

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



General Assembly

Thursday, March 2nd, 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
  - i. Schmidt: Is a quorum present?
    - (1) Kidd: yes, a quorum is present

## **II. Public Comment – Part I**

## **III. Guest Speaker: Doug Wentworth, Auxiliary Services**

- a. Thanks everyone for the time and effort they put into campus, he really appreciates it.
- b. What are auxiliary services? A department that provides service to the GVSU community- campus dining, copy centers, conference and event planning, laker stores, meadows, and vending
- c. It is different from other departments because auxiliaries are all funded through the revenues generated at each operation. Fully self supportive operations- no tuition or state funding goes into it. Revenues are used to pay all expenses and enhance services provided. Covers all utilities, salaries, construction, and any other expenses. They get university discounts but they still pay for everything.
- d. He has 5 direct reports, but cannot be done without a large group of people, including over 1000 students. Beth Junglas does downtown laker store, Tony Glaub does Allendale laker store, Paul Kramer oversees all dining facilities, Don Underwood is director of Golf Meadows, and David VanderShoot is director of conference and event planning.
- e. Laker food company
  - i. provides dining to all students and the larger GVSU community including residential- Fresh Food and Dish, retail- all other dining options such as Bento, Panda, Subway, C-stores, and catering services on both campuses.
  - ii. Offers a variety of meal plans for residential and commuter students- unlimited meal plans, weekly meal plans, semester plans, and dining dollars.
  - iii. Meal exchanges allow you to use meals at almost all locations except starbucks and Bento but dining dollars still work there.
  - iv. Support student success with internships, scholarships- aramark supports 2 fully endowed scholarships at GV every year, donations- food and beverage donations to student organizations, including GAs, and meal share programs.

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- v. Contracted partnership with Aramark. Get a lot of efficiencies and access to their expertise- buying power, data, and staffing, which allows them to save money and offer a better price to students. GVSU still controls what offerings are here and what the cost is. Aramark provides food and staff and GV provides equipment and facilities. If you see a brand such as Starbucks, it is a franchise owned and operated by the university and contracted through aramark.
  - vi. Does the Laker Food Co. currently have an ongoing sustainable meal donation program like other universities utilize? He has researched a lot of other universities. They have the Laker meal share program- students can donate their meals to a bank during two windows in the year and then they are handed out at replenish to students who need a meal. Implemented 5 or 6 years ago, vending contracts donate \$50,000 each year to financial aid and students can request dollars to be used for food through the office of financial aid. They do it through the financial aid office so they can keep track of all that and make sure no student is penalized for going over their limits.
  - vii. Does laker food company have any plans to recreate or renew contracts with food places such as which-which and Qdoba? They haven't ended their contract with Qdoba, they could reopen it if they wanted but they really needed to open an allergen friendly option because the need has increased for allergen free dining. It is not totally allergen free because it is not closed off with glass so they have to say it is allergen friendly. They reopened Zoca downstairs in Kirkhof, and that is almost identical to Qdoba, they use shredded instead of cubed meat but other than that it is identical. As they continue to look at stuff they will see if the need for Qdoba is still there. Which-Which was closed because people wanted a different kind of food and wanted to see sushi. They had a lot of sandwich options and that was their slowest sandwich place and slowest location. Bento has done really well. But it still could come back. Lower level commons is down because the dining program was built when they had over 6,000 students living on campus and over 25,000 students enrolled and those numbers are significantly lower now. If those numbers change then they will look at opening things back up. They're not dead, they still have access to them.
  - viii. Is there any chance for an expansion of fresh food company hours? They moved a lot of freshmen from north campus to south campus and they didn't have the volume there that they did before. They are looking at that and the hours are being evaluated for next year. It is definitely a future possibility, but right now the volume is not there to expand the hours.
  - ix. Any plans to reopen fusion for dining? Monitoring things such as- where students are living, how many students live on campus, and where students are eating. If they had numbers higher than what they got this year they had plans to reopen it but the numbers are too low.

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- x. What allergen friendly dining options are on campus? True balance at Dish, coolers at Fresh, if you go to any location on campus and have a specific allergy they can make it allergen free or get you something very comparable to what you want. Ask for a chef at any location and they can do that for you. Some brands limit what you can do like they can take things out but can't introduce new items because they are locked into brand standards. But a chef will work with you to accommodate your needs.
- xi. Biermacher: Thanks to him for joining us. Since they are funded by an auxiliary budget, what strategies do you use to project costs for the year?
  - (1) With 15 years of history, and the consumer price index they can see trends. Know exactly how many full and part time staff members they will need based on the current model. Much easier to project before COVID. Overall revenue is between 19-20 million, but it is so different now, a lot of remote classes. Getting better at projecting post-covid every year. Get numbers from institutional marketing and get projections. They buy all of their stuff locally so they can tell them prices and increases and decreases. They use all the trends and it is a complex process
- xii. Flickinger: mentioned Jets contract, it is awesome. Are there future plans to get other fast food places on Lake Michigan contracts to help with dining dollar spending and event options?
  - (1) It is complicated because it is based on volume. Some of the money stays in the university, but if they contract everything out then no money comes back because there is a cost to maintain it. So they have talked to other people and they do not want to agree to the terms. Downtown probably has a better option to do that but in Allendale they feel like they will get your business anyway so they don't have many options.
- xiii. Kidd: if you have any more questions for Doug she meets with him regularly so she can get your answer to you. Thanks him for coming and for everything he does for them.

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

- a. Biermacher: have an overview of the proposed and past year budget for when he gives the presentation. Today he will give a detailed presentation about the budget process and you can ask questions and get answers on anything you are curious about.. Next week is for proposed changes and voting.

## V. President's Report

- a. Adoption of the Agenda
  - i. Schmidt: moves to add new item a under VIII: nominations for VP of DAC
    - (1) Flickinger- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt: moves to carry without objection

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- (3) Passes
  - (4) Senate votes to add new item a under VIII: nominations for VP of DAC
  - ii. Schmidt: motion to move FY initial budget review from allocations report to new business and become point d
    - (1) Haas- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt- thinks it should be under new business to allow for more fervent discussion
    - (3) 13 yays, 1 nay, 2 abstentions
    - (4) Passes
    - (5) Senate votes to move FY initial budget review from allocations report to new business and become point d
  - iii. Schmidt: moves to strike officer reports and replace with pertinent officer updates
    - (1) Flickinger- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt: large number of items under new and unfinished business so this will speed up the process
    - (3) 14 yays, 1 nay, 2 abstentions
    - (4) Passes
    - (5) Senate votes to strike officer reports and replace with pertinent officer updates
  - b. Spring break starts tomorrow once you're done with classes. No mandatory meetings until the return to classes on March 13. At least one weekend without CTF but stay tuned for updates on Sunday 3/12. She will be in town next week and has a lot of availability so if you want to run for a cabinet position slack her and she would be more than happy to take you to lunch or coffee.
  - c. They attended the USG conference and they learned a lot of great things, got great ideas, and it was great to see their student government friends. Will be meeting soon to discuss projects that the next body can do.
  - d. Election petitions have closed.
  - e. Will be having GA on March 30th due to the number of pieces of legislation being introduced and the need to wrap things up. They might do a type of end of the year party on that day as well.
  - f. Met with VP Behler, meeting with Provost Mili tomorrow, and met with Susan Proctor, Pam Wells, and Felix.
  - g. Only have 4 more meetings as a full body. If you are working on legislation, get it to the cabinet ASAP.
  - h. Big shoutout to EAC for a very successful Last Lecture, it was awesome.

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- i. She is hearing very terrible things that you are saying about each other and there is no tolerance for that. Will not tolerate it. She will deal with it in an official matter. If you have conflicts or issues that can be addressed through proper conflict channels, do that. Don't get messy before elections.
- j. Schmidt: When is the last GA of this body?
  - i. Kidd: March 30th, and then the alumni board
  - ii. Schmidt: first meeting of the new body is April 6th where nominations will happen and the following week will be voting.

## VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- a. Approval of the Minutes
  - i. Stand approved
- b. No CTF this weekend or the following for spring break. It is going really great, reach out if you want updates on the changes that are being made.
- c. Will work with promotions to print headshots and get them up on wall, might schedule retakes.
- d. UAS will be 3/17, have seats filled but will bring updates to GA.
- e. Reach out if you want to meet over spring break regarding running for a cabinet position, he will be here working over break.

## VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Elections Commission
  - i. Schmidt: petitions did close, he had to implement an emergency policy for extensions due to snow days. 4 candidates were granted extensions. 21 petitions and candidate forms were filled out and approved. He is personally disappointed in this number but it is not due to a lack of effort from his team. He is very grateful for the work of his team. They are all set to be published by the Lanthorn for elections.
  - ii. Bucon: Schmidt put together a cabinet position information sheet that will go out after Spring Break. The website is updated with meet the candidates' event information.
  - iii. Biermacher: the commission will be working on a thorough transition report for the next body so they are set up for success.
    - (1) Kidd: When you have this done, send it to her so she can share it with other student body presidents because they were asking about it at the conference.
- b. Nominations and Elections for Vice President of Campus Affairs

## VIII. New Business

- a. Nominations for DAC VP
  - i. Gjolaj: nominates Senator Roubos

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- (1) Hoogwerf- 2nd
  - (2) Gjolaj: Senator Roubos has done a great job on DAC, always brainstorming and looking for something to do. Has shown her commitment to DAC and senate and thinks she would make a great VP.
  - (3) Roubos: accepts nomination
  - (4) Kidd: when they return from Spring break they will do nominations one more time and proceed with the elections process.
- b. Constitutional Amendment Regarding Elections
- i. Frappier: Proctor will be presenting a constitutional amendment, they have to sit with the body for a certain amount of time and be approved by the university president. So if they are going to approve it, it is time sensitive.
  - ii. Hallead: asks Proctor to zoom into the text
  - iii. Proctor: it is in the legislation folder and his personal suggestions and notes are in his personal folder.
- (1) Current constitution reads:
    - Section III.04 President*
    - a. The President for Student Senate must have fulfilled one (1) elected term on the Student Senate General Assembly prior to their election to the position of President.
      - i. An elected term is defined as one (1) year beginning with the General Elections held the previous academic year.
    - Section III.05 Executive Vice President*
    - a. The Executive Vice President for Student Senate must have fulfilled one (1) elected term on the General Assembly prior to their election to the position of Executive Vice President.
      - i. An elected term is defined as one (1) year beginning with the General Elections held the previous academic year.
  - (2) His proposed amendment reads:
    - Section III.04 President*
    - a. The President for Student Senate must have completed fifteen (15) academic weeks as a member of the Student Senate General Assembly prior to their election to the position of President.
    - Section III.05 Executive Vice President*
    - a. The Executive Vice President for Student Senate must have completed fifteen

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- (15) academic weeks as a member of the Student Senate General Assembly prior to their election to the position of Executive Vice President.
- (3) Rationale: the current governing documents do not reflect the current needs of a post-covid world. Based on what he has heard there are 4 people that can run for these two positions that meet these requirements and he and Bates as two of those people will not be running for these positions. Thinks this needs to be changed so they can function smoothly and serve the body.
- iv. Schmidt: as chairperson of the elections commission, the elections commission has no opinion on this and is staying neutral. As this is an official amendment and will impact future bodies, elections commission members will be voting. His personal opinion, he is very much opposed. Thinks they should only do it for the EVP if they do it all. In order to be president he thinks you do need at least 2 years of experience. Does not think you can understand how the student senate works with only one semester of experience.
- v. Hoogwerf: echoes the same sentiments of VP Schmidt. Presents have to have a lot of connections within the university. If someone only serves on the body for 15 weeks and then is thrown into this position she thinks it would be really difficult for them. For EVP, she thinks they can change it.
- vi. Proctor: unfortunately none of the 4 eligible people have 2 years of experience. Given a hypothetical situation next year they have 2 people running for president- one was elected in september and is a general senator for a year and the other is elected a few weeks later and is elected to a VP position and is very involved. Who is to say senator B couldn't handle one of these roles. They have a young cabinet, Everly, Bucon, and Haas were appointed members that have not been on the body for the required time and have plenty of connections.
- vii. Schmidt: hears Proctor and thinks rules yield unfortunate standards and standards will always affect people. Have to think of somebody who is most likely to have best experience. That is just a hypothetical and it is an unfortunate situation. But on the basis of logical reasoning they have to think which situation will yield the most desirable result.
- viii. Bucon: appreciates all your work and all those involved in CTF. This is her personal opinion. She echoes opinions that have been said, sees both sides. Thinks it is something they can look at and think more about. Would support this with caution but does see the need.
- ix. Proctor: 15 academic weeks comes from one semester, 4 eligible people currently and under amendment it would be 10 eligible candidates. Last year there were 23 people that were elected to the body. Despite best efforts to restructure, they have 21 candidates running for next year. Given that trend it is not hard to imagine that next

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- year they will be in a very similar situation as this year. This amendment is going to allow the future bodies to make the best decisions to best help their body.
- x. Frappier: he ran super heavily on experience in the past 2-3 years. When he lost his first EVP election the person he lost to should not have even been elected per this section but he killed it and did a great job. He has the most experience on the body but that does not put him on a pedestal. He has more experience than Kidd but he could not do her job.
  - xi. Hahs: he is in full support of this change. If you are not in favor, please see both sides. Experience will always be an argument but for the need of the upcoming body engagement and accessibility is what is needed to give the body the tools to make the best decision.
  - xii. Schmidt: in support of amending section III.05- EVP requires less knowledge of inner-workings of the entire bureaucracy. Thinks someone can come fresh off of an election. President has to learn the inner workings of the entire university. Not saying experience is the only quality but spending time making these decisions is very important. Need to think of future bodies, not only next year's body. Not just thinking about next year but 3-10 years down the line
  - xiii. Flickinger: worries that it will leave them very vulnerable. Heard a rough estimate that half of the 21 will be brand new and will be voting for VP spots without knowing any of them. It is very hard to show experience on first impressions. Someone who was on the body for 15 weeks, doesn't know what they are doing but is really great at talking so they get elected and the senate collapses due to their lack of knowledge and experience. If they grow down the line it can bring them back down.
  - xiv. Kidd: the point of this discussion is to bring new perspectives and avoid circular reasoning.
  - xv. Haas: In future CTFs 5-10 years down the line do they have the opportunity to make amendments?
    - (1) Frappier: the assembly has to vote on constitutional amendments. This is coming from Proctor as an individual, not CTF. But yes, any amendments can be made in the future with a vote.
    - (2) Haas: thinks they are not the only organization that has to restructure post-covid
  - xvi. Hallead: think about the VP who has made so many connections and events who was on the body for one week before becoming VP. Does not make her any less qualified for a position she is in now.
  - xvii. Roubos: thinks changing the wording to include if the body was below a certain number of people could be helpful
    - (1) Kidd: suggests meeting with Proctor, really appreciates that perspective



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- xviii. Proctor: addressing Flickinger, reminds everyone that during the VP elections last year they had a very close race and new senators were voting to decide. If you look at the meeting minutes it shows senators who knew both of them informing new senators on who they think would be the best fit for the position.
- xix. Schmidt: addressing the comments about the lack of experience, serving in their role showed everyone how qualified they were. If you didn't have any time to be on the body you wouldn't have any time to showcase your ability.
- xx. Everly: talking about III.05- the EVP and her work very closely and she couldn't imagine not having an EVP. Of the four eligible candidates she hasn't heard of any of them wanting to run for EVP. It is so important and crucial to the success of the senate to have an EVP.
- xxi. Kidd: has a pretty good grasp on the role of the president. All schools in Michigan are dealing with low engagement. See new faces voting in elections every year. That is the beauty of democracy. She sends emails which she learned from taking college courses, sits in meetings with people that she met when she took her role at the enrichment dinner, chair meetings and writing agendas which she learned from her transitions report. Learned Robert's rules from Schmidt who has less experience than her. She does a lot of public speaking that she learned through community college. The president needs to be organized and communicate. They are set up for success and have an amazing advising team that helps them with everything. An additional 15 weeks would not have mattered. She is the least qualified in experience out of the president's in the past 5 years, previous presidents have resigned, ran illegitimate elections, and brought lawsuits against the university. Her VP with least experience in the cabinet has been doing great.
- xxii. Schmidt: do you think a sophomore could do your job?
- (1) Kidd: yes. She would give her position to Haas or Everly and have total trust in them.
- xxiii. Proctor: when you are younger you are going to have more time to put into your role. Schmidt says it is a huge time commitment and juniors and seniors do not always have the time it takes. Barely figured out this was an issue in time so he foresees this being an issue in the future too.
- xxiv. Schmidt: thanks everyone for their perspective. Understands he gets passionate but he is not mad at anyone, thinks everyone is wonderful. Just coming from a palace of passion.
- xxv. Proctor: knows nothing is personal, same for him. Appreciates all the feedback. Asks the chair to entertain a straphole to see who would support this as is.
- (1) Kidd: entertains straphole- 9 yays, 4 nays, 4 present
- (2) This would pass

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- (3) Kidd: entertains a straphole- if this only applied to the EVP clause- 16 yays, 1 present
- c. Funding Request
- i. Schmidt: moves to allow an external member to speak
    - (1) Haas- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt: moves without objection
  - ii. Biermacher: reminds everyone that this is not the time to be nitpicky, it is a time to approve or deny
  - iii. Jacob Klanke- president of Native American Students association. This is a funding request for the 22nd annual celebrating all walks of life Pow Wow. A traditional powwow is a gathering and celebration of native american culture through ceremony, song, dance, and feasting. Shows a clip from the 2020 Powwow. It is an event a lot of people come back to GV for because it has been here for so long. This event is in collaboration with the office of multicultural affairs and the division of inclusion and equity. The number of student participants has been steadily increasing every year and the community interest is high. For GV it demonstrates their continued support to the local indigenous community.
  - iv. Biermacher: this request comes with the full endorsement of the allocations committee.
  - v. Schmidt: moves to pass this request for NASA's Powwow
    - (1) Everly- 2nd
    - (2) Proctor: very smooth process, allocations could find no issues. Fully recommends passing.
    - (3) Passes unanimously
    - (4) Senate votes to pass this funding request for NASA's Powwow
- d. FY 2023 initial budget review
- i. Goals
    - (1) Increase face-to-face interaction with Student Organizations
    - (2) Increase accessibility/engagement
    - (3) Increase spending
  - ii. Accomplishments
    - (1) Reignite and Ignite: 180+ students attended
    - (2) Built on relationships with returning requests and assisted new student organizations with requests
    - (3) Continued to update gvsu.edu/sos to increase clarity on funding guidelines
    - (4) Increased spending 40.6% from last year at this time.

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- iii. Approved non-allocations budgets 2022-2023- not allowed to change
    - (1) Graduate Student Association: \$110,000.00
    - (2) Academic Conference Fund: \$30,000.00
    - (3) Student Media: \$103,300.00
    - (4) Total: \$243,300.00
  - iv. Other allocations approved budgets 2022-2023- directly talked to these groups
    - (1) Campus Activities Board: \$200,000.00
    - (2) Sustainability and Development: \$2,500.00
    - (3) Presidents Ball: \$45,000.00
    - (4) Greek Life Council: \$30,000.00
    - (5) Club Sports & Recreation: \$456,500.00
    - (6) Total: \$734,000.00
  - v. Approved administrative budgets 2022-2023
    - (1) RSO Supply Station: \$7,500.00
    - (2) LakerLink: \$14,000.00
    - (3) RSO Media Services: \$10,000.00
    - (4) Student Organization Recognition: \$5,300.00
    - (5) RSO Promotional Services: \$4,000.00
    - (6) Total: \$40,800.00
  - vi. Allocations committee reviewed approved budgets- 2022-2023
    - (1) Academic & Professional: \$14,500.00
    - (2) Cultural: \$79,000.00
    - (3) Performing Arts: \$11,000.00
    - (4) Service & Advocacy: \$20,000.00
    - (5) Travel: \$70,000.00
    - (6) Honorary/Professional: \$1,500.00
    - (7) Special Interest: \$24,000.00
    - (8) Interfaith: \$10,000.00
    - (9) Student Senate: \$20,000.00
    - (10) Total: \$250,000.00
  - vii. Academic and professional 2022-2023 spending
    - (1) Equipment:
      - (2)  $\$2,981.00 + \$1,714.98 = \$4,695.98$
    - (3) Programming:
      - (4)  $\$64.26 + \$117.49 + \$1,330.90 + \$83.16 = \$1,595.81$

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- (5) TOTAL SPENT: \$6,291.79
  - (6) TOTAL remaining: \$8,208.21
  - viii. Cultural spending 2022-2023
    - (1) Programming:
      - (2)  $\$2,421.31 + \$394.45 + \$791.32 + \$136.83 + \$662.50 + \$991.97 + \$2,886.00 + \$15,120.00 + \$166.03 + \$196.84 = \$23,767.25$
      - (3) Equipment:
        - (4) \$194.61
        - (5) TOTAL SPENT: \$23,961.86
        - (6) TOTAL remaining: \$55,038.14
  - ix. Performing arts spending 2022-2023
    - (1) Programming:
      - (2)  $\$1,780.84 + \$37.74 + \$1,835.00 + \$1,507.16 + \$1,718.48 = \$6,879.22$
      - (3) Equipment:
        - (4) \$570.30
        - (5) TOTAL SPENT: \$7,449.52
        - (6) TOTAL remaining: \$3,550.48
  - x. Service and advocacy spending 2022-2023
    - (1) Programming:
      - (2) \$70.00
      - (3) TOTAL SPENT: \$70.00
      - (4) TOTAL remaining: \$19,930.00
  - xi. Travel spending 2022-2023
    - (1) Individual Travel:
      - (2) 32 flights + 20 conference registrations = \$16,807.26
      - (3) Organization Entry Fees/Annual Dues:
        - (4) 1 Annual Dues expense + 11 Organization Entry Fees = \$22,885.00
        - (5) Vehicle rental:
          - (6) 19 Rentals = \$4,029.68\*
          - (7) TOTAL SPENT: \$43,721.94
          - (8) TOTAL remaining: \$26,278.06\*
          - (9) Waiting on final invoices from vehicle rentals, expecting to have \$0 left in the account.
          - (10) Reallocated funds from this account to subsidize Honorary & Professional Account and Interfaith.

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## xii. Honorary and professional spending 2022-2023

(1) Programming:

(2)  $\$503.22 + \$1,608.92 + \$1,850.00 + \$255.37 + \$1,089.67 + \$341.82 = \$5,649.00$

(3) TOTAL SPENT: \$5,649.00

(4) TOTAL remaining: -\$4,149.00

## xiii. Special interest spending 2022-2023

(1) Programming:

(2)  $\$4,503.00 + \$6,550.46 + \$202.82 + \$974.55 + \$164.57 + \$83.28 + \$701.69 =$   
 $\$13,180.37$

(3) Equipment

(4)  $\$209.70 + \$1,257.83 + \$94.84 + \$2,327.47 = \$3889.84$

(5) TOTAL SPENT: \$17,070.21

(6) TOTAL remaining: \$6,929.79

## xiv. Interfaith spending 2022-2023

(1) Programming:

(2)  $\$5,807.78 + \$806.46 + \$1,119.91 + \$1,440.00 = \$9,174.15$

(3) TOTAL SPENT: \$9,174.15

(4) TOTAL remaining: \$825.85

## xv. Student Senate Spending 2022-2023- very happy with this pace

(1) TOTAL SPENT: \$14,762.68

(2) TOTAL remaining: \$5,237.32

## xvi. Proposed budgets 2023-2024- non allocations committee

(1) Graduate Student Association: \$110,000.00

(2) Academic Conference Fund: \$30,000.00

(3) Student Media: \$103,300.00

(4) Total: \$243,300.00

## xvii. Proposed budgets 2023-2024- other allocations

(1) Campus Activities Board: \$200,000.00

(2) Sustainability and Development: \$2,500.00

(3) Presidents Ball: \$45,000.00

(4) Greek Life Council: \$32,000.00

(5) Club Sports & Recreation: \$465,000.00

(6) Total: \$744,500.00

## xviii. Notable Changes in Other Allocations Committee Budgets

(1) Greek Life Council: +\$2,000.00

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- (a) Budget has consistently been run to \$0.00
  - (b) They have seen an increase in spending interest and student interest from the Multicultural Greek Council, an additional \$2,000 will help them do more campus programming (cannot use cultural fund because they are a Greek organization).
  - (2) Club sports + Esports: +\$8,500.00
    - (a) Recreation & Wellness oversees all Esports facility operations, staffing, and programming for the GVSU campus. This has led to the recommendation of the student organization oversight to be moved to Recreation & Wellness
    - (b) The \$8,500.00 will go directly to supporting the Esports student organization in growing and developing with support from Recreation & Wellness
  - xix. Proposed budgets 2023-2024
    - (1) RSO Supply Station: \$7,500.00
    - (2) LakerLink: \$14,000.00
    - (3) RSO Media Services: \$10,000.00
    - (4) Student Organization Recognition: \$5,300.00
    - (5) RSO Promotional Services: \$7,000.00
  - xx. Notable Changes in Other Allocations Budgets
    - (1) RSO Promotional Services: +\$3,000.00
      - (a) Due to the success of the RSO promotions package we were able to spend all \$4,000.00 by the end of the first semester.
      - (b) We see continued growth of the use of this promotional package in future years.
  - xxi. Proposed allocations committee reviewed budgets 2023-2024
    - (1) Academic & Professional: \$10,000.00
    - (2) Cultural: \$79,000.00
    - (3) Performing Arts: \$10,000.00
    - (4) Service & Advocacy: \$12,000.00
    - (5) Travel: \$70,000.00
    - (6) Honorary/Professional: \$5,500.00
    - (7) Special Interest: \$20,000.00
    - (8) Interfaith: \$10,000.00
    - (9) Student Senate: \$20,000.00
    - (10) Total: \$236,500.00
  - xxii. Notable Changes in Allocations Committee Budgets

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- (1) Academic Professional: -\$4,500
    - (a) They have only spent \$6,291.79 as of February 23rd. Zero pending requests from this group.
    - (b) 2 year trend of low spending
  - (2) Performing Arts: -\$1,000.00
    - (a) Have a surplus of \$3,500.00 at this point.
    - (b) Greater need in other places.
    - (c) This will be plenty to cover spring performance
  - (3) Service & Advocacy: -\$8,000
    - (a) There has been 1 request for \$70.00
    - (b) Will have 3 requests total by the end of the year.
  - (4) Honorary and Professional: +\$4,000
    - (a) Spent initial budget in 1st month.
    - (b) Large increase in programming among Honorary and Professional organizations
  - (5) Special Interest: -\$4,000
    - (a) Currently have \$6,900.00 remaining.
    - (b) No pending requests from this group.
  - (6) Looking ahead: 2023-2024- Aspirations:
    - (a) Setting up the next VP of Allocations for success
    - (b) Increase education and general knowledge of funding process
    - (c) All senators have voting rights by the end of Fall Semester
    - (d) Building greater connections between Student Senate and other student organizations
    - (e) Getting general students to sit on boards.
- xxiii. Schmidt: how much was spent on president's ball? Is it co-hosted? Does SLT fund any of it?
- (1) Biermacher: does not have the exact number but it was 6 figures, co-hosted by SLT but they do not give money.
    - (a) Kidd: It all comes from the student life budget?
    - (b) Biermacher: yes
- xxiv. Hahs: where do exact numbers come from such as increasing \$8000 instead of \$10000

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- (1) Biermacher: they look at past year spending, project it for the rest of the year, and give a \$2000-\$4000 buffer. Take into consideration if there are changes that will lead to them spending more.
- xxv. Flickinger: with e-sports club moving there is negative \$4000 in special interests and an increase of \$8000 in club sports and recreation, why the big difference? With esports moving there, they are eligible for funding for clubs sports since you are not eligible in the first two years of a club sport? What about the promotions package fund since it was all spent in the first semester?
- (1) Biemacher: when the promotional packages come to allocations they are for particular events and the promotional package budget is for general club promotions such as the banners in kirkhof. They can not do that anymore since the budget is empty.
- (2) Biermacher: esports is not a club sport, they have to go to an academic advisor, Bri Slager and their coach so they're trying to simplify it for them. They will not be a club sport they will be their own sport, it will be air marked in the budget. If they are looking to expand in the future there is a difference in numbers.
- xxvi. Hahs: what can push the service and advocacy budget to be spent more?
- (1) Bieramcher: complex answer, there are only two events that fall in the guidelines-relay for life and dance marathon. They need to increase memberships and revitalize their clubs. They have not had new service and advocacy clubs come to SORB in a while.
- e. Legislative Review/BOV Bill
- i. Schmidt: presents this bill he wrote cosponsored by Biermacher to withdraw student senate participation from Battle of the Valleys. They were the two people working on it this past year so they understand the process. Essentially it goes over what BOV is and why it is no longer suitable for this body to be involved in the event. It requires large amounts of time commitment that takes away from their commitments, and talks about the issues with BOV in regard to university structure.
- (1) Kidd: they did meet with SVSU, so they are aware that they will not be participating in BOV at least for next year.
- (2) Hahs: in absolute full support, thanks VP Schmidt and Biermacher
- (3) Flickinger: gives full support
- (4) Proctor: likes the idea of BOV but they do not have the body to do this, gives full support.
- (5) Everly: echoes these sentiments



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## IX. Five Minute Recess

## X. Public Comment – Part II

## XI. Pertinent Officer Updates

- a. Everly: had to reschedule bonding, working to find a new date. Stay tuned for more information. No office hours are required next week. Not pleased with climate reports she is hearing. Climate is a joint effort, if you are contributing to bad climate please stop or you will be having a conversation with her.
- b. Biermacher: allocations will be meeting tomorrow at 1:30 in KC 2215-16. Budget presentation is in the drive, you can reach out over spring break if you have questions.
  - i. Kidd: thanks him for all of his great work
- c. Bucon: there was an issue with senate swag because it did not meet the minimum number of items for the listed price but promotions covered the difference. The one t-shirt that was ordered had to be refunded. Thanks to everyone who attend USG. Matching everyone with your availability to professors scheduled for classroom visits and they will reach out with details. PRC will now meet a little after 5pm on Tuesdays in the window room on the main floor of KC. You will be hearing more about meet the candidates soon.
- d. Frappier: Hoogwerf is making fantastic progress with Elect Her, looking forward to it, reach out to Hoogwerf with questions.
  - i. Haas: date?
    - (1) Hoogwerf: 3/31 3:00-5:30 pm, hoping to have a location soon
- e. Haas: Last Lecture has every ounce to do with all of your hard work, last night was incredible. One of the best experiences she has had since being here. Women's history month book display is in the library so check it out. Haas has reached out to IT to update the student resources page. EAC will be speaking on reporting of, or lack of, course material costs so reach out with your experiences with this.
- f. Frappier: Unfortunately, VP Al Moutaa decided to resign yesterday, effective immediately. Reads resignation letter that he asked him to share with everyone: "Over the past few months, I have been experiencing a series of challenges and hardships in my personal life. As a result, I have been struggling to balance my responsibilities as Vice President of Diversity Affairs and to fulfill my obligations to the best of my abilities. Despite my best efforts, I have come to the realization that I am no longer able to continue in this role. It is not a decision that I have made lightly, as I care deeply about the work that we have done and the impact that we have had on the student body. However, I believe that it is in the best interest of the organization and its members for me to step down and allow someone else to take on this important role. I am confident that the next Vice President of Diversity Affairs will bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to the table, and I look forward to seeing the positive changes that they will bring

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about. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to everyone on the Student Senate for the support, guidance, and encouragement that you have given me throughout my time in this role. It has been an honor to work alongside such a passionate and dedicated group of individuals, and I am proud of the progress that we have made together.”

- i. Kidd: Frappier will be serving as interim VP of DAC for the time being. DAC will meet following this meeting.
- ii. Flickinger: will his legislation be continued?
  - (1) Frappier: Senator Quist will be taking that over
  - (2) Kidd: thanks senator Quist for stepping up
- g. Schmidt: working on BOV bill, bill with senator Schrader, Schrader is working with housing and on another bill, Flickinger is keeping up with city of GR.

## **XII. University Committee Reports**

- a. Gira: last Tuesday the university technology council met, talked about workday student-replacement for banner, student alumni portal so everything can be found in one place, and the campus wide banner photo roster shortage. If you have any other questions, reach out.

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

## **XIV. Call for Announcements**

- a. Schrader: after meeting with the head of housing, they will have monthly meetings. They created a google form for all on campus residents, Senator Golaj is an RA and she shared it, so it now has 26 responses. Needs responses so would really appreciate you sharing it
- b. Hallead: SRC is trying to figure out if you like the seating arrangement, please fill out the form she sent in the slack even if you do not care. Please send her a DM of the perks of being a senator because she only got one response.
- c. Everly: she will not be in town over break but if you are interested in running for VP of SRC, you can schedule a meeting with her or facetime with her. The week they come back from break she will be exiting her teenage years and former VP Munoz will be in town so put 3/17 on your calendar.
- d. Proctor: congratulates Derpilbosien and Haas for being senator of the month
- e. Frappier: fill out form for Senator Hallead, he was the only one who sent something. If you received an email from VP Everly about a meeting after GA that is still happening. The DAC meeting will happen after that meeting.
- f. Kidd: take snacks, cabinet will be happening in person, keep an eye on your slack she will text when it is time for cabinet.

## **XV. Adjournment: 6:46pm**