



## General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, February 6th, 2020 — 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette - Kirkhof Center

President: *Eric-John Szczepaniak*

Parliamentarian: *Kelly Dowker*

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- I. Call Meeting to order: 4:31pm
    - A. Moment of Silence
      - i. Native Land Recognition
    - B. Student Senate Creed
    - C. Pledge of Allegiance
    - D. Roll Call
  - II. Public Comment - Part I
  - III. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers
    - A. Mueller - Last Lecture tabling sign-up
    - B. Hicks - Valentine's Week tabling and events sign-up
    - C. Murarescu - Sign-up for those interested in going to Jim Crow Museum
  - IV. President's Report
    - A. Adoption of the Agenda
      - i. Benoit amends the agenda to add the appointment of Kalob Bellowsto PRC under President's report after adoption of the agenda; as well as the appointment of Shireen Salam to under CAC
      - ii. Benoit motions; Fritz seconds to approve agenda as amended; motion passes unanimously
    - B. References the success of President's Ball
    - C. Tomorrow is quarterly BoT meeting, will be giving a report at the 9:30 am meeting; final meeting will be in April where Szczepaniak will announce the President Elect
    - D. Those interested in running for Cabinet position should contact appropriate VPs or Cabinet members
    - E. Will meet with Dr. Burnall this friday and provost next wednesday to discuss topics relevant to numerous committees
    - F. Tomorrow is the first ECS meeting of the month, will be addressing student perception survey resolution that was passed from Senate
    - G. Appointment of Kalob Bellows to PRC; Fritz provides rationale and motions to appoint, seconded by Dowker. // Frappier voices support, Mueller (who sat in on interview) references how well his interview went // motion passes unanimously
    - H. Appointment of Shireen Salam to CAC; McMahan provides rationale and motions to appoint, seconded by Dowker; motion passes unanimously

V. Executive Vice President's Report

- A. Approval of the Minutes
- B. Make up composite dates are February 20th; only for those who did not have their headshots in the fall
- C. CTF will be Sunday at 3pm; goal is still to be there only for 2 hours, but wants to ensure it will not run over into Cabinet time
- D. PRC will be putting up bulletin board today

VI. Inservice - Benoit

- A. Benoit presents a brief summary of the purpose of inservice: to go over the General assembly, committees, Senate structure and weekly committees; parliamentary procedures; Robert's rules; internal documents and functions; how Senate can make an impact; resources available to senators; and election season
- B. Senator DeBerry and VP Samuels speak on Appropriations which is used to discuss and vote on budget requests for student orgs and allocation funds to these orgs
- C. Benoit speaks on internal documents (Constitution, bylaws, funding guidelines, SRC policies and procedures)
- D. Benoit speaks on how to become involved/make an impact - yields to Nitzkin to speak on projects
- E. Benoit speaks on roles within committees
- F. EVP Dowker begins an activity "Setting Expectations for Each Other" - what do we need from other committees?; within each committee, one must come up with three or more expectations for every other committee // all committees share responses
- G. Expectations of ERC - creating links and connections with foreign universities; bringing back resolutions from other universities; a gallery exchange; more philanthropic initiatives; increased relations with other student gov'ts; expand on more projects outside of civic engagement; philanthropy events in local communities; helping to organize more campus events, bring external community in; set up more outreach (people know who senators are); maintain good relationships with outside sources; continue to communicate effectively with outside sources; communicate with the body regarding relationships with external groups; maintain positive relationships with Allendale and GR; hold positive exposure events
- H. Expectations of Finance - support and engage with events that we allocate money for; work on projects; execute roles; more senate engagement; more info of what finance does; communicate with student orgs; come to other committee meetings; keep body up to date on what will come to CFB and appropriations; actively reach out to other senators working on projects; share events consistently; ensure internal budget stays updated; maintain professionalism in CFB and appropriations; have mid-year reports from automatic allocations; follow-ups with events that money is appropriated to that came to GA

- I. Expectations of EAC - be louder and prouder about Open access; increase relations with laker store; push or increase for transparency between uni and students in terms of educational resources; talk to libraries; educate senate/community on resources currently available; promotion of library programs and relocation of things being cut out of budget; reach out to faculty/staff about writing/including OERs; expand what is done outside of Last Lecture and Open Access; more campus impact in general; maintain and encourage good relationships between GV's colleges; ensure it's open access to everybody; ensuring there's positive relationships between students and professors; increase awareness surrounding OERs; promote senate resources and projects to other faculty/staff
- J. Expectations of SRC - hold the same standards for every senator; name tags; continue keeping the office clean; let Senators have a personal life; crack down more, including follow up with out of line of senators; overgeneralize announcements - can be made specific; be HR, set clear expectations, be lenient when possible; implement mental health infrastructure into SRC policies; have members regularly attend other committee meetings; focus on maintaining internal structure; ensure GA remains professional; recognize achievements of all senators; organize university committees and hold senators accountable for attending; document resolutions passed and archive them; be more engaged as a whole
- K. Expectations of CAC - narrow the focus of what CAC is; roles would help; utilize cross-committee collaboration, especially with other project-based committees; more streamlining of projects, ensure they are focused; more presentation of projects in progress; more ideas in general; define purposes; long term projects; cross-committee with DAC; work on projects guided by student feedback; advocate for everyday needs of students; cooperate with administration to balance student-admin limitations; attend on-campus events; reach out to RSOs; work with on-campus facilities; more surveys to evaluate student's feelings
- L. Expectations of PRC - better social media presence on places where there isn't normally some; fill gallery (challenge); members should attend outside events; getting student senate email sent out again; bulletin boards; Senate Swag; increased support of senate-sanctioned events; more personal engagement with students; regular social media posting; general tabling to educate about senate; senator of week award; suggestion boards around campuses; more in-person outreach; internal resource to body; promote and assist work of other committees rather than senate as a whole
- M. Expectations of DAC - see information from reports; hear updates from liaisons with community centers; more cross-committee collaboration; more inclusion of students impacted by conversations that are being had; don't be shy about speaking out; attend more cultural events funded by senate; continue to connect to cultural orgs; start more projects; organize senate outreach and volunteer projects to become more culturally aware; to get a more diverse body; promote inclusion and equity across campus;

encourage Uni to maintain a staff and student body that is diverse; accurately reflect strengths and weaknesses with diversity; events for awareness; collaborate with PRC to promote cultural events

N. Expectations of Cabinet - increased transparency and communication in general; support each other on Cabinet more and with senators; get to know people on senate you don't; be collaborative and efficient leaders; be approachable; be serving; follow same standards; be welcoming face to all new senators; hold each other accountable; include senators in important conversations; create stronger and healthier relationships within senate; keep conversations and conduct professional; leadership through example; give leadership opportunities to committees; clear communication; accessibility; to be concise and orderly as leaders; respect and cooperate with one another; approach senators personally about an issue before coming in front of the body; recognize senators for their own achievements outside of own committees; be able to respectfully disagree; practice what you preach; do not give off a vibe of superiority, being unrelatable or unapproachable

i. Committees reflect on responses, what is there to be focused on? Are there concrete, immediate steps that can be taken?

ii. Committees share plans for the future

O. Benoit and Fritz speak on Elections - (Benoit moves to reinstate bylaws; Fritz seconds and motion passes unanimously) rules, regulations, the commission, elections packet,

P. Thompson speaks on bonding events: February 20th - Minutes to Win It competition for Senate buddies; working on three separate bonding events; information in SRC folder under the bonding section; may do committee bonding (committees competing against each other)

Q. DeBerry - speaks on Mental Health - we have to take care of ourselves, self-wellness is just as important as physical health; put yourself first; getting help is a strength; reach out to DeBerry, to VPs if struggling;

VII. Five (5) Minute Recess

VIII. Roll Call

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

A. Discussion and Voting on 2020-2021 Elections Packet

i. Showed the grammar and language amendments which were made; no packets will be turned in to the Senate office, they will be turned into the OSL where pictures will be taken; packet will be available on Senate website, in order to check it out a form must be filled that has g-number, email, name, standing, majors, etc.

ii. Discussion/Questions

iii. Dowker - this process is extremely efficient compared to last year, commends VP Fritz for his work

- iv. Murarescu - doesn't appear that the second rule was changed which is still confusing / Fritz - believes this line is referring to online voting, which meant no campaigning during voting week; rule may be referring specifically to computer labs during the elections week - Fritz will fix this tonight
- v. Hicks - If GPA requirement changes at CTF, it will not take effect until next year
- vi. Fritz - clarifies that it will be contingent on the suggested changes of today
- vii. Sparks - can a packet be returned to obtain the fully needed signatures? / Fritz - returning the packet would be considered a violation of the rules if it is given back after the due date// Szczepaniak: if it is returned before the deadline, it can be given back
- viii. Pearson - asks for clarification on the second rule as discussed by Fritz and Murarescu
- ix. Comes with motion for approval - "approval of the packet as amended"; motion passes unanimously

B. Call for New Orders of the Day

XI. Public Comment - Part II

XII. Call for Announcements

- A. Murarescu - restocked pronoun pins in senate office; make sure to wear it at meetings, to have it on backpack - best practice in professional life and academia, introduce names and pronouns
- B. Russo - Valentine's day - rented out Georgetown ice skating rink and bus, available to students for free with link from 5-6:30, bus will be leaving at 4:45 / Sibs and Kids weekend on sunday, there is a pancake breakfast in Holton-Hooker at 10
- C. McMahan - Food Committee is the 18th
- D. Benoit - Climate survey is in Slack, will be presented next week
- E. Thayer - next wednesday at 8am, will be at Allendale Township hall to test election equipment and assist in the understanding of voting process
- F. Frappier - reminder to help with bulletin board after this meeting; reach out to PRC in regards to fliers; reach out to PRC for ideas for the social media calendar
- G. Houtman - Mackinac signage project is effectively done; Succulents Senators promotion
- H. DeBerry - movie night tomorrow night
- I. Thompson - apply for cook leadership academy
- J. Nitzkin - if no email/text was received in reference to the Israel seminar, talk to him
- K. Hicks - working on Menstrual Hygiene resolution, would like to get ahead on the discussions we would have on the resolutions , so anyone with questions, concerns, thoughts, please speak with them
- L. Szczepaniak - This coming Tuesday at 4pm is a faculty award ceremony downtown; at 6pm is an Abrahamic dinner in Kentwood, giving Senate tickets for free
- M. Dowker - would appreciate feedback on today's exercise

XIII. Adjournment: 7:12pm