



General Assembly

Thursday, December 3rd, 2020 — 4:30 pm

Via Zoom

President: Kelly Dowker

Parliamentarian: Grace McMahon

- I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm
 - A. Moment of Silence
 - i. Native Land Recognition
 - B. Student Senate Creed
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Roll Call - Part I
- II. Public Comment - Part I
- III. GVSU Strategic Planning Discussion - Vice President Jesse Bernal & Associate Vice President Chris Plouff - postponed until 5pm
 - A. Siegrist provides brief overview - at this phase of the Steering Committee, the focus is to get student input, such as through the student huddles - students must be registered by December 4th; trying to get as many resources as they can to get input for the GV visions statement
 - B. Dean Mark Schaub, one of the leads for the Steering Committee, speaks - there are two opportunities for student input for virtual sessions, there is a website (Reach Higher 2025) where people can fill out a form or email the committee with comments
 - C. Goal is: how do we understand our current values, and how can they be expanded upon?
 - D. Plouff emphasizes that student and senator voices are extremely important, especially Senate's role in getting information about these meetings and opportunities to the rest of the student body
 - E. Questions
 - i. Moine - thanks Schaub and Plouff for taking the time to speak with Senate and is confident in Siegrist as Senate's representative on the Steering Committee
- IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers
 - A. Pagel - is planning an Archive Day before the end of the semester and interested parties can ask him
 - B. Siegrist - volunteers needed for Steer's Strategic Huddles
- V. President's Report
 - A. Adoption of the Agenda - stand approved
 - B. President Dowker's pronouns are they/them
 - C. Met with President Mantella, excited for return of Battle of the Valleys
 - D. Open seat on IT governance committee, more information to come next week
 - E. UAS meets tomorrow, the last meeting of the semester
 - i. EVP McMahon, VP Moine, Frappier, Senators Raak and Zbikowski will also be attending UAS

- ii. Discussing several legislations brought about by Senate, such as the Bereavement Policy
 - F. Final ECS meeting on Friday
 - G. Joint Cabinet meeting with President's Cabinet on December 11th for every semester afterward
 - H. Meeting with Provost to wrap up the semester next week
- VI. Executive Vice President's Report
 - A. Approval of the Minutes - stand approved
 - B. Subcommittees will be hearing from McMahon soon; strategic planning within committee meetings have wrapped up
 - C. 1:1 time slots are still available
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Appointment of Annie Biggs to the Senate Resources Committee
 - i. Thompson provides rationale, citing Biggs' fresh perspective, her interest in building a healthy and productive community. Thompson motions to appoint Biggs to SRC
 - a) Gineman seconds the motion.
 - b) Biggs is appointed to SRC
 - B. Discussion and Voting on F-20-03: Urge Grand Valley State University to Forgo a Tuition Increase for the Academic Year 2021-2022 - Siegrist
 - i. Siegrist shares resolution and provides a brief overview: it has sat on the body for two weeks, essentially urging GVSU to forgo a tuition increase for the academic year of 2021-2022. Siegrist provides statistics within GV and in peer institutions, and recognizes a petition organized by a member of the student body with a similar notion for Fall 2020
 - ii. Discussion
 - a) McMahon and Neal voice their support, Neal emphasizing the importance of understanding that not everyone receives financial aid
 - b) Thompson feels this is a good example of what Student Senate is meant to do, fully supports the resolution
 - iii. Voting
 - a) Motion passes 36 yays, and 1 abstention
 - C. Discussion and Voting on F-20-04: Formally Reinstate Battle of the Valleys as an Inter-University Competition between Grand Valley State University and Saginaw Valley State University - Pagel
 - i. Pagel provides brief overview and rationale: in summary, it is a formal reinstatement of Battle of the Valleys philanthropic competition with the addition of rules agreement between the two universities and a healthier, more organized competition while also addressing the concerns that led to retreating from BoV in the first place
 - ii. Discussion

- a) Dowker - was one of the voters in support of ending the original BoV, but is in support of it now given all the work and improvements that have been made
 - b) Moine and Samuels offer their support
 - c) Siegrist shares that Pagel worked hard on this resolution and attended the meeting with SVSU when this topic was discussed and notes that SVSU was very enthusiastic
 - iii. Voting
 - a) Motion passes with 33 yays, 1 nay, and 1 abstention
 - D. Call for New Orders of the Day
- IX. Public Comment - Part II
 - A. Baker-Boosamra - as a desire to see Senate's success as their advisor and place Senate in the best position for success even when she challenges Senate
 - B. Beachnau - offers that it's been a pleasure to work with Senate and Melissa Baker-Boosamra this Fall and is looking forward to the Winter semester.
- X. Officer Reports
 - A. Senate Resources - Thompson
 - i. Has been meeting with Moine to brainstorm ways on how to increase Senate applications, has reached out to Black Male Scholars for a meeting, and Deb from Food Committee to see if an incentive can be arranged
 - ii. SRC will be working on an winter inservice soon, in addition to restructuring Senate Buddies
 - iii. Please inform VP or Thompson if winter semester presents schedule conflicts
 - B. Allocations - Siegrist
 - i. Not too many funding requests
 - ii. Ask Siegrist about how/when one can receive their voting rights
 - iii. Siegrist is focusing on internal projects: setting up internal financial policies and procedures, will be starting a financial literacy initiative
 - C. Public Relations - Moine
 - i. Senator apparel order forms were sent in today; University will pay Competitive Edge and Senators will then pay the University, more to come in terms of how to pay
 - ii. Senate Info Night was yesterday, gives thanks to those who came out
 - iii. Cabinet set a goal of getting 100 responses to google form before the end of the semester, so please keep plugging this
 - iv. LakerHub ad for Senate is in Kirkhof
 - v. Continue to share any Senate stuff on personal social medias (if the senator is comfortable)
 - D. Campus Affairs - Frappier
 - i. Frappier is in contact with Deb from Campus Dining to get updates about when the next Food Committee will be
 - ii. Focusing on a CAC-wide project, this will be the focus for strategic planning
 - iii. Neal and Frappier attended a meeting in regards to Aramark

- iv. Encourages anyone in need of guidance for their project to seek out Baker-Boosamra
 - v. Frappier shout-outs to SAAC members
 - E. Educational Affairs - Mueller
 - i. Meeting tomorrow at 11am, completing strategic planning with McMahon
 - ii. All University Committees that Mueller sits on are done for this semester
 - iii. Those interested in anything EAC is doing can check report and google drive
 - F. Diversity Affairs - Neal
 - i. Did strategic planning with McMahon for next semester
 - ii. Met with Baker-Boosamra about next steps in regards to Aramark; they now have a goals and can work on creating a timeline
 - iii. Last DEI process training and MLK meeting are both tomorrow
 - iv. Shout-out to DAC for doing wonderful liaison work this semester
 - G. External Relations - Pagel
 - i. ERC had strategic plan meeting
 - ii. Giving Tuesday was very successful, a total amount raise will be shared soon
 - iii. Scooter and Housing resolutions will need some more administrative/actor meetings, so they will be pushed to next semester's agenda
 - iv. ERC will be meeting with UP schools, those interested can look for details in the Slack
 - v. Meeting with SVSU to debrief and discuss the next steps for BoV
 - vi. Allendale and Grand Rapids relations are looking good, will be working with these much more, particularly Grand Rapids
- XI. Subcommittee Reports
 - A. SAAC, Byers - met with Bonnie Shade who has a great program for educating students on sexual assault awareness. Her presentation is between 75 minutes and 2 hours, Byers posits perhaps bringing her in to speak sometime in April; would also like to work with sororities and fraternities in regards to SAA
 - B. Sustainability, Cargill - would like to get into better contact with Ed Simon; would like to hear other senator's ideas for projects before planning for next semester
- XII. University Committee Reports
 - A. University Assessment Committee, Raak - assessments are winding down, being submitted; will be starting on winter 2021 docket
 - B. University Service Award, Moine and Thompson - all potential award recipients have been nominated, so assessment of recommendations and rubrics will be happening in the next week
 - C. SORB, Holcomb - two new clubs joined, but there are about 70 clubs that did not re-register, so there is the risk of losing up to 70 different clubs
- XIII. Roll Call - Part II
- XIV. Call for Announcements
 - A. Dowker - EVP McMahon and Dowker will be doing dinner over Zoom before Sunday at 5:30pm, so anyone who would like to join is welcome
- XV. Adjournment: 5:44pm