

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate

General Assembly  
Thursday, February 9, 2023  
Pere Marquette Room, 4:30pm  
Chair: Faith Kidd  
Parliamentarian: Justin Frappier



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

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

- 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**

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

- a. Haas: sends around tabling sign up for Last Lecture
- b. Flickinger: motion to adjourn
  - i. B. Johnson- 2nd
  - ii. 5 yays, 13 nays
  - iii. Motion fails

## **V. President’s Report**

- a. Adoption of the Agenda
  - i. Schmidt: moves to cap officer reports, inducing president and EVP, at 90 seconds
    - (1) Al Moutaa- 2nd
    - (2) 13 yays, 2 nays, 4 abstentions
    - (3) Passes
    - (4) Senate votes to cap officer reports, inducing president and EVP, at 90 seconds
  - ii. Schmidt: moves to set an adjournment at 5:45pm
    - (1) Al Moutaa: 2nd
    - (2) Kidd: want to set it to 5:45 pm or have that be the maximum time
      - (a) Schmidt: have that be the maximum time
    - (3) 16 yays, 1 nay, 2 abstentions
    - (4) Passes
    - (5) Senate votes to adjourn by 5:45 pm
- b. Midwest student voting summit is Friday, March 24 12:00 pm -4:00 pm on zoom. Would be a good way to get office hours, reach out for more information.
- c. Last chance to RSVP for the USG conference. The current list includes Kidd, Frappier, Everly, Haas, Hahs, Hallead, Proctor. They have three more spots, let her know ASAP.

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- d. Next week is the State of the Student body. Be here, casual dress is permitted if not speaking, there will be food. There will be a lot of campus stakeholders.
- e. She will not be chairing any senate meetings on February 23rd due to her being mandated to work on that day so she can attend the USG conference. No GA or cabinet.

## VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- a. Approval of the Minutes
  - i. Stand approved
- b. CTF meeting is this weekend 2/12 from 12:00pm-1:30pm downtown, will share location in the slack soon once he reserves a room.

## VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Bylaws Workshop
  - i. Schmidt: Moves to lapse robert's rules for 20 minutes max
    - (1) Biermacher- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt: moves to carry with unanimous consent
    - (3) Flickinger: objects
    - (4) Schmidt: asks that it be done with a voice vote since it only needs a simple majority that can be heard through a voice vote
    - (5) Motion carries with majority
    - (6) Senate votes to lapse robert's rules for 20 minutes max
  - ii. Hahs: Article V contains a lot of policy: V.04, V.05a are policy. Article VI does not have an article title, goes straight into points.
  - iii. Gira: in Section V.05 there is a spacing issue
  - iv. Gjolaj: in Section V.03 the punctuation is inconsistent
  - v. Proctor: thinks that the ERC VP should be allowed to speak on behalf of Senate for commission meetings etc
    - (1) Biermacher: they technically all need to ask permission to speak on behalf of the senate for State of the Student Body
  - vi. Bucon: confused on wording of V.05 because it doesn't clarify what completion of duties means.
  - vii. Hoogwerf: stipend area needs more information
  - viii. Flickinger: V shouldn't exist because it is a policy/procedure. In article III of the constitution there is already a cabinet section. The bylaws should contain the structure of cabinet.

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- ix. Schmidt: agrees with what has been said. Most of V is a procedure V.01, 03, 04, 05 are procedures. Need to specify that cabinet and GA operate in Robert's Rules because it is not specified anywhere.

(1) Kidd: that is structure

- b. Elections Commission

- i. Schmidt: not too much to update. Shoutout to Bucon who posted a great reel on instagram, it looks fantastic. Shoutout to Biermacher who tabled. Shoutout to Hoogwerf and DerPilibosien for their great work.

## VIII. New Business

- a. Appointments

- i. Kidd: March 2nd will be all appointments. Everly offered petitions to the interviewees if they want to speed up the process by running for the body next year.

- b. Nominations and Elections for Vice President of Campus Affairs

- i. Kidd: none

## IX. Five Minute Recess

- a. Meeting called back to order: 5:04

## X. Public Comment – Part II

## XI. Officer Reports

- a. **Senate Resources** – Mallory Everly

- i. Bonding will be 2/23 at a trampoline park, details will be sent in the slack
- ii. All of the rest of the appointments for the year will take place on 3/2
- iii. Do not forget office hours are due at 5:00 pm on Friday.
- iv. Hallead is the newest member of SRC and she recently sent out a form regarding updated contact information, please fill it out.

- b. **Allocations** – Benjamin Biermacher

- i. Budget meetings start tomorrow morning, will be presented at GA on 3/2 and will be presented the second time and voted for approval at the GA after spring break.
- ii. Meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm
- iii. Schmidt: asks if they will be voting on the budget
  - (1) Biermacher: 1st presentation is for questions and input, 2nd presentation is to vote to approve it and send it to the BOT.
- iv. Schmidt: what happens if they reject it
  - (1) Biermacher: make friendly amendments and bring it back

- c. **Public Relations** – Emily Bucon

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- i. Senate swag form is back open until this Saturday at midnight.
- ii. Uploaded a lot of photography and videography to the drive- over 300 items, feel free to take a look.
- iii. PRC has shared some funding guidelines about the student life fund on social media, if you're a part of other organizations let them know.
- iv. Met with Behler from the SLT to talk about promotions, she will be at the state of the student body next week.
- v. Working on posters for women's history month and last lecture promotions
- vi. Reminder that election petitions are due in 15 days
- d. **Campus Affairs** – (Interim) EVP Frappier
  - i. If you have questions about ElectHer reach out to Hoogwerf, she is doing a fantastic job.
- e. **Educational Affairs** – Lina Haas
  - i. Last lecture is less than 2 weeks away on 2/22 from 6-8pm. Sign up to table next week, there are still shifts available.
  - ii. Working on a collection for women's history month in the library. There is a list of current selections in the drive, sending it to the library team tomorrow so make additions by tonight.
- f. **Diversity Affairs** – Larbi Al Moutaa
  - i. DAC committee meetings are scheduled for after GA
  - ii. There was a meeting with the Diversity Inclusion and Equity institute to speak about collaboration on projects.
  - iii. His legislation on interfaith rooms will be presented to cabinet tonight.
- g. **External Relations** – Zachary Schmidt
  - i. Schrader is working on legislation on campus safety in freshman housing
  - ii. Flickinger is keeping tabs on downtown GR and his allocations project
  - iii. He is working on BOV bill, keeping in contact with Ottawa county, and his legislation with Kidd
    - (1) Kidd: their legislation will be hitting the cabinet floor this evening

## XII. University Committee Reports

- a. Hahs: University Libraries advisory committee- they are structuring a plan that informs faculty on how they can support OER more. The time commitment and the little to no compensation for OER are the biggest faculty concerns. Met with AP executive committee, which is the staff senate- updated them on student senate projects, they

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updated them on staff projects such as how they are trying to get a raise, not too much there, short meeting.

- b. Frappier: UAS met on Friday, they only meet once a month so they go through a lot of updates. Passed a memo to increase compensation for independent studies for professors. Talked about academic freedom- would involve a change to BOT policy, involves what they are and are not allowed to speak on during class. They passed a memo to update adjunct pay and a faculty salary adjustment program. Hopefully following the next meeting the legislation regarding student wages will go up and they will see a call for changes in salaries from both students and faculty. Received an update from VP Hall-Jones, she has seen their pieces of legislation, and has discussed them with her team. Is preparing a response and waiting to see where UAS stands.
- c. Kidd: In the cabinet meeting tonight they will start auditing committees and go through the information and try to synthesize the list and present it to Felix Ngassa for approval. It is about maximizing efficiency, it's too hard to sit on almost 40 university committees when everything is going up the same tree.

## **XIII. Roll Call - Part II**

### **XIV. Call for Announcements**

- a. Hallead: please fill out the form she sent in the slack. ERC was the first committee to get everyone to fill it out, shoutout to them.
- b. Frappier: there is an ECS meeting tomorrow, Hoogwerf will be advocating for her credit/no credit legislation.
- c. Kidd: DAC meets after GA, cabinet will meet in 35 minutes, 5:55 pm tonight. If you want to go to USG speak now or forever hold your peace- slack or email if you want to go. CTF starts this Sunday at noon, so you will not miss the super bowl. It will be downtown so she encourages ride sharing.

### **XV. Adjournment: 5:18 pm**