

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, February 1st, 2024

Kirkhof 2204, 4:30pm

Chair: Quinten Proctor

Parliamentarian: Magdalyn Hallead



### *Minutes*

#### 1. **Call To Order at 4:33 pm**

- a. Native Land Recognition
- b. Roll Call - Part 1
- c. Public Comment - Part 1
- d. Passing of the Papers
- e. Adoption of the Agenda
  - i. Agenda Adopted
- f. Approval of the Minutes
  - i. Minutes Approved

#### 2. **Funding Training**

- a. Bri Slager from the Office of Student Life (OSL)
  - i. Student Senate is updated on Funding Guidelines to properly inform for Allocations Meetings.

#### 3. **Guest Speakers**

- a. Emily McKenna-Makela, Kahler Sweeney from the Hauenstein Center
  - i. Student Senate is informed on Cook Leadership Academy and encourages its members to apply for next year.

#### 4. **President's Report**

- a. Proctor: Presidents' Ball
  - i. I'm excited to attend Presidents' Ball tomorrow and hope to see you there!
  - ii. Slack
    1. Please keep your notifications on for Slack! That's how we communicate with each other. You can mute individual channels if you'd like. I do keep all of my notifications on, but you should at least have notifications on for General Business and your specific committee's Slack channel.
  - iii. Semester Schedule
    1. I wanted to review the schedule for the remainder of the semester. We only have four General Assembly meetings left for this body, which feels crazy. Next week, we have a bonding event. On the 15th, we're taking headshots and we'll have a GA. On the 22nd, GA won't be meeting, but we will be holding Elect Her. And then on the 29th, we will hold the General Assembly at the downtown campus, but this will start at 5pm. The week after that is Spring Break. And then we only have these two GAs in March before the election is finished.
  - iv. Legislation

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1. The legislative process is open for this month. If you have ideas for legislation please reach out to EVP Hallead who can help you through the process. If you want to write legislation, you really should start that process very soon. You must submit your final draft to Cabinet before the meeting on February 29th, and please keep in mind that you will need to meet with stakeholders as well as potentially Cabinet members or faculty advisors before your draft is ready. The sooner you can get legislation in, the better, but it also needs to be well researched, and well constructed.
- v. Housing
  1. Next week, I am meeting with Kyle Boone, the director of housing. If you have any questions about housing at GVSU, please let me know and I can bring those with me.
- vi. USGC
  1. I have updates on this year's United Student Governments Conference, or USG. This is an event that happens every year, where we get delegations together from each student government in the state of Michigan. We discuss the different approaches to student governments that each school has, and also issues that we see facing students broadly across Michigan. This year, USG will be held on Saturday, March 16th beginning at 10am and it will be at Eastern Michigan University. This is a great opportunity to meet with involved students from across the state, and to learn and share ideas with them. I would love to get a group of Grand Valley Senators to go. Anyone is welcome to come, but I will especially recommend it if you're on Cabinet or are considering running for a position next year. It is likely that we will have a limited number of delegates to send, so if you are interested, please send me a Slack message! This will be first come, first serve.
5. **Executive Vice President's Report**
  - a. Hallead: Happy Thursday Everyone! Headshots are scheduled for February 15th from 4:00-5:00pm. If you have any potential legislation, please let me know and I can help you through the process. Sign up for EVP/President 2-on-1s. These are mandatory. More information is in the 2-on-1 document. If you are interested in helping and working with the University Counseling Center, please reach out to me or fill out the forms I sent in the slack and weekly email. I met with University Libraries today about my potential legislation and can't wait to move forward in working with on it! Any interest in a Cabinet position for next year? Set up a meeting with me! Slack me anytime! Overall Reminders from me: make sure you are checking your slack and email. Let me know if you need anything from me, my messages are always open! I yield to questions.
6. **Inservice**
  - a. General Assembly reviews Student Senate policies and procedures.
7. **Five Minute Recess**

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### 8. Business

#### a. Election Rules

- i. General Assembly reviews the election rules and regulations.
- ii. Bates: Additionally, I will include the link for the grounds and facility use policy
- iii. Additionally, no expressive action can be taken in the housing buildings or within 50 feet of academic buildings.

#### b. Election Petition

- i. General Assembly reviews the election petition.
- ii. Bates: I will add in extra boxes in case signatures are messed up.
- iii. Proctor: Entertain a motion to approve both election rules and petition pending the changes.
- iv. Hallead: So Moved
- v. Palumbo: Second
- vi. The motion passes unanimously.
- vii. 26 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

### 9. Officer Reports

#### a. Senate Resources - VP Palumbo

- i. Palumbo: Good evening, everybody, happy February! I just have a couple announcements to share with you guys. We will be hosting our **First Bonding event** of the winter semester! This will take place Thursday, February 8th (next week) in the Senate Office. There is no General Assembly that day, so we will plan on this event starting at 5 PM. My committee is still ironing out the details, but expect an official announcement on slack later this evening. There will be food and games for everyone. I strongly encourage everyone to come, especially our new members, for the sake of building chemistry and having some fun. Stay tuned for more. You will also see the climate survey being released within the upcoming weeks. This will be your chance to honestly reflect on the Senate at this point, along with the 2 on 1's you will have with Pres. and EVP. Onto the reminders: Firstly, if you expect to miss a GA and committee meeting, please make sure you fill out an excused absence request on Laker Link. I can't guarantee that it will be approved, but it will keep us updated on your attendance and prevent you from being on bad terms. I also wanted to remind you all to make sure you have your slack notifications turned on. This will make it easier for us to communicate important issues with you all. I will try to stay within office hours for any announcements, but you can message me

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anytime. On that note, I also wanted to remind you that as senate resources, you are more than welcome to contact me at any time for any issue. I am happy to try to help you. For those who are going to the President's Ball tomorrow, have fun! Otherwise, have a great weekend! I yield.

b. **Allocations** - VP Hoogwerf

- i. Hoogwerf: No Allocations this week. Two requests coming next week. Starting next week, I will start meeting with various SLF stakeholders in the coming weeks to get a clearer idea of where the budget is headed for next year. Please let me know if you are interested in running for Allo next year!

c. **Public Relations** - VP Martell

- i. Martell: Hi everyone! Happy to see you all. Cabinet is now updated on the Senate website. Thank you President Proctor for your help with that! General Senators are partially updated. I am trying to figure out an issue I've run into with the sizing of the photos, but I am working on figuring that out asap! Furthermore, the new mission and vision statements have been updated on the website. Next, The senate apparel order form has been sent to the promotions office so I will let you all know the timeline and final prices of these once they know. Lastly, but very important, Student Senate week starts Monday and goes all week. Please let me know if you are able to table! I will base it on your schedule. All committees are encouraged to do so and you can show students the diverse responsibilities of your respective committees and why you chose them!

d. **Campus Affairs** - VP Dolnik

- i. Dolnik: Hey guys, I hope you've all had a wonderful week. To get right in, I'm currently planning out a meeting with GV Parking to follow up on a ride-the-bus campaign, if there is any ideas you have, or any issues that you want brought to the table, feel free to tell me or slack me. Also, the University Counseling Center is planning Mental Health Screening days and is looking for volunteers. This gives us the opportunity to be involved in our student body and to understand ways the student senate can be involved in student's mental health. This will take place on 2/22 and 3/28. If this is something you're interested in, feel free to let me know. Thank you!

e. **Educational Affairs** - VP Gessler

- i. Gessler: Hello everyone! This week I got to emailing Mary Albrecht, the Provost officer, to start meeting with the deans to discuss my initiative for professors to use GVSU Save. My senators have been working hard on our library displays and ideas to achieve higher

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attendance rates. Senator Johnstone and I set up a meeting to meet with the Disability Support Resources to discuss making this campus better for our visually and mobility-impaired students. I hope everyone is having a great week!

f. **Diversity Affairs** - VP Lawson

- i. Hallead yields to questions

10. **Advisor Reports**

- a. Haight: Have a great time at President's ball.

11. **University Committee Reports**

12. **Adjournment at 6:27pm**

- a. Public Comment - Part 2
- b. Roll Call - Part 2
- c. Call for Announcements
- i. Proctor: Petitions to get on the ballot for re-election begins on Monday, I would try to get that done sooner rather than later if I were you.
- ii. Proctor: Cabinet will meet at 7:15pm