

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 03/21/2022

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:31pm
2. OATH OF OFFICE:
 - a. Nathan Harmon
 - b. Caleb Mandile
 - c. Meshach Melton
3. ROLL CALL: Excused absences: Assistant Treasurer Doyle, Senator Dollison, Senator Bhatta
4. GUEST SPEAKER:
 - a. Associate Provost Lissa Yogan
 - i. Associate provost for faculty affairs, works with faculty senate and any faculty issues that may arise in addition to working with the academic success center, writing center, and registrar.
 - ii. The Valparaiso success initiative in addition to some summer programs are being introduced this summer.
 - iii. Please encourage your constituents to fill out the honor council survey that was sent out before break. I sit on an ad hoc committee that is working on improving the way the honor council functions.
 - iv. Please reach out with any thoughts on general education.
 1. We are currently doing a trial with core 115 that is offering students to tailor the class to their interests.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. None
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion to approve: Sen. Westphal
 - b. Second: Sen. Cavinder
7. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Sen. Flanagan
 - i. This week is women's empowerment week. There are events being held every day in addition to tabling going on in the union. Please come out to the events. The schedule is posted on the fsl instagram page.
 - b. Sen. Bakri
 - i. Dance marathon is happening April 2nd and the registration deadline is this friday.
8. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Dr. Whittier
 - i. Welcome back to campus from break!
 - ii. Please remind students to read their emails if their swipe access was shut off today. That was done for anyone who has yet to submit their COVID-19 documentation.

- iii. Make sure you are taking advantage of all the amazing events being put on this spring by your peers.

9. OFFICER REPORTS:

- a. PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
 - i. The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) is seeking applicants for the next Student Commission Member position. The student member, to be appointed by Gov. Eric Holcomb, will serve on the Commission from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. I will be reading through all of your constituency reports this week and compile it into the main report
 - ii. E-board will most likely be interim Elections Committee during this transitional period
 - iii. Our last meeting will be May 2nd - we will inaugurate the 22-23 Senate then.
 - 1. 6 meetings left after this
- c. SECRETARY: Katelyn Shouse
 - i. No report
- d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. New Logo
 - ii. Starting student organization highlight this week!
 - iii. Holding press briefing after adjournment.
- e. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
 - i. No Report

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Jolie Foor
 - i. Dr. Kevin Goebbert came to our executive committee meeting today to discuss the school's strategic plan
- b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. Budget timeline:
 - 1. Special interest due April 4th
 - 2. Commissions due April 11th
 - 3. Presenting to senate on April 18th
 - 4. Voting on April 25th
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Mikayla Flanagan
 - i. No report
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Hannah Williamson
 - i. Working on setting up interviews for the media heads and hope to announce those soon.
- e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
 - i. In the coming weeks I will be reaching out to senators to schedule meetings discussing if they are planning to run for office next year and some other questions to gain feedback.
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Tasha Abraham
 - i. No report
- g. DINING SERVICES: Dianne Dollison
 - i. No report
- h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Allison Howard
 - i. No report
- i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Nathan Robb
 - i. No report

11. NEW BUSINESS:

a. None

12. OLD BUSINESS:

a. [SR002-SP20](#)

- i. Motion to discuss: Sen. Pariso
- ii. Second: Sen. Lennen
- iii. Motion to vote: Sen. Robb
- iv. Second: Sen. Sedlar
- v. Passes 24-0-0

b. [New Constitution of Student Senate](#)

- i. Motion to vote: Sen. Ward
- ii. Second: Sen. Walton
- iii. Passes 24-0-0

c. [New Bylaws of the Student Senate](#)

- i. [Addendum I](#)
- ii. [Addendum II](#)
 - 1. [Addendum II.a](#)
 - 2. [Addendum II.b](#)
 - 3. [Addendum II.c](#)
- iii. [Addendum III](#)
- iv. [Addendum IV](#)
- v. [Addendum V](#)
- vi. [Addendum VI](#)
- vii. [Addendum VII](#)
- viii. [Addendum VIII](#)

d. Motion to discuss: Sen. Sedlar

e. Second: Sen. Robb

f. Motion to open the floor to the executive board: Sen. Bakri

g. Second: Sen. Sedlar

h. Motion to adopt friendly amendment on Addendum IV, Clause 3: Sen. Hernandez-Garrity

i. Second: Sen. Robb

j. Passes 24-0-0

k. Motion to vote: Sen. Sedlar

l. Second: Sen. Lennen

m. Passes 24-0-0

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

a. None

14. POSTMORTEM:

a. VP Jacobs: As the **KEEPER** and Vice President of this senate, I am very pleased that we have passed this new set of bylaws and constitution.

b. President Foor: I am looking forward to the way the next senate will adopt these new bylaws and the way senate will continue to make improvements in the future.

15. ADJOURNMENT: 9:09pm