

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 01/31/2022

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:30 pm
2. ROLL CALL: Excused Absences: Assistant Treasure Doyle, Sen. Dollison, Sen. Walton, Sen. Hernandez-Garrity, Sen. Maldonado, Sen. Gautum, Sen. Abraham, and Sen. Cavinder.
Unexcused Absences: Sen. Lebamoff.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. None
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion Sen. Pariso
 - b. Second Sen. Westphal
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Sen. Bakri
 - i. Please register for Dance Marathon on April 2nd.
 - b. Sen. Robb
 - i. Please reach out if you are interested in collaborating with Alliance to write an SR providing more resources for transgender students.
6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Vice President Janowiak
 - i. The university provost and administrators will be communicating about the weather soon so be on the lookout for an email with those details.
 - ii. Step Afrika will be performing on Wednesday at 7pm in the ballrooms.
7. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
 - i. I emailed Provost Johnson last week about the winter email he sent out; he explained the parameters for snow days. He explained that he will most likely cancel classes if the weather is bad, and not move them online for a day. I suggested that in the future, he include this information in any winter weather safety tips emails, in addition to providing information on winter resources for low-income or international students.
 - ii. VP Jacobs, PRC Grimpe and I are meeting with the Graduate Student Advisory Council on Wednesday to see how we can collaborate in the future and incorporate the council into Senate's new structure.
 - iii. The Black Student Organization is hosting a number of events for Black History Month. They posted the schedule on Instagram, so encourage your constituents to follow their page @bso_valpo and attend events! I will also email you the schedule.
 1. **To support BSO and encourage others to attend the events, I am requiring Senators to attend at least one event!** Send a picture of

yourself at the event to Secretary Shouse and PRC Grimpe to receive credit.

- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. New Senate initiatives
 - ii. Thank you for the feedback on the Senate Survey!
 - iii. New representation and committee models
 - iv. [General Assembly Bylaw Review](#)
 - c. SECRETARY: Katelyn Shouse
 - i. No report
 - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. IMC is working on updating our website to match the rest of the current Valpo branding
 - ii. Student Buzz
 - 1. Worried about snowstorm on Wednesday/Thursday
 - e. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
 - i. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARK!!
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Jolie Foor
 - i. Executive board will continue working on the committee and financial models and will bring those to the general assembly for feedback soon.
 - b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. No report
 - c. ADMINISTRATION: Mikayla Flanagan
 - i. Beloved recognition
 - 1. Admin voted 2-0-0
 - 2. Motion to vote: Sen. Williamson
 - 3. Second: Sen. Lennen
 - 4. Passes 11-0-0
 - d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Hannah Williamson
 - i. New applications for media executive positions have been finalized and will be released on Friday. The current media executives will also be sent the applications and interviews are ongoing.
 - e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
 - i. College of Business Senator
 - 1. Emma Hernandez
 - a. 2-0-0
 - ii. At Large General Senator
 - 1. Katelynne Hillebrand
 - a. 2-0-0
 - iii. Transfer Senator
 - 1. Mackenzie Ward
 - a. 2-0-0
 - iv. Motion to vote as a slate: Sen. Lennen
 - v. Second: Sen. Williamson
 - vi. Passes 11-0-0
 - vii. Thank you to those who have already given me names of potentially interested future senators. If you have any names please let me know!
 - f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Tasha Abraham
 - i. No report
 - g. DINING SERVICES: Dianne Dollison:

- i. My committee and I will be sending out an email shortly about a scheduled open forum time, after my meeting on Wednesday.
 - h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Allison Howard
 - i. BSO Black History Month (BHM) Events happening this week: Step Afrika, King Richard Showing, and Soul Food Kickoff
 - ii. Having a meeting next week with Dr.Vidal-Rodriguez as well as the new OMP Director Lezlie to talk about the creation of a diversity section on the main portion of the website after discussing the possibility of this last semester
 - i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Nathan Robb
 - i. 9 applications submitted
 - ii. Meeting on Wednesday or Thursday to discuss
 - 1. Will meet online depending on conditions
 - iii. Will hopefully present finalized list for Senate in two weeks
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. None
10. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. DFC Senator positions nominations
 - i. Senator Emily Bakri
 - ii. Senator Lucas Lennen
 - b. Motion to vote as a slate: Sen. Westphal
 - c. Second: Sen. Hertzberg
 - d. Passes 10-0-1
11. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. None
12. POSTMORTEM:
 - a. Please be safe and considerate of the weather this week.
13. ADJOURNMENT: adjourned at 9:05 pm