

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE: 09/09/2019

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:00pm
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Excused: Assistant Treasurer Sheputis
 - b. Unexcused:
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Secretary Meczyssine
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Senator Behnke made a motion to approve the agenda
 - i. Senator Maruyama seconded
 - b. Motion failed
 - c. Senator Zaki made a motion to move Nominations and vote for Presidential Search to Old Business
 - i. Senator Rogers seconded
 - d. Senator Behnke made a motion to approve the agenda
 - i. Senator Maruyama seconded
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Hijaz and Senator Stanton
 - i. Email from a commuter student
 - ii. Ask to put measures in place for commuter students during dangerous driving conditions in winter months; ex: webcam recordings of lectures
 - iii. Working on how to approach the problem
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Dr. Julie McGraw: Launching search for new president; process for incorporating student representative in report committee. Must be a student who is recommended by Student Senate
 - i. Role: To host and meet with candidates, but also responsibilities assigned by search committee
8. OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
 - i. Last Wednesday: Met with educational policy committee

1. New changes coming up with course changes to meet WID (writing in discipline) curriculum, and adding Certificates
- ii. Dining Services Committee activation- meet with President Brown for a few minutes after meeting
 1. Will be electing chair to be a liaison with Dining Services
- iii. Opportunities:
 1. Day of Caring: September 21st
 2. Homecoming
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Young
 - i. Future homecoming king
 - ii. CCPC meeting- Campus Community Policy Committee
 1. Still need one more student
 2. Ex: What time students can access buildings, relationships with VUPD
 3. Meets every 1st Wednesday of the month
 4. Specifically a student from College of Arts & Sciences- talk to Senator Hershberger, VP Young, or President Brown
 - iii. Let me know if there are swipe access issues with Senate Office
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mac Magiera
 - i. No report
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. No report
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Dylan Ogle
 - i. To increase transparency: post pictures of all senators, a bio, and office hours
 - ii. Send in professional headshots and brief bios to senate.prc@valpo.edu for the website and Senate Office
 1. If you have problems with your image being displayed publicly, please let me know
 - iii. Will be on glass window in Senate office, and online
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kameron Ray
 - i. Office Hours: MWF 3-5
 - ii. Inactive Org Budget Returned to General Treasury
 - iii. Senate Office Swipe Access

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Annika Brown
 - i. Official meeting time: Wednesdays at 5pm
- b. FINANCE:
 - i. Vote on Chair
 1. Senator Hershberger
 2. Senator Behnke
 - ii. Senator Zaki made a motion to vote
 1. Senator Jacobs seconded
 - iii. Senator Hershberger elected Chair 17-7-0
 - iv. No report
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
 - i. Please send email if on committee

- ii. If there are questions, please send to administration.studentsenate@valpo.edu
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. Still looking for an advisor; everything else is set
- e. SCREENING:
 - i. No report
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Had first constituent meeting
 - ii. Junior in GM- concerned about overnight policy with different sexes
 - iii. Have first meeting with Ryan Blevins this Thursday

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Oath of Office for new Senators
 - i. Senator Hershberger made a motion for a 5 minute recess
 - ii. Senator Zaki seconded
 - iii. Meeting called back to order at 8:32pm
 - iv. Redo of Motions to fill quorum requirement
 - 1. Motion to move Nominations and Vote for Presidential Search to Old Business: Senator Hershberger
 - a. Second: Senator Zaki
 - 2. Motion to approve the agenda: Senator Hershberger
 - a. Second: Senator Behnke
 - 3. Motion to vote for finance chair: Senator Zaki
 - a. Senator Maruyama seconded
 - b. Senator Hershberger elected Chair 17-6-1
- b. Nominations for Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
 - i. Senator Hershberger nominated Senator Zaki
 - ii. Senator Zaki nominated Senator Okundaye
 - iii. Will vote next week

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Nominations and Vote on Support Committee for Presidential Search
 - i. Senator Hershberger nominated President Brown
 - ii. Senator Jacobs nominated Senator Zaki - Senator Zaki declined
 - iii. Senator Behnke nominated Senator McMillan
- b. Senator Jacobs made a motion to vote on the nominees
 - i. Senator Zaki seconded
- c. President Brown elected as the Student Representative for the Support Committee 25-0-0

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Thank you for coming
- b. Sorry for the hiccup
- c. Next meeting: General assembly next Monday

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Zaki made a motion to adjourn
- b. Senator Behnke seconded
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm