



# General Assembly

Thursday, January 13th, 2022 – 4:30 pm

ZOOM

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## I. **Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm**

### a. Moment of Silence

#### i. Native Land Recognition

### b. Student Senate Creed

- i. We, as members of Grand Valley State University's Student Senate, dedicate ourselves to cultivating a student body that is engaged, healthy, and empowered. We pledge to represent all students and their diverse, ever-changing needs. With persistency, intentionality, and integrity, we strive to create a Laker experience that is equitable, accessible, and sustainable.

### c. Pledge of Allegiance

### d. Roll Call - Part I

## II. **Public Comment – Part I**

## III. **Guest Speakers**

### a. Reaching Higher 2025 Updated Strategic Plan Presentation: Mark Schaub, Janet Winter, and Tara Bivens

- i. Schaub: is thankful for the invitation to join again today. They visited the student senate in the fall in person with what they thought was a great plan that they worked hard on. They got an endorsement from the Student Senate. On October 1st, 2021 the University Academic Senate voted to not endorse Reaching Higher 2025. President Mantella gave them a few additional months to make changes and that is what they are presenting today.
- ii. President Mantella has held around a dozen leadership conversations with faculty and staff and will be holding sessions with students soon to gather input.
- iii. They added 4 new faculty members to the steering committee and replaced student vacancies.
- iv. They kept the values statements unchanged. They focused on the many pages of input from UAS while still balancing what they heard from all campus communities. They made significant changes to the website, and added land recognition.
- v. The mission statement: took the second sentence from the 2016-2021 mission statement.
- vi. Vision statement: expanded and detailed to emphasize the integration of liberal and professional education, specified who "we" are, added the word student to complement the use of "learner", and removed the unpopular word "unmatched."



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- vii. Empowered educational experience: worked to center student agency and tried to conceptualize and articulate that concept, added bullet points that point to some of the specific ways the strategy will be enacted without too many tactics, eliminated the phrase “high touch,” deleted the “marketing language,” emphasized the role of talented faculty by specifically naming their important leadership role
- viii. Lifelong learning: added bullet points with more details, specifically emphasized continued dedication to “traditional-aged FTIAC student population,” emphasized the importance of enrolled students in fostering the principles of a lifetime of learning, eliminated “entrepreneurial” as a goal for student behavior, and deleted the “marketing” language
- ix. Educational Equity: provided bullet-pointed specifics, emphasized the connection between the well-being of people to the well-being of the world and communities, and changed “impatiently” to “urgently.”
- x. Can view the two versions of the website to see the changes that have been made
- xi. Biermacher: thinks marketing could still be important as GVSU is trying to grow as a university. Is there any way they could promote the university in a more obvious way?
  - (1) Schaub: they could, but it is not the goal of this document. There are professionals who handle the marketing for the university and they will not stop their work. This will serve as their guidebook so GVSU is not represented as something they are not
- xii. Krichevsky: thanks them for coming, expresses that she is very happy to see the growth and all of the hard work that has went into these changes to make it look so great
- xiii. Rusch: thanks them for coming, what are strategies along with education to create these “globally minded citizens?”
  - (1) Winter: strategies give way to show that there is a lot of room for innovation and creativity to what global minded means. There are many different lenses to look through. It is broad enough for every department to decide what this means to them. Things such as study abroad and focusing on sustainability
  - (2) Rusch: how can GVSU portray that they are a community that does a lot more than just education?
  - (3) Winter: In her opinion education goes further than just classes. The Student Senate is providing education even though they are not receiving credit for being a part of it. Most experiences at GVSU provide opportunities for education



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- xiv. Mueller: thanks them for coming in, looks forward to hopefully seeing it come to life
- b. Cook Leadership Academy: Grace Tummel and Abigail Sachs
- i. Tummel: assistant director at the Hauenstein Center
  - ii. Sachs: program director for cook leadership academy
  - iii. Sachs: recruitment for next year for the Cook Leadership academy is in full swing. There are 30 minute virtual information sessions scheduled for 1/18, 2/2 and 2/17 at 5:00pm to get more information and ask questions
  - iv. Tummel: it is a full year commitment to develop yourself and your leadership skills.
  - v. Kidd: how much time should be dedicated to the application?
    - (1) Tummel: recommends that you look at the application and put the 8 short essay questions in a word document to give yourself time to reflect before you answer them on the application. It depends on yourself and how fast you crank out writing
  - vi. Frappier: thanks them for coming, is there an interview process following the application?
    - (1) Sachs: about 2 weeks after the application closes they will send out invitations for interviews and you will be interviewed by a panel. It is a single interview and decisions are made before the end of the academic year
  - vii. Matthews: What are some of the ways the leadership academy develops the person and is it open to all majors?
    - (1) Sachs: over 40 majors represented currently, encourage all majors. They host workshops that allow for self reflection, and you have an opportunity to be mentored 1:1 by someone that is currently in your desired field.
    - (2) Tummel: they hear the biggest impact is relationships. You meet with the same students every time and it allows you to meet people you maybe wouldn't meet on your own.
  - viii. Bucon: Can you share your emails to contact you with more questions?
    - (1) Reach out anytime, they enjoy talking to students about the leadership academy. Would be happy to get lunch or a coffee or schedule a zoom meeting to talk more [tummelg@gvsu.edu](mailto:tummelg@gvsu.edu) [sachsa@gvsu.edu](mailto:sachsa@gvsu.edu)
    - (2) Kidd: could also reach out to her with any questions
  - ix. Mueller: thanks them for coming

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



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- a. Kidd: nominate your favorite professors for last lecture:

<https://forms.gle/m3YUf8FsJMwHEvte9>

## V. **President's Report**

- a. Adoption of the Agenda

- i. Schmidt: motions to add a discussion point to move back to in person GA and cabinet meetings under item number VIII

(1) Mueller: can answer this now, meeting on zoom is just for this week and next week and will not be a permanent thing after that

(2) Schmidt: retracts the motion

- b. Hopes everyone had a restful break and a good first week of classes

- c. Hopefully meeting in person will be back soon, keep an eye on the COVID data dashboard, things are high right now, but it is not her plan to make this a permanent thing

- d. The GA schedule is in the drive, pay attention to the locations

- e. State of the student body will be in Cook DeWitt in two weeks, her and every VP will be giving reports on what they accomplished last semester and what they hope to accomplish this semester

- f. Student Senate newsletter was sent out

- g. Provost search committee candidates will be on campus next week and the times to meet with each of them have been sent out, feel free to show up and ask them questions

- h. Still finding the date to schedule strategic planning, hope to do it in February

- i. Cabinet will be meeting with President Mantella to have a book discussion on leadership in February

- j. Will be speaking at the Board of Trustees regarding what students care about this year, reach out to her with things you would like to be completed

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes

- i. Stand approved

- b. Hopes everyone had a great break and getting back into classes easily

- c. Will be hearing a lot from him in the near future

## VII. **Unfinished Business**

## VIII. **New Business**



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

b. O'Neil Motions to vote on an approval statement for Reaching Higher 2025

- i. Seconded by Kidd, 19 yays, 1 abstention
- ii. President Muller will write it and put it in the slack to allow for any edits and then send it to Mark and his team.

IX. **Public Comment – Part II**

X. **Officer Reports**

a. **Senate Resources** – Alexis Krichevsky

- i. Welcomes everyone back from break
- ii. If you are considering running for a cabinet position for next year, reach out to your VP or the VP of the committee you plan to run for so you can meet with them and shadow them to get a better understanding of the role
- iii. Updated rules for office hours: if you are able to go into the office to do your office hours in person do that, but if you cannot you can do them online and explain in the form what you were working on so that more senate work comes out of office hours
- iv. For the next two weeks SRC will be coming into committee meetings for about 10 minutes to go over Robert's Rules and answer questions

b. **Allocations** – Ben Biermacher

- i. Will not be meeting this week because there were no submissions that met the criteria
- ii. Meeting online next week, zoom link will be in his folder under allocations in the drive
- iii. Get your training so you can have voting rights
- iv. Reignite is tomorrow from 3:00-5:00, will be presenting
- v. Kidd: is reignite virtual tomorrow?

(1) Biermacher: Yes it is, the link will be in his personal folder in the drive

c. **Public Relations** – Eldon Pearson

- i. PRC is meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesdays on zoom
- ii. Finished hosting 1:1s
- iii. Newsletter was released today
- iv. Ordered new promotional items, \$2700 worth
- v. Senate swag will tentatively be relaunched next week, need at least 10 orders for the order to process.



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- vi. Senator Hoogwerf is working with DAC on doing a round table
- vii. Student senate week is February 21-25, each committee will be doing an event to promote senate
- viii. Form to nominate your VP or friend for student of the month is in PRC's folder
- ix. Submit social media requests as early as possible. Pluggers and flyers take about a month
- d. **Campus Affairs** – Aaron Rusch
  - i. CAC is meeting Fridays at 12:00pm, locations will vary
  - ii. ElectHer is in the works
  - iii. They are working on senate week event
- e. **Educational Affairs** – Faith Kidd
  - i. Last Lecture will be EAC's senate week event, 30 people in person and will also have a zoom option. Fill out the survey to nominate the professors who have gone out of their way to help students during these difficult times
  - ii. She always has things to do if you ever need things to do during office hours
  - iii. OER: will be re-releasing textbook affordability survey, hopefully writing statement of support, OER meets Mondays at 2:00pm every other week on zoom if you are interested in joining
  - iv. EAC: meeting with Christine Rener on January 25th, committee meetings will be on zoom until then
  - v. Partnering with DAC to do a literature table in the library
  - vi. EAC meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm on zoom for the next two weeks
  - vii. If anyone gets sick reach out to her for anything you need
  - viii. Meeting with honors college president next week about how successful their mentorship program has been and to draft a pilot program to give to the other colleges
  - ix. Matthews is researching the benefits of outdoor study spaces
  - x. Pearson: what kind of lectures are given during last lecture
    - (1) "If you could give one last lecture what would it be?" Is the question each professor answers during this event
    - (2) Mueller: typically it is a space where faculty can showcase their whole life and all of the choices they made and it lets you in on their life, every lecture she has seen the three years she ran it were very touching
- f. **Diversity Affairs** – Kyle Gineman



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- i. MLK day of service in Kirkhoff is Saturday, January 22. Changes to now staying in Kirkhoff to do service, have to re-register for this new version. Lots of other MLK events throughout the week
- ii. DAC is meeting Mondays at 6:00pm, on zoom for now.
- iii. UFC meets next on Friday, January 28th
- g. **External Relations** – Justin Frappier
  - i. This semester goes way faster than last semester, so hit the ground running
  - ii. Cabinet is meeting after this, encourages everyone to join
  - iii. ERC is meeting on zoom for now, link is on committee sheet in the drive
  - iv. Working on setting up meetings with SVSU about BOV
  - v. ERC is hoping to have a larger presence from GVSU at the community meetings
  - vi. Schmidt is working on legislation
  - vii. Pagel is working on setting up a meeting with Allendale public schools to see how they can get involved
  - viii. Advisor Baker-Boosamra is joining next week's ERC meeting to discuss civic engagement, feel free to join
  - ix. Make sure you take care of yourself

## XI. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Mental Health Awareness Rationale, presented by Senator Kreger: plans to send something out about finding a good time for MHAC to meet this semester. A few people have reached out to co-sponsor legislation through MHAC. Hopes everyone has had a good week back and is taking care of their mental health. Can always reach out to him for anything you need.
- b. Sustainability Rationale, presented by Senator Biggs: fill out the when to meet form if you are interested in coming to meetings, working on legislation come to meeting for more information
- c. Sexual Assault Awareness Committee Rationale, presented by Senator Pagel: working on finding out a good time to meet, meeting with chief DeHann of GVPD and the counseling center to learn more about their resources

## XII. University Committee Reports

## XIII. Roll Call - Part II

## XIV. Call for Announcements



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- a. Krichevsky: The winner for top office hours will be getting a gift card. Senator Schmidt is the winner, congratulations to him
- b. EVP O'Neil: cabinet will be meeting at 6:00pm, the link has been sent in the slack

XV. **Adjournment: 5:42pm**