

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE:

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:10pm
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Excused:
  - b. Unexcused: Senator Behrens
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
  - a. Parliamentarian Magiera: M&Ms: it matters what's inside
  - b. Volunteer for next week: Senator Hijaz
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion: Senator Behnke
  - b. Second: Senator McMillan
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Hershberger
    - i. Concern: no parking was available for sorority women during recruitment because of the basketball game
  - b. Senator Behnke
    - i. The V-line is now on Google Maps
  - c. Senator Stanton
    - i. Wednesday at 4:45pm at the S-couch: the OMP is going bowling
  - d. Senator Zaki
    - i. Come to MLK Day events!
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Dr. DeGraw
    - i. Request from Title 9 Coordinator & our legal counsel: forming a committee on how to improve our environment/decrease sexual assault
      1. Looking for a Senator to be in the group, preferably freshmen or sophomores
      2. Meetings biweekly on Tuesdays from 10-11
8. OFFICER REPORTS
  - a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
    - i. Dress code change: Business casual (no jeans, t-shirts, or sneakers)
    - ii. Educational Policy Committee: looks at curriculum on campus
      1. Changing the number of students on the committee?

2. Currently supposed to be 8, but only 6 attend regularly; attendance from students has historically been difficult
3. Change from 8 to 4? (1 from each college- 1 must be in CC, 1 must be a Student Senator)
4. 9 faculty members
5. Senate voted to keep at 8
- iii. Food access committee
  1. Stay after the meeting if interested
- iv. Opportunity to attend a student government conference on February 8th
  1. Will possibly add to the budget
  2. Email if interested
- v. Update from Presidential Search Committee
  1. Visits to campus will start happening mid-February
- vi. Consulting firm that is hosting forums on January 27th & 28th
  1. Will all be in Duesenberg
  2. To review the campus master plan
  3. Try to attend at least one- we are the only students invited
- b. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Mark Young
  - i. Some meetings I may be late due to a class; Parliamentarian Magiera will step in for the first half of the meeting
  - ii. Office hours for College & Commuter Senators will be half done in your respective buildings (4 per month)
  - iii. Will be having speakers
    1. Counseling Center on the 27th- effectiveness of counseling, new initiatives
    2. Ryan Blevins (Quality of Life survey results) on Feb 3rd
    3. Someone from Finance on Feb 17th (about the University's financial health)
  - iv. Read the constituency report that was sent out
- c. **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Mac Magiera
  - i. Good luck on your semester
- d. **SECRETARY:** Paige Mecyssine
  - i. Attendance-
    1. Let me know before meetings
    2. 3 absences before getting sent to grievance
  - ii. Office hours
    1. Will send out a doc
    2. Must complete 2 hours a week
- e. **PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR:** Dylan Ogle
  - i. No report
- f. **EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Kameron Ray
  - i. All caught up with encumbrance requests & stipends
  - ii. "No response" file- people who don't reply to emails
  - iii. Will post Treasurer office hours

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **EXECUTIVE:** Annika Brown
  - i. Executive committee will be meeting 5-6pm

- ii. At-Large Senators must attend at least one meeting a month or send in a report
- b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
  - i. No report
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
  - i. Re-recognition will be due February 1st: short Google form
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
  - i. Met with the Committee on Media today to talk about plans for the semester
  - ii. Interviews for new media executives will happen at the beginning of February
- e. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan
  - i. 7 applications- will hopefully have 3 seats filled by Monday
  - ii. No applicants for Senior Senator seat
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
  - i. Results from residence survey
    - 1. Will send with minutes
  - ii. Uptown decision- lease was due this year (over \$1 million)
    - 1. Promenade West will now be available
- g. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
  - i. Survey will close on the 24th- Lee from Parkhurst will come in and speak at some point
  - ii. Hoping to have a student forum combined with the residence committee forum (tentatively the week of February 10th)
  - iii. Dining Committee will meet after the survey closes
  - iv. Microwave should come soon
- h. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Brianna Ares
  - i. No report
- i. DISCOUNT CARD: Craig Behnke
  - i. Looking at a few more businesses

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. VUSSOLISA Chair Nominations:
  - i. Need a committee chair
  - ii. Nominations: (Screening committee will choose)
    - 1. Senator Rogers
- b. Elections Chair Nominations:
  - i. Need a committee chair
  - ii. Nominations: (Screening committee will choose)
    - 1. Senator Behnke
    - 2. Senator Maruyama

#### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

#### 12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Meeting next week 8pm (yes, on MLK day)

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Senator McMillan
- b. Second: Senator Behnke
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm