

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE:

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 pm
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Excused:
  - b. Unexcused:
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
  - a. Senator Zaki
    - i. Finger analogy
    - ii. Secret Santa
  - b. Volunteer for next week: Parliamentarian Magiera
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. Scott Nolan- VP for VUDU Comedy
    - i. Request for approval of budget for next year
    - ii. New conferences
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion: Senator Hershberger
  - b. Second: Senator Jacobs
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Behnke- Engineering Constituency Report
    - i. Food; closer to Gellerson
    - ii. Parking; more commuter parking by 30 & Sturdy
  - b. Senators Behrens & Robinson- Freshman Constituency Report
    - i. Sent out survey
    - ii. ⅔ said they wanted to eliminate or push back overnight policy
    - iii. Wanted more everyday food options and commuter students to be included in Founders
    - iv. 13% said they have food restrictions
    - v. Want to be more known with the freshman senators
  - c. Senator Okundaye- Christ College Constituency Report
    - i. Want to get the word out about CC Cares- service programming with Hilltop daycare, pantry, & Golden Living
  - d. Senators Bodlak & Holsapple- At-Large Constituency Report
    - i. More alerts from VUPD/campus
    - ii. Lighting by the sorority complexes
    - iii. Lack of confidence in the university's finances
    - iv. Male constituents felt a lack of privacy with urinals on campus
    - v. Noise from the stairwell in the library- noise deadeners?

- e. Senators Pariso & Foor- Sophomore Constituency Report
  - i. Sent a google form
  - ii. Want for greater transparency
  - iii. Commuter parking- hard to find a spot especially when there are events on campus
  - iv. Dining services question got the most responses
    - 1. Some believe food quality has improved
    - 2. Many have concerns over the quantity of food & the price
  - v. Parking- limited, especially in GM
    - 1. Main parking garage by freshmen, who don't have cars
- f. Senator Scheer- Senior Constituency Report
  - i. Sent a google form
  - ii. Majority did not have a meal plan
    - 1. Poor options for people who are commuters
    - 2. Would prefer money vs. a swipe
  - iii. How prepared seniors feel for life after college
    - 1. 65% said a 4 on a scale of 1-5
  - iv. Presidential search
    - 1. Good vision, confidence in a new president
  - v. Change on campus
    - 1. Meal plans, parking
  - vi. Favorite thing about Valpo
    - 1. Community, people
- g. Senators Hijaz & Stanton- Commuter Constituency Report
  - i. Parking, dining, library microwave
  - ii. Working with EPC and Faculty Senate Committee- changing language about unique driving conditions
- h. Senator Johnson-Levine- Junior Constituency Report
  - i. Founders changes
    - 1. Food choices- split in favor/not
    - 2. Quality of food- also split
    - 3. Like the swipes, but not in the cafe
  - ii. Parking
    - 1. Specifically in GM
  - iii. Housing
    - 1. Strongly opposed to 6-semester on-campus housing requirement
    - 2. Loosening overnight policy
  - iv. Senate transparency
    - 1. How to contact Senators, location of the office, etc.
- i. Senator Mears- College of Nursing and Health Professions Constituency Report
  - i. Concerns:
    - 1. Satisfaction of the facilities
    - 2. Replacing white scrub tops with black scrub tops
    - 3. Health Science students- don't feel adequately prepared for grad school
    - 4. HCL- greater representation & acknowledgment
  - ii. Replace microphone
  - iii. Replace the annex as a classroom

- iv. Modernize technology & curriculum
- j. Senator Monahan- Transfer Constituency Report
  - i. Founders- quality of food lower than other schools
    - 1. Commuter students not allowed in Founders
  - ii. Parking
    - 1. Worse than other colleges
- k. Senator Knowles- College of Business Constituency Report
  - i. Overnight housing
    - 1. Majority said want more lenient rules
  - ii. Parking
    - 1. 93% said it was an issue on campus
  - iii. 7% liked Founders changes
    - 1. 36% did not like it
    - 2. 56% no opinion/neutral
    - 3. Increased costs were a reason for dislike
  - iv. Want food/coffee/vending machines in Urschel
  - v. 14% said they would attend office hours if they were held in Urschel
- l. Senator Vargas- College of Arts & Sciences Constituency Report
  - i. Dangerous walking on campus when it's icy

#### 7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:

- a. Dr. DeGraw
  - i. Still trying to get out the Climate Survey by the end of the semester
  - ii. Lighting around sorority housing- aware of the problem
    - 1. 2 of the light poles belong to the city & the bulbs are out
  - iii. Wording of the language for the commuters must pass Faculty Senate as well

#### 8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
  - i. Constituency reports will help gauge the campus and give us things to work on for next semester
  - ii. Will create an ad-hoc committee based on food insecurity issues
    - 1. If you're interested in joining let me know
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Young
  - i. Will be doing budgeting today
    - 1. Please raise your placards and wait to be called on
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mac Magiera
  - i. Raise your placards extra high
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
  - i. No report
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Dylan Ogle
  - i. Senate Supper- this Thursday at 6pm in the Hearth
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kameron Ray
  - i. No report

#### 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Annika Brown

- i. Last meeting this Wednesday
  - 1. Senators Monahan, Waddell, & Stanton please send a report to Secretary Mecyssine before the meeting
    - a. Something you want to work on next semester or expand on from your Constituency Report
- b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
  - i. Will be voting on budgets today
  - ii. Received a late budget from German Club
    - 1. As of now, they are unfunded
    - 2. A Senator may move funds to them during budgeting
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
  - i. No report
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
  - i. Committee on Media meeting on Thursday
  - ii. Senator Hershberger came to explain Finance Committee & budgeting
  - iii. Discussed interviewing for next semester, making constitutional changes regarding deleting older articles
- e. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan
  - i. No report
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
  - i. Had committee meeting tonight
  - ii. Quality of Life survey is still out
  - iii. Break housing- Thanksgiving break housing will close 12:30 on Saturday, same for Winter Break
  - iv. 2 incidents in first-year residence halls
    - 1. Lank- female student was video recording another female in the bathroom
      - a. Reported to VUPD
    - 2. Alumni- female was being videoed in the shower
      - a. Not reported to VUPD
  - v. Survey is being finalized this week
  - vi. Opening week before finals, leaving it open for a week or two after break
  - vii. "Overnight policy" is an incorrect term; "Visitation policy" with overnight rules
- g. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
  - i. Working on survey for students
  - ii. Finishing up survey by the end of the week
    - 1. Will send out the Monday we return from break
  - iii. Thank you for reaching out with dining concerns
- h. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Eseosasere Okundaye
  - i. Thank you for reaching out with Diversity & Inclusion concerns
  - ii. Meeting this Wednesday- planning for next semester

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

#### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Voting on Tier III Budgets

- i. Senator Behnke made a motion to officially include German Club in the slate
  1. Senator McMillan seconded
  2. Motion passes 27-0-0
- ii. Senator Zaki made a motion to move \$20 from the pot into Line 72 of the German Club budget
  1. Second: Senator Behnke
  2. Motion passes 27-0-0
- iii. Senator Maruyama made a motion to move \$100 from the pot into Line 55 of Women in STEM
  1. Second: Senator Zaki
  2. Motion fails 22-4-0
- iv. Senator Zaki made a motion to move \$25 from the pot to Line 49 of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
  1. Second: Senator Jacobs
  2. Motion fails 8-15-3
- v. Senator Maruyama made a motion to move \$50 from the pot to Line 55 of Women in STEM
  1. Second: Senator Jacobs
  2. Motion: passes 26-0-0
- vi. Senator Zaki made a motion to vote as a slate
  1. Senator Hershberger seconded
  2. Motion to approve Tier 3 Budgets passes 26-0-0
- vii. Senator Finance Committee voted 5-0-0 to recommend that the remaining budget (\$147.83) be provided to SWE (for the Spring Semester) since they are a Tier 2 organization
  1. Senator Jacobs made a motion to move remaining funds to SWE
  2. Senator McMillan seconded
  3. Motion passes 22-3-1

## 12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

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## 13. POSTMORTEM:

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## 14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Hershberger made a motion to adjourn
  - i. Senator Zaki seconded
  - ii. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm