

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE:

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:00pm
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Excused:
 - b. Unexcused:
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Senator Johnson-Levine: Lighter analogy
 - b. Volunteer for next week: Senator Monahan
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion: Senator Behnke
 - b. Second: Senator Steinhiser
6. PRESENTATION: Stewart Cooper & Amber Mosley, Counseling Services
 - a. Valpo students are about the same as the national average for college counseling centers; slightly higher in social anxiety
 - b. Highly above the national average in Change for Clients with Elevated Distress
 - c. Direct services:
 - i. Outreach presentations (>150 last year), assessment and referral intakes, individual therapy, group counseling, psychiatric medication psychotherapy augmentation services, crisis intervention services, mental health hospitalization facilitation, consultation, end of term single sessions services, specialized alcohol and drug assessment and counseling, specialized sexual misconduct support services
 - d. Indirect services:
 - i. TAOConnect Self-Help, stress relief/relaxation room, psychoeducational resources, crisis hotline numbers, helpful websites, relaxation/guided meditation media files, free mental health apps, information on related campus resources, information on alcohol/drug misuse & sexual assault prevention, sexual misconduct support services
 - e. Fall 2019 statistics summary
 - i. Requests for access is increasing
 - ii. No waitlist during fall 2019 semester
 - f. Changes from the Fall
 - i. Adjustment in services model- helping students do what their goals are
 1. Functioning model
 - ii. Adjustment in processes

1. Moving intakes up
 2. Session notification via text
 - g. Changes in process now
 - i. Stepped Care Model (which area of the counseling center do we need to access?)
 - ii. Information dissemination plan about the new model and scope of practice
 - iii. Group counseling and workshops
 - iv. Enhancing the use of assessment data for direct and indirect services
7. OATH OF OFFICE:
- a. Senator Steinhiser, Senator Ogle, Senate Duensing, PRC Grimpe
8. SENATORS' REPORTS:
- a. Senator Johnson-Levine
 - i. Complaints from constituency:
 1. The waffle batter cups are too small
 2. The accessible doors in the back of the Vuca are not working
9. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
- a. None
10. OFFICER REPORTS
- a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
 - i. Welcome new members
 - ii. Last Friday- attended a panel from the board of trustees
 - iii. Discretionary Funds Committee
 1. Committee made up of senators and non-senators meant to allocate grants from unused Student Activities Fees
 - iv. Student Government Conference- will no longer be attending
 - v. Thank you to those who attended the Campus Master Plan- make sure to attend one
 - vi. New senators will get assigned to committees soon
 - vii. Need to select a new Grievance Chairperson
 - viii. 3 new University Council nominations
 1. Lily Warren
 2. Gabe Martinez
 3. Gabrielle Conway
 4. Senator Jacobs made a motion to vote as a slate
 - a. Senator Behrens seconded
 - b. Motion to approve the nominations passes 25-0-1
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Young
 - i. Thank you for listening to the presenters; spread information to constituents
 - c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mac Magiera
 - i. No report
 - d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecsyste
 - i. No report

- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Excited to be here
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kameron Ray
 - i. The new software should be a good benefit for students
 - ii. Student Organizations will be able to see their budgets in real time, online forms

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Annika Brown
 - i. E-board meeting 5pm on Wednesday
 - ii. Still need to make sign-up sheets for at-large senators
- b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
 - i. Line item shift: ASME \$650 to Ongoing Organizational functions
 - 1. Committee voted 5-0-0
 - 2. Motion to vote: Senator Zaki
 - 3. Second: Senator Steinhiser
 - 4. Motion passes 26-0-0
 - ii. Email is coming shortly to student organizations about changes to budgets
 - iii. Office hours Wednesdays 2:30-4:30 if people have questions
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
 - i. Re-recognition application is out, due Feb 8th
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. Email about application for final student member on Committee on Media
 - 1. Already have 4 responses
 - 2. Interviews next week
- e. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan
 - i. At-large seat nomination: Anna Von Seggern
 - 1. Committee voted 5-0-0
 - 2. Motion to vote: Senator Zaki
 - 3. Second: Senator Jacobs
 - 4. Motion passes 26-0-0
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Email for Room Selection Process went out today
 - ii. Forum: February 11th 7pm Community Room in the library
 - 1. Joint forum for dining and residency
- g. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
 - i. Got a microwave in the library!
 - ii. If people have concerns about dining, fill out comment cards!!
 - iii. Forum- please come & advertise
 - iv. Dining Services Survey Results
 - 1. 263 responses
 - 2. Themes: Not enough options at all meal times, not happy with meal plans, issues with seating (commuters and seating)
- h. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Brianna Ares
 - i. Meeting Friday the 31st in the OMP
- i. DISCOUNT CARD COMMITTEE: Craig Behnke
 - i. Working on it
- j. FOOD ACCESS COMMITTEE: Allison Pariso

- i. Had first meeting last Friday
- ii. Made goals; education/awareness, partner with other organizations to do a food drive, maybe send a survey
 - 1. Next meeting: Feb 7th 3:30-4:30 in the Senate Office

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discretionary Funds Committee nominations
 - i. Senator Steinhiser
 - ii. Senator Sedlar
 - iii. Senator Robinson
 - iv. Senator Behnke
 - v. Senator Johnson-Levine
 - vi. Senator Monahan
 - vii. Secretary Meczyssine
 - viii. Justin McClain
 - ix. Emma Vicari
 - x. Senator Ares
 - xi. Chris Rekitzke
 - xii. Senator Jacobs
- b. BP001-SP20: Procedures, Guidelines, and Authority for Organization Restrictions
- c. SR001-SP20: Resolution Calling for Reform of ResLife Checkout Policy
- d. SR002-SP20: Resolution Calling for Changes of Technology Usage Policies in Classrooms

13. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

14. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. Eric- Executive Director of Administration; oversee dining program
 - i. Came to see results and see how his office can help
 - ii. Will be at the forum

15. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Send concerns about discount card to Craig

16. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Senator McMillan
- b. Second: Senator Behnke
- c. Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm