

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 02/15/2021

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:30pm
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Excused: Genevieve Brown
  - b. Unexcused:
3. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. Justin McClain
    - i. Hello Student Senate, I have had 13 students DM me on social media asking questions and voicing their concerns about COVID-19 policies and precautions on campus since the start of the semester. While I wish I could help them, I am also confused, worried, and frustrated with many of the same things they have DM'd me about. I believe a COVID-19 town hall would be a helpful remedy to our questions and concerns. I am asking that you work with the incident command team and the health center to organize a town hall within the next week or two - the early the better. Any later than that, and we are approaching the middle of the semester, and students deserve answers and to feel heard before then. Many of the questions and concerns are pressing issues that have been around since last semester and I hope this warrants quick action.
    - ii. I wanted to, first, say thank you for your work on the COVID-19 dashboard last semester. As we all know, there are still flaws that need to be addressed. I have created my own dashboard, but it's honestly an embarrassing moment for the university when a student has to compile the data in a more effective and helpful way after working so hard last semester for a mediocre outcome. I will continue to update my dashboard and post updates on social media, but I shouldn't have to. It's not my job. I am asking that you continue to push the incident command team to improve the dashboard further (include historical data, graphs, testing numbers are still needed, etc). I ask that you do not look at the current dashboard and become complacent. There is still work to do.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion: Sen. Hoeksema
  - b. Second: Sen. Pariso
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
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6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Ryan Blevins:
    - i. Incident command team will be sending an announcement with several updates, including an updated COVID-19 dashboard.
  - b. Steve Janowiak
    - i. Thanks for hard work & jumping in after break. Excited for new role
7. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Kaitlyn Steinhiser

- i. Salary Discussion Update
        - 1. Treasurer Lorenz will be making different models of salary raises
      - ii. Senator Bakri appointed to Presidential Inauguration Working Group
        - 1. 2 alumni, 2 faculty, 2 staff, 2 students to discuss how President Padilla will interact with different constituencies
      - iii. Retirement of the crusader (thanks to all of you who helped with that)
    - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
      - i. Unless absolutely necessary (environment, bad wifi connection, etc) please have your cameras on during general assembly meetings. If you have to turn your camera off for any reason, please contact Secretary Mecsyste.
    - c. PARLIAMENTARIAN:
      - i. N/A
    - d. SECRETARY: Paige Mecsyste
      - i. Looking for an Executive Aide and/or someone to transition into the position for next year. Can be a senator or non-senator
        - 1. Benefits of being secretary include a stipend, being able to chair & be a member of ad-hoc committees, being on E-board, & increasing your typing speed!
      - ii. Will come up with a parting gift for Interim President Irwin-Knott; thinking of some kind of zoom photo, flowers, and card that everyone can sign
    - e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
      - i. Guidebook committee meeting tomorrow
      - ii. There is a form up on myValpo for you Senators and Executive Board members to fill out. Please let me know if you need help locating this form. (it is under our organization's page)
    - f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
      - i. Working with Ryan, the Finance Office, and the finance committee on getting a per diem system set up.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Kaitlyn Steinhiser
    - i. If you can't make it to meetings because of class/another excuse, update your report in the agenda and tell Paige.
  - b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
    - i. Line Item Shift: Delta Sigma Pi- move \$1272.50 from Spring Leap Conference to Organization Dues
      - 1. Finance voted 4-0-0
      - 2. Motion to vote: Sen. Bakri
      - 3. Second: Sen. McMillan
      - 4. Motion passes 18-0-0
    - ii. Budgeting is being done normally and not through presence. I have gotten a couple questions regarding this.
  - c. ADMINISTRATION: Isis Zaki
    - i. Report given by Sen. Vicari
    - ii. Issue with link to re-rec form on Presence; corrected link will be going out to all student orgs at 8am tomorrow
  - d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Sophia Behrens
    - i. First meeting this Wednesday
    - ii. Will start with interviews to appoint next executives
  - e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
    - i. We had our first meeting tonight. In this meeting we drafted an email to be sent to the student body informing them of open positions.
    - ii. We hope to have the email approved and sent out by Friday.

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  - f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Aidan Byrnes
    - i. Report given by Sen. Raimondi
    - ii. Having a meeting this week
  - g. DINING SERVICES: Billy Robinson
    - i. No Report: First meeting will be this Friday 2:30-3:30pm
  - h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: N/A
  - i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Gwyneth Hoeksema
    - i. No Report
  - j. REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE: Chris Grimpe
    - i. First meeting went well, next meeting is this Thursday
9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. None
10. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. None
11. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
  - a. None
12. POSTMORTEM:
  - a. Please participate in meetings, voting, etc
13. ADJOURNMENT:
  - a. Motion: Sen. McMillan
  - b. Second: Sen. Raimondi
  - c. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm