

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 02/14/2022

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:34 pm
2. OATH OF OFFICE:
  - a. Shiya Kamra
  - b. Alex Nieman
  - c. Riley Sedlar
  - d. Ashley Velasquez
3. ROLL CALL: Excused Absences: Treasurer Doyle, Sen. Dollison, Sen. Hertzberg, Sen. Westphal, Sen. Abraham, Sen. Bhatta, Sen. Williamson, Sen. Ward, Sen. Bakri, Sen. Howard. Unexcused Absences: Sen. Hillebrand, Sen. Lebamoff.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT:
  - a. None
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion to approve: Sen. Pariso
  - b. Second: Sen. Hernandez-Garrity
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Sen. Flanagan
    - i. GPhi's philanthropy event, Moonball, will be on Sunday, Feb. 27th at the Hilltop Gym from 1-5pm. Please sign up in the chapel view lounge.
7. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Masks will no longer be required in general areas, only in class, lab, and academic meetings.
  - b. We currently have 1 COVID case on campus.
  - c. Thank you for your cooperation during this time. We are heading towards a light at the end of the tunnel for this situation.
8. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
    - i. The Valparaiso Parks Foundation is working on a project to bring a world-class Skate Park to Valpo to replace Flounder Skate Park. They are hosting a kick-off event for community champions of the project at The Market the evening of February 24th, and they would also love to include representation from the student body. If you would like to be involved in this event, or know of anyone who would be interested, please email me! More info: [this website](#)
    - ii. 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!
      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. Dr. Michael Chikeleze will be joining us at the February 28th General Assembly to talk about the student-focused section of the strategic plan. He will be collecting your feedback.
  - ii. Continue working on commenting on the addendums, Bylaws, and constitution. Reminder that this will be going into New Business on February 28th, voting in Old Business on March 21st - BIG DEAL
  - iii. Constituency Reports due to me by Feb. 28th. I am always willing to help you all about how to best conduct these.
    - 1. Remember to ask your constituents for their opinion on the change back to the 10-minute passing period. Would they rather switch back to the 20-minute period, but be willing to return to 7:30 a.m.'s?
    - 2. Be sure that you are working with your fellow constituency senators and pulling your weight in the reports
    - 3. [Constituency Report Template](#)
  - iv. Senate Resolution (SR) Workshop is this Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 6-8pm in Ballroom A. Not required, but highly recommended.
  - v. CCPC: currently reviewing relevance of the committee and place within the university governance structure.
  - vi. E-Board met with Advisors last Friday to go over remaining questions and tie up loose ends in the Bylaws - almost done! Some topics that we went over were the Grievance Process, Election signatures, Student Senate stipends, etc.
  - vii. Burnout is real, but let's be sure we're helping our fellow senators and doing what is expected of us.
  - viii. Senate Retreat is next week, Feb. 21st, immediately following a very, very abbreviated General Assembly. This is required.
- c. SECRETARY: Katelyn Shouse
  - i. New Senators, please sign up for 2 hours per week of office hours and remember to email me 24 hours prior to a meeting absence. :)
- d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
  - i. Thank you for filling out the form with your interest for Senate events! We will be setting up some events for us in the near future!
  - ii. New Senators, please fill out the Office Hours sheet from Secretary Shouse; you are required to hold 2 hours per week.
- e. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
  - i. Stipends will be finalized by spring break. Please let your constituents know that they need to respond to the email being sent out by the stated deadline.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Jolie Foor
  - i. No report
- b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
  - i. We are establishing a budget timeline and that information will be sent out soon.
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Mikayla Flanagan
  - i. Accounting Club recognition
    - 1. Admin voted 3-0-0
  - ii. Motion to vote: Sen. Lennen
  - iii. Second: Sen. Sedlar
  - iv. Passes 13-0-0
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Hannah Williamson

- i. No report.
- e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
  - i. If you have anyone you know of that would like to join senate please have them contact me!
    - 1. College of Engineering, Arts & Sciences, & Junior senator spots are still open.
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Tasha Abraham
  - i. No report
- g. DINING SERVICES: Dianne Dollison
  - i. I hope everyone had a good weekend. I would like to welcome Shiya Kamra to the dining committee, I apologize I could not be here in person to do so! Dining committee please check your emails we will be meeting this week either Tuesday or Thursday depending on the responses I get from your availability.
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Allison Howard
  - i. I am speaking with Dr.Vidal-Rodriguez as well as Lezlie Ontiveros, the new OMP Director, about the possibility of creating a new Diversity & Inclusion tab within the Life at Valpo section. The goal is to use this as a way of showcasing and bringing to the forefront the diversity that we have and are trying to gain here at Valpo.
- i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Nathan Robb
  - i. 3 applications are ready to be voted on by senate
    - 1. Water bottle fill stations in Lankenau - \$4000
      - a. DFC voted 5-0-0
      - b. Finance voted 4-0-1
    - 2. Supplies and machines for Makerspace - \$8584
      - a. DFC voted 5-0-0
      - b. Finance voted 4-0-1
    - 3. Disc Golf tee pads - \$4040
      - a. DFC voted 5-0-0
      - b. Finance 4-0-1
    - 4. Motion to discuss: Sen. Sedlar
    - 5. Second: Sen. Pariso
    - 6. Motion to vote as a slate: Sen. Wilcoxson
    - 7. Second: Sen. Lennen
    - 8. Passes 13-0-0

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. None

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Thank you for all of your hard work. Please be prepared for the Feb. 28th meeting. Continue to be safe and take care of yourselves as we transition into the new COVID regulations.

14. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 pm

