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Executive Committee

For Immediate Release



NEW STUDENT SENATE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Dear Valpo Students,

Your Student Senators have been working throughout the academic year to modernize the Student Senate Constitution and Bylaws. One of these changes included creating a more efficient operations model for Student Senate. The standing committee's chairpersons will now be selected by the whole Student Senate at the first General Assembly meeting for the newly elected Student Senators at the beginning of May. The new standing committee structure is as follows:

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- Student Experience Committee
- Executive Committee
- Operations Committee
- Outreach & Elections Committee

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee will include 4 Student Senators; one of whom will be the Chairperson and sit on the Executive Committee. These 4 Senators will work with each student organization that represents underrepresented groups on Valpo's campus. The Committee as a whole will advocate for these underrepresented groups in Student Senate and bring forward Senate Resolutions that could influence University policies. The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee can be found in Addendum IV.

The Student Experience Committee will include 7 Student Senators; one of whom will be the Chairperson and sit on the Executive Committee. The Student Experience Committee will provide student oversight into the areas of Residential Life, Dining Services, and Campus Safety & Parking. Each of these areas will have a specific commission within the Student Experience Committee. The Student Experience Committee can be found in Addendum III. The following Commissions will make up the Student Experience Committee:

- Residential Life Commission
- Dining Services Commission
- Campus Safety & Parking Commission

The Residential Life Commission will be led by 2 Student Senate Delegates and will include membership from each residential hall and the Director of Residential Life. The Dining Services Commission will be led by 2 Student Senate Delegates and will include membership from the at-large student population as well as representatives from Parkhurst Dining. The Campus Safety & Parking Commission will be led by 2 Student Senate Delegates and include membership from the at-large student population as well as VUPD, the Parking Office, and Facilities Management. Each Commission could bring forward legislation that may influence University policies in their specific areas.

The Operations Committee will include 7 Student Senators; one of whom will be the Chairperson and sit on the Executive Committee, and another Student Senator will serve as the Co-Chairperson. The Operations Committee will regulate the student organization recognition process, inter-student organization disputes, budgetary concerns, and oversee the application of the funding commissions. Student organizations looking to be recognized by Student Senate for the first time will submit their application via MyValpo and will go through the recognition process set up by the Operations Committee. The remaining 5 Student Senators on the Operations Committee will be assigned as a Student Senate Delegate to a funding commission. The Operations Committee can be found in Addendum II. The following commissions will be under the purview of the Operations Committee:

- Programming Commission
- Club Sports Commission
- Student Media Commission
- Student Senate & Honor Council Commission
- Special Interest Commission

The Outreach & Elections Committee will include 7 Student Senators; one of whom will be the Chairperson and sit on the Executive Committee. The remaining 6 Student Senators will be tasked with screening new Senators into vacant positions, setting up outreach events, and organizing the annual elections. The outreach events will let students engage with their Student Senators and hopefully spark conversations that can turn into Senate Resolutions. The committee will work closely with the Press Secretary to organize and advertise these events throughout the academic year. The Elections & Outreach Committee can be found in Addendum V.

The Executive Committee will include the 4 Chairpersons of the standing committees, the Executive Board, and the 3 Student Senate Advisors. The Executive Board consists of the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Executive Secretary, Press Secretary, and Executive Treasurer. The Executive Committee can be found in Addendum I.

Sincerely,

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