



General Assembly

Thursday, October 11th, 2018 – 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. Sharalle Arnold, Replenish
 - i. BOV is raising money fro replenish this is.
 - ii. 1/3 college students are food insecure. Closer to ½ if they are a college student parents. Further if they are from foster care. There is an urgent need for students on colleges campus who are hungry.
 - iii. When I was in school, it was a rite of passage to be a “broke college student”. That mindset needs to change. There are homeless college students, not all food insecure students are homeless though.
 - iv. Replenish started and over seen by center of women and gender equity. This department due to gender nature of food insecurity.
 - v. Last year, over 900 visits to replenish. Replenish started out as a box, started as student initiative. Not all food options on campus are not accessible to all students on campus. Most precarious students struggle in how they are going to: work, buy school supplies, tuition, etc. These costs and financial aid are not rising at the same rate.
 - vi. BOV replenish work will be very beneficial in the impact. Each year the number of visits increases each year. We are always trying to make this accessible. 0073 for the space for replenish. We try to avoid calling it a “pantry” due to it may be seen as negative, we strive to have it seen as a resource for all students, just like the library.
 - vii. Replenish is a great first step. Our approach to our work is a systems approach. We need to look at the systems that cause hunger and not why people are hungry. We want to find solutions to the problems in our systems. Help the disadvantaged.
 - viii. Replenish is a temporary solution, not sustainable forever, we want to do better and make sure that they never have to look for an option like replenish, we want to fix the problems in the system.
 - ix. Senator Esselink: Honor for senate to have BOV work with replenish, what is your most requested item for replenish for things other than food? What can we do after BOV as well?
 - x. Hygiene products. After BOV, I have asked about student show they feel about an income based meal plan, like those options provided in grade school. Maybe going out to food service, trying to find a way to make food options not just available but

- accessible. We need to build infrastructure and remove barriers to give students options.
- xi. VP Ibarra: Food for Fines? Maybe something like hygiene products for fines.
 - xii. We could maybe try to start that conversation, GVPD started food for fines initiative.
 - xiii. VP Qureshi: mentioned a lot of system in place for starting the cause of the hunger
 - xiv. Due to costs of obtaining food, high calories low cost but not nutritious, zoning laws for areas for educational systems.
 - xv. Senator Dekoekkoek: working towards income based meal plan work, other steps you could suggest
 - xvi. Data driven decision making is what makes changes. We do not to have to validate when someone says hungry, we want to be able to be able to take their word for it and be able to just provide the resources. We see students who identify as women use it more then males, same goes for minorities. Student lead initiatives typically move faster than faculty lead initiatives. When you make your voices heard, movement is made for the future.
 - xvii. Senator Thompson: income based food plan, how will you pitch this idea to administration? Plan to secure?
 - xviii. This is where I see students coming in, the voice of student sis heard much more loudly than hearing from faculty and staff. We are in beginning stages, there is no agreement, but they are entertaining the conversation. They are willing to look at other ways. We are told that food service does not want to pay for large amount of students to eat for free, but trying to have meals swiped for other students when a meal might go unused. When students are hungry, it is shown they might have depression, anxiety, grades suffer, it creates a cycle. We want to retain our students and a way to do this is to help feed our students.
- b. Heather Rowan, Laker for a Lifetime Campaign
- i. 50% of my time I advise student alumni association, help provide mentorship opportunities, mentorship of alumni and students, and manage the Laker for a life time initiative. Goal is to provide students with opportunities and connect with alumni and giveback to the university.
 - ii. Laker for a life time have 4 things, stay informed, get involved, give back, and having Laker pride.
 - iii. Laker Pride is one of the most important characteristics, creating the best environment and community we can give.

- iv. Create your Laker effect, how you will impact the campus and beyond, continuing the 4 things a Laker for A lifetime has.
- v. Last year 14,000 donors raised over \$12 million dollars. During GVSU week, use this to write a thank you for donors.
- vi. EVP Mattler: GVSU week is the same as BOV week. Helping shift alumni donors towards BOV and replenish?
- vii. Absolutely, great opportunity to have Lakers support each other.
- viii. Senator Sanchez-Castillo: Want to work with you for going out on a random day and getting “GVSU swag” to those representing GVSU clothing.

III. **Public Comment – Part I**

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

VP Engler: sign up sheet for tabling for BOV (selling apparel)

VP Jones: Info for State Funding committee

VP Qureshi: Pie Day, Wednesday Oct 4th, 10-4, need people for 1-4pm

VP Ibarra: First week of November tabling for teach in, times to come

V. **President’s Report**

a. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- i. Move New business to move line item X-a to move above officer reports, interesting possible changes for exams. All in favor of moves
 - ii. Move X- d and e to be after movement of item X-a, let new senators be part of discussion. All in favor.
- b. EVP Mattler and I have had 22 2-on-1 meetings, love the honesty, ideas, your work is great.
 - c. ECS Jessie Bernal talked about title 9 policy changes, will be coming into GA talk about changes. Potential language changes in policy, will be telling us more later, want to know more, reach out to me if you want to know sooner. Also they are working to have more gender neutral language in faculty handbooks
 - d. Sue Snyder does work on Sexual assault awareness, she told us at a panel that she wants to see other universities strive for GVSU’s model. Told her about some of what Sexual assault awareness committee has done/planning to do. Let her know how we want to get more engagement from other students and those who identify as males/men. Also how to continue education on this beyond college.
 - e. President Haas only president to take Its On Us Pledge.
 - f. GR is doing pilot intensive concouilng for those convicted of sexual assault. Working on model for ages 18-24 now.

- g. Provost meeting about board of trustees and BOV initiatives, now internal competitions for friendly competition, campus wide email possibly.
- h. Bob (advisor): for president Haas, retirement, want senate to help lead ideas and concepts for his send off, think about how you can honor him and send him off in a way to thank him for his great work. Second thing I want to touch on is those who went to U of M at their spaces, meeting next week for spaces use, like a better space for student veterans like how you passed the resolution last year. There is also going to be a new “bus hub”. How student center should be utilized.
 - i. Senator Merdzinski: Improvements in Kirkhof, helping make it a better place for all student organizations, better use of the promotions office, let student orgs get their name out there to students.
 - ii. VP Ibarra: More collaborative spaces, like main floor when people don’t table, let a space be available to all students, something like the creation station in SOC.
 - iii. VP Jones: Keep on top of the printer in Kirkhof, always seems to have issues.
 - iv. Senator Billows: The computer station in Kirkhof seem not useful for studying, maybe a space better for “school use”
 - v. Senator Szcapaniak: Capture First generation student voices, maybe some sort of space so they can have their voice heard, or a hub of some sort.
 - vi. President Jenkin: U of M lessons, branding, wherever you look you saw a U of M logo, see more of that here at GVSU, Entry way is you need to look for them, want areas to more visible, lighting like in the library.
 - vii. VP Ibarra: student government conference, dedicated space for religious organizations, we have pray area but I hear it is seem more as a closet.
 - viii. Senator Wesley: lots of schools have tribute for black Greek council, so location for all Greek listed organizations.
 - ix. Senator Hall: Bathrooms for women don’t have hygiene products.
 - x. Senator Schaffer: Student told me that when someone sits at a large table, felled not welcomed to sit there as well, so maybe a way to better seating method.
 - xi. Senator Kolc: Downtown they’re big tables allow people to allow students to sit
 - xii. Senator Nurmi: Don’t see a lot for big groups come to Kirkhof, moveable smaller tables
 - xiii. Senator Slade: Need an area for events like grand river room to be able to do bigger events.

VI. Vice President’s Report

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved

- b. BOV, 1.5 weeks away, get excited! Make sure to sign up for tabling. Will count towards office hours, this is an all student senate event. Anything will help
 - c. BOV shirts have come, so photo-shoot soon.
 - d. Percentage night for Monday at B-dubs, will be all day. 20% will go if flier shown
 - e. Paint and Sip on Tuesday. Will be painting on pumpkins
 - f. Pie Day on Wednesday.
 - g. Thursday, % at Applebee's, 4-9pm.
 - h. Friday for corn maze. Need 5 more people to sign up. From 6-11 but will raise \$600.
 - i. Share Facebook event that will be created soon, get the word out. Educate student son what Replenish is.
 - j. 2 on 1's going great, thank you for taking time to talk to us.
 - k. Composite photo communication has started
 - l. November 15, Ottawa board of commissioner meeting, 230-4 in Pere Marquette. First time ever they want to have county commissioners meeting here. Greta opportunity to meet county officials.
 - m. Heading Sub-Committee for T-Haas send off, once BOV is over, will start
 - n. Senator Dekoekkoek: B-dubs night is downtown location
 - o. Senator Wesley: will send reminder emails? Day before meeting.
 - p. Corn maze, leave Kirkhof at 5, on Friday October 26.
 - q. President Jenkin: Percentage Nights Fliers given when shirt is told. Also tabling is great.
 - r. President Jenkin: For President Ball, Spotlight is looking for 2 to 3 senators to be a liaison between them and Senate, the programming and planning. Interest talk to me.
- VII. Ed Aboufadel— Same exam day as class Final Exam proposal
- a. Letting you know career center is being expanded. Also working on having more gender neutral bathrooms
 - b. "Same exam day as class Final Exam proposal" meaning if you have class on Tuesday/Thursday, the exam is on the same day of the week.
 - c. It works but still causes problems. So MW class exam on MW, etc.
 - d. Reason due to students who may have child care arrangements. Back to back exams on tow different campuses. Currently lots of the exams happen on Wednesday, want it to be spread more evenly over MTWR. So proposed is when your class time starts, final is near the same time.
 - i. Senator Schaffer: students who do class MWF, possible exams all on one day
 - ii. For 3 exams on one day, we saw that there wouldn't be more students under this. Not an official rule but unsaid rule that if you do have 3 exams on one day, lots of professors let you reschedule.
 - iii. Senator Bialowas: how do 6-9 classes get scheduled? Effective date for this?

- iv. So 6-9 meeting Monday would have exam on Monday. Next academic year would be effective date.
 - v. VP Jones: offices that may be holding this up?
 - vi. I don't believe so. Been working with registrar office with this project
 - vii. VP Qureshi: concern, why was it the way it was (current)
 - viii. I don't have an answer.
 - ix. EVP Mattler: Motion to support this initiative.
 - x. Senator Biawlwos: not only beneficial to student parents, but workers as well.
 - xi. VP Ibarra: I believe this would be great to show to campus dining as well
 - xii. Vote: All in favor of supporting proposal.
- VIII. Appointment of Kelly Dowker to the Diversity Affairs Committee
- a. VP Neva: Very involved in the past, open minded, "included".
 - b. Discussion
 - c. All in favor – Welcome to the body
- IX. Appointment of Carly Aller to the External Relations Committee
- a. VP Neva: Past senator, chair person of finance, wants to experience other committees as well. Works in OSL, staff assistant, has great ideas, open ideas.
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Senator Bialwoas: Has great ideas I heard in interview, very excited to have her back on the body
 - c. All in favor – Welcome to the body
- X. **Officer Reports**
- a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva
 - i. Do have interviews tonight, so excited to see so many senators
 - ii. Wear nametags and introduce to new senators
 - iii. Do OREs, Senator Downy has done some
 - iv. Submit absences requests no matter what, even if you think it will be unexcused.
 - v. Submit office hours
 - vi. Submit senator of the month to Senator Downy
 - vii. Post in-service survey, please fill out
 - viii. Game night at my apartment, at the Alpine, more info will be on FB page.
 - ix. Nametag, ran out so you will get it soon.

- x. Senator Bialowas: Fill out project sheet, your VP should have gotten the project ideas. It is a clear way to see all the projects as once.
- b. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford
 - i. Spreadsheet for attendance for appropriations, so if you want to vote on funding request over \$10,000, you need to attend an appropriations meeting. Meeting time for approps ask me.
 - ii. Usual meetings with Val and Krista
 - iii. Interviewing potential new members for finance
 - iv. VP Jones: Options for Appropriations if you can't make time?
 - v. Not sure but try your best
- c. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler
 - i. BOV is great way for new senators to start senate work.
 - ii. All of CAC is doing great with their projects and BOV work
 - iii. Mental Health project, Senator Drosshart has great initiatives
 - iv. Senate as whole, love the “vibe” this week.
- d. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
 - i. Open Access catering confirmed, pluggers and fliers going great
 - ii. Share the Open Access event to anyone who goes to GVSU. There will be a senate table there. Drop by for as long as you can be there for.
 - iii. Welcome to Senator Mueller, happy for her to join.
 - iv. Tuesday 4:30 for new committee time for meeting
 - v. Open Access fact. GVSU saved over \$500,000 last year for open access resources
 - vi. Wednesday at 6pm in senate office for sexual assault awareness committee
 - vii. Campus safety meeting on November 9th
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
 - i. Shout to Senator Benefield for hair show, October 11 9:10 at Kirkhof 2242
 - ii. Senator Patil interfaith conference this weekend.
 - iii. Thanks to those for tabling for teach in
 - iv. Fresh always has veggie burgers. Want more visibility.
 - v. Kathleen in disability services was confused when I talked to her about hand railing for Devos by train tracks.
 - vi. MLK event, crunching numbers for speakers.
 - vii. Book club, want us to talk about *We gon' be alright* by Jeff Chang

viii. Teach in deadline October 12, need more time shoot Rachel Ibarra an email

f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones

i. State funding discussion later

ii. Voter registration ended, thanks for those who helped, final number soon. Looks like we might be most engaged campus for voter registration.

iii. Potential special guest soon, talk to Senator Thompson if you are interested to learn more.

iv. Senator Nurmi thanks for doing OREs with me. They were great to hear some student perspectives.

v. Excited to welcome new member to our committee.

vi. Set up for Dawn Land Screen with former senator, upcoming Monday for screening, see my report for details. Community panel will be downtown for this film screening.

vii. Senator Esselink: Absentee ballot drives? Yes

viii. Senator Schaffer: Dawn Land Rights screening, reach out to human rights department.

g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi

i. Senator Thompson work with once a month news letter in Lanthorn.

ii. Website work for tabs on senate website

iii. New Senators really have hit the ground running and other senators still doing great

iv. Senate Swag still in works.

v. Social Media, make sure you repost what senate pages are sharing

vi. OREs, so many students have so much to say, talked to one student for an hour because he wanted to be heard. Here to help if you need it. Let me know.

vii. PRC is excited for sub committee for helping attract students to come to GA. (This way to GA)

viii. Senator Esselink: Reach out to VP Qureshi or Sanchez-Castillo if you want to know more or want help with This way to GA

XI. **Call for University Committee Reports**

- Senator Harris: Writing Skills, talked about service and records, spoke on ways of teaching based on past records, how students feel about SWS, do they feel benefited by them. Some feel prepared others do not.
- Senator Swanatski: Gen Ed Committee: Course Evaluations, talk about if professors are effectively teaching gen eds, talk about how to make evaluations fit a more “national model”

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

- a. In class speeches (VP Qureshi)
 - i. Starting next week, ask if your professor if you can give brief speech about what student senate is. Make sure you speak slowly and clearly, practice enough to be comfortable when speaking
 - ii. VP Qureshi gave an example of the in class speech. First part is telling them what student senate is. Second part is more “Off the cuff” your decision to give examples of what we have done or what projects you have. End with small Q and A or let them voice them. Give them contact info for senate and GA meeting time.
 - iii. Senator Schaffer: Some professors don’t want give class time, love this but as it stands, it seems a little long and might take up too much class time.
 - iv. Work with professor to find time, cut it shorter if they wont give you the full time for entire speech. Find your way to say it.
 - v. Senator Nurmi: I think we should emphasize the email list so they can hear more of what we do.
 - vi. Senator Drosshart: How is the template being shred (google drive for PRC)
 - vii. Senator DeKoekkoek: Online class approach?
 - viii. First idea, mass email the speech to your class, will give more thought
 - ix. Senator VanDeale: what do you think of idea of flashcard for major points that should be hit during speech. Speech Lab in Library could be useful If you need help
 - x. Senator Slade: You can still meet with students outside of the classroom too, this can be a start, give it a try.
 - xi. Senator DeBerry: In all classes? If another senator in the same class
 - xii. Yes, and talk with them and one do the speech
 - xiii. VP Ibarra: did this last year, very anxiety inducing, so be mindful of that. First part of template was very good, think that should be emphasized.
 - xiv. Senator Vinke: Little cards is better then one sheet for contact sheet
 - xv. VP Crawford: how will you do proof? Honor system?
 - xvi. Proof will be contact sheet hopefully.
 - xvii. Senator Wesley: time constraints issue, bullet point sheet for main points, key points.

- xviii. EVP Mattler: something I attempted last year, if you focus on first part and one project idea, probably enough to get point across. Use the Speech Lab or talk to PRC if you need help. Jump out of your comfort zone.
 - xix. Senator Quaine: if you are nervous, do your best to be yourself, great opportunity to get senate name out there, I will help you with it if you need help.
 - xx. VP Neva: You know yourself the best, use your communication style.
 - xxi. Senator LaPlatt: bullet points would be best, not a script, and bullet points helps make you more personal
 - xxii. Senator Hicks: Senators not comfortable, post class times to have other senators help.
 - xxiii. Senator Qureshi: I want to help you guys grow your skills especially your public speaking ability. If you do have concerns, please let me know
 - xxiv. Senator Hall: Did research project on best way to reach out t students is talking in the classroom. I am super willing to talk to your classrooms if you need help
 - xxv. Senator Thompson: It is up to your decision; you form how to you want to talk to your classroom. Do your best to talk to your peers in the classroom.
 - xxvi. VP McIntosh: Public speaking at career center, the way you get batter at public speaking is by doing it. Online class don't attach doc but just put it in email
 - xxvii. Senator VanDeale: well verse individuals in public speaking, help out others, maybe a google doc for those needing help and willing to help
 - xxviii. Senator Downey: For time sensitive, cut questions maybe to help time
 - xxix. Senator DeKoekkoek: Having another up there to help can really help lessen public speaking stress
 - xxx. Senator Crawford: If prof wont let you speak, use class email list
- b. State Funding sub-committee (Senator Vandeale)
- i. Tuesday at 3, October 16 for first meeting.
 - ii. Want this to be project on senate each year
 - iii. Budget increase at 1.5%, but tuition rises at 4%.
 - iv. Plan is to help any University, but funding should be metric based not how long the university has been around.
 - v. Objectives lined out
 - vi. Milestones: government, January meeting at state government meet we send letters for higher ed funding. March reps go to the congress of the state to present their case. Either house or senate first, we approach them by letter drive. Last year we did 300 letter last year. May June budget is when budget gets passed. Voting list sent out to

- email list we had people sign up for so we can show how reps voted. We want to reach not only undergrad, but grad, alumni, etc. July August more mailing list. September more voter registration drives and use it to teach about state funding
- vii. VP Mattler: One of the coolest projects on senate, try to get involved on this.
 - viii. VP McIntosh: Subcommittee, how address changes for students over the summer, how you will combat that, second public and private Universities are non profit
 - ix. Senator Quaine: Will minutes be sent out for those who can't come to the meeting (Yes)
 - x. Senator Bialowas: Project every academic year or just election cycles (Every academic year).
 - xi. President Jenkin: Senator VanDaeke has been working this project for so long and made so much progress "Mad Respect"
- c. **CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**
- i. Senator Schaffer: Resolution for "3 exams on One day" for "set in stone" rule. Currently there is publication on exam website schedule it suggests students can reschedule but they can still say no, so support from provost could make this a rule so professors let you reschedule.

XIV. Public Comment – Part II

XV. Call for Announcements

- a. VP Ibarra: Meet me for Book club
- b. Senator Kolc: November 5 for ASA taco night. \$5 for unlimited tacos.
- c. Senator Nurmi: Absentee ballots are going out, if you haven't gotten ballot, don't worry. If you haven't gotten it in 1-2 weeks' times, call your clerk
- d. Senator Drosshart: Mental health awareness project, let me know if you want to be involved for group chat
- e. Senator Thompson: Lieutenant Governor coming in December, coming for a non political talk, went to GVSU, got his masters here. Will be in the alumni house
- f. VP McIntosh: Open access tabling will be posted soon
- g. Senator Szpaniak: debate judge, Wednesday at 330, let me know for interest
- h. Senator Schaffer: Need stamp for absentee, go to my mail box.
- i. VP Mattler: PR BOV!!!
- j. Senator LaPlatt: Dress for success, oct 25, reduced pricing for clothes.

XVI. Adjournment: 7:15pm