

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 09/28/2020

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:34pm
2. ROLL CALL: Excused: Gwyneth Hoeksema
3. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Senator Zaki: Motion
 - b. Senator McMillan: Second
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Bocangel: SR To address ICE discriminatory measures
 - i. No public statement of the University to express solidarity with international students; need more support
 - ii. Ensure that international students' education will be protected and supported publicly
 - iii. Contact if interested in helping write the SR
 - b. Senator Raimondi
 - i. Concerns from a lot of students; dissatisfaction with dairy-milk alternatives
 - ii. Few breakfast options in the morning
 - c. Senator Zaki
 - i. Discontent with student athletes; structure of accountability in the student athletics department
 - ii. Will write an SR addressing these concerns
 - iii. Contact if interested in helping write the SR
 - d. Senator Chenoweth
 - i. Student concerns about students in quarantine
 - ii. Swipes deducted during quarantine for meals; not communicated with students, and swipes were not deducted until after their quarantine
6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. None
7. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. Turned in Board of Directors Report; Board meeting will be on October 30th
 1. Will be speaking at Campus Life Committee along with VP Jacobs
 - ii. Email schedule for We Matter Week Town Hall
 1. RSVP email to be sent this Thursday, Zoom link to be sent next Thursday
 - iii. I support Senator Hoeksema's legislative efforts regarding the data dashboard.
 1. Asking for more comprehensive data dashboard
 2. Looking for co-sponsors; contact if interested
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Constituency Reports due to me by Friday, October 9th
 1. Can send to email
 - ii. Taking nominations for one member of CCPC in New Business

- iii. Please raise your placards during voting procedures
 - iv. I will get better with the meetings. Please give me feedback on how I can perform better.
 - c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: N/A
 - d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecsyste
 - i. None
 - e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Calendar and website are being updated
 - ii. We Matter week Town Hall
 - iii. Will be making a "Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet" for commonly used rules in Senate meetings
 - iv. Interviews for Webmaster will begin soon
 - v. Student Buzz:
 - 1. Bad feedback on grant for nursing school
 - 2. New Facebook group to get a 12 ft skeleton on campus; will apply for DFC
 - 3. Student COVID cases are rising
 - f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jackson Sheputis/Mark Lorenz
 - i. Working on approving Q1 stipends for Tier 1 organizations- deadline to submit the stipend requests is this Wednesday
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. Every Senator is welcome to come to our executive committee meetings. They are on Mondays from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Board of Directors room.
 - 1. (Next week will be on Google Meet)
 - b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. Line Item Shift from LIVE. \$1,745 from Conferences to Organization-Sponsored Events
 - 1. Finance voted 4-0-0
 - 2. Motion to vote: Senator McMillan
 - 3. Second: Senator Lersch
 - a. Motion to vote passes
 - 4. Motion to move the money passes 18-0-0
 - ii. Reminder that tier 3 budgets are due on Oct. 18. If organizations have questions they can contact the senate finance email or talk to the finance committee members. Late budgets will not be accepted unless I am notified of any issues or concerns beforehand.
 - iii. All tier 3 organizations have gotten an email from me regarding the due date.
 - c. ADMINISTRATION: Isis Zaki
 - i. No report
 - d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. Committee is finalizing time
 - ii. Will be meeting this week to determine timeline and student positions that need to be filled
 - e. SCREENING: Brianna Ares
 - i. After this week, will have interviewed 7 people
 - ii. Have 16 total
 - f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Aidan Byrnes
 - i. Met with Ryan Blevins and Katie Bye
 - ii. Meetings: Thursdays biweekly from 2-2:30 virtually
 - 1. First will be next week
 - iii. Drafting an email for House Councils & Presidents/executives
 - g. DINING SERVICES: Billy Robinson

- i. Will meet every other Monday 4-5pm
 - 1. Next: Oct 12th
 - ii. Looking for 5 students for committee
 - iii. Follow Valpo Dining on Instagram
 - iv. Will meet at the end of the week with the Dean of the College of Engineering (and other Dining executives) to decide on name for food center in Gellerson
 - 1. Submit name ideas by this Thursday
 - h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Kendall Runnels
 - i. Constituent concern: On DataVu, there is no option to change pronouns but there is option to change your name
 - 1. Have emailed the Registrar
 - i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Gwyneth Hoeksema
 - i. Committee met yesterday and are planning to send out a campus wide email advertising the grant by the end of this week. During the two week period that people apply, we will be conducting interviews with all of the applicants.
 - ii. We already have an application to update Esports equipment and we are considering the application, and all other applications as they come in.
- 9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Nominations for CCPC seat (4pm on first Wednesday of each month)
 - i. Eva Dalton
 - b. Nominations for University Council seats (4pm on the last Wednesday of each month)
 - i. Elizabeth Palmer
 - ii. Curtis Behnke
 - iii. Gabby Wilcoxson
- 10. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. None
- 11. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
- 12. POSTMORTEM:
 - a. Hopefully will have a full senate soon!
- 13. ADJOURNMENT:
 - a. Motion: Sen. Bocangel
 - b. Second: Sen. Zaki
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm