

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 03/30/2020

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:12pm
2. ROLL CALL:
3. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. Intersarsity/Dawson Peshorn: We are requesting 50 dollars to be added to the line for InterVarsity Large Group. InterVarsity Large Group events occur on campus (usually in a Ballroom in the Harre Union) and are an excellent way for students to come and be challenged, encouraged, and empowered to welcome Jesus into their everyday life. We have a guest speaker, Pastor Keesha Mwangangi of Jubilee Church in Oak Park, Illinois that comes to every Large Group, once a month. Several students that have never been to an InterVarsity small group have requested that we do more Large Group events, and we hope to move in this direction in future years. These funds will be used for supplies for food and games, the very simple tools that welcome members of the Valpo community into Large Group together. These events have brought together members of the Track team, men's basketball team, leadership of the Black Student Organization, leadership of the National Society of Black Engineers, Fraternity and Sorority Life Members, and more, freshman through seniors. It is an incredible unifying moment on campus, and these funds would help out enormously. We are also requesting that 25 dollars be added to the line for New Student Outreach. InterVarsity's goal is to host a Welcome Week event in the Fall 2020 semester on campus, and need sufficient funds for snacks and supplies for our event, in addition to tabling at the Ministry Fair and the Student Activities Fair with their associated printing costs. Even if we can't get a full 75 dollars that was initially requested, we would likely be unable to host this Welcome Week event without the additional 25 dollars.
 - b. Japanese Club: I am emailing to ask for a \$50 increase in section 50430 for gas. This budget is important because otherwise we will not be able to take club members on trips to event we would drive to like mitsuwa. As the drive is long and uses about 10 dollars worth of gas each way. We would like to make all our drivers are compensated for driving. Without this founding we cannot assure our usual trips taking a big part out of the culture of our club.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Sen. Hershberger
6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
7. OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. PRESIDENT: Annika Brown
 - i. Thank you all for being patient with the changes to Student Senate meetings

- ii. The S/U Extension that you all received an email about last week was voted on by the Educational Policy Committee, which I serve on with 6 other students.
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Young
 - i. Please lookout for and read emails I send out for further instruction regarding meetings
 - c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mac Magiera
 - d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecsine
 - e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Social Media Updates
 - 1. When I started we were at 34 followers on Twitter and 275 followers on Instagram. Today we are at 85 followers on Twitter and 281 followers on Instagram.
 - ii. I sent out email to orgs about treasurer updates regarding the rest of this semester.
 - f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kameron Ray
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. EXECUTIVE: Annika Brown
 - i. The Executive Committee will continue to meet over Google Hangouts on Wednesday at 5pm. If you have something related to Student Senate that you would like to discuss with the Executive Committee, please email me and I will include you on the invite
 - b. FINANCE: Jesse Hershberger
 - i. Voting on Tier 3 tonight, presenting Tier 2 tonight
 - ii. I wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page with the guidelines the Finance committee utilized when processing budgets:
 - 1. We do not typically fund food for internal general meetings, unless it is for recruitment events. This is in the Senate bylaws.
 - 2. We based conference line decisions on fully funding one conference/org, going back to fund more if there were funds left over. For conferences, we fund transportation to the event, accomodations, and registration fees.
 - 3. We did not give funding to departamental events
 - iii. Link to view Tier 2:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dhT7TUcrff195k80g7qaeBNSSkpli-Tu8A1ifgQyh0s/edit?usp=sharing>
 - 1. These will go out to orgs tonight. They know to contact a senator with any concerns. Again, please remember to look over the slate and to add any "forum of concerns" to the doc.
 - 2. To clarify: there is currently \$ 639.60 left in the pot to allocate to Tier 2
 - iv. Link again to view Tier 3:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MDUAD7EZwWw1zUwzQKg4NzJ_0GbPj3xzmEbrnjsrtnE/edit?usp=sharing
 - 1. The amount left to allocate on Tier 3 is \$13.
 - v. Budgeting motions:
 - 1. Senator Zaki: Motion to table the approval of Tier 3 budgets until next week
 - a. Senator Steinhiser seconded
 - b. Motion passes
 - c. ADMINISTRATION: Eric Maruyama
 - i. No report
 - d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - e. SCREENING: Kurtis Monahan
 - f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Ben Jacobs

- i. Ryan has gotten a hold of me and we will be discussing Visitation Policy further over Google Meet sometime in the near future. Senator Behrens has amazingly finished the categorization of the peer institutions so that we can better understand what Valpo's visitation policy should look like. We organized it by liberal vs. conservative policies, gender based vs. non gender based policies, and strict time frame vs. lax time frame policies. Hopefully I can schedule a meeting with Ryan sometime this week, but again, this situation keeps changing and that has put strain on ResLife. If you would like me to question Ryan on any decisions that may have upset you or others you know concerning ResLife over the past couple of weeks, let me know. If you have any questions about Visitation Policy, let me know. Stay healthy!
- g. DINING SERVICES: Isis Zaki
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Briana Ares
- i. DISCOUNT CARD: Craig Behnke
 - i. Cards are in, and I have asked Dean Jenkins to distribute the cards to the faculty and staff once campus reopens.
 - ii. With that, Discount Card stands down.
- j. FOOD ACCESS: Allison Pariso-Nothing new to report at this time
- k. ELECTIONS: Eric Maruyama
 - i. We are in our second week of petition signature collections for Prez and VP. I send all 4 candidates the number of signatures they had collected last night.
- l. VUSOLISSA: Gabby Rogers
- m. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Kaitlyn Steinheiser

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

12. POSTMORTEM:

13. ADJOURNMENT: 8:34pm