

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 09/14/2020

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:30pm
2. ROLL CALL: All present
3. OATH OF OFFICE:
 - a. All senators sworn in
4. OPENING DEVOTION:
 - a. Do we want to continue this?
 - i.
5. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Senator Ares made a motion to approve the agenda
 - i. Senator Vicari seconded
7. INTERIM-PRESIDENT COLETTE IRWIN-KNOTT ADDRESS:
 - a. Personal and professional background
 - b. Will be interim president from Mark Heckler's leave until the new President arrives
 - c. Thank you for being leaders on campus
 - d. Savor your learning both inside and outside the classroom
 - e. "Conversation with Colette" around October 1st; lunch with informal dialogue
 - f. Crusader Mascot- committed to implementing a process to determine the appropriateness of the mascot
 - i. Will reach out for student representation
8. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. None
9. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Ryan Blevins (Associate Dean of Students)
 - i. 13th year at Valpo- Residential Life, Student Senate, Student Conduct
 - ii. Received feedback about the desire to have a "form" for students/faculty/staff to report concerns about COVID-19 behaviors
 1. Plan: Students report it to faculty/staff → faculty/staff report to administration
 2. Will revise the plan and create a google form
 - a. Will send out this week
10. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. State of the Student Body Address
 1. Legislation ideas:
 - a. Nationwide movement to review mascots at Universities
 - i. "Coalition to Retire the Crusader" Facebook group

- ii. Recommendation: create an SR by having a survey and Town Hall to gather feedback
 - b. Bylaw Proposal to change VUSSOLISA scholarship name to Tim D. Jenkins Award
 - i. (Former Student Senate advisor)
 - ii. Will present former Dean Jenkins with a gift and a framed copy of the Bylaw Proposal if a Senator chooses to write one
 - c. Lack of trust
 - i. University handling of COVID-19
 - ii. Administration is eager to listen to student concerns
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Updates on SR002-SP20 (Overnight visitation policy)
 1. Met with administrators, Board of Directors
 2. Draft is now in CCPC
 3. Concerns: same concerns that students have (safety and roommate agreements)
 4. Will move to Board of Directors in October meeting, then to President's Council
 - ii. Elect Chairs and Secretaries for your Committees and let me know
 - iii. Headshots
 1. Next week before the meeting (around 8:00)
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: N/A
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Meczyssine
 - i. GroupMe will be created soon
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Use social media
 - ii. The Executive Board will help you!
 - iii. Discretionary Funds Committee: talk to PRC Grimpe if you would like help with promotion
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jackson Sheputis/Mark Lorenz
 - i. If constituents ask about budget, refer them to the Treasurers

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. Review of Summer Legislation
 1. [BP001-SMR2020](#)
 - a. Standing Dining Services Committee Creation
 2. [CA001-SMR2020](#)
 - a. Amended Constitution so Student Senate can make recommendations to the Board of Directors
- b. FINANCE:
- c. ADMINISTRATION:
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA:
- e. SCREENING:
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE:
- g. DINING SERVICES:
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION:

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Nominations for Discretionary Funds Committee
 - i. Senator Byrnes
 - ii. Senator Raimondi
 - iii. Senator McMillan

- iv. Senator Schneider
- v. Senator Bakri
- vi. Senator Chenoweth

13. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

14. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

15. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Congratulations to all new senators

16. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Senator McMillan
- b. Second: Senator Raimondi
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm