



General Assembly

Thursday, October 29th, 2020 — 4:30 pm

Via Zoom

President: Kelly Dowker

Parliamentarian: Grace McMahon

- I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:31pm
 - A. Moment of Silence for Native Land Recognition
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call - Part I
- III. Public Comment - Part I
- IV. President's Report
 - A. Adoption of the Agenda
 - i. Stands approved
 - B. ECS - faculty dining room in Kirkhof will become Laker Military Resource Center; will be giving first report to the Board of Trustees
 - C. University Committees only has one open seat remaining
- V. Executive Vice President's Report
 - A. Approval of the minutes
 - i. Stand approved
 - B. Sign up to volunteer at Satellite office or help out at Election Day, Dowker and Pagel will be speaking at noon
 - C. Make sure to read all of the documents in EVP McMahon's emails
- VI. "Living Room Conversation, 2020 Election - Concerns and Aspirations"
 - A. Facilitated by the Community Service Learning Center
 - B. Melissa Baker-Boosamra - speaks on the format of the conversation; recognizing the challenging climate and the importance of building relationships, of seeking to better understand one another across difference, this conversation is intended to provide structure to a potentially difficult conversation. It is for listening, not debating
 - C. Baker-Boosamra introduce co-facilitators, Sam Jacobs (CSLC) and Giavonna Ward (OSL), assistants
 - D. Baker-Boosamra takes volunteers to read through pre-written conversation agreements:
 - i. Be curious and listen to understand
 - ii. Show respect and suspend judgment
 - iii. Note any common ground as well as any differences
 - iv. Be authentic and welcome that from others
 - v. Be purposeful and to the point
 - vi. Own and guide the conversation
 - E. Groups are divided into three breakout rooms where facilitators will lead rounds of conversations. All following questions were asked of each senator regardless of their group.

- i. Sam Jacobs facilitates the conversation of the “Main Room”
 - ii. Brief introductions - names, student status, and what inspired them to run for Senate
 - iii. Round One: Getting to Know Each Other - questions are placed in the chat for senators to answer in popcorn style. Goal is to learn why, not to debate. To better understand why an individual feels a particular way.
 - a) What are your hopes and concerns for your family, community and/or the country?
 - b) What would your best friend say about who you are?
 - c) What sense of purpose/mission/duty guides you in your life?
 - iv. Common ground found: stubborn (driven, persistent)
 - F. Round Two: Regarding the Elections, Anxiety tied to making impactful decisions
 - i. What have you noticed about your feelings and behavior in relation to the upcoming election? What are you noticing in those around you? What has surprised you?
 - ii. What role, if any, do social media and the news play in the anxiety you have over the political process and the coming election? How do you navigate that?
 - iii. Describe what methods and approaches are helpful to you in dealing with anxiety in your personal life? How are they serving you in the context of the upcoming election?
 - iv. How do you impact others’ anxieties around the election? Is this the impact you want to have?
 - v. Themes: disliking social media, as well as a consensus on utilizing self-care to de-stress
 - G. Round Three: Reflection - the group reconvenes. Baker-Boosamra presents questions and ask for volunteers to respond
 - i. What was most meaningful/valuable to you in this Living Room Conversation?
 - ii. What learning, new understanding or common ground was found on the topic?
 - iii. How has this conversation changed your perception of anyone in this group?
 - iv. Is there a next step you would like to take based upon the conversation?
 - H. MBB: Come back to dig in deeper to some of these topics. This is a good starting point and I appreciate the willingness to participate in these conversations.
- VII. Public Comment - Part II
 - A. Dowker: Anyone who wishes to address the Student Senate at this time.
- VIII. Roll Call - Part II
 - A. Dowker yields to SRC to take role.
- IX. Dowker: Open comment
 - A. VP Thompson: Be sure to keep an eye out in the bonding slack channel. Haunted Arb Friday at 7pm. Look in the slack for more details.
 - B. Suchecki: Reminder of the importance of putting pronouns in your name.
 - C. VP Thompson: Shoutout to Senator Ferreya, reached out and is exempt from office hours because of reading at the bottom of my report.
- X. Adjournment:
 - A. Meeting is adjourned at 6:00pm