



# General Assembly

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

*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. From GV to Trustee, Board of Trustees Members Victor Cardenas and Megan Sall
  - i. Victor: Use to actually sit on senate, learned a lot from my time.
  - ii. Megan: Went to school in Chicago. Did some study aboard in Mexico. Did mission work for about 3 years. When I came back, I was a transfer student. Got involved with the science center, leadership academy. It was the second year of the leadership academy. Worked for city of Wyoming for a little bit while getting Master.
  - iii. Megan: Started our 5<sup>th</sup> year on board.
  - iv. Victor: We serve 8 year terms. We cannot have any party affiliations. We love giving back by being on the board. Great to make sure students can flourish, having some of the best facilities in the state for universities.
  - v. Megan: With us having no political affiliations, we asked why we went to be on the board. I personally was surprised when presented with this opportunity. I did not have an agenda when I joined, but I knew I could come in and be reasonable and work well with others, I am an extrovert, willingness to hear both sides. Both of us. We are younger board members, but we must trust we are. We care for representing all the students and the community members.
  - vi. Megan: Watching you graduate is so exciting to see. Seeing you go above and beyond makes us so proud of GV students.
  - vii. Victor: We have such a fantastic alumni group. Over 100,000 alumni right now. Ambassadors, experts in fields, their stretch is across the world.
  - viii. EVP Mattler: GVSU in 5 years, and your plans?
  - ix. Megan: unique opportunity with saying goodbye to T-Haas and Dr. Mantella will be very exciting. Projections of what we want is fiscal sustainability, managing admissions, staying on top with technology, continued shaping curriculum, always improving to get to more people to provide the best education. Transition with new president will take a little time but she is a quick learner.
  - x. Victor: Lots of concentration on current bricks and mortar. Making sure current facilities stay fresh and up to date. Do not see us going D1 in sports anytime soon as that is a FAQ. We have always been able to be lean in our operations and do it well. The individuals that work here, we make sure they are student centric.

- xi. Megan: Current seniors have probably seen a new building open all of their years, which is sort of unheard of.
- xii. Senator Szcapaniak: Role on Board of Trustees, since you both worked in local government, making sure citizens can express their opinion, so if this body supported a public comment section at board of trustees meeting, would you be open to hearing this.
- xiii. Victor: something we always be listening to, but public comment would it be open dialogue or would it be for specific topics
- xiv. Senator Szcapaniak: more direct open public comment, and maybe an opportunity to submit a question before hand. I would like to be able to have more opportunities to address the board.
- xv. Megan: As you all move into your futures, many townships and cities have opportunities to get involved, and we wan to make sure we hear what people have to say. We read the forum, senate president speaks to us, reading the Lanthorn. If there are things that you feel like that need to be expressed, look to see of there are current systems in place. Coming to the board directly, we want to hear if there is anything that people feel that needs to be addressed.
- xvi. Victor: Back when I was senate president, environment was completely different hear at GVSU. In the past, when huge issues come up, there was public comments. Currently senate is the best way to relay information to board.
- xvii. Senator Boyd: GVSU Curriculum, personal stances in normative psychology education policy? So memorize material or other ways?
- xviii. Victor: from what we have heard form experts is the entire education delivery method is constantly changing. We want to continue to utilize the technologies, teaching younger kids now are less memorization now as computers are ever improving, Model is great now as student focus.
- xix. Megan: We get asked about becoming a research institution. We are happy with what students get to do now, but we do not want to strike all the liberal arts aspect, as it provides you the opportunity to discover who you are, and a well rounded education. We want to make sure we hire the best people so they can educate students in their best manner. Focus on best people which will lead to best methods.
- xx. Senator Marsman: Sustainably here t GVSU is a forefront leader. 15% is renewable at GVSU. Where do you see it growing?
- xxi. Megan: Solar Garden is a huge project as well as students were the ones who pushed for it. Balancing value and policy decisions. For example, if we want to go 90% renewable, we have to make sure what the costs are. Being measurable and

calculated. We do help set high level direction, and help to see plan for steps to be taken.

- xxii. VP Engler: Victor: being a past senator, what is a notable time or experience that has helped you be better in your current position.
- xxiii. Victor: the commodity, the senate relationships I made still are current friends. The experience with Staff and Faculty and be able to hear what is on their mind on regular basis, see what was going on at GVSU, showed me so much on how university is run. Things like campus safety has always been a conversation for example.
- xxiv. Megan: To add to this, when pursuing opportunities, definitely reference this experience as it is unique as you think critically, how to get along, work as a team.
- xxv. Senator Nurmi: Michigan State putting in parking lots for example, something like that could be great to add to university. It would be a great project idea but would love to not see it be pushed off. How do you look at other university practices?
- xxvi. Megan: well keep in mind everything has trade offs. So standards and precedents are important to making sure how we can go the extra mile for what students deserve. When looking at other places, seeing how it would affect GVSU, we need to do cost benefit analysis. When we hear form students, we can take it back to administration.
- xxvii. President Jenkin: Difficult decision on board of trustee you have had to make
- xxviii. Megan: Raising tuition is always a hard decision. But with providing you the best education we can, the options are very limited. We do think you deserve the best building, simulations, labs, but it has a demand for resources. We have to look at values and the environment to provide the best education and the best option is to raise resources.
- xxix. Victor: yes, definitely raising tuition and make sure everything we offer continues to stay at the high standard we have it at. Another is for me is building over Robertson field. It was very near and dear to my heart.
- b. Libraries Collections Budget, Cara Cadena
- i. First time I have ever been in front of all of senate. In charge of collections budget. We do have budget cuts coming to the library. Here to talk timeline and strategy. Between 4 branch libraries. In 2016, 100,000 journal subscriptions, over 1 million e-books, 400K print books, etc. 46% of budget is journal subscriptions. We buy journals every year. Subscription prices continually rise every year and our budget does not rise at the same rate. Vendors continuously to charge more. Budget is around 5.2 Million but the budget needed is around 6.4 million. We do see that we do have duplications that we can cut to help with budget. March to April, analysis survey results. April to may is to propose cancellation list, July is to initiate cancellation.

Went to all faculty and colleges to gather feedback for what date bases were useful, or not or somewhat useful. Proposed cancellation list when proposed will be posted. Cancellations will become effective in 2020.

- ii. Point of contact will be me, Cara Cadena or Jeffery Daniels for questions, comments and concerns.
- iii. Things we always talk about in internal analysis is vendor relations, trying to make sure price negotiations, etc.
- iv. VP McIntosh: Do you see more of a push for open access due to budget cuts?
- v. Cara: it is gaining a lot of momentum right now. Peer review and writing provided for free. We, GVSU, push it hard. Right now we are focusing on cuts then we will have another huge push for open access. We want in the future to grow our open access fund.
- vi. VP Jones: Disposal of print material?
- vii. Cara: Up until this year, we have never “weeded” our selection. But now we do as we no longer have shelf space. Process and rules if it has not been checked out in 10 years, is it relevant, condition of print material, it helps decide if we keep it or not.
- viii. VP Ibarra: Not a questions but an apology for that you have to experience budget cuts. Also urge accessibility of online journals or documents.
- ix. Cara: We do require that all vendors provide how accessible the vendor materials are.
- x. Senator Boyd: Recent removal of canopy due to how most film students are affected by it.
- xi. Cara: We paid based on what movies were “clicked” on. It did provide recommendations. Due to recommendations, people clicked on more and more so it was not sustainable to have people be able to “rent” and “buy” all the recommended clicked movies. We want to give what students want, but students loved it so much that it was not sustainable. We would maybe want to work directly with studios directly as that might be better for not restricting access. We did purchase the MEF collections, which is 5000 films that are not rented.

### III. **Public Comment – Part I**

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

- a. Mental Health Awareness Care fair sign up
- b. T-Haas thank you letter drive

#### V. **President’s Report**

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Approved
- b. We do have a lot of resolutions coming up. Public Comment at Board of resolutions, T-Haas celebration, and some others

- c. Elections email did go out. Continue to make the opportunity aware to others
- d. April 19<sup>th</sup>, last board of trustee's report.
- e. Submit T-Haas selfies, fill out thank-you letters
- f. Health and Wellness meeting, need someone to go for me as I cannot make it. Let me know if you can go.
- g. Senator Schaffer: Smoking Policy at health and awareness
- h. President Jenkin: They are doing restructure of making sure students are aware of current resources

## VI. **Executive Vice President's Report**

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved
- b. Elections, as soon as everything is submitted, free to start campaigning.
- c. End of year dinner for senate. Has paper plate awards. Meal is covered. Make sure you fill out form for what you want. April 12<sup>th</sup>. Main Street Pub at 6pm.
- d. Going to Grand Rapids to pick out semi finalists for commencement finalists.
- e. Graduating senators, talk to me about price of stoll.
- f. Elections commission meeting after senator
- g. Shout out for Senator Sawatzki for T-Haas fare well and Senator DeBerry. Please make sure you are helping out with tabling and selfie submission.
- h. Also fill out climate survey.

## VII. **Officer Reports**

- a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva
  - i. As we wrap up, still expected to do office our and absence request.
  - ii. Senator Heal and Kolc working on resolution for university wide rules.
  - iii. Senator Bialowas made senate folders. Folders are owned by senate.
  - iv. Nametags are to be returned as well. \$6 fee if not returned
  - v. Working on transitions report.
  - vi. Emailed previous people who applied to senate
  - vii. Final week to fill out senate climate survey
  - viii. Apply to be a transition leader
- b. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford
  - i. Talking about reserve request in new business
  - ii. Finance and I will work on budget proposal.
  - iii. Appropriations is tomorrow as well
- c. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler

- i. Keep on helping out with letter drive for T-Haas farewell.
  - ii. MHAC Care Fair, help with set up and volunteering. Talk to Senator Drosshart for details.
  - iii. Read report for more individual updates.
- d. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
- i. Open education task force meeting this Friday. Wrapping up with findings. Giving report to UAS.
  - ii. Invited to open access conference with some other senators.
  - iii. Interest in sitting my VP position, please come talk to me.
  - iv. Goals for EAC next year at next committee.
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
- i. Will be baking for bake sale for LGBT event tomorrow, join me if you want to.
  - ii. Read report for more details
- f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones
- i. 56 responses on faculty excellence awards. Shout out to senator Aller.
  - ii. 128 letter from higher education funding drive.
  - iii. KFB bag decoration. 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-2. Fun and engaging, will be in senate office as well so if you have some free time, decorate a couple bags and put finished bags in my mailbag.
  - iv. Senator Nurmi: April 18<sup>th</sup> for landlord meeting at 3pm in Pere Marquette.
- g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi
- i. Senator Sanchez-Castillo has been putting together portfolio for pluggers, senate swag.
  - ii. Senator Hicks helped a lot with CAC trivia night
  - iii. Senator Beniott for helping with letter drive.
  - iv. Senate Swag, Gas Light promotions was bought out, so changes are happening so process is slowed. But will get items before exams.
  - v. Rhonda Lubber, in charge of marketing, they do Laker effect videos. Asked to expand to student organizations. To talk about what it would look like and maybe have a student senate Laker effect video.
  - vi. Try to table as much as you can during tabling during elections so you can answer questions.

## VIII. Call for University Committee Reports

- a. Senator Schafer: Under graduate research council. Research was confidential so not allowed to be part of process but got to hear what they decided how they wanted to fund certain things for research
- b. Senator McMain: Went over where road work would be done and Brian's Books, where buses will drop people off for the new rapid, talked about new nursing rooms, security cameras are moving forward
- c. Senator Szcapaniak: campus democratic coalition engagement, learned it is sunshine week, to promote openness and transparency in government. March 28<sup>th</sup>, secretary of state at GVSU will be here to help register to vote. April 3<sup>rd</sup> building bridge Democracy 101.
- d. Senator Kolc: Academic policies and standards, phase 2 of pilot of academic forgiveness. Anyone you know that changed their major with 2.7 GPA, 84 credits or less, application will go live at end of semester, let us know of as many students as well.

## IX. Unfinished Business

### X. New Business

- a. Discussion and Voting on the Reserves Budget (Cost of Presidents' Ball)
  - i. VP Crawford: Last year we gave payment to Lanthorn, reserves for helping for larger requests. President's ball was cancelled due to weather. Since all tickets were refunded, there was a deficit of a little over \$48,000. Student life recommended we assist with \$20,000 to assist with deficit. I think for it is important we step up as student leaders to contribute to this very weird event that occurred.
  - ii. Senator Kolc: Where are the other funds for \$28,000 coming from. (reserves of spotlight and student life)
  - iii. Senator Szcapaniak: recommended amount that we should be keeping in reserves each year?
  - iv. VP Crawford: No set goal, try to keep as high as we can but not to reduce other budgets. Around \$40 to \$50K is personal opinion for what we should keep it at.
  - v. Vote for \$20,000 to pull from reserves
    - (1) Yays have majority
- b. Discussion on Battle of the Valleys
  - i. President Jenkin: Something that did have last year due to difficulties, work load with leaders, some issues carried over. Cabinet wanted to bring discussion back as issues are substantial.
  - ii. EVP Mattler: From my perspective I was torn when we voted on BOV. I wanted to vote to kill it. It always starts as collective but ends up being only a few, may be lack

- of delegation. Start with 20 names and ends up with 3 to 5 and that isn't enough people to help out. We are here to improve campus and govern. I am all for charity efforts, but competitiveness, pressure, toll is very heavy on 2 people planning it.
- iii. VP Engler: To add on, we may always lose to Saginaw due to that they do not follow the same rules we follow and agreed upon. We do not break the rules as we follow our ethics. It would lose purpose of having students being involved. Advise everyone if we want to keep something charitable, we could do something else and no alternate came up. Take the week to think of a possible alternative. It takes apart of who we are as senators. Charity is good but to keep in mind the purpose of our role.
  - iv. President Jenkin: Talk only about continuing BOV or not. If BOV is decided to continue or not, keep conversation based on how it went this year. Replacement is not the main focus of the conversation.
  - v. Senator Hall: Could a new body decide if they want to do BOV?
  - vi. President Jenkin: yes, they could decide if they want to do it or not.
  - vii. VP McIntosh: Motion is to whether or not to continue the week long charity competition with Saginaw leading up to the football game with Saginaw.
  - viii. Senator Bialowas: BOV took a lot of energy that previous body said they wanted to do but did not put work needed. We could spend out time and energy doing other things. I saw we urge we eliminate what we have in its current state.
  - ix. VP Ibarra: Once was very hopeful for BOV, to keep its charity work. Now I feel we need to see it is not working. Only way to see it working would be a year long subcommittee. I did vote to keep it but all I did to help was table. Keep in mind of how to hold your weight to assist.
  - x. Senator Schaffer: Every year this body, we say will do it different but it never is. We now have subcommittee language. This is a big thing for SVSU though.
  - xi. VP Qureshi: from publication standpoint, it does not do much marketing. People know it for football and not the for the charity aspects. We should not allow to be cheated on.
  - xii. Senator DeKoekkoek: amount stress and energy under the EPV and VP of CAC, the energy could be beneficial elsewhere
  - xiii. Senator Hall: What tolls took for EVP and CAC
  - xiv. VP Engler: Starts off in summer, we have dates for football game, whether it is home or away, possible weather, etc. internal or external events as well. Summer participants usually are very slim. Weekly meetings occur. Adds 1-2 more hours a week of extra senate work. When school comes around. BOV could be in 3 weeks or next 1,5 months. People still getting in the feel for senate. It is very pressure filled for

- new senators. Puts coordinators in uncomfortable spot in then doing extra work, for education and mental health it adds a lot to us as well.
- xv. EVP Mattler: Can be very easy to say if we budget time, and planning ahead of time, could be easier. At times it started to feel like a part time job. CAC has projects already. Weekly calls and meetings with members and Saginaw for rules, t shirts, and many other things. As School year came around, more weights come unto our shoulders which is very demanding. 5-8 events you have to plan and want all to go. Week of BOV, I personally broke down in senate office. I had to drop a class due to stress from BOV and professor was not forgiving. BOV actually made my hairline recede. If you have any other job on senate, it is such a major weight.
- xvi. Senator Szcapaniak: Had a great time one of our BOV events, so if BOV dies, I would love to continue to do Salemn Corn Maze. BOV brand is still there which we can use to raise funds for other causes. Could do other promotions and direct student contact, that we cannot due to BOV planning that takes up so much of the Fall.
- xvii. VP McIntosh: I do love planning events, change can make event panning good. If you are planning an event, and people cannot live their lives due to event planning, it has problems at its core. If people cannot live daily lives, there is a major problem. We have reached out to other student organizations, and no one wanted to help out. Senate does not do much more charity work outside of BOV. I think we should do better. BOV is great but charity is a constant thing we should be doing.
- xviii. Senator Sanchez-Castillo: name of BOV will always be there, a subcommittee can always be used. I do not think ending BOV would be a good thing, in support of keeping it. I still see potential in BOV.
- xix. Senator Thompson: cheating and could be other school partners?
- xx. President Jenkin: can only raise money from students but Saginaw gets donations from outside sources besides students. Another school, question is up in the air but usually with Saginaw due to the name. Could do it with Ferris.
- xxi. Senator Marsman: Leadership always changes so changes could happen.
- xxii. VP Jones: reminder that new bylaws in ERC is to help facilitate community relations through charity and community service.
- xxiii. President Jenkin: BOV did have a subcommittee
- xxiv. Senator Maclin: Why is it unethical for us to break the rules as well.
- xxv. EVP Mattler: We did try to get corporate sponsors but it did not work out but we try to be more student driven and focused.
- xxvi. VP Crawford: Fundraiser department prefers us that we do not look fro corporate sponsors. Can step on larger scale for university fundraising.

- xxvii. Senator Maclin: We could go to small businesses and show how we want to support small businesses.
- xxviii. President Jenkin: SVSU corporate donations is mainly due to consistent past donors.
- xxix. VP Neva: off campus apartments do not want to pay for price of t-shirts and share logo space with competing businesses.
- xxx. EVP Mattler: Heather Rohen meeting. Went internal for charity. Did text t donate, whoever does charity, work with development.
- xxxi. VP Qureshi: When I reached out to businesses, communication went nowhere. A lot of these ideas have been presented in the past but it continues to fail each year. I believe we can do better with efforts elsewhere.
- xxxii. President Jenkin: discussion and voting next year
- c. Nominations and Discussion of Internal Awards (Emerging Leader of the Year, Outstanding Cabinet Member of the Year, Senator of the Year)
- i. President Jenkin: Emerging Leader of the Year usually a first year senator and develop need a lot. Outstanding Cabinet Member of the Year, one who worked very hard for cabinet and senate. Senator of the Year, same as cabinet description but a general senator.
- ii. Emerging leader
- (1) VP Ibarra: Dowker. Since I interviewed her. I knew she would be a great worker. Worked a lot with LBGT resource center. Pride Prom work and many other projects. Gives 110%
- (2) Senator Dowker: Accepts
- (3) VP Qureshi: Senator Sawatzki, involved all year with OREs and in class speeches, tabling, always carries herself in positive and friendly manner and professional.
- (4) Senator Sawatzki: accepts
- (5) Senator Szcapaniak: Senator Alex Hicks, they have been a positive improvement for this body. They have made so many sharp cool looking pluggers. Alex is very supportive in helping all senators with planning other senator events
- (6) Senator Hicks: Accepts
- (7) Senator Sanchez-Castillo: Senator Hicks came in with full steam, changed dynamic of committee, showed example of student leader, embodiment of student senator.

- (8) Senator Nurmi: Senator Marsman, had remarkable resume before coming to body. SO many projects he works on, especially on sustainability. Goes to everything, representative for West Michigan. Can hardly tell he is a first year student. Very mature for his age.
  - (9) Senator Marsman: Accepts
  - (10) VP Crawford: Senator DeBerry, he does so much more than committee requirements. Always steps up in things like MHAC and SAAC. Only good work from him.
  - (11) Senator DeBerry: Accepts
  - (12) Senator Thompson: Support for Senator Marsman. We have a good twitter exchange every once awhile. He is so open minded and kind individual I have ever meet. Working with him, I do not know how many office hours he has. So much respect for senator Marsman.
  - (13) VP McIntosh: Senator Mueller, first interview I ever did. And she is perfect. First committee meeting in the fall, she jumped right into sustainability. Worked with me all day for pen access symposium. Big fan
  - (14) Senator Mueller: Accepts
  - (15) EVP Mattler: All first year senators are amazing. Senator Beniott, for one instance she hit the ground running. Always tables, has so much passion for improving student body. I know her heart is in it.
  - (16) Senator Beniott: Deny as others deserve it more.
  - (17) VP Jones: Senator Drosshart, came onto with goal for MHAC, and has been very successful with MHAC. Consistent success is impressive.
  - (18) Senator Drosshart: want to give spotlight elsewhere so denies.
  - (19) VP Qureshi: would like to re-nominate Beniott due to how she handles herself, how she balances her projects, how accepting she is. Really think you should accept the nomination.
  - (20) Senator Beniott: Accepts now
- iii. Cabinet member of the year:
- (1) Senator Maclin: President Jenkin, I would not be on senate if it was not for her. Her speech at commencement, she inspired me.
  - (2) President Jenkin: Accepts
  - (3) Senator Nitzkin: VP Engler, he has always dealt with me all year, all my questions, concerns, appreciate the support he gives me all year. He puts a smile on my face all the time.

- (4) VP Engler: Denies due to CAC being the award itself.
- (5) VP Qureshi: VP Crawford, had a clear intention for getting committee involved with rest of senate. She did that. Intelligent, critical in discussion, information is significant. She always dealt with my late budget requests as well.
- (6) VP Crawford: Accepts
- (7) Senator Drosshart: use to be on fence of leaving senate, but VP McIntosh helped me feel welcome and went out of her way to help me work. MHAC and SAAC are so intertwined now.
- (8) VP McIntosh: Accepts
- (9) VP Ibarra: VP Jones, Cam has been great all year, always doing things. We text about senate all the time about the work we do. He does it effortlessly. He hides his stress so well. Diversity inclusion symposium, involved in all aspects of senate and beyond. Always looking to better students
- (10) VP Jones: Accepts
- (11) Senator Bialowas: VP Neva, our story started in Mark Richards class. Loved her since Day 1. Even when she got me in trouble in class for talking, Main support in my life. Resource to myself and committee as well, to the body. Open and willing to be there for anyone. Wonderful friend and co worker. Bettered my experience at GVSU.
- (12) VP Neva: Very thankful for those words, I will accept but I do not think I am worthy of it.
- (13) Senator Kolc: Re-nominate VP Engler, meet him as a first year. Growth has been great. If I ever had a campus question he always answers it. Even though as hard BOV went, he still put it all in to make it the best he could, so you need to accept it.
- (14) VP Engler: Accepts now
- (15) Senator Szcepaniak: VP Ibarra, has been hyper involved while holding a full time job. Helped me think more of folks I miss on projects I may work on. Helped me work with other senators. She always wants to to include more people at the table. She also ran a cool book club. I and E all know who she is and love her. Represents the student body so well. Take n DAC to a new level.
- (16) VP Ibarra: Accepts.
- (17) Senator Sawatzki: VP Qureshi, always asking people how they are no matter how busy he is. He is there for all senators and students. He cares about GVSU all together.
- (18) VP Qureshi: Accepts

- (19) Senator DeBerry: EVP Mattler, one of the hardest working people on senate, taking on work he should take on. He is why I am on senate. Appreciate everything he does.
- (20) EPV Mattler: Accepts
- (21) President Jenkin: yes EVP Mattler does senate work every single day. You may not see his work beyond what is called of.
- (22) Senator Murarescu: love both Ibarra and Mattler
- iv. Senator of the year:
- (1) VP Ibarra: Harris, I have seen Darwin do so much work. Consistently doing things, holds himself to a standard higher than myself.
- (2) Senator Harris: Accepts
- (3) Senator Thompson: Senator Kolc, been there for me, on body for 4 years, stepped onto SRC when they needed her.
- (4) Senator Kolc: Accepts
- v. Senator DeKoekkoek: Senator Sawatzki, unsung hero on senate, always been there at so many things, embodies what a senator should be.
- vi. Senator Sawatzki: Accepts.
- vii. Senator Aller: was going to nominate senator Kolc
- viii. Senator Nurmi: Senator Szcapaniak, beyond personal relationship, great resolution work, passion in civic engagement, shows what a Laker Effect is. Holds people accountable. Willing to make change.
- ix. Senator Szcapaniak: accepts
- x. Senator Marsman: Senator Hicks, incredibly work, especially from a first year student.
- xi. Senator Hicks: Accepts
- xii. Senator Nitzkin: Senator Drosshart, CAC member, he is awesome, creating MHAC and running it so well, spear heading care fair. Inviting personality and willing to hear all of my ideas. Great awareness to mental health
- xiii. Senator Drosshart: Accepts
- xiv. Senator Thompson: Senator Aller, came into ERC, rock star in ERC even with being a new committee for her. Honorable and respectful.
- xv. Senator Aller: Deny but thank you Dorian.

- xvi. VP Qureshi: Senator Schaffer, great leader. Great way of teaching new senators how to be involved on senate. Ling standing senator. Always working on lots of projects. Great senator for 3 years.
- xvii. Senator Schaffer: Accepts
- xviii. Senator Sanchez-Castillo: Sawatzki does work every week on senate, was able to see her leadership on spring break, balanced and hard working.
- xix. VP Ibarra: Senator DeKoekkoek, always passionate about senate, she is always so happy, inspired by her work
- xx. Senator DeKoekkoek: Accepts
- xxi. Senator DeKoekkoek: Nurmi, so much work on voter registration and housing projects, tabling, big changes for senate, will have a lasting effect for GVSU.
- xxii. Senator Nurmi: Accepts.
- xxiii. Senator Murmuesaco: Senator Dowker, great work on and off the body
- xxiv. Senator Dowker: Accepts
- xxv. Senator Marsman: senate MacMan.
- xxvi. Senator McMan: Accepts
- xxvii. Senator Hick: senator Marsman, best friend on senate, goes to 90% of committee meeting. Involved in all of senate. Always in the office.
- xxviii. Senator Marsman: Accepts
- xxix. Senator Maclin: Jenia Thompson, she has so much to bring to the table. So much work on parking and salting of roads.
- xxx. Senator Thomson: very new to senate so deny but thank you.
- xxxi. President Jenkin: for senators on both lists, if emerging leader is won, not eligible for senator of the year, can say to keep name on only one list. Winner announced at end of year dinner on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- xxxii. Senator Thompson: voting, taking primary voting style. (yes)
- xxxiii. Senator Drosshart: Senator of the year should be the one who did it for the year, not exclusive for seniority.
- xxxiv. Senator Hall: urge to limit it to returning senators only as emerging a senator of the year is completely different.
- xxxv. Senator Nitzkin: think senator of the year should include first year senators.
- xxxvi. President Jenkin: senator of the year to be returner or junior/senior
- xxxvii. Senator Healy: best senator could be a first year senator as well.

- xxxviii. VP Jones: could ask folks that were nominated for both to maybe ask to only be on the list they would rather be on only one list.
- xxxix. Senator Aller: Awards of 3 ideas was to hit first year, cabinet and returners.
- xl. President Jenkin: Traditions is what has formed this ideals, but never a rule.
- xli. Senator Kolc: Some senate history. Emerging leader has usually been freshman or sophomore, senator of the year was a returner or sophomore/junior/senior senator. I understand wanting to include everyone but this has been this history. This has been the history.
- xlii. EVP Mattler: Historically emerging leader was a first year. Maybe voting how you want to vote will solve it.
- xliii. VP Qureshi: Senator of the year usually goes to returner/ junior or senior due to experience at GVSU and knowledge they bring and how they carry themselves. Even though I was a junior when I got emerging leader, it was due to being formed and was a new senator.
- xliv. Senator Marsman: next years' cabinet can set in stone how awards should be decided.
- xlv. Senator Hicks: Withdraw for senator of the year, think it should new, cabinet, and returners.
- xlvi. Senator Boyd: awards are supposed to be nice and recognize, now at this point it is getting too get too long of discussion.
- xlvii. Senator Thompson: vote how you want to vote.
- xlviii. Vote: Senator of year to be returning and or junior/senior.
- xlix. Yay 15 Nay 10 abstention 8. Only a straw poll to gage how the room feels.
- d. Professionalism On and Off the Body Presentation, EVP Mattler
- i. EVP Mattler: Represent roughly 500 students each. Hold much prestige. Need to have respectful language, follow Roberts rules, being productive, using the office space correctly (clean, organized, welcoming atmosphere). Professionalism off the body, walk around campus knowing you directly represent the body outside of the senator room. Like how Greeks always wear their letters, senators are always wearing their senate nametag. Not here to run personal life, but personal life actions does reflect how you represent yourself on the body. Can have critical dialogues, but don't let it divulge into fights or attack others character. Be a student first though. Yes, have fun on the body, but be here to do work and better GVSU and the community.
- e. Engaging Students Presentation, VP Qureshi
- i. VP Qureshi: Any conversation can be a minefield; confusion can happen with speaking vs communication. Digital age of texting an internet present new challenges

for communication. Conversation skills are not taught in today's world. Make sure you establish your intent, let conversation be fluid, do not just wing it with the conversation. Do it to be excellent. Attitude makes entire difference in how people want to talk to you. 7 seconds to make an impression. Can better another day by talking to them. Mistakes in conversation will happen. Be able to just move on and not get caught up in mistakes. You can grow from mistakes. You might be awkward sometimes and that is okay. Do not claim to know something you don't actually know. Don't share unnecessary details. Try to not repeat yourself unless asked. Don't multi-task when talking to others, give full attention to the other person. Goals of conversation, make the person feel understood. Be present in the moment, be natural self with the other person, show them respect. Body language says a lot about how you are listening. Care more about listening to them rather than talking to them. Let them be heard.

- ii. PRC tips: be nice, be excited, don't drag on with certain points, ask questions, go to lots of places of campus, thank them for their time, work with RAs as well.

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

- i. Senator Drosshart: Mental health care care. Niemeyer MPR, mediation station, physical/water exercise, demystifying on counseling center, mental health evaluation station. Take time to help out or come to activities. MHAC lamp funding as well. QPR training next week with Melissa. Give all attention to her please.

**XI. Public Comment – Part II**

**XII. Call for Announcements**

- a. Senator Marsman: sustainably, Monday meeting in senate office at 5
- b. VP McIntosh: SAAC at 6pm on 19<sup>th</sup>, then MHAC care fair
- c. Senator Drosshart: Instagram takeover on Tuesday.
- d. Senator Schafer: warrior movement project, learning about more mental health awareness
- e. EVP Mattler: Fill out all forms on weekly email, April 12<sup>th</sup> for end of year dinner.
- f. Senator Nitzkin: Wednesday for Pie a phi. \$2 a pie. Details on dating violence presentation will be out in slack.
- g. Senator Aller: thank you for nominating people for faculty excellence awards.
- h. Senator Szczeniowski: April 3<sup>rd</sup> for next state funding meeting in Lansing.
- i. President Jenkin: Thank you for nominations for senate awards, want to run for cabinet, talk to cabinet.

**XIII. Adjournment: 7:56pm**