



General Assembly

Thursday, February 14th, 2019 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Rachel Jenkin

Parliamentarian: Morgan Mattler

I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm

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

II. Guest Speakers

- a. Jeff Stoll, GVPD: Marijuana on Campus
 - i. Laws usually have spelling of “Marijuana” as “Marihuana”.
 - ii. Here to talk about the new law and how it impacts GVSU. New law states that Michigan citizens can carry up to 2oz of medical marihuana. Approved in November 2018 and enacted December 6th of 2018. Some things are up to interpretations based on law cases.
 - iii. Recreational Marihuana, individuals 21 and up can legally purchase up to 2.5oz on your person. You can have up to 10oz in your home, but only 2,5 oz visible. You can grow up to 12 plants. Can give up to 2.5 oz to someone if 21 years of age, but you cannot sell it without proper licensing.
 - iv. Comparable between alcohol and marihuana are very similar, in terms of age limit.
 - v. Things still prohibited, you still cannot operate vehicles, boats, etc under the influence, give it to people under 21, posses it if under 21, you cannot do it in a public place/area. You can use posses it in public places but not use it.
 - vi. If you do hold more than 2.5oz, it needs to be locked and sorted away, cannot have it in k-12 school grounds or correctional facilities.
 - vii. Punishments, use in public place, civil infraction, \$100 fine and forfeiture of marihuana, and no longer a misdemeanor but a civil infraction.
 - viii. At GVSU, still prohibited from having it on campus and having employees using. It is still seen as an illegal substance from the federal government. We follow the drug free school safety act as we do receive grants from the federal government. If found on person on GVSU campus, it is still run through the dean of students for conduct review.
 - ix. Concerns from GVPD. Similar to MIP transition to civil infraction, so and that use can lead to more “bad decisions”. It still makes someone impaired when driving, people do not recognize the length of the effects of marihuana. Medical Incidents, potency increases significantly impact in the body. I say of someone uses a edible, I would say they should not operate a vehicle for the rest of the day. With passing of Proposition one, we will most likely see increase of Drugged Driving making the roads more dangerous. We want to continue further education of this substance make sure people can be safe.

- x. DEA has said that potency of the drug has almost tripled in past 20 years.
- xi. The drug is seen as a “chill laid back drug” but it has been seen to raise heart rates even if someone is not doing physical activity and under the influence of marihuana.
- xii. Senator DeKoekkoek: You said you will be rolling out awareness programs, when?
- xiii. Depends of some of the implementation of when state government like click it or ticket, also we are trying to push this information through our social media avenues.
- xiv. Senator Hall: People will tell me that driving while is that they area more focused, can you tell me as to why this is wrong.
- xv. It impacts your ability to do attention divided tasks, so they don’t recognize other distractions as well, so that may be why they feel more focused. It can also dilate your eyes and let more light into your eyes so it could impact your comfort level with your vision. Loss of focus, inability to do basic tasks. Body moved out of homeostasis. Body can be overloaded and mind cannot keep up with your body.
- xvi. VP McIntosh: Substance abuse programs on campus, AA, ACES, but not substance abuse programs to my knowledge.
- xvii. I would mainly refer you to the ACES program, department is involved with Alcohol truths and lies program who also has marihuana program.
- xviii. Senator Boyd: With Prop 1 being changed, change of culture, has it ever cause a fatality since passed.
- xix. It doesn’t cause a factuality, but it can lead to factors that could lead to marihuana deaths, like impaired driving. I do not have specific stats for you though
- xx. Senator Benoit: with 12 plants being owned, why it is not okay for extraction.
- xxi. That isn’t the case, but the method of extracting through means of butane extraction, as it is a flammable gas. It is hazardous to the people and the surrounding areas.
- xxii. Senator Schaffer: When people caught with alcohol under age, they go to ACES, but when caught with it under 21 will they go to MACES?
- xxiii. Yes, some have gone, but we are still evaluating with what are number and data will be as this is still very new.
- xxiv. Senator Maclin: Smoking can be seen as a social norm, since prop 1 is passed, how can we better educate the students, so we do not talk “at them”.
- xxv. We have seen some moderate success with alcohol truths and lies program and ACES programs. GVPD is also in the community living centers to tell them what these things are, and the risks that are truths, lies and consequences to it are.

- xxvi. Senator Thompson: Medical embassy on campus, for drinking and laced drugs, still apply to this?
- xxvii. Amnesty rule still applies to this if it is medical needs when someone is seeking help. Those people helping are also protected, but the amount of illegal substance can also determine amnesty.
- xxviii. President Jenkin: Certain cities and municipals laws, difference between Grand Rapids and Allendale
- xxix. Local township cities can opt out of recreational jurisdiction areas. Some areas are very for recreational or against out of it. Grand Rapids board seems to allow it but Allendale township seems to be wanting to opt out for recreational distribution facility. Those constitutes that voted for it in their areas are likely to see it where the opposite is true for those that voted against it.
- b. Santiago Gayton, Student Life: Status of Greek Life at GVSU
- i. Here to talk about the task force and what brought us to this point.
 - ii. Lots of students feel as though fraternities and sororities have been targeted in recent GVSU issues.
 - iii. Greek like did over 54,000 volunteer service hour, 3.0 GPA average, raised over \$250,000 in 2017.
 - iv. Those that have been removed are usually due to high drinking issues. We wan tot be proactive and take steps to make sure things are safe here. In past 5 years, Greek life has grown by 61%, and that can change culture very quickly.
 - v. Process we want to follow is Philosophy, policies, procedures and practices, education, and enforcement. 5-week process where we cover each one, and each one drives the next one.
 - vi. Task force is 14 people across university, faculty staff, grad students, alumni relations, etc. Wide spread of perspectives. 6 undergraduate students as well, as this will impact them the most.
 - vii. We meet every Friday for 2 hours. The Administration sanctions went into effect October 31st I believe. We know students are frustrated but we want to look out for the health and safety for students. We will come up with a report to give the dean. We are trying to fill in the gaps, trying to simplify the rules for students. Recommendation will not be the “End all, Be all”. It will be a road map for the future and hopefully clear the confusion up for students.
 - viii. We want to put realistic expectations onto our students, so that is why we will do enforcement last. Want to be done by March 1st so we can get student feedback.

- ix. Senator Hicks: Whenever we ask our leadership in our sorority about ask force, they don't have much information, so maybe a news letter to community could be helpful.
- x. We did hear that, so we are trying to figure something out, have bene talking to chapter presidents and advisors. We send out a series of emails, and focus on February 11th meeting and program. Still trying to figure out how much we want to communicate as it is all subject tot change
- xi. Senator Hicks: Fake fraternity parties that happened?
- xii. They are not recognized in GVSUs campus, they are not part of our community, IFC made a statement regarding separation to reinforce our actual values.
- xiii. Senator Hall: Policies that you are trying to condense, are you talking all undergraduate students, or just Greek life members.
- xiv. Bit of both for aim, focus on Greek life members, but want it to live on university website for all students to have access to. Conversations if this should apply to all student organizations in terms of equity. In Beginning might just be Greek life, but if policy does it need to go to the board. We want people to know the expectations though. If rolled out for all student organizations, it would be enforced by RSO.
- xv. Senator Kolc: When talking about recommendation, can you clarify. Some people think it will be “dissolve Greek life or to stay”
- xvi. Recommendation will be policy and procedure recommendations. How Greek life operates and how it should be enforced, to ensure a healthy and safe community. Never tasked with to dissolve or keep Greek life community.
- xvii. VP Jones: What would a successful task force look life if you can answer this?
- xviii. Not many task forces have been called like this. Usually this comes from a death in the community, but fortunate that this has not happened to us. We have brought in consultants. Success for us is identify the gaps and filling them. Recommendation is not the end as work will continue after we give our recommendation. How we can move our community forward. No one answer for success.
- xix. President Jenkin: does task force a rise in extreme behaviors after result comes forward.
- xx. This is a consideration we have looked at, looking at how other universities have approached this. Like putting in more controls like registering events. We want to make sure we look after safety of our students.
- xxi. President Jenkin: Peer institutions, like Penn State and Michigan State and U of M, the disaffiliation with the university, any anticipation of it.
- xxii. U of M is very interesting due to housing policies, Penn State is something we never want to have similar events, Penn state created an entire new office for

resources. We are looking at who is doing good work, Like Iowa State (what does a social event mean) Like having all 29 organizations having same definition of a social event.

III. **Public Comment – Part I**

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

VP Qureshi: Next two weeks for tabling for student senate week. Then Tabling during student senate week for committee events. Also Trivia night the 28th and discussion panel volunteering. The 24th, elections info night, salsa with senators volunteering.

President Jenkin: Student Senate Week, we promote what senate is, celebrate the committees, programing events, during when elections packet goes live.

V. **President's Report**

a. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Approved**

- i. Went to Lansing with some senators and Administration. GVSU has been only public institution where they have a student speak when asking for higher education funding fro past 13 years. Testimony went great on terms of how allocations are not as fair. Report will go in my folder for senate drive.
- ii. Board of trustees meeting, gave student report. Talked about mental health replenish, presidents ball. They also approved an environmental studies major. Great due to geographical location.
- iii. President Haas Farewell, selfie initiative, provost suggested donation to momentum scholarship for those who need an extra push, like those that need an extra \$300 for registration, or need for a few textbooks. So more quick flowing funds to help students.
- iv. Commencement student speaker. Committee will be forming. Looking for 2 students to sit on picking out next speaker. 4 members of university academic senate should be on it. Committee would review applications.
- v. UAS, about a month ago an email went out about chemical emission in downtown GR. They are planning on having meetings about what areas and times living downtown if they are concerns.
- vi. Water Initiative, they are doing a logo competition, 1st place \$200 to Laker store and 2nd gets \$100 gift card to Laker store.
- vii. Dr. Chamberlin asked me to come in and interview for design thinking class. To talk about ownership for the position you are in, when you are in charge. Keep in mind you paid to be in this space, you have ownership and voice to how it should be used.

- viii. Greek Life Board meeting, they brought in the football coach and talked about tailgating, talks about spirit and pride. Experiences for tailgating and how behavior there has changed.
- ix. VP Jones shout out for Slack implementation, make sure you download it and help make the transition. On drive there is a training document he put up.
- x. 37th anniversary for Bob for working at GVSU, Thank you for dedicating time to us! Bob is awesome!

VI. Vice President's Report

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Approved
- b. Last meeting of CTF is this Sunday for overall overview. Last changes and conversations. GPA requirement change, subcommittee definitions, changes in committee definitions. Substantive changes can be made at CTF. Then all documents come to body, first meeting amendments can be proposed, then sits for 2 weeks on body for approval vote or not.
- c. Elections, be focused on current work in this term on senate. Keep head in presence, lots of time to still make changes. Also, we can do a submission form on election site for potential candidates. Packet go out Monday. Can be found in OSL and senate office.
- d. T-Haas Farewell, will be at lunch soon with others in how to divide the work up. Selfie Collections, promotions found program that takes all images and make one image. Senator Sawatzki will do letter drive with tabling.
- e. February 28th, 5pm start time, Location TBD. Grand Rapids city manager is guest speaker.
- f. Leadership Summit. Senate will sponsor 3 senators to go. Usually costs \$20 but senate will cover it. Reach out to VP or me ASAP if interested.
- g. Senator Bialowas: CTF, will documents be broken up by week or all at once?
- h. President Jenkin: This is why CTF is so important, so if it doesn't change meaning or substance, email EVP Mattler with spelling and grammar issues. Documents should have been read once or twice before it comes to entire body. Making sure people do homework before it comes to body. First meeting will be a longer meeting.

VII. Officer Reports

- a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva
 - i. Senator Marsman will get a prize since he responded to my question on my personal report.
 - ii. Also make sure you look over changes on SRC policies
 - iii. Make sure you fill out senate climate survey, VPs need to fill out as well.
 - iv. Placards will be here next week since they were ruined by lemonade.
 - v. Reminder Tabling counts as office hours.

- vi. Make sure you submit absence excuse and office hour forms.
 - vii. Read report to see what my senators are doing.
 - viii. If you want to be a transition leader, come talk to me since I am a GoLeader.
 - ix. VP Qureshi: Are we planning on doing a battle of the committees? Like we did last year?
 - x. Last year previous VP did a pizza party for committee with most office hours, did come out of there personal funds.
 - xi. President Jenkin: Very important you fill out survey.
 - xii. In-service, we will be spreading the presentations out over several Gas during new business. This will not take another one of your Saturdays. 2 presentations a week for a month. 5 minutes long then open to questions.
- b. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford
- i. Report for cultural funding board in senate office tomorrow.
 - ii. Vietnamese Culture event tomorrow in grand river room. Emerging culture in GR area
 - iii. Saturday in Fieldhouse will be drag race.
- c. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler
- i. Food committee past Tuesday, talk about senator Harris resolution, Mary is resigning at GVSU from dietary position. Will post minutes once I have them.
 - ii. Talk to VP about elections if you have questions about running.
 - iii. Individual updates in report.
- d. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
- i. Meet with Tom Quaine past Tuesday, talking rave guardian logo competition, to rebrand as GVSU app. So “Laker Guardian”.
 - ii. Last Lecture, 6:30-9 in NPR two weeks on 26th.
 - iii. Library needs help passing out flyers for resources for during mid-terms.
 - iv. Help pass put remaining Valentines Day pluggers
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
- i. Continue to read report for updates, waiting on lots of email response for projects
 - ii. Elote Bar, date to come
 - iii. Succulents with senators date event TBD
- f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones

- i. Made a slack walkthrough, if not on platform, it will walk you through in how to set up. Let me know if you need some help or need an invite.
- ii. Thank you for all who attended state funding committee meeting.
- iii. 28th, Senator Nurmi has a housing meeting.
- iv. Thank you to Senator Benoit in helps planning our student senate week letter drive.
- g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi
 - i. Senator Sanchez-Castillo, Laker Hub
 - ii. Senator Pagel with ORE analysis and student tips and subcommittees on website.
 - iii. Senator Boyd, senator spotlight of senator hicks
 - iv. Senator Benoit getting student snacks in the office (also condoms available)
 - v. Student Senate week, the 24th elections info night, 25th no plans so far, 26th is last lecture, 27th letter drive for lower tuition, 28th discussion panel with CAC with games too.
 - vi. Promo items will be arriving within the week.
 - vii. EVP Mattler: Please support senate week, as best time to get senate name out there and help promote elections.

VIII. Call for University Committee Reports

- a. Senator McMahon: reviewed safety review report, general facilities report, like Lake Huron moving onto next step for renovations.
- b. VP Jones: health and Wellness Task force: promoted lots of senate work, SAAC and MHAC were big hits, and campus resource pamphlet that senator DeKoekkoek working on. There is a downtown health center. Better partnership with counseling center and health center is something they want to work on.
- c. VP Qureshi: Academic policies and standards committee, they are doing a resolution for trying to reduce credit hours required for ally health science majors from 21 hours to 9 hours.
- d. President Jenkin: A couple of senators will be joining me at ECS for 3 exams in one day and election day voting resolutions that were passed.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. ORE Discussion
 - i. Senator Benoit: Great tool for reaching out to students, want to hear how senators feel about, if they are worth continuing right now and other engagement strategies,
 - ii. VP Ibarra: OREs are great for some people, but not everyone's style. DAC has been successful with going to other student events for engaging with those students. Usually lack of follow up. Would rather go to student events.

- iii. EVP Mattler: What DAC does is great for reaching out, still think OREs are very direct for connecting with students 1 on 1. Really encourage senators to do this as they had to talk to students when they had to run to get onto the body and enlighten students on what senate is. Know it isn't for everyone so we have other avenues, but everyone should be reaching out to the student body in some form.
- iv. Senator Hicks: Important for us to interact with students beyond our reach. We now have that email list for senate updates and follow up.
- v. Senator Bialowas: OREs are good, but I do miss public opinion days, it was a shorter interaction so it was not as long of a time commitment. Would love to see more specific data information with OREs.
- vi. Senator Benoit: Lets us branch to all students, and any suggestions for ORE questions is out there.
- vii. Senator Schaffer: Big Advocate of POD, general ORE, we can go to the students as they usually do not come to us.
- viii. VP Neva: Do we have constant open ORE questions like on our website for students to go to respond to, direct access to? (no, but could look into it if we have enough ORE questions)
- ix. Senator Maclin: OREs are great, but follow up is still important as it does not want to feel like an interview type of environment. To build that relationship.
- x. President Jenkin: Cabinet has talked about maybe making a general student senate business card, but making sure you go that extra mile to provide contact information.
- xi. Senator Harris: Think we should be looking at other alternatives for communication, more in favor of OREs if we did give feedback to students. Definitely not something to be mandatory.
- xii. VP Qureshi: we want to think is this effective and concerns.
- xiii. VP McIntosh: only concern is how lack of data is shown when we have few people actually do them. We are all busy but to be engaged with students is that we have to put in the leg work.
- xiv. Senator Hall: You have to interact with students to get onto the body, so also part of this is to get question ideas out there.
- xv. Senator Benoit: We did reach out to body and most of body seemed to have opinion of not wanting to do this. If you have a project and need feedback from student, great opportunity to get that feedback.
- xvi. EVP Mattler: Seems that OREs have identity crisis, so figuring out how that 1 on 1 relationship and how it should be formed.
- xvii. Senator Thompson: Online forum type in way of gathering responses?
- xviii. Senator Szcepaniak: Stats department send out surveys out every once and awhile but to sample.

- xix. Senator Mueller: Integrate a question asking if they want to be reached out to for follow up at end of ORE
- xx. VP Crawford: issue of how ORE is dual purpose of qualitative and quantitative response. If we just want data, we do not always have to talk one on one with students.
- xxi. Senator Dowker: ORE feel awkward and impersonal, almost condescending, but PODs, ORE all serve the same means to the end.
- xxii. Senator Hicks: Senator Schafer is working on “welcome signs” for students sitting in places like the library.
- xxiii. VP Jones: Do we know how students feel about OREs, and if they see this as effective?
- xxiv. Senator Aller: Support of VP Crawford statement, so big difference in writing of question for bias, sample sizes, randomness of selection, so reporting go to stat center, ideas for project feedback or project ideas, OREs.
- xxv. Senator Kolc: Think OREs can be beneficial to senators, may be uncomfortable, but you didn’t join senate to be comfortable but joined to help the student body and to reach out and help them. Making the effort to follow up, having those conversations. I understand why you might get uncomfortable but helpful to help students.
- xxvi. Senator Sanchez-Castillo: Against making mandatory but changing perspective of what they are. Also going to events can be an opportunity to stimulate that light hearted conversation.
- xxvii. VP Qureshi: ORE always about building that personal relationship. Other ways for getting data. OREs about senator being representatives to the student individual, and making sure to see the better global perspective of the student. From personal experience, students are usually interested in email list after ORE is done. In terms of information, there is a running list on google drive of student concerns. Make sure at end of day you can tell yourself you did your best job representing body.
- xxviii. Senator Aller: Would love to see ORE bring specific questions and concerns for certain things like MHAC or SAAC.
- b. Discussion and Voting on Resolution W-19-02: Income Based Meal Plans
- i. Discussion
- (1) Senator Harris: Changes and additions, per last week’s conversation. Dealing with those students who face food insecurity. Did add Pell grant students, kept the Fall 2020 timeline as it seemed like enough time when having conversation with Sheryl. Added how Senate is willing to help implement policy. That is would be based on parent’s income but an appeal process would be available. To keep in mind there are students who skip meals when choosing in how to spend their financial needs

- (2) Senator Nitzkin: Before writing resolution, did you talk to campus dining, or if passes, would this be the first time they would hear about
- (3) Senator Harris: I don't want this to blind side them, I did not speak to them
- (4) Senator Hall: Concern about adding Pell Students specifically can exclude other food insecure students.
- (5) Senator Harris: There would be an appeals process for other students as well, and that the umbrella of students who would use this are these who used subsidized food program in k-12.
- (6) VP Engler: Did talk to campus dining and financial aid office about this. Campus Dining, food costs and labor and direct costs would increase costs overall. Campus dining at one time did give away free meal plan raffle in past, but financial aid office it affected the students financial aid. Food costs, according to Deb from campus dining, is rising faster than cost of meal plans. Was told they are willing to make accommodations with donations to replenish. For students, University does not receive funding for subsidized food meal plans like k-12 public schools. So if roughly 8000 students face food insecurity, that is a lot of money lost potentially. When talking to financial aid office, \$2000 financial award, if the student has subsidized plan giving, it would be taken out of financial award, and FAFSA Office would need to be notified. So we could do fundraising for a scholarship that would not affect their financial aid numbers. For determining students who could qualify, financial aid office said this would be on a per student basis. So overall, a different solution could be scholarship. At the end this is a big issue for students but the resolution might not be correct avenue for solution.
- (7) Senator Thompson: In food committee, campus dining cost is \$500,000 for every 2 weeks, with other programing and contracts, meeting demands for chains, and raise of prices for would have impact on other students as well, still think deadline should be something like 2022, and campus dining does offer jobs for students and every 4 hours they can get food. Agree that this is something should be tackled but not correct avenue for resolving food insecurity for students.
- (8) Senator Harris: Do not feel as though this will result in loss of revenues and will help bring in many other different types of students and make sure that we set these students up for success.
- (9) Senator Bialowas: GVSU foundation is student success, and this is paramount to their success, Campus dining has financial concerns about this, but with hot food costs we look around 60% profit margin in my personal job. Personally I cannot accord the meal plan even though it has cheap plans. We do not want to put profits before students, it is sad that 1/3 students face food insecurity.

- (10) Senator Marsman: represent of the student body is that it sends a message to the larger GV community, next possible steps if passed.
- (11) Senator Harris: I believe Academic Senate would be the net place it would go.
- (12) VP Jones: Not here to represent campus dining, but here to represent students.
- (13) Senator DeKoekkoek: not a finalized policy, but to start a conversation in a way to work with partners to figure out a solution.
- (14) VP Ibarra: When I worked for campus dining, I never got a free meal. They are not as flexible as they say they are in my opinion. Conversation of AirMark, starts as to why should we employ AirMark. Not saying we have to riot over AirMark.
- (15) Senator Maclin: Coming from eastern side of state, for first generation students and coming from urban areas, paying for meal plan put us in a hole, making GVSU less inclusive if we cannot provide a better opportunity for these different type of students.
- (16) Senator Dowker: Glad Pell grant part is included, and we pay money to come to GVSU, so we have voice in how we use our time here.
- (17) Senator Szcapaniak: please include the resolution author in conversation when going out doing additional research so they can prepare for questions. I do not believe a scholarship can be the solution as they can be very competitive and do not think this body had the means to raise the necessary funds to support it and we should not have a competition for who should eat. I think we can find a lot of partners if passed.
- (18) EVP Mattler: In support as great way to start conversation on behalf of student body.
- (19) Senator Sanchez-Castillo: Think essential to get ball rolling and conversation and solution is overdue
- (20) Senator Schafer: At food committee, Doug who is in charge of finances is willing to help look into this.
- (21) Senator Thompson: I am not representing campus dining, campus dining also told me that they do not have as much. They told me their profit margin was not clarified to me.
- (22) Senator Nitzkin: Motion to table vote till February 21 due to information said and allow Senator Harris to talk to campus dining.
- (23) VP Ibarra: People already feel the way they want to vote.
- (24) VP Qureshi: Advocating just some more information as what result would be helpful in creating productive conversation.

- (25) VP Neva: This has been a conversation at food committee for as long I have gone
- (26) Vote: majority nay to table vote
- ii. Voting on support of passing or not passing Resolution W-19-02
- (1) Yay: 31 Nay: 4 Abstention: 3
- (2) Resolution Passes
- X. **New Business**
- a. Time Management Presentation, VP Engler
- i. How to properly allocate time with social life, senate, school, and my personal recommendations.
 - ii. On senate, 2 hours of office hours, set time you want to do them at the start of the week so you don't do them last minute, plan the time and what days you want to do office hours.
 - iii. Does not have to be maximum of 2 hours.
 - iv. Snoozing emails is something that helped me prioritize emails.
 - v. For life in general, I recommend meal prep and packing lunches, makin sure you don't spread your time too thin.
 - vi. Big thing is to learn to say no, that in the moment you cannot do it in the moment.?
 - vii. Make sure you are off your phone for class
 - viii. Make sure you plan ahead, set measurable goals.
 - ix. VP Neva: Another helpful hint is not sending emails when you would not like to receive emails as it communicates when you are available.
- b. What it means to be a Senator Presentation, Senator Bialowas
- i. Started with oath when we assume office. Sets foundation and responsibilities, giving oneself to serve the students and GVSU.
 - ii. Advocacy, service and leadership.
 - iii. Here to set aside personal bias and serve the greater student body.
 - iv. Service, 2 hours a week minimum of office hours.
 - v. Leadership, 50 represent 25,000. Honor to represent students and to be empathetic.
 - vi. "L'habit ne fait pas le moine" the clothes do not make the monk. Actions you take to represent the student.
- c. **CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**
- i. Senator Nurmi: Talks about housing, the 28th in Kirkhof 2201 2pm, meeting with several higher ups from housing life. Meeting to talk about ways to improve communication and better stance towards off campus housing. Small ideas to start.

Like student senate sponsored competition for off campus housing for as to way show off campus housing is a good place for students to go to. Then create a way to show seal of approval for which off campus housing places we say are meeting that set criteria. Ideas for criteria reasonable rent rate, utility rate, sense of community, safety, parking, and condition of housing. Stress of transparency.

- ii. VP Ibarra: Stress of affordable utilities and proof of it.
- iii. President Jenkin: 5-10 minimum resident testimonies
- iv. VP Qureshi: Talking to some professional realtor for certain expertise
- v. VP Neva: Recommend testimonies picked by senate, so apartment complex does not pick and choose testimonies. For ratings, apartment complex will do anything to make you want to live. I do not trust apartment complexes in any college town.
- vi. Senator Hall: Recycling as well
- vii. Senator Hunter: Reach out to Eric Hoogstra, has lots of experience in real estate.
- viii. Senator Schafer: student testimony, careful in how you phrase it due to if they lose money they could sue.
- ix. Senator Nurmi: Allow them to opt in or out, have them submit their proposals.
- x. VP McIntosh: Accessible Bus stops, genially insulated buildings
- xi. Senator Aller: Could be cool to have document for tips and tricks for things to look out for.

XI. **Public Comment – Part II**

- a. Jake, student: OREs, I would argue they are not effective. Most students do not know about you or that senate cares for students. Also I would like to echo importance of giving students feedback. Also love resolution of income based meal plan

XII. **Call for Announcements**

- a. Senator DeBerry: MHAC 6-8 for seasonal effectiveness fair, reach out to senator Drosshart for information.
- b. Senator Hunter: 6-8:30 Shabbat next week. Interfaith conversation
- c. Senator Kolc: Take survey for senate climate. Also remember it is a discussion and not an argument. If we don't see the different viewpoint we don't see fill story
- d. Senator Aller: March 1st form closes for faculty excellence award.
- e. EVP Mattler: CTF this Sunday, and February 28th fro downtown GA
- f. Senator Szcepaniak: can view 2019 and 2020 classes starting the 15th.
- g. Senator Sanchez-Castillo: 28th 7-9 in Kirkhof for Vietnamese dinner



General Assembly

Thursday, February 14th, 2019 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Rachel Jenkin

Parliamentarian: Morgan Mattler

- h. President Jenkin: Downloading RaveGaurdian, would like to maybe see how to downloaded, election questions and reaching out to as many as possible, questions anything is fair game no stupid questions. Also speaking with VPs and wanting to run for the VP position, talk to them multiple times and have dialogue.

XIII. Adjournment: 8:10pm