

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE:

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:03pm
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Excused: Senator Barajas, Senator Robinson
 - b. Unexcused: Treasurer Ray
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Senator Hershberger- Mantra
 - b. Volunteer for next week: Senator Maruyama
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Senator Bodlak made a motion to amend the agenda
 - i. Senator Zaki seconded
 - ii. Senator Bodlak made a motion to add the Grievance Committee to the Committee Reports
 1. Senator Zaki seconded
 - b. Senator Zaki made a motion to approve the agenda
 - i. Senator Maruyama seconded
6. REPORT ON SCHEDULING CHANGES: Rick Gillman
 - a. New changes that were voted on 3 years ago start next year
 - i. Labor day off
 - ii. 2-week spring break
 - iii. Major change: Spring finals schedule
 1. M-F not Th-Tu
 2. 4 days of finals instead of 4.5
 3. 20-minute passing periods instead of 30
7. NEW SENATOR OATH OF OFFICE:
 - a. Senator Holsapple- At-Large Senator
8. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Hershberger
 - i. The University currently does not list ADA Compliance Officer; working on tracking down the information
 - b. Senator Jacobs
 - i. This Wednesday is the Valparaiso Mayoral Candidate forum from 5-7 at the Memorial Opera House

9. ADVISORS' REPORTS:

- a. No report

10. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
 - i. Slack- a "professional group chat"
 - 1. Different channels
 - 2. Please download & start using!
 - ii. Yearbook pictures 7:30pm Monday Oct 14
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Young
 - i. Great to see people being active in discussions
 - ii. Spread the word with your constituents
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mac Magiera
 - i. No report
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. No report
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Dylan Ogle
 - i. Website updates have been mostly completed
 - ii. Committee should be getting started soon
 - iii. If you are working on SRs, bring them to the Executive Committee so we can talk about it
 - iv. If you are looking for a forum/summit, talk to me
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kameron Ray
 - i. No report

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Annika Brown
 - i. No meeting this week
- b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
 - i. CapEx proposal: WVUR
 - 1. Requesting \$1396 to replace 4 speakers
 - 2. Finance voted 5-0-0
 - 3. Senator Behnke made a motion to vote
 - a. Senator Zaki seconded
 - 4. Approval for CapEx proposal passed 22-0-2
 - ii. Line Item Shifts from UPC- 3 new stipended positions
 - 1. Financed approved 5-0-0 for the creation of the lines
 - 2. Financed approved 5-0-0 for the moving of the stipends
 - 3. Senator Monahan made a motion to vote
 - a. Senator Maruyama seconded
 - b. Senator Zaki made a motion to amend the motion and vote as a slate
 - i. Senator Maruyama seconded
 - 4. Approval for line item shifts 23-0-1
 - iii. Line Item Shift from HCLSA- \$135 to new line item of Cards
 - 1. Finance voted 5-0-0
 - 2. Senator Jacobs made a motion to vote

- a. Senator Zaki seconded
 - b. Senator Zaki made a motion to amend the motion to vote as a slate
 - i. Senator Maruyama seconded
 - c. Motion passes 24-0-0
- c. Senator Monahan made a motion to amend the agenda (move Screening Committee to point "d")
 - i. Senator Maruyama seconded
- d. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan
 - i. Filled the at-large position!
 - ii. 4 candidates for CONHP
- e. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
 - i. Met with LuMin today
 - 1. Looking for Student Senate recognition outside of chapel organization
 - 2. Admin voted 6-0-0
 - 3. Motion to vote: Senator Zaki
 - a. Second: Senator Behnke
 - 4. Motion to approve LuMin as an unfunded student organization passes 23-0-0
 - ii. VUGU
 - 1. Update: Hold them to certain standards (no spending University budget to buy first-person shooter games, events sponsored by the University can't center around first-person shooter games)
 - a. Same standards as E-sports standards
 - b. Limits: No specific language on how to define first-person shooter games
- f. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. No report
- g. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
 - i. No report
- h. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
 - i. Had a meeting on Thursday with Dean and Lee
 - ii. 6 total in the room
 - iii. Highlights:
 - 1. Voiced a lot of student concerns regarding the changes
 - 2. Willing to work alongside students
 - 3. The App displays the menu (FoodU)- also an option to submit complaints/concerns
 - 4. 3 Different comment boxes that are read through every day
 - 5. Time from line → sitting with food cut from 28 minutes to 18 minutes during chapel break
 - 6. Looking to partner with other organizations (breakfast after dark, raffles, Thanksgiving Dinner, open table hours)
 - 7. Here to be transparent, to work with us
 - 8. Looking at microwaves for Grinders/library
 - 9. Want to schedule a student forum for mid-november

- 10. Students without meal plan can't sit in Founders- not likely to change
 - a. Changes culture, smaller room
 - b. Looking for changes but not likely to change- any suggestions?
- i. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Eseosasere Okundaye
 - i. Scheduled first meeting- next Wednesday, Oct 16 7:45pm
 - ii. Working with Senator Monahan to add student senators to committee
- j. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: Liam Bodlak
 - i. Goal: Establish more lines for what action would merit what outcome
 - ii. Suggestions/Opinions welcome

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

13. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

14. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

15. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Go over schedule changes with constituents
- b. Senator Behnke: VUGU & first-person shooter games-
 - i. 1. E-sports (how VU is represented to other committees)
 - ii. 2. Finance
 - iii. 3. Regulated what can and can't be done on campus based on opinions/politics (similar to allowing pro/anti-abortion groups on campus)
- c. Reminder about Yearbook photos at 7:30pm next Monday

16. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Senator Behnke
- b. Second: Senator Hershberger
- c. Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm