



Student Senate Response

Good afternoon,

Your Student Senate understands the frustrations and confusion that almost every student is facing during these unprecedented times. The university has decided to cancel in-person classes and other activities on campus. Due to the university guidelines, almost all of our functions will be shifting online. As Student Senators, we will continue to work for all students remotely.

All Student Senate General Meetings will now be held virtually until the Fall 2020 semester. These meetings are usually held in Neils Science Center, room 224 at 8pm. These meetings will be conducted at the same time, however due to limited technology, **the live meetings will only be open to members of the Student Senate.** To make sure your voices are heard, please email your concerns to any Student Senator. If you have a specific concern that can be addressed by a certain committee, please email that committee's chairperson. These General Meetings will be recorded and posted on the Student Senate website, along with the minutes from the meeting.

For student organizations, we recognize that this is the period that budgeting gets voted on and discussed. For any budgeting concerns or questions, please contact the chair of the Finance Committee, Senior Senator Jesse Hershberger.

With the cancelation of face-to-face classes, the Student Senate will be adjusting the 2020 Student Senate Elections. With direction under our advisors and the chair of the Elections Committee, Senior Senator Eric Maruyama, **we will only be holding the elections for the Student Body President and Vice President.** These elections will proceed with an adjusted timeline. Information regarding the timeline can be found at the Student Senate website. Further information regarding voting will be released closer to Election Day. The rest of the Student Senate, excluding the Executive Board, will be elected within the first month of the Fall 2020 semester.

We understand this is a confusing time for everyone. We still want to encourage everyone's voices and opinions. Please contact any of your Student Senators if you wish to have your voice heard at one of our virtual meetings.

Stay safe and healthy,

Student Senate

If you wish to contact Finance Chair Jesse Hershberger about budgeting concerns, please contact her through email senate.finance@valpo.edu. If you wish to contact Elections Chair Eric Maruyama about any election questions, please contact him through email eric.maruyama@valpo.edu. For any other inquiries, please email student.senate@valpo.edu.

If you wish to contact a Student Senator, please visit the Student Senate website at www.valpo.edu/student-senate/meet-your-student-senate/.

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