

Grand Valley State University Student Senate

General Assembly

Thursday, December 8, 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: 4:31pm

- a. Moment of Silence
 - i. Native Land Recognition
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call - Part I

II. Public Comment – Part I

III. Guest Speaker- Chief Brandon DeHaan, GVPD

- a. DeHaan: President Kidd has been very helpful with helping the PD in dealing with a number of challenges on campus. VP Munoz and Schmidt have also been very helpful with the department.
- b. Safety on the Grand Rapids and Allendale Campuses
 - i. There are members of the community that have a fear and distrust of police, he recognizes that. Comes with the understanding that he needs to listen, wants to make sure that he is here to serve the campus body. Not trying to sweep anything under the rug or cover things up.
 - ii. Of the national trends of mass shootings on/near institutions of higher education this semester, there are 12 listed and 2 are associated with GVSU. They expect this type of behavior in bigger cities, but not places like Missouri or Delaware or Allendale. This type of activities are occurring everywhere around the US.
 - iii. Context in the city of GR- after the shooting of Breonna Taylor and murder of George Floyd, there were many riots in GR- GVPD officers were deployed multiple times, as well as after the shooting of Jacob Blake, defund the police movement, ANTIFA, there were various protests on GR streets. Police have been on their heels- creating opportunities for criminals to engage in violent behavior
 - iv. GVSU campus alerts for gun and other violent incidents-
 - (1) 2018- 6/13- shooting at canvas apartments
 - (2) 2019- 7/6- shooting after 4th of July fireworks downtown GR, 9/10- armed robbery near IDC in GR
 - (3) 2021- 4/10- shooting at enclave apartments, 8/14- shooting at blue bridge, 9/25- armed robbery at canvas apartments
 - (4) 2022- 6/14- increase in criminal activity surrounding GR campus, 6/15 unarmed robbery on blue bridge, 8/20- uptick in criminal activity surrounding GR campus, 8/27- shooting at canvas apartments, 9/10- aggravated assault on blue bridge, 9/11- shooting on Blue Bridge, 9/17- unarmed robbery at US 131 overpass in GR, 9/18- shooting at canvas apartments- 2 students a part of this event, everyone that

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shot had a license to carry, 10/23- shooting at Alpine apartments- bullets struck someone through a car and the person did not want medical attention

- v. Themes- occurring at off campus apartments or locations, occurring after midnight, usually non-student involvement, intoxicant involvement, weapons (handguns) used
- vi. Response to the violence
 - (1) increased patrols
 - (2) GR- blue bridge shut down weekend nights after midnight, worked with GRPD and MSP- created contact teams, electrical outlets on Blue Bridge locked, planters and barricades on blue bridge to block vehicles, increase in lighting and cameras, meeting with GR Deans to change building locking times, exploring changing staffing from security to police model
 - (3) Allendale- worked with off-campus landlords for crime free multi-housing- if there is criminal activity they have to leave, Portable license plate recognition cameras, Fixed LPR ordered- if you're able to identify evidence you'll be able to solve more crimes
- vii. What can be done to further safety on the campuses?
 - (1) Roubos: what policies and initiatives are in place to protect and support the LGBTQ student population?
 - (a) DeHaan: no policies to support specific groups, more importantly they know that the LGBTQ community is the most underrepresented. 10% of the department is LGBTQ identifying. They need to be able to see what they can do to protect them.
 - (2) Hahs: what responsibility does the off campus apartments hold to keep students safe?
 - (a) DeHaan: too many housing units, more beds than students. Number of non-students living in these apartment complexes. Wants them to consider if they should rent to non-students? You can live in weapon free housing if they live on GV's campus, he encourages all students to live here. If you live off-campus you should talk to your landlord, they can prohibit weapons on your property. This might be something that the student senate considers. They can put it in the lease and put signs up on the property. Do you wish to be in an environment that allows people to live with weapons and use intoxicants? Important that you voice your opinion to leaders. Thinks it is important for you to ensure that you are living in a safe environment.
 - (3) Biermacher: GVSU and GR need to collaborate on solutions for those that live on the downtown campus. Given that GR is such a large community, how productive have those conversations been?

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- (a) DeHaan: GVPD polices the Pew Campus, GRPD helps when they are short staffed. GVPD is responsible for university property. Maybe there needs to be a discussion about the amount of university housing downtown. You need to think about where you are living and who owns those places. What is the best thing for everyone involved? Consider law enforcement as a field of study, a lot of it comes down to be the change. He needs people to be the change. If this continued pattern of more and more police officers retiring and no one taking their spots continues, there will be no one to answer their calls. Will meet with any student at any time to discuss law enforcement as a career. #1 police academy in the state, but they do not have designated space for it and may not be able to run in the fall.
- c. Notices and alerts to members of the community
- i. 3 factors for Clery timely alerts- Decision making process for sending a notice out to the community
- (1) Did it occur on Clery property?- on or around campus property
 - (2) Did it involve specific clery reportable crimes?- murder, rape, robbery, sexual assault, aggravated assault
 - (3) Has the crime been solved by identifying or arresting the suspects or is the suspect still at large?s
- ii. Safety notices are sent out when instances occur around the community that are not on clery property- off campus apartments or areas where many students live. Sometimes it takes a long time to send a notice because they didn't even know if they had a crime.
- iii. Frappier: asks for more explanation of their cameras on and off campus?
- (1) DeHaan: have over 1600 security (not surveillance) cameras on campus- they record footage and go into the recording system that they do not look at until there is a problem. Most robust of all camera policies is signed and approved by SLT and has been copied by many other institutions. The information has been very helpful in solving crimes. Has lowered the number of crimes on campus. Police are society's accountability holders but the police also need to be held accountable. Will expand these even further on GR campus. Working on cameras on the rapid, trying to maximize them.
- iv. Bucon: is following up on the continuity of borders on the downtown campus and making sure students know the borders? Have body cameras for police officers to protect both the individuals and police officers been considered?
- (1) DeHaan: will touch on body cameras later on. They plunked a bunch of buildings in the Grand Rapids area and they have not created a border of the pew campus or anything that lets people know when they are on GV property. Has been in

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discussion with people in planning and they will be moving forward with this. It will go towards a greater campus plan. When you go to other large urban campuses you know when you are on campus because they have made it known.

- v. Al Moutaa: to live in holton hooker in 2021 it costs \$10000 for 2 semesters, campus view costs \$4500 for the entire year. It's safer to live on campus but because of affordability they are forced to live off campus. What can be done to fix this issue?
 - (1) DeHaan: you get what you pay for, there is a certain quality of life you get when you live on campus- you get services that you can't believe that you don't get off campus. Off-campus apartments focus and goal is to generate profit. Their focus is to make sure you get across the stage, shake the president's hand and go on and do something great.
- d. Network of advisors recommendations
 - i. The network of advisors gives a presentation to the community and reviews complaints by the public safety liaison committee. An anonymous survey was available at the conclusion of the program. People were able to have their voices heard. Went through all officer complaints- very few.
 - ii. Try to educate the campus community- what is DPS's role on campus, what separates them from other departments, and their hiring and training processes
 - iii. GVPD survey results- 93.6% said they learned something new about GVPD
 - iv. 57% said police officers should be wearing body cameras. Some listed reasons- transparency and accountability of police, police protection, provide an unbiased full account of a situation
 - v. How would you rank service of DPS to GV community- average 8.26/10, median 9/10
 - vi. What areas do you think GVPD does well? Community training, preparedness, transparency, community building, mental health response
 - vii. Will begin to start the process of implementing body cams for police officers in Fall of 2023- looking at different models and programs. Need to look at the policy to make sure it will be transparent to members of the community. Anyone can FOIA them, including parents, because incidents become public knowledge.
 - viii. Looking for opportunities to interact with marginalized communities- they will attend any group or event that gives them this opportunity
 - ix. Reviewing staffing models for the GR campuses
 - x. derPilibosian: what have they done to protect the mental health of officers?
 - (1) DeHaan: they work with backing the badge. Officers were there when one of their students tragically took his own life last year and they were the ones that started life saving techniques. They have counselors available for officers. Important that

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those who are the first responders, who put themselves in harm's way, are successful.

- xi. B. Johnson: wondering how many people are on duty each day?
 - (1) DeHaan: they currently have 20 police officers, proposing that they need to hire another 5. They may have between 1-20 working depending on the time and day. If they have large scale events they are going to bring everyone. Sometimes on early Sunday morning they only have 1. Majority of calls are substance abuse and mental health. Seeing an increase in mental health calls- GVPD is the default mental health responder at night when the counseling center is closed.
- xii. Hallead: what policies and procedures does GVPD have to control weapons on campus to prevent students just hiding the weapons? How do they draw the line between privacy and safety?
 - (1) DeHaan: they could probably drink alcohol underage every night on campus if they wanted but the people that do that are very immature and loud, bringing attention to themselves. Same thing holds true with weapons, people who are irresponsible are the ones using these weapons. Biggest prevention tool- is see something, say something- members of the community should call 911 when you see something suspicious.
- e. Campus night walk
 - i. Did one in Allendale and one in GR- working with FFPAC to increase the campus night walks for the fall semester. It gives the opportunity to have a conversation and bring up areas of concern on campus. Will open it up to the whole campus community.
- f. CALEA accreditation
 - i. Commission on accreditation for law enforcement agencies, completed November 19, 2022. Only university in Michigan to complete this accreditation.
- g. Munoz: asks him to go over safety resources on campus
 - i. DeHaan: laker guardian is an app to put on your phone- can identify GVPD as your guardian and if you don't make it to your location or hit the safety timer they will call you and if you dont answer they will send a unit to check on you. You have the ability to call 911 in a touch of a button but you can also text the department if you are in a situation where you can not talk on the phone. 12/18- will be doing active shooter training on the campus with GVPD, Ottawa County Sheriffs and others.
- h. Quist: any suggestions for off-campus students to be safe at night?
 - i. DeHaan- if you think there is going to be a problem, there probably is going to be a problem. Not going to change intoxicants but you can change whether or not there are

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weapons there. Highly encourages this body to think about weapon free living. Watch and be mindful of your situational awareness, especially if it is after midnight.

- i. DeHaan- thanks them for the gift and plant. Tells them to reach out with any questions or concerns.

IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers

- a. Haas: exam cram sign up, there are a few slots open on Tuesday, one on Monday, and most on Wednesday- easy office hours.
- b. Kidd: adopt a family gifts due tomorrow at 5:00pm

V. President's Report

- a. Adoption of the Agenda
 - i. Schmidt: recognizing headshots are at 7:00 he moves to set adjournment to 6:45pm
 - (1) 23 yays
 - (2) The senate votes to set adjournment to 6:45pm
- b. Announcement of Fall 2022 Stipends
 - i. President- \$1500
 - ii. EVP- \$1200
 - iii. VP of Allocations- \$900
 - iv. VPs- \$700
 - v. CAC- \$650- week following the start of the semester
 - vi. EAC- \$470- took position in October
 - vii. Prorated based on weeks in position. Reach out with questions and she would be more than happy to discuss
- c. Will be accessible the week before classes begin if you would like to meet
- d. Next semester's GA schedule is in the Google Drive
- e. Cabinet will meet on Thursdays next semester either following GA or in place of GA on "off" weeks.
- f. Will be primarily working on drafting her transitions report, formulating proper legislation requests for increase in internal wages, and organizing for the semester ahead over break.
- g. Block January 27th if you would like to attend President's Ball 5:30pm- cocktail hour, 6:30pm- dinner, 8:30pm- dance. Working with OSL to send senators to the President's ball at no cost or a subsidized cost.
- h. Thanks everyone for a great semester, your hard work is greatly appreciated.
- i. Goodbye to Munoz and Rusch. They will be greatly missed and she wishes them the best in the upcoming months. Reminds them that they always have a family here.

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- j. Photos at 7:00pm
 - k. Reach out if you need anything
 - l. Hallead: if you need a pres ball dress she has over 30 in her closet so reach out
- VI. Executive Vice President's Report
- a. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. Stand approved
 - b. Headshots at 7:00 PM, in the Promotions office. Committee Photos will follow. They will likely take the photos alphabetically so wait in the office until your name is called.
 - c. Over break he will be working on his transitions report, catching up the cabinet vote record, working to create a handbook for legislation, and some homework for the upcoming consulting work.
 - d. The consulting work with Mandy is going well and you will get to spend some time with her next semester during GA. If you have any questions about that, feel free to reach out to President Kidd or him.
 - e. Make sure you are getting your schedules to your vice presidents for next semester so they can plan your committee meetings
 - f. Make sure you are free Thursday evenings! If you need assistance trying to move your schedule around, reach out.
 - g. Take a look at the university committee list. Make sure you are still able to attend next semester. If you are not able to attend due to the schedule change, please communicate with President Kidd.
 - h. Congratulations on making it through the semester! He appreciates you all and it's been so great getting to know you this semester. Let him know if you need anything over break

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

- a. Legislation
 - i. Credit/No Credit
 - (1) Hoogwerf: met with Dr. Raymond Higbea- chair of APSC, he said if the registrar has no reservations then they are good with it. Met with AVP Wells of the registrar's office. Deadline has to be before the first date that grades are due. Changed the objective of her legislation to now have the credit/no credit legislation deadline align with the 75% tuition refund deadline. The current deadline aligns with the 100% tuition refund deadline. Reads legislation.
 - (2) Schmidt: read through it earlier, thinks it is very well written, commends Hoogwerf. Thinks it is long overdue, never understood the current deadline. They already did this through the COVID years, so it will be easily adaptable. Looks forward to supporting it.

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- (3) Rusch: why 3 weeks and not further like the midterm deadline? Was there any concerns if this could negatively impact the academic status of the university?
 - (a) Hoogwerf: wanted to still give the registrar ample time to approve these requests before grades are due at midterms. APSC and registrar did not mention anything about how this might influence GVSU academically.
- (4) Haas: thinks Hoogwerf has a strong passion for making education equitable at GVSU and she has taken all the right steps to make this legislation and extends her support.
- (5) Flickinger: why was it just a week in the first place?
 - (a) Hoogwerf: there has been no conversation or rhyme or reason on why it is the way it is.
- (6) Proctor: congratulates Hoogwerf on her hard work and thinks it is a great piece of legislation. She has met with relevant stakeholders who are on board. He places his full support behind this piece of legislation.
- (7) Frappier: will be supporting this, thinks it is great. Talked to ECS about it and they support it.
- (8) Schmidt: normally it sits in the body for a week before passing it. But Hoogwerf did her homework and this is a great piece of legislation and there is a lot of support from stakeholders. Due to the upcoming break he thinks they should vote on it today.
- (9) Schmidt: moves to pass Senator Hoogwerf's legislation as written
 - (a) Haas: second
 - (b) Flickinger: could this go into effect before next semester?
 - (i) Kidd: it would likely be charged to APSC which is under UAS and the next UAS meeting that items could be put on is February
 - (ii) Frappier: asks whom Hoogwerf wants the legislation to be charged to, because there is a chance registrar's office could just take it
 - (iii) Frappier: they should charge all legislation to Jenny Hall-Jones because she can carry it through the right channels
 - (iv) Kidd: if there is legislation being written that can beneficially go to UAS/ECS it is still an option
 - (v) Hoogwerf: would say to charge it to both ECS/UAS and Jenny Hall-Jones
 - (c) Frappier: thinks if it is sent to UAS it will slow down the process and Jenny Hall Jones can carry it through the university herself much quicker
 - (d) Schmidt: amends motion to charge it to being charged to VP Jenny Hall-Jones

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- (e) Rusch: thinks it is a very well written piece of legislation, thinks it should be passed. Does not think it should be passed tonight because the precedent has been set for a reason and there is no sense of urgency to pass this because there is a very small chance that it could be implemented by next semester.
- (f) Kidd: if they disrupt the precedent they could continue this throughout the semester and vote on things as they are presented.
- (g) Schmidt: retracts motion
- (10) Proctor: requests straphole
 - (a) Kidd: if you are in favor of passing this legislation today- yay, not in favor of approving today- nay
 - (b) Majority is in favor of passing today
- (11) Bucon: motions to make a friendly amendment to change no-credit, to no credit (remove hyphen)
 - (a) Schmidt- 2nd
 - (b) 22 yays, 1 abstention
 - (c) Senate votes to amend the legislation
- (12) Schmidt: moves to pass Senator Hoogwerf's legislation as written and charge it to Hall-Jones
 - (a) Everly- 2nd
 - (b) Biermacher: just because it is a precedent set doesn't mean it is the correct way to go about things, especially when everyone is saying it is a great piece of legislation and the only amendment is to remove a hyphen
 - (c) Proctor: echoes Biermacher
 - (d) Flickinger: worries that other legislation that will come up in the future that he has not read up on and is not confident on and it will have the change to be passed before it has been thoroughly checked.
 - (e) Munoz: agrees with Biermacher and Proctor that waiting is not going to do anything, you can use your voting rights in the future if you do not feel confident in a piece of legislation
 - (f) Al Moutaa: not against voting on it today but they already discussed that it would not be implemented until Spring semester at the very earliest so it will not make a difference in voting on it today
 - (g) Hoogwerf: understands hesitancy on passing this today but it has already been through cabinet twice and was given many comments. Would like to acknowledge the time that has gone into this.
 - (h) derPilibosian: agrees with Biermacher

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- (i) Welch: calls the question
 - (i) 16 yays, 6 nays, 1 abstention
 - (ii) Schmidt: requests role call vote
 - (j) 18 yays, 2 nays, 3 abstentions
 - (k) Senate votes to pass Senator Hoogwerf's legislation as written and charge it to Hall-Jones
- b. Election Policies
- i. Schmidt: section 1-02 of bylaws, reads "Students interested in running for a Student Senate position must circulate a petition and collect signatures from no less than one hundred (100) members of the enrolled student body at Grand Valley State University. Students petitioning for election must also petition for two (2) faculty signatures from currently employed faculty. The elections petition shall be voted on by the General Assembly no later than the fifth meeting of the winter term."
 - ii. Schmidt: Recommends that this be suspended so that the elections commission has the option to not go ahead with the petition. It has not been used for the past 3 years. Given the fact that the body is already small he advocates for the suspension of this section so that it does not create further personnel issues.
 - iii. Kidd: have utilized voters threshold the past three years instead of petitions.
 - iv. Biermacher: this petition was used when it was very competitive to be on this body. Given that they are struggling to fill the body he thinks it would be a poor choice to keep the petition requirement.
 - v. Proctor: motions to suspend article 1-02 of student senate bylaws for the 2022-2023 year to be used for the 2023-2024 elections process
 - (1) Frappier- 2nd
 - (2) 22 yays, 1 nay
 - (3) Senate votes to suspend article 1-02 of student senate bylaws for the 2022-2023 year to be used for the 2023-2024 elections process
- c. Appointments
- i. Voting to approve Elizabeth Gira's appointment to EAC
 - ii. "During my time on the Student Senate, I will ensure that every student feels empowered to speak and be heard. I will promote both a sense of unity among the student body, and an environment where independent thoughts and experiences are not squandered, but rather encouraged. I am prepared to meet the various, ever-changing needs of the student body as a whole, as well as the concerns of individual students. I would like to ensure outlets for each student to reach his or her full potential, become better citizens, and ultimately flourish through the education

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offered at Grand Valley. I look forward to becoming a part of the great work you do on Student Senate, and I am excited to meet each of you as well as connect with our peers in this important way.”

- iii. Haas: had the pleasure to sit in on her interview, thoroughly impressed with her answers. She emphasized her integrity and ability to give and receive constructive criticism which are very important qualities to have when on student senate. Interest in GVSu and liberal education approach would support EAC. Fully supports her appointment
- iv. Schmidt: moves to appoint Elizabeth Gira to EAC
 - (1) Frappier- 2nd
 - (2) Schmidt- moves to pass with unanimous consent
 - (3) Senate votes to appoint Elizabeth Gira to EAC

IX. Five Minute Recess

X. Public Comment- Part II

XI. Officer Reports

a. Senate Resources – Mallory Everly

- i. Has been continuing to work on recruitment efforts. Cabinet and her will be conducting interviews directly after adjournment today.
- ii. SRC is looking forward to the restructuring period that we will be entering next semester, specifically in regards to creating a new internal operating handbook. Her and other members of the committee have already begun brainstorming things to remove, add, edit, etc.
- iii. Office hours are due tomorrow by 5:00pm. They will not be due next week
- iv. She is extremely proud of every single one of you. The circumstances that they have operated under together as a team this semester have been far from ideal, but she truly believes that even during times when it was frustrating, they made the absolute most out of every situation, and that truly would not have been possible without each and every one of you.
- v. If you need anything over break, feel free to reach out, I would be happy to connect with you at any time
- vi. Flickinger: do absences restart next semester
 - (1) Everly: yes

b. Allocations – Benjamin Biermacher

- i. Thank you to his board
- ii. No allocations meeting tomorrow, enjoy your break

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c. **Public Relations** – Emily Bucon

- i. Headshots and committee photos at 7pm
- ii. Everything is done for senate swag, just waiting on the green light from promotions. Will be open to anyone who wants to purchase it. Multiple colors will be available, will have t-shirts and crewnecks.
- iii. Wants to add quotes to the website so send them to her if you have one
- iv. Will be bringing back senator of the week next semester
- v. Good luck during your finals, reach out if you need anything over break

d. **Campus Affairs** – Bianca Muñoz

- i. Thanks everyone for working with her this semester. Please stay in touch, she is here to help. She will miss you all.

e. **Educational Affairs** – Lina Haas

- i. Thanks everyone for their hard work. Congratulates Hoogwerf on her legislation begging passed.
- ii. EAC is working on thank a professor project which is a digital form that students can fill out to commend a professor to promote positivity on campus.

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

- i. Student Wages Legislation is put on the ECS agenda and then will go to UAS next semester.
- ii. No committee meeting this week.
- iii. Thanks everyone on the senate body for being amazing people and working so hard. They did amazing work and left a huge legacy that they should be proud of.
- iv. Thanks Senator Rusch and VP Munoz for their hard work and all of the time they have given to the senate.
- v. Will be in the Allendale area for winter break so reach out if you need anything

g. **External Relations** – Zachary Schmidt

- i. Has been appointed chair of the elections commission. Will be meeting 12/14 at 8pm to go over general expectations, preliminary ideas for elections, and preliminary elections timeline.
- ii. Has been assigned several tasks- creating a one pager for Robert's Rules- Bucon will organize the information, will be discussing flaws of SRC policies and procedures with Everly over the weekend to give to the consultant.
- iii. Wrapping up adopt a family- will be dropping off CAB's gifts on 12/12 at 5:30pm, and Senate's gifts on 12/13 at 5:30 pm- thanks everyone who donated. Reach out if you want to join in when dropping off the gifts.

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XII. University Committee Reports

XIII. Roll Call - Part II

XIV. Call for Announcements

- a. Everly: gives a shoutout to Senator Rusch. He was there when she was elected as VP, answered all of her questions, and that takes a lot of dedication and passion. Thanks him from the bottom of her heart.
- b. Munoz: thanks Rusch for all of his help and she will miss him dearly, she would not be on cabinet without his help. Reach out if you want to run for CAC VP.
- c. Rusch: thanks everyone for their support, senate was a great thing for him. Reach out if you are in the Kalamazoo
- d. Kidd: thanks Munoz for her work and stepping up when they needed her. Thanks Rusch, she would not be up here without him, never had any intention of being on cabinet until he nominated her. Thankful to him and he will do great things. Wishes them both the best.

XV. Adjournment: 6:41pm