



General Assembly

Thursday, November 7th, 2019 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

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Parliamentarian: Kelly Dowker

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Call Meeting to Order:

- a. Moment of Silence
 - i. Native Land Recognition
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Michigan State Motto
 - i. *si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice / if you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you*
- d. Roll Call

II. Public Comment – Part I

- a. Connor Meech: Sophomore, push to remove pledge of allegiance from our meetings. Heart dropped. Pro pledge of allegiance, this shows us that we are all Americans and unites us more than divides us. Reminds us of values we all share: freedom and justice for all. Very inclusive. No doubt that this country has flaws, but these do not define us. We should be able to find common ground in our American identity and values.
- b. Coury Compton: What kind of message does student senate send by omitting the pledge of allegiance? Symbolizes unity among all Americans. Important to hold onto unity.
- c. David Fountain: Pledge of Allegiance may be symbolic of US, but senate is here to represent all of GVSU. Doesn't represent international students, immigrants, people of other religions; pledge doesn't represent them. Support creating creed instead. Housing project. Did not want to live on campus, not knowledgeable of off campus resources so went with a more expensive one. Supports housing project. Roll Call Voting. Students elected senators, but they don't know what we're voting for. Senators aren't held accountable for what they ran for; they might vote against it.

III. Guest Speakers

- a. David Martin & Susan Mendoza, Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship
 - i. Martin: Appreciate the opportunity to speak. First time speaking in front of Senate.
 - ii. Martin: As an office, they work to create structural changes to increase diversity in higher ed. Use undergrad research to support that. This is their main focus.
 - iii. Martin: The value of this is to prepare students for graduate and professional skill. Furthermore, it is a life skill for complex conversations and general social life.



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- (1) McNair Scholars Program - One of the TRIO programs. Pipeline of programs to increase opportunity and access to centralize diversity and create inclusion and equity. Focuses on taking students from bachelors to doctorate. Provides professional development workshops. 6-12 weeks.
 - (a) Requirements:
 - (i) First generation or low income student
 - (ii) Race/Ethnicity (underrepresented)
- iv. Martin: Services include summer scholars program (including payment), academic counseling, research aid, etc.
- v. Questions:
 - (1) Thorton: How can we learn more about this?
 - (a) Martin: Best way to learn about this is to visit the office. We take walks ins or you can schedule an appointment. Email at ours@gvsu.edu. We also have informational sessions. Located on 1st floor of Library
 - (2) Houtman: We work on a lot of projects. Is there anything in your department that we can help with?
 - (a) Mendoza: 10 years ago, Senate started the academic conference fund. Before, there was no fund for students to present at conferences and now they can. It's matched by provost office. This is doing well. Largest area of difficulty is demystifying what undergraduate research is. Folks think about undergrad research as something that happens in the lab. This is not true. People have done projects with theaters, or the environmental impact of the Back 4 on the Ravines. Please participate in OURS and give yourself and your colleagues an opportunity to be curious. Research lends itself to provide skills that you can't always get elsewhere. Encourage students to step beyond the classroom.
 - (b) Martin: Stepping out of comfort zone is how ended up in role. Would have been harder without McNara scholars program to get doctorate, masters.
 - (3) Siegrist: How can we help spread the word?
 - (a) Martin: Tell everyone you know to tell everyone they know. We have videos and social media but word of mouth is best. Follow our social media, share us on social media. BE ENTHUSIASTIC. Follow your own curiosity and use the enthusiasm you gain to encourage others to do research. Ask professors to send out emails about it. We would be very grateful.



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- (b) Mendoza: Ask faculty what they're passionate about. Why did they choose to go into their profession? This will show you their enthusiasm.
 - (4) Neal: I sat in on one of the OURS presentation. Focused on STEM field majors. Went through presentation and gave them step by step, and told them to find a faculty member that do research. However, not all majors have faculty that do such.
 - (a) Martin: It's intimidating to walk into that space and sometimes it is difficult to meet because of time conflicts. This is hard to acknowledge, but we know pretty much everyone on campus. We can facilitate that connection, and help you locate and find the best approach to a faculty member (read their paper, etc.). They would LOVE this.
 - (b) Dr. Mendoza: We will take this feedback and work on this. Faculty can be scary/intimidating, but you might not have had a class in the topic you want to study either. Sometimes you want more or less support, or want to work across different disciplines. University doesn't tell students how to do a lot of things when they come, but you can always ask questions and you can always walk into the office. Our goal is to make sure to facilitate that connection. If a faculty member isn't working, we can find you a new one. We want to make sure you can pursue your dreams.
 - (c) Martin: There is no cookie cutter method for connecting with people. We like to get to know the students, and use that information to treat the student as a human being and connect them with faculty that align with their interests and personality.
 - (5) Marlowe: Do you offer grants from your office, or show them how to apply for them?
 - (a) Mendoza: In our office, we have 25 programs, including McNara. We want to lower boundaries for students participating, so we offer lots of grants. Including supplies, travel, conference fees, funding during summer, support during academic year. Expanding undergraduate research assistant program to STEM this year. Goal is to provide opportunities for work study students to engage in research through a job. Check out grants at gvsu.edu/ours. Let us know about any unmet needs. One reason our grants have expanded so greatly is because faculty/students have let us know. Vast majority of our budget goes directly to students/research/faculty.
- b. Melissa Baker-Boosamra, Civic Education / CSLC Overview



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- i. MBB: Very excited to engage in a conversation about the topic of civic courage. Works in OSL and directs community service.
- ii. MBB: Hoping after conversation you can recognize the aspects of civic courage, reflect on your own experiences with your new knowledge, and identify opportunities to practice civic courage.
- iii. MBB: Courage
 - (1) How do we think about courage? Plays Brene Brown video on Courage. What did you hear there?
 - (a) Holcomb: You can't be brave without fear.
 - (b) Benoit: Don't tap out of hard conversations.
 - (2) MBB: Join me in step one of this conversation and speak from your heart with a neighbor.
- iv. MBB: Civic
 - (1) What does this word mean?
 - (a) Jacobs: It's having the courage to speak out from your heart, but also standing up for your opinions in regards to your community.
 - (b) MBB: Civic is who we are, and how we choose to live together.
- v. MBB: How many of you have a public issue that you care about? That is probably why you are here, to represent your neighbors/peers/friends.
- vi. MBB: Connected with other colleagues at conferences. Folks who do work of civic and democratic engagement at universities across US.
- vii. MBB: Theory of Change with Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement: lays out a number of different characteristics that we need to grow in our students to create and sustain a thriving democracy. How can administrators, faculty, etc., prepare students and teach them what it means to be an actor in the civic realm and take ownership of their communities and responsibilities.
- viii. MBB: Civic Courage
 - (1) GVSU received grant to work with Penn State and University of Maryland Baltimore County. Developed the civic courage reflection tool.
 - (2) Civic Courage is the sum of congruence, collaboration, foresight, strategic patience, systemic responsibility, and respect.
 - (a) Congruence: When you align your words and values with your actions.
Example: a student talks about being passionate about sustainability, so they



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don't purchase food at places that aren't sustainable and make a statement to them about it.

- (b) Collaboration: Working together with others. Example: has a gluten allergy. Approaches organizations to explore options to create inclusive environment.
 - (c) Foresight: Ability to predict how something can affect your future and accepting consequences. Example: student took an unexcused absence so they could go to an environmental protest.
 - (d) Strategic Patience: Ability to approach a situation strategically and patiently. Example: when campus remains open on icy day, first reaction is to make angry post on social media. However, campus admin might not respond well and make them defensive, and lead to poor relations in the future. Instead, calmly reached out and organized meetings with key decision makers.
 - (e) Systemic Responsibility: Ability to focus on how something can affect the relationship and the system, not just the individual. Example: newly elected student government officer. Wants to offer more parking. Protesting could affect view on the student org.
 - (f) Respect: Ability to give regard to others' opinions and engage with them. Example: instead of arguing with people who don't agree with you politically, having a conversation and trying to be empathetic.
- (3) Take 5-10 minutes to do individual free write response to Civic Courage Reflection Tool. Take 5 minutes in small group to share responses. Share as a group.
- (a) Neal: Congruence - I no longer support Aramark by not eating on campus because of their ethics.
 - (b) Siegrist: Con. - Standing up for opinion in class even if it might put me at odds with prof.
 - (c) Bell: Con. - Stood up and advocated for Black History Month conference. Could have done more by collaborating.
 - (d) Jacobs: Collaboration - Listening to others opinions. Could improve by not letting my personal views affect it
 - (e) Murarescu: Col. - Inviting people into conversations. Being better listener.
 - (f) Thompson, Jenia: Col. - talking to others and learning about opposing sides so you can go into a meeting prepared. Assuming positive intent.



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- (g) Armstrong: Col. - More holistic.
- (h) Jacobs: Col. - Many hands make light work. Need to delegate.
- (i) Houtman: Foresight - talking to faculty instead of going straight through with own idea. Would be easier to ignore opinions and just move forward, but this would make it easier.
- (j) Dailey: F. - Talked to professor to miss class for investiture ceremony. Made up missed points beforehand. Could practice on thinking before acting.
- (k) Sanchez-Castillo: F. - Spoke opinion, could work on accepting consequences instead of rolling with them.
- (l) MBB: F. - Do your homework before moving forward.
- (m) Thompson, J.: S.P. - Breaking up project into 2 sectors so it isn't so overbearing for faculty to understand instead of taking it all on at once.
- (n) Siegrist: S.P. - Sleeps on things when he gets upset.
- (o) Jacobs: S.P. - Listens to others and their experiences and making a decision based on this instead of gut feeling. Could work on being less impatient.
- (p) Sanchez-Castillo: S.P. - Staying on Senate and not dropping out of school. Could work on being patient with self/others and meeting people where they are at.
- (q) MBB: S.P. - Very important in school where nothing happens quickly.
- (r) Dowker: Systemic Responsibility - Protested at capital, detrimental to school but helped community overall.
- (s) Fritz: Respect - Lots of passion in Senate. Easy to get emotional about something you're passionate about, especially when you don't agree with someone. Could improve in not letting frustration show.
- (t) Brainard: R. - Practice empathy. Step outside of yourself. Not everyone has the same lived experiences as you. Doing this creates respect.
- (u) Benoit: R. - Listen to understand, not listen to respond.
 - (i) MBB: This is the essence of dialogue.
- ix. MBB: Use this to make yourself agents of change. Be thoughtful. Think about how to approach it with civic courage.
- x. MBB: What the CSLC does



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(1) Democratic engagement work, works to elevate student voices in democratic practice

(a) Democracy 101, GVSU Votes!, “Be the Change” podcast (Students who are being the change, trying to make campus a better place), Campus Democratic Engagement Coalition.

(2) Days of Service

(3) Provides Service Learning opportunities

xi. MBB: Come by and talk to us! We are always happy to work with you.

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

a. Murarescu: Sent this paper around a few weeks ago. Please revisit and sign up to table for the Climate Survey Launch Event. Lots of food and free stuff! Connect with students.

b. Marlowe: Email list for Sustainability Subcommittee.

c. Szczepaniak: Breakdown of off campus housing opportunities, put together by Campus View.

V. **President’s Report**

a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

i. Motion by Murarescu, passes unanimously. (after ii)

ii. Motion to move line item 8 (5 minute recess) and 12a (appointment) to after EVP report, above officer report.

(1) Nitzkin: What order?

(a) Benoit: Appointment before recess.

(2) Dailey: I recommend swearing in Senator Bell during break.

(3) Passes unanimously.

iii. Mantella

(1) End result of Grand Huddle is “Grandest Huddle” - Mantella will share everything her team has learned from the Grand Huddles. Wednesday, Dec. 4th from 2-3:30 in Pere Marquette. Please go!

(2) Mantella has had interaction with over 1200 faculty/staff/students through these.

(3) Mantella encouraged importance of getting uncomfortable in the dialogues we have and the importance of having these conversations. Always assume positive intent.



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iv. BoT

- (1) Changed their public comment requirement from 5 days to 48 hours.
- (2) 1st student senate resolution about fall break was december of 2012. Shared w/ Trustees to testify for Senate's ability to do work that doesn't affect us, but will affect Lakers to come.
- (3) Devos Center at CHS is going to be completed by May of 2021. Approved renovations to Manitou and Mackinac. Will be done by August 2020.

v. Tomorrow there is an event in Cook Dewitt for 1st generation college students from 5pm-7:30pm. Mantella will be the keynote speaker.

vi. ECS

- (1) Marlowe is representative, for waterway project.

vii. Will be absent next Thursday for international LGBT leadership conference.

viii. Will need volunteers for international night in Grand River Room. Info will be in Slack.

ix. Reminder to assume positive intent.

b. Discussion and Voting on the Implementation of a Student Senate Creed

i. Hicks: Working on creating a creed for a long time. Got this from Sorority to remind them why they are there and present. Thinks this is a really good idea for reminding us why we fill these seats and the students we are here to serve.

- (1) Option 1 is drawing from different internal documents that we already have (mission, vision, preamble/oath). Option 2 is to take the oath and make it in present tense.

ii. Boyd: Thinks it's important to institute. Students that spoke today showed interest in a unified statement to show a unified front. The pledge is not something that shows unification. Here to serve the student body

iii. Jenia: Great job on this. Your effort doesn't go unnoticed. The oath might be the better option. Keep reaffirming why we're here every Thursday. The oath flows more.

iv. Jacobs: Really likes the creed. It shows why we are here as Senators and what we stand for. Likes that it draws from every document. It is a privilege to be able to say these words and represent students where they are.



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- v. Benoit: Really likes both. Option 1. Lots of big important words that we should be thinking about every time we sit in our seats. Thinks we should work on memorization.
- vi. Thayer: Option 1. Really likes the use of the word we instead of I because we function as a group.
- vii. Dailey: Option 2.
- viii. Russo: In addition to pledge and Michigan state motto or replace?
- ix. Hicks: Added on, anyone else can motion to remove the pledge and/or motto.
- x. Houtman: Discussion about the pledge is for later. Should implement this.
- xi. Fritz: Is concerned with how we are spending our time on senate and during these meetings.
- xii. Frappier: should “E” in laker experience be capitalized?
 - (1) Hicks: Don’t think so.
- xiii. Nitzkin: Call the question
- xiv. Benoit: Second.
- xv. Jenia: POI, what are we voting on?
- xvi. Szczepaniak: Nothing now, motion needs to be made. Do you want to make a motion
- xvii. Nitzkin: Motion to add or not add one. Seconded by Murarescu.
 - (1) Szczepaniak: The motion is to approve adding a new creed to the agenda, not which one yet. Any discussion.
 - (2) Sanchez-Castillo: Possible to having discussion and voting next week?
 - (a) Hicks: Has had this in the slack and google drive for weeks.
 - (3) Szczepaniak: Yays have it. 2 Nays and 3 Abstentions.
- xviii. Nitzkin: Motion to make a selection between option 1 and 2. Murarescu seconded.
 - (1) Dorian: Has been in the slack for a few weeks. Motion to put it on the agenda for next week so people have even more time to go over it and give input. Seconded by Lansing.
 - (2) Eric-John: We are discussing Nitzkins motion.
 - (3) Benoit: We are supposed to be doing a lot of work outside of GA.



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- (4) Dorian: Make a friendly amendment to table senator Nitzkin's motion until next week. Nitzkin denies!
- (5) Jenia: Option 2 is less wordy and sounds eloquent.
- (6) Marlowe: Option 1, because sustainability
- (7) Voting: Option 1: 34 Option 2: 3 Abstentions: 8
- xix. The New Creed Option 1 has been approved to be listed on our agendas.
- c. Discussion and Voting on the Housing Project
 - i. Szczepaniak: We are considering the final outcome of the housing project. This was created by previous EVP Nurmi. There was a group of 4 senators that worked with him that went over the breakdowns of the 3 finalists: Campus View, Campus West, Meadows Crossing. These are 3 of the 4 local owners (the other is Mystic). The others are corporate entities, not locally owned. In meeting today, went over what they wanted Senate to do and what was portrayed to them. The 3 weren't happy with results from previous EVP Nurmi. They collaborated and created a mock up of what they thought Senate should do (Seal of Approval from Senate). They put in monetary amounts of +\$3,000 to meet the criteria. Next step was lost when EVP left. Meetings with Andy Beechnaw and Bob Stoll to figure out next steps, and sent them participation awards. The 3 were not happy with this either. In meeting today, Seal of Approval is not dated; worried that it would be used forever without date. Complexes were ok with this. Complexes' professional opinion was that there was no way to meet the criteria without spending money.
- (1) Discussion
 - (a) Thompson, J.: Point of information - was this something that only former EVP Nurmi worked on? Was this Senate related? Are we just cleaning up his mess?
 - (i) Szczepaniak: Assume positive intent. The intent behind this was good. Nurmi was acting in professional capacity. Working on updates for projects. This was Student Senate related.
 - (b) Fritz: Yields
 - (c) Hicks: This was first brought up in January, all of cabinet and lots of returners were on body last year. Could have been addressed earlier. Shows personal bias more than professional opinion to disagree and fight about this project now. Pro Housing project



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- (d) Paquet: Are finalists all locally owned? (Yes) What did they spend the money on?
 - (i) Szczepaniak: Video production, building final reports they sent in. \$3,000 does seem like a lot.
 - (ii) Paquet: Follow up - Fine with approval with year. Need to keep in mind how this will benefit students going forward. We need to be supporting something that benefits students looking for off campus housing. Shouldn't do this to appease off campus complexes, they make so much more than \$3,000 in one month alone.
- (e) Houtman: Was 1 of the 4 working on the project. Went through criteria and visited complexes. All 3 are very highly regarded by everyone who participated in project, all have great amenities for students. These complexes definitely deserve it; we are not just giving it to them to appease. Strongly support giving seal of approval for 2019-20 school year. Great compromise.
- (f) Murescu: Point of info - How was this marketed?
 - (i) Stoll: All invited and met with Nurmi to discuss project. All complexes had opportunity.
 - (ii) Murescu: Follow up - No problem in supporting seal 2019-2020 because all had ample opportunity to participate.
 - (iii) Szczepaniak: At least 60 people heard about this. We've also been working with Beechnaw on this, who saw no issue with compromise.
- (g) Samuels: Don't doubt that there is positive intent, but has reservations about tying Student Senate's name to something that isn't tied to the University, as we are tied to the University. Understand Houtman's comment about them being great complexes, but forbid something scandalous happened at one and Senate was tied to it.
- (h) Fritz: Point of clarification - had no context at meeting today, very opposed to the meeting. All complexes were confrontational, but this is a project that is basically already done. Complexes were promised this award. Although context is missing, we need to go forward and support this. Whether or not this is our project, these complexes worked on this for months, and that is done. This award is not an endorsement; it is a support aspect from Student Senate. Asked Bob whether this is out of our wheelhouse; however, this is



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within our jurisdiction. This award is meant to help students utilize the complexes in more efficient ways; to give them context on the complexes they are choosing. Spent \$770/month to live on campus because didn't know his options freshman year. Open to more discussion.

(i) Motion to exhaust speakers list. Second: Dowker

(ii) $\frac{2}{3}$ majority; passes. 2 abstentions

(i) Benoit: Motions to call the question

(i) 2nd: Sanchez-Castillo

(ii) Thompson, J.: Point of info - Is Nurmi still working on this?

1. Szczepaniak: No

(iii) $\frac{2}{3}$ majority, passes, 3 abstentions

(iv) Siegrist: Point of info - Can we be sued?

1. Stoll: Yeah but we are always open to be sued.

(v) Neal: Point of info - Did we sign a contract?

1. Szczepaniak: No.

(vi) Thompson, D.: Point of info - Are there any legal ramifications?

1. Szczepaniak: We are protected by the university. Unsure.

(vii) Thompson, D.: Point of info - Who submitted but didn't get it?

1. Szczepaniak: Conifer Creek

2. Houtman: Point of clarification - Didn't get it because they falsified information.

(2) Voting

(a) Passes, 8 abstentions.

VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- a. Love MBB and have pamphlets from OURS!
- b. Let me know if you can't go to the investiture.
- c. Sign up for 2 on 1s! Let me know if the time you signed up for didn't work.
- d. Working on putting together climate survey for Senate to check in.
- e. Public Safety Liaison committee with Houtman.
- f. Working on finalizing agendas this semester.
- g. Working on getting together speakers.



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- h. Planning meeting with former President and former EVP to check in
- i. Shout out to Senator Nitzkin for putting out projects.
- j. Minutes are approved.

VII. Appointment of Kayla Bell to Senate Resources

- a. Benoit: Very charismatic and versatile. Cares about inclusion and equity, excited to challenge and welcome her.
- b. Benoit: Motions to appoint. 2nd from Murarescu.
- c. Passes unanimously.

VIII. Five (5) Minute Recess

IX. Officer Reports

a. Senate Resources – Hannah Benoit

i. Committee Appreciation

- (1) There's a lot of exciting things happening on SRC, and we're preparing for CTF next semester! My committee is doing a GREAT JOB. Read up in my report.
- (2) Each of my senators is working on their own projects. Read up in my report.
- (3) SVSU conference is this weekend! Excited to see how other student governments tackle issues.
- (4) Shoutout to my senators for running interviews without me!

ii. Bonding

- (1) Bonding for tonight will be rescheduled for seeing Parasite. Refer for Senator Boyd for details.
- (2) Working on a plan for Friendsgiving (Dec. 5th) and White Elephant.

iii. General

- (1) Next GA is a casual GA. Must be matching with Senate Buddies. No sweats tho!
- (2) PLEASE LOG YOUR OFFICE HOURS BEFORE 4:30 ON THURSDAYS.
 - (a) Please fill out 2:1 report and report any things you may miss to me or your VP.
- (3) READ THE REPORTS! This keeps you in the loop.

iv. Internal Climate

- (1) Thanks for coming to cabinet even though it was long/stressful.
- (2) We need to keep fixing things instead of complaining about them.



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b. Finance – Maddie Samuels

- i. CFB and Approps is tomorrow in the Senate Office, more than welcome to come and get voting rights. Otherwise, no casual hanging in office from 1pm-2pm.
- ii. Upcoming Events:
 - (1) Latino Student Union has Latin Grammys Dinner Dance tomorrow
 - (2) Next Friday, Global Lounge from African Student Council, Alpha Phi Alpha
- iii. GET YOUR VOTING RIGHTS SO YOU CAN VOTE ON PRES BALL.

c. Campus Affairs – Grace McMahon

- i. Happy Thursday! Glad to be back :)
- ii. Congrats to Senator Gamage for co-chair of Sustainability Subcommittee.
- iii. Food committee was last week - it was great, lots of people came.
- iv. Nominate people for Elect Her! Closes tomorrow, 11/8
- v. Arizona Tea update: Shipment was lost, so it hasn't been received by school. Now on its way :)
- vi. Yields to email report.

d. Educational Affairs – Autumn Mueller

- i. EAC and PRC are teaming up for Exam Cram! They met in the office before GA to plan events, very exciting!
- ii. Attended UAC
- iii. Working on Bookshelf Proposal for Library. Will be presenting at end of November. If approved, put into place at beginning of 2nd semester.
- iv. Planning last lecture. Nomination form is being created.
- v. EAC had committee bonding, it was so much fun!
- vi. Some of EAC's projects will be coming to the body soon.

e. Diversity Affairs – Alex Murarescu

- i. Reflect on past few days of Teach In, they're amazing. Amazing to see what the students are passionate about, shout out to students who presented.
- ii. We gathered 13 cases of water for Alpha Phi Alpha and their Flint Water Initiative.
- iii. Friday is the first meeting of the food insecurity taskforce.
 - (1) Ask Senator Neal or Hicks for further info.



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iv. Tomorrow is LSU's Latin Grammys Dinner Dance. Please go to show our support for the programs they're putting on and requesting funding for. Had to give their funding back because they no longer wanted to provide a dinner due to Aramark's practices. Senator Neal and I are in contact with them moving forward.

v. Come to DAC if you want to work with us!

f. **External Relations** – Joel Pagel

i. SVSU conference is coming up. I will be co-chairing a session on Philanthropy and Student Engagement.

(1) In Google Drive.

ii. November Archive Day! Check Slack.

iii. Conference meeting after, then ERC meeting right after.

g. **Public Relations** – Ryan Fritz

i. Exam Cram is coming up!

ii. We have a few other events, first full committee meeting is tonight so we will discuss it there.

(1) Snacks with Senators

(2) Student Senate Week

iii. Little bit of trouble with scheduling time to do Stop the Bleed training. Will set a date and a time and hope people come.

iv. Will be sharing some of the SAM report and information with committee tonight. Please reach out to find out what this is, it affects all of us.

v. Will be looking at events calendar soon and sending out over Slack. Please share these.

vi. Love how many people came to cabinet!

vii. Questions

(1) McMahon: Invite other students to Stop the Bleed.

(2) Murarescu: Give me back the climate survey tabling papers :(

X. **Sub-Committee Reports**

a. Hicks: SAAC

i. Meeting is next Wednesday at 5pm

(1) Come see Tom Quaine's beautiful face.



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- ii. Projects are going well!
 - (1) Key tag
 - (2) Contacting bars
 - (3) Free menstruation products
- b. Deberry: MHAC
 - i. Shoutout to Senators
 - ii. Please come work on self-wellness topics!
 - iii. Meeting w/ Melissa at counseling center tomorrow morning for projects and other help.
 - iv. Take care of yourself!
 - v. Please get the surveys out!
- c. Gamage: Sustainability
 - i. Next meeting is next Friday in the Senate office at 4pm
 - ii. Email list will be biweekly
 - iii. LOTS OF PROJECTS!
 - (1) Sustainability summit

XI. University Committee Reports

- a. Mueller: UAC, with Szczepaniak.
 - i. Talked about their mission, vision, and core values. They want to move forward with a strategic plan and start performing audits.
 - ii. Started student program to help with consultants and development, starting Winter 2020.
 - iii. Talked about feasibility of Open Access and implementation.
 - iv. Cuts within the library's budget
 - (1) 1% cut 2018-2019
 - (2) 2% cut 2019-2020
 - (3) 3-5% 2020-2021
 - (4) This leads to cuts in our databases.
- b. Siegrist: Faculty salary and budget committee
 - i. Heated debate about adjusting 4.7% so we can get into Michigan mean salary.



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- ii. Change summer registration to make it easier for students and faculty to schedule courses; will increase enrollment and pay of faculty.
- c. Murarescu: Equity and Inclusion Committee
 - i. Climate Survey, Nov. 14th.
 - (1) Important!!!
 - (2) Went over previous statistics gvsu.edu/mygvsu
 - (3) Incentives!
 - ii. MLK Committee
 - (1) Wrapping up, meeting tomorrow.

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. Prayer/Meditation Room Updates
 - i. McMahon: Senator Nitzkin has to leave for Teach In, but updates for the prayer room:
 - (1) “I had a meeting last week regarding the new space in CHS. Within the next several weeks, it will be created within 166.”

XIII. New Business

- a. **CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**
 - i. Boyd: Remove line item 1b and 1c for future GAs. Lots of people personally support it, but no one has been able to provide an explanation on why it pertains to Senate. Has also spoke to VP Pagel about leading pledge before GA. Does it make sense to do this during GA, now that we have the creed?
 - (1) Motion, 2nd by Sanchez-Castillo
 - (2) Discussion
 - (a) Thompson, J.: Was going to make the same mission. After hearing both sides, my rational has now changed and I will now be voting differently than I did in previous (anti pledge). Since creed has passed and we are here for the students, the pledge has nothing to do with Senate. We are not pledging allegiance to America while we are here, we are representing students.
 - (b) Fritz: Let’s focus on our time here. So much time today has been devoted to internal things. None of this applies to students. Very concerned, it’s almost 8pm. With that in mind, I’d like to make a friendly amendment to Senator Boyd to table this discussion until next week.
 - (i) Boyd: Can’t we call the question?



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(ii) Fritz: I would like everyone to be heard, when they feel their best, when we don't have so many discussion items. We are all tired and calling the question may skew the voting.

(iii) Boyd: Informal poll request

1. Szczepaniak approves.

(iv) Boyd: Accepts friendly amendment, it is tabled.

(3) Main motion removed.

XIV. Public Comment – Part II

XV. Call for Announcements

- a. Szczepaniak: Fill out evaluations from MBB! Hand them to Murarescu
- b. Murarescu: Get those evaluations to me, DAC, ERC, and PRC are all meeting tonight!
- c. Sanchez-Castillo: YDSA, VP. We are hosting Climate Change townhall on January 30th from 3pm-4:30pm. Going to stand in solidarity with LSU. Every member in issue and political organization. Ask him for availability if you're interested.
- d. Love: Support the LSU tomorrow! Attend cultural events! Jackets are available in LMH in room 113 if you need a coat.
- e. Russo: Shout out to Senator Dailey for acting in Haunted Halls. 300+ people came through.
- f. Paquet: Dec. 3rd is Rally With The Rapids in the fieldhouse, basketball game for special olympics athletes. Personally contacted about Menna's Joint; they created social media, show support if you want.
- g. Dailey: Importance of supporting other senators in everything they do! Tell your friends to follow our social media! Strangers, friends, classmates, and more!
- h. Jacobs: Building off of MBB, please host voter registration drive!
- i. Pagel: SVSU meeting after GA
- j. Fritz: PRC is meeting in Cook Dewitt center. Stacked agenda.
- k. Kamekawa: Asian Student Union is having annual fundraiser: Taste of Asia, all you can eat buffet of asian food in Holton Hooker. This Saturday 5pm-9pm. \$12 at the door
- l. Murarescu: RA application has opened up. There are 3 of us on this body, reach out to us if you want help with your application.
- m. Dailey: Off campus housing thing during 1st public comment, it would be useful to have a spreadsheet. Already started.



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- n. Dowker: Thank you for a productive GA, let me know if you want a pamphlet from OURS

XVI. Adjournment: 7:49pm.