



# General Assembly

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

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## I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30

- a. Moment of Silence
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

## II. Guest Speakers

### a. Dean Belanger and Matt Ruen, University Libraries/ Open Access

- i. Belanger: “Wanted to do an overview of the library” States the mission and stated how they would like to help bring values and help emerging scholars. “We view libraries as extensions as a student’s life long journey in learning” The library is a hub to bring students together. The library creates spaces that promote community to all. The library has 62 goals with 4 umbrellas that these fit under. This is all apart of their strategic plan priorities.
- ii. Belanger: “We try to be open and affordable” if we do not foster agency and empowerment in out staff than we can not create an environment to enhance our environment for our students and faculty that work in the library
- iii. Belanger: “Our goal is to ask how we can do great from doing better”
- iv. Belanger: Enhancing accessibility to all members of this community and that all the voices are represented in our library. “We have 2- 3 year - visiting faculty that will help increase diversity on campus. This is a high mentoring program that we are excited about”
- v. Belanger: “Open and equity is essential for democracy, libraries are essential for democracy.” Open exchange of access to information is our mission. WE are going to start pushing to bring this to our students”
- vi. Ruen: “When we talk about open we mean FREE + PERMISSIONS” this is a baseline for the library's understanding around open access. We are looking at open and affordable options on campus to help educate students. We are looking for commercial answers to making textbooks affordable.
- vii. Ruen “How can we make education more affordable to students?” The SSUAS taskforce is working on gathering data and after we will develop recommendations to the faculty senate to help students learn.
- viii. Ruen “The incomplete estimate of how much money this is already saving students is half a million dollars” Faculty is publishing in journals that do not have subscription fees. Many of the partners on campus are interested in saving students money. We are one of two colleges in the state of Michigan that own their own bookstore.

- ix. Ruen: “I represent the university on the #GoOpen campaign” WE are exploring ways and have been for 2 years now to get open access on campuses in Michigan
- x. Ruen: Open library collections have been constantly refined to help be relevant to the material being taught as possible “We are at 50,000 downloads a year now” Liaison librarians work with library to make sure the material is still relevant.
- xi. Ruen: Open access week October 22-26, open GVSU symposium on October 1:30-4:30 pm at the Library
- xii. Ruen: “What can you as Student Senators do to help?” Talk to your professor and explain how the cost of the textbook affected your learning. Continue to advocate as students and student senators. Advocate as citizens and taxpayers- your tuition dollars are paying for researchers and it's also having to pay for journals to buy back that research. Talk to your local representatives.
- xiii. Belanger: Help us student hiring practices taskforce
- xiv. Belanger: Enhancing accessibility in our spaces “If you see something say something, also come forward with the success stories”
- xv. Belanger: Come help us at the ULAC
- xvi. Belanger: Help bring forward with impact stories about libraries “100% of the money fundraised from the libraries go back to the students”
- xvii. Belanger: “Curriculum embedded with student ORE creation.” We have been working with Go Open to help benefit the Michigan education system.
- xviii. Belanger: “Our challenges are an opportunity yet to be discovered” Continued budget pressures, journals and databases inflation 4-7% per year, furniture and space maintenance, student colleagues and wage increases, ORE and Course Reserves buy-in, space growth and crunch. The library is looking to hear what resonated for us
- xix. VP Ibarra: “Curious about potential about gender neutral bathrooms?”
  - (1) Belanger “Moved that talk to VP bernau to help get that signage changed”
- xx. Senator Schroder: “For the classes that do use the open access are advertised as such”
  - (1) Ruen: “Yes, that would be great. With student Senates help we can help push for that advertisement in banner. Look at California, Texas, and Colorado who have pushed to get that in course registration”
  - (2) Belanger: I would like to see where it is open and affordable
- xxi. EVP Mattler : “what can we do to get to your picture perfect vision?”



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(1) Ruen: “In 10 years I would like to see where students and faculty are working together to make OER a more engaged topic and example for everyone

(2) Belanger: More of a push from students to allow OER used in class. How do we change our world. Access cards will be the problem in the near future

### III. **Public Comment – Part I- no comment**

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

- a. Senator Hall- Met with admissions, two dates for everyone to help give tours on campus
- b. Senator Szcapaniak- Tailgating voter registration, 3:30 pm and 7:30pm on Saturday

### V. **President’s Report**

#### a. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- i. Senator Esselink line item 10 to merge a,b,c,
  - ii. Senator Schaefer- oppose everyone interviewed separately
  - iii. Senator Nurmi- Friendly amendment- VP Neva gives rationale
    - (1) Senator Esselink- accepts friendly amendment
  - iv. VP Crawford- Combining them takes away the option to oppose the appointment
  - v. Senator Esselink-withdraws
- b. Went to UM with an emphasis on improving student Rec center-> students lead this movement. Take away from trip:
- i. Students made a video on how their recreation facilities compare to others
  - ii. We need to look towards better branding
  - iii. ADA compliance
  - iv. How working together throughout the student body can work on campus past Senate
- c. EVP Mattler and I have been working with Ottawa commission
- d. In-service survey, make sure to fill it out.
- e. Working with board of trustees
- f. Working with Heather from Laker for a Lifetime who will be coming in next week
- g. Class of 1968 is having their 50th university- Need help in giving tour?
- h. Sitting on a panel on talking about Sexual Assault Awareness Committee
- i. Debate night- “talk to me if you are interested”
- j. Talked about attitude on Senate and how change starts with us
- i. Think about what you want from senate and what grand valley can do for you



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ii. What can you do for senate grand valley your peers and how you will build a Laker legacy

k. Senator Bialowas: “Clarification on time for debate?”

i. President Jenkin: This Sunday at 3

l. Senator Szcapaniak: “POC Oct 14th?”

i. President Jenkin: “I will follow up with that”

## VI. Vice President’s Report

a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -approved

b. BOV is three weeks away, we will soon need all hands on deck

i. Working on website and strategies on donation on that

ii. Two big events and Salam maze scare for fundraising

iii. BWW fundraiser planned

iv. Tuesday- paint and sip

v. Wednesday- pie day->need senators to

vi. Thursday- Applebee’s day

vii. Friday- Need 5 more Senators to dress up at Salem corn maze

viii. Saturday- VP Engler and I will be going

c. 2 on 1- look at schedule

d. President Jenkin “The Debate is the 14th, and I would definitely recommend going to BOV”

## VII. Officer Reports

a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva

i. “Also traveling to BOV, come say hi.

ii. Interviews are going well

iii. Old senators wear your name tag

iv. Submit office hours->Submit absence forms

v. Read committee reports

(1) Senator Downey- Senator of the month is senator Dekoeke

(a) Rational- Senator Quaine

(b) VP Ibarra- Senator of the month form

(c) Senator Downey- Yes it will be sent out monthly

(d) President Jenkin- If you could put that in the student drive that would be great

b. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford

i. Come to appropriations



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- ii. Krista has talked about making changes to Laker link
- iii. I sat on Sexual Assault awareness committee
- iv. Funding updates: Cabinet has approved \$650- symposium
  - (1) \$750- BOV Shirts
- c. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler
  - i. BOV update- BWB is letting us take 30% on MON Oct. 22nd
  - ii. Committee is doing great work check the committee report for further updates
- d. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
  - i. Library came in today, they are doing amazing work
  - ii. Open Access- Finance request got approved met with taskforce that the committee will be looking over in the next week
  - iii. Senator Kolc and Szcapaniak to help with march is reading room
  - iv. Thank you for all those who came out to Sexual Assault Awareness committee
  - v. General Education Committee's seat is open
    - (1) EVP Mattler- If you know a friend who would be interested please let them know, it does not have to be a Senator
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
  - i. I met with equity and inclusion->My group focused on the teach in
    - (1) Let me know if you would like to be involved and volunteer
    - (2) Coffee with LGTB center
    - (3) Next week we'll be ordering more pronoun buttons
    - (4) Reaching out to help with downtown parking structure
    - (5) Indigenous peoples day- Mon at 6-> let me know if you're interested
    - (6) S/O to Amrutha ->interfaith project
    - (7) Pep Rally tonight at 8pm
    - (8) Senator DeKoekkoek- When is teach in
    - (9) Senator Szcapaniak- Nov 7th downtown and Nov 8th all day Allendale
    - (10) VP Ibarra->describes teach-in
    - (11) President Jenkin->When is the deadline
      - (a) VP Ibarra-> tomorrow
  - ii. Senator Esselink-> DO they say Student Senate on them



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- (1) VP Ibarra ->no
- iii. Senator Hall- Where is the pep rally at?
  - (1) VP Ibarra-> outside the lib
- f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones
  - i. S/O to everyone who gave me advice last week in my committee report
  - ii. Meeting with Matt Mclogan for state funding project
  - iii. Senator VanDeal and Senator Thompson great help from this meeting
  - iv. Met with Ottawa Commissioner-> they are excited about meeting Nov 15th 2:30-4
  - v. Senator Nurmi Registered 59 students
  - vi. Registered 500 students to vote
  - vii. Thank you for everyone who came out to the Senate Panel
  - viii. VP Jones
    - (1) We want Wide Variety of people who want to hear about a wide variety of things
  - ix. VP Ibarra- Does that count for office hours
    - (1) President Jenkin- Yes
  - x. Senator Szcapaniak- Will they be conducting business or is this going to be an informal way to speak with us
    - (1) They are going to be doing their meeting and we'll be able to speak at public comment. From 4-4:30 we will be able to socialize
- g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi
  - i. ORE's->Email Senator Esselink or myself with questions
    - (1) Turn them in on a google form or put them in mail box physically
    - (2) Everyone is expected to do 10
    - (3) Please get their emails if they would like to subscribe to a weekly letter
  - ii. Senator Sanchez-Castillo- Senate Swag process is coming along
  - iii. Working on GA tab for the Senate website
    - (1) Working on getting a comment tab
  - iv. Met with Leeann Tibby-> Student retention rates
    - (1) Let me know how to solve miscommunication
    - (2) Senator Shafer- Also upload minutes
      - (a) Qureshi- yes

(b) Senator Merdzinski- If on ORE's will you accept informal conversations

(c) Senator Esselink- Yes, find out how students are feeling

(d) Senator Quaine- Google Calendar on the tab as well?

(i) Yes

### VIII. **Call for University Committee Reports**

- a. VP McIntosh- UOAT- short surveys will be sent out to faculty
  - i. 5 million dollar grant for Universities libraries and institutions around the country
    - (1) 20 different universities will get this next year
    - (2) Do your ORE's->helps us out
  - ii. Senator Schafer- 9am - pilot program for helping to forgive classes that you have failed previously
  - iii. Senator Bialowas- General Education Committee
    - (1) Informational sheet about updates
    - (2) Discussion points-> to present that to senate
    - (3) Different changes to help make it more student related
    - (4) Quantitative literacy rubric
    - (5) Helps compare us to other universities
  - iv. Senator Szcapaniak- Campus of Democratic engagement meeting
    - (1) S/O Senator Nurmi- for making us the most registered voting university in the state
    - (2) Area 51, 3pm-> Debate watch for Oct 14th
    - (3) Precinct for 2020 election
    - (4) Every Friday from now till election-> coffee and conversation out by the pond
      - (a) Talk about civic issues

### IX. **Unfinished Business-moved to new business**

### X. **New Business**

- a. Appointment of Alex Hicks to the Public Relations Committee
  - i. VP Neva gave rationale
  - ii. Moved to discussion
  - iii. Moved to Voting: Appointed
- b. Appointment of Autumn Mueller to the Educational Affairs Committee
  - i. VP Neva gave rationale
  - ii. Moved to discussion
  - iii. Moved to Voting: Appointed





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- c. Appointment of Austin Marsman to the External Relations Committee
    - i. VP Neva gave rationale
    - ii. Moved to discussion:
      - (1) Senator Bialowas->Great individual
      - (2) Senator Szcapaniak-> So excited for his input towards sustainability
    - iii. Moved to Voting: Appointed
  - d. **CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**
    - i. **Senator Sanchez-Castillo-> This way to GA to bring students in to GA contact me for further information**

## XI. Public Comment – Part II

## XII. Call for Announcements

- a. **Senator Nurmi- in the next week, register people to vote, 119 people registered to vote with me**
- b. **Senator Wesley- Ice breaker was a huge success, thank you**
- c. **Senator Boyd- Connected GVTV and Student Senate**
  - i. **Skit on consent**
  - ii. **potentially merchandise line for T. Haas retirement**
- d. **Senator Sanchez-Castillo**
  - i. **pep talks-> reach out so we can feel safe->Law club->advocacy on bystander intervention**
- e. **Senator Vandeale**
  - i. **S/O to everyone who helped for my subcommittee attendance pole**
  - ii. **Tentative date for CMU conference Nov 10th**
- f. **Senator Hunter**
  - i. **OTL- Mon 15th for Israel and Palestine talk**
  - ii. **Shabot to help breast cancer awareness**
  - iii. **Senator DeKoekkoek- register to vote**
  - iv. **VP Jones- model international relations club**
  - v. **President Jenkin- ORE's, University Committees, Indigenous Day**

## XIII. Adjournment: 6:27pm