

Grand Valley State University Student Senate



General Assembly

Thursday, October 13th, 2022

Pere Marquette Room, 4:30pm

Chair: Faith Kidd

Parliamentarian: Justin Frappier

“Student Senate will cultivate a student body that is engaged, healthy, and empowered.”

I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:44pm

- a. Moment of Silence
 - i. Native Land Recognition
- b. Student Senate Mission Statement
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Roll Call - Part I

II. Public Comment – Part I

III. Guest Speaker

- a. Schmidt: moves to table agenda point until EVP report is complete
 - i. Biermacher: 2nd
 - ii. Schmidt: moves to to carry the motion with unanimous consent
 - iii. Senate votes to table agenda point until EVP report is complete
- b. Schmidt: moves to suspend the rules, which are to be reinstated after 59 minutes and immediately after the reinstatement of the rules the senate resolves to move on to the next agenda item
 - i. Al Moutaa- 2nd
 - ii. 19 yays, 2 abstentions
 - iii. Senate votes to suspend the rules, which are to be reinstated after 59 minutes and immediately after the reinstatement of the rules the senate resolves to move on to the next agenda item
- c. Marlene Kowalski-Braun: DEI Workshop
 - i. “Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better”- Maya Angelou
 - ii. Inclusion and equity institute- not a person or an office, it is a team of people that collaborate to deliver transformative information. Services are for students, faculty, staff, and surrounding community. Walking and working alongside others.
 - iii. Encourages everyone to check out *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love* by Valarie Kaur
 - iv. A journey, not a destination, and there is an urgency.
 - v. In safe learning spaces there is a comfort we all expect to have, sometimes safety can create an unwillingness to be uncomfortable and get in the way of learning. You can't have learning without being uncomfortable sometimes. Brave space means you have a willingness to learn.

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- vi. What group agreements would help us to foster a brave place? Have basic respect for everyone, listen before you speak, assume positive intent, be willing to understand the background and perspective of someone who has different views than you, and be willing to be wrong. Keep specifics confidential, engage in both/and thinking, listen deeply, practice curiosity, speak from "I" point of view, and sit with discomfort.
- vii. Constructive listening is for the benefit of the talker- cognitive + affective processing = increased understanding. Requires: sharing equal time, don't interrupt, maintain confidentiality, no criticism, give undivided attention.
- viii. Diversity- includes all the ways in which people differ, encompassing the different characteristics that make one individual or group different from one another.
- ix. Inclusion- the act of creating environments in which any individual or group can be and feel welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully participate. You have to ask people what they need and do something about it.
- x. Equity- fair treatment, access, opportunity and advancement for all people, while at the same time striving to identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented the full participation
- xi. "To cover is the downplay of a disfavored trait in order to blend into the mainstream. Because all of us possess stigmatized attributes, we all encounter pressure to cover."
-Kenji Yoshino
- xii. Personal identity- how we see ourselves as individuals, including our personality traits, academic and social interests etc.
- xiii. Social group identity- how people see us based on certain physical, cultural, and social characteristics associated with social group categories
- xiv. Intersectionality by Kimberle Crenshaw- we are not but one thing
- xv. What behaviors show up when people are trying to get into the heavily resourced group?
- xvi. Leaving you with: how do you think the Student Senate does in creating the conditions for inclusion and equity to thrive? Hopes to see everyone at the Teach-In!

IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers

V. President's Report

- a. Adoption of the Agenda
 - i. Rusch: moves to set adjournment to 6:45 pm
 - (1) Schmidt- 2nd
 - (2) 9 yays, 2 nays, 9 abstentions
 - (3) Motion fails

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- ii. Ran into an issue with her midterm today and does not have a report, if you have any questions feel free to reach out. Wishes everyone best of luck on the rest of their midterms.

VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- a. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. Stand approved
- b. Email etiquette- read over emails before sending them out, assure they are concise and professional. Address individuals with their official title, reach out to your VP if you are unsure of someone's title. CC your VP when sending emails. If you are planning to meet with upper level admin, connect with him and your VP before moving forward. If you are looking to meet with anyone from the SLT reach out to President Kidd first, there are cabinet members that are liaisons that may already have contact with who you are trying to contact.
- c. If new members don't have access to slack, Google drive or are not receiving emails, reach out to him.
- d. Working on scheduling headshots, they will likely be after Thanksgiving break.
- e. Fill out the contact sheet in the drive.
- f. BOT meeting is November 4 at 11am, in Detroit but will also be live streamed.
- g. ECS discussed the GVSU tuition model this week after a professor proposed that GVSU should rebuild their tuition model, especially for graduate students. Students who enroll in a combined undergraduate and graduate program usually end up paying graduate level prices for undergrad classes. It was an interesting discussion.
- h. Student senate memo on student senate compensation will be presented at ECS this week.
- i. Rusch: could you define SLT and ECS
 - i. Frappier: ECS- executive committee of the senate, essentially the cabinet of faculty senate, they meet almost every week and their entire body meets once a month. SLT stands for senior leadership team includes people such as the VP of student affairs and VP of student enrollment

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

- a. Farmers Market Legislation
 - i. Schmidt: had previously brought this idea to the body about the overflow in lot G3 while the farmers market is there during peak hours on Wednesdays. Added lot numbers and more specifics.
- b. Rusch: point of order, eating is out of decorum

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- i. Kidd: overrules point of order, allows senators to eat because of the long meeting times
 - (1) Schmidt: appeals overrule
 - (a) Schmidt: the precedent from today will be upheld the rest of the year. If we uphold this ruling then they can eat anytime in GA for the remainder of the year.
 - (b) Kidd: has planned for dinner to be catered for future long GAs and this would decide if you were able to eat during the meetings or only during recesses
 - (c) Kidd: yay- support ruling of the chair, allowed to eat during GA nay- overrule ruling of the chair to not eat in
 - (d) 12 yays, 7 nays, 2 abstentions
 - ii. Schmidt: reads legislation
 - iii. Flickinger: how many students are burdened by this?
 - (1) Schmidt: thinks it is a fair number, shows a picture he took of lot G3 overflow while farmers market was going on, students are circling looking for spots.
 - iv. Roubos: would it be wiser to specify the specific location rather than leave it up to their interpretation. Thinks with the suggestion of H1 or H2 or another location that they could pick another location that is just as bad.
 - (1) Schmidt: hears that concern, that's why he specifies that if they pick another location that it does not burden students.
 - v. Kolar: is a relatively new student at GVSU, this is his first time hearing about the farmer's market. Wonders if there is any specific reason why he chose this lot and how that would affect those who hold the farmers market.
 - (1) Schmidt: That is why he gives options for a different lot.
 - vi. Hoogwerf: moving it out of lot G due to giving undue burden to students but would moving it to lot H1 or H2 burden students who park there?
 - (1) Schmidt: plenty of spaces available in lot H1 and H2 at the same time as the farmers market. Shows pictures and there are rows upon rows. Don't want to use a faculty lot and open that can of worms.
 - vii. Rusch: had no stake in this legislation until he went to the gym on Wednesday morning and was lucky to get a spot, while H had plenty of open spots. Thinks this is a quick change and will be an easy pass through senate.
 - viii. Al Moutaa: legislation has to go to UAS and if they try to move it to a faculty lot it may not pass.
 - (1) Kidd: does not have to go to UAS or ECS, that is just one route it could possibly take.

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- ix. Bucon: thinks he did a great job., appreciates his work and thinks the photos really help.
- x. Schmidt: open to amendments and making those changes. Does not want it to be controversial. If you have questions or problems, come talk to him and he would be happy to work with you.
- xi. Kidd: calls for a recount of the most recent votes on objection of the chair's ruling
 - (1) Kidd: Stated incorrectly- need 2/3s majority to pass, yay is in support of Schmidt's overrule, nay is against Schmidt's overrule
 - (2) Frappier: if it reaches 2/3 votes objection stands and you can not eat in GA
 - (3) Kidd: need to reach 2/3s majority prior to abstentions
 - (4) Johnson IV: does this affect the catering mentioned earlier?
 - (a) Kidd: there would still be catering but you would only be able to eat during recesses
 - (5) Rusch: requests that they use a roll call vote
 - (a) Kidd: Motion fails, eating in general assembly is allowed.

IX. Five Minute Recess

- a. Call meeting back to order: 6:25pm

X. Public Comment- Part II

XI. Officer Reports

- a. **Senate Resources** – Mallory Everly
 - i. Fall inservice is next Thursday, if there are any topics you need more information on, slack it to her by the end of the day tomorrow
 - ii. Working on ordering the new member's placards, hopefully they won't take too long.
 - iii. For every office hour that you miss, you receive half an absence, meaning that if you miss a week's worth of office hours, you will receive one whole absence. Each semester, senators are permitted to have 3 unexcused absences before receiving a consequence. This means that any unexcused absences over the amount of 3 will be grounds for a referral to the Conduct Review Board for further action. They are now to a point where people have missed such a large amount of office hours that they are at risk of being referred to the Conduct Review Board, and potentially being removed from the body. Office hours are required per the governing documents, if you are not doing them, there will come a point where she can not help you due to the requirements within the governing documents. Each of you need to complete 2 office hours per week. Office hours are due by 5:00pm each Friday, and if you have any

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- questions about what counts/what doesn't, reach out to her and she will be happy to help you.
- iv. Al Moutaa: where can they access the link for office hours?
 - (1) Everly: go into Student Senate drive, the SRC folder, the office hours folder, and in the one singular google doc there is a link to the form.
 - (2) Al Moutaa: you can also go into the Student Senate drive and search office hours and it will come up
 - v. Bates: Will you let them know if they've missed a week of office hours?
 - (1) Everly: has been contacting people for absences, but has not had time to contact every person that misses office hours, but if that is helpful she can do that.
 - vi. Bucon: where can you check how many absences you have?
 - (1) Everly: she keeps track of them in the master file, but asks that you not open it because it has everyone's information in it and some that is sensitive. Will create a spreadsheet so everyone can see the amount of absences and office hours that each person has.
 - vii. Al Moutaa: would Everly be willing to send a reminder every Friday at 10am to remind everyone to fill out the office hour form.
 - (1) Everly: no, she reminds everyone that they are due during her report at GA every week. She has too much going on to worry about that.
 - (2) Al Moutaa: Does Everly want him to send the reminder?
 - (a) Kidd: you can say whatever you would like using their group messaging apps.
- b. Allocations – Benjamin Biermacher**
- i. Meeting tomorrow 1:30pm in KC 2215, busy meeting and would be very interesting to come to.
 - ii. Will be doing the funding training presentation and an update on the internal operating budget during inservice next week.
 - iii. Funding meetings count towards office hours, they are fun, and a great way to meet people
 - iv. Hahs: what is inservice?
 - (1) Kidd: a meeting they do every year to make sure everyone is filled in on policies and procedures, what each committee does, email etiquette, and communication channels. Food will be provided. It will be in Pere Marquette like a typical meeting at 4:30pm.
 - v. Hallead: Would it be inappropriate to show up late to an allocations meeting if she has class?

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- (1) Biermacher: totally ok, encourages you to just make it to as much as you can.
- vi. Bucon: bring any and all questions to inservice, there are no dumb questions.
- vii. Gjolaj: Is inservice business casual dress?
 - (1) Kidd: Casual dress
- viii. Flickinger: motion to adjourn
 - (1) Kidd: there has already been a privileged motion to adjourn, cannot repeat it.
- c. **Public Relations** – Emily Bucon
 - i. Thanks everyone for their participation today and last week, everyone is doing a great job.
 - ii. Proctor is meeting with members of the body to create content regarding the legislation process and what its journey looks like.
 - iii. Hallead has been looking through the drive and reviewing governing documents to make herself familiar.
 - iv. Teach-in proposals began this past Tuesday and will continue next Tuesday- her and Bates are spearheading teach-in promotions and they are planning to table the week before in Kirkhof so be on the lookout for a sign-up for that.
 - v. Will follow up with their advisor regarding the newsletter and bring updates next week.
- d. **Campus Affairs**- Bianca Muñoz
 - i. Their committee talked about their liaison roles to connect with departments on campus such as the counseling center, GVPD, greek life, and residence and housing. They will start reaching out this week.
 - ii. Met with Doug Wentworth, director of auxiliary services, to talk about reinstating the food committee. UFC is no longer a thing, last year it had student senate, faculty, staff, and administration representation. The Student Senate wanted to create a committee to get student feedback regarding food on campus, so she will be working on this with her committee. Would like to have a lot of senate representation, if you would like to sit on it, reach out to her. She will be reaching out to the body with specific times and dates soon.
 - iii. CAC meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the senate office.
 - iv. Kidd: food committee will count towards office hours and food will be provided.
- e. **Educational Affairs**- Lina Haas
 - i. Thanks everyone for electing her, thoroughly enjoying meeting everyone this week.
 - ii. Meeting with Matt Ruen next week to discuss OER.
 - iii. EAC will meet following GA each week. When there is no GA they will meet at 4:30pm on Thursdays in the office

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iv. Al Moutaa: asks her to define OER

(1) Haas: Open educational resources

f. **Diversity Affairs** – Larbi Al Moutaa

i. Working hard to create the final draft of a legislation regarding student wages. If you have time to take a look and leave comments he would really appreciate it.

g. **External Relations** – Zachary Schmidt

i. Next Wednesday he is meeting with Chief DeHaan and parking services to discuss parking on sidewalk policies and his legislation.

ii. Will be making revisions to farmers market legislation

iii. Committee meeting tomorrow at 3:30pm. They are having an archive day to see what the old senate has done.

XII. University Committee Reports

a. Biermacher: SORB is meeting again in two weeks, 17 new organizations are going to present. It is good news that students are looking to start clubs about their passions.

b. Kidd: entertains straphole about how many have heard back regarding their university committee

i. Kidd: will follow up for the fifth time

XIII. Roll Call - Part II

XIV. Call for Announcements

a. Everly: there is a sheet for you to see how many office hours you have, it will be in the office hours folder.

b. Kidd: attended academic policies and standards committee this morning. Their policies need updating, so they are working on that and comparing them with other institutions. Zooming into ECS tomorrow to present their compensation proposal. GA schedule is almost finalized for next semester, 2 weeks on 1 week off is the main format with a lot of focus on CTF and working with the Johnson Center. There will be food provided at long GAs and training moving forward starting next week, does not feel right having you meet here during dinner time, thanks to Doug Wentworth. There will be no GA 11/3, have a night off to attend the Fall concert downtown if you would like. Thanks them for the homecoming nomination. Has been called into work more than often, may not be at GA next week, Frappier and Everly will take care of them if she can not be there. Working with Doug to plan a Holiday Party on 12/1, will be in a different location and food will be provided.

c. Biermacher: CTF stands for constitutional task force

d. Hahs: what defines long GA meeting

i. Kidd: more than 90 minutes

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XV. Adjournment: 6:51pm