



General Assembly

Thursday, September 26th, 2018 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Morgan Mattler

Parliamentarian: Holly Neva

I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm

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

II. Guest Speakers

- a. Chris Plouff, Provosts Office/ Reaccreditation Process
 - i. Work with planning and assessment for the University, with faculty and students. Reaccreditation is currently going on that is governed by federal education, this affects financial aid and value. Happens every 10 years. Our 10 year is this year in November 5th and 6th. Peer Reviewers will come to the University and evaluate our university. Will be giving them an assurance document that shows them how we believe we are meeting our accreditation. It has evidence to support our statements. After October 8th we can no longer edit this document. They will talk with people on campus and review the document to see how we review our university. They will most likely be talking with administration, but also could talk to students, faculty and staff as well.
 - ii. The review board will be 7 people from other institutions that will come here. They will get tours and have a set of meetings set up through their time here.
 - iii. VP Ibarra: how student research affects our accreditation.
 - iv. Our documents will touch on this on how this affects our greater outreach, how it affects creativity, what the research accomplishes, why it is done, demonstrates that we follow proper processes when doing our research.
 - v. EVP Mattler: the document, will it be available
 - vi. Will be at www.gvsu.edu/hlc when we see it done, I's dotted and T's crossed.
 - vii. VP Jones: Student survey response just for this or other things as well.
 - viii. Will be used for both the reaccreditation process but will also be used for potential changes in the future as well.
 - ix. We use information from other sources, like the sustainability efforts, the document has a max of 35000 words in total.
 - x. Senator Esselink: What happens if a university loses accreditation?
 - xi. The University does not lose accreditation right away, but usually put on probation, then certain goals are set that the university needs to meet.
 - xii. Senator Schaffer: 35000-word document, what is it filled with, raw data, or what students are doing, etc.?

- xiii. The report is 35000 but evidence is not limited, currently we have 5000 or 10000 pieces of evidence, there is no limit. So mix of data driven and qualitative. For example, Lanthorn Articles are placed in there.
- b. Deb Rambadt, Campus Dining
- i. We like to come early in the semester to talk about changes over the summer that occurred. We got a new director of campus dining, Paul Kramer. Also Chris Wolfe is director of operations. Started 2 new meal plans this semester, one is an unlimited meal plan at fresh with 10 meals at other locations and the other is a 3 meal plan.
 - ii. New items at fresh food, smoothies, handheld breakfast, grilled chicken for every meal period, more flat breads, new vegan station, many more. Also a global feature station that is coming soon.
 - iii. Fuel, Oath Pizza, renovation is almost done. Engrained there is a smoker there for BBQ. More to come throughout the year.
 - iv. We do have a registered dietitian with campus dining, free consultations, sign up at www.gvsufood.com VOC at each location, online survey were you can give feedback. Also Food committee meets once a week, we are there and anyone else is there where you can voice feedback. October 9 in Kirkhof in 1104. GVSUFood is handle for all of social media.
 - v. Senator Kolc: Unlimited meal plan swiping, how is it different.
 - vi. You can swipe multiple times during the day
 - vii. Senator Bialowas: New additions, effect on price of meal plans?
 - viii. Always inflation effect, they went up \$50 this year. But \$25 on the “larger” meal plans. Price is agreed upon between admins and campus dining.
 - ix. Senator Thompson: What would it take to get a fast food company, like a Wendy’s, to get them on campus.
 - x. Partnerships with lots of national brands, McDonalds will not partner with self operating, also franchising fees to meet are also part of what we need to consider. In October dining style survey will become available where we want to hear more of your feedback and hear what you want on campus.
 - xi. Senator Downy: In Fuel we noticed portions seen lower, any others?
 - xii. There have been no changes in portion changes, maybe a training issue.
 - xiii. VP Qureshi: Tubaware option?
 - xiv. At fresh there is a “ToGo” program for \$5, you get a 3 compartment TUBAWARE box and a compostable cup. Next time you come back you exchange the box for a clean. Probably 9 by 9 and around 3 inches deep.

- xv. Senator Nurmi: Papa Jonh's replacement? I was a delivery driver there, maybe keep something that delivers as a replacement.
- xvi. Keep in mind your input will help determine what goes there.
- xvii. Senator Quaine: What can we do to help close gap of pricing of meal plans.
- xviii. We do not know if we will go back to 3 plans where they will be different prices, but we are trying something new where how different prices are affected.
- xix. Senator Schaffer: Food committee we mentioned, you are 150 students short, how are you overcoming this currently.
- xx. Encouraging employees to refer new employees, how we can get more creative on recruiting on campus. Past week conference with other state schools and they are also short on staff. Our incentive program is our main driver.
- xxi. Senator Esselink: Every time I have heard a complaint from a general student campus dining worker, they say they do not enjoy it due to stress, overworked, when they sort of deter student from applying, maybe something that needs to be addressed for recruiting purposes.
- xxii. Senator Byod: Arizona's in the C-store?
- xxiii. We are taking a look, not on or off the table currently
- xxiv. Senator Bialowas: For \$5 fee for tubaware, is it only once (Yes)
- xxv. VP Jones: Options for meals that go unused for consideration?
- xxvi. Weekly plan resets every Saturday, but semester plans can be used throughout the week. So sharing a meal plan does come at a cost though that students have voice they do not want that.

III. **Public Comment – Part I**

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

V. **President's Report**

a. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- i. Change appointment of Hannah Benoit to Student Senate to Hannah Benoit to Public Relation Committee - Approved
- ii. Motion to strike officer reports
 - (1) Senator Schaffer: Rationale?
 - (2) VP Neva: Panel at 6pm, a lot of senators on that panel.
 - (3) Senator Kolc: When we signed up for senate, we sign up for Thursday to be all free
 - (4) Senator Nurmi: we didn't set this time as voter registration did

- (5) Vote – passed, officer reports strike
- b. November 1st, safety walk has been scheduled
- c. Saturday meet with Alumni board of directors, looking into having them involved in BOV.
- d. UAS meeting this Friday.
- e. Cabinet meetings are open, starting at 6:30pm in the senate office.

VI. Vice President's Report

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved
- b. 1 on 1s with all of cabinet, helping to keep track of what the committees are getting accomplished.
- c. 2 on 1s, fill out form please so Jenkin and I can meet with general senators to see how you are feeling so far on senate.
- d. BOV, promotions are ready to be sent out, shorts ordered, website is being constructed Friday the 27th of September. Will have donation button on website, first time in history. Sign up sheets for tabling and event help will be going out soon.
- e. VP Ibarra: Online donations, card processing fee?
- f. I don't believe so.
- g. Senator Bialowas: Pumpkin paint and sip, no definite number of pumpkins, Farm might do a donation, due to great yield, we are looking to have 50-100 pumpkins in total. We are in talks about donation, or reduced price. We do have a \$2500 budget, if pumpkins fall through we will do canvases.
- h. VP Crawford: don't forget about funding requests
- i. Senator Vincke: Aunt and Uncle run a pumpkin fall, around 700 yield

VII. Officer Reports

- a. **Senate Resources** – Holly Neva
- b. **Finance** – Amanda Crawford
- c. **Campus Affairs** – Carter Engler
- d. **Educational Affairs** – Erin McIntosh
- e. **Diversity Affairs** – Rachel Ibarra
- f. **External Relations** – Cameron Jones
- g. **Public Relations** – Bilal Qureshi

VIII. Call for University Committee Reports

-VP Qureshi: UAC meeting, filling in for VP Neva, they look at reports submitted from professors for assessment of classes. They make sure the reports don't have gaps, but if it does they make suggestions in to fill gaps. They mainly assess the reporting process. They are working on improving assessment of online and hybrid reporting classes. They help

oversee the reaccreditation process. Also at meeting, gen eds also get clumped together, so mass report.

-Senator Deberry: Gen ED Committee, they talked about a few art courses added, for filling Gen Ed requirements. They talked had a lot of information

-University Gen Ed Committee, open spot 330-430, meet every week, want to sit on it, reach out to VP McIntosh.

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

a. Appointment of Adam Gordon to the Finance Committee

i. VP Neva: Rational, committee sees that he is dedicated, recently accepted a fraternity bid, we are excited to welcome him

ii. Call to Question, no discussion

iii. Vote – All say yay

b. Appointment of Cale Merdzinski to the Finance Committee

i. VP Neva: Former VP at GRCC senate, excited to have his experience

ii. Call to question, no discussion

iii. Vote – All say yay

c. Appointment of Hannah Benoit to Student Senate

i. VP Neva: Rational, Dedicated and her ideas projects are great on how to improve culture at GVSU

ii. Discussion: VP Qureshi, from her interview I saw that she will be great on PRC

iii. Vote – All say yay

d. CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY

XI. Public Comment – Part II

XII. Call for Announcements

a. Senator Nurmi: Voter registration past Tuesday, thank you to all that helped out. From what I understand, we registered 341 students. Number to come for absentee ballot. Best turnout in state according to secretary of state compared to other universities.

b. VP Ibarra: Homecoming Regent, tomorrow is last night to vote.

c. VP McIntosh: Wednesday 6-8 in senate office, for sexual assault awareness committee.

d. Senator Wesley: Ice breaker for BBC, and thank you for all that came to town hall.

e. Senator Slade: October 1, FAFSA opens up. Closes march 1st.

f. Senator VanDeale: Anyone that signed up for state funding, should have gotten an email for doodle pole for times available.



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- g. VP Engler: Concerns for Campus dining, go to food committee, or campus dining survey cards.
- h. Senator Downy: Joining the Senate GroupMe if you want to be part of it, send Senate buddy pictures to me.
- i. Senator Swaozsky: Next Thursday there is a pep rally for Homecoming, also when Regent winner is announced
- j. VP Neva: Welcome to the new senators! Also Senate bonding events, Saturday, October 6th, we will be having a movie night! (location and time tbd) Friday, October 12th, we will be having a game night, Mario Party, Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, Uno, and some other weird games you guys have probably never heard of along with whatever games you guys bring! This event will be held at Holly Neva's apartment at around 7:00 pm.
- k. Senator Thompson: Stressing higher education funding raising

XIII. Adjournment: 5:41pm