

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 10/05/2020

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:30pm
2. ROLL CALL:
3. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Senator Ares made a motion to amend the agenda
    - i. Move Screening committee report below Executive Committee report
    - ii. Senator Bakri seconded
    - iii. Amendment passes 18-0-1
  - b. Senator Zaki made a motion to approve the agenda
    - i. Senator Vicari seconded
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Byrnes
    - i. Along with Senator Hoeksema, writing an SR about the COVID online database
    - ii. Student concerns about the dashboard
    - iii. Anyone interested can contact
  - b. Senator Zaki
    - i. Thank you to those participating in We Matter week
    - ii. Please show up to the events
6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Ryan Blevins
    - i. Happy Monday
    - ii. Halfway through the semester
    - iii. Flu shots due Oct 12th to the Health Center
      1. Flu Shot clinic tomorrow 10/6 9-11am in Community Room
    - iv. Please continue abiding by University expectations
      1. Mask, campus clear app, stay home when not feeling well
7. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
    - i. In isolation for 10 days
    - ii. [senate.president@valpo.edu](mailto:senate.president@valpo.edu) for any questions/concerns
  - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
    - i. Constituency Reports due on Friday 10/09
      1. Ask me or PRC Grimpe if you have any questions
    - ii. I will be moving some people around in committees after we fill the remaining seats
  - c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: N/A
  - d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
    - i. No report
  - e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
    - i. Website Updates by Webmaster

1. Continue to send me meeting times and other important dates for people to know (submission dates for forms, committee events, etc.)
  - ii. Social Media Updates
    1. We Matter Week Town Hall Oct 8
      - a. Please encourage friends and constituents to attend!
      - b. Zoom link will be given out day of event through a school wide email, Student Senate social media accounts, as well as a personal email sent to everyone who RSVP'd for online
      - c. There will be a Post-Town Hall statement thanking students for telling their stories
        - i. @Senators and Kaitlyn/Ben, we could talk about possible SR's to come out of the event??
  - iii. Student Buzz
    1. Students still noticing inconsistencies with the COVID dashboard
    2. We Matter Week events are happening!
    3. Concerns about new Res Hall policies regarding masks
  - f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jackson Sheputis/Mark Lorenz
    - i. Stipend requests have been processed and approved
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
    - i. No report
  - b. SCREENING: Brianna Ares
    - i. We are voting on:
      1. Parliamentarian: Danielle LeGrand
        - a. Had 1 candidate
        - b. 4-0-0
      2. At-Large College of Nursing and Health Professions: Dylan Bogucki
        - a. Had 2 candidates
        - b. 4-0-0 on the candidate we chose
      3. At-Large Commuter: Hannah Nelson & Ethan Fickle
        - a. Had 2 candidates
          - i. 4-0-0
          - ii. 4-0-0
      4. At-Large General: Nathan Robb
        - a. Had 1 candidate
        - b. 4-0-0
      5. Senior Senator: Bryce Jones
        - a. Had 3 candidates
        - b. 2-0-0
    - ii. Senator Zaki made a motion to vote as a slate
      1. Senator Foor seconded
      2. Motion to approve the senators passes 19-0-0
  - c. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
    - i. Tier 3 budgets due Oct 18th
    - ii. Questions can go to senate.finance or any finance committee member
  - d. ADMINISTRATION: Isis Zaki
    - i. Met today, went through committee duties, established goals
      1. Function paperless/digital, streamline communication, work on transitioning year to year, working relationship with activities coordinator to help with transition
    - ii. If students have questions about organizations, send them to administration

- iii. Have some organizations to approve next week
- e. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
  - i. Met with the committee last Thursday to catch up on organizations.
  - ii. The Lighter has a set timeline for printing and hopes to be done with delivery by Reading Day.
  - iii. The Torch is currently on issue 6, and is waiting on a reimbursement from Student Senate.
  - iv. WVUR is doing great with Daily Evening Source, and are looking at adding a morning drive show.
  - v. The Beacon has been very creative in adapting to campus this year and intend to include a snapshot of what life looks like right now in the yearbook.
  - vi. VUTV just had their first newscast and had a few technical issues regarding IP addresses.
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Aidan Byrnes
  - i. No report
- g. DINING SERVICES: Billy Robinson
  - i. No report
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Kendall Runnels
  - i. I sent 2 students to the screening committee to be interviewed.
  - ii. The committee will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 8-9pm in the Gandhi King Center.
  - iii. Our first meeting will be the Oct 15th to take into account We Matter Week
- i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Gwyneth Hoeksema
  - i. Campus wide email detailing the open grant application will be sent out ASAP.
  - ii. Already interviewed with two applicants this week
  - iii. E-sports
    - 1. Requested that they re-do their proposal and interview again because we thought they were asking more money than they needed and in general, needed to be more organized
  - iv. Giant skeleton on campus
    - 1. Passed with a 5-0-0 vote!
    - 2. Proposed this to the Finance Committee at their meeting tonight and they also approved it in a 4-0-0 vote
    - 3. Open to hearing any comments or concerns if you have them about the giant skeleton
    - 4. Motion to vote: Senator Zaki
      - a. Second: Senator Bakri
      - b. Motion to approve Giant Skeleton DFC grant passes 19-0-0
- j. PRESIDENTIAL REPORT: Paige Mecyssine
  - i. Presentation of PR draft
  - ii. Assignments/delegations of paragraphs

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Nominations for CCPC seat
  - i. Eva Dalton
  - ii. Motion to vote: Senator Zaki
    - 1. Second: Senator Vicari
    - 2. Motion to approve Eva Dalton CCPC passes 18-0-0
- b. Nominations for University Council seats
  - i. Elizabeth Palmer
  - ii. Curtis Behnke

- iii. Gabby Wilcoxson
- iv. Motion vote as a slate: Senator Zaki
  - 1. Second: Senator Foor
  - 2. Motion to approve passes 18-0-0

11. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

12. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Please attend We Matter Week events

13. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Senator Lersch
  - i. Second: Senator Bakri
- b. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm