

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 03/28/2022

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER:
  - a. 8:31pm
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Excused Absences: Sen. Dollison, Maldonado, Westphal, Sedlar, Executive Secretary Shouse. Unexcused Absences: Executive Aide. Plachat, Sen. Ghimire.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
  - a. Nelly Chi Epsilon Pi
    - i. Wanting funding by itself not through other orgs
    - ii. Funded by itself for 20 years
    - iii. Help valpo local schools and county schools
    - iv. Org teaches local students
    - v. First told of getting defunded due to paying national/chapter dues
    - vi. Does not like being called selective club
      1. Events are open to everyone
    - vii. All special interest groups are 'selective'
    - viii. GPA requirement is for private-ness
      1. Some other orgs have these requirements for executive board positions
    - ix. Seems unfair to defunded only honoraries
    - x. Requests that an amendment to the bylaws/addendums be drafted and passed
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
  - a. Motion to approve: Sen. Hernandez-Garrity
    - i. Second: Sen. Walton
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Senator Williamson
    - i. Dean Kilpinen retiring
    - ii. Excited to see new improvements for university
6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Vice President Janowiak
    - i. Moving to mask-optional and it's looking very good
    - ii. Moving forward towards graduation
7. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
    - i. University Council meeting this week
      1. Wednesday March 30th @ 3:30pm on Zoom
      2. Contact President Foor for the link
  - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
    - i. [Student Senate Constituency Report SP22-Q3](#)
    - ii. Please look at all of the information regarding changes coming to campus from the President's office

- iii. Do not forget to [nominate organizations and individuals](#) for the 2022 Student Org Awards! Due April 7th!
    - iv. Look out for this week's issue of the Torch!
    - v. Senate Songfest Team!
      - 1. We need volunteers
      - 2. April 24 1pm in the ARC
  - c. SECRETARY: Katelyn Shouse
    - i. No Report
  - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
    - i. Elections graphics will be put out tomorrow or Wednesday - please share!
  - e. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
    - i. Last day to make expenditure requests is May 6th at 5pm
  - f. WEBMASTER: Nathan Harmon
    - i. No Report
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - a. EXECUTIVE: Jolie Foor
    - i. No Report
  - b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
    - i. Budget timeline reminder
    - ii. Special interest due April 4th on MyValpo
    - iii. Commissions due April 11th
    - iv. Presented on April 18th
    - v. Voted on April 25th
    - vi. Response to Public Comment
      - 1. Giving option to honor societies to partner with another organization to gain funding
      - 2. Senator Williamson: Can you explain the rationale behind this decision and how honor societies can partner with other organizations
        - a. Honor societies can partner with organizations who are in similar departments
        - b. We know this will be hard so Assistant Vice President Whittier will be working with them
      - 3. Assistant Vice President Whittier:
        - a. We want to fund events that all students can attend
        - b. She met with the Chi Epsilon Pi's advisor to discuss how they can still get their funding for events
        - c. We want to continue to fund the events that have been previously funded just through different avenues.
  - c. ADMINISTRATION: Mikayla Flanagan
    - i. South Asian Society
      - 1. Admin vote: 3-0-0
    - ii. Council for Engineering Inclusion and Equity
      - 1. Admin vote: 3-0-0
    - iii. Motion to vote as a slate:
      - 1. Motion to vote: Sen. Robb
      - 2. Second: Sen. Hernandez-Garrity
      - 3. Motion passes: 21-0-0
  - d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Hannah Williamson
    - i. Media head interviews are scheduled for this Saturday
  - e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
    - i. Retention meetings beginning this week
      - 1. Look out for email to set up meeting time
  - f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Tasha Abraham

- i. Committee on residence is meeting again next week on Tuesday at 12:30. Let me know if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or would like to join our meeting! We would love to have you!
      - ii. I will be communicating with the CoR reps to spread the word of the end of the year activities! I also want to encourage you all to attend living room conversations at the res halls (topics like: belonging empathy, and legalizing marijuana)
    - g. DINING SERVICES: Dianne Dollison
      - i. No Report
    - h. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Allison Howard
      - i. No Report
    - i. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: Nathan Robb
      - i. 4 applications are moving forward to interviews, will hopefully be ready to vote on them next week
      - ii. On track to utilize all DFC funds
    - j. ELECTIONS: Jolie Foor
      - i. Elections Timeline
      - ii. Email [senate.elections@valpo.edu](mailto:senate.elections@valpo.edu) for questions
        1. April 5th - Petition meeting that everyone must attend! It's at 7pm in the Board of Directors Room in the Christopher Center. Please email me if you need a Zoom link. After the meeting, formal campaigning begins.
        2. April 12 - Petitions are due
        3. April 20 - Election day
9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. None
10. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. None
11. PUBLIC COMMENT:
  - a. None
12. POSTMORTEM:
  - a. We are excited to implement new bylaws!
  - b. Please keep sending the executive board the concerns you or your constituencies have about the new bylaws
  - c. Please sign up for songfest team!!!!!!!
    - i. We desperate
13. ADJOURNMENT:
  - a. 8:59pm