

Grand Valley State University Student Senate

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, September 21st, 2023

Kirkhof 2204, 4:30pm

Chair: Quinten Proctor

Parliamentarian: Magdalyn Hallead



1. **Call To Order at 4:37 PM**

- a. Moment of Silence for Native Land Recognition
- b. Student Senate Creed
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Roll Call - Part 1**

3. **Public Comment - Part 1**

4. **Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers**

5. **President's Report**

- a. Adoption of the Agenda
 - i. Quist: Motion to cap Officer Reports to 90 Seconds each
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to carry with unanimous consent.
- b. This week, I attended Samaritas and received the Volunteer Service Award on behalf of all GVSU students. It recognizes service done in the community.
- c. President's Council will occur throughout the semester. EVP Hallead and I will be attending tomorrow's meeting.
- d. Doug Wentworth (Director of Auxiliary Services) is supplying food for specific GAs. We will now have allergen friendly options.
- e. Due to the current absence of the VP of Allocations, I will be chairing. Meeting will be in Kirkhof 2263 at 1:30 pm tomorrow. We need several senators for quorum, new members you are also invited.
- f. Devries: What happened to the VP of Allocations?
- g. Proctor: We will discuss later.

6. **Executive Vice President's Report**

- a. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. Stand Approved
- b. Will be attending President's Council tomorrow with Proctor.
- c. All 19 appointees have my full confidence

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- d. Worked with Promotions Office for the Lakers Keep Lakers Safe Campaign
- e. Need your placards changed? Let Hazari or I know.

7. Appointments

- a. Proctor: During her time on Senate, Audrey wants to listen to student concerns, make sure everyone's voices are heard, and to improve the campus experience while taking what already works well into account.
 - i. Hazari: Motion to appoint Audrey Bennet to the Senate Resources Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- b. Proctor: During her time on Senate, Imma wants to advocate for mental health resources, affordable healthcare options, and improved campus safety measures. She would also like to enhance transparency between Senate and the student body, among various other things.
 - i. Hazari: Motion to appoint Immaculata James to the Senate Resources Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - iv. Devries: Would someone with those goals be better for campus affairs?
 - v. Proctor: We tried to pair them with where they would like to go but also evenly spread out the new senators on ew committees.
 - vi. Devries: Objection withdrawn
- c. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Max wants to talk directly with students to see what they want to see changes or improvements on. He also wants to improve the overall student experience.
 - i. Hazari: Motion to appoint Max Klumper to the Senate Resources Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- d. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Brendon wants to focus on being a voice and leader for students, and to help make internal changes to Student Senate to make it more efficient and productive.
 - i. Hazari: Motion to appoint Brendon Werner to the Senate Resources Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- e. Proctor: During her time on Senate, Kate wants to gather data regarding what issues the student body is most passionate about. She also wants to make sure students are informed of Senate's actions.

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- i. Martell: Motion to appoint Kate Burns to the Public Relations Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- f. Proctor: During her time on Senate, Evelyn wants to contribute to a positive community and Senate environment, where there is a place for different perspectives to be heard. She wants to represent the best interests for all of her fellow peers.
 - i. Martell: Motion to appoint Evelyn Maiuri to the Public Relations Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- g. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Evan wants to better communicate with students to help out on campus. He wants to work with Cabinet to find solutions that will benefit students the most.
 - i. Martell: Motion to appoint Evan VanDyke to the Public Relations Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent

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- h. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Ty wants to be an advocate for students by bringing their interests to the forefront of meetings. He also wants to increase awareness of Student Senate's initiatives by interacting with other orgs, such as the Lanthorn and Whale Radio.
 - i. Martell: Motion to appoint Ty Vanlerberghe to the Public Relations Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- i. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Nick wants to raise his voice to better the GVSU community. He also wants to strengthen the connection between Senate and the students we represent.
 - i. Quist: Motion to appoint Nicholas Bashore to the Campus Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Hallead: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- j. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Richard wants to help unite the student body and to promote a more engaging and fun campus environment for everyone. He also wants to learn more about the different student orgs at GV.
 - i. Quist: Motion to appoint Richard Dolnik to the Campus Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Hallead: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- k. Proctor: During his time on Senate, James wants to improve student engagement across campus by collaborating with student org leaders.
 - i. Quist: Motion to appoint James Johnson IV to the Campus Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Hallead: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- l. Proctor: During her time on Senate, Riley wants to hear directly from students on what they would like to see improve and at GVSU. She wants to ensure campus stays safe and that resources are available and accessible for students.
 - i. Hallead: Motion to appoint Riley Gessler to the Educational Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
- m. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Andreas wants to step out of his comfort zone and engage with students and Senators from different backgrounds in order to better understand different challenges on campus.
 - i. Hallead: Motion to appoint Andreas Martinez to the Educational Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent

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- n. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Alec wants to help come up with the best possible solutions to create a student experience that is better than before.
 - i. Hallead: Motion to appoint Alec Palumbo to the Educational Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - o. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Ethan wants to expand access to various educational resources, especially for those who face financial difficulties or disadvantages.
 - i. Hallead: Motion to appoint Ethan TerHorst to the Educational Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - p. Proctor: During their time on Senate, Landon wants to expand transparent conversations between Senate and the student body, while also advocating for underrepresented voices in the community.
 - i. Lawson: Motion to appoint Landon Bartlett to the Diversity Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - q. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Romel wants to help support study abroad and the international community at GVSU. He would also like to see a seat on Student Senate designated specifically for international students.
 - i. Lawson: Motion to appoint Romel Jean-Pierre to the Diversity Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - r. Proctor: During his time on Senate, Braylond wants to make sure everyone at GVSU is represented and has equal opportunities to succeed. He is also excited to learn and grow alongside everyone.
 - i. Lawson: Motion to appoint Braylond Price to the Diversity Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - s. Proctor: During her time on Senate, Annah wants to spotlight the various resources GV has for students, while looking at adding resources to assist with the transition from student to worker.
 - i. Lawson: Motion to appoint Annah Stang to the Diversity Affairs Committee
 - ii. Hallead: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
8. **Two Minute Recess 5:03pm-5:05pm**

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9. Inservice

- a. Funding Training with Bri Slager
 - i. Hallead: Motion to suspend Robert's Rules until the end of inservice
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Quist: Motion to carry with unanimous consent

10. Five Minute Recess 5:58pm-6:03pm

11. Business

- a. Nominations and Elections for VP for Allocations
 - i. Quist: I nominate Senator-Elect James Johnson IV
 - ii. Rienas: Second
 - iii. Johnson IV: I accept.
 - iv. Johnson IV: Good evening, thank you for letting me talk to you all today. It was a long wait but I'm excited to be here and believe my experiences will shine best in this role. I wish Senator Brock Johnson could be here. I emphasize that we aren't rivals. Communication and accountability is important. Students are passionate to lead other students and to help them financially. I have acted as a liaison in different organizations on campus. I want RSO's to be well informed and ensure every RSO is heard. I want to help foster unity, beyond the role of VP of Allocations, understanding ethos for students, integrity is not negotiable, reflecting our mission and values. Last year, interfaith funds were depleted since it wasn't properly distributed and equally for access for money. Ben Biermacher wants engagement. I want to continue Ben's work and want to bring up smaller clubs and engage to have more students at their events. I commit to service. What the task is goes beyond the duty. I want to pay it forward to the new senators.
 1. Jean-Pierre: Thank you very much for that amazing speech. If we get to elect you and sit on your committee, will you ensure that International Student Organizations will be included in this process?

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2. Johnson IV: Focusing on including International Students and understanding the process so that these organizations can get money for their events, working with students works in tandem with getting them a better understanding of being a Laker.
 3. Hazari: What have you done to prepare for this position?
 4. Johnson IV: I have prepared in my time away from the body and got a different perspective. Burnout is real and I want to note that other senators were burnt out, not just him. I look forward to talking about different things and am looking forward to reconstruction and getting involved with other committees with our 20,000 dollar internal senate budget. I want to work with DAC and EAC especially. I also want to emphasize doing more outreach. Last year didn't really use much of the budget but wants to max it out.
 5. Z. Johnson: What strategies would you use to make a fair decision on who receives funding?
 6. Johnson IV: Look at events, timeliness, and if they are prepared. If they present earlier, they receive more money. I would like to discuss with future senators on his committee regarding this. I am here for RSO's to come ask and give advice. Other ways to get around my strategy will be discussed. We have more budget than we are really giving, we can emphasize unity within our senate.
- v. Discussion
1. Quist: I very much favor him. He has the most Allocations experience and attended cabinet meetings, showed great initiative, went out of his way to go through interviews, has confidence, and previous experience. He would be a great leader.
 2. Rienas: He is passionate about Student Senate, even when he wasn't on the body, he helped me with legislation.

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3. Bashore: I agree with Rienas.
 4. Quist: Call to question.
 5. Hazari: Motion to carry with unanimous consent
 6. Johnson IV is elected VP of Allocations.
- b. Nominations and Elections for VP for Educational Affairs
 - c. Introductions
 - i. Hallead: Motions to suspend Robert's Rules until the end of introductions.
 - ii. Hazari: Second
 - iii. Hallead: Motion to pass with unanimous consent.
 - d. Restructuring Proposal
 - i. Withdrawn from Battle of the Valleys, Suspended ERC, Stipends are given on the basis that the Code of Conduct rules are followed.
 - ii. List of University Committees will be sent to me from Felix Ngassa
 - iii. Johnson IV: Is this temporary for restructuring?
 - iv. Proctor: Yes
 - v. TerHorst: How much is each stipend?
 - vi. Proctor: Still uncertain, but at least a couple of hundred dollars.
 - vii. Proctor: All senators are expected to act with integrity and professionalism.
 - viii. Hallead: Motion to suspend Robert's Rules until 7:10
 - ix. Z Johnson: Second
 - x. Hazari: Motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - xi. Proctor: I will entertain a motion to suspend all Governing Docs and use the Code of Conduct until the end of this academic semester.
 - xii. Hazari: So moved
 - xiii. Quist: Second
 - xiv. 7 yays, 0 nay, 1 abstention

12. Public Comment - Part 2

13. Officer Reports

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- a. **Senate Resources** - VP Hazari
 - i. 4:30pm bonding activity next week in the Student Senate Office. Senate buddies are returning! September office hours are due on the 29th at 5:00pm. New members are not expected to complete September hours.
 - ii. Rienas: What is the dress code for bonding?
 - iii. Proctor: Casual dress
 - b. **Allocations** - VP-elect Johnson IV
 - i. Johnson IV: I won't be at the next 2 Allocation meetings, I will be with President Mantella for a conference.
 - c. **Public Relations** - VP Martell
 - i. I went over responsibilities of PRC with Proctor. I will be adding a Social Media Request Form for anyone with ideas.
 - d. **Campus Affairs** - VP Quist
 - i. Firstly, Rienas and I met with Laker Food Co. and I will be meeting with Public Safety. First week of October will have Campus Safety Walk, let me know if you are interested.
 - e. **Educational Affairs** - EVP Hallead (interim)
 - i. If you are interested in being Vice President of Educational Affairs, let me know, I would love to have this spot filled!
 - f. **Diversity Affairs** - VP Lawson
 - i. The past week I worked on the Teach-In and with PRC for tabling and advertising. I have been working on assigning my committee members liaison roles.
14. **Advisor Reports**
- a. Guzman: Who are our Allocations representatives for tomorrow?
 - i. Proctor: EVP Hallead, Bates, Jean-Pierre, and Martinez
 - b. Guzman: Chief Growth Officer, Hilary Doe, has an event on Monday at 2:30pm. Please register, there is more information in the Slack.

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15. University Committee Reports

16. Roll Call - Part 2

17. Call for Announcements

- a. Hallead: Thank you all for coming tonight. I apologize for this meeting being so long. They will not be this long in the future.
- b. Johnson IV: Please come to me if you have any ideas for bringing off campus speakers to GA.
- c. Proctor: Bonding is next week at 4:30pm in the Student Senate Office.

18. Adjournment at 7:31pm