

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 10/24/2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Present: 21
 - b. Excused: 3
 - c. Unexcused: 2
3. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Nieman: 2022 Fall Break Workload
 - i. Seems to be a mix of faculty assigning a lot or nothing over fall break, so some people were rested and others were exhausted. No consistency.
 - ii. Mesach - heard from a lot of students in the union that they had a lot of homework over break, but professors still didn't get grading done.
 - iii. Riley - had nothing to do over break.
 - iv. Manju - half and half - some professors assigned work but others did not.
 - v. Ian - several papers assigned, professors not grading.
 - vi. Ashley - paper due on Sunday night of break and a physics exam right after break
 - vii. Gabby - similar experience and heard a lot of other people who had a lot of homework due over break. Professors should give a few days off to actually rest over break.
 - viii. Can continue this discussion and see if there is anything we can do.
4. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
 - i. Trick or treating info - costume theme - book characters
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ian Chenoweth
 - i. Everyone's favorite - Constituency Reports!
 1. Be positive, too, don't just complain
 2. Work with other senators that share your constituency
 - c. SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson
 - i. No report
 - d. PRESS SECRETARY: Nathan Harmon
 - i. No report
 - e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
 - i. Presence is down nationwide
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
 - i. No report
 - b. OPERATIONS: Mikayla Flanagan
 - i. No report
 - c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Meshach Melton
 - i. If you know any students that have concerns about dining, parking, or campus safety and would like to be apart of one of those commissions, please tell them to email me
 - d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Riley Sedlar

- i. We Matter Week
 - 1. Participate in dress up days and attend events, repost events on social media
 - ii. Town Hall (attendance highly encouraged) Wednesday 7-9pm in the ballrooms wear Senate shirts
 - e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
 - i. Voting in new business
- 6. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. First-Year Senator [Isabel Philip](#)
 - b. Second-Year Senator [Jacob Mack](#)
 - c. Vote as a slate (Sedlar/Flanagan)
 - d. Approved 16-0-0
- 7. OLD BUSINESS:
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- 9. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Please enjoy all of the Halloween Celebrations this week, and when selecting your Halloween costume remember that someone's culture is not a costume.
 - b. Board of Directors will be here end of the week - President Padilla invited five new people to join the board
 - c. Find students to be part of dining committee conversations - need this to be more functional - need to collaborate and work together with Parkhurst (once per month)
 - d. There are some warning signs of a Covid surge and a bad flu season
 - e. Students who want to get a flu shot can do so through the clinic portal, and there will also be clinics in the union - also offering other vaccinations - not required but strongly recommended (get Covid booster again, too) - available for all students regardless of insurance plan
- 10. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 - a. President roundtables this Thursday at 7pm!
- 11. ADJOURNMENT: 8:57