



# General Assembly

Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 4:30 pm

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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—President Haas**

- a. Move in went great, hope classes are going well
- b. Two things I want to share with you all
  - i. Campus and off campus sexual assault, one is one too many. It is not who we are. We are painted with the brushes of what surrounds our community. Together we need to look out for each other. As senators we have the role and power to help take care of each other. We need to work together to continue to make strides in making our values clear, which is student centered and that we look out for each other. Do anything you can to help each other. It will help create a ripple effect. I say this as a plea.
  - ii. Welcome to the new senators and stepping forward. Servant leadership stems from my sense that we serve each other, and use our abilities to bring each other up. The best leadership comes from the bottom, what drives the culture and portray the best form of servant leadership. You will strive to make the university better, continuous improvement. Create a better place for student success. Stewardship, we are stewards of oneself, our own character, and the student leadership role we have been put into. You will set the tone of stewardship. Our own faculty and staff opportunities to lead is partly inspired by you and the students. We may call it Grand Valley, but it is also our home, and we want to take care of our home. Not only will leaders know this but will live it too.
- c. President Haas swears in the Senator Elects into being full senators.
- d. Senator Cadraue – When a resolution passes and the effect does not, like the Columbus day not being shown in planners but currently is, can We get an update
- e. Senator Esselink – what are you most looking forward too this year
  - i. Haas – Daughter is having her first child, now is the right time that we talk about our future, we talked with our kids, and they want us to be present sooner rather than later. Take some time to spend more time with family, flexibility with our schedule. Will continue to celebrate what our University is doing for the year. Will continue to look over to see how we are making changes and hopefully see improvements, continue to look at fundraising and “friendraising” making sure that GVSU is continues to have a large impact, a great Laker effect, scholarships, open access, how

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to keep costs of attending GVSU as low as we can, making sure the people to follow me to be the best fit for my role. Be able to tackle the challenges that will come.

- f. Senator Mattler: For the University next President, what are you looking for?
  - i. Haas: the consulting group that is helping look at the application pool, the most distinguishing characteristic, whoever comes here must understand we have students at the center of our interest. Need to have a leader that the mission is to shape the student lives for a betterment of society. The mission of shaping takes into account the model we have developed over the past 12 years that show that students what to be here and graduate also. When I sit with the new president, I will relay this message to them as well, to Shape students, better the lives of the students, helping shape the students so they can find the best opportunities they can find after their time here. The Laker effect is what helps positively impact society. I am also excited to see any of the students that are new and optimistic and excited for those walking across the stage. The new leader will embrace hopefully embrace this.
- g. Senator: How do you see the relationship between GVSU and grand Rapids
  - i. Haas: We started in 1958 as a concept from individuals from west Michigan, a coupe from Grand Rapids, and the rest from other parts of West Michigan. They saw a need for a public University in West Michigan. When they went to the governor, soon after 8 months later, when they went back, it was passed by one vote to establish GVSU in the house. The land that is out campus now in Allendale use to be corn fields. Between Grand Rapids, Holland, Muskegon, and Grand Haven. It has evolved since then, we have a great traditional campus here in Allendale, in the 80s is when we saw ourselves in grand rapids originally. In some of my first years as president, I saw the opportunity that we could have a great balance in Grand Rapids as well. I believe that grand Rapids success is in part to what GVSUs effect has had. A symbiotic relation if you may say. It is one of mutual benefit.
- h. Senator Jenkin: Very grateful to have President Haas and we will take a 10-minute recess for pictures with President Haas.

## III. Public Comment – Part I

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

## V. President's Report

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Approved
- b. Hope summer went great
- c. Meet with lots of staff and faculty.
- d. Meet with provost and dean of student and President Haas. New goals for safety and communication talks with them

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- e. Meeting with Allendale staff, want to continue to grow relationship
- f. New graduation student association president, they are molding a new identity and want to work closely with us
- g. ECS meeting this Friday I will be attending.

## VI. Vice President's Report

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved
- b. Hope first week of class went well
- c. BOV planning is going great with our timeline, never too late to get involved.
- d. Senator Esselink for being present at almost every meeting for BOV meeting
- e. Speaker list is almost complete for Fall =, still room for Winter
- f. Application for senate is live, 8 open seats, any one who could be a great leader let them know about senate.
- g. Be conscious of the title we hold, we represent the entire student body, not only in GA, but on and off campus, in person, online.
- h. Senator Bialowas: Beth Key Farms, have you reached out to them yet
  - i. Will be reaching out soon.

## VII. Officer Reports

- a. Senate Resources – Holly Neva
  - i. "I'll keep this brief"
  - ii. Social Media policy, will not restrain you or delegate people to police it, so make sure you take the privilege of being here seriously. Will sit down with you if how you are representing Senate becomes a problem.
  - iii. Name tags, ran out of tape for name tags, once ready they will be in cubbies.
  - iv. Clothing conduct, if you wouldn't wear it to a job interview, try to not wear it here since this is a professional department. No computers/phones present please. No food but drinks are good
  - v. In-Service is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Make up Service if you can't attend or miss it. Time is TBD, Location is TBD as well
  - vi. Attendance, if late or leave early it counts as a half absence.
  - vii. If you have ideas for committee, please let me know
  - viii. Senator Cadraue: If you have a class or other student Org event, (Talk with Neva personally)
- b. Finance – Amanda Crawford
  - i. Worked on recruiting from cultural funding and appropriation board, any body that you think that would be interested, let them know.

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- ii. Laker Link, Transferring documents and updating finance documents.
- iii. Been working on internal senate budget for things that we fund or other senate expense.
- iv. Ignite next week we will be talking new rules.
- v. September 7<sup>th</sup> is when we have our training for funding guidelines.
- vi. Expenses: Cabinet retreat \$213 on food. Student injured flowers \$45. Social justice center t-shirt sponsor \$180. Info night \$38.70 on food. Promotions \$1355 for things for Campus life night. Jenga tower was bought to help us more approachable.

**c. Campus Affairs – Carter Engler**

- i. First week is coming to a close, summer plans have been lots of BOV work, like sponsorships, events, background planning, Charity is Replenish for BOV Charity.
- ii. Coldsotne bonding for CAC committee,
- iii. Excited to see all the enthusiasm for CAC and the other senators as well.
- iv. Week of October 22 is BOV week. Lots of volunteering opportunity, still can get involved, let me or EVP Mattler know.

**d. Educational Affairs – Erin McIntosh**

- i. Task force for open access has started meeting. Thomas Penacaus appointed for chair of task force from chemistry department, one of the first people on campus to use open access.
- ii. October 22 week I Open Access week.
- iii. Johnson center is searching for a school for school event in winter

**e. Diversity Affairs – Rachel Ibarra**

- i. Thank you to every one that came to social justice celebration, so many came that we had more volunteers than we needed which was great.
- ii. Rolando and Marlin meetings all summer
- iii. How we can help encourage faculty to attend more events for work place training.  
Making sure that it is applicable for each College at the University.
- iv. Senator Bialowas: Tentative dates for diversity training dates
- v. Trying to make sure we don't waste your time, so date is TBD, but we are meeting every week with Marlin to try to make the training as good as possible. Like a working GA or a separate training.

**f. External Relations – Cameron Jones**

- i. VanDaele working on collaborating with other student governments project.
- ii. Cadraue is working to green light a very cool movie



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- iii. Relationship building with those in OSL, like campus democratic coalition, making sure people vote
- iv. National Voter registration week is September 22.
- v. September 24 6-8 in multipurpose room for democratic debate
- vi. Student senate panel sept 27 library 6-8 multipurpose room. For us to be in front of the student body and our process, what we do, what they want to see.

## g. Public Relations – Bilal Qureshi

- i. Anyone in Greek life that want sit be liaison from BOV and Greek life, reach out to Senator Esselink.
- ii. September 4<sup>th</sup> is campus life night 6-8, make sure you sign up to volunteer. Be there for as long as you can. Setting up at 4:30 due to alumni coming in. Will be in the parking lot.
- iii. September 5<sup>th</sup> is in Holton hooker building from 630-9 for senate information night. Inform students of what we do, who we are. Goal is to help them understand the opportunity that senate gives senators and students.
- iv. PRC did some bonding at Applebee's, just wanted to let you guys know.
- v. These events do count towards office hours.

## VIII. Call for University Committee Reports

- a. Waiting for more committees to reach out, still in process making availability
- b. Senator Shaffer Judiciary meeting, not allowed to talk about what we talked about, but we talked about student conduct.
- c. Senator Ibarra: Task force from equity committee to bring data together as to why this is important for training.

## IX. Unfinished Business

## X. New Business

### a. CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY

## XI. Public Comment – Part II

- a. Make sure you get to the football game, hope summer went well, look forward to working with all of you, office is open to you all. Appreciate leadership from all of you.

## XII. Call for Announcements

- a. Senator Szcepaniak: September 8 there is a lake clean up 830am to 1pm. 6th street park is meet up. October 26<sup>th</sup> is new Salaam corn maze. If 20 sign up, we can make \$800. Campus democratic coalition still needs a representative from republican group.
- b. Free Ice cream at senate info night



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- c. Senator Cadraue: Don Land documentary is airing soon. Goes through the healing process and reconciliation a teaching guide to help create conversation. Would like to have this message heard on both campuses, both for equity on GVSU campus but the community as well. Not allowed to share until it airs publically. Looking for help to spread awareness. This will be free for Universities and government buildings. We can do a pre screening if you want to know more about it if you all want to do that.
- d. Senator Quaine: New senate calendar that will help track of all of the events will be sent out soon my EVP Mattler. Placards or spelling mistakes, let me know or update it yourself on the contact sheet.
- e. EVP Mattler: We are planning on a gift for Marsha and President Haas, will be leading a sub committee, let me know if you are interested.
- f. Senator Wesley: Black Greek Council, doing an ice breaker down town. Ticket sales begin next week.
- g. President Jenkin: Yield after you are one speaking, make sure you are taking attendance seriously, read the reports that are sent out.

**XIII. Adjournment: 6:03pm**