

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 01/17/2022

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:32pm
2. ROLL CALL: Excused: Senator Abraham Unexcused: Senator Lebamoff
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. None
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion: Sen. Westphal
 - b. Second: Sen. Pariso
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Sen. Pariso
 - i. Please reach out for help on SRs via my personal email or seeing me after the meeting.
6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Vice President Janowiak
 - i. COVID student positivity rate is currently 1.27%. The positivity rate for staff is 3.6%. The dashboard is now back online. We will be continuing to wear masks until further notice. Over the next 3 to 6 months we expect to transition into treating COVID similarly to the way we treat the flu.
 - ii. The grand reopening of the cafe is expected to be on Jan. 27th.
7. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
 - i. The newly renovated Cafe will open on January 27th.
 - ii. The staff and administration are doing everything they can to monitor Covid cases on campus. Please continue to wear your masks and encourage your peers to do so.
 - iii. Next semester, an assessment of our current parking situation will take place. This can help the University reassign spaces to better fit the demand of students, faculty, and staff. Hopefully, this will help the university accommodate our growing commuter population.
 - iv. Please feel free to use the office at any time!
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Student Senate will be having a Student Senate-wide Retreat during our normal General Assembly time on Feb. 21st. This will be in place of our General Assembly and will be required.
 - ii. Please help Senator Bakri and the Screening Committee find people to fill the 8 positions that are currently vacant. These positions should be filled by the time of our Feb. 21 Retreat.
 - iii. Let's get some Senate Resolutions done this semester. There are always some things that can be done to better the student experience through legislation.
 - iv. Bylaws update

- c. SECRETARY: Katelyn Shouse
 - i. Office hours email was sent out, please sign up for this semester.
 - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. An email will be going out to all students along with graphics about the next round of DFC grants.
 - e. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
 - i. Please reach out if you have any input or suggestions about our new financial model.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Jolie Foor
 - i. New meeting time is 3:30-4:30 on Mondays in the Christopher Center Board of Directors room.
 - b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. No report
 - c. ADMINISTRATION: Mikayla Flanagan
 - i. New Admin chair
 - ii. Spots open on the committee
 - iii. Meeting with two groups next week
 - d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Hannah Williamson
 - i. New CoM chair, setting up meeting time for last week of January
 - e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
 - i. I held 4 interviews so far for open senate seats.
 - ii. A campus wide email will be going out in a few days promoting the open seats. From there I will continue to hold interviews and will have the open seats filled by mid February at the latest.
 - iii. These are the positions that we have open: **1 At-large General, 2 Nursing, 1 Engineering, 1 Junior Senator, 1 Transfer Senator, 1 College of Arts & Sciences, 1 College of Business.** Please encourage your friends and colleagues to apply! If you know anyone who may be interested or qualified reachout to me or have them email senate.screening@valpo.edu
 - f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Tasha Abraham
 - i. No report
 - g. DINING SERVICES: Dianne Dollison:
 - i. Committee members please text, email, or tell me your schedule so I can schedule another open forum
 - h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Allison Howard
 - i. No Report
 - i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Nathan Robb
 - i. DFC application is opening tomorrow. Please let people know they can apply. There are 2 open spots on the committee so please come with nominations for next week.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. None
10. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. None
11. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- a. None
12. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Welcome back and thank you for your flexibility today. Bylaws and addendums should be ratified by spring break so we can have things ready to be implemented next semester.

13. ADJOURNMENT: 8:55 pm