

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE:

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:00pm
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Excused: Senator Abraham, Senator Pariso
  - b. Unexcused: Assistant Treasurer Sheputis
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
  - a. Senator Sedlar: Penny analogy
  - b. Volunteer for next week: Senator Foor
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion to approve: Senator Hershberger
  - b. Second: Senator Behnke
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Jacobs
    - i. Sophomores: generally in favor, concern is making Reading Day on a Saturday
      1. Students from far away were in favor because they could book their flights sooner
  - b. Senator Monahan
    - i. Transfers: generally in favor; concerns about not enough time to eat lunch
  - c. Senator Johnson-Levine
    - i. Juniors: in favor because it gives more time to pack up/prepare for summer. No negatives
  - d. Senator Behrens
    - i. Freshmen were neutral
  - e. Senate Opinion: 23-0-1 in favor of shorter Final Exam Schedule
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Dean Jenkins
    - i. Student Senate has been useful in having facts about the university
    - ii. This Wednesday, the Valparaiso Ivy Tech is conducting a full-scale active shooter simulation
    - iii. Could be picked up in media/news- will involve a regional response, will have a lot of sirens
    - iv. If you have concerned students/hearing rumors, reassure that it is a simulation

- v. Will talk to Assistant Chief to see if an email can be sent out
- b. Dr. DeGraw
  - i. Board of Trustees is here this weekend (Friday-Saturday)- please reach out, be friendly if you see them

## 8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **PRESIDENT:** Annika Brown
  - i. Will try to report back about the lunch with the Board of Trustees
  - ii. Tips for contacting constituents
    1. Great job to the commuters
    2. Class Senators: send to Dean Jenkins and he will distribute it to your class
    3. College Senators: reach out to the dean of your college for an email list
- b. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Mark Young
  - i. Casual Senate meetings once in awhile
    1. Next meeting will be casual
- c. **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Mac Magiera
  - i. No report
- d. **SECRETARY:** Paige Mecyssine
  - i. No report
- e. **PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR:** Dylan Ogle
  - i. Social Media Ad Hoc Committee will meet tomorrow night at 7pm- anyone can come if interested
  - ii. Idea: reserving the Hearth and having a Senate Dinner where constituents can come in and voice concerns, as well as a senate bonding event
- f. **EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Kameron Ray
  - i. No report

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **EXECUTIVE:** Annika Brown
  - i. Meeting at 5pm on Wednesday-
  - ii. If you're a committee chair, please create a channel on Slack
- b. **FINANCE:** Jesse Hershberger
  - i. Tier 3 budgets are due next Friday, Nov 1st; not taking late budgets
  - ii. Introducing a BP later today
- c. **ADMINISTRATION:** Eric Maruyama
  - i. Provost approved Veteran Student of America
- d. **COMMITTEE ON MEDIA:** Jolie Foor
  - i. No report
- e. **SCREENING:** Kurt Monahan
  - i. Recommendation for CONHP: Sarah Meirs
    1. Screening voted 4-0-0
    2. Motion to vote: Senator Behnke
    3. Second: Senator Zaki
    4. Motion to approve Sarah Mears 24-0-0
  - ii. Need recommendations for Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- f. **COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE:** Ben Jacobs

- i. Meeting this Thursday at 6
  - ii. Will talk about Overnight Policy
- g. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
  - i. No report
- h. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Eseosasere Okundaye
  - i. Met with Committee last Wednesday
  - ii. AAPIC- Drink Around the World on Nov 1st
  - iii. LIVE- documentary on the 30th
  - iv. MSA- general meeting on November 3rd
  - v. Talked about campus trends to students of color
    - 1. Overall feel welcome
    - 2. Concerns about dining issues- no halal options for Muslim students

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. BP002-FA19 (Finance Committee Budgetary Operations Overhaul Act)
  - i. Will be voting next week
  - ii. Please read through the BP

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Volunteer for devotion next week

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Behnke made a motion to adjourn
- b. Senator McMillan seconded
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm