

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE: 11/11/19

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:02pm
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Excused: Senator McMillan
  - b. Unexcused: Senator Rogers, Senator Knowles, Senator Abraham
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
  - a. Senator Behrens- puzzle piece analogy
  - b. Volunteer for next week: Senator Zaki
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. Dave Walker: VP of UPC
    - i. UPC Updates
    - ii. Cinemark trips
    - iii. Planning Valpo After Dark, Winter Fun Days
    - iv. Banquet
    - v. Faces of Philanthropy
    - vi. Haunted House trip
    - vii. Valpo After Dark
    - viii. Homelessness Awareness program
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion: Senator Behnke
  - b. Second: Senator Maruyama
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Jacobs
    - i. Melanie Trowbridge- from IT Department
    - ii. Would like student feedback about printing and printing quota
    - iii. Let me know if you are interested
  - b. Senator Zaki
    - i. Will start to organize Senate Secret Santa
    - ii. Look out for an Elfster email
  - c. Senator Okundaye
    - i. CC Freshman Production this week- Thursday, Friday, and Sunday
    - ii. "Honey, I Juiced the Kids!"
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Dr. DeGraw
    - i. Visited the Assistant Dean- Food Scarcity
      1. Some students utilize local food banks (Hilltop)

2. Figure out ways to support/publicize food banks to make sure it's available for students
3. Rely on donations- getting a list of what the needs are

## 8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
  - i. EPC met last week (Educational Policy Committee)
    1. Earlier- sent a concern from commuter students about winter weather
    2. Integrated language in the handbook for commuters to use if they do not feel safe coming to class
      - a. "However, instructors should be particularly sensitive due to issues unique to their travel circumstances."
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Young
  - i. Next semester, have a class conflict
  - ii. Parliamentarian Magiera would lead the first few minutes of the meetings
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mac Magiera
  - i. No report
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
  - i. No report
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Dylan Ogle
  - i. Issues with images displayed on the website- keep an eye out
  - ii. Want to interview some Senators for their work
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kameron Ray
  - i. Taken care of the radio station's Cap-Ex
  - ii. Pot is at \$9,000

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Annika Brown
  - i. Thanks to Senator Bodlak & Senator Holsapple to E-board
  - ii. Parking issues
  - iii. Lighting issues by LeBien & the Sorority Housing
  - iv. Trying to get someone to speak to Senate about the University's financial situation
  - v. At-Large Senators who can send in a report
    1. Senator Monahan
    2. Senator Hijaz
- b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
  - i. Presentation of Tier 3 Budgets
  - ii. Total to give: \$9,936.83
  - iii. Ended with \$217.83 left
  - iv. Please look it over before next Senate meeting
  - v. Tier 3 organizations are welcome to come to Forum of Concerns next week
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
  - i. Met with Council for Engineering Inclusion & Equity
    1. Committee voted 7-0-0
    2. Senator Jacobs made a motion to vote
    3. Senator Behnke seconded

- 4. Motion to approve CEIE passes 24-0-0
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
  - i. Meeting this week on Thursday at 5:15 in Schnabel room 128
- e. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan
  - i. If you are not planning on being in Senate next semester, please let me know
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
  - i. Met with Ryan Blevins to go over draft for survey- will meet again to finalize survey
  - ii. Quality of Life survey is still out- have about 500 responses, but need more males to respond
- g. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
  - i. Microwaves in library- met with Dean of Library
    - 1. Will put in by the end of the month
  - ii. Committee met on Friday- potential student forum?
    - 1. Best not to try and do the forum this semester
  - iii. Met with Lee (Parkhurst manager on campus)- wants feedback before Christmas Break so they can sit down over break to develop changes
    - 1. Draft a survey to send out prior to Thanksgiving Break
  - iv. Steve Jenoliak will be an addition to the committee as an administrator (no voting power) to represent staff & faculty
- h. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Eseosasere Okundaye
  - i. Meet with student members of committee tomorrow to discuss things before next meeting
  - ii. Under New Business, we will be talking about nominations for Chair for next semester

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nominations for Diversity & Inclusion Chair
  - i. Senator Behrens
  - ii. Senator Hijaz
  - iii. Senator Ares
- b. Senator Okundaye made a motion to move Voting on Nominations for Diversity & Inclusion Chair to Old Business
  - i. Senator Behnke seconded

#### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Voting on Nominations for Diversity & Inclusion Chair
  - i. Senator Behnke made a motion to vote
  - ii. Senator Jacobs seconded
- b. Senator Ares 4-8-9-3

#### 12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

#### 13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. See you next Monday

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Behnke made a motion to adjourn
- b. Senator Hershberger seconded
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm