



General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, September 5th, 2019 — 4:30 pm
Pere Marquette Room — Kirkhof Center 2204

President: Eric-John Szczepaniak

Executive Vice President: Andrew Nurmi

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- I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:31pm**
 - II. Public Comment - Part I**
 - A. Moment of Silence
 - B. Roll Call
 - III. Guest Speaker - Center for Women and Gender Equity - Alex Montgomery and JC Campbell**
 - A. Offers to partner with Senate through their many programs, specifically mentioning Fostering Lakers Success, as well as a program against sexual violence. All events are open to the public
 - B. Senators can support a social media presence (like and share pages, Snapchat and Instagram) as well as attend events created by the Center for Women and Gender Equity
 - C. For Grand Valley students who are parents or expecting, there are resources available through the Center
 - IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass Papers**
 - V. President's Report**
 - A. Adoption to approve agenda
 - i. Senator Dowker motions to move Line Items to above the Officer's reports; Senator
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously
 - B. President Szczepaniak asks the body to:
 - i. Focus on one's health, happiness and wellness
 - ii. To assume positive intent in others and to allow them "grace and space"
 - iii. To respect and elevate the people who will eventually be taking over one's role in Senate and in other programs.
 - iv. Lastly, create an environment where the community can grow together.
 - C. President Szczepaniak has met with nearly all the academic deans and has generated new ideas. The common concern among deans from Pew campus is the allocation of resources from Allendale to Pew
 - D. Senator LaPlatt has resigned.
 - VI. Vice President's Report**
 - A. Motion to approve last week's minutes
 - i. Senator Nitzkin asks to amend the prayer room class number from 304 to 309 E DeVos
 - ii. Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Senator Nitzkin and is seconded by Vice President Mueller

iii. Motion passes unanimously

- B. Deadline for submissions for the Off-Campus Housing Award is next week. Those who have volunteered to help can expect to do so the night of Thursday, September 12th
- C. Members of CAB reached out to Senate to ask for help from interested parties in planning the President's Ball
- D. The General Assembly next week will be a working GA. There was a video clip in this week's email to give an overview of what the meeting will look like
- E. Senators should provide their name and the last four digits of their G-Number to be given to the Office of Student Life for data retrieval
- F. All emails will be sent to new Senators and new appointees will also be added as they come

VII. New Business

- A. Vice President Mueller motions to retake attendance and is seconded by Vice President Murarescu. The motion passes unanimously
- B. Roll Call
- C. Appointment of McKenzie Gamage to Campus Affairs Committee. Vice President McMahon motions to approve and is seconded by Vice President Benoit. The motion passes unanimously
- D. Appointment of Kyle Holcomb to Educational Affairs Committee. Vice President Mueller motions to approve and is seconded by Vice President Murarescu. The motion passes unanimously
- E. Appointment of Noah Roberts to External Relations Committee. Vice President Pagel motions to approve and is seconded by Vice President Murarescu. The motion passes unanimously
- F. Appointment of Justin Frappier to Public Relations Committee. Vice President Fritz motions to approve and is seconded by Senator Nitzkin. The motion passes unanimously

VIII. Officer's Reports

A. Senate Resources - Hannah Benoit

- i. Name tags and placards are in the process of being made - to new Senators, remember to include pronouns on contact sheet so they may be put on the placards
- ii. SRC will meet Tuesdays at 5pm
- iii. Office hours will be tracked September 6th or 7th - the link was sent Tuesday - make sure to be signed up in order to input the hours
- iv. New appointments should talk to Vice President Benoit if they have not already been added to the contact sheet
- v. Interviews will continue after today's General Assembly meeting
- vi. Inservice is September 21st, it starts at 10am

B. Finance - Maddie Samuels

- i. Ignite Training is Sunday, September 8th in the Grand River Room from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and Monday, September 9th at the Seidman College of Business from 6pm-8pm

- a. The Cabinet will be attending Ignite on Sunday, causing the Cabinet meeting to be moved to 7:30pm
- ii. Cultural Funding Board and Appropriations are not yet in session
- iii. Finance Committee meeting will be Friday, September 6th, 2019 at 1:30pm

C. Campus Affairs - Grace McMahon

- i. Food Committee will be Tuesdays at 4pm
- ii. Campus Affairs will meet Tuesday at 4:30pm
- iii. Is planning on having a meeting with Stephen Lipnicki in regards to student living conditions downtown
- iv. Met with Bob Stoll about bringing Elect Her campaign to campus. Currently working on dates and times for the event

D. Educational Affairs - Autumn Mueller

- i. Open Access Symposium will be October 24th from 1:30pm to 4pm in the Library Multipurpose room. Vice President Mueller and President Szczepaniak will be speaking
- ii. Open Access team has completed a survey which is live. Survey is less than a minute long and is open until September 24th. Ipads will be used at the table and volunteers will be needed
- iii. The Eberhardt Center will host a Fall Art Celebration on November 5th at 5pm
- iv. Educational Affairs meets on Mondays at 5:30pm

E. Diversity Affairs - Alex Murarescu

- i. A university wide task force has been made for Food Insecurity which is open to those who are interested. They will soon be releasing a survey about food insecurity on campus

F. External Relations - Joel Pagel

- i. External Relations meets on Wednesdays at 7pm
- ii. A flag will be set up for the 9/11 memorial next Wednesday at 7am
- iii. National Voter Registration Drives will take place on September 23rd on the downtown campus and on September 24th on the Allendale campus
- iv. ERC is working on some philanthropic ideas

G. Public Relations - Ryan Fritz

- i. PRC will meet on Tuesdays at 6 (subject to change)
- ii. Goal is to build social media presence and to involve the community as well as educate them about what Student Senate is and does
- iii. Senate Info Night will happen in late September or early October (subject to change)
- iv. Sat with Lanthorn to put out a statement in regards to Battle of the Valleys. Statement will be finalized within the next day
 - a. Game continues, but the philanthropic events during that week have been canceled. Senate will utilize this time to develop new ideas

- b. Fundraising may still be present, but in smaller quantities
- c. Senators may direct students to the Lanthorn for the Senate's official statement in regards to this decision
- v. There will be a Student Senate panel in the Library multipurpose room on September 25th from 12am to 1pm

IX. Subcommittee Reports

i. Mental Health Awareness Committee

- a. GVSU Wellness fair will be in the Kirkhof main lobby on October 4th from 11am to 2pm
- b. Is looking to open Slack by this weekend
- c. Mental Health Awareness Committee will have first meeting on Monday at 6pm (which may be subject to change)

ii. Sexual Health Awareness Committee

- a. Scheduled to meet on Wednesday at 6pm (subject to change)
- b. Peptalks - a violence prevention program - is scheduled on September 9th at 7pm in Kirkhoff 2299
- c. Interested in getting all senators bias prevention training
- d. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and will have events that the committee would like the Senate to be present for - a calendar will be posted on Slack

X. University Committee Reports

- A. No University committees have met in the last week
- B. List of University committees is listed in '19-'20 Schedule and Contact Sheet with times and vacancies that still need to be filled

XI. New Business

XII. Public Comment - Part II

- A. Harrison Bennett requests clarification on Battle of the Valleys

XIII. Call for Announcements

- A. Hillel hosts a fire Shabbat dinner Friday, September 6th from 6:30 to 9:30 Kirkhof 2262. On September 11th, Hillel hosts Muffins and Mezuzahs from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Niemeyer. Senator Nitzkin requests that any interested party informs him so that they have enough supplies
- B. Senator Jacobs put a sign-up form in Slack for volunteers for National Voter Registration Day (September 24). This even counts as office hours
- C. Vice President Murarescu states that information about the Food Insecurity task force will meet with her after today's meeting.
- D. Senator Russo states that GVSU family weekend is October 4th-6th and specifically mentions a free pancake breakfast on Sunday the 6th from 9am-12pm.

XIV. Adjournment: 5:55pm

- A. President Szczepaniak motions to adjourn and is seconded by Murarescu. The motion passes unanimously

*The following General Assembly meeting will take place on
September 12th in the Pere Marquette room at 4:30pm*