REPORTS: Dean Jenkins & Dr. Hunter
 - a. No report
- 8. OATHS OF OFFICE
 - a. New executive committee members
 - i. Parliamentarian Herschel, Assistant Treasurer Ray, Public Relations Coordinator Bailey
 - b. New student senators
 - i. Senator Foor, Senator O’Brien
- 9. OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. PRESIDENT: Alex Winters
 - i. University Council
 - 1. Governing body from all university policies
 - 2. Need students
 - 3. Last Wednesday of every month 3:30pm
 - ii. Educational Policy Committee
 - 1. In charge of curriculum for each college
 - 2. Need students
 - 3. First Wednesday of every month at 3:30pm
 - iii. Town and Gown Committee
 - 1. Meet with community of Valparaiso to talk about the University
 - 2. Need students
 - 3. First Wednesday of every month at 3:30pm
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Carlos Cabaya
 - i. Senate’s ability to make recommendations for policy change
 - c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Dan Herschel
 - i. No report
 - d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. No report
 - e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Brenna Bailey
 - i. No report
 - f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kevan Polanski, Kameron Ray
 - i. No report
- 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. EXECUTIVE: Alex Winter
 - i. We will be meeting 7:45am Thursday in the Senate Office
 - ii. For new senators: this meeting is for committee chairs/executive board members but all are welcome
 - iii. We'll be discussing SR-FA001 and SR-FA002
 - b. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama

- i.
- c. FINANCE: Craig Behnke
 - i. Measures passed from committee meeting
 - ii. Reminder that Tier III budgets are due 10/31
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. The Lighter is taking submissions.
- e. SCREENING: Lily Warren
 - i. Starting next round of applications/interviews soon
 - ii. Open positions: Senior Senator (2) and Committee on Media members
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Isis Zaki
 - i. Will be meeting tomorrow with Executive Members of House Council
 - ii. Met with the Assistant Dean of Residential Life
 - iii. Very successful Defamation event last week
 - iv. Trick or Treat event for Faculty & Staff's children
 - 1. Contact Senator Zaki if interested in volunteering

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Senator Imel motioned to open the floor to President Winter
- b. Senator Steinhiser seconded
- c. Confirmation of University Council Members
 - i. Current members: President Winter, Senator Imel, Senator Behnke, Devina Boygan, Jackson Block
- d. Senator Imel motioned to vote as a slate
- e. Senator Steinhiser seconded
- f. Vote passes 19-0-0

13. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

14. POSTMORTEM:

- a. None

15. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Imel motioned to adjourn
- b. Senator Brown seconded
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm