

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE: 11/05/18

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 pm
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Excused: Lily Warren, Ian Lukas, Joe North, Allison Pariso, Jolie Foor, Ben Jacobs
 - b. Unexcused:
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Discussion on New Academic Calendar with Dr. Rick Gillman, Associate Provost of Faculty Affairs
 - i. New calendar (implementing in 2020)
 - ii. Each semester has been shortened by 1 day
 - iii. Fall:
 1. Begin on Wednesday instead of Tuesday
 - a. Acts like a Monday
 2. No classes on Labor Day
 3. Commencement now at end of Finals instead of weekend before Finals
 - iv. Spring:
 1. MLK will stay the same
 2. Spring break will stay 2 weeks
 3. Classes end on a Friday so finals will be Monday-Friday instead of Thursday-Tuesday
 4. This creates an extra Thursday; there is a committee exploring what we could do on this day instead of classes (such as Senior Recitals, One-Act Plays, Engineering Design Expo, Undergraduate Research Day, etc.)
 - v. Requires a 3-week break between Fall Commencement and beginning of classes in January
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Senator Steinhiser made a motion
 - b. Senator Imel seconded
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Pimental
 - i. Will be bringing snacks or dinner next week
 - ii. Talking to Karate Club and MESA; all good
 - iii. Talking with Chinese Student Association as well

- b. Senator Zaki
 - i. Christ College Freshman Production is coming up this weekend
 - c. Senator Behnke
 - i. WAVES is having an event; unlimited pizza for \$5 tomorrow in the library
 - ii. SAI has been doing some music things around campus
 - d. Senator Imel
 - i. Go vote tomorrow
 - ii. Pick up Secret Santa notecard
 - e. Senator Cervantes
 - i. Love Your Melon- meets biweekly on Mondays, 9:15 in the Hearth
 - ii. College of Republicans- meets biweekly on Mondays, 7:00pm
 - iii. History Club- having trouble finding a room
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS: Dean Jenkins & Dr. Hunter
- a. Dean Jenkins has finished shopping for Secret Santa
8. OFFICER REPORTS
- a. PRESIDENT: Alex Winters
 - i. MLK Award Nominations will be sent out soon
 - ii. EPC Members
 - 1. Need a certain amount from each college
 - 2. Meet the first Wednesday of every month at 3:30pm
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Carlos Cabaya
 - i. Guidelines for Constituency Reports- due Monday, November 29th
 - c. PARLIAMENTARIAN:
 - i.
 - d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. No report
 - e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Brenna Bailey
 - i. Senate headshot photos will be next week, 11/12, 7:15pm in Neil's
 - f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kevan Polanski
 - i. No report
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Alex Winter
 - i. No report
 - b. FINANCE: Craig Behnke
 - i. Tier 3 budgets
 - 1. Received a little over half of budgets
 - 2. Working with Admin to verify each organization's eligibility for budgets
 - 3. The presentation will be upcoming
 - ii. Line Item Shift Request \$780 from Instructor Line partly into Regional Tournament Travel and partly to Regional Tournament Hotel
 - 1. Finance voted 3-0-0
 - 2. Senator Imel motioned to open the floor to debate
 - a. Senator Steinhiser seconded

3. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to table the line item shift until someone from Karate Club can present at Senate
 - a. Senator Zaki seconded
 - b. Motion passes 13-3-0
- iii. Senator Behnke made a motion to consider the following as a slate, Senator Imel seconded
 1. MESA: Moving \$1125.33 from several line items to another
 2. Finance voted 3-0-0
 3. Senator Imel made a motion to open the floor to debate
 - a. Senator Steinhiser seconded
 4. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to vote
 - a. Senator Luft seconded
 5. Motion to approve the line item passes 16-0-0
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
 - i.
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. Vote on the Lighter's new Editor-in-Chief, Sarah Law
 1. Senator Imel made a motion to open the floor to debate
 - a. Senator Brown seconded
 2. Senator Imel made a motion to vote
 - a. Senator Struckmann seconded
 3. Motion to approve Sarah Law as Editor-in-Chief passes 15-0-1
- e. SCREENING: Annika Brown
 - i. Upcoming interviews this week (about 4)
 - ii. Reach out to new students
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Isis Zaki
 - i.
- g. DISCOUNT CARD COMMITTEE
 - i.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. SR003-FA18: Senator Imel and Senator Steinhiser
 - i. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to open the floor to discussion
 1. Senator Imel seconded
 - ii. Senator Behnke made a motion to remove Operative Clause 3 from SR003-FA18
 1. Senator Luft seconded
 2. Motion fails
 - iii. Senator Imel made a motion to add a friendly amendment: Provide Safe Haven areas with Blue Button Access in Harre Union, Christopher Center, Athletics-Recreation Center, Urschel Hall
 1. Senator Imel seconded
 2. Motion passes
 - iv. Senator Cervantes made a motion to add a friendly amendment: Provide a Safe Haven Area at LeBien Hall
 1. Senator Imel seconded
 2. Motion passes

- v. Senator Behnke made a motion to add a friendly amendment: Provide a Safe Haven Area at Gellerson
 - 1. Senator Steinhiser seconded
 - 2. Motion passes
- vi. Senator Garner made a motion to add a friendly amendment: Provide a Safe Haven Area to all buildings that have the “foyer” entrance
 - 1. Senator Steinhiser seconded
 - 2. Motion fails
- vii. Senator Maruyama made a motion to change the word from “provide” to “research” on Operative Clause 6
 - 1. Senator Zaki seconded
 - 2. Motion fails
- viii. Senator Behnke made a motion to revise Operative Clause 4, “Improve the Quality of Lighting”
 - 1. Senator Steinhiser seconded
 - 2. Motion fails
- ix. Senator Struckmann made a motion to include the language, “Including but not limited to” on Operative Clause 4
 - 1. Senator Steinhiser seconded
 - 2. Motion passes
- x. Senator Behnke made a motion to table the SR
 - 1. Senator Luft seconded
 - 2. Motion fails
- xi. Senator Imel made a motion to recess for 8 minutes
 - 1. Senator Zaki seconds
 - 2. Motion fails
- xii. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to close discussion
 - 1. Senator Zaki seconds
 - 2. Motion to close the discussion fails
- xiii. Senator Behnke made a motion to table the SR
 - 1. Senator Luft seconded
 - 2. Motion fails
- xiv. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to vote
 - 1. Senator Luft seconded
 - 2. Motion passes
- xv. Motion to approve SR003-FA18 15-0-1
- b. SR004-FA18: Senator Ogle and Senator Steinhiser
 - i. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to open the floor to debate
 - 1. Senator Zaki seconded
 - ii. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to close discussion
 - 1. Senator Struckmann seconded
 - 2. Motion fails
 - iii. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to vote
 - 1. Senator Zaki seconded
 - 2. Motion to vote passes
 - iv. Motion to approve SR004-FA18 passes 16-0-0

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. We need a parliamentarian

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Struckmann made a motion to adjourn
- b. Senator Zaki seconded
- c. Motion passes
- d. Meeting adjourned at 9:26pm