



# General Assembly

Thursday, November 15<sup>th</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

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

## II. Guest Speakers

- a. Greg Sanial, GVSU VP of Finance
- b. Brian Copeland, GVSU VP for Business and Finance
  - i. Greg has been here at GVSU for about 6 months now.
  - ii. University is very sound financially
  - iii. We just issued bonds this morning in fact (November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018)
  - iv. We are here to finance student success
  - v. GVSU State Appropriation and appropriation per student. For a full time student, each student gets allotted around \$3000. 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in state where as wayne gets around \$9000 per student. Definitely seems that we do not get our fair share for per student from the state.
  - vi. Appropriations over past 10 years raised 15%.
  - vii. GVSU gets 72 million from the state, 70 million base and 2 million based on performance
  - viii. GVSU performs the best compared to the other Michigan universities.
  - ix. Tuition Rates over the past 10 years definitely shows that it is going up, going up slightly faster than the rate of inflation.
  - x. Over past 10 years, tuition has changed 45%, this is due to the fact that state allocation does not raise at the same rate.
  - xi. GVSU does have 4<sup>th</sup> lowest tuition rate, but we are not 4<sup>th</sup> lowest in terms of education quality. We perform better than almost every other school.
  - xii. GVSU does its best to control its costs, very “lean operation”. Cost per student is about \$2000 per student where average for the state is \$3000. This is for things like “heating the building”.
  - xiii. Room and Board Rates, GVSU has the second lowest for public schools. I would argue that we have some of the best room and board. We do not require students to live in the dorms. This creates a competitive advantage. The “cheaper option” university doesn’t have dorms.
  - xiv. GVSU overall for tuition with room and board is 3<sup>rd</sup> cheapest in the state for public schools for universities.

- xv. We see that we are delivery exceptional quality at a very low price in comparison to other universities.
- xvi. Financial aid was increase a little over 10% last year.
- xvii. Financial aid has increased by 110% over the past ten years.
- xviii. Senator Bialowas: 110% increase in financial aid, where is that coming from, I am curios
- xix. Coming from general fund, so setting aside a good portion around \$50 million, to provide financial aid
- xx. Senator VanDeale: State average for appropriations per student? Metrics of appropriations, history first then performance, see a change soon
- xxi. Change in how appropriations is done, not likely, state average per student depends.
- xxii. Senator Thompson: Endowments and donations, where does this generally go?
- xxiii. Endowment has about \$4.5 go into the general fund each year
- xxiv. Senator Hunter: 2017 hedging options that is in place to prevent risk
- xxv. Yes, bonds sold have been general revenue bonds for example. GVSU is in a great spot, safe reserves, we do not have to increase the amount funds set aside.
- xxvi. Senator Hall: Student housing average, how is it measured
- xxvii. Measured based on 14 meal plan and Copeland housing due to how other universities measure this as well
- xxviii. Senator Worku: current trends were to continue, tuition going up, is GVSU doing things in Lansing to advocate for students to get more funding for students
- xxix. Yes, everything we can. Matt McLogan is full time in Lansing to advocate for students. Growth has some what leveled off for past 30 years. Building boom for GVSU is almost done with the health buildings being built. I do believe we will be seeing relief based on maturing bonds as well. We know tuition cannot continuously be raised. We will never compromise on quality of education though.

### III. Public Comment – Part I

- Justin Robertson: seems to issue on sexual assault across nation. I have three ideas t help prevent. Grand Valley Night Owls, Group of students who volunteer to scout GVSU form 12-4am, in contact, briefed by campus security to how to react. Supplement to GVPD. Second Idea, Post School wide email in informing free self defense class held once a week, maybe wrist band sold to show they know how to do self defend. 3<sup>rd</sup> idea on fundraiser for supplies like pepper spray to give free to students.

Allows a time to grieve together and at the same time raise money to help prevent sexual assault.

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

**V. President's Report**

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Approved
- b. Huge shout out to the commissionaires that were able to come out. Hope you got some ideas on how to partner with them in the future. Make sure we continue this conversation and relationship.
- c. ECS last week were a professor caught a student cheating, her study guide she bought online. One thing to upload one notes, another to upload someone's ideas and profit on it. Maybe to help prevent this I suggested how to go about this kind of situation outlined on the syllabus
- d. EVP Mattler will host next GA since I will be hosting Toast with T-Haas
- e. Landlord meeting with off campus housing for safety issues coming up, same day as Toast with T-Haas. List of areas where students may not feel safe, let us know. County Sherriff will be there as well.
- f. Sent out letter to Greek life chapter presidents, got some response, will meet with them to work on some sort of collective campaign, campus wide issue, not some just Greek life.
- g. Brenda Tracey "Set the Expectation", speaker on sexual assault, ideally to have her come in and speak twice. Once in the winter and then again in the Fall centered around a football game.
- h. Water Initiative, Provost office is putting this in place, looking to how get more students involved. More project ideas for county work and GSVU work
- i. Transportation talk at commissionaires meeting. Beyond 48<sup>th</sup> ave. very hard to find good transportation. For example, a full time bus to go to Walgreens would cost around \$500,000. So I suggested maybe something like shuttles instead.
- j. For graduation in December, I was asked to be the student speaker, something I have been working on since my first meeting with president Haas, something to get more than just senate visibility. Helps show GVSU is student centered. I will do the first one but after that it may be an audition process through provost office afterward
- k. Senator Aller: reaching out to businesses for shuttling service since we could shuttle people to their businesses.
- l. Senator Hall: Transportation who has been your contact
- m. Mainly work with those in township. Something that has been seen as more to do in Grand Rapids, but we want to help push economic growth in Allendale as well.



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## VI. Vice President's Report

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Approved
- b. Thank you all for those who came to commissionaire meeting and working GA
- c. Sign up for Composite photos, last reminder. If you do miss your appointment, you have to pay \$15. Can change your time 24 hours in advance.
- d. President Ball Planning is ramping up.
- e. 1 on 1s with other VPs always continues.
- f. After GA, debrief on Battle of the Valleys, what went well and what can be done in the future.
- g. Suggestion for guest speakers in winter semester, open to ideas.

## VII. Officer Reports

- a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva
  - i. Nametags, just a little longer.
  - ii. Questions about attendance, ask me or senator Downey.
  - iii. Google Calendar, continue to look for dates for events
  - iv. Interest in joining SRC, let me know
- b. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford
  - i. Val and Krista meeting fro funding request
  - ii. No Appropriations meeting next week due to Thanksgiving break
  - iii. CMU conference, focus on resolution writing, will not bring to body due to similarity or lack of focus. But I do have a list of project ideas, like a “Clothing Closest”, polling locations, seasonal affectional disorder light bulbs in study rooms, annual candidate’s forum, free recovery network (takes food made but not eaten/still okay to eat donated).
  - iv. Shout out to Senator Samuels for emailing orgs to remind of when they have appropriations.
  - v. 19% of budget used, but included annual expense that will be happening soon we are around 50%.
- c. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler
  - i. Shout out to Mental Health Awareness committee, want to get involved, ask Senator Ninzkin and Drosshart
  - ii. Having a meeting soon on possibility of merging multiple GVSU apps and combing for better ease of use.
  - iii. Troy Farley interview for on campus interviews on how student can take steps to reschedule

- iv. Reflection with EVP Mattler on BOV
- d. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
  - i. Thank you fro all the Last Lecture submissions. Around 25 submissions, event will be moved to Winter Semester due to timing.
  - ii. SAAC happened last night, looking into consent poster test drive. In Contact with Gas Light for making posters. Consent resource tabling around valentine’s day.
  - iii. Student government conference, notes are in drive
  - iv. VP Ibarra: do we need to resubmit for last lecture for winter semester (No)
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
  - i. Pronoun pins are in. Need to go to OSL to pick them office, will be in senate office soon.
  - ii. Thank you for all the help on Teach in, turnout was very good.
  - iii. Book Club, if you don’t have your book, let me know. Will start reading this week. Never too late to join, let me know if you want to join.
  - iv. Senator Patil is working on flier for direct contact in social justice center for senate
  - v. Senator Worku emailed lots of cultural organizations in establishing a relationship with them.
  - vi. I encourage you all to look up the history of thanksgiving break to better educate oneself.
- f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones
  - i. Post Elections town hall, loved the discussion that took place.
  - ii. Center for Women and Gender Equity, in touch with Sheryl, because CMU is opening something like Replenish.
  - iii. Senator VanDeale got a resolution passed at conference, regarding state funding.
  - iv. Senator Nurmi is continuing work with housing, he has let me know he would love help since any single person no matter who can’t do it all by themselves.
- g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi
  - i. PRC has been doing lots of engagement work behind the scenes, like class speeches, ORE questions.
  - ii. In Class speeches, I have done 2 so far.
  - iii. I believe we need to start doing more in regards to outreach to students. This is about giving students the ability to have a voice in their life at GVSU. We are in a positon were we can help students when they need it. PRC cannot do all the student outreach as there are too many students for us to handle on our own. Maybe it isn’t OREs or in

- Class speeches, but we all need to find the best way to utilize our skills to continue outreach for students
- iv. Senator Sawatzki: Email senate “Update letter”
  - v. Once we have around 50 students signed up, we will send those emails out, maybe monthly.
  - vi. EVP Mattler: Sometimes we forget we operate more than just around Kirkhof, like Downtown, Mackinaw Hall, etc. Appreciate VP Qureshi’s words.
  - vii. Senator Slade: Outside of in class speeches, we can do more like “All calls” that other organizations hold.
  - viii. Senator Hall: A goof relation with student body, at conference did any other student government say they have a good relationship.
  - ix. VP McIntosh: in general, no. They have about the same amount of engagement as us. Students come to the “controversial” events but things like last lecture or Battle of the Valleys.
  - x. President Jenkin: Engagement with a body of people comes with having diverse background and ideas
  - xi. VP McIntosh: list of emails from campus life night
  - xii. VP Qureshi: sent an email out asking if they want to continue to be part of the senate “update email”
  - xiii. Senator Schaffer: Other student government engagement. Some other universities get sued by students, so that is good. Other PRC initiatives?
  - xiv. VP Qureshi: Pizza with senators, “this way to GA”, snacks in the senate office to give to students, etc. We could always be doing more but if you want to see what they are doing you can always read the report.
  - xv. VP Jones: Idea for “Coffee Sessions” from VP Ibarra, stepping into people’s spaces, going to them instead of asking them to come to us.
  - xvi. Senator Nurmi: removing from email list, don’t ask, just have them voice it. Also update on Senate Swag.
  - xvii. VP Qureshi: Senator Lansing is currently working to get logos on senate swag.
  - xviii. Senator Sanchez Castillo: getting online store set up for ordering for better ease of use. In Final stages.
  - xix. EVP Mattler: PRC has worked hard on engagement. I still believe that OREs and in class speeches are best initiative to reaching to students.
  - xx. Senator Aller: Ideas for PRC, tabling in Kirkhof, maybe a GA downtown once a semester, streaming GA in Kirkhof on monitors



xxi. Senator Vinke: Biggest thing we need is more involvement from more of the body, not just the body.

xxii. Senator hall: at Working GA, we talked about needing to know more what is going to be talked about. Show this to students.

## VIII. Call for University Committee Reports

- a. Senator Schaffer: Academic policies and committee, pilot program for “class forgiven”. I can’t be on committee due to classes, but let me know if you want to be part of it. Meetings will be downtown next semester.
- b. Senator Sawatzki: general education committee. Physics professors feel as though they are not meeting their goals where students feel as it is “impossible” ideas let me know.
- c. VP Ibarra: if you don’t hear from committee, just assume that they are not meeting, some meeting bi yearly or on an as need basis.

## IX. Unfinished Business

### X. New Business

- a. Discussion on Resolution F-18-03: New Syllabus Resolution
  - i. Senator Schaffer: Previous senator from years past did a similar resolution, went through a bunch of different forums, and not much came from it. Psychology department already puts syllabi online. This is a recommendation; I will be emailing to department heads if passed. Hopefully be there to help more students.
  - ii. VP Ibarra: work when in school of social work, might be confusing to some. Maybe some way to better clarify of what you are trying to accomplish. Also some might have trouble uploading, so being mindful of that.
  - iii. Senator Aller: maybe reach out to general education committee to have them try this first as this might better help newer students. Also maybe include wording that professors can make changes after it is posted.
  - iv. Senator Bialowas: More reasoning as to why this is necessary to have this resolution. Students can always personally reach out to department heads or professors. Will students actually utilize this? Could be asking them to do a lot of work for something that wont be used.
  - v. Senator Schaffer: This was brought to ECS before, this is to help keep record of it. And this could be just as a reference for students in helping them to get a better understanding of what the class may offer.
  - vi. Senator Hunter: More detail on where online they put their syllabus
  - vii. Senator Szpaniack: Most of my schedule is filled with required classes, but I think this could help those students who are taking electives for example. I think this will help first generation students more. If everything could go through banner for

- example, could be a great resource. When students come to register, use a resource. I think this should be in one central location, not multiple department websites.
- viii. Senator Drosshart: This wont be the end of talk about syllabi. Good first step in these talks. First step, GVSU has such good programs due to how students fight for what they want/need.
  - ix. Senator Esselink: Had no idea psych department post syllabus, maybe a better way to advertise this.
  - x. Senator Aller: Record of syllabi, is a requirement for this (not sure).
  - xi. Senator Kolc: Maybe more focus on textbook prices for students to compare.
- b. Nominations for the S.A.F.E. Award (Student Award for Faculty Excellence)
- i. EVP Mattler: Award given to faculty member at president ball, done through submission form in past, but since senate is the only one that does it we will do the nominating. Please provide rational. Cabinet will pick top 3 – 5
  - ii. VP Jones: History Department, Michael Huugher. He thanks students for coming to his class, his passion showed in the resources he gave. He went above and beyond. Advisor for 3 different organizations.
  - iii. VP Ibarra: Krista Benson, Liberal studies. Committed to meeting students where they are at. Talked with me about how to meet students in all their different backgrounds and levels and diversity, how to meet them where they are.
  - iv. Senator Bialowas: Anne Ciallaud, advocate for each of her students and any student wanting to expand their language skills. Making sure she gives her students the best tools for success.
  - v. Senator Drosshart: Michael DeWilde, most thought provoking and thoughtful professors. He encourages students to look at not black and white, look into the gray. He notices his students and makes sure he gives students a safe educational setting.
  - vi. Senator Hall: Linda Chamberlin, let me learn more about myself than I have in any other class. Still work with her beyond the class I have had with her, always willing to accommodate, balances being professional and being able to be personal with her when students need her.
  - vii. Senator Harris: Lisa Perhanuas from education department. Done multiple teach ins, faculty head for division of inclusion and equity, she loves education as well.
  - viii. Senator Esselink: Jennifer Gross, puts emotional well being on same level as academic success. Her lectures are accessible to as many students as possible
  - ix. Senator Samuels: Fabio Espedia, hold students accountable, making us want to be as successful as possible, always comes to class with a smile, makes an effort to connect with all students



- x. Senator Downey: Steven Matchet, passion for chemistry is unmatched, Hand wrote a textbook and made it free to his students.
  - xi. Senator Dekeokok: Star Swift, pushes for open access resources, helps run website for arbitration cases, Big push for gender neutral bathrooms on campus, helped create “Anybody” App, LGBT+ advocate on campus, lets students know about opportunities that she might think students find interesting.
  - xii. EVP Mattler: Whitney Derks, meets where students are at, helps students reach participation needs, even if that means meeting outside of class, found a textbook for \$15. First day of class, showed resources like replenish or other resources, struck me highly
  - xiii. Senator Kolc: Paul Hillman, helped to show students how to go out of comfort zones, focuses on real world examples, allows accommodations for students in almost any reasonable circumstance. Knowledge in his teaching is from his past work experience, goes beyond for all of his students.
  - xiv. Senator Aller: Will we let professor know they have been nominated, as a way of letting them know they are being thought of?
- c. **CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**
- i. Senator Bialowas: Printer will be replaced in Kirkhof
  - ii. Senator Aller: I am GV up on Lakerlink
  - iii. VP Qureshi: Multiple Documents for in class documents on different versions of in class speeches.
  - iv. Senator Esselink: New ORE questions:
    - (1) Do you feel comfortable talking with your professors? being able to approach them.
    - (2) What is the most efficient way of getting information to students?
    - (3) What on Campus resources do you know of for “QCCs”.
    - (4) What is the most important quality that students look for in new GVSU President?
    - (5) Are there problems students consistently run into on campus?
      - (a) Senator Drosshart: Questions 2, is this where we plug student senate (Yes)
      - (b) Senator Aller: Q 3, make sure we inform them, not “look down” when telling of resources.
      - (c) VP Jones: Q 2, don’t say “students” but ask them best way to reach “you”.

## XI. Public Comment – Part II

- a. Judge Judy Moller: Been there for 2 years now, when I see students in my “office” I want to make sure I give them the best resource, so I am more than open to hearing what you have
- b. Bob Hamilton: Head of Organized public defender office. Could represent someone if in legal trouble, but her to let you know I am here, come together as a way student senate could better work with mental health, addiction problems. Another thing I am hoping to do in my office is internships. More to criminal justice than law enforcement and judicial process. Want to create an office for the community to the best of our abilities.

## **XII. Call for Announcements**

- a. VP McIntosh: Justine Robertson, he has already sent me an email for what he talked about, has his contact information. SAAC will be working with him
- b. Senator Benoit: Interest in reaching out to students, on Facebook page there is a time for Pizza with Senators Event coming up. Downtown in Devos Center. November 27 from 3-6
- c. Senator Wesley: All Call at thronapple for micro aggression talk.
- d. VP Jones: Model United Nations team, conference in Saint Louis, learning about places in the world. 1 hour a week, 3 days for conference for commitment
- e. Senator Kolc: Special Olympics, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at field house. Also those that want to talk work for senate could do downtown.
- f. Senator Drosshart: No mental health awareness meeting next week due to thanks giving break. Let me know if interested though
- g. EVP Mattler: SAFE award, will reach out to you if you nominated, will open submission form. Giving Tuesday after thanksgiving, lots of campaigns for charities will be on campus.
- h. Senator Hall: Christian Coalition officially become an organization here on campus, if interested, let me know. Goal to help make GVSU more inclusive
- i. President Jenkin: Thanks again for those who came to commissionaires meeting.

## **XIII. Adjournment: 7:11pm**