



General Assembly

Thursday, April 4th, 2019 – 6:00 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Rachel Jenkin

Parliamentarian: Morgan Mattler

I. **Call Meeting to Order: 6:02pm**

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

II. **Guest Speakers**

III. **Public Comment – Part I**

- Dean Roland: Welcome to new and old senators. Here as Dean of Students. I am the chief student associates officer. Here to help to continue to make GVSU here for the students. Congrats and welcome. More chances as the year of this body continues to work more together.
- Student Brian Bialowas: Hello student senate body of 2019-2020. Senior here at GVSU. Previous senator. Absolute honor and privilege to represent the 25,000 students here at GVSU. Ability to convey student wants and needs is something we should not take for granite. Time to take action to help shape GVSU. Work Hard, not an opportunity to take lightly. 25,000 students that you represent. Work hard, no matter how dumb or unachievable it may seem. No matter how big or small your project is, make it what you want it to be. Be mindful of who you want to elect to cabinet as they will be your leaders, they will guide your committees. Be great, do great things, you are a student first, here for advice if you want it. Do what is right for the students and university.

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

V. **President's Report**

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Approved
- b. Last report to board of trustees on April 26th.
- c. Sent board of trustees resolutions to provost.
- d. Read over Bylwas and constitution over the next week, so elections go smoothly. See the responsibilities of VP roles.

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

- a. Meet the nominees this upcoming on the 8th at Kliener to meet candidates.
- b. All should have gotten an email for Haasta La Vista for T-Haas farewell. Official student send-off, could use volunteers.

VII. **Officer Reports**

VIII. **Call for University Committee Reports**

IX. **Unfinished Business**

X. **New Business**

- a. Nominations for President

- i. Senator Elect Benoit: Nominating senator Elect Schaffer, SO hard working and big heart. Knows everything about senate. (accepts)
- ii. Senator Elect Hicks: Szcapaniak, so level headed and attention detailed. So important to have this in this role. Passed 5 resolutions in previous body. On a school board as well (accepts).
- b. Nominations for Executive Vice President
 - i. Senator Elect Hicks: Nurmi, so many accomplishments, voter drive he did, active and caring, there if you need him. Lots of internal work he could do. Housing committee he started as well. (accepts)
- c. Nominations for Vice President of Senate Resources
 - i. Senator Elect Boyd: Benoit, resume proves how open minded she is. Intelligent senator. Great choice for senate resources (accepts)
 - ii. Senator Mueller: Prezkop: Kind caring and sweet, introduced her to senate. Great work in previous body. (accepts)
- d. Nominations for Vice President of Finance
 - i. Senator Elect DeBerry: Samuels, watched her last year grow as a leader on finance, knows inter workings of the committee (accepts)
- e. Nominations for Vice President of Campus Affairs
 - i. Senator Elect Nitzkin: McMahon, previous year, showed her incredible work ethic. Went above and above with university committees and support others in her project. (accepts)
- f. Nominations for Vice President of Educational Affairs
 - i. Senator Elect Dowker: Mueller, jumped right in into senate work, housing work, advising office work, positive and motivated (accepts)
- g. Nominations for Vice President of Diversity Affairs
 - i. Senator Elect Dowker: Murarescu, right after being appointed, wanted to work with Greek life task force, seat on gender inclusive bathroom committee, project on micro aggressions, RA, alternative breaks. Previous work on DAC is great (Accepts).
- h. Nominations for Vice President of External Relations
 - i. Senator Elect Nurmi: Terry Jackson, worked on campaigned, well respected, connected, first year senator but I think he would do a great job in this role. Respected on both sides of the aisle (accepts)
 - ii. Senator Elect DeBerry: Dorian Thompson, unmatched passion for reaching out to other, unmatched connections to those who could help us. (Currently have a lot on my plate, will have to decline for now)

iii. Senator Hicks: Pagel, amiable person. Is able to see other side of arguments. Can deal with people on state and business level (Accepts).

i. Nominations for Vice President of Public Relations

i. Senator Elect Dowker: Hicks, they put in so much work, senate is such a passion of theirs. Alex had great outstanding work on their work. (accepts)

ii. Senator Elect DeBerry: Fritz, coming onto body, he got his hands into whatever work he could. Very able to approach people (accepts)

j. President Jenkin: Speeches can only be 5 minutes long, 15 minutes for Q and A. 2 minute max of response. Can extend time but cannot extend more than twice. Make sure to read over legislation for seeing what it takes to be in this role.

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

XI. **Public Comment – Part II**

a. Student Cameron Jones: Congrats on being here, to those seeking be VP of ERC, reach out to me.

XII. **Call for Announcements**

a. Senator Elect Hicks: BOV competition was ended, but looking to do a new charity, talk to me about interest

b. Senator Elect Schaffer: Food insecurity task fork in Kirkhof tomorrow morning. Also Whale Radio celebrating 50th birthday this Saturday

c. Senator Elect Nitzkin: With elections coming up, tensions can get high. If position is in contention, showing support for one is not bashing another. Do not bash others running. Keep positive vibes.

d. Senator Elect Nurmi: Working with off campus partners, meeting with landlords. April 18th. 3pm in Pere Marquette. Talking about a reward to give to off campus complex that shows god standards for students to live in.

e. Senator Elect Triboute: Thank you to previous senate. Next academic year will be my last year. Morgan convinced me to run. And so many other senators convinced me to be here as well. They made great changes. Appreciation fro their hard work. My goal for next year is that before we leave, we want the campus to be tter than what we came into

f. EVP Mattler: meet the nominees, kliener noonday for late night. Haasta La Vista, April 19th, volunteer as well at field house, 3pm. Also download Slack for official communication for senate.

g. Bob Stoll (advisor): Associate dean for student life, worked with senate for awhile now. New people in this room. I am sure they have nerves or might be afraid. Returners can make a big difference. Invest time into each other. This semester will be short but talk over the summer, make contacts, establish your goals. There is no limit for what you

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want to accomplish. Administration does listen and care for what you bring forward. Challenge you to challenge each other and how you approach things. Make it a better campus, community, and award. Collectively you have a unified voice. Reach me in Student Life office. Look forward to working with all of you.

- h. Bob Stoll: Relay for Life is tonight and tomorrow. Saturday is the PowWow. Entry at Noon. Attend with the native community we have here at GVSU. Rowing team hosting Lubbers Cup. Last few weeks, make sure you take care of yourselves. Need help with anything other than homework or exams, let me know.
- i. Senator Elect Szcapaniak: Pride Prom tomorrow. Sponsored by senate and LBGT resource center. Grand river room from 8-10pm. May 1st restorative practices on my school board, from 8am-1030am. At Kent ISD, let me know if interested. Michigan Voter engagement summit. May 10th, all day. Love to have you. 5pm for dinner at GR brewing company to decompress.
- j. President Jenkin: Meeting next week starts at 4:30pm.
 - i. Nominations for cabinet also can be next, will be one of the longest meetings of the senate year. Each role is significant. Give time and attention to every role.
 - ii. Listen to others speeches, don't be afraid to ask questions, be respectful. Challenge new senators to be inquisitive to ask questions. Challenge the people running for cabinet.
 - iii. Reach out to those running, learn their platforms.
 - iv. Remember as to why you are here. Think beyond personal bias. Here to represent entire student body.
 - v. Talk to previous cabinet if running.
 - vi. Make the most of this role

XIII. Adjournment: 6:54pm