



General Assembly

Thursday, September 19th, 2019 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Eric-John Szczepaniak

Parliamentarian: Hannah Benoit

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- I. Call Meeting to Order : 4:31pm
 - A. Moment of Silence
 - B. Roll Call
 - II. Public Comment - Part I
 - III. Guest Speakers - GVPD Chief Brandon DeHaan, Sgt. William O'Donnell and Thomas Quaine
 - A. Chief Brandon DeHaan - A brief overview of the department's achievements from the last year
 - i. Increased dispatcher count (2 per shift)
 - ii. Hired additional dispatcher who works part time
 - iii. Added officer to Grand Rapids campus (augmented with the GR police, can dispatch to Allendale campus)
 - iv. Put together police department in a different location on GR campus - 609 Watson (parking services will be kept at Eberhardt location)
 - v. Nearly halfway finished with campus safety program to put up security cameras
 - a. University funded 1400 cameras on Allendale and GR campus
 - b. Student dispatchers created a grant to help offset the costs of this project
 - vi. GVPD is working to receive CALEA accreditation which will take 2-3 years
 - B. Bill O'Donnell - Further Updates
 - i. Update lockdown devices - lockable mechanisms have been added to classrooms; exterior doors have now been added to lockdowns
 - ii. New emergency preparedness seminars are available, namely Stop the Bleed
 - a. Bleeding control kits have now been added to AEDs (2 per kit)
 - iii. Final touches are being added to an active shooter video specific to Grand Valley
 - iv. GVSU alert system - through working with MyBanner, 86% of students are now signed up to receive text alerts (the alert system's fastest method)
 - C. Thomas Quaine - Laker Guardian
 - i. Laker Guardian app - features of the app include a social timer and the app is available on and off campus
 - ii. In order to discuss how Senate can become involved (advertise Laker Guardian app to RAS, other programs) speak with Thomas Quaine
 - D. Chief DeHann's responses to questions from the Senate

- i. In regards to vaping, GVPD expects the student body to adhere to the same rules that apply to smoking. Furthermore, it is waiting for future developments, specifically to see if it becomes a national conversation and to see what the health and medical organizations have to say
- ii. In regards to body cameras, the GVPD is open to the exploration of the use of body cameras if it becomes a concern of the student body
- iii. In regards to working with off-campus housing, the GVPD has monthly off-campus landlord meetings and while the local sheriff's office deals with off-campus housing, GVPD may step in at the request of the sheriff.

IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass Papers

- A. Senator DeBerry passes a paper with time suggestions for MHAC

V. President's Report

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- i. Senator Dowker motions to move line items ABC to above discussion and is seconded by Vice President Pagel.

- ii. The motion passes unanimously

- B. Appointment of Eric Siegrist to Finance Committee - motion to approve by Vice President Samuels and seconded by Vice President Fritz. The motion passes unanimously

- C. Appointment of Love Sparks to Campus Affairs Committee - motion to approve by Vice President McMahon and seconded by Vice President Fritz. The motion passes unanimously

- D. Appointment of Clay Plachta to Diversity Affairs Committee - motion to approve by Vice President Fritz and seconded by Senator Hicks. The motion passes unanimously

E. Discussion on Resolution F-19-01: SJR E, Whitmer, BoT

- i. Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs from the Office of the Provost, Ed Aboufadel speaks in regards to the University's side

- a. Concludes that the University would like more precision in terms of the desired outcome

- ii. President Szczepaniak presents the resolution and its timeline of creation

- iii. Associate Vice President Aboufadel and President Szczepaniak answer questions from the Senate

- a. The Letter from Mary Cramer was placed in the police report and will be put in the google drive for easier access

- b. Next steps for the resolution are to send it to Michigan legislatures with the ultimate goal of it becoming an amendment to the state constitution; sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, who appoints trustees; and send it to President Mantella and the Board of Trustees as well as all other governing boards of other Michigan schools

- c. If the resolution passes, the Board of Trustees will be able to have "informal sessions" but not closed meetings

- d. President Szczepaniak does not believe the Senate should back down from their original demands - alternatively, that the precision of the new resolution should

not be limited to a single specific request (ex. That the Senate only asks the Board to mirror the Student Senate's public comment section)

- e. President Szczepaniak's urgency stems from the process of asking the Board to adhere to the Open Meetings Act having already reached its second year as well as that the Michigan senate is poised to pass legislature already
- f. Vice President Fritz voices concerns with the resolution and suggests there are more active ways to pursue the ultimate goal

VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Minutes stand approved
- B. Nominations for Executive Vice President
 - i. Vice President McMahon motions to nominate senator Dowker, McMahon, seconded by Vice President Murarescu. Senator Dowker accepts nomination
 - ii. Senator DeBerry motions to nominate Vice President Fritz, seconded by Vice President Mueller. Vice President Fritz declines nomination
 - iii. Senator Bennett motions to nominate Senator Sanchez-Castillo and is seconded by Senator Russo. Senator Sanchez-Castillo accepts nomination
- C. Vice President Murarescu motions to take roll after EVP nominations. Motion is seconded by Vice President Pagel and passes with abstentions from Senators Nitzkin, DeBerry and Przekop

VII. Officer Reports

- A. Senate Resources - Hannah Benoit
 - i. Acting senators will be sworn in following this meeting as well as be asked to fill in their information on the contact sheet
 - ii. Inservice is this Saturday, September 21st from 10am to 4pm in Kirkhof 2270. Most of the content will also be added to the google drive. There is no dress code
 - iii. Office hours are due tonight
 - iv. Everyone should be in Slack or the google drive by now, anyone who is not is asked to text or email Vice President Benoit or their own Vice presidents
- B. Finance - Maddie Samuels
 - i. First Appropriations and Cultural funding Board takes place tomorrow (Friday, September 20th) at 1pm for CFB and 1:30pm for Appropriations
 - ii. OSL asks that Senate respects the internal operating budget when discussing funding
- C. Campus Affairs - Grace McMahon
 - i. Next Food Committee meeting is in early October
 - ii. Is meeting with President Szczepaniak tomorrow (Friday, September 20th) to discuss Elect Her which will occur in late November
 - iii. Reminds the Senate body to take care of mental and physical health
- D. Educational Affairs - Autumn Mueller
 - i. Will meet tomorrow (Friday, September 20th) with President Szczepaniak and Felix for updates about Open Access Week and open educational resources
 - ii. Open Textbook Network will visit on October 22nd from 3:15pm to 4:15pm for a section for student related engagement. This is available for the senate body to attend, but they must RSVP through Vice President Mueller.

- iii. Tabling for the University Library survey will take place this week
 - iv. Has begun to work on pluggers and catering
 - v. Takes a moment for all senators in the room to take the University Libraries Survey which is located on the Student Senate Facebook page, instagram, slack, etc.
- E. Diversity Affairs - Alex Murarescu
 - i. DAC will meet in Holten-Hooker on the second floor in the academic wing
 - ii. Dean Rullman has sent out a survey which the Food Insecurity task force will pull information from
- F. External Relations - Joel Pagel
 - i. National Voter Registration day activities will begin Tuesday of next week. Michigan Secretary of State will be on the Allendale campus around 12am/1pm to register people; on Monday, she will be on the downtown campus to also register people
 - ii. A sign-up sheet to volunteer for National Voter Registration Day will be placed in the Slack (spots remain open for Tuesday in Allendale)
 - iii. Updates and edits will be made to the website - Vice President Pagel is open to further recommendations
- G. Public Relations - Ryan Fritz
 - i. Is looking for a time to schedule Stop the Bleed training
 - ii. Still planning Senate Info Night, would appreciate feedback
 - iii. QR codes should be put on fliers from now on
 - iv. Is looking to start cross-committee collaboration and work with others to reach e-board members of other student organizations
 - v. Instagram following has seen a major increase
 - vi. Anyone with events or information may put them on the instagram page
 - vii. Is working on a live Q and A for GA
 - viii. Today's is the first GA that has been live-tweeted
- VIII. Sub-Committee Reports
 - A. SAA
 - i. Met Wednesday, September 18th at 5pm, but the meeting time is not yet confirmed
 - ii. The committee would like to ask for volunteers for their projects such as promoting GVPD safewalk.
 - iii. Those with ideas or projects for increasing campus safety may contact Senator Hicks
 - B. MHAC
 - i. Wellness Fair takes place Wednesday, October 4th (11am-2pm in Kirkhof lobby)
 - ii. Counseling center has depression screening, wellness screening online, etc.
 - iii. Student health collective will be started soon for student health and mental health
 - iv. Has a meeting Monday, September 23rd with Amber from Counseling center to discuss Senate involvement
 - v. Will attend wellness task force with Amy Campbell
 - vi. Exercise is Medicine Walk with the President is at 9:45am prior to the Wellness Fair
 - vii. Following MHAC meeting will be Monday at 6pm is time for MHAC meeting
- IX. University Committee Reports
 - A. Vice President Murarescu - Inclusion and Equity Committee met

- i. Discussed how to connect students interested in the Teach-In with the administration
 - ii. Discussed doing a program with students who have done Teach-Ins before to mentor future students - this can not be implemented this year due to time, so student must be connected individually
 - iii. Vice President Murarescu encourages senators to take host a Teach-In
 - B. Reminder: President Szczepaniak recommends Senators to participate in University Committees. A list of these committees is in the '19-'20 contact sheet with 5-6 spots still open
- X. Unfinished Business
- XI. New Business
 - A. Nominations for Homecoming Regent - voting on two senators to be nominated for homecoming regent and who will be formally nominated next week
 - i. Vice President McMahon nominates Vice President Murarescu who accepts the nomination
 - ii. Vice President Mueller nominates Vice President Pagel who accepts the nomination
 - iii. Vice President Fritz nominates Senator DeBerry who accepts the nomination
 - iv. Vice President Samuels nominates Senator Sanchez-Castillo who accepts the nomination
- XII. CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY
 - A. Senator Marlow, interested in proposing sustainability sub-committee, polls those who support it
- XIII. Public Comment - Part II
- XIV. Call for Announcements
 - A. Senator Jacobs encourages volunteers for Voter Registration Day and for help chalking the campus on Sunday, September 22nd
 - B. Senator Nitzkin offers Hillel's Shabbat dinner on Friday, September 20th
 - C. Senator Love asks all senators to attend that day's Senate Movie Night which starts at 9:30pm
 - D. Vice President Mueller asks those interested in the creation of new majors and minors to speak with her
 - E. Senator Sanchez-Castillo asks those who are interested in the Food Insecurity task force or Replenish to speak with him
 - F. President Szczepaniak was appointed to the Secretary of State Collegiate Student Advisor task force whose first meeting will be held Friday, September 27th
- XV. Adjournment 6:55pm
 - A. Motion to adjourn by Vice President Murarescu and seconded by Vice President Pagel
 - B. Motion passes unanimously