



# General Assembly

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 4:30 pm  
Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

*Chair: Jonathan Bowman*

*Parliamentarian: Kevin Chui*

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## I. **Call Meeting to Order: 4:34pm**

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

## II. **Guest Speakers**

### III. **Public Comment – Part I**

- a. Student Maddie Rhoades: Sat on DAC for three years. I believe that three things that make a good DAC chair, ability reflect and respond. Will face lots of opinions that you may not agree with. Responsibility, you need to be able to learn from your actions and not play victim. Respect, hear all sides and you need to be able to hear from all view points in a common ground. You need all these things to be successful in this chair position. I believe Senator elect Ibarra would make a great DAC VP.
- b. Student Michael Beckman: I am here to speak who might make a good president. John VanDaele, hardest working individual I know on this campus. Julian has worked on so many projects with me, has leadership skills are unparalleled, can turn to him for any advice, born leader. Electing him as your president could be very influential. His student state funding really shows how much work he puts in. I also want to say Morgan Mattler would make a great VP. He never quits, my time in the classroom with him show me how dedicated he is to his work, he wants to maximize how the GVSU experience for every student.
- c. Student Riley: president of ASA, recommending Liv Kolc for finance. She is always willing to listen, works as treasurer for our sorority. She provides so much information to us as what senate is, and she also works on the finance board for panel. She is always looking ways to improve, her past experience in finance is a great example for her work ethic.
- d. Student William: Panhel advisor. Recommending Liv Kolc, her one semester working on our budget has done so much good work, has found a way to bring speakers to campus that won't cost too much money, found money we were missing, putting together a great system for tracking our budget. She could bring great skills to the student senate body for making funding very friendly.
- e. Student Michael Good: Speaking on behalf of Morgan Mattler, perfect example of a leader, he has never failed me once. Worked hand in hand in building our fraternity, he is a great example of what it means to be a Laker for a life time.
- f. Student Nick Barra: When it comes to being a leader, many actions on how to act to being a good leader, and distinction a leader from a group, one specific trait is important, compassion. Being able to see the other person's point of view. Senator Ethan Schafer,

- ahs the best showing of this trait. Known him for two years, every time I have worked with him he connects with us in a special way that you don't see elsewhere. He works harder, works better, and memorable. He makes me work more efficiently. Vote for him for EVP.
- g. Student Garin Mediance from Calvin College: Julian VanDeale for president. When I look to him, I see character, honesty, and integrity, I wish he would have come to Calvin but since he is here for GVSU, vote for him.
- h. Student: Ethan Schafer for EVP, meet him in his shaggy hair days. First meet him in a political setting in a leadership role. I have seen him work so hard in the Ravines to keep in clean. I have never seen someone so hard to get testing in keeping the ravines clean. He makes progress in his work. He is a great human, and I give him my full endorsement.
- i. Student Stacy: Speaking on behalf of Dan Ziegenfelder, I wanted to remind everyone on how people answer question, not voting fro who is your friend. Keep in mind how this person will work with other cabinet. At the end of meeting you will get to say what your committee preference is. Make the most of whatever committee you get. Certain endorsement, I endorse Rachel Jenkin for president, she is driving and hardworking, her experience in CAC is crucial for making her qualified for this role. Her passion fro senate is incomparable. She has ample leadership experience beyond just senate. She knows what works and keep cabinet moving in the right direction. For EVP, I endorse Morgan Mattler, with full confidence I can say Morgan Mattler would fit this the best. His incredible work these past two years was great, like increasing outreach to students. He is well connected. He is a resource and guide to the body. He can take people to heights we have never been to before. he cares so much fro senate; he would do a wonderful job in this role. For SRC Monica would be great. She over saw the interviews, and she would be great at training senators. She isn't afraid to be the bad guy but is not intimidating. For CAC, Carter will do great, due to his work on BOV and leaderships style makes you feel welcomed. He will do great work.
- j. Student Kevin Chui: For SRC, Neva and Vantil have both shown so much growth. Neva ran senate buddies programs, and senator spotlight. Vantil scheduled interviews. Both are qualified and have lots of knowledge of senate. If you want to run for cabinet, you need to be able to dedicate so much time for senate, which both have shown. For DAC, I support senator elect Ibarra, her work on pronoun buttons, and other large of projects that promoted diversity affairs really show how good of a fit she would be.
- k. Student Carly Aller: President I endorse Rachel Jenkin. Her leadership is an inspiration; she cares more about the University than any other person I know. More than confident that she can run in this position so well. Her style of leading is making interest in her committee. Cameron Jones for External Relations, natural born leader and listener. I saw

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so much growth in him for him as a senator. He was the first person to get the job done and do it well. He pushes me to do better work. For VP of finance, it is not just numbers, but also the passion for this position can not be taught. It is the difference between good chair and a bad one, need to be able to do this with kindness.

- l. Student River Gibbs: Today is so important and will change the course. The chair will make or break the committee. Everyone who is running is very qualified. You will be in good hands, but listen to what they have to say. I endorse two women, they speak softly but their actions resonate in the senate body, Monica Vantil and Amanda Crawford. Monica Vantil was invaluable member of our committee. She worked so hard to fit the body so well, scheduling, and coordinating lots of moving parts, she crushed it. Cool calm and collected, thoughtfully articulated. Senate is her primary extracurricular. For Amanda Crawford, she is small but mighty. She put everything she has into finance this year, would take it even further than the past VP of finance. Think about how involved people, and this not always being a plus, due to how much time cabinet might take.
- m. Student Brooklyn: president of RHA. have seen so many senators grown through the past two years. For president, I recommend Rachel Jenkin, her experience speaks volumes, her last two years advocating on students behalf, she is a strong leader, compassionate, provides a sense of responsibility. For EVP, support behind Morgan Mattler, listens to what the students want and need. Would help new senators greatly, he has a vast network. Support for Carter to for CAC. He loves to be involved, he cares so much the university. For Finance, Liv Kolc, her three years on the body, 2 being on the finance committee, willing to listen and does not think irrationally. Listen to everyone's goals, what they want senate to become. The candidate knows themselves the best, make sure you ask meaningful questions and discussion.
- n. Student Greg Ziegenfelder: support behind Rachel Jenkin, she is my day one, so is so eager for senate always. Most people get burned out near the end, but her passion for senate has grown. She listens to the students needs. For EVP, Morgan Mattler, he has grown so much as a leader. EVP is the internal image of senate. He can from strong relationships within cabinet, he could do this very well. Great resource. For CAC, Carter Engler, he will do a great job.

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

- a. Senator Elect Bialowas: Passing a paper if you want to help plan BOV.

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

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - Approved
- b. Sorry I was late, president search committee was downtown and it was great. I was the only student present, so go to grand river room 12-1 to voice your opinion tomorrow. I

would love to hear from more students. If you can't make it, come to me so I can voice your concerns or comments. It is open to all students. Faculty and Staff will be there too.

- c. Last week at UAS, the Fall Break was passed, will be present to president cabinet in the next couple of weeks, and hopefully will be the final stage before implementation.
- d. If you showed up late you can talk but not vote.

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

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Approved
- b. For senators who have not returned your name tag, return it so you don't get charged \$6.
- c. Committee preference, list your top three, will hand out at the end of GA.

## VII. **Officer Reports**

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

## IX. **Unfinished Business**

## X. **New Business**

- a. Nominations and Voting for President
  - i. Senator Elect Rachel Jenkin - Served on senate for 2 years, sexual assault awareness, served on UAS and funding board. Student senate has taught me so much, how to be humble and observe. Have a pretty good eye to see both sides. Communication is key to help run a good body. Need to go directly to students to help them with their problems. We are here to represent every student no matter what. Leadership also in campus dining, campus academic success and more. Will be working as an RA next year as well, I understand many internal resources of GVSU. Would be comfortable with working with many different departments. ECS, UAS are some of the important committees that is needed for the president. I can work well with them. I have seen how to run cabinet, as the president, I want to make sure that GVSU is more heard, making sure GVSU is more sex positive, show people how to be partners in this fight. Make sure students have access to the resources they need. It is time for senate to serve the best they can to the student body.
  - ii. Senator Elect Julian VanDaele - Very excited to the driven faces in this room, great moments are built on great opportunities, your purpose here to attest to the students that walk on GVSU. We have more voice as young people more than ever before. When I came to college, I was confused, no idea what I was going to do, after meeting so many hard working people, I knew I had to work to give back. Personal goal to have three leadership roles which I obtained. Worked with GR public schools, state funding, building a better political climate at GVSU. When I see something, it becomes my mission. The people who know me can attest to my skills. Problems I

see is retention, only 11% of students feel as though they are represented by senate. I want to focus on us showing that we voice fro the students fro than that. Abundance of resource that are not used by students is also a problem, we will be creating a huge national database of UNI, partnering with Greek life as they have so much to give. We need to be able to clearly see our goals that we want to achieve. I feel as though some of our sub committees need to be full and be held accountable. Respect is what I want to leave you with. Promise that I will give this.

iii. Questions

- (1) Senator Elect Cadreau: Only heard one person talk about disconnect with students. We won't have to have a town hall when we have a crisis, not having to automatically agree with administration.
  - (a) Senator Elect Jenkin: for outreach, OREs LOLC and emailing out to student orgs. Making sure we show them we are here for them, creating a personal experience with the student org. For Administration, it is on going conversation, make sure we all talk.
  - (b) Senator Elect VanDaele: Student retention needs to be a main focus, with OREs and going to student orgs is great, can't wait for them to come to us but us going to them, making sure we go to freshman lad and talking with first year students, suggestions boxes around campus. We need to be more vocal about our office hours as senators. We serve the students and not administration, focus more on student retention, more resolution could get done.
- (2) Senator Elect Esselink: towards Senator Elect Jenkin, with your new responsibly for next year, how do you plan to handle new stress.
  - (a) Senator Elect Jenkin: would be dropping some other responsibilities, like in honor society, working less hours, in the past RAs have held this position. Very good at time management. The main two things I want to dedicate
- (3) Senator Elect Bialowas: Senator Elect VanDaele, what are your resources, other campus involvement?
  - (a) Senator Elect VanDeale: Lead state funding, letter drives, resolution at other Universities for state funding, contact with additional campus leader association, they came to me for helping building a team of student body presidents. Started lots of clubs on campus, most politically involved, lots of speaking events, stake in lots of political clubs.

- (4) Senator Elect Thompson: Work with many government members, leadership is key, 11% feel as though they know what we do, disconnect with higher up administration, how will you close that gap.
- (a) Senator Elect VanDeale: Meeting with Provost a couple weeks ago, they feel as though the students don't know what we do. We will promote what they do, helping with student retention. Student Senate is the connect for students and administration.
- (b) Senator Elect Jenkin: We are the liaison, need to focus on growing with students fist before showing them what administration does. With T-Haas retiring, we have the opportunity to put on events fro students to meet administration.
- (5) Senator Elect Wesley: Working with Greek life you mention Senator Elect VanDaele, there is a disconnect between Greek life, need to familiarize yourself with them
- (a) Senator Elect VanDaele: been meeting with members these past weeks, hearing the issues they feel are growing, if admin sees Greek life partner with us, they will see better retention
- (6) Senator Elect Schroeder: for Senator Elect VanDeale, have you talked to Jon with what president does, and to both, have you been to UAS and ECS meetings
- (a) Senator Elect Jenkin: Been going to UAS lots before, been to ECS too
- (b) Senator Elect VanDaele: Been to UAS
- (7) Senator Elect Jones: Motion to add 10 minutes and 5 additional questions for both candidates. Approved by Yays, no abstentions.
- (8) Senator Elect Jones: both candidates, neither is perfect though, so when you run into challenges, what is your biggest weakness and how to handle
- (a) Senator Elect Jenkin: Issues with stepping back, lucky enough to have people to tell me when I need to step back, cabinet can do that. Senate acts as a de-stressor, a close EVP could hold me accountable.
- (b) Senator Elect VanDaele: Issue when I get into something, it becomes everything, and when others don't have the same passion as me it disappoints me, learning to adapt to how others may operate. Have been seeing there are different sides of people on how they operate. Cabinet can help me break that passion
- (9) Senator Elect Sanchez-Castillo: for both candidates, in class we talked about arming teachers, a student voice that he wanted me to bring up active shooter

drills, how we can make the student body ready for moving masses of students. How would you do this.

- (a) Senator Elect VanDaele: More guns on campus is not the solution, but the focus is not just for GVSU, look at their universities on how they approach this. After the Parkland Shooting, our resolution, students are waiting for a response. We need to make this a main project to not fail students
  - (b) Senator Elect Jenkin: GVPD make a video on how to respond to an active shooter, and we need to make that more clear to students, partner stronger with GVPD, so a larger role we could take on with our police department to share this information.
- (10) Senator Elect Johnson: For both, how will you stay passionate, and stay free from bias.
- (a) Senator Elect Jenkin: I take senate very seriously, beyond stipend and title are not what drives me. The mindset of campus is what gives me my drive. Successes of myself and others is what is a great drive for me. Regardless of what role you have.
  - (b) Senator Elect VanDaele: GVSU has given me everything, taken me places I would have never thought I could go, this is not a resume builder, but me giving back to what GVSU has given me. The people here is what drives me. TO remain free of bias, dropping clubs I am already a part of, want to make sure we reach our potential.
- (11) Senator Elect Nurmi: What qualifies you to be our leader
- (a) Senator Elect VanDeale: state funding has given me the ability to talk with something, not at them. I want to learn from people, no matter the opinion. Want to learn from people
  - (b) Senator Elect Jenkin: Important characteristic is empathy and a good listener. Being a student senator, we need to be able to hear those not as involved. Be able to communicate with faculty what students want, especially when we don't hear what we want in a respectful manner
- (12) Senator Elect Vince: you talked about a lot of stuff ERC could do, so why president.
- (a) Senator Elect VanDeale: I want to go more into not just ERC, but others as well, be effective due to ability to adapt in many situations. Will be in DC soon, but I welcome to new challenge

- (13) Senator Elect Schroeder: Senator Elect Jenkin, interest in connected with Greek life
- (a) Senator Elect Jenkin: do not know too much about Greek life, but always interested in wanting to involve them, life BOV. Making sure we have seniors in the body in Greek life
- (14) Senator Elect Thompson: Senator Elect Jenkin and VanDeale, connections, background in connection with administration, government.
- (a) Senator Elect Jenkin: No government connections, but most of connections with provost, GVPD, Teresa Roland, women's center, across campus I know lots of departments in CAC. I have reached out to all departments, they know CAC was there. UAS meeting I have attended before.
- (b) Senator Elect VanDeale: Lots of my political work has lots of government connections, but my administration connections are less, I have a foundation though, have talked with provost before.
- (15) Senator Elect Thompson: Adding one more question for each candidate, approved by yays
- (16) Senator Elect Quesshi: Senator Elect Jenkin: if elected president, what are you looking forward to.
- (a) Senator Elect Jenkin: reflecting on this past year, I can't wait to work with everyone. Making sure establishing a close relation and friendship with the body is important to me for making a great body.

#### iv. Discussion

- (1) Senator Elect Bialowas: Speaking in support of Senator Elect Jenkin, one of my closest new friends when I join the body, her dedication and representing students, she would make the best president, involved in so much for all of GVSU. First in foremost represent the student body. She is genuine, active, friend to all. She will represent us and be an ally for us.
- (2) Senator Elect Thompson: When I transferred here, I was not involved at first, until I was approached by Julian. Julian pushed me to run for senate, worked along with him, he works on both sides of the aisle, he has lots of connections, has leadership skills imbedded in him
- (3) Senator Elect Johnson: This is not the US president election, so we need our president to represent students, so I give support to Senator Elect Jenkin
- (4) Senator Elect Esselink: Both are great people and well suited. Many of us with have a personal relationship with them, put them aside, and we need to look at



their plans. I support Senator Elect Jenkin as her plan is more focused on GVSU. Senator Elect VanDaele is too split, which is great but not what we need.

- (5) Senator Elect Sanchez-Castillo: Senator Elect VanDeale, he is warm and welcoming, coming on board I wish I would have come earlier. I have done work with both candidates. I see Julian put in hours for the students. He is a person for the students. Being on his side, I can see what campus is doing through him. He has lots of support from the campus.
- (6) Senator Elect Pagel: Senator Elect VanDeale got me where I am here today, dives into great work, doesn't stop until it is done. He would do great as president
- (7) Senator Elect Kelsey: Senator Elect VanDeale, known since little league, he has grown so much over his life, confidence, outreach, his connections with other universities could strengthen GVSU greatly. Knowing him personally, he convinced me to run for senate. Not a single person I would rather go to for advice, I trust him. He has great confidence.
- (8) Senator Elect Hall: There was about Senator Elect VanDaele, his state funding project, that is a project for the students. Him as a person, not knowing him that long, but his impact on me is incredible. He can make a great impact on one person without him knowing speaks to his great character.
- (9) Senator Elect Hodge: Senator Elect VanDaele, I want him to represent me. His campaign fro state funding, leading the fight for getting better tuition for students. His impact is great with other clubs. He has great potential.
- (10) Senator Elect Nurmi: Senator Elect Jenkin said empathy is important, I think she is right. Concern is I think we need a woman's voice since we do not have one running fro EVP. Senator Elect VanDaele, has potential too even in ERC.
- (11) Senator Elect Ibarra: very biased, since I know both so well. No doubt both will do great. How do they make you feel, do they make you feel represented, are they approachable? Ask this to yourself.
- (12) Senator Elect Jones: Not sure yet for who I want to support, privilege with working with VanDeale fro state funding, he is a work horse. I was told for state funding we wouldn't make progress but we have made so much progress. I have not had lots of experience with Rachel, so I want to hear more about her work.
- (13) Senator Elect Thompson: I want to make sure I am not trying to make this political, just wanted to make that clear.

- (14) Senator Elect Cadreau: Seen three different student senate bodies, if you don't want to be micromanaged, and sometimes we can't quantify our work, and Senator Elect VanDeale is the person we need.
- (15) Senator Elect Kolc: This will be my 4th senate president, I have learned they embody a love for GVSU. It isn't about who you know, but having direct communication, Senator Elect Jenkin can do that. Never learned more before until her. This position is for the future, your hands are all over the place, not just one project. Her experience on cabinet, and attending other meetings, Rachel has put lots of effort in.
- (16) Senator Elect Vincke: Senator Elect Jenkin due to her experience on CAC, she knows how cabinet works, knows the ins and outs. More beneficial for Julian if he served on ERC first
- (17) Senator Elect Laplate: Senator Elect Jenkin can represent the students well; we are not above the students. Senator Elect VanDeale knows what we want and what we believe in.
- (18) Senator Elect Ibarra: Sat on Senator Elect Jenkin committee, she is a servant leader, she wants to know what we thought about.
- (19) Senator Elect Schroeder: Senator Elect Jenkin, she has been on cabinet before. Julian is a great leader, but more beneficial if he sat on as a VP before president
- (20) Senator Elect Qureshi: Both are great people, personally think Julian is ambitious, afraid he might get too focused on his agenda, but Senator Elect Jenkin knows inner workings and be able to help other senators.
- (21) Senator Elect Schaffer: Senator Elect Jenkins work/leadership style, know her as a chair and a person. Just to be clear I am not saying my support, just expanding on Senator Elect Jenkin's leadership style and working relationship. She was willing to make time for any student, not just senators
- (22) Senator Elect Esselink: I think we should give Senator Elect VanDeale the chance to focus on his main projects, like state funding, and if he is elected, his focus will be smaller, let him to on cabinet first so he can focus on state funding
- (23) Senator Elect McIntosh: Both will succeed and thrive no matter what role they have. Senator Elect Jenkin support because she embodies what I see as a student senate president more than Julian. I feel as though he needs to stay focused on state funding so it continues to make ground. Senator Elect Jenkin is an advocate for much too.

- (24) Senator Elect Sanchez-Castillo: For those making up their minds, I want to hear more of what Julian has to say about more. He is Grand Valley, small town and big town guy. He is meant for the stage. We can do great things, even though he has not been on cabinet before, he wont need to play catch up. He instills inspiration in many people. I want to give him the steam he deserves

**Vote (Winner in *bold*):**

**Senator Elect Jenkin**

Senator Elect Vandaele

No Confidence - 0

Abstention - 0

b. Nominations and Voting for Executive Vice President

- i. Senator Elect Szcapaniak -John Szcapaniak - I have served on senate for 2 years, I am ready to take this role, but I do hold fears, but I do not let them stand in my way. Every returning senator can attest to our fears and failures, but as a team we show we are resilient. More experience with Dickinson, when kids showed up a week early, our team came together and made a great day for them. As President Haas has said before we need to stay relevant. Open Educational Resource has saved students over 48,000 this past year. I want to continue this trend. Let's fight fro 12-16 credit tuition rate. the 16th credit generated 2 million this past year. If GVSU wants us to graduate in 4 years, let 16th credit be part of that rate. I also want to expand the strong finish grant, expanding to other majors that take longer. Created new majors and minors, changing structure in my banner, fall break, together we can do great things and keep us relevant. Let's anchor up and get down to work.
- ii. Senator Elect Morgan Mattler - this will be my 3rd year on senate. Also part of a new fraternity on GVSU. I have spent roughly 200 hours in GA. Experience as chair for PRC was great, due to committee and past cabinet. They inspire me to push us to new heights. Passion, drive are traits this role needs. Our outreach can still be better, like our OREs. We reached close to 1000 students with OREs. To make things better for students, as PRC I interacted with hundreds of students of much diversity. I have bonds and connections that can help break down stigma that is seen by students towards the senate body. Will help others improve their outreach, be able to reach out too many different students. We want them to feel heard and represented. My time on PRC has given me lots of experience to be part of this role. I will be available to the other VPs as much as possible. My time in the fraternity has shown me how to resolve internal problems. I want to improve professionalism on senate. You have the opportunity the represent the student body. Ceiling in unlimited

iii. Senator Elect Ethan Schaffer - Third year on senate, I am involved in much of GVSU. Transition leader, radio work, etc. I know how to delegate, know to do dependable. I never stop working, determined to make sure students are comfortable. Running for EVP so I can give back to the organization. I want to see senators succeed. I want to foster success in this organization. My knowledge on how GVSU works and Senate can help us reach our goals. I want senate to see leadership as the inverted triangle. Failure is the second most important thing in working on projects. I was only able to achieve my success due to being able to push pass failure. First important part is to fail with grace as it lets you see other opportunities. Very humbled to be part of the senate body. Last EVP was described as the glue that held cabinet together, I want do this as well. Senate is my main focus. I want the satellite campuses to feel as represented as well. I want to go to students, not have them come to us. I want to restructure the rules for BOV. I want to be held accountable by you all.

iv. Questions

- (1) Senator Elect Jones: to Morgan and Szcapaniak, how will you differentiate your role due to your past work on cabinet
  - (a) Senator Elect Szcapaniak: running for his role since I think I can bring something new to the table. my experience can be beneficial to many committees, served on DAC before, was treasury in my hometown, I am a commuter student, so I see the need to outreach for those students off the Allendale campus
  - (b) Senator Elect Mattler: being on PRC shows to a good understanding of all the committees since you have to relate what they are doing. I know their workings and understand how they work. My knowledge of every committee will serve me well in this role
- (2) Senator Elect Thompson: to all, this job has lots of prepping, time management is a key. How will you balance your time?
  - (a) Senator Elect Szcapaniak : Wouldn't be sitting here if I didn't believe I could give the time this role needs. Being able to extend myself for service if this body, I am passionate for running this due to the success I have seen here. I have purposefully set my schedule so I have time.
  - (b) Senator Elect Mattler: This year I was on PRC, VP for fraternity, worked, etc. SO next year, I know I will be cutting back so I have time so I can do the roles of this.
  - (c) Senator Elect Schaffer: Have already dropped other organizations, letting others take my role so they can have a chance to lead, the only thing I have for

next year is issues forum and senate. I know how big this role is, so I know I could give the time this needs

- (3) Senator Elect Hall: Senator Elect Mattler, for time management, what do you know about this role.
    - (a) Senator Elect Mattler: I let my fraternity know about this role, I was stressed with all my extracurricular, but as president for my fraternity, I know I can handle it.
  - (4) Senator Elect Jones: for all, if you get the position, what do you want to be remembered for
    - (a) Senator Elect Mattler: Outreach, I want every committee to focus on their projects, I want the projects to be focused on the students, increase students how they feel represented
    - (b) Senator Elect Schaffer: Nothing, I want to be seen as a service leader, not a specific thing
    - (c) Senator Elect Szcapaniak: Want students to be excited about the work we do. Like my work for voter registration. I want to be able to get students excited about what happens in this room, inside here and out. I want the entire body to bring in more students into our process. Let them feel empowered. Hear other student leaders, take our projects and excite them about our work. Get them excited about what we do.
  - (5) Senator Elect Drosshart: Can you give an example on how you help other senators
    - (a) Senator Elect Szcapaniak: I want to highlight Senator Elect McIntosh, when she first came to the body, she was far more shy. I threw her into the “Faster Resolution Act”. She made progress on it.
    - (b) Senator Elect Schaffer: work with a previous senator, wanted to create public health minor, gave her resources, making a student involved first before others. Showed her how to approach this project.
  - (6) Senator Elect Sanchez-Castillo: Senator Elect Schaffer, how to let others know what we do.
    - (a) Senator Elect Schaffer: Others know my hard work, but personal conversations play a key role in keeping people accountable.
- v. Discussion
- (1) Senator Elect Bialowas: Motion to retake role after discussion - approved
  - (2) Senator Elect Jones: Senator Elect Schaffer support, he got me onto the body. Entire time I have known him, inspiring and so much hard work. He would have 6

projects at a time, recommended project number is 3. He is prepared to step into this role for his ability to juggle so many different things.

- (3) Senator Elect Hunter: Senator Elect Mattler, blessed to meet him back in January, he involved me in so many different ways. Never would have thought my final year at GVSU could be done without him
  - (4) Senator Elect Drosshart: Senator Elect Schaffer, came here with ideas, he gave me direction on how to approach them. He empowers others and makes us better
  - (5) Senator Elect Esselink: Senator Elect Schaffer, context as a senator, he was excited for me when I was elected. He is never afraid to put me into my place, in a friendly manner. He has helped me express what I am trying to say. He keeps professional or personal separate. Constantly motivated. He inspires others, just for me, by being in the same room. Great resource for senators and students
  - (6) Senator Elect Nurmi: Know all three very well, but support for Senator Elect Mattler, he embodies the body and soul of what senate is, knows the ins and out very well, will make sure our projects happen. Very welcoming and warm. Will guide us very well.
  - (7) Senator Elect Jones: Senator Elect Schaffer, availability is important to. He dedicates himself to senate so much. I know he was in the senate office before I would even ask him were he was.
  - (8) Senator Elect Qureshi: Know all three very well. very conflicting. The role of EVP needs to know inner workings well; Senator Elect Schaffer knows the inner workings better than the others. All three are great, but Senator Elect Schaffer knows the most.
  - (9) Senator Elect Ibarra: All are great, would not be on this body if not for Senator Elect Mattler. He has so much passionate about this body, reaches out to more than just senators.
  - (10)
- vi. Voting Round 1(Winner in ***bold***)
- (1) Senator Elect Szczepaniak
  - (2) Senator Elect Mattler
  - (3) Senator Elect Schafer
  - (4) No confidence - 1
  - (5) Abstention - 0
- vii. Voting Round 2

- (1) Senator Elect Mattler
  - (2) Senator Elect Schafer
  - (3) No confidence - 0
  - (4) Abstention - 0
- c. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Senate Resources
- i. Senator Elect Monica VanTil - past year I was on SRC, live life to express, amke absences feel felt. Accountably transperacny, and help senators succeed. Want to hold SRC to be accountable on project beyond SRC, make SRC go to other committees, help cultural competent continue to grow, work with finance to help us know funding, want you all to hold me accountable. Transparency. I want to make sure we dill the body in the first month of the new academic year. If someone on the body is not fulfilling their roles, I want to help them get back on track. How can SRC help senators be successful. I want to improve project development. Make sure we can share ideas, help each other with projects, collaborate. With with PRC for generating project ideas. I do not take this role lightly and I look forward to working with you all no a=matter what.
  - ii. Senator Elect Holly Neva - For once in my life, I am at a lost for words. Being a part of senate is a great honor. No better feeling than sitting in here with you all. I am here to empower, not dictate. I will own my mistakes. I am here to make sure you are taken care of. I want to push you to be the best self you can be. Own your flaws, as human beings, we can learn from the imperfect. I will throw my weaknesses to you and hopefully you do the same, and we can overcome them together. I want to be your resource, time to share our QCCs with each other. We can become great leaders, reduce great leaders, actions, etc. Guide each other to further our body. Here to serve you, standing here for you. I am ready to serve as your VP of SRC
  - iii. Questions
    - (1) Senator Elect Esselink: Senator Elect Neva, how will you do your work, what you want to do
      - (a) Senator Elect Neva: increase bonding, make sure people are doing 2-3 projects, stay on top of absences, serve as senators mentors and friends, more drives like food drives. more in body surveys.
    - (2) Senator Elect Jones: Senator Elect Vantil, expand on your plan please
      - (a) Senator Elect Vantil: PRC is a great source to reach out to the student body and potentially getting project ideas. The board could be a good way to

collaborate. Increase communication on what other senators are doing in terms of projects.

- (3) Senator Elect Vandaele: How will you handle conflicts when things are out of hand, absences, conflict resolution, to both of you
  - (a) Senator Elect Vantil: Most conflict experience is personal. I make sure I am an active listener, empathize where that person is here. I will be an RA this next year which train us heavily there.
  - (b) Senator Elect Neva: Lots of conflict when it comes to finances in my sorority, I am not afraid to say what needs to be said, be able to speak what others can't say.
- (4) Senator Elect Thompson: being the HR of the body, if rules are not being followed, and you ask them why they are not doing their rules, how will you do consequences. Even when they are close to you
  - (a) Senator Elect Neva: I want to see how to help them before there is punishment. When it comes to those close to you, I am not afraid to stand up for what is right, no matter our relationship.
  - (b) Senator Elect Vantil: It really depends in the situation, making sure we help other senators, making sure we are there for each other.
- (5) Senator Elect Queshi: what are your incentives are there for senators
  - (a) Senator Elect Vantil: the work should be the reward itself, that they do what they are passionate about, being able to see your impact.
  - (b) Senator Elect Neva: Mirror that our work should be enough. But we do get busy. I did lead senator in the spotlight. It wasn't necessary to do but showed the work was appreciated.
- (6) Senator Elect Kolc: For professionalism, how do you plan to keep mentality that we are here to make a difference.
  - (a) Senator Elect Neva: making sure people know we are here for a reason; I believe in everyone here can act in a professional manner. If there is a problem I want to help them, what do you want people to see when they walk into this room.
  - (b) Senator Elect Vantil: Leading by example, we are senators outside of this room, represent students wherever we go.
- (7) Senator Elect Schafer: motion to give each candidate 1 more question - approved
- (8) Senator Elect Schafer: I know both very well, what is strength of your opponent.



(a) Senator Elect Vantil: Senator Elect Neva is outgoing; strength is in reaching out to new senators. She knows how to cheer people up and be supportive

(9) Senator Elect Neva: Senator Elect Vantil is that she analyzes everything very well before she speaks, her presentation and talking is very professional.

iv. Discussion

(1) Senator Elect Bialowas: Admire both greatly, when I think of SRC I think of both of them. I support Senator Elect Neva due to I don't always inter act with Vantil. Senator Elect Neva is one of the most dedicated individuals I know. Always does 110% of effort. Very open, willing to listen, great resource when you need someone. Very qualified

(2) Senator Elect McIntosh: know both personally, since I interact more with Senator Elect Neva, her passion is contagious, my work with her on the conference was amazing. Ability to push people to do their best and still be able to be professional. I can always reach out to her. VP of SRC needs to be able to separate things.

(3) Senator Elect Dekoekkoek: Senator Elect Neva, when I think of her, she is warm, friendly, open, approachable, easy to talk to. from personal experience she is able to separate personal experience in a professional setting.

(4) Senator Elect Sanchez-Castillo: Senator Elect Neva, first person to come up to me, very supportive.

(5) Senator Elect Esselink: Senator Elect Vantil, she arranged my interview. made me feel comfortable in my interview, let me know right away I knew senate was the place for me. Senator Elect Vantil does a lot of background work

(6) Senator Elect Cadreau: Senator Elect Vantil still maintained contact with e when I left the body. Holly is very outgoing and tedious. Either would be great but support for Senator Elect Neva.

(7) Senator Elect Mattler: Both are great, Senator Elect Vantil, amount of behind scenes work is amazing, she could have been seen as the chair herself. For Senator Elect Neva, you know the passion is there. For me who is going to hold our rules and laws the best. Both have done great work.

(8) Senator Elect Lurie: Senator Elect Vantil may be quiet, but very caring and I know she would do great in this role.

v. Voting (Winner in **bold**)

(1) Senator Elect Vantil

(2) **Senator Elect Neva**

(3) No Confidence - 0

(4) Abstention - 1

d. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Finance

- i. Senator Elect Amanda Crawford - First year senator who sat in finance. Worked on many different things, like the budget proposal, clubs sports, cultural funding. Club sports taught me lots of things about student life. Many things like state funding and see how other schools run their budgets gave me great understanding. This shows me how we need to communicate better, like with other committees and student organizations. Our focusing don't need to divide but unite us. I want to add a bigger emphasize on what we know how other funding boards allocate their funds. I want to clarify the confusing funding process. I have spent last month plus sitting on many different funding boards, and my newness to the body, but my passion is what is needed, I can learn the rules.
- ii. Senator Elect Olivia Kolc - I have seen many different leaders on this body, I want there to be comprehensive training to ensure a welcoming environment fro all those seeking funds, making sure we know what is appropriate to say. I want to make sure we are not isolated, I want to use PRC and SRC to reach out to all of the student orgs. I want voiced concerns to be heard by us. My experience in panel, I make sure they are comfortable. When I helped with LCF, I did so much more, but I want students to know where the money for LCF goes. With orgsync changing, I want to make an aid for others to know how to make a good request, let people see the transparency. I have the knowledge, experience and passion for this role. I wan this to make the best year of finance board yet.
- iii. Motion to take a recess fro 15 minutes after voting fro VPF.
- iv. Questions
  - (1) Senator Elect Cadreau: for both, last three ears I see may orgs leave crying due to sensitivity issues, problem was those appointed to committee, how are you going to address that. How will you be transparent for president ball finance
    - (a) Senator Elect Crawford: Making sure our committee works well with DAC, maintain consistency funding policies. For presidents ball clarity, a lot of the reporting for funding, we set base budget then traditions, making sure students know the funding process more. increasing outreach
    - (b) Senator Elect Kolc: before appointing people, I would want cabinet to vote for who goes on this committee for we are accountable. I want DAC to help train finance so we know how handle sensitive situations. For presidents ball,

before budget is made I would want to meet with student life So I get a better understanding where and how they spend the money.

- (2) Senator Elect Schafer: Senator Elect Kolc, served for finance for 2 years the PRC, how will you adapt for changes you were not there for.
  - (a) Senator Elect Kolc: Kept up with Carly for what changes she made, read her minutes every week, I have missed finance a lot. A lot of changes happened when I was still on finance and I like the changes that were made
- (3) Senator Elect Slade: Senator Elect Kolc, for change you want to see, what stopped you from initiating change this year
  - (a) Senator Elect Kolc: I could not be there physically there, and sometimes when I tried to communicate my ideas, was not heard.
- (4) Senator Elect Bialowas: Senator Elect Kolc, you sat on PRC, how many funding board meetings did you attend this year.
  - (a) Senator Elect Kolc: none due to conflict of time but read minutes
- (5) Senator Elect Qureshi: to both, very interested in your committee working on other committees, how are you planning on making sure your committee can work with others.
  - (a) Senator Elect Kolc: I want to make sure I delegate responsibly and they can check up on others t least once a month, apart from appropriations. Make sure there is a liaison for different committees
  - (b) Senator Elect Crawford: Make sure there are clear standards. Making sure people know what is expected from them, not just that they sit on the appropriations board.
- (6) Senator Elect Schroeder: Senator Elect Kolc, on Panel as finance, can you balance the time for senate and Panel.
  - (a) Senator Elect Kolc: Cutting back on other orgs, I will step down in November for panel, senate will be my priority, senate has a bigger impact on campus.
- (7) Senator Elect Schaffer: Senator Elect Crawford, first year senator, strengths due to that?
  - (a) Senator Elect Crawford: Was not held back based on how finance use to operate, very open to learning new things due to being new.
- (8) Senator Elect Qureshi: When telling others events are not funded, past experience how will you handle those situations.

- (a) Senator Elect Crawford: Seen how many different boards operate, will help them to keep moving forward, never will cut an org off from funding, but how to make sure next request is better.

v. Discussion

- (1) Senator Elect Neva: retake roll before voting. Approved
- (2) Senator Elect McIntosh: Senator Elect Crawford, honor for campaigning with her. Her passion is incredible for first year student and senator. Never expected her to come out swinging so hard. For finance, I knew past VPF well, whenever I sat in on appropriations, it is more about experience
- (3) Senator Elect Neva: Senator Elect Crawford, she came out of the gate swinging and surprised us. As somebody who has a role in finance, I still prefer Senator Elect Crawford with my experience sitting underneath Kolc
- (4) Senator Elect Luri: Student life has appreciated changes we made. Senator Elect Crawford would be best person to carry on what changes we have made
- (5) Senator Elect Slade: Senator Elect Crawford, serving with her, her experience should not be questioned. Embodies what a finance chair means. Would do a great job in fortifying the role.
- (6) Senator Elect Jenkin: I do want to say I heard great thing from Liv from meet the nominees, and Carly raves about Amanda
- (7) Senator Elect Sanchez-Castillo: Senator Elect Crawford, getting to know her, availability to talk with us makes a difference.
- (8) Senator Elect Mattler: Both do a great job, Crawford has passion and drive, Senator Elect Kolc, serving as her chair, interesting to watch her serve PRC, her heart is with finance. When Senator Elect Kolc was gone it was valid.
- (9) Senator Elect Schafer: Senator Elect Crawford, when talking with her about what she wants to do, her last year experience in this past year, she jumped right in.
- (10) Senator Elect LaPlate: Senator Elect Crawford being new gives new motivation, motivation to work hard.

vi. Voting (Winner in ***bold***)

- (1) ***Senator Elect Crawford***
- (2) Senator Elect Kolc
- (3) No Confidence - 0
- (4) Abstention - 1

e. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Campus Affairs

- i. Senator Elect Carter Engler - welcome to the body of opportunity, we are here to act as the best representatives for students. Remember being under Jenkins Rader from what I heard. Projects I have done, when on PRC, went to many food planning committees, advocated for gluten free projects. CAC is unique due to the different types of projects you can do. Another big project I am doing is lights at bus stops, another is Laker effect banners for flag poles. I want my committee to stick to three project rule, it will allow them to have flexibility. When I was on CAC best work was done. I want to see what my other senators are passionate about. Projects can have backfire, like the print limit. But the print limit saved thousands of pieces of paper. Even though I may stay quiet during GA, I know I will become more vocal if elected. I want you to be able to put your trust in me.
- ii. Senator Elect Jones: Nominated Ethan Schaffer, very hard working(accept) - I am here to support you. Every single one of you. I really need to step into a leadership role so that I can serve, support you. In my time at CAC, I have done everything I can to do every project I could possibly do. I feel a need to do so many things fro the student body. In my role for CAC, I didn't complete a project until this past February. I know how to fail, I know what projects may seem unfeasible, I know CAC inside and outside. I know I have talked to many of you, lots of you talking about how you want to be part of CAC, and it can make lots of change. Project turnaround is very short.
- iii. Questions
  - (1) Senator Elect Quesshi: things to be improved on CAC
    - (a) Senator Elect Engler: Projects that mean things to people, the passion fro projects. Like how I advocate for gluten free options. To see my success, I look back on this for motivation, I want to harp on my committee to do things they are passionate about.
    - (b) Senator Elect Schafer: Telling students how getting more parking. Might be shutdown constantly, staff might say you can do this the next year, so creating a better relationship
  - (2) Senator Elect Ibarra: How to find a project
    - (a) Senator Elect Schafer: Have a lost of 17 projects in my phone, not just me telling people about projects, but seeing what random students around campus need. Talk directly to them.
    - (b) Senator Elect Engler: Going to talk to students, but pulling students into getting involved, making sure their voice is heard. I want cross committee

collaboration; I want students to know that we can help others with their projects

- (3) Senator Elect Thompson: What is the best project you have worked on, how has it helped students
  - (a) Senator Elect Engler: The gluten free initiative I held. I am so happy I gave students the option to eat on campus instead of going elsewhere. I felt like I represented those quiet students who got gluten free food.
  - (b) Senator Elect Schafer: Take your professor to lunch program, been working on it for a year and a half. It might have not helped students yet, but it if successful, will allow a better classroom environment
- (4) Senator Elect Harris: What would you do differently than past CAC VP
  - (a) Senator Elect Schafer: past VP was great, but maybe spend more time talking about what committee has been doing, more collaborative work within committee
  - (b) Senator Elect Engler: I want constantly improve almost anything that goes on. If someone hits a wall, I want to make sure that I can give the guidance, but the committee helping them too what their thoughts are.
- (5) Senator Elect Esselink: pervious CAC chair did a lot of sexual assault awareness, plans to continue this work and how so
  - (a) Senator Elect Engler: something I feel very strongly about, sexual assault can happen to anyone, I want to continue this work, and constantly improved even if it will never be fixed. To know it will take time to improve, it is a constant fight to improve this. Working with Its On Us
  - (b) Senator Elect Schaffer: Yes, continued work with sexual assault awareness, like me being part of the slut walk. It can happen to anyone
- (6) Senator Elect Bialowas: motion to extend questions by 5 for each. Approved
- (7) Senator Elect Vincke: I work closely with 2020, what will you do to make 2020 aware of campus events.
  - (a) Senator Elect Schafer: Informing 2020 is letting 2020 leadership know happenings or even phone call.
  - (b) Senator Elect Engler: 2020 do so many internal things that go unnoticed. I want to stress that we will convey useful information. Keeping everyone involved with 2020 accountable, students, workers, senators, etc.
- (8) Senator Elect Cadreau: How are you going to engage with students and the community, how are you going to engage in welcoming conversation.

- (a) Senator Elect Engler: Not as informed about the blue lights event like you brought up, but I agree this is something that can be not talked about due to severity, so welcoming these hard conversations are important to open up by making sure they know their resources. We don't want people to feel like an outcast. Have groups that give students that they can express themselves harder feelings.
- (b) Senator Elect Schafer: For Blue lights, we talked about in sexual assault awareness, the data says it is not effective. We do have call boxes outside every building. We do have systems in place. For students who come to me, I would tell them the facts, support them in any capacity. These sexual assault are mainly off campus, it is hard for us to do, and I want to improve that.

#### iv. Discussion

- (1) Senator Elect Szcapaniak: Respect both, I feel Senator Elect Engler would do a great job though. Carter embodies what it means to be a Laker. An active student I see him. When I went to a leadership retreat with him, even when he drooled on me, we had no hard feeling, he can be friends with anybody. He is uplifting.
- (2) Senator Elect Thompson: Never meant someone as energetic as Carter. He never lets the energy down. I can tell Carter cares about this campus, to him its about a community. When we walk out these doors, its about being apart of this community. Carter will serve with class and energy.
- (3) Senator Elect Esselink: I want to say Senator Elect Engler deserves this as much as Senator Elect Schafer, whoever is elected will do great. I want to say for both of them, they managed to devoted themselves to CAC.
- (4) Senator Elect Jenkin: Both are great people and have so much passion. Both have done great. Whoever you chose they will do well. This position, you need to make an all inclusive environment, a team environment.
- (5) Senator Elect Harris: Senator Elect Engler, he is everything you can look for in a person. I can't thing about anything negative about him. It is not just a position to him.
- (6) Senator Elect Jones: Senator Elect Schafer, nominated him here cause of the work he has done and deserves this chance. Senator Elect Engler, handled a new opponent well and has earned the position in my eyes
- (7) Senator Elect Qureshi: Senator Elect Schafer, we might be concerned due to him losing a previous role. His intentions are that he thinks he can do a lot fro this body, not for himself. Every time I go to the office Senator Elect Schafer is there, great friend, asking how he can help us, goes out of his way to help you.

- (8) Senator Elect Esselink: If you think Senator Elect Schafer is running for this due to his previous loss, that is not true. He is committed to senate no matter what. If he thought that he would not be an effective leader, he would not have thrown his name into the ring.
- (9) Senator Elect LaPlate: Motion to recall role. - Approved
- v. Voting (Winner in **bold**)
- (1) **Senator Elect Engler**
- (2) Senator Elect Schafer
- (3) No Confidence - 0
- (4) Abstention - 0
- f. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Educational Affairs
- i. Senator Elect Erin McIntosh - For those who don't know me, this will be second year here. You are more than just a senator, but a student as well. When writing this, I had no idea where to start. When I joined the body, I never knew I would be up here talking to you. We Blow every other university out of the water in so many aspects. Honored to be here. Past year on EAC gave me many opportunities. We can improve communication from EAC and the student body as a whole. I want EAC to be more involved with more departments. EAC is where many first year senators end up and I will do my best for making sure we continue making large strides, like OERs, ASL resolution, etc. Career center taught me what is needed to succeed. I want to help others see their end goal, bring a new eye to this committee. I cannot wait to work with many passionate senators.
- ii. Questions
- (1) Senator Elect Nurmi: Motion to skip discussion but have questions and then vote.  
Approved
- (2) Senator Elect Qureshi: Can you elaborate your leadership roles you have had
- (a) Senator Elect McIntosh: Never held a leadership role while at GVSU. The new people joining my committee, I can help these new people, be very approachable.
- (3) Senator Elect Mattler: Plans for OERs?
- (a) Senator Elect McIntosh: former ERC VP has been working on task force, so I would build off their previous work. I would want him on that task force as a student representative. I want to make sure the price point for textbooks can be below.



- (4) Senator Elect Crawford: Next year all ERC will be new, advantages and disadvantages of that?
  - (a) Senator Elect McIntosh: Many new perspectives, cannot wait to get them involved, on how to build on current events. Disadvantage would be people being hesitant to jumping onto projects.
- (5) Senator Elect LaPlate: What are plans for the counseling center
  - (a) Senator Elect McIntosh: Work for career center, so I know the counselors there, talking to them about the resources they need.
- (6) Senator Elect Kelsey: Good resource to look for projects for EAC.
  - (a) Senator Elect McIntosh: look to your friends, they are GVSU students. They have concerns and things they might want changed. The people you know are your best resource.
- iii. Discussion
- iv. Voting (Winner in ***bold***)
  - (1) ***Senator Elect McIntosh - Unanimous consent***
- g. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Diversity Affairs
  - i. Senator Elect Darwin Harris - Junior here at GVSU, member of nation history society. Want to reach out to marketing department for outreach. We can always improve in diversity and inclusion. Institutional marketing, want to make them go to places where college may not have been a chance. Another goal is host a parade with Greek life, veterans, LGBTI+, etc. parade to promote inclusion. Strengthen community and inclusion. First generation students are roughly 38% students here; I want to make sure they have the chance to do well here. Make sure they have a good college experience. I Volunteer at the ELS center, transition leader, I will be an RA, sat on the cultural funding board, all things that will show how I can improve inclusivity.
  - ii. Senator Elect Rachel Ibarra - I know people have voiced they do not feel represented by us, this will be my goal so that this doesn't happen. I want to always better understand diversity, which is so much more than ethnicity. My study in social work has taught me how to be better at inclusivity. It seems as though we invite people to dinner but not making sure they can eat, like first generation students. We need to make sure they are taken care of. Need student senators to create an atmosphere that we care for students as if each one as first generation students, making sure they have the information they need to succeed. I want to advocate for all communities here at GVSU. Want to teach students how to advocate for many different diverse groups.

- We want to make sure people feel comfortable with our decisions, feel as though they are part of the decision, because they are. My social work classes have taught me you never fully learn diversity and we can always learn.
- iii. Senator Elect Joe Cadreau - Background, army veteran, worked for state of MI, worked in child services, I am a parent, first generation student. I don't ask for space to speak, I demand it. I constantly hear the word diverse, but I feel as though resources internally are lacking for marginalized students. Nothing for Hispanic students, black students, native American. I want equity before equality. When we ask for a diversity plan, we are not shown one. Campus climate surveys need to be done every 2-3 not every 7-10 years. We are here for students, last fall administration a policy for area of free speech. No student voice was part of it. This policy sets a barrier for students for voicing their students. I want to see a plan from the body, from committee, administration. I will bear the burdens I am labeled with.
- iv. Questions
- (1) Senator Elect Slade: Senator Elect Cadreau, very passionate, some may feel you are unapproachable, how will be see as unapproachable?
- (a) Senator Elect Cadreau: Once people sit down and work with me, they know how friendly I can be. I want to make change and useful work. Administration doesn't intimidate me.
- (2) Senator Elect Esselink: Senator Elect Cadreau for a plan, what is the plan from you?
- (a) Senator Elect Cadreau: Plan to push office of equity and inclusion, tutoring for free for minorities, climate survey done every 2-3 years, you cannot take the 3 biggest diverse groups and put them in one place. Should be a resource center for these three groups, separate areas.
- (3) Senator Elect Patil: Evaluation of student senate, what do you want to resolve/improve
- (a) Senator Elect Harris: Working all across campus, like sexual assault, bring in more first generation aspect to hear their voice. It is not always about race fro diversity. Bring in first generation, low income aspect.
- (b) Senator Elect Ibarra: In Order to make any change we need to look at the body too. Educating ourselves by seeing what diverse people can say. Effective change happens by knowing what others have to say.\

- (c) Senator Elect Cadreau: Time as senators is limited, I want my legacy to be more inclusive and equitable. education, engagement, empowerment of students.
- (4) Senator Elect Jenkin: Resource to new senators for cultural company trained
  - (a) Senator Elect Cadreau: I have my ITC, so delegation is key, having trust in our senators. Let us be empowered. Everyone would have a role, sensitivity and training are top issues. Making sure we build integrity
  - (b) Senator Elect Ibarra: Making sure where we are at, not shaming people who lack diversity education, making sure we bring them up, give them the opportunity to give them the conversation, changing it from hard to easy for talking about certain things. We cannot push people to think certain ways but make them open.
  - (c) Senator Elect Harris: Anyone can attest to how I am approachable, being able to talk to me. leadership style is making sure what other people think, hear their input. Well rounded on different topics, willing to share my knowledge, listen to others.
- (5) Senator Elect Kelsey: Where would your efforts be focused in DAC
  - (a) Senator Elect Harris: I would not focus just on one thing, making sure we can have those discussion on those hard topics. A starting point to educate themselves fro different aspects of diversity.
  - (b) Senator Elect Cadreau: I have to be a loud a proud native first, before I advocate for others. I bring this to others, working with others, sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. Whoever hold this position has to encompass different work
  - (c) Senator Elect Ibarra: Passionate about LGBT youth, want to set atmosphere and be able to back it up is very important. Are you passionate, are you making others feel good or bad, are you being sensitive? Love to hear what others have to say about different things.
- (6) Senator Elect Schafer: Strength of other candidates
  - (a) Senator Elect Ibarra: I am mixed, Mexican friends see me as the white friend, I am trying to better learn more about my culture. Darwin has much pride and understanding of his culture
  - (b) Senator Elect Harris: Very laid back and chill, and Rachel is more approachable due to her ability to talk. Introverted but working on it. Will be an RA soon.

(7) Senator Elect Queshi: To accomplish your goals, time management

(a) Senator Elect Harris: Next year I will be a senior, not a lot of commitments, so lots of time for this chair. Want to represent all students instead of being restricted. Past cabinet members have been RAs and they did great

(b) Senator Elect Ibarra: I am a server at Applebee's, but this past year I pushed to do as much as I could. Towards the end I put more effort towards senate. I will give senate a priority for me, letting back on working, and other student organizations.

v. Discussion

(1) Senator Elect Patil: member of DAC this past year, last year DAC showed me how to be most diverse, Senator Elect Harris and Ibarra could do the best

(2) Senator Elect Bialowas: Instances in the past where a candidate is where he can be seen as aggressive, sexist, not approachable. Not something we want to see on DAC. Teach people, not preach.

(3) Senator Elect Crawford: Idea about taking space, great idea, may not be ideal if forceful

(4) Senator Elect VanDaele: Senator Elect Ibarra, closet friend, easy to talk to, immediately had a connection, very inclusive, very passionate, she would kill it in this role. She deserves it

(5) Senator Elect Queshi: Bias for Senator Elect Harris, he is very intelligent. He addressed he was worried, but I know he will put his most forth to be approachable. His work has all been diversity related. As an RA he has leadership experience.

vi. Voting (Winner in **bold**)

(1) Senator Elect Harris

(2) **Senator Elect Ibarra**

(3) Senator Elect Cadreau

(4) No Confidence - 0

(5) Abstention - 1

h. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for External Relations

i. Senator Elect Julian VanDaele - basically a lot of my points for president are the same for here. If I focus on something the passion is always there. I want to revamp ERC, want it to be productive. I want to go to Allendale township meetings. Ideas from president go here as well. When we go to other universities, this is something ERC

- can help out with, reaching out to freshmen, letting them know about resources, community garden, gold cards helping out local business, democratic engagement. Connections with different political organizations.
- ii. Senator Elect Cameron Jones - I want all senators to be able to define what ERC does. Going into my third year at GVSU. been here for a year now, on ERC. Gun Safety Resolution, role in student government conference, state funding initiative. Very proud to be part of all of this. ERC is weird, reason because it was the political affairs, but changed, not defined clearly what this new name meant. I want to define what ERC means. If elected I will give this definition to ERC. 2 senators on state funding, 1 on Allendale affairs, 1 liaison for other universities. 1 for political affairs on campus. Want to see students be informed and vote. 1 for volunteering projects. Will create structure, and hold them accountable for their roles. Imagine a future where all of senate knows how to define ERC.
  - iii. Questions
    - (1) Senator Elect Thompson: Role on state funding
      - (a) Senator Elect Jones: we made tons of progress, GVSU will get a 3.6% increase in budget next year. I had an internal role, like tabling, informing students, work with Lanthron.
      - (b) Senator Elect VanDaele: Spoke with many politicians, got this issue and was told no progress or very little was going to be made. Started from scratch, meeting with representatives on how to be more engaged. Came up with letter drive. Got around 450 letters this year. Did lots of external stuff. We need to increase the whole pie, not just our slice.
    - (2) Senator Elect Queshi: Senator Elect Jones, specific roles fro committee people, what if the people you get don't want certain roles.
      - (a) Senator Elect Jones: Created the plan so ERC is covered at the ground level, would love to see all work on state funding, but there are other things that we should be meeting. If the work isn't getting done, I question why they are on this committee.
    - (3) Senator Elect Jenkin: past year that both of you worked well on state funding, how would you say you differed from the other?
      - (a) Senator Elect VanDaele: Jones drive and passion are great, he inspires me to do a lot, but based on experience I have seen many changes. I have more leadership experience, resources for projects, connections, will be going to DC in June.

(b) Senator Elect Jones: We are both friends and coworkers, learned a lot from him, I have a plan that is right for this and can implement my plan well, will shift people into roles very well. Will attend to the needs of my team.

(4) Senator Elect Kelsey: Senator Elect VanDaele, numerous connections drawing you away from GVSU, how will connections help you here?

(a) Senator Elect VanDaele: Great way to put GVSU on the map, we go beyond Allendale and Grand Rapids. See different leadership styles. Opportunities to freshman to be more engaged in civics.

iv. Discussion

(1) Senator Elect Ibarra: Senator Elect VanDeale is a great friend. He has a passion fro more than senate but external relations, I want to see him here. He pushes the people around him to be better, do great things they can achieve, very qualified.

(2) Senator Elect Thompson: Senator Elect VanDaele, been on ERC for a couple of years, he is linked many different school. Very well respected. Best to lead ERC.

(3) Senator Elect Schafer: Senator Elect Jones, close to him, inform averages students about their issues, educate students, and Senator Elect Jones does this well. Never seen him mad, best fit for this role

(4) Senator Elect Kelsey: Senator Elect VanDaele has more experience, so consider this.

(5) Senator Elect Crawford: Senator Elect Jones has a great ling term job, experience isn't everything, his work is far beyond what you expect of him

(6) Senator Elect Esselink: Senator Elect Jones, plan was clear and concise. Jones has earned this position.

v. Voting (Winner in ***bold***)

(1) Senator Elect VanDaele

(2) ***Senator Elect Jones***

(3) No Confidence - 0

(4) Abstention - 0

i. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Public Relations

i. Senator Elect Bilal Qureshi - When I joined ERC in the fall, being a senator has allowed me to meet so many people, hear so many different types of people. I had a lot of doubt that I may not be ready, not know enough about GVSU, let me earn this, I don't expect to earn his by default. I want to be utilized as a resource, take the time to make sure you know how to communicate with others. I do not plan on failing you.

Create open communication between us and students. Many students do not know we exists. Work hard on ourselves internally so we are motivated, in order to build communication and let others know that we can do great things.

ii. Questions

(1) Senator Elect Engler: admitted you feel unprepared; as the body how can we help you fulfill your role

(a) Senator Elect Queshi: Will be asking a lot from you guys, making sure we have the motivation, come meet with me, so we can create a plan, takes the entire body to reach out to all students

(2) Senator Elect Nurmi: anything you want to see PRC do?

(a) Senator Elect Qureshi: making sure we create a way to talk one on one with others

(3) Senator Elect Schaffer: reaching out to student orgs?

(a) Senator Elect Quershi: Org senator ambassador, sending emails, go talk to those tabling, shake their hands, go to their events, let them know we are here for them.

(4) Senator Elect Schroeder: Stress that you will run a team, how will you run the team, even with conflict if it happens, be assertive?

(a) Senator Elect Qureshi: manager store experience fro a year and a half. Sit down and let them know they have to respect each other, making them have that open conversation, open conversation. Manager time showed me you have to enforce.

(5) Senator Elect

iii. Discussion

iv. Voting (Winner in ***bold***)- Unanimous consent

***(1) Senator Elect Qureshi - Unanimous consent***

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

XI. **Public Comment – Part II**

XII. **Call for Announcements**

XIII. **Adjournment: 12:17am**