

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE:

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Unexcused: Ian Lukas, Joe North

3. OPENING PRESENTATION:

- a. Presentation by Vice President AmRhein and Director Joanne Pesavento, Dining Services
- b. There will be an open forum next Monday, Oct 15th at 7-8:30pm in the Hearth Room
- c. Addressed parent agenda
 - i. Misrepresentation of meal services during FOCUS
 - 1. Only difference is smaller portion sizes during FOCUS; reasoning is so that people can try different options
 - 2. Same food made by same people
 - ii. Significant price increases
 - 1. Compared to other restaurants in the area (Applebee's, McAlisters, Buffalo Wild Wings, Panera), The Green Fork is average among these
 - 2. How food indexes themselves have risen or fallen in the past year
 - a. Driven by market price
 - 3. How Dining Services gets their food
 - a. Sustainable? Healthy?
 - 4. Budgeting meal plan tools given at FOCUS the last 2 years; available online
 - a. People who deplete their meal plan quickly tend to spend more on Starbucks, Grab-n-Go items
 - b. When people have excess, why? Why aren't they eating?
 - iii. Reduced hours of service
 - 1. Still the same hours
 - 2. There is a reduction of stations
 - a. Moved pasta from "Pastabilities" to Nuevo
 - b. Closed Brick Oven, kept pizza in the Cafe
 - 3. Rotate stations on the weekend because there are few students who eat on the weekends
 - a. Try new things at these stations
 - iv. Insufficient staffing
 - 1. Not a Valpo-only issue; nationwide trend of difficulty finding employees
 - 2. Also short student employees

- 3. More important to have quality food served at fewer stations than to have all stations open with stretched staff
- v. Administrative fees
 - 1. \$100/semester administrative fee
 - 2. Non-food related items; supplies, maintenance, utilities (ie new oven)
- vi. Quality of product
 - 1. Strive to have excellence and variety
 - 2. Encourage students to ask for a sample
 - 3. Utilize "just-in-time" cooking, except for Chapel rush (1500 students coming in within 30 minutes)
 - 4. Comment boxes available
 - a. Most are "Can we add __ to Starbucks?"
 - 5. Most things are made in house
- vii. Lack of meal plan options
 - 1. A la carte vs. set meals (swipes per days)
 - 2. Set meals would change the infrastructure (can you bring a backpack? what would the register look like?)
- viii. Health inspection and code violations
 - 1. 0 things noted in Founders and 1 thing noted in the Cafe to change; good health inspections
- d. Questions

4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- a. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to approve the agenda
- b. Senator Imel seconded

6. SENATORS' REPORTS:

- a. Senator Hollis: 2 computers do not have internet. Reconnected one to make the internet work, sent in an IT ticket to fix the other one and the printer

7. ADVISORS' REPORTS: Dean Jenkins & Dr. Hunter

- a. No report

8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT: Alex Winter
 - i. No report
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Carlos Cabaya
 - i. No report
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN:
 - i.
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. No report
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR:
 - i.

- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kevan Polanski
 - i. Over fall break, will go through budgets and clear out people who should not have access to them, and will be adding all the people that should

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Alex Winter
 - i. Meetings will be 7:45am Thursdays in the Senate Office
 - 1. All are welcome
 - ii. SRs should be discussed in executive committee before being brought to the floor
 - 1. Reason: E-board can discuss, provide input, make any changes
- b. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
 - i. Met with 3 more organizations
 - ii. Young Americans for Liberty; Libertarian group
 - 1. Administration committee voted 4-0-0
 - 2. Senator Steinhiser motioned to vote
 - 3. Senator Imel seconded
 - 4. Motion to recognize the organization passed 15-0-0
 - iii. Valparaiso University Mathematics Club
 - 1. Administration committee voted 4-0-0
 - 2. Senator Imel motioned to vote
 - 3. Senator Brown seconded
 - 4. Motion to recognize the organization passed 15-0-0
 - iv. Valparaiso University Chess Club
 - 1. Administration committee voted 3-0-0
 - 2. Senator Steinhiser motioned to vote
 - 3. Senator Imel seconded
 - 4. Motion to recognize the organization passed 15-0-0
 - v. Please send questions to administration.studentsenate@valpo.edu, not personal email
- c. FINANCE: Craig Behnke
 - i. Capital Expenditure proposal for UPC, \$460
 - 1. Want some new lights that are starting to break
 - 2. Finance voted 4-0-0
 - 3. Sen. Steinhiser motioned to vote
 - 4. Sen. Imel seconded
 - 5. Motion to approve the capital expenditure passed 13-0-2
 - ii. Deadline for Tier 3 budgets is set to October 31st
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. Still looking for student media members; working with screening committee
 - ii. Interview for The Lighter Editor-in-Chief next week
- e. SCREENING: Lily Warren
 - i. Parliamentarian- Dan Herschel
 - ii. PRC- Brenna Bailey
 - iii. Freshman Senator- Jolie Foor, Meghan O'Brien
 - iv. Assistant Treasurer- Kameron Ray
 - v. Senator Imel motioned to vote as a slate

- vi. Senator Steinhiser seconded
- vii. Senator Steinhiser motioned to vote
- viii. Senator Behnke seconded
- ix. Motion to approve the above stated people passed 15-0-0
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Isis Zaki
 - i. Senator Jacobs filling in for Senator Zaki
 - ii. Meeting with the House Council Reps set for Tues. 10/16

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. None

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Imel motioned to adjourn
- b. Senator Luft seconded
- c. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm