

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 10/26/2020

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:32pm
2. ROLL CALL: Excused: Senator Pandey
3. OATH OF OFFICE:
  - a. Senator Biancardi- Sophomore Senator
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Senator Chenoweth: Motion
  - b. Senator Nelson: Second
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. None
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. None
8. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
    - i. Board of Directors Meeting
      1. Need an SR to get the ex-officio seats on the Campus Life Committee
      2. Great job to Esports representatives
      3. Talked about campus "vibe"- students are stressed, need continued support for campus resources
    - ii. COVID-19 Dashboard SR
      1. Meeting with Rick tomorrow
      2. Some changes are easy; can do immediately. Others will need discussion.
  - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
    - i. It is OK/encouraged to have laptops out at meetings
    - ii. Feedback from Q1 Report
      1. Sent to deans/administrators/Interim President Irwinn-Knott
      2. Academic Deans had good response
    - iii. Q2 Report will be due on Monday, November 16 to [senate.vp@valpo.edu](mailto:senate.vp@valpo.edu)
    - iv. Visitation Policy update
      1. Will be going to President's Council; they are the final vote
  - c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Danielle LeGrand
    - i. No report
  - d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecsytine
    - i. No report
  - e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
    - i. Website Updates by Webmaster
      1. Macy and I have updated bios and pictures
    - ii. Social Media Updates

- 1. Macy and I will be starting our Instagram highlights of the Senators
- iii. Committee Work Updates
  - 1. Nov 16th will be constituency reports due - contact me for template
- iv. Student Buzz
  - 1. Students are overworked
- 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. Present Tier Three Budgets
  - ii. Voting will take place next week so please look over the slate and have motions ready
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Isis Zaki
  - i. Will not be meeting with new orgs after next week
  - ii. Still in communication with SAAFE and SAAC to work on their recognition
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
  - i. No report
- e. SCREENING: Brianna Ares
  - i. No report
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Aidan Byrnes
  - i. No report
- g. DINING SERVICES: Billy Robinson
  - i. Working to increase food options for international students
  - ii. If any international students have concerns or things they would like to see, please tell them to email me
  - iii. Campus wide email will be sent by end of semester and then one at the beginning of Spring semester on how to access weekly menu for founders
  - iv. Starting in the Spring VU will be the only university with their own gluten free chef on site
  - v. Looking into smoothie bar in the future (standby)
  - vi. Looking at more food options brought up by student athletes
  - vii. In a test stage of breakfast burritos (by fishtank)
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Kendall Runnels
  - i. No report
- i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Gwyneth Hoeksema
  - i. E-sports: \$5,255 for updating and buying equipment
    - 1. Motion to vote: Senator Zaki
      - a. Second: Senator McMillan
    - 2. Motion passes 16-6-399999
  - ii. Deadline for DFC applications is November 16th, 2020
- j. PRESIDENTIAL REPORT: Paige Meczyssine
  - i. No report

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. SR002-FA20
  - i. Resolution Calling for University Support of International Students
- b. SR003-FA20
  - i. Resolution

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Selecting of Non-Student Senator DFC member

- i. Maggie Beard
- ii. Gabrielle Wilcoxson
- iii. Motion to vote: Senator Zaki
  1. Second: Senator Raimondi
- iv. Motion to approve Gabrielle Wilcoxson passes 14-11

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Senator McMillan
- b. Second: Senator Zaki
- c. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm