

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 09/21/2020

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:30pm
2. ROLL CALL: Excused: Senator Bakri
3. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Do we want to continue this?
 - i. Motion fails
 - b. President Steinhiser
 - i. Quotation from RBG
 - ii. Choose righteous battles to fight
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion: Senator McMillan
 - b. Second: Senator Hoeksema
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. None
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. None
8. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. University Council Nominations Explanation
 1. Will be nominating students for University Council under New Business; need 11 students
 2. 4th Wednesday of every month at 4:00pm
 - ii. We Matter Week Town Hall
 1. Working with BSO
 2. Thursday Oct 8 from 7-9pm in Ballrooms- can join over Zoom
 3. Opportunities for students to speak about their experience with racial and social justice
 4. Will have Google Form to submit questions for the Town Hall (and will also be able to share experiences at the Town Hall)
 5. Will send out invitation to campus at large; must RSVP for in-person
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Taking questions and clarifications on SR002-SP20 and accompanying Guest and Escort Policy (Draft)
 1. None
 2. Will move to Board of Directors next month
 - ii. We need to fill Ad-Hoc committees
 1. Presidential Report Committee, Discount Card Committee, Food Access Committee
 - iii. Look at the Bylaws for any questions about your duties

- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: N/A
 - d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. No report
 - e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Website updates, Bios, Office Hours, and Committees have been updated on the Senate website
 - ii. Committee Chairs should answer recent email
 - iii. Bylaws and Constitution are on the website
 - iv. Social media:
 - 1. We Matter Week Oct 2-9
 - a. Town Hall Oct 8
 - b. Graphics will be coming out shortly
 - 2. If any committees need help advertising, reach out
 - v. Screening Committee is looking for Webmaster
 - 1. Helps PRC attend to website/other social media, posters, graphics, Instagram
 - vi. "Student buzz" every week from Instagram/Facebook/Twitter
 - 1. Social Work department angry
 - 2. Student want longer Spring Break
 - 3. Founders food lacking
 - f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jackson Sheputis/Mark Lorenz
 - i. No report
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. Meet after the meeting to figure out a time
 - b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. Tier 3 budgets will be due Oct 18th
 - ii. Send questions my way
 - c. ADMINISTRATION: Isis Zaki
 - i. Will be meeting with orgs that have requested to be recognized this summer
 - ii. Vote on them soon
 - d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. No report
 - e. SCREENING: Brianna Ares
 - i. Have interviews with At-Large Commuter and College of Nursing & Health Professions candidates this week
 - ii. Have to work on interview with potential Parliamentarian
 - iii. Email was sent out this afternoon
 - 1. Recommend friends/peers to fill out form
 - iv. Nominations for Webmaster
 - 1. Or email senate.screening@valpo.edu with nominations
 - f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Aidan Byrnes
 - i. Friday- introductory meeting with Ryan Blevins & Katie Bye
 - ii. Will correspond with House Councils to establish committee
 - g. DINING SERVICES: Billy Robinson
 - i. Will finalize meeting times- biweekly
 - ii. Waiting on access to dining services email
 - iii. Student reached out
 - 1. Serving sizes/quality are not sufficient for student athletes
 - h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Kendall Runnels
 - i. Reached out to presidents of OMP/OIP to meet on a monthly basis
 - ii. Reached out to interested students

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Nominations for non-Student Senator Discretionary Funds Committee members (2)
 - i. Senator Chenoweth declined nomination for DFC
 - ii. Senator Zaki nominated Senator Hoeksema
 - iii. Motion to move to old business: Senator McMillan
 - 1. Second: Senator Zaki
 - iv. Nominations for non-student senators
 - 1. Laura Reid
 - 2. Riley Sedlar
 - v. Motion to move nominations to old business: Senator Pariso
 - 1. Second: Senator Byrnes
- b. Nominations for University Council (11)
 - i. Senator Zaki
 - ii. Senator Robinson
 - iii. PRC Grimpe
 - iv. Senator Lersch
 - v. Senator Bocangel
 - vi. Senator Pandey
 - vii. Shach Melton
 - viii. Motion to move to old business: Senator McMillan
 - 1. Second: Senator Zaki

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. [BP001-SMR2020](#) & [CA001-SMR2020](#)
 - i. Motion to vote as a slate: Senator McMillan
 - 1. Second: Senator Pariso
 - 2. Motion to vote passes
 - ii. Motion to pass BP001 and CA001 passes 18-0-0
- b. Nominations for Discretionary Funds Committee
 - i. Senator Byrnes
 - ii. Senator Raimondi
 - iii. Senator McMillan
 - iv. Senator Schneider
 - v. Senator Bakri
 - vi. Senator Hoeksema
 - vii. Motion to vote as a slate: Senator Foor
 - 1. Second: Senator Pariso
 - viii. Motion passes 14-0-4
- c. Nominations for non-student senators for DFC
 - i. Motion to vote as a slate: Senator McMillan
 - 1. Second: Senator Foor
 - ii. Motion passes 16-0-2
- d. Nominations for University Council
 - i. Senator McMillan motioned to vote as a slate
 - 1. Senator Foor seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 17-0-1

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Thanks for your patience

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Senator McMillan
- b. Second: Senator Raimondi
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm