

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES

DATE: 2/3/20

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: Parliamentarian Mageria called the meeting to order at 8:00pm
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Excused: Senators Monahan, Ogle, & Rogers, Vice President Young
  - b. Unexcused:
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
  - a. Volunteer for next week: Senator Monahan
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. UPC VP: Update on happenings in the last month
    - i. January & February social events
    - ii. Planning a hunger banquet
    - iii. UPC Exec board applications open on Monday
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion: Senator McMillan
  - b. Second: Senator Behnke
6. PRESENTATION: Ryan Blevins, Assistant Dean of Students for ResLife
  - a. Quality of Life Fall 2019 survey results
7. OATH OF OFFICE: Senator Anna Von Seggern
8. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Zaki
    - i. Office of the Provost has released a climate survey; take it
  - b. Senator Maruyama
    - i. Senator Scheer's 22nd birthday
  - c. Senator Ares
    - i. Found a screw in food while eating at Founders
  - d. Senator Johnson-Levine
    - i. The big waffle cups are back at Founders
9. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Dr. DeGraw
    - i. Working on renovations to Lank & Alumni (furniture, carpet, ceilings, opening up the space)
      1. Concepts are going to house councils & Res Life staff
    - ii. Can still give ideas to Campus Master Plan staff

## 10. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **PRESIDENT:** Annika Brown
  - i. Presidential Support Search Committee met last week
    - 1. Will find out how many candidates on Friday
    - 2. Candidate visits on the week of the 17th
      - a. Each will have student forums- must attend if you are available
    - 3. Last time there was a new president, Senate wrote a 30-page report summarizing main issues students have, things student want to see on campus, general information about students
      - a. Will form a committee
      - b. Email President Brown if interested in the committee
  - ii. Vote on University Council member of VUSSOLISA Committee
    - 1. Lily Warren
    - 2. Senator Hershberger made a motion to vote
    - 3. Senator Steinhiser seconded
    - 4. Motion to approve Lily Warren passes 24-0-0
  - iii. VUSSOLISA Committee almost formed now; application has been made and should be sent out some time this week
- b. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Mark Young
  - i. Next meeting we will have a presentation of the org software we keep talking about
- c. **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Mac Magiera
  - i. No report
- d. **SECRETARY:** Paige Mecyssine
  - i. No report
- e. **PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR:** Chris Grimpe
  - i. Please fill out the bio form that I sent out
    - 1. Let me know if you could not access it
  - ii. Website is updated as much as possible
  - iii. Please follow Student Senate on Twitter and Instagram
    - 1. Retweet things
    - 2. @VUStudentSenate
- f. **EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Kameron Ray
  - i. Completed analysis of Student Senate Monies
    - 1. Recommended 6 organizations that should be lower tiers based on amount of money used
    - 2. Made recommendations to Finance about unused money as well

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **EXECUTIVE:** Annika Brown
  - i. At-Large Senators should attend e-board meetings on a rotating basis; please sign up on the doc that was shared
- b. **FINANCE:** Jesse Hershberger
  - i. Next week will be presenting guidelines that we have been working on
  - ii. Urge your friends to contact the finance email before they turn in their budgets; new guidelines coming soon

- c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
  - i. Re-recognition update
  - ii. Only have about 50 applications. I have sent out a reminder email and I will speak to Ryan Bye about sending another reminder to org presidents.
  - iii. I will be un-recognizing every organization that does not send in an application.
  - iv. I need tier change recommendations
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
  - i. No report
- e. SCREENING: Kurt Monahan
  - i. We have six applicants for the media position and will begin interviewing this week and hopefully will have the positions filled next monday!
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs
  - i. Meeting next week
  - ii. Forum is coming up- fliers coming soon
  - iii. Concern regarding SR001-SP20: Just a safety issue; no consistent monitoring. There are academic exceptions
- g. DINING COMMITTEE: Isis Zaki
  - i. Forum next Tuesday at 7pm in the Community Room
    - 1. Good opportunity for students to feel Student Senate's presence on campus
  - ii. Dining should have a response to the screw in the food
- h. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: Brianna Ares
  - i. Had a meeting
    - 1. How to promote OMP and OIP events
    - 2. Coronavirus and international students (impact and generalization)
    - 3. Internships for international students
- i. DISCOUNT CARD COMMITTEE: Craig Behnke
  - i. Talking with card printing company
  - ii. Almost finished getting businesses
- j. FOOD ACCESS COMMITTEE: Allison Pariso
  - i. Next meeting Friday at 3:30pm in the Student Senate office
  - ii. Lots of organizations want to partner
    - 1. Food drive

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nominations for DFC Committee
  - i. Need one more non-senate member
  - ii. Laura Reid
  - iii. Lauren Day
  - iv. Alexa Minton
  - v. Ben Roubik

## 13. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Voting on DFC Nominations
  - i. Nominations:
    - 1. Senator Steinhiser
    - 2. Senator Sedlar

3. Senator Robinson
4. Senator Behnke
5. Senator Johnson-Levine
6. Senator Monahan
7. Senator Ares
8. Senator Jacobs
- ii. Voting through Google Form
- iii. Committee: Senator Steinhiser, Sedlar, Robinson, Johnson-Levine, Ares, & Jacobs
- b. BP001-SP20: Procedures, Guidelines, and Authority for Organization Restrictions
  - i. Senator Steinhiser made a motion to table the BP until the Administration Committee meets with the BP Sponsors
    1. Senator Hershberger seconded
    2. Motion passes 15-7-1
- c. SR001-SP20: Resolution Calling for Reform of ResLife Checkout Policy
  - i. Senator McMillan made a motion to table the SR because of new information presented tonight
  - ii. Senator Jacobs seconded
  - iii. Motion passes 24-0-0
- d. SR002-SP20: Resolution Calling for Changes of Technology Usage Policies in Classrooms
  - i. Senator Maruyama made a motion to vote
  - ii. Senator Hershberger seconded
    1. Motion to vote passes
  - iii. Motion to approve SR002 fails 7-15-1

14. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

15. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Thank you

16. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Senator Hershberger made a motion to adjourn
- b. Senator Steinhiser seconded
- c. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm