

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 09/26/2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:33
2. OATH OF OFFICE: Lily Carmel
3. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Present: 22
 - b. Excused: 1
 - c. Unexcused: 1
4. CRASH COURSE SENATE: HOW TO WRITE SENATE LEGISLATION:
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
6. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
 - i. Day of Caring Team got an email from me today, reach out with any questions
 - ii. Hispanic Heritage Month Dinner on October 7th hosted by LIVE - details for reservations are on their instagram (@valpo_live)
 - iii. Alpha Gam Bags for Hunger and Dance Marathon 5k on October 8th
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ian Chenoweth
 - i. New At-Large Graduate Senator being sworn in next week!
 - ii. If anyone has any questions or ideas about potential legislation that they want to write please don't hesitate to let me know or put it on one of the white boards in the office!
 - iii. I know I'm not requiring Senate Reports this semester but please still do them if you're hearing anything from your constituents, no matter how small it is! You can even collaborate with other Senators to do a joint mini-report on your constituency!
 - iv. Next week we will be doing a Clifton Strengths Assessment exercise
 - c. SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson
 - i. Reminder about office hours and absences
 - d. PRESS SECRETARY: Nathan Harmon
 - i. A student was interested in adding benches around campus that were in the shade. They noted that there were some benches in the shade by the Chapel, but that those were the only ones.
 - e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
 - i. Mikayla and I met with HAUNT to discuss funding this year. We will talk more about the meeting and vote on their budget in New Business. Link to meeting notes [HERE](#)
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
 - b. OPERATIONS: Mikayla Flanagan
 - i. We will be voting on potential new organizations tonight in new business!
 - c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Dianne Dollison
 - d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Riley Sedlar
 - i. No report

- e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
 - i. No report
- 8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Red Cross Club and Rollin' with the RPG's
 - i. Operations Committee voted 6-0-0 for both
 - ii. Vote as a slate - Passed 17/0/0
 - b. HAUNT budget
 - i. Executive Board voted unanimously to not fund. No objection raised by senators.
- 9. OLD BUSINESS:
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- 11. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Midterm Grade Inquiry and Discussion
 - i. Midterm grades help students know where they stand (if they need to work on their grades)
 - ii. Reminds professors to stay up to date on grading
 - iii. Puts pressure on students, but keeps professors accountable
 - iv. If professors stay up to date on grading, mid-terms might not be needed
- 12. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 - a. Ashley Velasquez: Singing Bee Reminder
 - b. Alex Nieman: Analytics Club Formation - will be submitting paperwork this coming week
- 13. ADJOURNMENT: 9:02