

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 11/02/2020

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:31 pm
2. ROLL CALL: All present
3. GUEST SPEAKER:
 - a. Jennifer Easthope - Starfish
 - i. Replacing some things that used to be done during DataVU
 1. I.e. When a student receives a flag (attendance, etc.)
 - ii. Helps advisors help students
 - iii. Want feedback: How can we best be more transparent about starfish? How can we communicate?
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion to amend the agenda: Senator Ares
 - i. Move Screening Committee report after Executive Committee report
 - ii. Second: Senator Runnels
 - iii. Motion passes
 - b. Motion to approve: Senator McMillan
 - i. Second: Senator Runnels
 - ii. Motion passes
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Foor: Working on an SR for the Crusader Task Force
 - i. Can send out the SR if anyone wants to help
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. None
8. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. Update on data dashboard SR
 1. Rick AmRhein said everything in operative clauses are reasonable
 2. Hopes to present the updated dashboard to us by the end of the semester
 3. Ben and I are going to Incident Command before the end of the semester
 - ii. VUPD Feedback; Transparency document (Associate Provost Miller's action agenda for social & racial equity on campus)
 1. Positive overall
 2. Need a system in place and specifics (about money and where to put it)
 - a. Need clear vision of costs
 3. How will they share this data that will be collected? (Emails? Media?)
 - a. Communication & transparency with students

- b. Get the numbers out to students in a way that people will see it
 - c. Monthly? Weekly? Semester? Quarterly?
 - 4. When will it be put into place?
 - iii. Senatorial courtesy
 - 1. Tradition in Student Senate; nothing in Bylaws/Constitution, but Senators should advocate for their constituents
 - 2. When voting on an organization that you are a part of/have a strong opinion about/conflict of interest -> abstain
 - a. Especially when on E-board for an organization being voted on
 - 3. When in discussion- don't speak on the behalf of a cause because we are Senators representing constituents
 - a. Giving organizations privileges that other orgs don't have
 - 4. Especially important with budgeting
 - 5. Be kind, polite, civil
 - iv. 2020 election
 - 1. Promote civil dialogue as student leaders
 - 2. We will represent all students no matter the election
 - v. Making it through the semester
 - 1. Common problem of academic workload; need structural change with a common problem among students
 - 2. Will write an SR directed at Provost Gillman
 - a. Possible solutions to improve this semester and fix next semester
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Constituency Report update
 - 1. Will not do them this quarter
 - 2. Instead: Write a collective "report" of one sentence and have senators sign
 - a. Send to deans/academic advisors/department chairs
 - ii. The next two Senate meetings will be virtual
 - 1. Updates on how this will be facilitated will be sent in the coming days
 - 2. We will see what to do for the November 23rd meeting come time
 - iii. Is there an update on the BP to add the positions onto the committees?
 - 1. Administration Committee is making progress
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Danielle LeGrand
 - i. No report
- d. SECRETARY: Paige Meczyssine
 - i. No need to email me if you're going to be online
 - ii. Do office hours online if necessary
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Social Media Updates
 - 1. Senators will be highlighted on the Instagram and FB pages starting on Wednesday
 - ii. Student Buzz
 - 1. President Steinhiser had some words for Election Day - try to reiterate those words to your constituents
 - 2. Student Senate represents all students regardless of political ideology
 - iii. Encourage your constituents to abide by the COVID guidelines in place including quarantine orders!
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jackson Sheputis/Mark Lorenz
 - i. Working to find next Assistant Treasurer; Treasurer Sheputis is graduating and Treasurer Lorenz will become Executive Treasurer

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
 - i. No report
- b. SCREENING: Brianna Ares
 - i. 5 applicants for VP so far
 - ii. Working on Sophomore Senator
 - iii. Working on Assistant Treasurer
- c. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. Tier Three Budget Voting
 - ii. Senator Pariso made a motion to amend the Tier 3 budgets to add Fellowship of Christian Athletes to the slate
 - 1. Senator Zaki seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 25-0-0
 - iii. Senator Chenoweth made a motion to discuss
 - 1. Senator Runnels seconded
 - iv. Senator Pariso made a motion to move \$50 from the pot into Line 55 of Valpo FCA budget
 - 1. Senator McMillan seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 24-0-1
 - v. Senator Pariso made a motion to move \$220 from the pot to Line 73 in Valpo FCA budget
 - 1. Second: Senator McMillan
 - 2. Motion passes 24-1-0
 - vi. Senator McMillan made a motion to vote on Tier 3 budgets as a slate
 - 1. Second: Senator Fickle
 - 2. Motion fails
 - vii. Senator Zaki made a motion to vote on Tier 3 budgets as a slate
 - 1. Second: Senator McMillan
 - 2. Motion to vote on Tier 3 budgets as a slate passes 25-0-0
 - viii. Senator Foor made a motion to approve Tier 3 budgets as a slate
 - 1. Second: Senator McMillan
 - 2. Motion to approve Tier 3 budgets passes 25-0-0
- d. ADMINISTRATION: Isis Zaki
 - i. SAAFE
 - 1. Admin voted 5-0-0
 - ii. SAAC
 - 1. Admin voted 5-0-0
 - iii. Senator McMillan made a motion to vote as a slate
 - 1. Senator Zaki seconded
 - 2. Motion passes
 - iv. Senator Foor made a motion to approve SAAFE and SAAC as organizations
 - 1. Senator Zaki seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 24-0-1
 - v. Met earlier today to discuss recognition of two other organizations: VUSOC, YAF
 - 1. Want to set criteria for how we approve politically affiliated organizations
 - 2. Will table the decision until Spring
 - 3. All approved organizations are listed on website if there is confusion
- e. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Jolie Foor
 - i. Meeting on Thursday at 12-12:40 on Zoom.
 - ii. Reese Jones will be attending on behalf of the Valpo Student Organizing Committee (VUSOC) to voice concerns over We Matter week coverage and discuss how media organizations can better represent minorities on campus.
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Aidan Byrnes
 - i. No report

- g. DINING SERVICES: Billy Robinson
 - i. No report
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Kendall Runnels
 - i. No report
- i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Gwyneth Hoeksema
 - i. Harre Union Student Staff (Games Room) "Hammock Hangout"
 - 1. They are requesting \$2,300
 - 2. Motion to vote: Senator Pariso
 - a. Second: Senator McMillan
 - b. Motion to approve passes 22-2-1
 - ii. Harre Union Student Staff (Student Organization Suite) "Rock N Talk"
 - 1. They are requesting \$4,482
 - 2. Motion to vote: Senator McMillan
 - a. Second: Senator Jones
 - b. Motion passes 23-2-0
 - iii. Harre Union Employee Development Team "Scholar Stop"
 - 1. They are requesting \$11,140
 - 2. Motion to vote: Senator McMillan
 - a. Second: Senator Jones
 - b. Motion passes 24-0-1
 - iv. Harre Union Games Room Staff
 - 1. They are requesting \$748 (includes shipping and delivery costs)
 - 2. Pac-Man and a 12-in-one game to be added to the game room
 - 3. Motion to vote: Senator Pariso
 - a. Second: Senator Bocangel
 - b. Motion 25-0-0
- j. PRESIDENTIAL REPORT: Paige Meczyssine
 - i. Just waiting on 3 more reports; need them before the end of the semester
 - ii. Hope to have a draft to present by the end of the semester just in case a president is chosen before then

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. SR002-FA20
 - i. Resolution Calling for University Support of International Students
 - ii. Motion to vote: Senator Raimondi
 - 1. Second: Senator Pariso
 - 2. Motion to approve SR002 passes 25-0-0
- b. SR003-FA20
 - i. Resolution Calling for Ex-Officio seats on the Campus Life Committee
 - ii. Senator McMillan made a motion to vote
 - 1. Senator Pariso seconded
 - 2. Motion to approve SR003 passes 25-0-0

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Tomorrow is election day; vote
- b. Just passed 2 pieces of legislation without discussion; in the future, should have discussion to show that we had diligent conversation about it

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Senator McMillan
- b. Second: Senator Pandey
- c. Motion passes 25-0-0
- d. Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm