

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

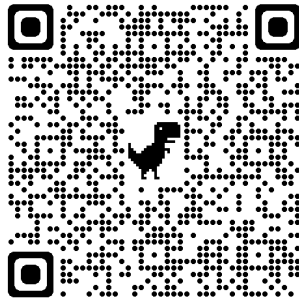
## General Assembly 09/19/2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:33
2. OATH OF OFFICE: Liya Pramod - sworn in
3. ROLL CALL: complete
4. GUEST SPEAKER: Provost Johnson
  - a. Discussion of the office of the Provost
  - b. Goals for the new school year
    - i. Looking at revamping general education
    - ii. First-year experience - do we want to make changes?
    - iii. Leadership - how can we be more intentional? Applying for Carnegie Classification of Leadership - potential leadership profiles
    - iv. Humanities and Arts - how can we integrate these more into all majors
  - c. We are low on faculty and lower on student enrollment - not able to offer as many class options right now - faculty are moving around institutions all over the country
  - d. New faculty bring fresh perspectives and excitement
  - e. Looking into a 15-minute passing period
  - f. Parking is an ongoing issue
  - g. In charge of weather-related policies - hoping to set a school-wide policy sometime this fall
  - h. Let the Provost know if there are problems on campus
  - i. Q. Sen. Flanagan - clarification on weather policy?
    - i. Some colleges switch to online, but we will try to have some "snow days" and some hybrid/online days - looking for balance - commuters should put safety first (don't drive if it's dangerous) - Provost has to weigh all of the weather metrics for his decision
  - j. Q. Sen. Donella - are you working with Met. department? Yes
  - k. Q. Sen. Flanagan - Would a 15-minute passing period mean earlier start time for classes
    - i. Still under consideration
  - l. Q. VP Chenoweth - when would changes to first-year program happen?
    - i. Likely not for at least another year or so
  - m. Q. Sen. President Behrens - Is decrease in enrollment a common trend?
    - i. Private institutions are seeing lower enrollment across the board - how can we show prospective students that this is the place they want to be?
  - n. Q. Sen. Wilcoxson - How will first-year changes impact CC?
    - i. CC will also look at their program
  - o. Q. Ex. Treas. Plachta - Is there a chance of having mental health days?
    - i. This has not been a consideration, but this is something he hopes they will consider more in the future - some talk of a 4-day week in the future, nothing definite.
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
6. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
    - i. Events update - please fill out Day of Caring ASAP (by noon tomorrow)

- ii. Trick-or\_Treat table in the union - sign up on the same form
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ian Chenoweth
  - i. Welcome to our new Senators!
  - ii. Thoughts on doing a *brief* SR/Legislation workshop at the start of next week's meeting? - General positive consensus
- c. SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson
  - i. No report
- d. PRESS SECRETARY: Nathan Harmon
  - i. No report
- e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
  - i. Myself, Mikayla, and Ryan sat down with the Student Nursing Association (SNA) president and talked about them missing the budget deadline last semester. [HERE](#) is the link to our decision and proposal, as well as the Operations Committee decision.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
  - i. T Shirts link - fill in your t-shirt size
    - 1. [Link](#)



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- b. OPERATIONS: Mikayla Flanagan
  - i. No report
- c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Dianne Dollison
  - i. No report
- d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Riley Sedlar
  - i. Communications with OMP orgs in the works more to come
- e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
  - i. No report

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Founders' use of plastic: concerns about sustainability.
  - i. Carrie Whittier - Staff shortage has caused this situation, which is a temporary fix until more staff has been hired

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. SNA funding vote
  - i. Vote to approve 16- 0 - 0 passed unanimously

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

11. ADVISORS' REPORTS:

- a. Happy Homecoming Week!

12. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

13. ADJOURNMENT: 9:05