



General Assembly

Thursday, January 17th, 2019 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Rachel Jenkin

Parliamentarian: Morgan Mattler

I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm

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

II. Guest Speakers

- a. Kathryn Remlinger, Peter Wampler, Travus Burton, GVSU Water Initiative
 - i. “Making Waves Initiative”. Here to get input from senate on how we can get other students and senate involved. Get departments, students, faculty involved. Way to connect with outside of GVSU as well. Water is our natural “well” part of GVSU identity. Water is our life force, way to celebrate how GVSU is one of the best Liberal Arts Institutions.
 - ii. Provost initiative, have 75 faculty member already here to help. Having a common theme for everyone to get behind. Provide opportunities for cross disciplinary and geographic boundaries. Resources put towards research as well.
 - iii. Wanting to take complex community issue and put collective thought and efforts behind one thing. Water is important to everyone. Continue to make more connections for those who have a role or interest in water. Let students and faculty connect and network where they usually would not have connected.
 - iv. Let some people tell stories, other gather data, others put initiatives forward. So gathering as many people as we can so we have a pool of people for each person to fill a role.
 - v. Dr. Remlinger has been at GVSU for more than 24 years. Teaches a lot of identity, research in the UP. Identity is fluid, as is water. Looking at water metaphorically, be able to show our care and passion in Liberal education. This can be a great interdisciplinary project to connect people who have never talked before.
 - vi. Dr. Peter does lots of research on things like water run-off. Excited for establishing new relationships.
 - vii. How water impacts us, for example, the Shakespeare Festival, his work revolves a lot around water. So it can connect with things we already do but add another educational piece and characteristics of GVSU. Or Food Footprint, so if you eat a bowl of broccoli, how much water did it take to make it. Bring in students and faculty to do that research and make it readily available.
 - viii. 10 teams have been established, but we have left a spot open for a student team to help contribute. Each team has a list or goal that they will reach out to accomplish. So things like Marketing and Promotion, off campus out reach, curriculum integration, funding with grand support, research and student creative products, colloquia and

outside speakers on campus. Love to hear ideas for student teams or other groups you might want to see apart of this initiative.

- ix. Provost wants to see students involved first, as this is important to all on GVSU's campus.
- x. Senator Marsman: Senate has subcommittee for sustainability, on campus projects, large or small scale
- xi. Both, sky is the limit, 2-year initiative. "Big Splash" will be in the fall for the kick off.
- xii. Senator Hicks: Public relations committee, covers 3 of the tasks you want to cover. Willing to help in any of those three in a matter you want us to do. Like help with designing fliers, help be the "story telling" in some of the groups. Also thinking integrating student son existing teams is a great way to get them involved. Splitting up groups might make things messy, as student experiences can already fall into some of the groups.
- xiii. VP Jones: Most important to engage students in through curriculum integration. Incentives on water issues for papers or research in the classroom could be vital.
- xiv. Senator Kolc: Program, if participation goes well, get a certification or a minor of some sort? Also looking into framing like the civil discourse empossium?
- xv. Initiative with a certification or minor probably not, maybe a badge, would be a good resume builder though. Will see how we can help frame it like the civil discourse impossium. Currently civil discourse impossium is on climate change so great time to partner with that program.
- xvi. Senator Drosshart: Concern of how you have 10 different silos, some teams could merge into one team, help prevent the silo effect.
- xvii. We will have "floaters" that will bounce between teams who will share their expertise with different teams to help prevent the silo effect occurring. Teams are still subject to change. Collaboration and interaction between groups is a goal of the teams
- xviii. Senator Hall: Talk to design thinking classes in helping shape the process? (yes) Great way of getting students involved.
- xix. VP Crawford: Community engagement, off campus, thinking of working with elementary schools, as biggest impact is when they are in elementary schools.
- xx. VP McIntosh: Ideas on reaching out to other local colleges, as this is an Ottawa county and Michigan issue?
- xxi. Connect with those who are already doing the research, so bring them in if they are already doing some sort of professional work if already doing this kind of work.

- xxii. Senator Schaffer: Working over the summer (yes), and as a third year student, offering students to participate in the research?
- xxiii. A faculty member who is doing the research would have to invite them to help in their research.
- xxiv. Senator Szecepaniak: West Michigan Environmental Council, connecting with them since a previous senator is employed there. Help promote the river clean up day, Mayors would appreciate it, have them shout out GVSU for our volunteers.
- xxv. Senator Vincke: GV course focused on Michigan great lakes, add more sections of that as an idea. They do some field trips to the lakes. Coordinate beach clean ups as an idea as well.
- xxvi. Senator DeKoekkoek: Ways to get involved in curriculum, get some of these events as LIB 101 approved, so you don't have to overhaul a ton of courses since some courses already require it.
- xxvii. President Jenkin: Housing does energy competition. Include water usage. Maybe some sort of water scholarship. Also maybe shift the BOV charity initiative towards a water initiative. Add rain barrels around campus to feed into gardens. Other organizations, like alternative breaks could help out as well. Maybe in creation of freshman seminar to be created again, add portion on education on water.
- xxviii. Water Initiative is doing a logo design competition.
- xxix. Bob: Come back with follow up with processes on how to tackle your ideas in the next couple of years.
- xxx. President Jenkin: In committee meetings, nail down what we want to focus on.

III. **Public Comment – Part I**

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

- McIntosh: Last lecture sign up for tabling.
- President Ball for senators to sit together sign up.

V. **President's Report**

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
 - i. Move X lines b,c,d above officer reports.
- b. Thank you for everyone who came out to title IX protest, was in newspaper and had some administrators show up. University is submitting a comment as well for the changes
- c. Greek Life Board meeting, will be attending next week. Talks about guest speaker about initiative against sexual assault.

- d. February Meeting for board of trustees, will be speaking for student concerns. Mentioning tutition and sexual assault. Let me know of other things you want to have me say.
- e. Health and Wellness task force, went over school statistics who how many students use alcohol and drugs, sexually active. I put the stats in the president folder on the team drive. Looking at how we can reduce certain numbers like under age drinking.
- f. Lyft data for class survey. Lyft committee goes over how to take data and make better classroom environments. Data does not include demographics. In the team drive.
- g. Matt Shaltz, talked about land Acknowledgement. Looking to draft something up for CTF to add some way of doing land acknowledgment. Also work on something to bring to ECS and have something said at commencement is another goal.
- h. Resolutions from senators. Keep in mind they are “last straw” when every avenue for doing a project had not been filled. Talk to your VP if your resolution idea is needed.
- i. Make sure you do not open the suggestion box, only myself and EVP Mattler can open the suggestion box.
- j. Cabinet will still be meeting on Monday.

VI. Vice President’s Report

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Approved
- b. Conducting 1 on 1s with VPs.
- c. Senate office at 2pm this Sunday fro first CTF
- d. T-Haas Project, talk to myself or senator Sawatzki if interested.
- e. Buy a president ball ticket soon before they are gone.

VII. New Business

- a. Appointment of Ryan Fritz to the Public Relations Committee
 - i. Senator Bialowas: Was in his high school’s student senate, leader of his golf team. Looking forward to growing his personal and professional skills for communicating to the students and administration.
 - ii. Vote: All Yay
- b. Appointment of Jackson Wierenga to the Campus Affairs Committee
 - i. Senator Bialowas: Extensive history in part of the US history. Leader of his company during training program. Class president in his group for the US army. Looking to become more of a leader in the student body. Looking to bring his travel and military experience to benefit the senate body.
 - ii. Vote: All yay
- c. Appointment of Nikki Macklin

- i. Senator Bialowas: President of Black Student Union. Owns a business, also an RA. Looking to expand leadership beyond black student union. Promote more unity within social justice centers at GVSU and make it more inclusive and united.

- ii. Vote: All yay

VIII. Officer Reports

a. Senate Resources – Holly Neva

- i. See committee report for full report.
- ii. In-service, the date will be moved to February 2nd, from 12pm-5pm. Conflicts, reach out to me. Professional development, bonding, etc.

b. Finance – Amanda Crawford

- i. Working on presentation for Ignite for registered student organizations
- ii. Senator DeBerry has been a hard working senator all year, shout out to him.

c. Campus Affairs – Carter Engler

- i. Welcome to new senator Elect Wierenga.
- ii. Senator Sawatzki: T-Haas send off project, ideas for things we could do.
 - (1) Date is on April, Friday 3-5. Will be like a pep rally, working with traditions team since it is also during Laker palooza. Compiling list for who to invite. Fireworks, cake, etc.
 - (2) President Jenkin: Also working with alumni and promotions office, working on mural selfie. Promotions office will be making a log in website for collecting website of all past selfies. Last meeting in April we will be passing a resolution in his honor for his legacy.
 - (3) VP Ibarra: Invite his family and grand children since he values his family so much.
 - (4) VP Jones: Remember to keep Marsha as well.
 - (5) VP Carter: Able to contact those who he served with in the Coast Guard.
 - (6) VP McIntosh: Stickers of T-Haas, Marhsa, and their dog “Laker”.
 - (7) Senator Marsman: Include those who he has worked with state and nation wide.
 - (8) President Jenkin: Think big.
 - (9) VP Neva: He has a large collection of light house paintings. Maybe get him something, work with art department.

d. Educational Affairs – Erin McIntosh

- i. Student government conference, February 16th, reach out to VP with a paragraph of interest if you want to go.

- ii. Neal Buckwalter, Joel W. are the Last Lecture professors.
- iii. Still 3 spots open for university committee.
- iv. MHAS and SAAC will be having joint meeting this coming Tuesday.
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
 - i. MLK next week, link in committee report. Be active in MLK’s work.
 - ii. Pride Prom, questions or be involved, talk to senator Dowker. April 5th, Grand River room from 5-10pm.
- f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones
 - i. Shout out to committee for taking time to one on ones
 - ii. Senator Marsman leading sustainability sub committee 25th at 5 in senate office for next meeting, VanDeale and Thompson for state funding, Tuesday 22nd at 3pm. Housing work get in touch with senator Nurmi. If you want to be involved but cannot make the meeting for a subcommittee, someone might take minutes at each meeting.
- g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi
 - i. Congrats to the new senator elects.
 - ii. No report due t changes in committee report.
 - iii. CLN, all mystery bags were given away.
 - iv. 94 people signed up onto senate email list.
 - v. Senate info night, almost all ice cream and sherbet was eaten. Thank you to those who came out and helped.
 - vi. 2 projects in 2 weeks from each committee member from prc still going.
 - vii. Senator Benoit, shout out for all the work she is taking on.
- IX. **Call for University Committee Reports**
 - a. Open education resources task force: they are getting things together for end of the year report. Sent them survey data from first round of OREs
 - b. Faculty planning advisory: 1300 or 1400 camera installing for forensics purposes, promotion of RaveGaurdian app, talks of downtown and off campus housing.
 - c. University assessment: teachers and programs put together review of their course, they assess the reviews, making sure they go through right progress and make suggestions for improvements. Debating on doing office hours, higher learning commissions review approved their reviewing process. General assessment for upcoming and new programs is being developed. Monday 3-5 for meeting days. Need a student for disciplinary team.
 - d. Equity and inclusion: teach in data from the past, how to use it in future years, different departments across campus doing inclusion practices. Also looking around to see if the art in spaces is inclusive.

- e. Associate dean of students search: conclusion is dean decided to close search and divert funds to other student needs, like health and wellness. Will hope lower budget for dean of students office and help target student needs.
 - i. Senator Kolc: Are the rules of the position transition to other roles?
 - ii. VP Jones: I don't have an answer but I will get back to you with an answer.
 - iii. Senator Bialowas: Noticed that cigarette receptacles are disappearing.
 - (1) President Jenkin: Facilities decided a couple of years ago that they were going to remove some.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

a. Slack Presentation

- i. VP Jones: It is a work space app. Communication app to talk and work together. Senate has many different avenues to communicate, so having slack brings all those channels under one roof. Help bring topics into one home and let people participate in what channels they want to be part of. Why I think the change is needed? The facebook page does not always get the views of all senators. Milk. Slack puts you in control in what you want to see. Puts everything in one place. Helps streamline communication. It can do everything that GroupMe can do, but better in my opinion.
- ii. Senator Vincke: Something we are planning on bringing to senate? (Cam would like to bring it, but wants to hear other people if they want to try out) Office of student life uses it and it is very helpful. Very awesome tool
- iii. VP McIntosh: Can we use gifs in slack (yes).
- iv. Senator Bialowas: How does this work with google calendar (There is google calendar and google calendar integration).
- v. Senator Thompson: is there financial cost? (free service plan is available)
- vi. President Jenkin: can you see who has viewed (no) and why should they use this more than other forms of communication or engagement.
- vii. VP Jones: Not everyone checks facebook everyday or as much. This would be our senator App. It is silo'ed to your interest. It is Opt-in into your interests.
- viii. Senator Kolc: Used Slack last year, concern I had was sometimes I didn't didn't get notifications. Can I mute certain channels?
- ix. VP Jones: You can mute or leave certain channels.
- x. Senator Schaffer: Sometimes facebook's view counter is bugged
- xi. Senator Nitzkin: can you like messages or make polls (yes and can leave emoji replies). On all different phones (yes, have a smart phone, you can use it).

- xii. VP Qureshi: like it, concern is that we have tow channels right now, worry about people posting the same thing in multiple chats.
- xiii. Senator Nurmi: love that you can use it on a personal computer as well.
- xiv. Senator Hall: Like it, concern with muting. A project has stuff happen and people go back and forth with conversation, so be in a chat and able to mute it at the same time (yes). Make certain channels too not optional.
- xv. President Jenkin: Next GA maybe we can vote on trying to use and what channels to have. Have

b. CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY

XII. Public Comment – Part II

- a. Bob: Those looking for summer employment, student orientation application open, MLK is a day on go to some of the events, presidents' ball is to help make sure students have a safe experience so encourage culture to be formal, Slack I know my office loves it, water initiative is an exciting opportunity so think about how original classroom buildings are named after great lakes. GVSU has lots of ties to water and water history. We have an impact and a great laker effect.

XIII. Call for Announcements

- a. VP Ibarra: Book Club, final meeting this Sunday. Also introducing David Stoval at his keynote.
- b. VP McIntosh: water initiative people, please do not bombard them with emails. Will be giving them a consolidation. West Michigan Environmental Council, Link in my report to their event at end of February.
- c. Senator Drosshart: MHAC, next meeting will happen with SAAC due to recent weather. Question about MHAC, we are de-mystifying counseling center with questions and answers. Things they can improve on and things that are not true.
- d. VP Neva: events, make sure to use senate google calendar. Also still doing senator of the month so submit nominations. Also CTF this Sunday at 2. Also if you know of a good cheap car let me know.
- e. Senator Kolc: Office hours, I send emails out with link with office hour submission form.
- f. VP Qureshi: Each committee member is planning a day for senate info week. Ideas you want to see reach out to PRC.
- g. President Jenkin: Link in facebook page for volunteering at presidents' ball and get a free dance ticket. You buy the ticket first and then are reimbursed after volunteering.

XIV. Adjournment: 6:41pm