



# General Assembly

Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

*Chair: Rachel Jenkin*

*Parliamentarian: Morgan Mattler*

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## I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm

- a. Moment of Silence
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

## II. Guest Speakers

### a. Bobby Springer, MLK Week

- i. Have been at GVSU for over 18 years, MLK has been one of my responsibilities for many years. First part of my year, I read “Where do we go from here” the title for the week we used last year. This year we are doing “Break the silence”. Focus on what is your life’s blue print? Will you speak up? When it comes to difficult decision will you step up to make those hard decisions/actions? I challenge you to challenge the study body that MLK day is not a day off, but a day on, to get involved to celebrate and attend some events. This will be the 7<sup>th</sup> day in a row where classes will not occur so that students can attend some of the events.
- ii. We kick things off that Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Dr David Stovall is one of our keynote speakers. A professor of African American studies, and criminology, law and justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Stovall studies the influence of race in urban education, community development, and housing. His work investigates the significance of race in the quality of schools located in communities that are changing both racially and economically. He is the author of Born out of Struggle! Critical Race Theory, School Creation, and the Politics of Interruption, and a co-author of two other books, numerous articles and book chapters.
- iii. The other keynote speaker is Shannon Cohen. A GVSU alumna, Cohen is the founder and principal of Shannon Cohen, Inc., a boutique firm specializing in providing emotional health strategies to leaders and difference makers. Cohen has designed and led leadership sessions for Amway, City of Grand Rapids, Mercantile Bank, GVSU, Kids’ Food Basket, and many more organizations and corporations. She is a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Leadership Network Fellow, co-founder of Sisters Who Lead, and the author of Tough Skin, Soft Heart: A Leadership Guide for Growing Stronger, Better, and Wiser.
- iv. Dr. King did graduate from high school at the age of 15 and received his undergraduate at the age of 18 if memory serves me correct. He was 26 when he received his Doctorate degree. When he received his PHD, it was considered amazing due to the time he lived. “I have decided to stick with love, hate is too great of a burden to bear.” Dr. King
- v. Senator Bialowas: All events of MLK events on the GVSU homepage?

- vi. Yes. Gvsu.edu/MLK is also where you can find information.
- b. Len O’Kelly, Student Media at GVSU
  - i. Associate director of schools of communication. I spent 32 years in broadcasting, all over the place.
  - ii. I am a product of college radio; it leads me on my career path. Chair of college media broadcast media for the united states. Talk about best practices and how to give students tools to succeed in it.
  - iii. First job on campus I was media advisor for the Whale Radio. Also did 7 years advising GVTV.
  - iv. Student media is one of the best investments that student senate makes with their funds.
  - v. Lanthorn does great news, whale provides entertainment as well. It gives students more of a voice. Proud in my time here, our student groups for media is some of the most diverse in my opinion. It prepares students for careers.
  - vi. It is not just a student club; it can help lead them into jobs. Students that come back and contribute are those who had a meaningful time and experience here. College media can be a life long prospect. The Whale radio turns 50 this year.
  - vii. One thing that I want to call to our attention, it has to do to funding. Media funds is something we try to not use as restriction. In the state we are ranked 14/15 for student media funding. The money we do spend for our student media money well spent. We will always make the best for what we have. I would love to see us to get back on the FM dial some day, I would like to see our campus TV get off campus, only available in dorms. Want to see the paper go more digital, plans for that are in place.
  - viii. President Jenkin: Do you see funding for student media growing each year or has it been stagnant.
  - ix. Senate has been gracious last year, increased last year, but still we need to be more creative for funding ideas. Other universities charge students out right for their student media outlets. We have considered doing that but have not done that.

### III. Public Comment – Part I

- a. Lauren Silver: University Wisconsin Madison student, here to talk about dating violence. Main reason I volunteer a lot of my time talking at center for dating violence. ¼ women and 1.7 men around college age suffer from dating violence. Lots of resources for sexual assault instances but not as many for dating violence. I brought together the supervisor of violence center and someone from my universities to make a curriculum, we have a grant that helps fund it. I have data that shows this program and workshops help so I would like to help spread it to GVSU. I am also looking for a liaison for this campus

through this program I have helped started. Ball is in your court to help make a difference.

#### IV. **Five (5) Minutes to Pass Papers**

- a. VP Ibarra: MLK event information linked in my report, I can also message it to you. Also sign up for Drag Club event on February 16. Looking for help fro setup. Cage Event as well for Kpop for education on Japanese culture. More details to come.
- b. VP Qureshi: Campus life night, more in report. Other is senate info night, Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, more ice cream social.
- c. EVP Mattler: Not returning to the body and helping out with the election commissions process. They plan election timeline, the system for voting, and assist in week of elections, etc.

#### V. **President's Report**

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Approved
- b. Attended MLK week, go to as many events as you can, we are helping fund some t-shirts. Events are always very cool.
- c. Commencement speech was amazing; first time a student spoke at it. excited to see who does it on April.
- d. Its on Us, for title IX changes, protest at 4:30pm January 16<sup>th</sup>. Help take our statement to next level.
- e. Universities committees, if you cannot sit on it, let people know and fill it. Most moved downtown. Let me know if you want to sit on one.
- f. Professors are not notified when a student drops a class. Wanting to see how we can organize it better, project idea.
- g. President Haas and me decided the President Ball President's Award.
- h. Provost and dean of students for board of trustees. Proposed plan for February meeting or April meeting fro having a student seat.
- i. Department of education title IX changes comment will be submitting soon based on the resolution we passed. Have till January 28<sup>th</sup> for submitting comment.
- j. Tuesday, IFC meeting, talking about being involved in protest fro title IX changes. Also talked about hopefully bringing in Brenda Tracy fro alcohol and drug abuse speech she does. Or we could do some sort of student lead campaign.
- k. Matt Shaltz next week where so we can talk about land recognition.

#### VI. **Vice President's Report**

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Approved

- b. Weekly email, doodle poll was sent out for CTF. CTF first meeting is Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Time TBD. Constitution first, then 2 meeting on bylaws, then SRC policies and procedures, final meeting is an overview. Then it sits on the body for 3 weeks.
- c. President's ball tickets are going on sale soon.
- d. Promotions office is making composite photos.
- e. Focus Groups project, Bernal connected me with someone who can help me organize it for how to better reach out to minority students.
- f. T-Haas farewell, working on resolution, promotions office wants to do mural of selfies, April 19<sup>th</sup> is the farewell event. Want to help let me know or senator Swatatski.
- g. Downtown GA February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm on Seidman Forum.
- h. Elections timeline is being worked on with promotions.
- i. If anyone wants to help with downtown night walk and off campus night walk, personally do not have time to organize and plan, so someone else can help with it.

## VII. **Officer Reports**

### a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva

- i. New semester does clear attendance, keep up with office hours.
- ii. 6 open seats on body, apply and we will fill body asap.
- iii. New roles assigned for SRC.
- iv. Welcome to Senator Kolc onto SRC, who will take attendance.
- v. SRC is helping take over Alumni dinner and LinkedIn account.
- vi. UAC seat open, Monday form 3-5. Every other week.
- vii. In-service, date was predetermined, discussion.
  - (1) Senator Hicks, women's march is during in-service
  - (2) Senator Bialowas- think we should move to February so that we can let new senators go to it.
  - (3) VP Neva: reason why is I want us to all agree on a date we could make, allow more newly appointed date. January 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, or February 2<sup>nd</sup> possibilities.
  - (4) During 26<sup>th</sup>, during an MLK event.
  - (5) Senator Szcapaniak: Offering make up times for in-service.
  - (6) Senator Nurmi: maybe late afternoon early evening maybe more people could go to?
  - (7) President Jenkin: Sounds like a doodle poll is needed. Idea during cabinet that newer senators would come for first part and veteran senators would come for part two.
  - (8) Senator Bialowas: send SRC ideas.

**b. Finance** – Amanda Crawford

- i. Budget update, lots of recent funds approved, so if planning an event that needs funds look at budget.
- ii. Kirkhof 2201 on Fridays for appropriations and cultural funding board. Looking for new non senators to sit on.
- iii. Senate funded events, new year festival, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-9pm in grand river room. Drag Show on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 in field house.
- iv. If cannot come to appropriations but want to get credit for attending one talk to me.

**c. Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler

- i. CAC has lots of projects going on. Read CAC report for each senator's project(s). Pray Room in Kirkhof, 2020 desk project, meeting with counseling center for QPR center, MHAC every other Tuesday, sustainability initiatives, Business School Dean for professionalism course 1 credit idea, solar powered lights at cross walks, March is women's month, just some projects to name a few
- ii. MyGV app features talk with GVPD, like an integrated Map, soon.
- iii. SORB Student Organization review board, need a senator to sit on it.

**d. Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh

- i. Last Lecture funding was approved; presenters/professors have been chosen.
- ii. University Committees' Academic policies standard committee, Faculty advising committee, University curriculum committee. If you want to sit on it let me know.
- iii. SAAC Tuesday 6pm in senate office. Working on valentine's day events. Love me Love me not cards.
- iv. EAC Tuesday at 8pm.
- v. ASL research this semester for me as well. GR area research is out. Library and advising center as well.

**e. Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra

- i. Funding for MLK events, senate only t-shirts funders. They are very grateful.
- ii. Valentines day events, build relationship with women's center.
- iii. Book club has 2 chapters left. Interest in continuing, let me know.
- iv. Asian new year festival, make sure you go if you can.

**f. External Relations** – Cameron Jones

- i. Interest in state funding committee, talk to VanDeale and Thompson. Talk to Marsman for sustainably projects.

- ii. Experiencing Gr website, getting in touch with them on how they should include GVSU events. Help draw folks onto GVSU campus.
- iii. 1 on 1s with committee soon.
- iv. VP McIntosh: use senate google calendar for some events for experience GR.
- v. President Jenkin: Explore GR website, great way to continue to get GV name out there.

g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi

- i. Senate Swag, will arrive around the 18<sup>th</sup>. Senate Swag will happen again if you missed out. Let me know about issues with website ASAP.
- ii. Camus Life Night, 5:30-8:30, giving away mystery bags. PRC giveaway will be happening as well.
- iii. Senator Info night, 15<sup>th</sup> of January in Niemeyer at 6pm.
- iv. PRC members are doing 2 projects in two weeks, that is each person does 2 projects.
- v. Follow all senate social media accounts
- vi. If you spent your day in a well, can you say your day was well spent?

VIII. **Call for University Committee Reports**

- a. Senator Schaffer: Allendale meeting, talked about to increase transportation in Allendale. Also faculty heard about night walk, how it went well, the Laker line changes, ERC will hear about it in their meeting.
- b. VP McIntosh: Kirkhof building renovation meeting: saw other student universities changes on how they changed their student buildings.
- c. VP Ibarra: Equity and inclusion, talked about bias reporting, accessibility for professor documents (professors are not told if their documents are not accessible).

IX. **Unfinished Business**

X. **New Business**

- a. Housing policy change vote on statement of support
  - i. Statement:
    - (1) The Grand Valley State University Student Senate supports changing section 13 of the Grand Valley State University housing contract. The current language of section 13 of the Grand Valley housing contract states that “The University reserves the right to enter living spaces without notice as allowed by law.” This language is confusing to students and could potentially violate the Fourth Amendment if misconstrued or misinterpreted, and this allows for possible violations of student privacy. Many students are unaware that their Constitutional right guarantees them the same privacy in their on-campus housing units as their own permanent address. Other public universities in the state of Michigan have language in their housing

contracts that states that the entry of dorms without notice is allowed only in cases of emergency. We recommend that the language of section 13 of the Grand Valley State University housing contract be changed to **“The University reserves the right to enter living spaces after notice for the purpose of inspection, verification of occupancy, safety, health, maintenance, or in the event there is evidence of violations of University rules and regulations. The University reserves the right to enter living spaces without notice solely in the case of an emergency.”** Changing the language of section 13 of the Grand Valley State University housing contract will give more clarity to students about when the University staff is allowed to enter their dorms and will prevent possible violations of the Fourth Amendment and student privacy. The Grand Valley State University Student Senate supports changing section 13 of the Grand Valley State University housing contract representing the student body.

- ii. Senator Schaffer: Hall and Beniott wrote this, the current housing contract says that they can enter university housing without notice. Wording is open to interpretation. We would like to see that it says they will only enter in case of emergency. Adam Tate willing to change it after some sort of support from student senate. Also they wanted student support before going to legal to make wording changes. Changes consistent to wording of other university policy standards.
- iii. Legal will be looking at wording so look at implementation.
- iv. McIntosh: Is student housing contract available to students before they sign contract (yes).
- v. Voting:
  - (1) Yay for supports have majority.

**b. CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- i. Senator Nurmi: have someone from senate go to RHA meetings, I cannot go due to class, but it could help better relationship. project related to housing, let me know so we can get all these ideas focused under the same umbrella.
- ii. Senator Sanchez-Castillo: Crossing guards in my opinion are inefficient and I would like for them to have some sort of review of their training or review of their compliance/efforts.

**XI. Public Comment – Part II**

**XII. Call for Announcements**

- a. Senator Marsman: Tuesday 5pm senate office for sustainability talks
- b. Senator Hicks: every one one senate needs to follow GA social media. This will help better reach out to student body



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- c. Senator Nurmi: Wednesday at 3:30, wealthy theater, next week for color of law, about red lining. Let me know if you want to go. Always the 24<sup>th</sup> January, comedy stand up club.
- d. Senator Drosshart: MHAC (Mental Health Awareness Committee), Tuesday at 6 in senate office. Senate will be QPR trained in next two months, depending on the counseling office availability.
- e. VP Neva: In-Service, fill out doodle poll for time availability.
- f. Senator Szcapaniak: 6pm Wednesday, pride prom planning committee Kirkhof 1147. Reach out to me for information.
- g. EVP Mattler: T-Haas farewell, want to help out in any way, reach out to me or senator Sawatski
- h. President Jenkin: Kirkhof renovations, so building managers are checking spaces for how spaces are used and how often.

**XIII. Adjournment: 6:00pm**