

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 10/12/2020

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:34pm
2. ROLL CALL:
3. OATH OF OFFICE:
 - a. Parliamentarian LeGrand, Senators Jones, Robb, Nelson, Fickle, Bogucki
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Senator Hoeksema made a motion to add SR001-FA2020 to new business
 - i. Senator Zaki seconded
 - ii. Motion to amend the agenda passes
 - b. Motion to approve the agenda: Senator Zaki
 - i. Second: Senator Byrnes
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. None
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Follow-up to We Matter Town Hall
 - i. Thank you
 - b. November commencements
 - i. In-person commencement ceremonies will be held by college for Spring 2020 and Fall 2021 graduates.
 1. Multiple, at different times/locations by college
 2. Survey results showed that an in-person event with walking across a "stage" was most important (along with some photo opportunities)
 - c. Meetings with senators- want to know you as individuals!
 - i. Will reach out individually for coffee/lunch
8. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. We Matter Week Town Hall with BSO went very well.
 1. Hope to hold another, similar event at the end of the year
 2. Will connect administrators with students about questions for follow-up
 - ii. EPC voting on program discontinuances
 1. Social work, education, theatre, French
 2. Need to cut a certain number to hit the mark that the Board of Directors set; use an algorithm to make these decisions

- 3. Vote on student members tonight
 - iii. Dashboard shows total number of cases now (37)
 - 1. Reported in the New York Times
 - 2. Keep in mind if creating legislation
 - iv. If you are going to be absent or late, contact Secretary Mecyssine (no need to CC me on it)
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Thank you for all of your constituency reports!
 - 1. My plan for these:
 - 2. Will compile into one report and send it out to senators, interim President Irwin-Knott, and our advisors to distribute as needed (academic deans, etc)
 - ii. CCPC Meeting 10/07/2020 updates
 - 1. Voted 10-0-0 to move the Visitation Policy to the Board of Directors
 - 2. Will meet with the Board for 20 minutes
 - 3. If receptive, will move to President's Council
 - iii. Consider joining Ad Hoc Committees, I will resend the committee google sheet again for you to what is available
 - iv. Reapportionment oversight
 - 1. When we reapportioned 2 years ago, we added 5 seats to Senate but not to each Committee (so there are only 22 spots on Committees with 27 Senators)
 - 2. Recommendation: add one senator to dining, residence, screening, admin, and finance.
 - a. Will be creating a Bylaw Proposal to fix the numbers
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Danielle LeGrand
 - i. No report
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. No report
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Admin updates will be done by tonight
 - ii. New Senators, please answer email sent
 - iii. Website Updates by Webmaster
 - 1. Webmaster has been chosen by screening
 - iv. Internal Updates
 - 1. We Matter Week Town Hall statement is in the works, will be released this Friday
 - v. Student Buzz
 - 1. Sigma Phi Epsilon's off-campus retreat and the Short Term Event Policy concerns
 - 2. Headshots were taken
 - 3. Skeleton DFC grant awarded; mostly positive feedback except from certain alumni
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jackson Sheputis/Mark Lorenz
 - i. No report

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Kaitlyn Steinhiser

- i. No report
- b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. Budgets are due a week from yesterday. A reminder email has gone out to all tier three orgs. Please send questions to the finance email as I am quarantined currently.
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Isis Zaki
 - i. Met today to vote on recognition of the Society of Physics Students
 - 1. Met with President and Vice President
 - 2. Admin voted 5-0-0
 - 3. Motion to vote: Senator McMillan
 - a. Second Senator Bakri
 - b. Motion to approve Society of Physics Students approves 24-0-0
 - 4. Will be sending Constitution/Bylaws to advisors for approval
 - ii. Still have 3 organizations seeking approval; goal of meeting with them all within a week
 - iii. Looking to review Admin Committee bylaws this semester
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. No report
- e. SCREENING: Brianna Ares
 - i. We are nominating:
 - 1. At-Large Transfer Senator: Genevieve Brown
 - a. Had 3 candidates
 - b. 4-0-0
 - 2. Webmaster: Macy Siegfried
 - a. Had 2 candidates
 - b. 4-0-0
 - 3. Sophomore Senator(s): Antigone Wilson and Tyler Castognia
 - a. Had 3 candidates
 - b. 4-0-0 for both
 - 4. Motion to vote as a slate: Senator Zaki
 - a. Second: Senator McMillan
 - b. Motion to approve:
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Aidan Byrnes
 - i. Had first meeting on Thurs, Oct 8th
 - ii. Representatives for each residence
 - iii. Two concerning trends:
 - 1. At least four residences have reported vandalism
 - 2. Confusion with mask policy (on being allowed to not wear masks while being alone)
- g. DINING SERVICES: Billy Robinson
 - i. Gellerson Kiosk will be named Gelly's Grab & Go this Thursday, October 15th.
 - 1. Ceremony will be at GEM outside weather permitting at 3pm
 - ii. Met with Allison from SALT- interested in recycling plastic in founders- the plastic is temporary
 - 1. VU does recycle and is in the process of having two plastic benches made for everything we have recycled.

- iii. Keenan was at the meeting on behalf of student athletes. He expressed some concerns of things that need to be changed as well as complemented the good things that have been happening
- iv. Please follow Valpo Dining on Snapchat. Username is @Diningatvalpo
- v. Lee wants more international food days in the future
- vi. Added 2 positions (sushi specialist and gluten-free specialist)
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Kendall Runnels
 - i. No report
- i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Gwyneth Hoeksema
 - i. No Report
- j. PRESIDENTIAL REPORT: Paige Mecyssine
 - i. Emailed last week with paragraph assignments
 - ii. Drafts due by next Monday, Oct 19th (please email them)
 - iii. Thank you!! Any questions?

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. SR001-FA20
 - i. Resolution Requesting Additions/Changes to the Current COVID-19 Dashboard (Sponsored by Senator Hoeksema) overview

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Vote on Educational Policy Committee Members:
 - i. Ben Jacobs
 - ii. Nathan Randle
 - iii. Vidhi Sharma
 - iv. Chloe Cox
- b. Senator McMillan made a motion to vote as a slate
 - i. Senator Zaki seconded
 - ii. Motion to approve passes 24-0-0

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Congrats new senators

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Senator Zaki
 - i. Second: Senator Schneider
- b. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm