



# General Assembly

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 4:30 pm

GVSU Alumni House

*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. Brian Calley, Lt. Governor of the State of Michigan and former Laker
  - i. Ran in 9<sup>th</sup> grade for student council president, lost to my date for homecoming. Which is okay. But now when you run for office, the transition from running as candidate to holding office you can lose trustworthiness, people sometimes assume the worst of you just because you hold a certain position.
  - ii. Worked in banking for about 10 years, was involved in politics, then took a leadership role, then county commissioner, then Lt. Governor.
  - iii. Now is a great time to reflect and see how much things have changed and what is to come.
  - iv. Having the position in government office role can be very humbling, not glamorous, but great opportunities to be involved in so many different aspects of people's lives.
  - v. You live in this world, and the world to you is those who you know, when you enter state office, one's world grows dramatically very quickly. You hear so many viewpoints. I learned in my time that the people who do not have the same viewpoint as me have perfectly good reasons for their viewpoints.
  - vi. When answering emails in 2007 for state representative, someone said they could not find me on the Facebook platform. People in politics were not using social media to connect, not until Obama revolutionized how we use it. It helped grow the number of young people voters that come out and vote, we no longer had to use traditional media to connect to voters, there were filters and biases, but social media helped remove that. I could now directly get to the people I represented.
  - vii. Today information moves so quickly, it has resulted in net positive. There are negatives though. Bad/incorrect information can move quickly and be accepted before being vetted properly.
  - viii. House of representatives, in 2008 house and governor were democrats, I am a republican. I faced the issue of how I was going to vote and help govern for effective policy change. Decided to help compromise, engage, and work with others to help enact effective change. I saw I could try to make "Bad, less bad."
  - ix. 2007, Michigan business tax, would not help small businesses in my view point. I did not want it to pass at all, but I engaged, to vote it, helped make some changes that

- ended up saving 30,000 small businesses. It is something that is used against me within party elections.
- x. We build our future with the young people, making sure we try to have Michigan have lots of in bound college graduates.
  - xi. Lost my first elections and most recently lost my most recent elections, which is okay. The transfer of power, hallmark that it is peacefully and smooth. I am all in the make sure Gretchen Whitmore has the best transition into office as we can provide.
  - xii. We should always be raising the bar in raising our expectations for things like policy, what we expect from people. We should try to lower the “confrontation” or disrespect we show for openness when we run against someone. Politics can look like a blood sport and it shouldn’t. My challenge to you is to be different than that. Go back and look at how you interact with people, do you assume the worst about those you never meet, do you let headlines sell the story “judging a book by its cover”. Challenge you to not assume the worst about others, give them the benefit of the doubt. Be better and be different.
  - xiii. When, or if you run for public office I hope to see you do it different.
  - xiv. Senator Hunter: What brought you into of banking
  - xv. Did small business loans, when I served on board of directors, when certain federal regulations, things like the Dodd Frank Act serves bigger banks better than small banks.
  - xvi. VP Ibarra: Time here at GVSU, what was it like for you.
  - xvii. Was only on the downtown campus when I was here. Seidman was still being built. I came here for value, and the teachers here had work experience in the respective fields that they were teaching. Education at GVSU was practically and applicable to what I was doing. Education was enhanced due to also working at the same time. Were you send your time you will have a give and take. Your world is more than just a GPA
  - xviii. Senator Thompson: What is next for you now?
  - xix. I do not plan on taking time off, I want to be involved in some public policy, but now is a good time for me to take a step back. Not ready to publically announce where my next job is. I definitely want to have my cake and eat it too per say. Looking for a role that allows to me to be a step outside policy process but still have some say or impact. The rumor of me working as state treasurer was just rumor though. I still wan tot be involved in state level policy.
  - xx. Senate VanDeale: Post Secondary schools, how we can help increase funding for them, better pay for those helping teach autism?

- xxi. When I was in the house, there were not many practitioners for those with autism, there were prohibitions and barriers for applied behavior therapy. Each kid I raised needed different ways of raising them. When Autism reform insurance came up in the house when I sat on health policy committee, I heard testimonies. I= someone in my position should not be the only type to have the help I received. So I helped take on autism insurance reform. Business groups, insurance, and unions opposed it to start. During interim when I became Lt. Governor, we had no interest groups, but we wanted to go for it anyways. In 2012 we got the autism insurance reform bill through. Allowed us to provide more practitioners from 30 to 800, looks like we will have over 2000 in the near future.
- xxii. Senator Nurmi: Lots of respect even though we have different viewpoints, I also admire your new beard. For the transition, in state house talks about taking power away is some of the rumors?
- xxiii. The filter that is going to be used, Schneider still plans on not signing legislation he wouldn't sign when he held office. He is soft spoken and thoughtful. Some proposals are "window dressing". People do live in the present a lot, so what we do now, we need to think about how it might affect the future.
- xxiv. Senator Marsman: Challenges when running for state wide office.
- xxv. First off, it is very expensive. It can cost millions of dollars, lots of time spent raising funds. Every cycle it seems the cost of running continues to rise. Other challenge is that used to be that state elections were more separate from federal, but now federal elections seem to dictate how some state elections are run. I hope people that when they vote for state positions is viewed differently than federal positions. There is always the challenge to hold people's attention long enough to create a relationship. Would not trade the experience though. Those on their way out seem to "weird out" as they might see it as part of their personal identity, but I hope that isn't the case as I want people to serve their full time when in office. Your job is to vote and voice opinions on issues. I am proud of my time in office. Parting advice, wherever you are at in your educational process; I see a lot of people having a hard time finding what to do after they finish their education, wherever you land, do the best you can, give a crap, show up, do your best to give your heart into your work and the opportunities will present themselves. The better you do with your responsibilities will help you grow and find new avenues. The first thing you find to do does not have to be your dream job. The future is yours.
- b. Dr. Ranelle Brew, GVSU Department of Health Chair

- i. Here to speak about GVSU public health. This program has been here for 6 years now. Always looking to reach out to variety of students, spoken in front of 60 different student groups so far this semester.
- ii. What is public health? Covers areas of research based topics you may hear about, so things like the flu. Just one example. We also look at prevention and health preservation. Work with nonprofit, government, hospitals, etc. Also environmental, sanitation, things like clean water, food inspections, seatbelts, kids' car seats, etc.
- iii. Public health at GVSU, there is a graduate degree for it, 51 credits in 18 months, can take many different routes for undergraduate degree background.
- iv. In the new building downtown, finkelstein building. 2 classrooms and 1 dedicated lab. Degree has 2 emphasis areas that we focus on in Epidemiology and Health Promotion. Hybrid options are available as well.
- v. Offers unique offering of service learning and experimental learning, practicum field work experience as well.
- vi. What we are working on, finishing our accreditadation, expecting positive response in June, GVSU will be one of the only accredited programs in the US. Minor in public health for Fall 2019 hopefully, covers one graduate classes.
- vii. How senate can help? Help spread the word that Public Health is at GVSU, would love to come to classes and other student orgs we can come and talk to, continued discussions to students about public health.
- viii. Also the wellness task force working on the smoke free campus, since we are the only university that does not have this policy in place.
- ix. Senator Bialowas: Minor in public health, 9 credits can be carried over to grad degree, helps accelerate the degree process?
- x. Yes, that is how it was designed, 6 for junior and 3 for senior level classes.
- xi. Senator Harris: Willing to speak on dorm room floors for RAs wanting them to come and speak? (Yes)
- xii. Senator Dross hart: How do you see student senate promote public health?
- xiii. Any way when you are in front of students, you can connect them to our department, also things like national public health week we could work with you
- xiv. Senator Schaffer: GVSU student senate last year voted last year not to support this smoke free policy since it can be discriminatory, how will you address this concern?
- xv. The no smoke free policy has help prevented GVSU from national health based awards, we do have support from all different avenues of faculty, staff and administration, but we are student focused so we will be here to here your voice.

- xvi. Senator Hall: Time line for Grad Program?
- xvii. Dead line for March 1<sup>st</sup> for admissions. Then rolling admissions if classes are not filled
- xviii. Senator Vinke: Vaping on GVSUs Campus, would a smoke free campus include vaping?
- xix. Some writings has been coming out that vaping can be worse than smoking, so we need to be informed, so this could be up to the student body for this to be included or not. Some other universities have included it, but other that don't included vaping have a large increase of students who go to vaping. Up to the student body to help decided of a policy were put into place.

### III. **Public Comment – Part I**

President from Its On Us: Idea of protest for title IX changes. Think Senate can really help bring those out who oppose the changes from the department of Education.

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

Senator Drosshart: Have a bunch of information from guest speaker for public health

Senator Marsman: Sustainability talks, let me know.

### V. **President's Report**

#### a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- i. Senator Kolc: New business, discussion and voting on Winter in-service
    - (1) Rational, not technically required, not a lot of in service survey response, want to hear.
    - (2) Vote: Yays have it
  - ii. EVP Mattler: adding voting for resolution 5
    - (1) Votes: Yays have it
  - iii. Senator Hunter: Strike Officer reports
    - (1) Vote: yays have it.
  - iv. VP McIntosh: Add discussion on voting statement of support for Violence against women's act.
    - (1) Vote: Yays have it.
  - v. VP Jones: Add new role call under new business
    - (1) Vote: yays have it
- b. Meeting with President Haas next week for President award picking for president's ball
  - c. Provost meeting, talked about board of trustees meeting in February that will be happening. Talking about student concerns, let me know what you want me to

communicate with them. Also possibly trying to convince them to have student position for report, non voting rights.

- d. Water Initiative from provost office coming to fruition, they want students on the committee, she will be coming in January, senate will be the student spear head of it.
- e. Commencement, I will be the first student to speak at it, history in the making.
- f. Title IX Resolution, some of the changes seem to be detrimental, we feel as though submitting a comment, in the form of a resolution. Questions on the changes, feel free to ask. Show how changes are detrimental to students through this resolution or maybe some form of formal protest
- g. Senator Kolc: Protest idea from Its on Us, besides approval, maybe potential backlash since we have buildings named after the Devos. GVSU does not want to mix donor dollars with student actions and view points. Will not have impact
- h. VP McIntosh: Meet with Paul Sacks for water initiative, so on University side and county side.

## VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Approved
- b. Thank you all for voting on SAFE award, let president ball coordinators know the winner.
- c. Working on timeline for CTF. Will happen on Sundays, time TBD. Any changes you might want to see, starting thinking about potential changes. There will be 5 total CTF meetings.
- d. T-Haas farewell project. Maybe some sort of parade. Date is April 19<sup>th</sup> for farewell event.
- e. Interest in starting something called "Focus Groups" for specific talks on certain topics, sustainability, title IX, transportation. Will work with PRC.
- f. Off campus safety meeting, wanting to do our own night walk so we can continue to get more feedback to off campus apartments.
- g. There will be one GA downtown next semester. Will be at 5pm so accommodate transpiration.
- h. President Jenkin: Maybe we also do a night walk on the downtown campus.

## VII. Officer Reports

- a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva
- b. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford
- c. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler
- d. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra



f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones

g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi

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

- a. Senator Schaffer: Academic policy and standards: interest in going to meetings, let me know. Pilot program for class forgiveness, allied health sciences looking to change credit requirements, GVSU doing a recovery camp for those in danger of failing out to teach how to be a better student.
- b. PV McIntosh: Can't make Committee Reports, let VP know since most move downtown.
- c. Senator Swastika: General education committee, 2:30 on Mondays, will be available to sit on. Looked over courses if they should be approved. Lots of courses that have "history" want it to be part of historical perspective. Decided it was not a good way to fill requirement.
- d. Senator Harris: How students feel about WRT 150 program, open office hours so students can go to different professors.

## IX. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Role Call
- b. Discussion and Voting on Resolution F-18-04: Election Day Resolution
  - i. Senator Marsman: Starts with GVSU mission statement on how students should care.
  - ii. Senator Schaffer: Opposed for the fact I think that Faculty senate will not approve this policy change.
  - iii. Senator Kolc: Love this in theory, is passed could start conversation. But just because we support this, does not mean change will happen.
  - iv. Senator Schaffer: Passed resolution that passed, could take rest of year to get to faculty senate.
  - v. Senator Drosshart: on the fence due to not having enough "teeth" as it sorts of says "hey this is cool"
  - vi. Senator Hunter: time table this might take, regardless of time table, I do not seem the harm as to try to get this passed
  - vii. Senator Bialowas: Motion to exhaust speaker list, Passed.
  - viii. Senator Thompson: this is not for a day off but to go vote.
  - ix. Senator Kolc: We can table this, we can give them more time to revise this.
  - x. Vote
    - (1) Yay: 34
    - (2) Opposed: 1
    - (3) Abstention: 6
    - (4) Passed.

## X. **New Business**

- a. Discussion and voting on Resolution F-18-05: Dissenting DoE Title IX Changes
  - i. VP Ibarra: Support the passing, essential to GVSU message we try to convey, does not protect LBGT community.
  - ii. Senator Bialowas: as a gay individual, it shrinks my protection. Important we have the backs of our victim survivors.
  - iii. Senator Hall: question, cross examinations would be apart being able to expel students?
  - iv. President Jenkin: Cross examination is suggestion but live hearing would be required. Cross examination through studies not effective and deters victims from reporting. Not to expel students.
  - v. Senator Beniott: Support, consider how this could affect hose in the work force as well
  - vi. Senator Schaffer: Explanation on court case vs title ix Changes
  - vii. President Jenkin: overall this is to show the 149 document, the point I brought up are the most detrimental to students. Speaking on behalf of our student body, but this could affect private students.
  - viii. Vote:
    - (1) Yays: 40
    - (2) Opposed: 0
    - (3) Abstentions: 1
    - (4) Passed
- b. Senate Winter In-service discussion and vote
  - i. Senator Kolc: When I spoke wish PV Neva, she said low survey turnout, wanting to hear how body wants to see how they feel about a winter in-service, platform for ideas for winter in-service.
  - ii. Senator Schaffer: Important for body to have a voice in something like this, winter in-service has always felt like fall in-service. We need to make sure we use time efficiently, we are students first, we have jobs, some people only have Saturdays to go work at their jobs. Have never seen winter in-service to be different when past SRC said it would be different.
  - iii. Senator Drossharrt: fall in-service, was on fence on staying in senate until fall in-service after I got a better feeling and got more involved. I feel as though we should do it. Winter in-service should be QPR training, bringing in subsets of senate for more oppertunities for senators to get involved



- iv. VP Jones: Big opportunity for professional in-service, have faith in VP Neva to bring something new.
- v. VP Neva: Opportunity to bond outside of GA as a collective group. Bonding and Committee meetings are there, but allows us as a collective group. I want to hear your ideas for what you want to see, better you as professionals, I am here to serve you and help you grow. Always room to improve, love y'all.
- vi. Senator Hicks: If winter in-service is different than fall, how do new senators get educated for what we learned at fall in-service?
- vii. President Jenkin: They don't usually get the same training like the one in fall, but winter in-service has been used to help teach them.
- viii. Senator Vinke: Idea for winter in-service is to professional development program.
- ix. Senator Beniott: What have past winter in-service entailed, if it is like fall in-service, it seemed rushed to me. I like the bonding aspect of in-service?
- x. Senator Thompson: Compromise of professional time then maybe we go to a griffin's game maybe? Make sure we read everyone's story. Maybe a bonding event after in-service. A "Fun-service".
- xi. Senator Hunter: Coming around for winter in-service, for professional development event, what could we do.
- xii. VP Neva: I want it to be up to you guys, like resume workshop or how to dress for interview.
- xiii. Senator Schaffer: Maybe a "how to send an email". Also winter in-service use to be mandatory, we made it optional choice of SRC VP discretion.
- xiv. VP Qureshi: I send my committee certain videos, like commencement speeches. One from David Wallace entailed the message of how you think about a situation changes how you see the next two hours. What you get out of it is determined in how you chose to think about it.
- xv. Senator Hall: My thing is I do not like ice breaker events due, so not always wanting break out of shell. So I wont meet new people if I am not forced to. So make us move around.
- xvi. Senator Schroeder: Maybe change the name to Senate Retreat to help change the perception of winter in-service. Maybe more focus on bonding aspect than educational purpose.
- xvii. Senator Bialowas: Excited to making folders for information, but it is still important to go over it, but briefly. Make sure we give the necessary resources senators need.

- xviii. President Jenkin: Themes from cabinet retreat, I gave folders for each committee, bonding and team building. Beneficial in my view, think it would be great as retreat
- xix. Senator Kolc: Concern of “Mandatory bonding” or “mandatory fun”. Also finance committee does fund certain professional development events that we can go to. Career center has lots of resources. I see benefits, but once month do something like “love languages”.
- xx. VP Ibarra: to take a day off of work is hard, but I see it as essential, having us all in one room brings in a lot of different viewpoints. We don’t have to be “past years”. We don’t have to base our opinion off past years.
- xxi. Senator Schaffer: More ideas can be sent to Holly.
- xxii. VP Amanda: Appropriations has funded professional development; I think we still need to develop as a department as well.
- xxiii. Vote on how body feels about having winter In-service
- (1) Yays: majority
  - (2) Abstentions: 5
  - (3) Yays have it to have in-service.
- c. Discussion of support for Violence Against Women Act
- i. President Jenkin: Helps protect those victims of dating and domestic violence. State Government letting it sit due to how if convicted of this kind of crime, plays how you are allowed to hold a fire arm.
  - ii. VP McIntosh: Statement of Support for the Violence Against Women Act  
“We, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate, the official student government representing the student body and valuing their safety, encourage Congress to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. We stand with victim/survivors and support their protections under this Act. We acknowledge that domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are not only public health concerns but also human rights concerns. This Act protects victim/survivors of domestic violence, but also protects battered immigrants, sexual assault victim/survivors, victims/survivors of dating violence, LGBTQIA+ victim/survivors and Native identifying victim/survivors. Our highest priority is to provide an equal and inclusive education for all students. Therefore, we urge our legislature to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act which would continue to address domestic and sexual violence.”
- GVSU Student Senate
- iii. VP Ibarra: Relevant on campus, in support of putting this out there.
  - iv. Senator Marsman: important we have our voice heard.
  - v. Voting

- (1) Yay: majority
- (2) Nay:
- (3) Abstention: 3
- (4) Passed

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

**XI. Public Comment – Part II**

**XII. Call for Announcements**

- a. VP Ibarra: Book club meeting on Sunday, can still join if you want to
- b. Senator Drosshart: Mental Health Awareness committee, meeting with director of wellness center, let me know what you want me to bring. Counseling center is moving forward with space expansion. Still fighting for a budget, they are reaching 12,000 students a year they told me. We also have a road map for 2019 winter semester. QPR training, seasonal effectiveness disorder, sessions about personality disorders, group counseling for campus leaders.
- c. VP Qureshi: Exam cram helpers, we will be putting sticky notes with words of encouragement. Interest in downtown help reach out to senator Kolc
- d. VP Jones: Slack presentation has not happened due to GA length recently, but it is still coming.
- e. VP McIntosh: Last lecture professors, maybe nominate someone of someone was not SAFE Award. Might reopen due to those who want to nominate another professors. SAAC has decided on new time for meeting. Coffee with cops will be happening as well
- f. Senator VanDeale: State funding meeting will be pushed back due to meeting with certain state senators soon. Looking to have student support in the form of written letters so when we go to Lansing we can show student concern.
- g. Senator Marsman: Creating GroupMe for sustainability, let me know if interested.
- h. VP Neva: Thank you for conversation for winter in-service, google doc for ideas will be sent out again. Also statements from senate can only come from president and PRC VP.
- i. Senator Kolc: Sunday at 6:30 for snacks with senators. Meet in Devos around 6 maybe.
- j. Senator Hunter: Good luck on all of your finals, and happy holidays.
- k. President Jenkin: Thank you for all your work this semester, won't see you all for 3 or 4 weeks. Good luck on exams, love all of you.

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