



General Assembly

Thursday, September 13th, 2018 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Rachel Jenkin

Parliamentarian: Morgan Mattler

I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm

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

II. Guest Speakers

- a. Provost Cimitile
 - i. Background in philosophy, master from Villanova. Always drawn to the question of reason, and why we act unreasonable still. How we consider self and world. How we go about making our choices for reason. Question of self and world is what animates people, our role, how we can contribute to the world.
 - ii. Had to opportunity to enter administration. Why did I go into t, because I care about students and their well being, a way I could do it outside the classroom? A new way for me to effect change. A good leader to me shares qualities with a good teacher. They care for learning the student, being an active listener, and having thoughtfulness. Thinking about what the next steps could be.
 - iii. What I do, Provost and executive Vice President for academic and student affairs. Over see academic and student support, academic units, all of the colleges at the universities, I easily have 22 or more meetings a month. I do not oversee athletics, or the business unit section. I help keep the train moving per say.
 - iv. With over 25,000 students, I want to make sure they have great experience and the opportunity to have a great career after being here. What I love about GVSU students is that they love to learn, and they have so much potential to enact change. Realizing who you are and allows to grow. It is short lived so it needs to be taken advantage of so that you can be as successful as you can be.
 - v. Hopefully GVSU shows you how to be effective and how to learn not only in the classroom, but beyond as well.
 - vi. My passion here is to allow student to get a high education with quality teaching, helping students get the highest quality education as possible. It helps prepare you to be a leader. To think deeply about yourself, in all aspects, mental, emotional, etc.
 - vii. Digital studies minor, we live in the digital age, so this is an important major, help them to think critically but learnt he tools to be able to work in our digital age. Great addition to any major.]
 - viii. New masters program, social innovation and social program. Two-year program. To think about what kind of change you can make and how to do it. For non profit and profit career paths.

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- ix. Not ready for rollout but I want to let you know now, but a water program and its importance around the world. Problems with clean water access for example. It can also be used as a relaxation tool. You will hear more in the time to come.
- x. Senator Nurmi: are there any department you want to see improvements in
- xi. Always want the staff to translate the relevance of what they are learning and it takes a lot due to constant change, make sure what they are teaching is relevant.
- xii. VP McIntosh: Why are you the provost here specifically.
- xiii. Started here as assistant professor fro teaching philosophy, knew it was a fit right away, love that it is a public institution. I want every to have the high education opportunity I had when I was younger, so it allows people to make change. GVSU has 40% of its students to be first generation students. We have a dedication here to our students, we are student centric. When I was offered the role, I knew it was a great opportunity to help make changes.
- xiv. VP Qureshi: what do you think senate should focus on this year
- xv. For the fall, make sure people register to vote, engaging in the world, privileged to vote is something special in the US. We must to it, be an actively engaged student. Also some student may not feel welcomed, the the steps to make them feel welcomed. Like even when I talk to someone when I take the 50 for example have that human connection. It doesn't take too much t say hello, help another individual.
- xvi. Senator Hunter: favorite philosopher
- xvii. Aristotle is one that I always come back to, when he talked about living your life, he talks about doing the right thing that goes beyond yourself.
- xviii. Senator Szcepaniak: Back in the 2016 election year, the previous provost sent an email talking about the importance of voting, will you do this?
- xix. Yes, mid term elections are just as important as the presidential election
- xx. Senator Esselink: water initiative, what is the goal, purpose?
- xxi. Idea is to so large that it can encompasses many things. Personal body, surroundings, health of the land, etc. Making sure we make your education relevant. Something so essential to life itself, we are in the works of developing a master's program to water relevancy.
- xxii. President Jenkin: shared governance, how can we mimic this with 7 committees
- xxiii. Love your process so people get heard, but making sure you go beyond that for active listening. Going through the idea of strong objectivity, getting multiple perspectives, something I use for my leadership style, to have the best understanding I can have.
- b. Doug Lipinski, Director of Athletics

- i. Been here for 16 years, handle all communications, like stats, social media, external sponsorships, game day experience, digital marketing, etc. Loved the student section participation at our first home game. Love seeing the growing commitment. We have 20 varsity teams here at GVSU. Had over held a million impressions 48 hours before the first home game. Things like this help recruit students, make an impact in the community too. Program is 5th in the nation, 2-0 right now. Within two-week team will go 2400 miles in two weeks. Not too many want to play us due to our success. Women soccer is 4-0 and 3rd in nation. Volleyball has home opener as well. X country at MSU for invitational. Get the Laker nation app. Can get points which can be redeemed for prizes. Very excited for basketball this year, with some great promotions this year
- ii. Create the best learning environment as possible, continuous improvement. There will be adversity, lots of things can happen in their career as gvsu student athlete. We want to make sure they get the best tool box they need for graduation.
- iii. Challenge our teams for the highest competitive greatness, how an individual can challenge themselves to better the team. Make athletes reach out to other students, go out of their way to help others.
- iv. Commit to everyone, the energy needed to be successful. Expectation to win, make sure the effort is put forward so that they can be successful. This goes for whatever you do, like one's profession. Being able to put the energy forward even on the "hard days". Lots of people want to come here for the name, but need the energy to be put forward to be successful.
- v. Tickets can be on your own as well, like printing at home or on your phone for students.
- vi. Senator Hall: online tickets come with coupons?
- vii. They do, and they can be different than the physical ones as well
- viii. Senator Schaffer: Money wise, how is it split for different teams
- ix. Each program has its own operating budget, every program here at gvsu fundraises. Also students you think on full rides are not, they support the university with their tuition as well. We also use sponsor ships. We need to fundraise so that they can operate as the budget will not allow it to operate, we want to not be a burden and we know it is a responsibility to help run our own sports. We always look at how can we improve. Some things we cannot control, like weather, but what we can have control over we will seek to make sure we give the best games possible to our fans and students. After being here, you will not get the same experience again. Take advantage of the access to things you have now. After graduation things will get even more busy for you.

- x. VP Engler: Helping run BOV, last year BOV pie fundraiser when offense and defense came in at the end to help fundraise. Seeing students involved in our own fundraising is great. I want to know what kind of events would you like to see to help the athletics and help put them in the spotlight as well.
- xi. Football program is involved in the community, making sure they have spirit, making sure they have something to rally around. Maybe not the game itself, but having that pride for the university, as the university as an entity is a team itself. When we started true blue colors, wearing blue colors before home games, maybe senate could help start the idea of just wear colors every Friday. With the downtown campus some professors may never set foot in the Allendale campus. We want to make sure there is a spirit, which help drives success and pride. We want to help build a sense of community, Laker pride.
- xii. As leaders you can help show the leadership and and their success, they are invested in the university. No matter what you do here, we want you to be proud you came here
- xiii. Senator Harris: on campus help athletes balance school and sports.
- xiv. Dr. Davis Arnold helps run the academics side for helping student athletics balance these things. Lake listens is new and to help with mental health. Making sure the athletes know about the programs, some programs may be mandatory so we are making sure they are taking steps to be successful. They are STUDENT Athletes. We try to do exit interviews with them when they graduate. Like we learned they are stretching their dollars, some are hungry, so we made a refueling station, where students can have access to fruits, granola bars, etc. Any questions or ideas please reach out.

III. Public Comment – Part I

IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass Paper

- Senator Nurmi: Tabling for voter registration, personally doing lots of it myself and would love some help. Will count as office hours.
- Senator Cadraue: Allendale public schools needs tutors and mentors.
- VP Jones: voter registration day sign up. September 25 is national voter registration day. Need help promoting the day. Also sign up for voting vans so students can have a van drive them to the polls.

V. President's Report

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – approved
- b. University Monday, health and wellness. Cannot go, from 130-3pm next Monday, need someone to go in my place

- c. Sexual assault awareness committee, VP McIntosh will help lead it.
- d. EVP and myself meet with commissionaire for Ottawa county and they will hold a meeting at GVSU, first time ever. Right before a GA meeting so we can attend. Will be in November.
- e. University committee excel sheet is in drive for meeting times.
- f. Dean Roland for maybe a health and wellness summit for safety and good health on campus. Maybe a safe walk with staff, showing staff where we may not feel comfortable. If you want to voice some specific parts, tell me please.
- g. ECS, climate survey, provost says there was a big increase in response rate. Stats, first year lots of new records.
- h. In-service is this weekend and is mandatory. Lots to do.
- i. VP Ibarra: For community ambassador, would this raise rent prices you think.
- j. Most likely not, just something to help make regulations instead of word of mouth. Keep track.

VI. Vice President's Report

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - no minutes due to technical difficulties
- b. Thank you for everyone with the conversation with guest speakers
- c. BOV is 6 weeks out, final schedule soon, promotion to start 1 month before. Replenish is a great cause as heard by staff and administration.
- d. In-service, excited for it.
- e. IM softball lost 37-1 ☹

VII. Officer Reports

- a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva
 - i. For technology, no phones or computers out please. I will call you out if I need to. For absences, if questions please ask me.
 - ii. For name tags, let me know if you kept last years, placards, will be presetting so you can sit next to someone new.
 - iii. In-service is 10am-4pm this Saturday, dress is whatever you want, bring something to write with, lunch is provided. In Enclave clubhouse.
 - iv. Office hours' questions please ask.
 - v. Absence request, 2 weeks to file after. Includes GA, office hours, committee meetings, etc.
 - vi. Applications overseen, interviews start next week.
 - vii. Senator Vinke, only one that responded to my office report.
 - viii. Senator Quaine: tutorial for office hours will be sent out soon.

b. Finance – Amanda Crawford

- i. Lots of preparatory week for first funding board, setting agenda, interviews for funding board, need applicants for cultural funding, making presentation for funding process for in-service.
- ii. Lots of initiative from first committee meeting.

c. Campus Affairs – Carter Engler

- i. Food committee change, still on Tuesday, will not be in Kirkof, will be west wind room, which is inside Fresh food, if not on email list and want info, let me know so we can get you on the email list for questions for campus dining. Deb will be there to bus people through fresh so you don't have to scan id to get in so you can go to the meeting.
- ii. BOV new meeting time, Tuesday 8-9 in the senate office. Want to know more, let me know or EVP Mattler.
- iii. CAC has lots of project ideas, and if you are coming short of your own project, let CAC know, see if they want to collaborate. Make sure we keep energy high.
- iv. Senator Esselink: room change permanent for food committee?
- v. I believe it is a test meeting to see if this is a best course.

d. Educational Affairs – Erin McIntosh

- i. Meet with chair of college of academic standards committee, they are working to bring credit recovery program that is used for graduate school into undergrad. If you know someone who failed a class due to being in the wrong major, let me know about their story as faculty wants to hear why it should come to undergrad.

e. Diversity Affairs – Rachel Ibarra

- i. Started internship with at risk youth, great perspective.
- ii. IN contact with Adriana for collaboration fro worlds AIDS day.
- iii. Planning mlk day, interest or want to help let me know.
- iv. Diversity in the US class, will bring anything I learn here to you guys.

f. External Relations – Cameron Jones

- i. Conversation with Andrew Plegg, former vp of ERC. Gave guidance of work we can do, goal setting etc. Very beneficial
- ii. More progress on debate night, invited 40 student orgs. They will rank choice the questions. Thanks to those senators helping.
- iii. VP McLogan meeting soon about state funding.

g. Public Relations – Bilal Qureshi

- i. OREs, Senator Esselink has worked hard on them, they will start next week
- ii. 9/11 event went great, thanks for everyone that helped. Great media coverage, like form FOX news
- iii. Senator Sanchez Castillo is helping with senate swag, suggestions let him know.
- iv. Lots of structure and role clarification from first committee meeting.

VIII. Call for University Committee Reports

- Open educational affairs taskforce meet, still looking for a grad student, will look into GSA. Highlights, 25% sections don't require a text, but some of this was internship classes. Looking not helping separate the data.
- Laker store says that if all sections use the same book, it helps them negotiate lower prices.
- VP Neva: UAC reviews creditation process for showing us how we are a valid University, went over the assessment process. Evaluates outcomes of units (Math, history, etc.) and sees how it affects students and if they are reaching great scores showing it is valid.
- Senator Harris: History SWS for History 380 review, discussed all SWS courses maybe requiring Writing 150, I said some transfer student not having that and if this was implemented maybe they would need lots of wavers.
- VP Engler: Face facilities planning advisory, plans to redo Lake Huron hall, wont happens for the next year or two. Time due to adhering to American disabilities act. No elevators currently into Lake Huron hall. In many classrooms signs there now for "in case of emergency signs" and the signs having the address of the building. Allendale group meet and talked about development for huge nature trail. North Grand Haven to south of grand river, embracing the nature and history of the area it goes through. Making sure things don't get over developed.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion and voting on resolution F-18-01: Online voter registration
- b. Discussion
 - i. Senator Szecepaniak: cost of this bill, no cost for municipal government, no or little cost for the state. Can be done due to secretary of state system they have already.
 - ii. Senator Cadraue: Is this a novelty resolution, what is the purpose that this will serve?
 - iii. Purpose to to show support behind the bill, already passed through the senate, needs to be passed through house. Will be working with University partners to help express support with this.
 - iv. If passed, we will reach out to matt Mclogan so we can show our backing so he knows we support it.

c. Voting

- i. Yays have it
- ii. Resolution has been passed

X. **New Business**

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

- i. Voter registration day help, counts for office hours, having two people there really helps. Students can use on campus address when registration. Absentee ballots can be filed for at any secretary of state office. Will be having buses on voting day for helping students get to a voting poll. 25 of September or voting registration day. Half hour training when you do training get a free t-shirt and button.
 - (1) VP McIntosh: Absentee forms, can go to a town hall or county clerk office too.
 - (2) VP Ibarra: maybe host one of these in diversity inclusion office.
 - (3) Senator Kolc: changing address, what can it affect. Like maybe financial aid issues.
 - (a) Can affect car insurance, most likely financial like senator Kolc said. But financial aid affect for students living outside state of Michigan.
 - (4) Senator Nurmi: want to show the options for address options.
 - (5) Senator Quaine: add dates to calendar so people can see it
 - (6) Senator Schaffer: town hall for Allendale near the fire station.
 - (7) Senator Szcapaniak: communication from provost needs to happen before deadline, how to get an absentee ballot, help promote national voter registration day, link on where to go to vote. A form of what an absentee ballot might be to help educate them.
 - (8) When you help I will ask you to do a non bipartisan pledge so you can as unbiased as possible.

XI. **Public Comment – Part II**

XII. **Call for Announcements**

- a. Senator Schaffer, need people to play on my team for soccer, let me know if you want to play.
- b. VP McIntosh – let me know if you are interested in sexual assault awareness committee.
- c. Senator Quanine: Make sure you fill out absence forms if you are not here, leave early or show up late.
- d. Senator Hunter: econ club had first meeting, 12 new members, spear heading a compensation study. Want to get involved let me know.



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- e. Senator Schafer: softball on Tuesday, come out and support
- f. Senator Sanchez-Castillo: Wearing name tags during the day of GA, outside of GA, so people see you represent the student body
- g. President Jenkin: Help promote the Rave Guardian app for safety on campus. Thanks for all the questions and conversation with the guest speakers. See you at in-service.

XIII. Adjournment: 6:35pm