



# General Assembly

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

*Chair: Rachel Jenkin*

*Parliamentarian: Morgan Mattler*

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

- i. Moment of Silence
- ii. Pledge of Allegiance
- iii. Roll Call

## II. Guest Speakers

- i. Yumi Jakobcic, GVSU Office of Sustainability
  - i. Small staff over in Lake Michigan Hall, I am the campus coordinator, so I communicate with the students mostly. Our office is like a firm/hub where students can get more information on how to live a more sustainable, like food, transpiration, waste, etc.
  - ii. We do events throughout the year, like sustainability week. The “Stars” program, is what can be used for ranking by Princeton,
  - iii. We usually land in top 50 in the nation, number 1 in the state, etc.
  - iv. Focusing on trying to engage more with students who are in their first couple of years here at GVSU. We even offer a 1 credit class on how to be sustainable.
  - v. ASSU, they picked our farm as best sustainable farm, encourage people to come out and see the internship opportunities that we provide. Our farm is great for all routes of different types of educations.
  - vi. Opportunities, Sustainable reinvestment fund, open to students, faculty and staff, funds available for people for trying to improve sustainable aspects of campus life.
  - vii. Campus sustainability advisory councils, sustainable reinvestment fund are two places where senate can get involved if interested in being part of these committees.
  - viii. Places where you might want to see us do better, or wanting to collaborate, reach out to us as we want to partner with student senators and other students alike.
  - ix. Also we are looking into the amount of recycling we do, in terms of trying to reduce the amount we “throw away”
  - x. 260 Lake Michigan Hall is where our office is.
  - xi. Senator Hall: know how much GVSU energy we use is renewable energy,
  - xii. Around 15% I believe of our energy is renewable energy
  - xiii. Senator Esselink: does sustainable agricultural project do any work with replenish?
  - xiv. Food goes to campus dining, CSA program, farmers market in lot g, and donating to replenish whenever we can. We are still learning what Replenish food are popular but we do once and awhile

- xv. Senator DeKoekkoek: Times for committees?
- xvi. CSAC, 3 times a year, September, January and April. Sustainable Reinvestment fund, meet once in the fall, then meet as needed.
- xvii. President Jenkin: For the Rapid, the green parts on top of the bus, is that part of your work?
- xviii. No, Chris Swank might have a better answer.
- ii. Jodi Chycinski, Admissions
  - i. Updates on enrolment from past fall
  - ii. Entering freshman fall class, 2<sup>nd</sup> large test in GVSU history, no compromises in quality, in fact credentials for admission are slightly harder, 86% of freshmen live on campus, 9% are in the honors college, out of state 441 students for freshman, higher than last year by 31 students. 11% overall are non Michigan residents, 29 states represented and 26 countries, Kent Ottawa and Muskegon, make up 25%, East side of state makes up 28%.
  - iii. Rockford, Hudsonville, Clarkston, Grand Haven, Lake Orien, Wild Lake Northern, Grandville, Allie Stevenson and East Kentwood High school are some of the top high schools that come here.
  - iv. June July August and September, over 3000 unique visitors coming to admission office to learn more about GVSU. This number does not include their family members, but potential students alone.
  - v. New space, 112 seating space for greeting guests. Feels very branded as GVSU.
  - vi. Also able to host high school groups, we do as much and often as we can, sometimes we even reach out to high schools to host events here. Looking to last year, we hosted 93 high schools, over 2000 students hosted in high school.
  - vii. Continuing to host larger guest events, benefit is being able to put faculty in front of possible students. Over 1000 possible students came to our larger guest events.
  - viii. We need more help on volunteers, we have student employees, but due to sheer volume of number of guests, we need more volunteers to accommodate our large numbers for people touring, April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> are very busy days that we need people to help tour the campus. We appreciate the tour so much, almost all tours are given by student volunteers, so we are so grateful for their help. Our students are our best speakers for telling potential students.
  - ix. 628 more students have visited campus this year at this time compared to last year. Best recruiting tool is word of mouth.
  - x. Feedback from families is that they think highly of GVSU and love the student volunteers

- xi. Senator Esselink: 86% of incoming freshman live on campus, compared to other years?
- xii. Previous years rage is 85-87%, so good, right were we want to be
- xiii. Senator Nurmi: More students come from the east side than west side, so we are more than a commutator school, how do you combat that
- xiv. Our combating, is to push potential students to visit campus, see how campus works. Some students don't live on campus to save money, which is totally fine.
- xv. VP Ibarra: Laker Experience Suite, numbers on students who went thought he suite.
- xvi. No specific numbers on the suite for number of students going though it. We still value the one on one aspect when families meet staff and have that personal conversation.
- xvii. VP Jones: Changes you have seen while being here
- xviii. 21 years I have been at GVSU, season ticket holder fro all 21 years for football, but biggest changes are the among of collaboration from all departments on campus in their assistance in recruitment. Everyone is willing to work together. Staff is dedicated to the amount work they do.
- xix. Senator Schaffer: other 47% of students where they are form.
- xx. Can't remember off the top of my head but we have student from all counties of the state except for one in the UP. We compete with MSU the most for applications
- xxi. Senator Bialowas: Report available on admission website.
- xxii. Institution analysis might have some of this information
- xxiii. Senator Worku: Number of high school graduates is down, how to recruit more.
- xxiv. 15% decrease in the past 5 years, but we have been able to maintain and grow our admission numbers due to the quality of our institution. Word of Mouth continues to be best way of how highly our student stalk about our faculty and staff. More son goes here to GVSU, and his cousin comes here due to how son talked how great GVSU is and the cousin's best friend. We have hundreds of strategies that are there to recruit people from all over.
- xxv. VP Ibarra: Tours, all of people that come, we asked what schools students are interested, shift from Western, Central to MSU and Michigan.
- xxvi. Due to how we have grown and we become more desirable and increase in quality, general shift of people that come here are comparing us to schools like MSU and Michigan instead of comparing us to other institutions like Western and Central.
- xxvii. Senator LaPlatt: tours downtown for campus downtown?

xxviii. All tours in Allendale campus, becoming more challenging due to campuses more than just in Allendale. For example, Engineering school has tours downtown. Most freshmen are here in Allendale to start so that is why tours are mainly in Allendale.

### III. Public Comment – Part I

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

I. VP Qureshi: in class speeches, those interested in helping others for in class speeches, write name down.

### V. President's Report

- i. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
  - i. Motion to strike Officer reports due to in service, committee photos, night walk
  - ii. No second
- ii. Night Walk is tonight, 3 senators will be there and other students as well, updates to come.
- iii. Board of trustees meeting tomorrow, going to subcommittees so I can be introduced so I can continue to fight for a student position on the board in a symbolic position so we can give a report in what work students accomplish. I am downtown in Eberhard.
- iv. Higher Learning Commission is coming got campus next week for re-accreditation. Couple students will be having lunch to talk about what it means to be involved as a student.
- v. Survey will be going out soon, for GVSU being part of Princeton review. Goal is for 10% of response from undergrads.
- vi. Working GA is next week. Time for brainstorming and learning opportunities. Ideas for improvements on working GA let EVP or myself know.
- vii. Jessie had to cancel his meeting with me due to sickness. He sent out a campus wide email today to reassure transgender students due to recent federal talks of title IX.
- viii. VP McIntosh shout out for SAAC.
- ix. 2 on 1 meetings with cabinet to come for feedback from feedback from body. Will share general notes next meeting and will be in the team drive
- x. November 15 commissionaire's meeting 230 in Pere Marquet.
- xi. Princeton Review is another method for showing potential students in how we measure Colleges. GVSU has been part of this since 1990. This happens ever 3 years.
- xii. Senator Aller: How ling survey will be open, will there be reminder email as well?
- xiii. Not sure how long it will be open, not sure if a reminder email will go out as well.
- xiv. Interest in senators sitting with review board, we might need more senators to sit and eat lunch with them. Currently we have a total of 5, but might need more.

- xv. Senator Nurmi: Can we have the next Agenda sent out earlier for the working GA?
- xvi. Can do! Probably after Cabinet meeting
- xvii. Senator Aller: Survey, might want to go to housing centers and hold events.
- xviii. Thanks for suggestion, will look into it.

## VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- i. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved
- ii. Thanks for everyone who could come to candle Vigil for the recent shooting.
- iii. Over \$15,00 for Battle of the Valley's. Thanks to everyone that helped out with BOV.
- iv. Posted in Facebook group with answers from questions for past guest speakers, relating to printing mostly.
- v. Now BOV is over, 1 on 1s with VPs continue to happen.
- vi. 2 on 1 feed back from general senators conveyed to cabinet in 2 on 1s to come
- vii. County Commissionaire Meting November 15 at 2:30. If you can make it out, I encourage you to come for Ottawa county meeting, lots of elected county officials will be here. 2215-2216 from 4-430 there will be a social half hour for meet a greet before they come to senate GA.
- viii. Make sure you sign up for composite photos. Can used it for LinkedIn even since it is a professional photo
- ix. Campus Safety Night walk, Dean Roland idea, wanting to hear from all different types of students.

## VII. Officer Reports

- i. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva
  - i. Congrats to PRC for winning BOV tabling, no office hours next week.
  - ii. Submit Senator of the spotlight nominations.
  - iii. Senator Bialowas, let him know if you need need a name tag.
  - iv. You can try to appeal absences f you submit a request and come to our meeting.
  - v. Senate Buddies are assigned, let senator downy if you have questions.
  - vi. Friends Giving, date tentatively moved due to working GA and other events.
  - vii. Use Google Calendar, asked Senator Quaine if you have questions.
  - viii. If you have trouble working the team drive, let us know.
  - ix. EVP Mattler, for composite photos, November 19<sup>th</sup> they canceled that photo days, should have gotten an email.
  - x. Senator LaPlatt: appeal period for absences
  - xi. Usually a 2-week period but willing to work with you.

- xii. Senator Downy: For Friends Giving, heard people want it after thanksgiving break, will probably be after a GA.
- ii. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford
  - i. Val and Krista funding request we went over
  - ii. SAAC attended its meeting
  - iii. Looking into designing infographic for contraceptive areas you can grab some, how to come to go certain areas to feel welcomed to get some contraceptives.
  - iv. No cultural funding meeting at appropriations this week, but appropriations is at 1:30 on Friday.
- iii. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler
  - i. Over \$15,000 for replenish raised during BOV.
  - ii. Still working with Bdubs and Applebee’s for getting checks for percentage nights.
  - iii. CAC is having normal meeting for committee after GA, will be reiterating projects, new CAC members will be getting new projects.
  - iv. Senator DeKoekkoek: where we can see what events raised what funds
  - v. Will post once it is all finalized for how much is raised in each event.
  - vi. Senator Esselink: Winner of department for BOV was Mathematics Department.
- iv. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
  - i. SAAC was last night, worked on topics and questions for meeting with Title IX and victim advocate center.
  - ii. Library loved ORE response about textbook prices
  - iii. Last Lecture form is closed and applications will be reviewed soon
  - iv. Student government conference applications are closed. Senator VanDeale will be hosting talk about state funding.
- v. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
  - i. Meet with equity and inclusion, cleared schedule for teach in confusion. Will not having students help host due to some coming to asking harder and disrupting questions, rationale that I was given. Ask Marlin or me if you have questions
  - ii. ADA meeting, there is a parking committee. They look at traffic, see what parking lots are used most. Discussed Service Animals as well. Current issue is that some people are bringing dogs to campus and trying to use them as service animals when they are not registered/valid service animals. We are brainstorming ideas on how to combat this issue. We also talked bathrooms, not only gender inclusive, but nursing



- and wheelchair accessible. Learned about new upcoming Laker line. Also Accessible documents for students who cannot read due to disabilities.
- iii. Interest in Book club, hoping to have all books by this weekend. There is a group page on Facebook.
  - iv. Latino Student Event, DAC went to it that past week. They loved to see us senators there, and importance of student organization relationship.
  - v. Marlin meeting next week for teach in and Working GA.
  - vi. Allen Vanderburg, meet with him and Cameron Jones and talked diversity and inclusion and how to implement to to GVSU.
  - vii. Senator Aller: student wanting to talk at teach in, can they do that
  - viii. Sign up is closed, but every presentation has to have a student and a faculty member to present with them. Gave them idea to have google form for partnering students and faculty up next year.
  - ix. Senator Esselink: Is there a policy for having/walking pets on campus? Laker Line?
  - x. Need to have a lease on pets, but they can't be in buildings, due to allergies. Laker Line is renovations for GVSU bus line. Adding Wi-Fi to buses, bigger buses, changing how buses load and unload. Upgrades on downtown campus, platforms. Construction starting this summer I believe. Will still be free for student to ride. Routes will not stop at community areas, like standale Meijer to reduce on traffic. Will still be buses that will stop at community areas.
  - xi. VP Neva: Maybe having more male changing rooms
  - xii. There are some in Finklestein, but talks of new bathrooms for nursing will possibly have it.
  - xiii. President Jenkin: Michigan has "Privacy Room". Also question for teach in, purpose was to have students take over a lecture.
  - xiv. VP Ibarra: Students wont host but they can still present lecture as long as a faculty member is there to assist.
- vi. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones
- i. Reminder for town hall, post election, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Tell anyone who might want ot talk about post election. 9pm in multipurpose room in library
  - ii. Associate dean search still going on. Role is something who deals with faculty under student services, training them under dean Rholand, helping with crisis management, disciplinary action help. Broadly leading role for student services.
  - iii. Tabling on election day, 2 time slots unfilled. Between 7-9pm. Let me know if you are available.

- iv. Vote if you can on Tuesday!
- v. Senator Nurmi had an idea, maybe a housing committee that would be very similar to food committee.
- vi. Senator Schaffer: Please post tabling fro election day tabling please.
- vii. Senator Bialowas: Tabling, have individuals that are interested that might want to help.
- viii. Senator Quaine: Housing committee idea, sounds a lot like RHA, they would love to have more students come to RHA meetings.
- ix. Senator Benoit: Town hall post elections, 9pm on bottom floor of library.
- x. President Jenkin: Would love to have more senators go to RHA meetings, in past there was a relationship.
- xi. Senator Hicks: Location of RHA meeting? (Will look into it)
- vii. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi
  - i. Exam cram December 3-15<sup>th</sup>, will be doing snacks with senators again. Will have pencils, green books, healthy snacks that we will pass out while at library, if you want to be apart, let me know.
  - ii. In Class speeches, PRC will be doing test run next week, we have 21 senators willing to help for in-class speeches
  - iii. ORE questions, send suggestions to senator Esselink
  - iv. Senator Benoit working on a “pizza with senators” in a casual space. On a Tuesday or Wednesday in Devos building. Space for students to voice concerns and talk to senators.
  - v. Looking over OREs and will bring significant data soon.
  - vi. All of PRC will be reaching out and seeing what comfort level you are at for public speaking.
  - vii. Senator Aller: Consider bringing suggestion box for “Pizza with senators”
- VIII. **Call for University Committee Reports**
  - i. Academic Policies for Majors, working on list for pilot program for those switching majors and having poor performing classes not factored into GPA
  - ii. General Education Committee, in future, changing on honors program, completely different than general students. Will have different curriculum and learning goals.
- IX. **Unfinished Business**
- X. **New Business**
  - i. Discussion on Resolution F-18-02: 3 Exams in One Day



- (1) Senator Schaffer: Asking faculty senate to create official policy if you have 3 exams on one day and be able to move one of the exams moved to a different day. We want faculty input as well, so want to send to faculty senate.
- (2) President Jenkin: Goes to ECS first, if they like it then it goes to UAS. Discussion only today, voting next with.
- (3) Senator Aller: Under second recognize, maybe change some repetitive language.
- (4) Senator Schaffer: repetitiveness to stress importance and to help close potential loop holes. Most professors are very accommodating with number of exams but we just want to create this policy just in case a professor will not accommodate in the current policy.
- (5) Senator Esselink: Purpose for naming other resources on campus for academic success.
- (6) Senator Schaffer: Just there to help recognize what resources we provide
- (7) Senator Bialowas: Addition a part that recognizes students that travel between campuses, might help strengthen argument.
- (8) Senator Aller: Main goal of new exam schedule, if this were to take place, would this still happen?
- (9) Senator Schaffer: Yes, this could still happen, some students have all their classes on the same day.
- (10) Senator Dowker: Maybe include those students who have children as well
- (11) Senator Merdzinski: Second Recognizing, comment on how exams are part of lots of their final grade so making sure we set them up to be successful by giving students the best exam schedule for best grades. Data; when Ed came in he said he did have data for number of people affected by new exam schedule for 3 exams on one day.

ii. **CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- i. Senator Schaffer: Me and other senators having a meeting with housing an GVPD about housing contract
- ii. Senator Bialowas: Talking about new printer locations with those in charge of printing. They need student data, sending out a survey soon.

XI. **Public Comment – Part II**

XII. **Call for Announcements**

- i. Senator Esselink: Round 2 of ORE questions, suggestions for ORE questions let me know. Let me know ASAP



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- ii. Senator Kolc: Taco Dinner is this coming Monday, \$5, 6-10pm, can venom me at livk326, at the ASA house in Greek village
- iii. Senator Schaffer: Gen Ed fliers are in mail boxes. Also a group is going to metal pit Saturday at 2pm at connection.
- iv. Senator Benniefiekd: Black women hair show
- v. Senator Wesley: All Call, next Monday from 7-10.
- vi. Senator Hunter: Big thank you for all that came to Vigil. Healing does take time and the Jewish community on GVSU is small and we loved to see all the support and love from all aspects of GVSU. It was not unnoticed for all the support and love that was shown.
- vii. Senator Aller: Pride Prom planning, reach out to Senator Aller if interested in helping.
- viii. Senator Worku: LSU is hosting events all next week, movie nights, anniversary dinner and dance.
- ix. EVP Mattler: Committee photos after GA.
- x. Senator LaPlatt: November 16, my sorority is holding a cookout
- xi. President Jenkin: Anyone that wants to sit in on faculty and salary budget meeting, let me know if you can go.

**XIII. Adjournment: 6:40pm**