

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## General Assembly 1/23/2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:32
2. OATH OF OFFICE:
  - a. Cody Teske
  - b. Todd Wagner
3. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Present: 22
  - b. Excused: 1
  - c. Unexcused: 0
4. GUEST SPEAKER:
  - a. VUPD Chief Charles Garber
    - i. As soon as incidents happened, VUPD and administration began working on security solutions in Guild Memorial to increase safety. Cameras were completed today
    - ii. Over the next few months this measures will be implemented in the rest of the residence halls
    - iii. All readers will be proximity tap cards - all One cards will be replaced within the year
    - iv. Beta test will be run on alarm in bathroom
    - v. Working on card reader to have alarm when doors are propped open - working on logistics
    - vi. We will be pushing for all safety protocols to be observed - do not override system
    - vii. 28 cameras strategically places in GM to protect privacy and students
    - viii. Question - are we the first college to implement this type of security?
      1. Unsure - on a group with other chief and there are various types of security measures in place - they believe we are ahead of the curve
    - ix. Question - will sorority complex get cameras?
      1. Already have, we have 600 cameras on campus, officers can pull up cameras in squat cars in emergencies
    - x. Safety programs across campus - self defense and other safety programs - when is the best time for students to attend?
      1. Alex - Monday night seems to be good, as well as Saturday and Sunday

2. Riley - partner with campus orgs to get more participation
  3. Ashley - partner with Women's Empowerment Week - reach out to Keith to make this happen
  4. What time is best? Later in the evening is usually good for students
  - xi. Two new police therapy dogs - let them know if they are needed/wanted for student events - very chill and well-trained dogs - stop by PD and ask for them
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
6. OFFICER REPORTS:
- a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
    - i. We will be ordering graduation cords for all the seniors :)
    - ii. There are openings on the Educational Policy Committee - I will send out a google form to fill out if you are interested
    - iii. Library hours this semester will be M-TH 7:30am-12am, Friday 7:30am-6:00pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12pm-12am
  - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Lucas Lennen
    - i. New GA and committee schedule
  - c. SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson
    - i. New office hours
    - ii. Calendar in senate office
    - iii. Please tell me if you cannot make it to a meeting so I can excuse you
  - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR:
    - i. Currently vacant
  - e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
    - i. Budgeting forms for student orgs are open. Student orgs have until March 3rd to submit them. I will be speaking on the 30th at presidents round tables about this.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
    - i. Committee chairs have room assignments for committee meetings
    - ii. If you don't know your committee, reach out to VP Lennen
  - b. OPERATIONS: Aidan Walton
    - i. No report
  - c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Meshach Melton
    - i. You can forward me any comments or questions about dining, parking/campus safety, or residential life
  - d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Riley Sedlar
    - i. DEI - check emails
    - ii. Check out BSO calendar for Black History Month calendar - attend and repost
  - e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
    - i. [Fourth Year Senator](#)
      1. Committee Vote: 2-0-0
      2. Motion to vote - Riley Second - Ashlynn
      3. Approved: 18-0-0
    - ii. PRC chair is still open - conducting interviews next week
8. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Voting for Fourth Year Senator
9. OLD BUSINESS:

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

11. ADVISORS' REPORTS:

- a. Welcome back - looking forward to a great spring 2023 semester
- b. Harre Union will be closing at 11:00 pm, rather than midnight
- c. Educational Policy Committee coming up with interesting new initiatives dealing with the strategic planning - we need good student representation so students have a voice in the changes - feel free to nominate friends

12. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Ashley - Sign up for dance marathon!
  - i. Potential student senate team
  - ii. Saturday, April 1 - 10am-10pm
  - iii. \$65 minimum fundraising goal
- b. Riley - Interested in being a tour guide?
  - i. Applications are out now for next school year! Let me know if you'd like me to send you the link to apply

13. ADJOURNMENT: 8:58

Approval by the Executive Committee (highlight and comment here)

Approved - Hannah Williams, executive secretary

Approved- Riley Sedlar DEI Chair

Approved -Makenzie Ward Elections and Outreach Chair

Approved - Allison Plachta, executive treasurer

Approved - Meshach Melton, Student Experience Committee Chair

Approved-Aidan Walton Operations Chair