



General Assembly Meeting
Thursday, February 27th, 2020 — 4:30 pm
Pere Marquette - Kirkhof Center
Executive Vice President: Kelly Dowker
Parliamentarian: Hannah Benoit

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- I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm
 - 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. Guest Speakers
 - A. Chick Blue, Sue Korzinek (Ben .) - Laker App
 - i. Introducing a virtual assistant whose goal/purpose is to personalize to the student experience at GV / goal to provide this in a text, chat and browser form, currently only browser based version is available to the public.
 - ii. Phase one focused on general information; requires user interaction to improve the tool ; second requires GV sign in to access personal files, records, information, etc. feedback thread present in order to better the app
 - iii. Questions
 - a) Benoit - location - as of now, app is used for questions and answers; perhaps eventually it could be used for location
 - b) Dowker - do any other universities in MI have a tool like this? / Fairly uncommon, some schools have a similar thing, but as a limited version.
 - c) Siegrist - What does the integration of this program look like? / Will be apps that can be downloaded, is also a browser based tool
 - d) Dean - who would own cloud servers that contains the student data? / all data resides with GV
 - e) Koldomasov - Do you envision this as a platform for digital student ids? / digital ID would fall more onto the MyBanner/MyGV app as opposed to an informational app
 - iv. Are interested in what students would like to see this app provide; asks senators to speak to the orgs/groups they are involved with in regards to which *questions/features* students would like to see
 - v. Asks for student testers in the future

- vi. Additional Questions
 - a) Hicks - as a worker at the IT help desk, acknowledges the value and benefits of this
- B. McKenzie Gamage - Presentation on the Importance of Advanced Directives
 - i. Advanced Directive - a plan that is legally recognized if one were to ever be unconscious or incapable of making healthcare decisions. Plan addresses who would be asked to make these decisions on one's behalf (including how long one would prefer to be kept alive)
 - ii. Plan can be made on website, card will be made so that medical professionals know the individual's wishes
- IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers
 - A. Samuels/Dowker - parties interested in beta-testing for the presented app
- V. President's Report
 - A. Adoption of the Agenda
 - i. Fritz seconds a motion to strike the five minute recess, motion passes with a single nay
 - ii. Approved as amended
 - B. Dowker reads on behalf of Szczepaniak -
 - C. issued two memos to ECS, one for graduate programs, another for addressing the lack of accountability when ECS has charged a university committee with a student senate resolution;
 - D. next ECS, voting on two senate resolutions; wrote another memo to finalize a project in which a student may request the gender of the (counsel)
 - E. Dowker and Szczepaniak will meet with Mantella over the spring break where they will ask for a seat on President's cabinet
 - i. Mass email that Szczepaniak originally was intending to discuss will be delayed
 - F. Will present at a Youth conference, LGBT youth conference, reading in schools for March's Reading Month
 - G. Senate Party on friday April 17th at 6pm at Mainstreet
- VI. Executive Vice President's Report
 - A. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. Stand approved
 - B. CTF will meet after today's GA to go over some changes made after a meeting with Rullman and Stoll
 - C. Working with OSL to put together end of year dinner; once a decision is made for meal options, a survey will be sent out
 - D. Paper plate awards will take place at this dinner
- VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Discussion and Voting on W-20-04: Call for Grand Valley State University to Create a Task Force Charged with the Research of the Impact of Menstrual Hygiene Product Accessibility on Students No Later Than Fall 2020, to Report to the Dean of Students No Later Than the End of Fall 2020. (Presented by Hicks)
 - i. No changes have been made with the exception of a few word choices / Dean Rullman is in favour of this timeline
 - ii. No discussion
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously

VIII. New Business

- A. Discussion on W-20-05: Urge Grand Valley State University to Declare a Climate Emergency and Implement a University Task Force Devoted to Increased Sustainable Practices. (Presented by Marlowe)
 - i. Senator Marlowe reads the resolution - voting will take place after spring break; clerical issues can be discussed outside of GA
 - ii. Questions/Discussion
 - a) Nitzkin - resolution comes with many objectives and the deadline is a little vague, recommends a concrete deadline for the university to accomplish these objectives
 - b) Hicks - raises concerns with requesting a university taskforce, would hesitate to request this before it is suggested by admin; it may not be viable if many meetings and research were not had at the time / Marlowe explains that he elected a taskforce to ensure that the University takes action as opposed to only declaring a climate emergency. // Hicks - is there a person that said a committee cannot handle this as opposed to a taskforce? - will discuss it with Yumi Jakobich at a meeting and get back into the next GA
 - (1) Stoll echoes the necessity to make rounds with departments and do research before asking for a task force; highlights the importance of building a strong relationship with administration across campus
 - (2) Marlowe shares difficulties found when trying to contact some departments beforehand
 - (3) Current plan for GV is to have plans in place and functioning by 2030; but the resolution is asking for better, sooner action
 - c) Siegrist - what does GV's investment in fossil fuels look like?, Marlowe responds that upwards of \$25 million dollars

- d) Nitzkin - feels it is beneficial to pair this resolution with a document that states the relevant information and definitions
- e) Russo - recommends bringing in UN sustainability goals, further evidence/strengthening of argument
- f) Benoit - reminds senators to look over this resolution over spring break; reach out to Marlowe
- g) Thompson - perhaps include more examples of how GVSU students are affected

B. Call for New Orders of the Day

IX. Public Comment - Part II

X. Call for Announcements

- A. Hicks - Slack channel organized a volunteering effort on Saturday, March (x) to encourage Senate's philanthropy efforts
- B. Neal - dinner (2204) March 9th; starting at lecture at 4:30pm
- C. Pearson - March's Reading Month, will attend charter schools to read, information can be retrieved from her in the Slack
- D. Frappier - Support Trivia night tonight after GA
- E. Marlowe - still meeting up with student environmental orgs, so if there are people interested on sitting in on these meetings they can attend
- F. McMahon - CSLC is hiring, happy to share information on these positions
- G. Fritz - if senators are running with anyone for elections, get it approved by the elections commissions first; cannot campaign as a group until all requirements are finished; finalized language on website to make it clear that no outside entities, companies or businesses are funding campaigns, this will lead to disqualification
- H. Dowker - once campaigning has started, if any money is spent those receipts must go to VP Samuels

XI. Adjournment: 5:27pm