



General Assembly

Thursday, October 22nd, 2020 — 4:30 pm

Via Zoom

President: Kelly Dowker

Parliamentarian: Grace McMahon

- I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:32pm
 - A. Moment of Silence
 - i. Native Land Recognition
 - B. Student Senate Creed
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Roll Call - Part I
- II. Public Comment - Part I
- III. Appointment of Jasmyn Pearson to the Diversity Affairs Committee
 - A. VP Neal provides rationale: sat on committee with her last year and is eager for her to begin working with DAC
 - B. Neal motions to appoint Jasmyn Pearson, seconded by Siegrist.
 - i. Motion passes unanimously
- IV. Meet and Greet with various University Administrators, Staff and Faculty
 - A. Cabinet Introductions (name / role)
 - i. President Dowker leads introduction of Cabinet members in gavel order
 - B. Subcommittee Chair Introductions
 - i. Senator Cargill introduces himself as Chair of Sustainability Sub-Committee
 - ii. Senator Byers introduces himself as Chair of Sexual Assault Awareness Sub-Committee
 - iii. Senators Raak and Zbikowski introduce themselves as Co-Chairs of Mental Health Awareness Sub-Committee
 - C. University Administrators, Staff, and Faculty Introductions
 - i. Andy Beachnau, Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs
 - ii. Katie Jourdan, Student Health Promotions Coordinator
 - iii. Matt McLogan, Vice President for University Relations
 - iv. Yumiko Jakobcic, Director of the Office of Sustainability
 - v. Troy Farley, Director of Career Center
 - vi. Takeelia Garrett, Student Ombuds
 - vii. Chris McQueen, Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - viii. Marlene Kowalski-Braun, Associate Vice President of Student Inclusion & Support (absent at i)
 - ix. Brandon DeHaan, Chief of Campus Police and Public Safety
 - x. Jen Hsu-Bishop, Director of LGBT Resource Center
 - xi. Felix Ngassa, Chair of University Academic Senate
 - xii. Aaron Haight, Associate Dean of Students

- xiii. Melissa Selby-Theut, Assistant Director of Prevention and Community Education at University Counseling Center
 - xiv. Heather Rowan, Manager of Campus Philanthropy
 - xv. Craig Wieschhorster, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance
 - xvi. Valerie Guzman, Director of Student Life
 - D. Breakout Rooms - Brainstorm Areas of Partnership
 - i. Senators and Administrators, Faculty & Staff are divided into groups for a brainstorming session which lasts twenty-thirty minutes.
- V. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers
 - A. Siegrist - plugs the Carving and Questions with Senators on October 28th, email or message in Slack for information
 - B. Cargill - admissions office is looking for volunteers for Student Ambassadors
 - C. Stephens - plugs GV polling location, link available for volunteers
 - D. Sanders - this Saturday is Vote Early day and Parade to the Polls
- VI. President's Report
 - A. Adoption of the Agenda
 - i. Stand approved
 - B. University Committees still need representatives
 - C. ECS is tomorrow (10/23)
 - D. Will be meeting with organizer of Spring Break petition
- VII. Executive Vice President's Report
 - A. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. Stand approved
 - B. Have been completing a lot of 1:1s with VPs and Sub-committees
 - C. Satellite Office - in 0072 Kirkhof, can vote here if one is an Allendale Resident. This does not include Campus View apartments, South apartments and GVA as they are technically Georgetown residents.
 - D. There is a Volunteer sign-up for Election Day activities
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
 - A. Call for New Orders of the Day
- X. Public Comment - Part II
- XI. Officer Reports
 - A. Senate Resources - Thompson
 - i. Complete office hour by Friday
 - ii. Senate Bonding Event for New Salem has been canceled
 - iii. SRC masterfile is in the SRC folder in the shared drive
 - iv. Reminder to maintain proper Zoom etiquette
 - v. Plug Student Senate applications
 - vi. Valerie Guzman makes a point of clarification - at the moment, student orgs must contact the OSL to obtain an exemption for events that include travel (as is defined under the new Travel Ban)
 - vii. In admin breakout room: spoke about restorative justice and how SRC can implement that, how SRC can handle conduct situations

- B. Allocations - Siegrist
 - i. Allocations Committee met for the first time
 - ii. Training tonight to obtain voting rights; as well as on Friday for a funding board meeting
 - a) Senators can see if they have obtained their voting rights by checking the spreadsheet in the Allocations folder
 - iii. Reach out to Student Organizations to invite them to apply for funds
 - iv. Meeting: GV are looking for budget cuts but not ones that will directly affect the student experience; some campus dining
- C. Public Relations
 - i. Graphics have been made, specifically for Open Access
 - ii. Please do your best to repost Senate posts
 - iii. Breakout room: talked about challenges of interacting with students and how to effectively communicate with people during a time in which it feels as there is a bombardment of information
 - iv. Will be updating the Student Senate website, including the group photo. Plans on taking a screenshot of the Senators
- D. Campus Affairs
 - i. Breakout rooms: learned through Career Center that students are fairly tech savvy, but working with off-campus partners requires a learning curve; there is a one credit sustainability course which became so popular that the Sustainability Office added courses
 - ii. First SORB meeting on Friday, will be approving clubs which have been waiting since February
 - iii. Tuesday - Hot Chocolate, Coffee, and Donuts from 8:30am to 10am from CSLC
 - iv. CAB Rocky Horror Picture Show Interactive (virtual) on Wednesday October 28th from 8-10:30
 - v. REC outdoor dance party at Lubbers Stadium from 8:15-9:15 on Wednesday, October 28th, bring masks
- E. Educational Affairs
 - i. This week is Open Access Week!
 - ii. Breakout rooms: discussed class structures, student struggles and coursework, work load, etc.
 - iii. Liaison roles established within committee, viewable on Google Drive
 - iv. Tomorrow's EAC meeting time is tomorrow at noon
- F. Diversity Affairs
 - i. Breakout room: Library has put together a Black Lives Matter section for books
 - ii. Liaisons for social justice centers are assigned
 - iii. DAC meets at 6pm on Mondays
 - iv. Food Insecurity Task Force will no longer meet, a new task force called Basic Needs is looking for students to sit
- G. External Relations

- i. Breakout: Giving Tuesday, BOV-like event with Ferris State, alumni relations, city of Grand Rapids, Allendale Charter Township, and relations with counseling center
 - ii. This Saturday: Parade to the Polls (offers thanks to Senator Sanders); and thanks to ERC for their works on the Vote Early event
 - iii. Meeting with Janessa Smith next week, in charge of Allendale Area Chamber of Commerce
 - iv. Partnering with CAC to get e-scooters on campus
- XII. Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Sustainability - first meeting on Friday at 10am, Google Drive will be updated with information
 - B. MHAC - first meeting on Friday at 6:30pm, link in Slack and Google Drive
- XIII. University Committee Reports
 - A. Siegrist - (Faculty Salary & Budget Committee), new program proposal (Master of Science and Water Resource and Policy), Robert Hollister re-elected as chair, reviewed budget bulletin for faculty
 - B. Byers - subcommittee time to be established (SAAC)
 - C. Neal - (Equity & Inclusion University Committee) approved 33 Teach-In proposals, are in need of hosts, hosts need to commit to training on October 27th from 9-11am and their presentation time; Senator Sanders and VP Neal will be in a video for the Teach-In, please plug the flyers and videos
- XIV. Roll Call - Part II
- XV. Call for Announcements
 - A. Siegrist - Link to get Voting Rights training is in the Slack and Chat, meeting immediately following this GA
 - B. Pagel - those interested in SCHEF, will be hosting info session sometime next week
- XVI. Adjournment: 6:11pm