

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE:

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 7:56pm
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Excused:
 - b. Unexcused:
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Senator Maruyama: Mountain analogy
 - b. Volunteer for next week: Senator Sedlar
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion: Senator Hershberger
 - b. Second: Senator Behnke
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Spring Semester Final Exam Schedule Changes
 - b. Senator Stanton and Senator Hijaz
 - i. Sent out a google form to commuters about Spring Semester possible changes
 - ii. 215 responses
 - iii. 76.7% in favor of a 4-day final period
 - iv. 70% OK with moving passing period from 30 to 20 minutes
 - v. 50/50 concerned with having only a 20 minute break (especially students with disabilities)
 1. Commuters glad to not drive the extra day for finals
 - c. Senator Zaki
 - i. Tried to reach out to juniors
 - ii. General consensus: in favor of shorter schedule. More time for "senior week"
 1. Concerns: students who live farther away; want to know ASAP if there will be a change to book flights
 - d. Senator Okundaye
 - i. CC student concerns: 20 minutes instead of 30. 20 is too quick of a turn around
 - ii. Like the idea of 4 days, but don't want it to be too close together
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. None

8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
 - i. No report
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Young
 - i. No report
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mac Magiera
 - i. No report
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. Valpo Guild Grant- apply next year!
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Dylan Ogle
 - i. No report
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kameron Ray
 - i. No report

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Annika Brown
 - i. Meeting Wednesday at 5pm
- b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
 - i. No report
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
 - i. Met with Student Veterans of America
 - 1. Looking to make a new chapter on campus
 - 2. Have been recognized before
 - 3. Organization for veterans on campus- 43 veterans on campus, 13 have been attending events
 - 4. Build comradery with students
 - 5. Admin voted 6-0-0
 - 6. Motion to vote: Senator Behnke
 - a. Second: Senator Hershberger
 - 7. Motion to approve SVA passes 25-0-0
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. No report
- e. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan
 - i. 4 people interviewing for CONHP seat
 - ii. Next Monday it will be filled
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
 - i. No report
- g. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
 - i. No report
- h. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Eseosasere Okundaye
 - i. Meeting on Wednesday at 7:45pm

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Thank you for coming
- b. Keep doing more

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Monahan made a motion to adjourn
- b. Senator Hershberger seconded
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm