

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE: September 23, 2019

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:00pm
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Excused: Senator Monahan
 - b. Unexcused:
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Senator Zaki:
 - i. "Freshmen bring fresh ideas. There's nothing scarier than the phrase, 'That's the way we've always done it.'"
 - b. Volunteer for next week: Senator Hijaz
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. May, representing AAPIC
 - i. Requesting line shifts for lodging/transportation/conference fee for MAASU Conference
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Senator Robinson made a motion to move Presidential search report to point 6
 - i. Senator Zaki seconded
 1. Senator Hershberger made a motion to vote
 - a. Senator Behnke seconded
 - b. Senator Zaki made a motion to add Dining Services Committee to the agenda
 - i. Senator Hershberger seconded
 - c. Senator Jacobs made a motion to approve the agenda
 - i. Senator Hershberger seconded
6. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH REPORT:
 - a. Rick AmRhein, Chief of Staff
 - i. Met with the board recently, sent out a survey to students
 - ii. October 7th- Search Committee can talk to students and get their direct opinion
7. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senators Hijaz and Stanton
 - i. Put emails out on the commuter student board- received an email
 1. Possible to get a microwave in the library by Grinders?
 2. Had to remove the microwave because the brand was not supported by the new Dining Services
 - b. Senators Zaki and Jacobs
 - i. Conversation on visitation policy

1. Student Senate has a say in Residential Life policy!
2. Campus survey, campus forum, working with different RAs and RLCs
3. Join our team

8. ADVISORS' REPORTS:

- a. No report

9. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **PRESIDENT:** Annika Brown

- i. Nominations for University Council (12 student representatives)- 7 were approved over the summer

- a. Annika Brown
- b. Joey Hess
- c. Williet Debroah
- d. Billy Robinson
- e. Chris Grimpe

2. Senator Jacobs made a motion to vote as a slate

- a. Senator Hershberger second
- b. Motion passes
- c. Motion to approve the nominations passes

3. Minutes will be posted online ("internal governance" section of the website)

- ii. How President Brown & VP Young can best support Senators

1. Beginning work before changing policy (collecting interest, collecting data, including administration)
2. *Last* step: Senate Resolution (will carry more weight)

- b. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Mark Young

- i. Don't be afraid to ask questions during reports

- ii. Office Hours

1. *Outside* the SOS, especially with the different seats

- a. In external offices by constituency
- b. Chapel View Hallway
- c. BP where it becomes mandatory?
 - i. Trial run first

- c. **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Mac Magiera

- i. No report

- d. **SECRETARY:** Paige Mecsyste

- i. No report

- e. **PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR:** Dylan Ogle

- i. Done with all senators on the website except for at-large senators

- ii. Social Media Ad-Hoc Committee

1. Help produce a constant stream of content

- f. **EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Kameron Ray

- i. Updating Encumbrance request forms

1. Refer to website

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **EXECUTIVE:** Annika Brown

- i. Meeting on Wednesday at 5pm
 - b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
 - i. Line item shift requests
 - 1. VUDU Comedy Improv
 - a. Create a new line item: Kalamazoo Improv Fest
 - b. Committee voted 5-0-0
 - c. Senator Behnke made a motion to vote
 - i. Senator Jacobs seconded
 - ii. Motion to approve the line item passes 24-0-0
 - 2. AAPIC
 - a. Move funds totaling \$1,068.38 from Spring Conference and leftover funds from Bubble Tea Night to fund fall conference
 - i. Committee voted 4-0-0
 - ii. Senator Zaki made a motion to vote
 - 1. Senator Behnke seconded
 - 2. Motion to approve the line item shift passes 24-0-0
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
 - i. Met with 2 new organizations
 - 1. Valparaiso University Students for Life
 - a. Educational organizations
 - b. Admin voted 7-0-0
 - c. Motion to vote: Senator Hershberger
 - i. Second: Senator Behnke
 - ii. Motion to approve the organization 22-1-1
 - ii. VUGU: Valparaiso University Gaming Union
 - 1. Gaming and game-related topics; community-building organization
 - a. Admin voted 7-0-0
 - b. Motion to vote: Senator Behnke
 - i. Second: Senator Zaki
 - ii. Motion to approve the organization passes 23-1-0
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. Scheduled first meeting this week (5:30-6:30 on Thursday in Schnabel Hall Room 28)
 - ii. Looking forward to meeting/setting goals/etc.
- e. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan (Senator Bodlak)
 - i. Will have some recommendations for next week
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
 - i. First committee meeting on Thursday at 6:00
 - ii. Ryan Blevins & all the presidents of the residence halls on campus
 - iii. Overnight policy, safety on campus, concerns from hall presidents
- g. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Eseosasere Okundaye
 - i. Got into the email
 - ii. Finding meeting time
- h. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
 - i. Met with Lee and Dean on Friday as introductory meeting
 - ii. Meeting next week

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Voting on BP001-FA19
 - i. Motion to vote: Senator McMillan
 - 1. Second: Senator Maruyama
 - ii. Motion to approve the Bylaw passes 23-0-1

13. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

14. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Take the survey that Rick AmRhein was talking about; talk with your constituencies to do the same
- b. Discussion about who we can fund can definitely be discussed in the future
- c. Ask questions/guidance!

15. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Senator Behnke
- b. Second: Senator Zaki
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm