

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 3/20/2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:34
2. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Present: 21
 - b. Excused: 2
 - c. Unexcused: 2
3. GUEST SPEAKER:
 - a. Provost Johnson
 - i. Should all students receive midterm grades at the end of both semesters
 1. Yes, this keeps professors accountable to get grades in
 2. Gives students an idea of their grade status
 3. Syllabi often change, so sometimes it's hard to calculate grades on your own
 4. Does this require midterm exams? No, grade would be based on work to date
 5. We hold ourselves accountable to turn in our assignments on time, so we feel it's fair for professors to also be accountable to get grades back to us
 - ii. Timing - when should midterms be input? Is it important to keep it in the 7th week, or is 8 ok?
 1. Week 7 would be nice, but 8 is acceptable, too, if necessary. Get exams done by week 7.
 - iii. How did it work out to have a snow day the last day before break?
 1. No complaints
 - iv. Boiler went out in the Neils Science Center
 1. No redundant boiler, can't be retrofit
 2. Can't hold classes in there until it's warmer
 3. Probably won't be fixed until April
 4. RIP two rats :(
4. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Ashley Velasquez
 - i. New Loke Hall tutoring!
 1. Please inform your constituents about this opportunity
5. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
 - i. President Padilla coming on April 17th (tentatively)
 - ii. Please email me if you have any questions about the student body president position :)
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Lucas Lennen
 - i. Changes to the Constitution
 1. [Constitution](#)
 2. [Changes](#)
 - ii. Constituency Reports due 3/27
 - c. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson

- i. [Document with questions for President Padilla](#)
 - 1. Some questions have been merged together
 - 2. If you have any to add, please email them to me
 - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Aixa Sanchez
 - i. If you have not responded to my email you need to respond to that by tonight it has been hard to plan posts for spotlights when I barely have quotes or pictures
 - ii. If there is something you want on the social media let me know
 - iii. Send me pictures of things you are involved in on campus so that I can post other content on how involved we are
 - e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
 - i. Budgets have been submitted! I have flagged organizations I believe Operations and I need to talk to in the upcoming weeks.
 - ii. Operations committee - can you please stay 5 minutes after GA, I have a quick question for you all
- 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
 - i. No report
 - b. OPERATIONS: Aidan Walton
 - i. No report
 - c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Meshach Melton
 - i. No report
 - d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Riley Sedlar
 - i. No report
 - e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
 - i. If you are re-running for the 2023-2024 school year the mandatory organizational meeting is this Wednesday at 7pm in the Victory Bell Room!
- 7. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Changes to the Constitution
 - i. [Constitution](#)
 - ii. [Changes](#)
- 8. OLD BUSINESS:
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- 10. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Welcome back!
 - b. Student Health and Wellness survey had nearly 1,000 responses
 - i. Will share results once it's compiled
 - ii. Eat more fruit and vegetables 😊
 - c. Enjoy these last 7 weeks of school
- 11. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- 12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:16