

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES DATE:

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:02pm
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Excused: Senator Hijaz
  - b. Unexcused:
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
  - a. Senator Foor: Quote about fear from Eleanor Roosevelt
  - b. Volunteer for next week: Senator Scheer
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion: Senator Hershberger
  - b. Second: Senator Behnke
6. NEW SENATOR OATH OF OFFICE:
  - a. Sarah Mears
7. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Hershberger
    - i. Chair of Campus Community Policy Committee
      1. Looking at whether or not the University should continue to hold December graduation as it is (fiscally responsible)
  - b. Senator Okundaye
    - i. Tomorrow is CC day! Mueller Hall
8. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. No report
9. OFFICER REPORTS
  - a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
    - i. CAPS Program from Institute for Leadership & Service; apply if you are interested
    - ii. University Council last week
      1. CIVIC- Starting a campus climate survey on November 3rd. Please fill out. Also will be holding open forums later. Will be sharing list of language for equity and inclusion. Working on a Diversity and Inclusion statement for the whole university.

- iii. Board of Directors lunch last Friday- talked about Presidential Search.  
President Heckler is looking forward to students helping with the search
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Young
  - i. Senator Reports- you can update about your constituency, any relevant events, please give at least one by the end of the semester. Very flexible
  - ii. Constituency Reports- due November 18th in a Word or Google Doc
    - 1. At least ½-1 page with Senators that share your constituency
    - 2. Comments, concerns, questions that your constituencies have
    - 3. Avoid names unless they request their name be listed
    - 4. Will present it at Senate
    - 5. VP Young will compile it into one document to share to the Student Body
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mac Magiera
  - i. Will help with Constituency Reports
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
  - i. No report
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Dylan Ogle
  - i. New Senators have received an email requesting information
  - ii. Follow social media!
  - iii. Will send out a poll about Senate Dinner
  - iv. Will give a report next Monday
  - v. Email ([senate.prc@valpo.edu](mailto:senate.prc@valpo.edu)) if you want anything up on Social Media
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kameron Ray
  - i. An organization has been using the university credit card; they must fill out an encumbrance request after the fact

#### 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Annika Brown
  - i. At-Large Senators must send in a report for e-board meetings or attend (Wednesdays at 5)
  - ii. Let us know how we can be more transparent
- b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
  - i. Tier 3 budgets are due on Friday
  - ii. Will be voted on the week before Thanksgiving
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama (Senator Zaki filling in)
  - i. Tier change requests
    - 1. Unfunded -> Tier 3:
      - a. ENACTUS
        - i. Admin approved 6-0-0
      - b. Japan Student Association
        - i. Admin approved 6-0-0
      - c. Women in STEM
        - i. Admin approved 6-0-0
    - ii. Active Mind Organization
      - 1. Admin voted 6-0-0 to approve
    - iii. Orthodox Christian Fellowship
      - 1. Admin voted 6-0-0
    - iv. Senator Hershberger made a motion to vote as a slate

1. Senator Behnke seconded
2. Motion passes
- v. Motion to approve Active Mind Organization and Orthodox Christian Fellowship as new organizations passes 24-0-0
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
  - i. No report
- e. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan
  - i. Full Senate
  - ii. This week, will interview for Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Will have seats filled by Monday
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
  - i. Met Thursday
    1. Trick or Treat is this Wednesday, Oct 30th from 6-8 (Alumni, Brandt, & Berg)
    2. Quality of Life Survey is coming out November 4th
    3. Ryan Blevins would like to come present results of survey
    4. Committee will draft a survey as well- want to get it out the week of Christmas break
- g. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
  - i. Planning on hosting a Student Senate Forum for Dining Services (with administrators from Dining Services)- end of November
  - ii. Looking to have Student Senators present
  - iii. Dining Services have no control of equipment outside of Union- have reached out to Library Staff instead
- h. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Eseosasere Okundaye
  - i. No report

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

#### 12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Vote on BP002-FA19 (Finance Committee Budgetary Operations Overhaul Act)
  - i. Senator Zaki made a motion to vote
    1. Senator Jacobs seconded
  - ii. Motion to approve BP002-FA19 passes 24-0-0

#### 13. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

#### 14. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Next Monday is business professional clothes

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Behnke made a motion to adjourn
- b. Senator Jacobs seconded
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm