



General Assembly 11/28/2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Present: 24
 - b. Excused: 1
 - c. Unexcused: 1
3. GUEST SPEAKER: President Padilla
 - a. Sunday of exam week - 2:00 pm Padillas and Coach handing out cookies in the library
 - b. GM situation - cabinet meeting tomorrow to discuss enhanced safety measures in the dorms - new key system(s) implemented both in short-term and long-term - more cameras around common areas (deterrent and ability to track any future situations)
 - c. Strategic Plan - working with individuals responsible for implementing various pieces of the plan - expect to be fully moving towards goals by the end of the school year -
 - d. Staff working toward goal of becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution - this will be a win-win for everyone, bringing in diverse student base and grants, while not neglecting other student populations - this is a growing population and can increase diversity and perspectives on campus - Supreme Court cases may reverse Affirmative Action as an admission factor - HSI can aid Valpo in future admissions - diversity benefits everyone
 - e. Access College - moving to Weissman Hall, along with Social Work Program and Elementary Education, potentially another
 - f. Future building projects - moving some students around to work on dorms, especially freshman dorms - need to improve freshman experience - new athletic arena - new building for College of Nursing - will present options to the Board in April or July - arena funds will be raised through philanthropy
 - g. Semester is nearly done - this commencement in December will be our last December commencement
 - h. Athletics - our football team did fairly well and beat some good teams - basketball team is working hard - volleyball is doing well - exploring whether to add new sports - sports help with enrollment - considering men and women's lacrosse teams
 - i. Covid - as of now not requiring more boosters, but we do encourage students to get the boosters - will be providing opportunities on campus to get the booster
 - j. Brian O'Roarck gave his 6-months notice, so we are looking for a successor - hoping to have someone new on board by February
 - k. Also searching for a successor for Chair of Advancement (fundraising)
 - l. There are some changes in Board of Directors - adding five new board members (adding greater diversity)
 - m. New dean search - currently looking over all departments and colleges before bringing on new deans - waiting on restructuring decisions to make a decisions about new deans
 - n. What are we doing about the loss of an Art/Psych building? Currently waiting on insurance settlement and also in discussion with Psych department about the best situation for these students
 - o. Regarding HSI - how do we expect to increase enrollment through this? Outside research program to do a deep dive into our markets and market share to help us with enrollment - they will also recommend appropriate size for this university

- p. Best way to grow is to get really good at the programs we already have - which programs should we be concentrating on
 - q. Regarding growing (or cutting?) programs - how do we grow while not getting too far from our liberal arts roots - Dean Prough is concentrating on this area, how to make the liberal arts a force multiplier
 - r. How are we supporting our faculty, so they don't get burned out? Working on a budget to be more profitable, which will be better for both students and faculty/staff, including raising salaries
 - s. Question about Brandt Hall - how will it work for future freshmen? Alumni Hall will probably be the freshman hall during the renovation - we will be shifting people around
 - t. Residence Halls - why those specific buildings? More are also in plans down the road
 - u. Tuition increase - how to best balance tuition and aid? This is something the is being considered, trying to make the right choices
 - v. Information about dining services? Meshach Melton is in charge of that committee, bring issues to him
4. SENATORS' REPORTS:
5. OFFICER REPORTS:
- a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
 - i. No report
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Ian Chenoweth
 - i. Send me your constituent reports :)
 - ii. Senate Pictures
 - c. SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson
 - i. No report
 - d. PRESS SECRETARY: Nathan Harmon
 - i. No report.
 - e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
 - i. No report
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
 - i. Door decorating is finished!
 - b. OPERATIONS: Mikayla Flanagan
 - i. No report
 - c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Meshach Melton
 - i. No report
 - d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Riley Sedlar
 - i. 79 donors registered and 69 pints were collected at the blood drive. There were 18 first-time donors! Each donation can save up to 3 lives so these 69 pints collected are enough to save as many as 207 patients-in-need!
 - e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
 - i. Voting in New Business
7. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. [First Year Senator- Sofia Portugal](#)
 - i. Committee Voted 3-0-0
 - ii. Approved 19-0-0
 - b. [VP Eligibility Discussion](#)
 - i. Motion to temporarily suspend requirement for VP candidate to be a Junior or Senior - Manju Vairavan, Second Makenzie Ward
 - ii. Passed 19-0-0

- iii. Please contact Makenzie Ward if you are interested in the position
 - 1. senate.outreach@valpo.edu

8. OLD BUSINESS:

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

10. ADVISORS' REPORTS:

11. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Tuesday during chapel break - senior class gift will be announced in BB's

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:40