



## General Assembly

Thursday, 28th, 2021 — 4:30 pm

Via Zoom

*President: Kelly Dowker*

*Parliamentarian: Grace McMahon*

### I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm

- A. Moment of Silence for Native Land Recognition
- B. Student Senate Creed
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Roll Call - Part I

### II. Public Comment - Part I

- A. Students for Food Sovereignty - submitted online and read by President Dowker. This organization is dedicated to bringing food awareness to campus. The organization believes the contract with Aramark is harmful to the campus community, and they are happy to work with Senate and DAC. They extend an invitation to their meeting on Feb. 3rd 1-2pm

### III. Virus Action Team Report - Presented by AVP Ed Aboufadel

- A. Aboufadel shares who comprises the Virus Action Team, as well as a chart of daily new cases dating from August to present month. This chart is fluid - should a student share that they were positive in November, for example, that information will be included.
- B. At present, cases are under control on campus, and there will be a discussion on whether or not they can lower the alert level.
- C. Aboufadel shares graphs demonstrating the total number of cases within Ottawa and Kent county, and how GVSU
- D. Current conditions: as of January 25th, there are 63 active cases in the GV community. Total cases since August is 2194. There are 149 students currently in quarantine due to exposure or symptoms.
- E. Nearly 40,000 COVID tests have been conducted through GV's testing program since the beginning of the Fall semester
- F. Aboufadel shares graph on daily cases in Michigan.
- G. Vaccinations:
  - i. Current vaccination options require two doses, three-four weeks apart; each state sets its own priorities and county health officials work with hospitals and other orgs to distribute the vaccine. Supplies have been limited
  - ii. As of 1/25, 735 GV community members have received one or both doses H.

#### Virus Action Team

- i. Work continues with: contact tracing and back-tracing discussions, aggressive quarantining, and targeted interventions based on data, and scheduled meetings with Ottawa/Kent public health twice a week.

- ii. Discussion continues with: implementing Antigen testing, maintaining compliance with face coverings, social distancing, etc., and the new, more contagious variant

#### I. Questions

- i. Siegrist - looking forward to next fall, will we require a vaccination in order to come to campus?
  - a) Aboufadel: GV has not required vaccinations in the past, so implementation would be new - overall, it is too early and discussions on this have been too few for Aboufadel to make any statement.
- ii. Neal - has there been any conversation about class schedules? Majority of us are strictly online/hybrid, is there any chance for classes to go online or go back to in person during this semester?
  - a) Aboufadel - very unlikely, that would be very disruptive. Based on a survey there are at least 25% of students and faculty who are not prepared to come back to campus.

#### IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers

- A. Sanders - Give Thanks initiative volunteer sign-up sheet is in the Slack
  - i. Thompson - offers the opportunity to any senators who would like to volunteer for volunteering for the Give Thanks initiative can count as a office hour
  - ii. Cargill - is this only available for senators to volunteer or can others volunteer?  
Sanders - as of now, encouraging for senators, but if there is a need for more volunteers, they can consider opening it up to others

#### V. President's Report

- A. Adoption of the Agenda - stand approved
- B. ECS
  - i. College of Community and Public Service and College of Education will be merging
  - ii. Adult School and continuing education will merge to become Lifetime learning
  - iii. Program reviews - purpose is to ensure all information is relevant, still being utilized, and sunset programs that will not
- C. Student Senate Cabinet will be meeting with President's Cabinet - 30 minutes to give presentation on Senate's work this year and Senate's priorities
- D. Projects - General Senators should let their VP know if they are planning or wanting to start a project; the VP will then bring this information to Cabinet for all of Cabinet to ensure the project will receive all the support and contacts it needs

#### VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- A. Approval of the Minutes - stand approved
- B. Bylaw Review - will send email tomorrow to representatives from each committee; these representatives will vote on what to change, and all potential changes will be presented to the General Assembly for everyone to vote upon. Review will begin either February 7th or February 14th. Any changes will be reviewed by Melissa Baker-Boosamra, Dean Rullman, and Tom Butcher
- C. Please fill out the Climate Survey, the Last Lecture form, and Give Thanks Initiative

## VII. Unfinished Business

### VIII. New Business

#### A. Resolution W-20-01: Add an Additional Printer on the Allendale Campus for Student, Faculty, and Staff Use - presented by Senators Weekley and Wilson

i. Weekley presents the resolution: as a user experience assistant at the library, Weekley has received a lot of questions in regards to printing and printer malfunctions. Wilson's own experience is the hassle it would take to come to campus from off-campus housing and trying to walk about campus in order to find a working printer - feels students should be able to efficiently use the resources that GV offers

ii. Recommendation is to add a printer in the Kirkhof Center, Kindschi Hall of Science, or The Connection, as well as that consistent maintenance is provided.

#### iii. Discussion

a) Siegrist - thanks senators for their work; has heard from peers that it's been difficult to print things, especially with online classes. What are the next steps with this project, and what do you think the timeline will be?

(i) Weekley - increasing the conversations around maintaining the printers we already do have to limit the malfunctions. If this conversation happens soon, it could lead to some resolution before a new printer comes to campus.

b) Thompson - is excited to have a new printer!

c) Zbikowski - applauds Senators Weekley and Wilson's work; personally understands the difficulty of finding a working printer and appreciates the note on maintenance

d) Gineman - more printers allow individuals to spread out, which is a necessity during COVID, Gineman supports this resolution

e) McMahan - this is one of the most well-presented pieces of legislation McMahan has ever experienced, and also feels that this is a great way to open up a conversation for printers (functional) on the DeVos campus

#### iv. Voting

a) This resolution passes unanimously with 32 responses

#### B. Call for New Orders of the Day

### IX. Public Comment - Part II

### X. Officer Reports

#### A. Senate Resources - Thompson

i. Thompson welcomes the applicants who are sitting in on the GA, they can look forward to receiving an email. There are five new applicants in total

ii. Climate Survey is live - it is completely anonymous, and the details of responses will stay within SRC. Compiled demographics and information will be presented at GA. All committees who fill out the climate survey will receive a baked good from the Executive Office Assistant.

- iii. SRC and some Cabinet members will be presenting a Winter Inservice on February 11th in which the chain of communication, role as a senator, etc. will be detailed
- iv. SRC will start meeting after GA; today's meeting will include reassigning Senate Buddies, which will be shared in the next GA

B. Allocations - Siegrist

- i. Siegrist is focused on internal affairs and with preparing to work with the Student Life Fund Budget. Training for obtaining voting rights will be made available soon
- ii. First Cultural Funding Board meeting is this Friday at 4pm

C. Public Relations - presented by Senator Wheeler

- i. Senator of the Week - please nominate your colleagues.
- ii. Bulletin Board will be redone next week
- iii. PRC's Senate Week event: S'mores with Senators
- iv. Moine will be working on a survey with Dowker to guide Senate's plan for the rest of the semester
- v. If a senator has ordered Senate Swag and has not picked it up yet, please contact Moine

D. Campus Affairs - Frappier

- i. CAC will be meeting after GA
- ii. CSLC and CAC have been in discussions about Elect Her
- iii. BoV meetings have started, please reach out to Frappier or Pagel for more information. The game will be hosted at GVSU
- iv. Food Committee is February 2nd from 4pm-5pm. Attendance requires an RSVP. It is the first meeting of the semester
  - a) Aramark is being handled through VP Neal and DAC, so addressing issues with Aramark should go through them and not yet presented at Food Committee

E. Educational Affairs - Mueller

- i. Last Lecture form closes today; EAC will be picking their five top professors at their meeting tonight. If someone hasn't submitted a form yet, please do so now. It is vital to honor professors and showcase their work, as they are a key part of the campus community
- ii. Last Lecture will be on February 23rd from 6-8pm via Zoom/LakerLink F.

Diversity Affairs - Neal

- i. MLK week events went very well! Neal was given the opportunity to introduce some of the panelists - the panel and speaker were recorded and is accessible
- ii. DAC is excited to announce their collaboration with SFS, and there will be some of their representatives at DAC's coming meeting
- iii. Black History Month begins in a few days, DAC will be releasing their project soon
- iv. Shout out to everyone who is encouraging and supporting the use of pronouns

G. External Relations - Pagel

- i. Next BoV meeting is February 16th, the folder is available in the Google Drive.

BoV will be a Grand Valley game in November.

ii. ERC will be meeting with Ellen Voss in February, information to be brought back iii.

Please sign up to volunteer Give Thanks Initiative

iv. More information on the Scooter and Housing projects will be brought at the next

GA

#### XI. Subcommittee Reports

#### XII. University Committee Reports

A. Mueller - APSC talked about four topics, Mueller's notes are available in her folder

i. Finding a new chair

ii. Introduction of Credit/No Credit retroactive changes as a potential charge from ECS, there will be discussions on how this would impact programs that require grade, whether or not this is desirable for students

iii. Academic forgiveness policy considering academic integrity grades

iv. Continuing evaluating the pilot programs for Undergraduate Prior Learning Credits (PLC)

B. Mueller - General Education Committee notes will be made available in google drive

C. Suchecki - Lift Management Committee

i. This committee takes feedback from students on professors and compiles the data. The draft of this report was sent in to ECS, so work on this is continuing. Current discussion is to establish objectives for a bias investigation to see if anything they are reporting on has a bias (ex. If a student has a bias for personal reasons, etc.)

D. Raak - University Assessment Committee

i. Discussion revolved around Strategic Planning and the committee's role moving forward. Evaluated external accreditation units

#### XIII. Roll Call - Part II

#### XIV. Call for Announcements

A. Dowker - to anyone interested in running for a Cabinet position, please reach out to Cabinet

i. In response to Zbikowski's question, all senators may access a Cabinet member's transition report, though one should note that this is a work in progress

#### XV. Adjournment: 5:41pm