

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## General Assembly 2/27/2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:31
2. OATH OF OFFICE:
  - a. Aixa Sanchez
  - b. Dhvani Shukla
  - c. Linnea Goymerac
3. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Present: 20
  - b. Excused: 3
  - c. Unexcused: 1
4. GUEST SPEAKER: VUPD Chief Chuck Garber
  - a. Different specialties on staff
    - i. Homicide detective, hostage negotiator, homeland security, active shooter expert (teaching other institutions and civilians, as well)
  - b. Active Shooter Protocols
    - i. AS has evolved since Columbine (used to surround and call SWAT)
    - ii. Every few years response protocols change
    - iii. Stop the killer protocol, stop the dying
    - iv. Protocols for counseling and reunification
    - v. Administration support
    - vi. Conferences and training
    - vii. Invitation to a presentation on preparedness
    - viii. Senate VP - can we do training for all RAs
5. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - i. EPC meeting - should we get a report on that? Yes, that's good practice for next year. -- put in senators reports
6. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
    - i. Constituency concerns update - will send response to Sophie Duray and all senators
    - ii. Padilla coming to Senate March 20th
      1. Index card questions
    - iii. Have a great Spring Break!!
  - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Lucas Lennen
    - i. Changes to Constitution and Bylaws
      1. Changes to Constitution to be presented at 3/20 GA
      2. Changes to Bylaws to be presented at 4/3 GA
    - ii. Start considering Constituency Reports ([example CR](#))
      1. Don't just talk about the negatives
      2. Identify main issues concerning or impacting your constituency
      3. Work with the other senators from your constituency
      4. Due to Lucas Lennen by March 27, 2023
      5. Katelynn - can we post questions to Instagram? Aixa will look into this

- 6. First-years can even have their Core professor forward a google form to classmates
  - 7. Keep it simple
  - 8. Try to truly be representative (no sample size of one)
  - iii. Good luck with any midterms, and enjoy your break!
  - c. SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson
    - i. Don't forget to send in pictures when you attend org events
    - ii. Have a great Spring Break!
  - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Aixa Sanchez
    - i. Creating a posting schedule for senate and will start the Senate spotlights over break so that we aren't MIA over break
      - 1. Also double checking that everyone got an email from me with the highlight info
      - 2. Please repost the post that you are highlighted in so that Valpo people who follow you are directed to senate instagram
      - 3. Reach out if you want anything posted
  - e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
    - i. Email has been sent to all student orgs that have not completed budgeting. This is the FINAL week for organizations to submit a budget, as they are due on the 3rd at midnight!
    - ii. Have a great spring break! Stay healthy and safe!
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
    - i. [Survey](#) for student organizations
      - 1. Due March 20th
    - ii. T shirt form sent out this week for new senators :)
  - b. OPERATIONS: Aidan Walton
    - i. Operations voted 3-0-0 to approve the new theater organization on campus, VUTO (The Playmakers) on Monday night.
  - c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Meshach Melton
    - i. Commission updates
      - 1. Campus Safety and Parking
        - a. Valpo shuttle app iphone issues have been resolved
        - b. One-way sign at the intersection between lank and alumni
        - c. Safety app development has been going great and there will be beta tests in May
        - d. University safety committee is already discussing lighting issues around Schnabel and Urschel
        - e. New residential hall safety measures will be finished by fall
        - f. VUPD driving the opposite direction on the one-way is a patrol tactic (safety measure)
      - 2. Dining Commission
        - a. Student org training on how to track orders through Catertrax
          - i. If any issues arise contact lkeener@parkhurstdining.com
        - b. Worker shortage and disposable dishware updates
          - i. Work in progress, but progress is slow
        - c. Food Waste
          - i. Previously worked with HillTop to donate food from shutdowns, but looking into partnering with HillTop once they finish developing their soup kitchen next year
      - 3. Residential Life Commission

- a. Next year singles *will* be given to residential students with approved medical accommodations through the AARC
  - b. ResLife is already looking into how to best counteract/support students with roommate conflicts
    - i. Greater focus on training RAs on who to handle roommate conflicts
    - ii. Enhancing the roommate agreement process
  - c. Facilities Maintenance Staffing Issues
  - d. Residence Hall renovations
    - i. A lot of unsurety
      - 1. AC in Brandt, plumbing, bathrooms, new furniture in Wehrenberg, making spaces more ADA accessible, rotunda
    - ii. After the renovations Lankenau would possibly become overflow freshman/single/graduate student housing
  - e. University will be looking into the effectiveness of the student conduct boards policy violation sanctions
- d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Riley Sedlar
    - i. Thank you to everyone who attended any BSO BHM events!
  - e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
    - i. Be on the lookout for Elections emails!
    - ii. Mandatory meeting on Wednesday, March 22 if you are re-running for Fall 2023
8. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Oath of office: Dhvani Shukla
  - b. Vote to approve VUTO: Motion to vote: Riley Sedlar Second: Caleb
    - i. Approved 16/0/0
9. OLD BUSINESS:
10. PUBLIC COMMENT:
11. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
- a. Reminder that the Student Organization Calendar Planning Workshop is March 1 at 7pm
  - b. Campus wellbeing survey will be closing soon
  - c. Chuck Garber and his staff (VUPD) are excellent and a huge asset to our campus
  - d. Have a safe and restful Spring Break
12. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:
13. ADJOURNMENT: 9:33