



General Assembly

Thursday, January 24th, 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. Matt McLogan, VP of University Relations
 - i. Here to take any questions and talk about updates.
 - ii. First thing is we just appointed a new president for the university. 17 people from the GVSU community helped. Dr. Mantella will start July 1st. She believes in the campus and what it starts. President Haas will retire June 30th. Lots of upcoming opportunities to thank him for his service to the university.
 - iii. New Governor for the State of Michigan, Big change in who controls the executive office, in terms of party changes, House and Senate still in control of Republican party and executive in control by Democratic. 51 out of 110 of house members are new members. One thing that is not really one of their higher interests in higher education. We need to continue to make pushes to make it an interest February 14th president Haas will be going to Lansing to speak on state funding.
 - iv. Senator Nurmi: National scale there are still ties to education, plans on GVSU how if they want to make ties with Michigan federal members.
 - v. Early February I will be in Washington to just to that, talk grants and loans.
 - vi. Senator Thompson: Messaging for how the senate state funding committee, how it might stick better if we do a campaign to make it personal for how better funding for higher education.
 - vii. Ferris is higher up for amount of funding. GVSU is one of the lowest with Oakland. Higher education is not seen as part of current legislature plans. Coming from the students it has the most voice. After new governor puts out budget in March, I suggest that is when students should speak to legislators in Lansing so you have all the facts and data you need.
 - viii. Senator VanDeale: Prop 1 being passed, corrections may not need as much money in the future, could it be shifted to higher education?
 - ix. Probably not, when the state did close a prison, the funds went into roads. When I started here at GVSU, state could fund 2/3 of the higher education needs, now it is around 15% that funds the university. States with the most college graduates are the wealthiest and the opposite is true with least college graduates. Want to cut the cost of governance, invest into higher education.

- x. Senator Schafer: With the current government shutdown, what should we tell students who are affected by it.
 - xi. All student should have gotten an email from president Haas detailing that those with loan issues or concerns, they should go to the financial aid office. They are geared up and ready to assist students.
 - xii. Senator Bialowas: High percentage of state legislature is new, polycience majors learn how special interest groups weaving into these new legislatures, how is the university can combat those interest groups?
 - xiii. All public universities have offices at Lansing, and each university has one or more people that meet with the correct offices pushing for higher education.
 - xiv. VP Jones: Popular message for politicians to push trade schools, something you hear a lot of?
 - xv. Hear it a lot. Skill trades are necessary, sometimes a certificate or 2 year degree is all they need. High School Graduates need to know that high school isn't the end and that are many different options to follow post high school graduation. Back when I graduated from high school you could get a well paying job post graduation, that is no longer the truth. 25% of parents say that college is needed post high school. In 2000s. 1 million left Michigan, mainly for places of employment.
 - xvi. Senator Schaffer: Trade schools, possibly incorporate some type of trade school at GVSU. Help capture those who are better suited for a trade school.
 - xvii. Most public Universities do not usually do that, since Community colleges usually do that. Muskegon and Grand Rapids CC are strong in those programs so we don't see a need for that. But they do send 2000 transfer students.
 - xviii. President Jenkin: New president, does she have experience for asking for more state funding.
 - xix. She supported that function when they were at Ferris State University. And another public university as well. She is well equipped to do that type of task.
- b. Brianna Slager, Club Sports
- i. Oversee all club and intermural sports.
 - ii. What are club sports. Bridge between intramural and national teams. They have part time coaches, funded by participants, and they do it for the love of the sport. There are recreational and competitive teas that are state-wide, regional, national, and international. So they represent GVSU around the world. Major Exposure through social media, live streams, and even ESPN. 51 registered programs. 100th percentile in state programs.
 - iii. Club sports webpage has submission form to help give out scholarships.

- iv. Added Laker for a Lifetime Athletes Spotlight where team mates can nominate them.
- v. GVSU enrollment since 2002 went from 20K to 25K and club sports participants went from 500 to 2000.
- vi. Recruitment and Retention. 35/36 of men's lacrosse were recruited. 68/76 hockey players were in contact with staff before enrolling to GVSU. 3.13 for average GPA for these students and retention from Fall to Fall 87%.
- vii. Provides and enrichment experience to connect people to new students to give them a great community within club sports.
- viii. Development has been helping develop alumni associations. 2017/18 raised over 146K from 612 total donors.
- ix. Over 25K raised last year for charities.
- x. Achievements, hosted a soccer tournament, holding national championship for dodge ball, held club sport Olympics, donated over 200 food items to replenish.
- xi. Challenges we face, we are spread thin, risk management practices, cost of for each student on average the student club sport athlete pays is \$1,825.88.
- xii. Last year we received an increase of \$15,000 in our budget. Club sports approves requests bi-weekly. Goal to use entire budget each year.
- xiii. Goals to increase access and affordability, be inclusive and leader of inclusivity, continue collaboration with admissions, development, student media, education on risk, budgeting, and leadership. Also additional multi-purpose. Lots of programs that need to go off campus to practice due to not having the space on campus.
- xiv. Senator Hunter: Specific strategy for recruitment, up to coaches?
- xv. Up to coaches, usually in the West Side of the state.
- xvi. Senator Bialowas: \$146 raised, was it from calls or events? Cost for each student, opportunity to have more budget to use it to fundraising events?
- xvii. A lot of it from events, like from giving Tuesday mainly. That has been a big thing for us to increase events that will hopefully drive down the cost for students.
- xviii. Senator Schaffer: Budget increase, how was spread?
- xix. Most of it went to the coaches we were not able to pay before.
- xx. Senator Benoit: Students who play lots of different sports, but students who are in other student organization?
- xxi. Definitely, like some in Greek Life as well. Helps teach great time management skills.
- xxii. President Jenkin: Alumni relations, how club sports helps post grad.

- xxiii. Just starting collecting the type of data this year that would provide this kind of data, so something we will keep up with for the coming years.

III. **Public Comment – Part I**

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

- EVP Mattler: Volunteer sheet for getting president ball ticket for free. 1 hour and 15 minutes will be able to get a free dance ticket.

V. **President's Report**

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Approved
- b. 2 weeks, board of trustees for student report. Outline for what I will be presenting.
- c. Thank you fro those who were able to come meet the new president, Dr. Mantella.
- d. Matt Shaltz, development statement on land acknowledgement.
- e. Greek Life board, presenting opportunities to collaborate, like sexual assault awareness or alcohol use.
- f. February 14, going to Lansing to speak on state funding.
- g. Felix, Chair of ECS to talk about passed resolutions.
- h. ECS talked about stats for first year students. Highest jump in first year students retention for going into Winter Semester. 94% retention. 89.1 to 98% retention for African American first year students.
- i. Credit Recovery Program, know someone or went through, let me know to share experience.

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

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved
- b. 1 on 1s with VPs, they are all proud of your work.
- c. CTF past Sunday went over Bilwas. 2pm on Sunday for part 2 of reading bilwas. In the Senate office. Please review the suggestions so when it comes to voting we have hashed out as much discussion prior to voting. In EVP folder.
- d. T-Haas Farewell, ramping it up after President Ball. Thank you note drive idea was shared with me as well.
- e. Scott Stabler to discuss focus groups.
- f. Heather Rohen to talk University developments in the future with senate.
- g. Elections packet will be voted on in 2 weeks.

VII. **Officer Reports**

- a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva
 - i. Remember to stay off phones, take it outside of room if needed.
 - ii. Submit office hours.

- iii. Like student senate LinkedIn page.
 - iv. Senator Kolc working on getting a new table clothe.
 - v. Senator Bialowas working folders and printer statement of support.
 - vi. February 2nd fir winter in-service. Will be in Pere Marquette.
 - vii. Senator Wesley continues to help lots with planning interviews.
 - viii. Alumni diner notes sent to me, maybe in march.
 - ix. Senator in the Spotlight, Senator Harris. Working hard since beginning of semester, work on resolution for income based meal plan. Selfless leader for making it a better campus for the GVSU students.
- b. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford
- i. Budget was just updated for internal.
 - ii. February 16th for Vietnamese cultural event.
 - iii. February 7 for black student union focus on poetry.
 - iv. Senator Hunter: Budget Analysis. Remaining budgets in %. Travel 49%, Honor 93%, cultural 28%, special interest 37%. All of this funding happens at appropriations meeting. Updates on SOC Page. Document of breakdown will be uploaded in senate team drive.
- c. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler
- i. Food committee had a great turnout.
 - ii. Last Lecture, continue to table.
 - iii. Senator Wierenga, has a great first CAC meeting.
 - iv. GVPD in early February for MyGV app for building blueprint in app.
- d. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
- i. SAAC in MHAC had a joint meeting last Tuesday.
 - ii. EAC will meeting at 5pm on Wednesday now.
 - iii. Last lecture, invite friends to facebook event, continue to table, Senator Szecepaniak shout out for info on Last lecture on lots of new letters. Tradition life longer than BOV.
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
- i. Drag Club, volunteers slots still open for tabling.
 - ii. MLK Events, thank you for those who came out.
 - iii. Interest in Pride Prom, ask Senator Dowker with questions.
- f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones

- i. Allendale supervisor and chamber of commerce, updated them on senate projects. Relationship with them continues to grow.
 - ii. State funding minutes are posted on google drive. February 12 for next meeting.
 - iii. Associate dean of student search, funds might be given to budget requests/projects that use to not able to be funded, so now that they might. Better idea once budget analysis has been completed.
- g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi
- i. Senate Swag should have been put in senator cubbie.
 - ii. PRC, water initiative, trying to think of a challenge like the ASL challenge, but not waster water. Share ideas.
 - iii. Student Senate week planning continues.
 - iv. ORE questions that you want to see, let me know.

VIII. Call for University Committee Reports

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. Slack Vote
- i. If voted on yes, at in-service we will go over it, and slowly make transition to using Slack for communication.
 - ii. Discussion:
 - (1) Senator Drosshart: Love the presentation, feel as though slack will not fix communication was due to efficiently of posting in wrong places. Do not see it as beneficial
 - (2) Senator Marsman: Previous organization experience, loved it
 - (3) VP Ibarra: Miscommunication could be clarified at in-service, might be easier to have one space with channels instead of multiple spaces.
 - (4) President Jenkin: Could address it like discussion forums for blackboard:
 - (5) VP Jones: Comes down to channels. Help keep sharp focus with labels on where you need to go to communicate with others.
 - (6) Senator Thompson: loved the idea, but only have a few folks do trail and then have them help with new elected body. (Elections at end of march).
 - (7) Senator Szcapaniak: Transition to slack if we do, can we still have things put into google drive. Allow drive to be a place for people to go back to see examples of precious work.
 - (8) VP jones: slack has google drive integration.
 - (9) Senator Hall: people do know were to put things, but put in the wrong channel as it will reach the most people.
 - (10) President Jenkin: Was talk of having new body implement body, but if returners already knew how to use it, might make it easier for new body.

(a) Votes: yay majority, 1 nay, 4 abstentions

X. **New Business**

a. Discussion on Resolution W-19-01: Contracting and LGBTQ+

- i. Senator Szcapaniak: Right before previous governor of Michigan left office, signed executive order that instructed chief procurement officer, help awards public dollars to companies that do not discriminate against LGBTQ+. New governor signed something similar but helped strengthen rights for state workers and removed religious exemption. Feel as though GVSU Board of Trustees should implement something to not discriminate when awarding contracts. Goal of when awarding those to bids for contracting, board of trustees clarifies that company that does discriminate against LGBTQ+ community to be considered. Organization needs to have some sort of proof they do not fire individuals based on LGBTQ+. LGBT members can still be discriminated or denied certain healthcare due to lack of updated legislations. Want University to continue to stand behind their values and mission statement. Most recent campus climate survey, 40% of transgender reporter 1 incident in last year that was hostile. So issues still are on campus so this will be powerful message that we can be our own authentic selves here at GV and when we will leave.
- ii. Senator Schaffer: How often do they award contract at board of trustees (Every meeting) How often are we awarding contracts that might be part of this?
- iii. Jessie Bernal says this doesn't have often but it could happen. GV tries to invest in Michigan, so potential is there but data is lacking, not a huge issue but a step in right direction.
- iv. Senator Hicks: Not supporting equality is immoral, like as to why we are getting rid of Papa Johns. If we pass this, it helps shows we support our students, in best interest of all students, helps them, not hurt our students.
- v. Senator Hall: What constitutes discrimination or how the company discriminates, like history or one person had an incident.
- vi. Governor Schneider and Whitmer direction, state department, requirement is to sign covenant that when you apply for bid, it highlights to sign up to not discriminate individuals of LGBT. Does not preclude folks who donate to those against LGBT, would preclude those who are known to fire LGBT individuals due to being in LGBT community and preclude those who do not have written policy to not discriminate LGBT members on basis of identity.
- vii. Senator Thompson: Making sure we are having a procedure if two companies are left bidding for those who might have discrimination against LGBT?
- viii. Awarding a contract, from a public body, law requires an RFP, to open to public so that any business can apply to make a bid. So if a company does only have a

- company that may discriminate, they can go out for another RFP to help bring in more companies to make bid. Impact on jobs in west Michigan will allow folks to live authentic selves more. Will not lose jobs because of this, businesses know inclusivity of LGBT measures is a good thing. Both parties are in favor of doing something like this. Allow all Michigan members to allow a job they feel welcome in,
- ix. VP Crawford: How GVSU uses money speaks to how they feel/treat students and follows in line with school values.
 - x. Senator Dowker: GVSU does have lower retention for LGBT, so this would maybe help
 - xi. Senator Schaffer: How to get this to Board of trustees?
 - xii. If passed, goes to faculty senate table to get thoughts. If actions, they have dialogue and vote. Then it is designed to go next correct place. Starts at ECS.
 - xiii. Senator Aller: Thank you for those who worked on it, thank you fro background work and information presented.
 - xiv. Senator Vinke: Contract will need to disclose LGBT inclusivity, which one will they be following, state, GVSU, etc?
 - xv. If were passed, applicable to any contract board considers, so any company in the worked who submits a bid proposal.
 - xvi. Senator Kolc: help explain to new senators what a resolution does.
 - xvii. President Jenkin: Statement form entire student body, like a program, support for something, possible political support. Could help advocate for how certain spaces could be used, backed by research. Things like that. Resolution is how the Fall Break started.
 - xviii. Senator Marsman: nondiscrimination, as simple as disclaimer?
 - xix. For the state, it appears to be that. procurement office employee would do research into the company. Specifics at GVSU, it would be up to the board of trustees. We will not prescribe not an exact fix, but an idea for board to hear out and possibly implement a fix. So up to functions of university.
 - xx. Senator Vincke: Also include line for religious and races as well. To help include those outside of Michigan as well.
 - xxi. Resolution, Elliot Larson Act already bars discrimination on race, age, religion, sex. So already in there, but the one that is lacking is the field of LGBT. Will see of they do that already.
- b. Voting on Au Sable Printing statement of support
- i. Senator Bialowas: Did survey, saw 37% of student needed to walk 10 minutes or more to get to a printer. Help consider those with disability. Au Sable

recommendation came up a lot. Statement of support will help in budget request. Hardware \$2451 for hard ware, electrical hook up is \$1000+, grand total for printer is over \$14,000 for adding a printer. Has support from facilities it seems like so far, but help from senate will carry weight as well.

- ii. We, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate representing the student body, hereby support the addition of a student accessible printer in Au Sable Hall. Recognizing that the already existing printers are located on either end of the campus, which can be difficult for students with classes more centered. This would help the students who have classes located in this hall and save time for those who are unable to cross campus between classes. The addition of a printing location would also greatly benefit the students who are less able to travel across campus, whether that be due to their ability or other physical limitations. Given that the closest printer to Au Sable are located in Lake Ontario, Manitou, Kirkhof, Henry Hall and the Library. The lack of printing capabilities has lead to tardiness and other complications because of the distance one must cross in order to access a functional printing station.
- iii. VP McIntosh: section stating time frames, crossed out, friendly amendment. Also putting something in for closest printers to help paint picture that one is not close by, maybe before the last sentence.
- iv. Senator Bialowas: help put in a location where staff has a view to it.
- v. Senator Kolc: If passed, all printers on campus are posted in where their location is.
- vi. Senator Pagel: Add stapler maybe.
- vii. Senator Drosshart: Henry Hall printers? (yes)
- viii. Senator Maclin: Manitou has a printer as well for print release.
- ix. Vote: All yays, passes.

c. CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY

- i. Senator Nurmi: Meeting with Andy Beachnau for housing, project ideas for housing, let me know so I can let him know. Emails to housing, let me email them as our channel of communication.

XI. Public Comment – Part II

XII. Call for Announcements

- a. Senator Nurmi: Tonight, area 51 for stand up.
- b. Senator Bialowas: Google calendar dates send to me.
- c. Senator Drosshart: 7 grand days is the 28th when it starts.
- d. Senator Kolc: Submit another senator of the month nominations for January.



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- e. VP Qureshi: ORE Outreach research and Engagement, 5 questions related to senate to help guide conversation with students.
- f. Senator Marsman: sustainably committee, right before last lecture
- g. Senator Benoit: send me ideas for ORE questions.
- h. Senator Maclin: RA programs for John Hopkins, east and west coast, want the email talk to me.

XIII. Adjournment: 6:49pm