

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## General Assembly 09/12/2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:32
2. ROLL CALL: Roll called
3. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. AT-LARGE: Ashley Velasquez
    - i. Singing Bee Friday September 30th - possible senate team of 4
4. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
    - i. Mental Health Awareness Week - Oct. 3-7
  - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ian Chenoweth
    - i. New Agenda format!
    - ii. Robert's Rules (yuck) -> Ian's Rules
      1. Keep discussion free-flowing, raise your hand or placard to ask a question; Ian will call on you to speak. Open floor to advisors as needed.
      2. Anything to be voted on will be in new business. Anything that requires (extended) discussion will be in new business.
    - iii. Valpo Vibes Report
    - iv. Graduate Student Senator position
  - c. SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson
    - i. Thank you to all who have filled in your office hours!
    - ii. Reminder to please let me (Senate Secretary) know if you can't attend a meeting.
  - d. PRESS SECRETARY: Nathan Harmon
  - e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
    - i. Since the start of classes, we have had the credit card checked out more than 25 times, which has allowed groups to purchase supplies for programs and events without students having to spend their own money
    - ii. We have more than 150 students already trained in the myValpo Finance Portal
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
    - i. New DEI chair needs to be available 4:30-5:30 on Mondays
  - b. OPERATIONS: Mikayla Flanagan
    - i. Our meeting time will be Mondays 7:30-8:30pm in the Bullpen room the Union Basement
    - ii. We will begin meeting with potential organizations next Monday
    - iii. Elected our vice chair and our delegates after our previous general meeting!
  - c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Dianne Dollison
    - i. Sending out an email this week to my committee to hopefully plan a regularly scheduled meeting time! Hoping to have it before our general assembly meeting.
    - ii. One student life/experience comment I've heard from students this year is the lack of variety at the cafe. I'll be reaching out to dining either tonight or tomorrow to see where we are at with supplying greater variety like last year.

- d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: N/A
  - e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
    - i. Our committee will be meeting at 8:00pm on Mondays in the Senate Office.
    - ii. Since there are only two people running for open senate seats, they will be seated without running an election.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Nomination and election of new Diversity & Inclusion committee chair
    - i. Nomination: Riley Sedlar (by Sen. Ward), second Sen. Lennen
      - 1. Accepted
      - 2. Passed 13-0-1
7. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. None
8. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- a. SAAFE: Beacons Light up the Night
    - i. Event to show support for more lighting on campus. Petition, feedback/stories, can Senate help get this issue in front of the administration?
    - ii. 6:00-9:00 pm, October 7, 2022
    - iii. Share promotional materials with Senate (will put up in office) and social media promotion
9. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
- a. Homecoming Week
  - b. Day of Caring - October 1, 2022
    - i. Emma Pucello is coordinating
  - c. Valparaiso University Community Trick-or-Treat on October 27, 2022 (5:00-7:00 pm)
10. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- a. 4th Year Senator: Riley Sedlar- senior class gift suggestion survey is out and open until the 24th- if you know seniors encourage them to fill it out (sent in email this morning from the committee)
  - b. This weekend - leadership retreat in South Bend; does anyone want to go? Email Sophia or Carrie
  - c. There will be an email about Day of Caring and Trick-or-Treat sign-up
  - d. There will be printed agendas every week
11. ADJOURNMENT: 8:56