

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

General Assembly 4/3/2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8:31pm
2. OATH OF OFFICE: N/A
3. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Present: 23
 - b. Excused: 1
 - c. Unexcused: 1
4. SENATORS' REPORTS:
5. OFFICER REPORTS:
 - a. PRESIDENT: Sophia Behrens
 - i. Congratulations to everyone who was elected today!
 - ii. Please reach out to people who you think would be interested in Student Senate
 - iii. Student Org officer survey results
 1. Apparel budget restriction - this is changing
 2. Parkhurst/Catertrax - some of this may have already been resolved
 3. Perception about prioritizing larger orgs over smaller orgs
 - a. Some may need more training about the resources available to them
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Lucas Lennen
 - i. Good work on constituency reports; thank you all
 1. Good detail from all constituencies without being overwhelming
 2. [Student Senate Constituency Report SP23](#)
 - ii. Bylaws & Addenda in New Business
 - c. SECRETARY: Hannah Williamson
 - i. Copy on pictures of involvement to have your office hour time reduced
 - d. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Aixa Sanchez
 - i. Start emailing me pictures of involvement!
 - e. EXECUTIVE TREASURER: Allison Plachta
 - i. Budgeting is going well, we are about $\frac{3}{4}$ done with meeting groups and will be working on a budget proposal next week
 - ii. I have also started working on stipends for organizations that are eligible
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. EXECUTIVE: Sophia Behrens
 - i. No report
 - b. OPERATIONS: Aidan Walton
 - i. Operation Committee reminder-please look at the email I sent you about these last three student organizations we need to get approved and put in your approval of them by tonight at 10:00.
 - c. STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Meshach Melton
 - i. Campus Safety and Parking Commission
 1. One-way sign between Lank and Alumni
 2. Res Hall Cameras: deterrent, good for tracking down people after an incident, zoom in on a specific area

3. Trainings Offered By VUPD
 - a. Self defense
 - b. Active shooter training
 - c. How to jumpstart a car
 - d. Changing tires
 - e. How to deal with difficult people (de-escalation)
 - f. Sexual assault, drugs
 - g. Fire extinguisher safety
 - ii. Dining Commission
 1. Prepared video tutorials for student orgs in Cateretax
 2. Fixed some pricing kinks in Catertrax
 3. Bananas are coming in green and unripe from the supplier
 4. "Taco Tuesday" is getting some new items with greater variety
 5. WVUR in Founders
 - a. Only one speaker - should it be on or off? Most annoying during quieter times of the day or directly by the speaker
 - d. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Riley Sedlar
 - i. No report
 - e. ELECTIONS & OUTREACH: Makenzie Ward
 - i. No report
7. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. [Governance Documents](#)
 - b. [Addendum II.a](#)
 - c. Recommendations for executive board
 - i. Mileage reimbursement subsection - is that enough reimbursement for parking?
Will raise the amount to \$20
8. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. [Constitution](#)
 - i. Amendment: Motion Makenzie, Second Meshach
 - ii. Passed 16/0/0
 - b. Vote to approve executive positions
 - i. Allison Plachta as Executive Treasurer
 - ii. Aixa Sanchez as PRC
 - iii. Linnea Goymerac as Executive Secretary
 - iv. Vote as a slate: Motion - Makenzie, Second - Meshach
 - v. Passed: 15/0/1 (Linnea abstained)
9. PUBLIC COMMENT:
10. ADVISORS' REPORTS:
- Dean Blevins will be presenting the recent (this semester) comparison study on dining cost with our peers, competitor's and other regional institutions
 - Compared average prices of residential meal plans, by total academic year - Valpo is comparable on the slightly lower end of average cost - also on the lower end of what Parkhurst costs
 - Is there likely to be a big price hike when Parkhurst renews? It will still be quite a few years before this is an issue
 - VP Janowiak and AVP Whittier are at a conference about student life issues in higher education
11. QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- a. Meshach

- i. <https://tinyurl.com/Shach-a-palooza2>
 - b. Anna
 - i. Read the scorch:
http://www.valpotorch.com/eedition/page_606bce6e-22ec-5cb6-a0af-02c36ccd5aac.html

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:34