



General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, September 12th, 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:** 4:35pm
 - A. Moment of silence
 - B. Roll call
 - II. **Public Comment - Part I**
 - III. **Five (5) Minutes to Pass Papers**
 - IV. **President's Report**
 - A. Adoption of agenda
 - B. Vice President Fritz motions to amend agenda to include the appointment of Megan Dailey to the Public Relations Committee.
 - i. Vice President Murarescu seconds and the motion passes unanimously
 - C. Executive Vice President Nurmi motions to adopt agenda as amended and is seconded by Senator Nitzkin
 - i. Motion passes unanimously
 - V. **New Business**
 - A. Appointment of Harrison Benet to Finance committee
 - B. Appointment of KC Thornton to Campus Affairs Committee
 - C. Appointment of Naomi Armstrong to Educational Affairs Committee
 - D. Appointment of Juliet Ferreyra to Diversity Affairs Committee
 - E. Appointment of Gillian Garton to Diversity Affairs Committee
 - F. Appointment of Alexis Krichevsky to Diversity Affairs Committee
 - G. Appointment of Tumaini Sango to External Relations Committee
 - H. Appointment of Megan Dailey to Public Relations Committee
 - I. Motion is summoned by Vice President Murarescu and seconded by Vice President Pagel.
 - i. Motion passes with one abstention from Senator Dowker
 - VI. **Strategic Planning Session** with Tamela Spicer
 - A. **What-Why-How Methodology**
 - i. The purpose of being on Student Senate is similar regardless of differences in politics, beliefs, and preferences
 - ii. The "Why" of an organization helps to develop what the legacy should be
 - iii. Strategic framework is less task-oriented and designed to address the future vision of the organization - "If that's what success looks like, how can we get there?"
 - B. **Sticky Note Activity** - Ideas for what the University should look like in the future

- i. Recurring themes from unique ideas: diversity, university recognition, accessibility/affordability, sustainability, inclusion and equity, quality student experience and student resources
- ii. Focus on what it means for the University to be each of those mentioned above and then ask how to achieve it

C. What should Grand Valley look like in 30 years?

- i. An institution where student voices are heard at all levels and remains a place where anyone can obtain a sustainable withstanding education free from barriers, whether they be physical, prejudicial or economic

- ii. A globally prestigious institution that practices innovation and where students are always put first and everyone feels included where the student's needs are addressed and where we prepare students with tools and skills for the rest of their lives

- iii. An academic institution that ensures lifelong success for every individual and benefits both the local and global community

- iv. A leading university (in the state of Michigan) in terms of sustainability, inclusivity, diversity, and accessibility to a grand experience with an expansive curriculum

- v. A university that is not only accessible for everyone, but strives to make the lives of students after college meaningful, productive and fulfilling

- vi. A university that will be represented by diversity, have a suitable education to serve all careers, an inclusive environment to make students feel comfortable and welcomed

- vii. A university that is more student focused and equitable institution through practicing sustainability, accessibility, affordability, inclusion and through supporting students from a multitude of backgrounds and lived experiences

- viii. A university that will have a diverse, engaged, accessible campus that allows and encourages active participation in the community

D. Snapshot - what is the Senate's strengths, opportunities, weaknesses and threats to success?

- i. Note: the University's mission statement is very similar to that created by the Senate
- ii. What is contributing to the weaknesses and what can be changed?
- iii. Good framework takes advantage of strengths and opportunities while minimizing weaknesses and threats.
- iv. Find a balance between culture and structure and strategy

E. Homework

- i. Why was the Grand Valley senate started in the first place? Why is it important to remind the Senate of its original purpose?

ii. Review all the vision statements and figure out what works and what doesn't, what language should be used, etc.

iii. Choose to trust each other and begin to brainstorm what community agreements senators would like in place during time spent together

F. Tamela Spicer may be reached through the Johnson Center for individual chats, phone calls or emails (spicert@gvsu.edu) and will return October 3rd

VII. Calls for New Orders of the Day

VIII. Public Comment - Part II

IX. Calls for Announcements

A. Food Committee starts Tuesday at 5pm in Kirkhof 1142

B. Volunteer sign up for National Voter Registration Day will go on Slack

C. Next MHAC meeting is Monday, September 23rd and is open to new members

D. Be sure to send in Senator Buddies interest form

E. Newly appointed Senators should put their contact information into the Google Drive

F. Inservice is September 21st from 10am to 4pm in a room to be decided. It is mandatory. There is no make-up date yet

G. SAAC meets next week (week of Monday, September 16th) at a time to be decided. Interested parties may join the Slack

H. Those interested in Battle of the Valleys may contact Senator Sanchez-Castillo for information

I. CAC changed meeting time to 6pm and will meet at Kirkhof 2242

J. Reminder: check notifications on Slack, emails, etc. and make sure notifications are turned on

X. Adjournment: 6:47pm

A. Motioned by Executive Vice President Nurmi and seconded by Senator Dowker

B. Motion passes with one abstention from Senator Nitzkin

*The following General Assembly Meeting will take place
In the Pere Marquette room on September 19th at 4:30pm*