

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 05/02/2022

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:33pm
2. ROLL CALL: Excused absences: Assistant Treasurer Doyle, Senator Dollison, and Senator Abraham. Unexcused Absences: Senator Robb, Senator Bhatta, and Senator Ghimire.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. Garret Willis, General manager of WVUR and member of committee on media
 - i. As a student athlete on campus, I must provide my own transportation for the events. The current gas reimbursement is 20 cents per mile. I believe that the senate should change to the standard reimbursement price this year to help with my expenses.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - a. Motion to approve: Sen. Westphal
 - b. Second: Sen. Hertzberg
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Sen. Sedlar
 - i. I am proud of the President, Vice President, and PRC. Thank you for all you've done. I will miss you.
 - b. Sen. Bakri
 - i. Well wishes to Secretary Shouse and Treasurer Lorenz.
6. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Vice President Janowiak
 - i. Congrats to Alison Pariso for winning an award at the student org awards last night.
 - ii. Thank you to the seniors for your contributions to the senate this year.
7. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Jolie Foor
 - i. Thank you
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Jacobs
 - i. Going to the Parking meeting to support First Year Senators
 - ii. Swipe and Office Access
 - iii. Transitions, Transitions, Transitions
 - iv. Thank you
 - c. SECRETARY: Katelyn Shouse
 - i. Thank you
 - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Chris Grimpe
 - i. Thank you
 - e. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Mark Lorenz/Owen Doyle
 - i. This Friday, May 6th is the last day to submit encumbrance requests. The form will be closing at 5pm.
 - ii. Thank you
 - f. WEBMASTER: Nathan Harmon

- i. Thank you

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Jolie Foor
 - i. Congratulations and good luck to President-elect Behrens
- b. FINANCE: Allison Pariso
 - i. Thank you for a great year!
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Mikayla Flanagan
 - i. No report
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Hannah Williamson
 - i. No report
- e. SCREENING: Emily Bakri
 - i. No Report
- 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

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. [Commissions Budget Slate 2022-2023](#)
- b. Motion to discuss: Sen. Hernandez-Garrity
- c. Second: Sen. Dollison
- d. Motion to vote: Sen. Dollison
- e. Second: Sen. Sedlar
 - i. Passes 21-0-0

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. None

12. GUEST SPEAKER: President José Padilla

- a. Thank you for serving and advocating for your constituents this year.
- b. We had 45 applicants for the open athletic director position at Valpo.
 - i. That decision will hopefully be made at the end of next week.
 - ii. Two of the finalist are African American and one of them is a woman
- c. The strategic plan is addressing big issues.
 - i. The board is discussing big changes, such as the possibility of creating a new college at the university.
 - ii. This was the first year where 30% of the first year class was from underrepresented groups.
- d. Yesterday was my 14th month on this job. At times when this job is difficult, your energy and hard work makes it better for me.
- e. Thank you to President Foor and Vice President Jacobs. They have been a pleasure to work with this year.
- f. Tomorrow, we will be getting together to discuss parking and how it affects our commuter students.
- g. Questions:
 - i. Sen. Flanagan- What type of colleges are you looking at expanding/creating?

1. We are thinking about making our colleges smaller by making their portfolio more nimble to equip our students for the job market. Science and technology and service majors are the main subjects we are looking at restructuring.
- h. We are now reaching the "endemic" stage of COVID-19. We will have to continue to be adaptable but we are expecting to have a normal academic year next year. Vaccinations and their exemptions will remain in place because that has kept us safe this year.
- i. God bless you and God love you, because I sure do.

13. OATH OF OFFICE:

- a. Press Secretary - Nathan Harmon
- b. Executive Treasurer - Allison Plachta
- c. Executive Secretary - Hannah Williamson
- d. Student Body President - Sophia Behrens
- e. Student Body Vice President - Ian Chenoweth

14. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Senators' gifts
- b. Senate Superlatives

15. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE:

- a. Vote to adjourn: Sen. Sedlar
- b. Second: Sen. Lennen
- c. Adjourned: 9:34pm