

Grand Valley State University Student Senate

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, March 28th, 2024

Kirkhof 2204, 4:30pm

Chair: Quinten Proctor

Parliamentarian: Magdalyn Hallead



Minutes

1. **Call To Order**

- a. Native Land Recognition
- b. Roll Call - Part 1
- c. Public Comment - Part 1
- d. Passing of the Papers
 - i. Proctor: Tuesday, April 16 at 5 pm we will be volunteering with Lions and Rabbits of Grand Rapids. If you have availability, please sign up.
- e. Adoption of the Agenda
 - i. Agenda is Adopted
- f. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. Minutes Stand Approved

2. **Business**

- a. Funding Request
 - i. Native American Student Association
 1. Coronado: We are a community that is for students with Native American backgrounds. A Pow Wow is a gathering where a culture does dances and other cultural aspects. This would expose all GVSU students to Native American Culture. We are aiming for at least 100 students over the two days but will have space for more.
 2. Hoogwerf: \$13,287 total is requested. This includes promotions, supplies, and more for the event.
 3. Hoogwerf: Motion to approve in full.
 - a. Vanlerberghe: Second
 - b. 28-0-0

3. **Guest Speaker**

- a. DL McKinney - LGBT Resource Center
 - i. McKinney: We are now aware that Chick-Fil-A has been added to campus and we will now have a time for questions about this.
 - ii. Bashore: Why did GVSU put a pause on the construction?

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- iii. McKinney: People found out and got very mad. They were told to fill out a campus climate survey with concerns. I understand that there are many complaints. There may be a representative from their committee that will be coming to speak with us. We are still in conversation with if this is the best option.
- iv. Guzman: I received an email today that Student Senate will be invited to a meeting on April 10 to join in on this discussion.
- v. Lawson: What is the university doing by pausing this and not completely stopping?
- vi. McKinney: They have already signed a contract so this creates an incentive to make it work. The start should be creating healthy discussion.
- vii. Gessler: Do you know when the idea originated?
- viii. McKinney: Based on documents, it seems like July of 2022.
- ix. Bashore: Do you see GVSU breaking the contract that they currently have? Is this a viable option?
- x. McKinney: This is unknown. There will be a large financial cost to break this contract.
- xi. Proctor: The university has three options. They can continue construction, they can move it to another building on campus, or they can choose something else altogether. There will not be anything there until January of 2025 at this point.
- xii. Stang: Is there anything students can do to help?
- xiii. McKinney: Students can create climate concerns, tell others about it, and create a statement as a senate body.
- xiv. Johnson: Do you know who they sent the surveys to?
- xv. McKinney: It was done by Laker Food Co. I am not sure if this goes to the entire student body or not.
- xvi. DeVries: How much of the money is going to Chick-Fil-A.
- xvii. Vanlerberghe: It is more of a smaller percentage that goes to the national company. The people working there would be GVSU students, not employees under Chick-Fil-A.

4. Business

- a. 2024-2025 Student Life Fund Budget
 - i. Hoogwerf presents SLF for the second time.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Bates: Can you remind us why Senate is decreasing our budget?
 - 2. Hoogwerf: We are not using as much as we used to, so we are trying to find the best amount of money for us as an organization.

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- iii. Hoogwerf: Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Student Life Fund.
 1. Vanlerberghe: Second
 2. 27-0-1
 - b. W-24-04: Supporting Students with Invisible Communication Barriers
 - i. Lawson presents updates to Martell's legislation.
 1. Price: Motion to table W-24-04 until the fall semester.
 - a. Hoogwerf: Second
 - b. 27-0-1
5. **President's Report**
- a. Proctor: If you are planning on returning to Student Senate next year, remember to keep your Thursdays at 4:30 and later open! Thank you everyone for a great election season. Keep an eye out for an email from Chairwoman Bates for the results sometime in the next few days! If you are interested in running for Cabinet for next year, please reach out to me! I'd love to meet with you about this. Yesterday, I met with the Provost and we discussed admissions and retention, as well as ways the University can support all students moving forward. This is my last President's Report of this term. I just wanted to say that I have really enjoyed working with each and every one of you. It's been a great year, and we've gotten a lot of really important work done! Thank you to all of you who were here over the fall semester, and tackled the restructuring process with us. Thank you to everyone who is new this semester as well. I really appreciate all of the hard work that you all put in to really make this year great. I'm sad that our terms are over, but look forward to working with those of you who are returning, and I wish those of you who are not returning next year the best in your future endeavors.
6. **Executive Vice President's Report**
- a. Hallead: Keep in touch. Yield.
7. **Pertinent Updates from Officers**
- a. Lawson: There is a movie night on April 1, 2024 here in Kirkhof. We will have popcorn. We would love to see you there.
8. **Advisor Reports**
9. **Adjournment**
- a. Public Comment - Part 2
 - b. Roll Call - Part 2
 - c. Call for Announcements

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- i. Bates: Keep an eye out for an email from me about results. Val hired all of our new senators on Workday. Please fill out your forms. Then come into the student employment office and we can get you your stipend. If you are or have worked on campus before, then you do not need to do this process.
 - ii. Palumbo: Come on down to the Meadows Clubhouse for the End-of-Year Party.
 - iii. Proctor: Thank you all so much again for your work this year.