

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE: 02/24/2020

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:00pm
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Excused: Senator Monahan, Senator Holsapple
 - b. Unexcused: Treasurers Ray & Sheputis
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Senator Hershberger: Minute of silent breathing to refocus
 - b. Volunteer for next week: Senator Zaki
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion: Senator Behnke
 - b. Second: Senator McMillan
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Steinhiser
 - i. Presidential Candidate Forums are over
 - ii. Search committee is meeting over spring break, voting after break
 - iii. Student Senate official endorsement?
 - iv. In favor of endorsing one candidate: 14
 - v. In favor of endorsing two candidates: 9
 - vi. Abstentions: 1
 - vii. Will send out a slack poll for who we endorse tomorrow
 - b. Senator Ogle
 - i. Senior constituency report:
 - ii. Class of 2020 gift
 - iii. Mural in Chapel View Lounge
 - iv. Encourage seniors to donate; University Guild will match up to \$1000 if 100 Seniors donate (any amount)
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Dr. DeGraw:
 - i. Finance accepted proposal that Senate put forth
8. OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
 - i. Thank you for attending the forums
 - ii. Finance proposal:

1. Rollover fund process
2. 50% of what's left from this year will be used for discretionary funds committee and 50% will rollover to next year
- iii. Presidential Report & Grievance Committee please stay after to vote on chair
- iv. Talked to writer of the Torch about proposals
- v. DFC is meeting on Thursday
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Young
 - i. Day of Giving is March 18th
 - ii. Thankathon is March 31st
 - iii. Found my gavel in my suit jacket!
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mac Magiera
 - i. No report
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. No report
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Please fill out your bio forms
 - ii. Posted timeline on the website
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kameron Ray
 - i. No report

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Annika Brown
 - i. No report
- b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
 - i. Will continue to meet 6-8
 - ii. Budgets were due Thursday
 - iii. Will start presenting the week after we return from break
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
 - i. Move PRCSA from Tier 2 to Tier 3 & Senate approved
 1. Met with the advisor & treasurers to talk about communication discrepancies
 2. Motion to move PRCSA back from Tier 3 to Tier 2 because of a procedural error: Senator Zaki
 - a. Second: Senator Jacobs
 - b. Motion passes 25-0-0
 - ii. VU Boxing Club communication errors- Reached out last semester to become a recognized organization, was told by Rec Sports that Rec Sports could not support them as an organization, met with Rec Sports who agreed to support them
 1. E-board and provost did vote & approve them
 2. Requested to move from unfunded to Tier 3
 3. Motion to move from unfunded to Tier 3: Senator Ogle
 - a. Second: Senator Hershberger
 - b. Motion passes 25-0-0
 - iii. VUDU Comedy- constitution amendment
 1. Outlined areas of comedy & what was acceptable/unacceptable in their comment

2. Admin committee voted 6-0-0 to approve
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. No report
- e. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan
 - i. 3 interviews scheduled with Committee on Media last week- 2 were no shows, 1 had class; no COM recommendations
 - ii. Let Kurt know if anyone has recommendations
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Sent names of people who were interested in working on the Visitation Policy Committee to Ryan Blevins
 - ii. Will compare between peer institutions
- g. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
 - i. Will talk to Lee about a Bylaw Proposal that would create a standing/permanent committee for Dining
 - ii. Consist of Senators and non-senators that could advise the committee (administrators)
- h. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Brianna Ares
 - i. Had a meeting on Tuesday
 - ii. VISA will meet with Career Center to talk about internships for international students
- i. DISCOUNT CARD COMMITTEE: Craig Behnke
 - i. Approved card design, should be ready right after break
- j. FOOD ACCESS COMMITTEE: Allison Pariso
 - i. Food drive will be March 16th-28th
 - ii. Please help table
- k. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: Eric Maruyama
 - i. Will write up an email for before break to tell students about informational meeting on Monday after break

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Have a good spring break

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Senator Zaki
- b. Second: Senator Behnke
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm