



General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, February 13th, 2020 — 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette - Kirkhof Center

President: Eric-John Szczepaniak

Parliamentarian: Kelly Dowker

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- I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm
 - A. Moment of Silence
 - i. Native Land Recognition
 - B. Student Senate Creed
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Roll Call
 - II. Public Comment - Part I
 - III. Guest Speakers
 - A. Grace Tummel and Jakob Bigard - Hauenstein Center, Cook Leadership Academy
 - Hauenstein Center - host seminars and lectures, run Cook Leadership Academy, connects community and campus
 - Cook Leadership : mentor program, developing leadership skills
 - Common Ground : brings in historians, professors, authors, leading experts on issues that are seen as divisive/hyper-bipartisan
 - Questions:
 - Houtman: Describe Cook Leadership: a full year commitment whose purpose is to spend time focusing on leadership development; learning about self through self-reflection and how it applies to you as a leader; group of students from various backgrounds/identities learning from one another; lecture piece, bringing in community members to share philosophies; students share their own stories in public format; mentor program - all of these are pieces of the program working towards the goal of determining “who you are” and “who you are as a leader”
 - Thompson shares her experience within the program, is available to answer questions, and recommends the program
 - Russo shares that participation and events are free meant to support individuals as students and growing as a person
 - Armstrong - how often do students meet during the school year? / Typically met twice a month, generally on fridays - once a month for self-reflection and once as a lecture style. 3-4 hours each
 - Thompson: Can you talk more about Washington campus? Partner with group in Washington D.C., people a part of nonprofits, for-profits, various types of organizations to talk about how to effectively move forward as leaders / there is an application and review process involved with a fund provided specifically for CLA fellows
 - Benoit - Deadline is Monday, February 17th at midnight; CLA events are free and open to the public, spring schedule is available

- Garten - asks for more information on mentor program / try to partner students with someone who has a similar career path and personality type - these pairs meet 6 times a year - mentors will look different from person to person
- IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers
- V. President's Report
- A. Adoption of the Agenda
- Russo motions to move RHA and Drag show funding request to EVP's report
 - Add appointment of Nick Raak to after section VII and Line item b
 - Dowker motions and is seconded by Thompson to approve agenda as amended. Motion passes unanimously
- B. Attended Academic standards and policies committee - amending their academic forgiveness policy which will be available (to help) for students who have been dismissed from University and coming back, for those who are on academic probation and those who are under 2.7 GPA but have not yet received a warning
- C. BoT quarterly meeting highlight - future commuter parking lot will be available
- D. Academic Student Affairs Committee - shared student interest report (available in President's folder); ex. highlights - some of online programs will be able to go towards master's degree, approved a complaint procedure for non-tenured professors;
- E. Executive Committee of the Senate - information will be posted in Shared drive ; ECS voted 8-9 to dismiss a Student Senate resolution from 2018 on putting syllabi online. Ngassa would like to bring it up again, likely will build parameters and assign to a university committee which will hopefully culminate into a charge
- F. Fireside Chat (review date)
- G. Can view GVSU summer courses February 14th
- H. March 1st Fall/Winter classes available to view
- I. Tomorrow ECS meeting will include Senate Resolution regarding Voting Barriers - already making progress on the sections in regards to Transitions/orientation; piece going to ECS is the request for syllabi to include additional language such as the link to register to vote in MI
- J. Monday, Pres., Garten and Hicks will be meeting with Provost Name?
- VI. Senate Swag
- A. VP Fritz shares website for Senate Swag
- B. Questions
- C. Dowker - speak more about online store and timeline -/ store is not yet live, will be within next 3-7 business days. Will stay open for three weeks
- D. Marlowe - are there cords for graduation? / there are stolls made for Senate by University that are available to rent or to buy
- VII. Executive Vice President's Report
- A. Approval of the Minutes
- B. Speak with CTF delegates if there are questions and make sure delegates speak with VP and committee members
- C. Michigan Colleges School Spirit - deadline for registration is February 14th
- D. Mantella made an announcement about programs for adults returning to college
- E. Good luck to those who applied and interviewed to be RAs

VIII. Funding Request: RHA and Drag Club - Drag Show

- A. Russo presents presentation on 2nd Annual GV Drag Show - last year won program of the year and had 800+ attendees; this year booked Monique Heart as headliner, MI Drag Brunch; will take place on March 22nd
- B. Breakdown of funding request
- C. Samuels shares Laker Link breakdown of event; unanimous decision on CFB to approve this event which totals at \$15529
- D. Vote - motion approves with one abstention

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

- A. Appointment of Sarah Meyers to the Finance Committee / VP Samuels provides rationale and motions to appoint, seconded by Mueller. Siegrist speaks his support. Motion passes unanimously
- B. Appointment of Hugh Boyd to the External Relations Committee / VP Pagel provides rationale and motions to appoint, seconded by Murarescu. Samuels speaks to his passion for Senate. Motion passes with one nay.
- C. Appointment of Nick Raak to External Relations Committee / VP Benoit provides rationale and motions to appoint, seconded by Dowker. Motion passes unanimously
- D. Discussion on W-20-03: Ratification of the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding (SCHEF)
 - VP Pagel presents resolution - goal is to get students from all universities around state to work in collaboration to make sure higher education funding is equitable and maybe even increased - reads through the resolution
 - Original resolution from SVSU is available to be viewed in shared drive
 - Discussion:
 - Houtman is excited and supports resolution; has a question in regards to “sufficient numbers of student gov’t”? Pagel - more than 8; the number was not part of the original SCHEF document, but would be considered a majority. It’s left to be ambiguous // follow - up, so then should wording be “majority of student gov’ts”? Pagel doesn’t feel this is binding, but to recognize other student gov’ts
 - Hicks - Pagel has put an incredible amount of time and effort into this resolution and it’s important that Senate passes this as it would provide a way to lobby on behalf of GV
 - Siegrist - important to be a Senate that advocates that higher education funding; feels SCHEF is a great institution that GV should be apart of
 - Samuels - this is one of the best things Senate could do for the university as a whole; reads statement of support from VP Fritz
 - Thayer - feels this is the best way to serve students at university and the rest of the universities in the state
 - Koldomasov - appreciates the efforts made, will there be some kind of meeting and with how much frequency? Pagel - structure will be mostly finished by Saturday, which will be presented before voted on next week. Plan is to tie a huge meeting with all schools on top of student gov’t conferences as well as meetings within regions. Budget timeline for Michigan is available in Drive

- Szczepaniak - provides statistics/facts in regards to higher education funding (such as how it could impact tuition costs and operating budgets) in support of this resolution; highlights the final “whereas” statements in which its important to not compete with K-12, but to invest in all forms of education
 - Discussion and Voting will be had next Thursday
- E. Call for New Orders of the Day
- Dowker - Election packets go out on Monday and must be checked out online, turned in to OSL; can run in groups of 2 or 3 but much tell elections commission who you’re running with and cannot start campaign until all materials are filled out.
- XI. Five (5) Minute Recess - will return at 5:30pm
- XII. Public Comment - Part II
- XIII. Officer Reports
- A. Senate Resources - Hannah Benoit
- Climate Survey - to those who have not yet filled it out, the link is in the Slack again
 - Encourage senators to plug Senate Elections Packet (as opposed to application)
 - Open to digging deeper into Senate with new senators
 - Koldomasov - was denied permission to google form; Benoit will speak after GA
- B. Finance - Maddie Samuels
- No CFB this week, but there is appropriations
 - Committee received feedback about how Senators feels little connection with Finance - will present next week on what committee does; gvsu.edu/sos has resources in regards to every meeting - includes remaining budget in each category - or attend appropriations
 - Is building budget for next school year for student life fund; have already done meetings with orgs with preset budgets and has a few other meetings set up; will have a member from committee attend meetings; final proposal will be at GA in March; all proposals from committee and final will be in the drive
 - Paquet and Freeman - on CFB/approps approvals - (CFB) Muslim Student Association was approved for interfaith lecture; Cultural Showcase for Kpop group approved; Bring Together the World approved - all of these are on the campus calendar ;; approps - approved Tongsudo club for sparring equipment; Miracle network dance marathon; Lakerthon; Anchor Honors Council; Model UN, Midwest Model bus rental ; College Republicans bus rental.
- C. Campus Affairs - Grace McMahan
- Food Committee is Tuesday from 4-5 in Kirkhof 1104
 - Meeting with Heather Rowan along with president of CAB to talk about Giving campaign more
 - CAC will meet after GA next week
 - Succulents with Senators Feb 24th
 - Asian New Year festival is tomorrow in the Grand River Room
 - Those who need assistance registering to vote or filling out an absentee ballot can go to Senator Jacobs
- D. Educational Affairs - Autumn Mueller
- Last Lecture: help out with tabling, is on Wed. February 26th from 5-8pm in multipurpose room of Library. Speakers are Jeffrey Kelly Lowenstein; Name Meyers; Melissa Morrison

- Still working with Library in regards to Open Access and OERs a presentation will be coming shortly to GA
 - Is continuously writing transitions report
- E. Diversity Affairs - Alex Murarescu
- Shout-out to SAC for their Valentine's week programming which has been highly successful
 - Pronoun pins are available in the office next to the desk - best practice in professionalism is to follow name with pronouns.
 - Committee has been working on Black History Month projects and will follow suit with Women's month
 - CTF - recognizes Dowker for her hard work
 - Sent an email out to everyone interested in Made in Michigan interfaith Lab - if there is still someone interest, speak with Murarescu
 - Sent out an interest form for Jim Crow Museum Ferris State; will put a poll in Slack tonight
 - Next week, Carol Marseline from Kingston University will be at GV, learning and touring social justice centers, inclusion and equity committee, highlighting important programs; will be in the gallery next week, committee will have a few points within the next week where students can interact with her
 - Last event of the week is Gaslighting Workshop with React in Area 51 today - show Senator Hicks and student group support
 - VPs will be bringing committees a discussion on a privilege activity which would be performed during GA : learning about privilege is not to shame anyone, but to learn the dynamic of power, privilege and oppression. ; Shares quotes from students on privilege and its relations to leadership and good citizenship - asks that senators keep an open mind, to understand that privilege has a lot to do with shaping the Senate body and the work that it does
 - March 14th - LSU big event Carnival themed from 8pm-12 in Grand River Room - formal dance
 - Szczepaniak - shares example of how Senator's Hicks project impacted his perspective, feels more knowledgeable now as he was open to being taught; recognized his privilege
- F. External Relations - Joel Pagel
- SCHEF - would love for GV to join
 - Will meet with SVSU this weekend to talk about student gov't relations, SCHEF etc.
 - Working on meeting with Ferris State
 - Constitution and Structure is pretty much done, all that's lacking is a final review meeting (should be done next week)
 - Next week - will be meeting with administration in regards to SCHEF
 - Lobbying day in March in Lansing
 - March 10th election coming up
 - Archive Day this sunday at 2pm
 - Allendale Township Meetings will be posted in Slack, would like to have several senates pretend
- G. Public Relations - Ryan Fritz
- Presented by Senator Moine
 - Elections and Senate Swag is moving forward well
 - Elections portion of website is updated
 - Lanthorn is putting together a graphic to advertise for elections

- PRC is making progress on social media calendar; always open to creating graphics and adverts
- Frappier adds to keep an eye out for Senate Swag email; thanks to those who helped with bulletin board; PRC meeting times will change, but it will be posted in Slack

XIV. Sub-Committee Reports

- Marlowe - Sustainability met last Tuesday at 5pm - discussed discussing and drafting a climate emergency resolution as well as another project idea on invasive species on campus
- DeBerry - Wednesday Care Fair will not occur, but it will take place sometime this semester; will participate in a social media campaign; met with counseling center to discuss 7 grand days from 16th to 22nd - daily challenges/prizes to focus on the seven pillars of happiness - launch party on March 12th in Kirkhof before GA

XV. University Committee Reports

- Nitzkin - President Mantella appointed new committee - educational campaign committee which will meet on Wednesday, reaction to all occurring events to former offensive coach. This committee's job will be to inform people on colonization, antisemitism, holocaust, etc. It is a closed committee, but Nitzkin will be happy to share
- SORB will meet tomorrow
- Moine - went to campus life committee meeting - talked about student support network ; has minutes available for those interested. Wanted to highlight that director said that feedback from other schools revolved around the program not working as it was faculty-centered, not a good idea, but commented that it will/did work at GV because it is GV
- Murarescu - Burnall will be following what came out of the Reach Higher Together campaign, including all Mantella's workshops - highlighted importance of peer mentorships (How GV should expand this) and financial wellness. BoT was receptive to these conclusions

XVI. Call for Announcements

- Houtman - Alumni mentorship program is still plugging away, would like Senate to push a survey (will be sent to PRC and would appreciate if someone from EAC would reach out if they're willing to work on it, talk about mentorship program) // would appreciate it if someone would like to partner with him to make sure the program keeps going in the next year
- Szczepaniak - University Libraries asks Senate to go to Online Knowledge Market and utilize it, to receive feedback on how system works ; additionally, there is a proposed 20-21 schedule - first new cabinet meeting will be dedicated to approve new schedule. Up to next Cabinet to ultimately decide, but the schedule is designed to take place almost every other week
- Frappier - thanks those who helped with SAC events/tabling; go to React event; there are still many projects that SAC is working on which need attention ; continue reaching out to new senators ; keep an eye out for email to VPs in regards to Student Senate Week
- Murarescu - after next GA from 6:30-8:30, HH will host an absentee ballot and voter registration drive / DAC will be having a Canvas Painting night for Senate Week (25th in Nemeyer MPR)
- Koldomasov: voices thanks for warm atmosphere - asks to be connected to good cameraman for a Ukraine to US video
- McMahon - CSLC is hiring soon, be on the look out for the application
- Thompson - apply for CLA ; next thursday after GA will be first Senate buddy competition - Minute to Win It - whichever group of senate buddies wins the most will win the prize ; join channel for inter mural sports

- Nitzkin - Do the Climate Survey ; those interested in speaking on the Middle-East Israel-Palestinian relations, may speak with Nitzkin
- Benoit - new senators should hear from Benoit in regards to filling out their information on the google sheets; go to Gaslighting workshop
- Moine - whoever is interested in meeting for a Bible Study may speak with her, brief meeting after this GA
- Dowker - Make-Up composite session next Thursday; interested in running for cabinet, speak to current cabinet members

XVII. Adjournment: 6:16pm