

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

## General Assembly 4/17/2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:33pm
2. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Present: 23
  - b. Excused: 1
  - c. Unexcused: 1
3. SENATORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Hillebrand - I have heard from many constituents that they are not satisfied with the way the Active Threat was handled before Good Friday. I'd like to have a discussion about transparency with the administration and maybe reasons why this situation was handled the way it was. - Steve Janowiak answering
    - i. We can't release information during the event because we don't want to tip off the people who are potentially posing the threat
    - ii. They respond to the *possibility to protect life* - showed up within a minute, armed, and ready to protect life
    - iii. Alert came out 6 min after, but police were IN Beacon within 2 minutes
    - iv. Response time is faster than an alert can even be typed and sent
    - v. Summary statement came out after they determined it was a hoax, but they can't give a lot of information because it is still an ongoing investigation
    - vi. Held open-forum discussions in Beacon Hall to answer questions (also brought therapy dogs)
    - vii. If you want VUPD to come speak to your residence hall, please let Dean Blevins know, so they can set it up
    - viii. Since there were armed officers sweeping the space, it was scary for some students whose spaces were open
    - ix. All floors, roof, and outside were thoroughly swept
    - x. (Anna Why did they not cancel classes the next day? - Since it was not an actual active shooter situation, they decided to leave it to a person-by-person basis
    - xi. (Anna Mason) Why was there a gap between the first call and the alert? - The first call was very vague; once a more specific call came in, they had boots on the ground within ~1 minute and sent the alert around 6-7 minutes later
    - xii. Sign up for Rave alerts
    - xiii. Alex Nieman - will freshmen know about Rave alerts? - Yes, there will actually be a launch of a new app called Valpo Safe with additional safety features; all freshmen (and other students) will be told about this
4. OFFICER REPORTS:
  - a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
    - i. [Student Org Awards Gala](#)
      1. Please have this form filled out by Friday at 12pm
    - ii. Reminder: May 1st is our final General Assembly :)
      1. You are not required to do office hours the last week of classes or finals week
  - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Lucas Lennen
    - i. Almost finished with constitution and bylaw revisions

- ii. Talk about Senate - be vocal about Senate around campus, let people know what we are doing and ask people to give feedback and even come give public comments
  - c. SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson
    - i. No report
  - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Aixa Sanchez
    - i. No report
  - e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
    - i. Final Budget Proposal - linked [HERE](#)
    - ii. Continuing to work on stipends with certain organizations
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
    - i. No Report
  - b. OPERATIONS: Aidan Walton
    - i. Operations voted 5-0-0 to approve Creative Writing Club, Student Music Therapy Association (SMTA) and Film Society.  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1h58SRBP3H-v6SY6vjBh8Y5rKHhNXjHPOoHC-LY0vGDo/edit?usp=sharing>
    - ii. Finished budgeting proposal
  - c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Meshach Melton
    - i. No report
  - d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Riley Sedlar
    - i. No report
  - e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
    - i. 3 more interviews this week for open positions, after those get approved we will have the following positions available: 1 second year, 1 at-large commuter, 2 at-large
    - ii. Voting in New Business!
6. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. [Honor Council Constitution](#)
  - b. [Honor Council Changes](#)
  - c. [Eden Wilson- Commuter Senator](#)
    - i. Committee Vote: 4-0-0
  - d. [Olivia Wright- Second Year Senator](#)
    - i. Committee Vote: 4-0-0
  - e. [Olivia Holtz- Third Year Senator](#)
    - i. Committee Vote: 3-0-0
  - f. [Nicole Todd- Fourth Year Senator](#)
    - i. Committee Vote: 4-0-0
  - g. [Derrick Cummings- Fourth Year Senator](#)
    - i. Committee Vote: 4-0-0
  - h. Motion to vote as a slate (Caleb Mandile, Mackenzie Ward second)
    - i. Passed 16/0/1
  - i. [Creative Writing Club](#)
    - i. Committee Vote: 5/0/0
  - j. Film Society
    - i. Committee Vote: 5/0/0
  - k. Student Music Therapy Association (SMTA)
    - i. Committee Vote: 5/0/0

- l. Motion to vote as a slate (Makenzie Ward, second Caleb Mandile)
    - i. Passed 17/0/0
  - m. [Student Organization Budget](#)
    - i. Committee Vote: 3/0/0
    - ii. Motion to vote (Cody Teske, Caleb Mandile second)
    - iii. Passed 17/0/0
7. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. Operations Committee Commissions
    - i. [Addendum II.a](#)
    - ii. [Addendum II.b](#)
    - iii. Motion to vote (Caleb Mandile, Aidan Walton second)
    - iv. Passed 17/0/0
  - b. Constitution Amendment - Senate experience requirement for President and VP offices
    - i. There already is a requirement for the VP, proposing to add that requirement to the president's office, as well
    - ii. Plan to add requirement for at least one semester of senate experience for candidacy to be Student Body President
    - iii. Motion to vote (Ashlynn Shear, Aidan Walton second)
    - iv. Passed 17/0/0
8. PUBLIC COMMENT:
9. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
- a. Approaching the end of the semester, there are a lot of activities - try to enjoy some!  
Come to student org awards!
  - b. Finals Fest the last day of class
10. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- a. SWIB plug - We have an event on Wednesday, April 19th (5:30-7:00, Brown and Gold room) for female-identifying students and it is about being heard in male dominated spaces and setting yourself up for success as a woman. Our speaker is on the National Board for the CoB and she is a really awesome mentor with a lot of connections so she is a great person to get connected with. Snacks and goodie bags provided! [RSVP FORM](#) (recommended but not required) with more information.
  - b. Will President Padilla be coming? He should be coming to our last meeting
11. ADJOURNMENT: 9:28