



General Assembly

Thursday, February 21st, 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. Lynn “Chick” Blue, VP of Enrollment Development
 - i. It is great to be here. I have been at GVSU since 1968. Here longer than any other GVSU personal. Have been in multiple different departments and roles. Message I want to convey to you is that I am nearing the end of my career at a university and you are about to start yours. Find something you like to. Find it and throw yourself at in.
 - ii. I started at MSU, but when I came to GVSU, there were just over 1000 students. GVSU was still very new. GVSU use to be “A college in the cornfield” 4 buildings were standing at the time I came here. Been apart of the growth from 1000 to 25000, been apart of almost every building committee for all the buildings that have been built. Took all the opportunities I could to learn of so many different aspects, got to work with so many different and compassionate people.
 - iii. I also remember when GVSU got their first computer, it was \$34,000 and it was giant. We had no terminal but we got the first terminal when we started using it to help people registering for courses.
 - iv. GVSU was called GVSU college, then GVSU colleges, but was during a recession we had to cut some of the colleges we had so we renamed to GVSU college again then all colleges in Michigan were then named to be universities.
 - v. Registration mainly use to be done by with paper and pencils, s student would walk around with a punch card and sign up for courses. After signing up for courses they would tally up your tuition cost. It used to be \$90 for full course work. General fund budget for financial use to be 23K now it is over 7 million.
 - vi. The story of GVSU of turning into a prison, it was a real discussion in the legislature, but nothing came from it.
 - vii. Around mid 80s, we decided we did not want to only be a school of 5000 students, but more students. We wanted better faculty, better students, and great quality. The plan put in place in Fall of 1982. Recruitment staff was created to go out and recruit. It was an uphill climb but around 50th anniversary of GVSU we were around 20K students at the time.
 - viii. This past year, average age of alumni did not go down, showing how much growth we have had between 1980s and early 2000s.

- ix. 1999 was a very interesting year, due to those who thought the world could end. There was a plan for people to make sure to “save the computers” if anything if anything wrong did happen.
- x. GVSU use to struggle with getting enough classrooms, as the land we had for building at certain times was limited. But growing campus, when building a new campus dining location, I helped suggest we add classrooms on top of it. It will be renamed after me, very excited for that.
- xi. When you have worked at a place for as long as I have had and all the people I have worked with and the thousands of students we have enrolled, you get to do so many fun things, if you make it fun. You get to stay young by surrounding young adults. I love working with 18-25 year old young adults. You are still learning but mature. It is why I have stayed here for as long as I did. Help those learn and grow and be great GVSU Lakers. I am thee Laker of a lifetime.
- xii. Senator Nitzkin: Traditional living center, were those made for prisoners actually. Also with being here so long, what is next thing t further elevate campus.
- xiii. No, some knuckle head though it would be cool if the building went with the curves of the ravines. Real challenge is what is happening with demographics. There are fewer and fewer high school graduates. In 2020 we will have lost 25,000 high school graduates. So same number of colleges and number of classrooms with seats, but less new high school graduates to fill them. So you have to take market share, but that cannot be sustained forever. We will continue to always try to take more market share as we are a great place to be for higher education, but will have to concentrate on where the magic line for enrollment is. Capacity is about 26,000 students. Never want us to lose the quality of our undergraduate programs, could add other programs of interest.
- xiv. VP Ibarra: Had pleasure to sit on a couple committees to sit on, which one did you enjoy the most with your time here at GVSU.
- xv. Thompson Jefferson College, student population was “always in the news”. Their common room had a weekly meeting. It was a community meeting, neatest curriculum s they designed it. Like a pear orchid project for example. One thing that brought attention to GVSU they brought was “clown class”. For professional clowns to come for 6 weeks in summer to GVSU. Something that was planned at these meetings. I would still enjoy helping plan that today if I could.
- xvi. Senator Marsman: Served under all GVSU presidents. Time with them?
- xvii. I enjoyed them all. Still talk to them, I serve at their pleasure. Relationship with all of them has been great. They were here at the right times. Lubbers was young when he came. His vibrancy brought passion to push to have us get more students.

Here for 32 years. Murray did not have the same intention to be here as long but here for the best time. T-Haas also came at right time as well.

- xviii. Senator Murarescu: Favorite Tradition?
- xix. Beginning of Fall semester. Mid way through summer gets so bored here on campus since there are not as many students here. Opening convocation is great, new students. Behind that is commencement. Love the looks of students faces as they celebrate.
- xx. President Jenkin: Thank you for all of your service here at GVSU.
- b. Chadd Dowding, Cook Leadership Academy
- i. Morgan sent an email out giving a general overview of cook leadership academy. Hope that you will help spread the word and apply for students who are motivated for academic success and more.
 - ii. Participation in program has no costs, but is donor funded, since it is free it is very competitive. Over 500 students applied last year but could only accept 45.
 - iii. Things we look for, active participant, meeting academic requirements, desire to push for professional and academic goals.
 - iv. Once in academy, focus on real house talking series, bring in people to talk about their career story, leader lab program students sharing their stories and conversation. Self reflections as well to to evaluation on self and help others to work with strengths and weaknesses. Also pair with community mentor, help support you with your personal goals.
 - v. Another benefit is once you are in, we want to make sure you have access to your own goals and incentives, like grants. Week long trip to DC. Try to connect you to city of GR.
 - vi. Deadlines, get nominations from faculty and staff. Due march 1st (soft deadline). Like a recommendation letter. Student application march 22nd. Review process begins. Next stage is interview and then acceptance. Want acceptance to be given out end of May 2019.
 - vii. Senator Thompson: Interacting with political leaders listed in packet, further explain.
 - viii. Have connections to help maybe set face to face meetings with these political leaders, has happened over course of life of program.
 - ix. VP Jones: Where are some CLA students now?
 - x. National fellowship programs, followed their professional careers path goals, Romania, Mexico, use it a precursor to those who may apply to Law School.

III. **Public Comment – Part I**

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

VP Qureshi: Sign up sheet for senate elections info night. There will be chips and salsa

Senator Sawatzki: Tabling for thank you letters for T-Haas

V. **President's Report**

a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- i. VP Mattler: Strike new business line item c (Removed)
- b. Election day, 3 exams in one day resolutions were charged with being taken and finding a solution by Fall of 2020 hopefully.
- c. Senator Harris Resolution on income based meal plan, possibility of task force, talk to me if interest.
- d. Student Life news life sent out T-Haas Selfie submission link.
- e. Leadership summit, was very cool, took notes on leadership and will put on drive. Other senators where there as well.
- f. Senate week is next week. Participate as much as you can. Great to get worked out for elections.
- g. Election packets, do not pass around during GA.
- h. If interested in running for cabinet, talk to VP multiple times. There is a lot of behind the scenes work. Very fun lots of work.
- i. Last week GA, when conversation gets heated, be respectful, listen to understand and not to respond. Here to be professional. Here to get business done. Also make sure you acknowledge the chair when wanting to talk.

VI. **Vice President's Report**

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved
- b. Thank you to those who came to CTF over the past 5 weeks, even if you could only show up for one meeting.
- c. Elections, make sure you plug it in your classes. Returning or not returning. Campaigning can only start once you do all requirements.
- d. Support student senate week to help get senate name out there.
- e. Heather Rohan, talk about future of university development, talked about BOV future, working with Laker for a Lifetime.
- f. Help out with T-Haas Letter drive.
- g. GR GA, Devos 1036E. GR city manager will be there, meeting starts at 5pm. February 28th.

VII. **Officer Reports**

- a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva

- i. Log office hours and absences request.
 - ii. Sent out emails about absences numbers.
 - iii. Do not forget to turn in name tag at end of time on the body.
 - iv. New senate table cloth, shout out to senator Kolc.
 - v. Alumni Dinner, predecessor will be finishing the planning.
 - vi. Join GVSU LinkedIn page.
 - vii. Fill out student senate survey
 - viii. New senator training tonight.
- b. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford
- i. If on appropriations or cultural funding, Laker link has been down so reports have not been sent out but meeting will still happen tomorrow.
- c. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler
- i. Go to student senate week events, show what senate does. Go to other committee events too.
 - ii. Sign up or help with letter drive for thank you letter for T-Haas.
 - iii. CAC has been doing great work, look into report for progress details.
- d. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
- i. Open Education Resources is not meeting as my report said they were. Next meeting will be prepping report for UAS.
 - ii. Last lecture is next week! Will be doing Instagram takeover for event
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
- i. Check out report for project, don't want to bombard you with loads of information. If you want to help for certain projects.
 - ii. Senator Dowker, assist her with pride prom tabling.
 - iii. On going efforts always for diversity, as it is still Black History Month.
 - iv. High school GSA Summit over spring break. Need people to help give tours, sign up sheet to help out. March 8th. Time start around 12:45
- f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones
- i. University of Dearborne conference I attended with others, notes are in google drive. Title IX was a big theme during conference. See what other universities are doing.
 - ii. Housing meeting on the 28th
 - iii. Senator Thompson got some student discounts in local businesses

iv. Michigan voting summit is may 10th. Looking to host breakout session on importance of student government. Maybe want to help plan, reach out to VP Jones.

g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi

- i. Thank you to all those helping tabling or helping with student senate week to come.
- ii. Student Senate Week 25th of February, succulents with senators for DAC event 6-7 in Kirkhof. Elections info night is the 25th as well. Last lecture in library NPR on 26th. 27th for letter drive for state funding for higher education. 28th for CAC event for trivia and karaoke and discussion panel. Interview with President and EVP as well on facebook live.
- iii. Senate Swag, give me ideas for items or things you want to see fixed from last time.
 - (1) Senator DeKoekkoek, cardigan was great
 - (2) Senator Marsman: liked last options
 - (3) Senator Benoit: Wind breaker
 - (4) Senator Nitzkin: quarter zip, maybe a coffee mug but not plastic
 - (5) Senator Dowker: Blanket
 - (6) Senator Nurmi: wording on pocket of long sleeve tee
 - (7) Senator Hicks: stickers
 - (8) Senator Kolc: no stripped clothing
 - (9) Senator Nitzkin: Tall socks

VIII. **Call for University Committee Reports**

- Senator Schaffer: Campus Dining Meeting that presented 5-year plan. Changes to Kliener, Fuel, etc. Specifics ask me or senator Marsman for details.
- EVP Mattler: Public safety liaison committee: restructured how we pick who sits on committee
- Senator Szcapaniak: “Go home and go vote” campaign for fall break.

IX. **Unfinished Business**

X. **New Business**

- a. Review and discussion of CTF Documents
 - i. EVP Mattler: Will look through all changes this meeting and discuss potential changes changes. Vote on documents third week. Changes cannot be added unless they are very minor. Big Picture changes happened at CTF.
 - (1) Changed expectation that GA might go to 9pm.
 - (2) Cabinet will help appoint university committee seats
 - (3) CTF will be held as needed per year basis.

- (4) Stuck EVP BOV responsibility.
- (5) SRC VP will oversee interview process and other basic duties highlighted.
- (6) VP of finance, funding board training will happen at in service
- (7) Language added for VP of EAC to work with libraries.
- (8) ERC to work with local officials.
- (9) Got rid of line detailing reserves and meeting over the summer and allocating large sums of money, like \$10,000.
- (10) SRC will have a new seat with one take one from Finance.
- (11) Changed it to Dean who reviews constitutions.
- (12) Bylaws:
 - (a) Changing language that director of student life overseeing us for certain aspects rather than dean as student life over sees us.
 - (b) Moved public comment above guest speaker
 - (c) Added agenda line for sub committee reports
 - (d) Added statement of support for voice of student senate.
 - (e) Adding student senate letter head to all senate documents.
 - (f) Added detail into cabinet stipends and amounts
 - (g) In-Service and not showing up or no make up, then 2 on 1 with EVP and president, then maybe conduct review. Winter In-service is up to VP of SRC.
 - (h) Funding board training at In-service.
 - (i) SRC will fill body in first 3 weeks.
 - (j) Budget request need to be submitted 2 weeks in advance or at discretion of VP of finance
 - (k) CAC having liaisons with campus resources and services.
 - (l) EAC working with library
 - (m) DAC to work with SRC for cultural training at in-service
 - (n) ERC got a complete overhaul in terms of definition. Work with elected officials, community leaders, reps from other universities. Connect GVSU with others. Work with government and businesses. To increase state funding.
 - (o) PRC added committee duties, send out weekly senate email with mailing list.
 - (p) Subcommittee and Task force definitions added. Process laid out for introducing a possible subcommittee or taskforce. To bring it to cabinet first before bringing it to body (Like a resolution) Same voting process as resolution when body votes on it.

- (q) Removal of a chair clarified for subcommittee or task force.
- (r) Conduct review, clarified to as not a scary thing, to talk, not a process to remove a senator or VP, but it could result in that. Notification of conduct review clarified. 20% of general senators to petition plus one to move to move to have a VP removed.
- (s) Conduct review hearing, took out parts that made the playing field level for the senator coming in for conduct review.
- (t) Conduct Review charge, added that penalty/charge could be dropped with no repercussion.
- (u) If one misses a conduct review meeting, you will not be automatically removed from the body.
- (v) Sanction can be appealed from conduct review.
- (w) Conduct Review decision will be final.
- (x) Senator Hall: Page 22 about subcommittee/taskforce about a general senator chairing subcommittee, but also having a VP help chair it?
- (y) Senator McIntosh: that is there if no general senator is interested and since the subcommittee is still going to happen, a VP will chair.
- (z) Senator Nurmi: Any conversation in CTF about appointment or have general body appoint subcommittee chair?
- (aa) EVP Mattler: EVP, president and chair would appoint since they best know what it would entail and who is best suited.
- (bb) Senator DeKoekkoek: Process there for choosing chair for subcommittee?
- (cc) VP McIntosh: President and EVP and previous chair talk it over and president has final say.
- (13) SRC polices and procedures:
 - (a) Discretion on number of interviews taken out so it is 3 meetings, not less.
 - (b) Office hours, added what could count, like cabinet, PRC events or senate events, tabling.
 - (c) Eating in office is permitted if you clean up after oneself
 - (d) Leaving GA early will be half absence unless approved.
 - (e) Excused absence form to be filled out 3 weeks at most after the event.
 - (f) Transfer Policy for committee, src could recommend a transfer, like if a senator might have a better fit somewhere else if committee is not a fit or cant make meetings, etc.

- (g) Added how senator needs to notify VP if transfers is wanted.
 - (h) Misconduct, changed number of required witnesses.
 - (i) Changed how misconduct is not only behavior but actions of words as well.
 - (j) Added confirmation of complaint, showing follow up process if problem was addressed.
 - (k) Senator Szcapaniak: change business day wording to maybe 5 academic days? (Yes will be done).
 - (l) Finance guidelines are set by OSL, will be added into drive. So we cannot change that document but it is considered one of senate's documents.
- b. How to talk Senate on Resumes and in the real world Presentation, Senator Kolc
- i. Senator Kolc: Coming from my personal and professional experience for my presentation from my experiences.
 - ii. Things to include: committees you were on, projects and different roles you served on committee. I put senate work above job, as some people do use senate as their job. Use project work and senate work to tailor it to internship or job and how it applies.
 - iii. How to talk about projects, make sure the particular senate work you did is relevant to what you are interested in and job you are looking at. Talk about how you are a bridge between student and "higher ups". For projects that didn't get "accomplish" you can still use those experience to talk about what you learned from it.
 - iv. Make sure in summary or objection section you have best highlights in there.
 - v. VP McIntosh: I can look over senator resumes if you need me to.
 - vi. VP Ibarra: Also highlight transferable skills, how you will bring it into the potential job. Interviews can tell if you did things on senate or if you "filled" a seat
- ~~e. Professionalism on and off the body Presentation, EVP Mattler~~
- d. **CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**
- i. Senator Nurmi: motion housing discussion meeting (approved)
 - ii. Senator Nurmi: 2pm in 2201 in Kirkhof next week Thursday. Glad to see potential Cheeks in the Seats. maintenance, reasonable rent rate (furnishings for example) getting moneys worth, reasonable utility rate, sense of community like events or GV school spirit, safety, lighting, snow and ice removal, sustainability practices, insulation, and "in good condition"
 - iii. Senator Szcapaniak: something related to civic education and voter engagement. Like new voter registration forms when someone signs a lease so they can change voting address if they need to.
 - iv. VP Qureshi: accessible, friendly management

- v. VP Neva: Accessibility for those with disabilities
- vi. VP Ibarra: Animals and pricing
- vii. VP Jones: Parking
- viii. VP Neva: fair housing laws and how complexes following it.
- ix. Senator Murarescu: Transparency for requirements
- x. Senator Nurmi: Let me know if you have any housing projects

XI. Public Comment – Part II

XII. Call for Announcements

- a. VP jones: Cook Leadership Academy, interest, I would be overjoyed to tell you more and maybe write you a recommendation.
- b. Senator Hunter: Shabbat tomorrow at 630 for interfaith dialog 2215 in Kirkhof
- c. Senator Drosshart: today at 8pm in 1142 for warrior movement, working with MHAC.
- d. Senator Harris: 26th at 6pm grand river room for honor black faculty on campus. Library had my black history month facts displayed as well.
- e. Senator Marsman: Sustainability this Monday.
- f. Senator Kolc: Student Support open at Kellogg, great hours. Also Finance internship for Fiat Chrysler. Also do Senate Survey
- g. Senator Mueller: Community bookshelf in library, ideas or opinion, let me know
- h. EVP Mattler: Elections, deadline comes up much faster than you think.
- i. President Jenkin: Glad to see so many people continue to push their senate work along, T-Haas selfie, share with friends, tell people.

XIII. Adjournment: 7:02pm