



General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 — 4:30 pm
Pere Marquette Room — Kirkhof Center 2204

President: Eric-John Szczepaniak

Executive Vice President: Kelly Dowker

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- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** 4:32pm
 - A. Moment of Silence
 - B. Roll Call
 - II. **Public Comment** - Part I
 - III. **Guest Speakers** - Tamela Spicer
 - A. Finalizing Strategic Framework
 - i. President Szczepaniak begins reviewing the proposed mission and vision statements which was created using information from the previous strategic framework session and the conversations had within committees
 - ii. Dissection of the mission statement
 - a. Senator Thornton makes a friendly amendment to delete “the”
 - iii. Dissection of the vision statement
 - a. Senator Thornton makes a friendly amendment to delete “the”
 - b. Senator Houtman raises concerns about the statement including “external relations” but ultimately the phrase remains
 - c. Senator Boyd makes a friendly amendment to add a hyphen so the phrase now reads “GVSU-affiliated faculty”
 - iv. Vice President McMahon motions to approve the mission and vision statement and is seconded by Vice President Fritz. The motion passes unanimously
 - B. Tamela Spicer continues Strategic Framework exercises
 - i. Recaps previous meeting and questions formed from the responses in that recap:
 - a. How does diversity impact the Senate and the rest of Campus? (*Accessibility*)
 - b. How do we hold each other accountable? (*Governance*)
 - c. Is there an understanding within this room and in the university of what senate does? (*Story*)
 - d. Is the Senate body accessible? How accessible are student resources? (*Accessibility*)
 - e. How does sustainability fit that role? (*Sustainability*)
 - C. Spicer - Sticky Note Activity - Under five categories (Accessibility (under which there is also diversity and inclusion), Governance, Sustainability and the added Student Life) Senators are asked to place their ideas for what them (as individuals) they want to accomplish
 - i. Summaries
 - a. **Story:** Mostly Public Relations and Marketing suggestions such as student takeovers, hanging with senate pr events like that, participation in senate events

and uni events, gallery participation, having more participation in other student orgs, putting a student senate flag on the blimp

- b. Governance:** improvements to Senate and GA structure, student involvement, social structure (inner body interactions)
 - c. Accessibility:** equitable education resources, relocation of the senate office, more access to support resources (mental health, etc.), equitable infrastructure, equitable food access, increase the diversity of the GV population, champion gender inclusion
 - d. Sustainability:** increase ethical consumption (dining), decrease current utilities, develop self-sufficiency, utilize solar power, waste reduction, water preservation, lessen use of fossil fuels--all of which would be applicable to off-campus complexes
 - e. Student Life:** increased University funding to that of other comparable universities, increase the amount of speakers from off campus organizations per department, expand majors, encourage self wellness, improve parking, expand diversity with Greek Life, heated bus stops
- ii. Senators are instructed to stand at the paper where they believe they would be able to have the most impact. They are then given a new sheet and asked to lay out goals or timelines based on the information they have generated
- a. Story:** developed specific PR/marketing ideas: advertising at football games, Senate takeover of the GV instagram, live GA, get GA lib approved, senators distribute football tickets, senate gala, have a tab on GV website, student senate info at orientation, transitions, etc.
 - b. Governance:** encourage others to pay attention to wellness, respect fellow senators, utilize conduct review, minimize negative confrontation, encourage cabinet accessibility, have GA culture be more positive and respectful, produce higher retention rates for senators, restructuring meeting times/frequencies
 - c. Accessibility:** Establish an ASL minor, encourage the use of pronouns, encourage other student organizations to utilize Senate, get students to attend GA
 - d. Sustainability:** incentivized/increase awareness of off campus recycling, focus on waste reduction, reduction of paper and plastic, no more water bottles/single use non-compostable plastics, decrease utilities (by 50%); electric buses, no more fossil fuels, enhance green space, grow the majority of food on campus, rooftop gardens with student access, Henry hall greenhouse operational
 - e. Student Life:** be flexible with the needs of student body, student organization involvement, increasing university funding (by 2023), create new majors that align with forthcoming industries, provide more resources for mental/physical wellbeing, increase civic engagement
- iii. Closing: given the approved mission and vision statements, and the newfound goals, the next step becomes: what is to be prioritized? Which goals can be accomplished now and which should be allocated to another semester? What are the next steps to complete the prioritized projects?

IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass Papers

- A.** Vice President Mueller passes sign-up page for Open Access tabling
- B.** Senator Brainard passes a survey about food insecurity

V. President's Report

A. Adoption of the Agenda

i. Senator DorianThompson motions to add the Pledge of Allegiance under line item 5 of the agenda as well as to the top of every agenda and is seconded by Senator Moine

- a.** Senator Dorian Thompson offers rationale
- b.** Body enters into period of discussion
- c.** Senators Boyd and Hicks offer counterargument
- d.** Senator Siegrist offers support for the motion
- e.** Senator Hicks suggests that, in lieu of the Pledge, the Senate restates the mission or value statement
- f.** Senator Jackson motions to call to question and is seconded by Senator Boyd. This motion passes with a 2/3rds majority
- g.** Vote on the aforementioned motion. Motion passes 21:14:4

ii. Senator Hicks motions to strike officer reports and is seconded by Senator Sanchez-Castillo

- a.** Senator Hicks provides rationale
- b.** Vice President McMahon and Samuels and Executive Vice President Dowker offer counterargument
- c.** Senator Nitzkin motions to call to question and is seconded by Senator Boyd. This motion passes with 2/3rds majority
- d.** Senate body votes on the motion to strike officer reports. The motion fails.

iii. Senator Boyd motions to add Michigan State Motto under line item 5 and to be added under the Pledge of Allegiance at subsequent meetings. This motion is seconded by Executive Vice President Dowker

- a.** Senator Boyd offers rationale
- b.** Senator DeBerry motions to call to question and is seconded by Senator Dorian Thompson. The motion passes with a 2/3rds majority
- c.** The motion to add the Michigan State Motto passes 17:12:11

iv. Vice President Pagel motions to approve the agenda as amended is seconded by Executive Vice President Dowker. This motion passes unanimously

- B.** Sunday, October 6th's Cabinet Meeting will take place at 7pm
- C.** Reminds the Senate that they value "people over projects"
- D.** Automatic Voter Registration is now in place through the Secretary of State's office
- E.** Will meet with Vice President Tom Butcher, Vice President Pagel, Advisor Bob Stoll and Dean Rullman on Tuesday, October 8th to discuss the role of Student Senate in relation to the F-19-01 Resolution.
 - i.** This meeting is not open to senators, but notes will be taken
- F.** Encourages student organizations to take advantage of the Philanthropy Grant
- G.** On October 26th, a GVSU Through the Years lunch will take place from 1pm to 2pm in the Pere Marquette room. Information is posted in Slack

- H. Global Laker Celebration will take place on November 1st from 7pm to 10pm at The Bob. It requires registration and payment for tickets
- I. Teach-In submissions are due Friday, October 4th. Those interested who do not yet have a faculty partner are asked to put in a submission and will then be presented with options
- J. Pledge of Allegiance
- K. Senator Boyd states the Michigan State Motto

VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- A. Approval of the Minutes - Minutes stand approved
- B. Attended UAS with Vice Presidents Fritz and Murarescu
 - i. Notable changes are the decreases in overall enrollment
 - ii. President Mantella plans to focus on retention
- C. Setting up composite photos, looking to get it done this month
- D. Ideas for guest speakers for next semester are appreciated
- E. Encourages everyone to be conscious of tone and body language during GA

VII. Officer Reports

A. Senate Resources - Hannah Benoit

- i. Makeup inservice is today in the Senate Office - those who attended first inservice will be dismissed

- a. Missing this will result in either a 2:1 meeting with President Szczepaniak and Vice President Benoit or conduct review

- ii. Remember to log office hours

- iii. Will inform Senate Buddies partners next week

B. Finance - Maddie Samuels

- i. No CFB tomorrow, but will be appropriations - there are 2 non presenting requests

- ii. Reminder: everyone needs to attend at least one of the aforementioned committees in order to have voting rights when they come to GA

- iii. Met with Eric Stevens and Valerie in OSL, Stevens brought a proposal about an event check in app which would be used for all campus programming events in order to hold RSOs accountable by checking attendance

- iii. Will be writing an op-ed for the Lanthorn about Laker philanthropy grant (student orgs starting fundraising efforts)

C. Campus Affairs - Grace McMahan

- i. Shoutouts Senator Thornton for her projects

- ii. Food committee is Tuesday 4pm-5pm in Kirkhof 1104

D. Education Affairs - Autumn Mueller

- i. Pluggers and fliers are finished for Open Access Week

- ii. Nomination form will be done by Friday, October 4th (nominating professors to be awarded for their efforts involving open access at the Open Access Symposium)

- iii. Wrote an article for open access that was published in Lanthorn

- iv. Scheduled 1:1s with committee and will start bonding activities

- v. JCPenney hosts an apparel event on Sunday, October 6th

E. Diversity Affairs - Alex Murarescu

F. External Relations - Joel Pagel

- i. Student Government conferences are coming up
 - a. Saginaw Valley is on November 9th - those interested should contact their VP
 - b. There is no attendance cap, but each GV is only permitted four votes
- ii. Committee meeting is next week after GA for interested parties

G. Public Relations - Ryan Fritz

- i. Senate Info Night is Monday, October 28th and will take place from 7-9pm in the Library's Multipurpose Room
 - a. Room is reserved from 6pm-9pm in order to account for set-up time
 - b. VP Fritz encourages everyone to attend
- ii. Spent committee meeting planning events
- iii. Encourage other senators with their projects and that senators retweet and repost Senate pages

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports

i. MHAC

- a. Senator DeBerry reminds that the Wellness Fair is Friday, October 4th and asks those who have signed up to table maintain their commitment
- b. Walk with President Mantella will be at 10am
- c. Sign-Up sheet for the Wellness Fair is in the Slack folder

ii. SAAC

- a. Will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 5pm in senate office (alternating weeks)
- b. Working to get free menstrual products and will contact Replenish to further that initiative
- c. Working with GVPD guard to make sexual assault awareness video

IX. University Committee Reports

- i. **SORB** - Senator Nitzkin announces that Sorb will meet on November 15th from 10am-11am on the Allendale Campus which will need another Senator should Executive Vice President Dowker be unable to attend
- ii. **Honors Curriculum and Development Committee** - Senator Hicks announces that this committee has met. It goes over proposals to be included in the adoption of the Honors College's new curriculum
- iii. Still four open places on University Committees

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

- A. Call for New Orders of the Day

XII. Public Comment - Part II

XIII. Call for Announcements

- A. Bob Stoll - the committee tasked with Kirkhof renovations will be visiting Oakland and Eastern campuses on October 22nd for senators who are interested. It will be a day-long event. Information will be included in the Senate email
- B. Vice President McMahon - Alternative Breaks meeting on Monday, October 7th in the Pere Marquette room

C. Russo - A pancake breakfast will be hosted in the multipurpose room in Holten-Hooker on Sunday

XIV. **Adjournment:** 7:10pm

A. Senator Przekop reads the names of the senators who are dismissed

Next General Assembly will take place on Thursday, October 10th at 4:30pm in the Pere Marquette Room of the Kirkhof Center