



General Assembly

Thursday, April 11th, 2019 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Rachel Jenkin

Parliamentarian: Morgan Mattler

I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:32pm

- a. Moment of Silence
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

II. Guest Speakers

III. Public Comment – Part I

- a. Alumni of GVSU: Here on behalf of endorsing Eric Szcapaniak, knew him throughout high school. When looking at his resume, seeing him on board of directors for school board, board of education for Konawa Hills high school. Devotes all of himself when he does something. Takes time to meet with people from all kinds. Advocate for student safety. As an alumnus, I know he could lead this body for student senate.
- b. Faith: student at GVSU, junior. Here to talk on behalf of Eric. Always impressed as a peer and a person in general. With us going into teaching education. He had an impact on helping me through true leader both inside and outside the classroom. Eric knows the importance of the students in the classroom, knows the importance of future teachers. This past fall, advocacy for peon career tech center, where young potential teachers can go here to get a glimpse into the classroom.
- c. Sophia: previous senator, Love both candidates running for president. Here to talk about Ethan for president. He was the first base when I joined senate. Made me feel welcomed onto the body. Something important to have as a leader. One of the most knowledgeable senators I have ever seen. When a general senator, you have to work on three projects at one time. He excels at doing this. He works on the projects, follows through with it, and gets results, like the metal pit in the ravines, worked on having professors posting syllabi before you sign up for classes. Never seen someone work so hard.
- d. Rachel Reynolds: Previous senators, worked on PODs. Here to endorse someone here for the students. That is Ethan Schaffer. When he entered the senate, jumped right into project work to work for the students, help bring teachers and students closer together. Ethan always lets me know what is going on in senate, if you vote for Ethan, he will be the best in the role. Great liaison for student senators.
- e. Konawa Hills School board member: Privilege when I had Erik, amazed when he wanted to run for the school board. He actually took my school board member seat, before I filled another empty seat. Seeing his work, I can see how student focused he is, future thinking, passionate about representation for minorities, encourages me to always look forward. He encourages all board members to push for continuous professional development. Great to see him push for a student representative, He over 250 hours of professional development, data skills development certificate, non profit certificate.

My board service is almost over, probably will not run again. But encouragement from Eric makes me want to run again, driving that passion for students.

- f. Soles: 4th year student here at GVSU, here to endorse Alex Hicks. Alex was named senator of the month during their first month on senate. Alex sat on PRC during previous body, ran the senate Instagram. Raised total followers over 250 followers, started live Instagram takeovers, created over 50 pluggers for senate events, sometimes created these without even being asked. Always in the senate office to help others with their projects, spends roughly 15 hours a week already working on senate. Sat on so many different cub committees and task forces. Their Major and minors are directly related to PRC. Got a 4.0 for their first semester at GVSU. Chosen to be an RA next year as well, Natural leader. Alex is transparent and most dedicated person for this job. Increase relations between senate body and students. Alex would be great at VP of PRC.
- g. Mackenzie: Student at GVSU, knowing Alex Muraescu, listens to everyone, no matter put backgrounds. Asked questions to better understand all of our backgrounds. Takes all challenges as a RA in stride. Admire her passion and dedication. Would run DAC great.
- h. Amil: junior at GVSU, getting to know Ethan Schaffer, worked on the Whale with him. High character, not only says will make change but takes the steps to make the actual effort. Helped create Laker Paloza. Deeply care for the school's future. Very approachable, wanting to with anyone from any background or belief. Will always be willing to be there for any individual. Would be a great president.
- i. Student: Chemistry student, here at GVSU. Ethan Schaffer is one of the most dedicated people I know. Spends countless hours a week on senate. Here is an expert on networking. Master of amazing those connections for not only himself but betterment of the organizations he is apart of. Always working with people of different backgrounds and a very unique personality. Here to represent an entire group of people, not a single group. Accepts everyone and works hard for everyone. Ethan is a great guy.
- j. France: Senior here at GVSU, knowing Eric-John. He is very dedicated and accomplished individual. His work on trying to get lower textbook costs is something I resonate so much with. Knowing him through transitions, he was so proactive, trying to better connect with students, seeing what he could do to be there for Go Team and the students as well. Goes beyond his responsibilities in his roles.
- k. Bilal: Previous VP of PRC. Congrats to all new senator elects. Excited for all of you that are starting or continuing senate. Taking a role of VP, takes expectations and roles you need to fulfill. No longer have as much as a stake here, not as much as you. If you work hard and do it in the right ways, it will be successful for you. Talking about Ethan, not for his candidacy, but how he has been a good friend. Do not want to sway opinion. Meet Ethan first when I sat in the Gallery once. He started a conversation with me when I transferred. Welcomed me onto the body. Always offer himself as a resource. He was huge in getting me acclimated into the GVSU community. Ethan was the first one to be

vulnerable between the two of us, showing me his courage. I try to practice that with others know. One of two people I will actually cry in front of. Thank you for being my friend. Good luck to all the candidates. Continue to strive to better yourself and be kind to each other.

- l. Austin Marsman: Previous senator. Eric for president. He reached out to me as a high school graduate, encouraging me to run for senate. His leadership, connections, and his interactions are intentional, I can trust him, I can count on him. Nurmi for EVP, he could transform the body. Benoit, for SRC, willing to have tough conversations. Mueller for EAC, would be a rock start. Grace for CAC, passion and energy. DAC Alex Murescu, dedicated to diversity, knows relationships are key. Out and about. Joel Pagel for ERC, has leader potential. Also support behind Sam Jacobs, CSLC. PRC for Alex Hicks, definition of a senator, always willing to step up. Very successful in their first year, very qualified.
- m. Michael: president of farm club. Ethan Schaffer, examples, came to farm club pot club, listened to us with our campus dining concerns. Few weeks ago, let us know about food committee, giving us an outlet to voice our opinions. His work on clearing the metal pit is also amazing. Did not know you could accomplish so much as a student. So friendly.
- n. Cameron Jones: VP of ERC, previous. Eric for president. Known him for a couple of years. No matter where he was on senate, goes above and beyond his responsibilities. Helped plan events, many resolutions, work on civic engagement. Leadership would be safe in his hands. Also support Nurmi for EVP. Served on my committee. Model senator. Voter registration records made, housing work with off campus living centers. Knows how to execute big plans. Confident he has the judgment to do what is right. Alex Hicks for PRC. Most passionate senator I saw, will do that in next year's body. Works well under pressure. Will make self sacrifice for the body. Can cannot with a broad range of people. No matter who wins or what committee, work on inclusive and equitable environment, everyone's job. Some of GVSU most powerful leaders, he helped the marginalized students.
- o. Megan LaPlatt: Previous senator: Eric fro president, positive, kind, look up to him fro many reasons. Best representative for all students. Alex Hicks, I believe they will work even harder than last year. Andrew Nurmi, cares about every, diversity, works so hard for GVSU's betterment, talks about senate and does senate work so much.
- p. Carly Aller: previous senator. Alex Hicks for PRC. Can always be trusted in taking your project to the next level, willing to help any senator. Alex brought many great ideas to CTF. Even though the ideas were not implemented, he took it with stride. Nominated for emerging leader and senator of the year from many senators. President, Eric has passed some of the best resolutions I have ever seen. 4 of them. When he speaks, people listen. He pours everything into his work and has so much potential.

- q. Liv: 4-year senator, was on Finance, PRC, EAC, and SRC. Eric would be great as president, so could Ethan. Could be great coworkers if one was president and the other as EVP. Eric willing to talk to administration. Ethan's work on projects could translate so well into EVP. SRC, Hannah Benoit, was vocal, served all year on senate, willing to make sure rules well. Maddie will do great at finance. EAC, Autumn did great work. ERC, I think Nurmi should run for it due to his work. Alex Hicks, even though they are young, Ryan might be better suited due to his history in leading. Senate elections are not personal. If you don't win, it okay. As a general senator you have a lot of power for the work you get to do. Being on senate is a privilege, thinking on behalf students. Excited fro new body and good luck.

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

- a. Bob Stoll: Information sheet for new body. Will stay with me in how to connect with you all. Who, What, Where. Share this with new cabinet as well.
- b. EVP Mattler: Haasta La Vista sign up sheet for volunteering. Old and new senators needed to help out for set up. Friday on April 19th. Asking for an hour of your time minimum.

V. **President's Report**

- a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - approved
- b. Roberts rules, when in discussion, if feelings are the same as others, make sure to yield to redundancy of you can, only ass new stuff, speakers list with raising placard. Discussion and questions, Listen to their ideas, qualifications. Here to view them as senators, not personal lives. Reminder, election logistics. 5-minute speech, 5 questions or 15 minutes fro questions. Can be extended, no more than twice. Discussion for 10 minutes but can be extended. When voting, write down name of person you support, can write down no confidence if you don't support any candidate. Abstention go in the way of majority. Keep it respectful as it all goes into the minutes.

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

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved
- b. Want to get on speakers list, raiser placard high, put it down when I recognize you.
- c. April 19th at 3pm for Haasta La Vista.
- d. Good luck for candidates, keep respectful.

VII. **Officer Reports**

VIII. **Call for University Committee Reports**

- a. Faculty planning meeting: Huron, Hall, board still approves. Academic space committee. When to correct places for room space. Provost website will have document for where to go for certain issues.

- b. Open Education resources task force: last meeting finalized report to go to board of trustees for recommendations for lowering textbooks university wide. Separating into free books and low cost books. Top one on list, each college with most enrolled course to charge them to find a year to find affordable textbook costs. Will have a lot of effect on underclassmen. Also allowing research to be for finding affordable textbook material.

IX. **Unfinished Business**

X. **New Business**

a. Nominations and Voting for President

- i. Senator Elect Schaffer: Take a second to think about this. What is important for this role. Thinking about hands on leadership, connections with admins, strong work ethic. Will bring this all to this role and more. Involved in more than just senate. Here for students, know I have made mistakes and that is okay. Will work for the students. Hands on leadership. Pushed all of my work to admins, of waiting for response I move on to working another while I could. Worked on music festival for GVSU student put on GVSU students. Here solely to serve for senate now. Three years of experience on senate. Helped create policy if you have 3 exams on one day you can take it another day. Funding secured for clearing a metal pit. Resolutions are awesome, but we want to explore all avenues we can use. Advocate for students in public and private. Where I want to go as senate president. Student vice to be heard, shared governance, share the student experience with admins. Upper positions are new in their roles, want to make sure they understand our needs and wants. Another goal for senate is to reach out to more students, go to more student events. Share space with them. Talk to more students. Work with PRC even more. Hands on leadership, plans, and more. Hold me accountable. Believe I can make a difference
- ii. Senator Elect Szcapaniak: 4th year senator, former VP, first generation college student, not only running to be your president though. Want to center discussions around how we will accomplish our goals. The difference you make, your Laker effect. Charter shared governance. Intentional for how we approach the students. We must be intentional for addressing marginalized students. Here to do life long learning, betterment of GVSU. Running for the same reasons as to why I want to be a teacher. Want people to have ownership in their community. Advocate for public on board of trustee's meetings for transparency. Also a student senate report added to board agenda. Both are great ideas. Proud to support both as I value our diverse stories. How we interact together as a senate, widely practiced that author of resolutions that when resolutions are brought to UAS, I want to make sure I can be your advocate for your ideas. I want to express your passion. Student body, we will do better. Framework for better relationship will know what we do. I want to make sure agendas are released before. Online videos posted of agenda so people know what we will discuss

this room. Challenged with thinking about long term health of GVSU. Challenge ideas, bring more students to the table.

iii. Questions:

- (1) Senator Elect Thompson: When I thought about thinking about running for this, I heard about time commitment for this role, so I knew I could not meet it. So have you meet with previous president so you know you could do this.
- (2) Senator Schaffer: When talking to Jenkin, back in January, talked about my ideas, what roles we do, invited me to UAS, had weekly meetings or biweekly for what she does.
- (3) Senator Elect Szcapaniak: Cabinet member for EAC, talked to Jon Bowman, past president about running. Got his thoughts on me running. Fortunate to sit down with him from my visions.
- (4) Senator Elect Fritz: Given amount of work the role takes, things that could get in the way for your responsibilities?
- (5) Senator Elect Szcapaniak: School board member, takes up Monday evenings, the skills I learn there can be transferred here though. With students who might leave, we want to here why they still pick GVSU. Know I dedicate my time to this role.
- (6) Senator Elect Schaffer: Next year as a senior, only have 6 or classes over both semesters. Have lots of time to do senator work, no other clubs currently. Want to dedicate all of my time I can to senate.
- (7) Senator Elect Thompson: Szcapaniak, if you haven't talked to Jenkin yet, how do you expect the transition to go?
- (8) Senator Elect Szcapaniak: close friends with Rachel, was on cabinet with her two years ago, worked on a resolution with her. Do not see a problem with transition. I have worked with her in the past though.
- (9) Senator Elect Dowker: Confidentiality, how both of you will handle it?
- (10) Senator Elect Schaffer: Confidentiality, non disclosure is huge. Do not know what someone is going through. TO violate their trust without permission is rude. Encourage a culture on cabinet for no gossip, no drama.
- (11) Senator Elect Szcapaniak: Answer is similar, when it comes to confidentiality, all at cabinet table, need to be approachable. I tried my best to meet new senators. With confidentiality, need to have good working relationship, so refrain from gossiping, don't need to talk about things that are true but no discussion is needed, keep it to oneself.
- (12) Senator Elect Fritz: Actual steps in place for confidentiality, bringing that little culture of no gossip, steps?

(13) Senator Elect Szcapaniak: read over all of the senate documents, as CTF made changes. For this election, both of us will probably leave room for discussion. Discussion time is not a time to “air dirty laundry”. Process for disciplinary action does not fall under president role but EVP. But still important to strike tone of no gossip.

(14) Senator Elect Schaffer: Same answer, SRC is like the HR of senate, cabinet tries to handle this as well, revised conduct review board so it is more friendly as connotation was “to be kicked off body”. Changed it to be more of conversation to try to find a solution with senators.

iv. Discussion:

(1) Senator Elect Boyd: Think we are lucky for choices, don't think you can vote wrong, will vote for Eric due to as to be honest with ourselves, we have a young small body. Eric has not only held public office, past member of cabinet, and will be on his 4th year on senate. Remember not just about who is the most passionate, but who can guide us through the change as well. Having Eric as our head is a statement in itself, it travels with respect. He knows how to get things done as people want to work with him. Ethan is a great choice as well. Personally I advise Eric though.

(2) Senator Elect Dowker: Feel as tough certain people cannot hold this position if they cannot keep things confidential. Ethan Schaffer did spread something I did confide as confidential. Eric is one the best people in my life though. Know as president he can delegate greatly and would do the best.

(3) Senator Elect Samuels: both are great, support for Ethan as he is so driven, working behind the scenes for his campaign, I see his passion and give so much.

(4) Senator Elect Fritz: Encourage and stress we are evaluating the candidates based on a lot what they have given us today, as new senators do not know everything, A lot they can be inspired by. Be careful what we put in front of new senators as it can sway opinion. Support for Ethan, impacted how I want to vote in the passed 48 hours.

(5) Senator Elect Nurmi: since I am running for EVP, I assure, I would be happy to work with either. For Eric though, remarkable person. So loving and passionate. Joy to be around as he so personable and compassionate person. Had everyone's interest in his heart. His drive and ideas could change GVSU for the better. He never backs down from a fight.

(6) Senator Elect McMahon: in regard to how they spoke today and previous work, support for Eric, when talking to him I feel like my opinion is valued. Making

- whatever we talk about a valuable conversation. Also Eric would be a great leader due to wanting to make students included with our senate work.
- (7) Senator Elect Thompson: Both are great and great leaders, previously mentions, one candidate has “clout” are they running for prestige? Will they represent the student body more than running for themselves?
 - (8) Senator Elect Ruby: Do not know as much as veteran senators, but with my chats with Eric, from what I can tell, he is passionate, things he discusses are to have a clear agenda, all for that. Like transparency, communicating with everybody. Not knowing about senate, feel like there was a lack fro student body and senate relationship and communication. Eric would make more transparency.
 - (9) Senator Elect Hicks: When Eric speaks, he speaks with intention, experience with working with those older with him, like administration. Eric can do it with class. Eric is attentional with his attention. Never condescending to me. Resource to all senators. Amazing that he is on a school board, something that does not happen.
 - (10) Senator Elect Brainerd: for Eric, students’ opinion on us is mostly negative and that we do not get a to done. Eric could change that opinion of Student senate, will prove to student body that we are here for them. He almost didn’t come back due to a capstone but still is here. Will prioritize senate so much.
 - (11) Senator Elect DeBerry: No matter who wins, we will be in good hands. Support for both. Who ever does not get this positon, keep in mind in trying to out them elsewhere as they would do well.
 - (12) Senator Elect Accardo: Do not know either candidate very well, but Eric had reached out to me, right after elections started, he really connected with me. Made me feel in place and excited to start working on this body.
 - (13) Senator Elect Murarescu: Support for Szccepaniak, personally, age and time commitment are trivial when it comes to intentions. I have seen that Szccepaniak had reached out to many of the new senators, even on previous body. Something to keep in mind as leader needs to be approachable.
 - (14) Senator Elect Thompson: Others have mentioned how they reach out, keep intention of reaching out.
 - (15) Senator Elect Murarescu: Szccepaniak, I think when he reached out it was for real reasons.
 - (16) Senator Elect Mueller: Working with both, they both work hard, support for Szccepaniak, when I was new, he welcomed me and made sure I felt belonged here.

- v. Voting: Congrats to Senator Elect Szcapaniak
- b. Nominations and Voting for Executive Vice President
 - i. Nominations:
 - (1) Senator Elect Thompson: nominate for Schaffer, as he could be great in this position. (Denies)
 - ii. Speeches:
 - (1) Senator Elect Nurmi: Elections can be so stressful, so thank you for being here. Junior here majoring in Poli Sci, grew up on East side, 3rd year senator. Senate has been so amazing for me. Worked on student voter registration, worked with township advisor for more crosswalks, working with housing for off campus housing award. Keep in mind not only what they have done but future goals. EVP needs to make sure day to day runs smoothly. My goals, increase transparency, break down wall of general body and cabinet. Cabinet is trusted to be open and honest with the body. They did a good job but I want to voice how you want to lead as well. Being honest with them, continue to push for cross committee collaboration, make sure we have a holistic approach. A CAC project could do DAC work, PRC could work with EAC, etc. We can all grow with each other. Previously we have seen that not all senators get a chance to speak. Want to make sure they have a chance to speak. Give them the chance to talk about what they are working on or what they want to work on. Also construction of GA. Sometimes longer than 3 hours. Longer meetings sometimes result in poorer results. I want to make the average GA no longer than 2 hours, limit discussions, less guest speakers. Thank you for your consideration.
 - iii. Questions:
 - (1) President Elect Szcapaniak: Big concern in how you better engage student body, some way we can engage with them?
 - (2) Senator Elect Nurmi: think we need to be creative in how we conduct senate meetings, do not want cabinet to be afraid. Not only social media posts like Instagram or twitter. Maybe a Tik Tok Account even. May be ridiculous idea, but can be seen as approachable. Let them know we are students as well. Weird idea but different.
 - (3) Senator Elect Thompson: Last year when you were removed from a previous school organization, how have you grown and evolved since then?
 - (4) Senator Elect Nurmi: I don't think I was removed due to previous actions for student life fund, but removed for leadership ability. At that time, I don't think I was ready to lead. Since then I have grown. College is a time for formation and

growth. Hope I have proven in the ways I have acted in senate this year have shown my growth. Like housing project. Learned from my mistakes.

iv. Discussion:

- (1) Senator Elect Benoit: Wanted to say I have gotten close with Nurmi, former senator Marsman has mention how Nurmi is resilient. Learned so much, grown so much as a person. Heart in the right place. Lots of passion for senate.
- (2) President Elect Szcepaniak: only time I will speak for a candidate. Few years back when Nurmi was on College Dems, they did impeach him because of a transgression of another student. This student was on senate, misused travel funds, later discovered that he knew about it and did not report timely enough. Did vote to remove him but he ash grown over the last year. Super excited Nurmi will serve in this role. Seen his growth. I would encourage to not vote “vote of no confidence”. We can learn from our mistakes; he has had those tough discussions. Confident in his ability to lead.
- (3) Senator Elect Jacobs: New to senate, in time I have known Nurmi, he seems to be passionate, he cares about what he does, did not previously know about college of dems event, but on e mistake does not define a person. Always room fro improvement and Nurmi has done that.
- (4) Senator Elect Russo: involved with housing this past year, worked with Nurmi, great to see him reach out and get me involved. Shows sentiment for the leadership that should be in this position. Encourages people to get involved.
- (5) Senator Elect Thompson: For the College of Dems questions, di not have intention to stump him, more just to see how he has grown. We are always growing and evolving, where the question came from didn’t mean to scare anyone.

v. Voting: Congrats to Senator Elect Nurmi

c. Nominations and Voting for Vice President of Senate Resources

i. Nominations:

ii. Speeches:

- (1) Senator Elect Benoit: On top of continuing my projects, changes I want to make. In favor of more working of GA, QPR and other diversity based GAs. I want to see more cross committee collaboration. We are going to work efficiently if we work together and see each other more than once a week. Help avoid a whirlwind of uncompleted numerous projects. Want to transition to a more flexible in-service training. Bringing of Fall and Winter, beginning senators go this training and one on one. Randomly pairing old and new senators can be intimidating, want

it to be modeled after “Big and Little” relationship. Name of this committee, want to be resource of all resourced fro senate. Welfare for all of you, I care about it. I want you to feel you can come to me no matter what. Love for organization came from the relationships I made. Will serve the student body best if I serve you the senate. Passionate abut bettering my environment. Those who have meet me, have seen my enthusiasm. Thank you for the consideration.

- (2) Senator Elect Przekop: Welcome to senate, excited to see the changes that will occur. Former SRC member. Goals I have, former senators worked on same rules for all student organizations. Think it is important that all students have the same rules to follow. Want to make sure cabinet is approachable, as a new senator, I was afraid to approach cabinet as my education of senators was lacking. Previous senate body made a leadership development fund, want to utilize this fund to help senators be better leaders.

iii. Questions:

- (1) Senator Elect Hicks: Benoit, increase number of working Gas, define it of what you envision it as.
- (2) Senator Elect Hicks: QPR training and cultural competency, so training us how to help and deal with high stress situations. So with a working GA, will allocate an hour to do training programs, like ally training.
- (3) Senator Elect Thompson: Can you tell me what has prepared you fro this role, past experiences?
- (4) Senator Elect Przekop: Even though I am a freshman, took first semester, learned about inner workings of GVSU. Second semester I did join senate I was on NHS, science Olympiad, and other organization in high school, can transfer into senate.
- (5) Senator Elect Benoit: Threw myself into college, did serve on PRC, but as I mentioned, I am a big proponent for rule following, passion for helping people, making it a goal to get new senators acclimated.
- (6) Senator Elect Mueller: Hope for SRC to look like next year
- (7) Senator Elect Benoit: Help recover from turnover from SRC. Also SRC to ensure that whoever would be on committee potentially to not view me as a boss or head, but as a colleague. On SRC, hope everyone can reach out to the other senators. Make sure the environment is safe and comfortable.
- (8) Senator Elect Przekop: Stigma of SRC, like they will crack down. Want to eliminate that. Make sure it is seen as a resource committee and make sure conduct is being done correctly as well.
- (9) Senator Elect McMahon: Comfort in dealing with confrontation?

- (10) Senator Przekop: coming onto SRC, comfortable with dealing confrontation, conflict etc.
- (11) Senator Elect Benoit: comfortable with confrontation, want to go to route of encourage others to make sure they utilize SRC correctly and properly. Want to help people grow on a personal basis, mature, have those grown up conversations.
- (12) President Elect Szcapaniak: With this year, not enough people to fill the body all year, it is on SRC to fill it. Make sure we get applicants, plans to make sure we get to a broader audience.
- (13) Senator Elect Benoit: Love my PRC members, did great work with them, going to be a transitions leader, and with Senator Elect Nurmi for crazy student engagement ideas.
- (14) Senator Elect Przekop: student engagement up to all committees. When president Jenin talked at transitions, I knew that I wanted to do senate work. So pushing transitions will push many freshmen to be aware with senate and maybe apply to be here. Push all of cabinet to reach out.

iv. Discussion:

- (1) Senator Elect Hicks: Worked closely with Benoit, one of the first people to reach out to me on senate. Even as a new senator, helped show me the ropes of senate. Takes constructive criticism very well, expert in confidentiality. Strong part of this role.
- (2) EVP Elect Nurmi: Both bring great things to the table. Great relationship with Benoit. Very moment she got onto senate, dived onto senate work right away. As part of PRC, she came to my committee meetings, wanted to hear our input. SRC isn't just HR, but pinnacle for appreciation for senator. Appreciate Przekop ideas and want to keep her ideas at mind too.
- (3) Senator Elect Boyd: Work with Benoit on PRC, support behind her. Head of SRC needs respect. She has that respect that is needed for this role. Trust her to guide us in positive direction. Think she is strong, not afraid to call people out, will help craft senate into best mold it can be. Advise to support Benoit.
- (4) Senator Elect Fritz: Support for Benoit.
- (5) Senator Elect Murarescu: Support for Benoit, and question of conduct. Benoit has before kept people in line and follow conduct and did it respectfully.

v. Voting: Congrats to Senator Elect Benoit

d. Nominations and Voting for Vice President of Finance

- i. Nominations:
- ii. Speeches:

- (1) Senator Elect Samuels: Finance was my last choice when I joined senate, but now I do not see myself anywhere else. Our work can sometimes be unseen. Want finance to be accessible to the body and the students. Want help student organizations put on their events, Previous VP taught me so much, filling her shoes will be challenging. This is not a hobby, but push ourselves to work on those things that scare us, with your support I will not fail you.

iii. Questions:

- (1) Senator Elect DeBerry: Being on finance with you, committee has its own “climate”. How will you bring finance closer with the general body?
- (2) Senator Elect Samuels: Cross committee projects, shared coming goals, roles in each other committee.
- (3) Senator Dowker: How to ensure sensitivity on cultural funding board?
- (4) Senator Elect Samuels: Sticking to principles, not bringing emotions into decision and stick to guide lines.
- (5) Senator Elect Fritz: coming into senate, learning about finance, mentioned about making it more accessible. So how will you do that?
- (6) Senator Elect Samuels: want a role for people for outreach, events, involved in student organizations, actually make connection. Connection, want to make transparency of rules and how to make requests more clear.
- (7) Senator Elect Thompson: Voting rights for over \$10,000, willing to offer other times where we can get voting rights?
- (8) Senator Elect Samuels: yes, want people to be involved, so I am open to those other avenues, like at in-service for voting rights given.
- (9) EVP Elect Nurmi: in years past, there have been previous VP of finance as unapproachable, to by the books, where students feel afraid to ask for money. Atmosphere you want appropriations to be?
- (10) Senator Elect Samuels: People are nervous when they ask for funding. Want it to be welcoming, inviting, and accessible, but most importantly, for it to be simple. Easier for both ends.

iv. Discussion:

- (1) Senator Elect DeBerry: Working with her, grown so much as a leader, very vocal at finance, will make a great VP of Finance.
- (2) Senator Elect Dowker: don't know Maddie very well, even running unopposed, she had a plan and brought it.
- (3) Senator Elect Fritz: What I know from behind the scenes, was the thought put behinds deciding to run for this role. She reached out to those with more

knowledge than her. Something she feels confident enough in to run this effectively. Support Samuels.

- (4) EVP Elect Nurmi: Even though Samuels said Finance was not her first choice, but now likes it. They work closely with office of student life, she will pick a great committee, confidence in her

v. Voting: Congrats to Senator Elect Samuels

e. Nominations and Voting for Vice President of Campus Affairs

i. Nominations:

ii. Speeches:

- (1) Senator Elect McMahon: This was my first year on senate. When thinking of why you came to GVSU, you think of many things you like here, but there is something you do not like. CAC, I feel as though I have tools and qualifications to lead CAC. Sat on 2 university committees. Time allocated for these committees is important for talking about certain topics. My participation on these committee, I have become comfortable talking to administration. Serving on CAC, and the projects I worked on, have given me what I need to lead this. One of the biggest things I hope to push is to make sure senators to work on projects they are passionate about. Like my work with center for women and gender equity. Also cross committee collaboration as well. Make sure that we do not get stuck in bubbles of “finishing project on our own”. Working with many senators will result in idea creation. Communicate with students across campus for what they want to see. Want to work with PRC closely with them to encourage this. Want to communicate with all students. Ensure students have a voice and value through this committee.

iii. Questions:

- (1) EVP Elect Nurmi: For CAC, any things you see currently you like but needs more work?
- (2) Senator Elect McMahon: Career Center, like a professionalism course, 1 credit course. Also if career center were to host more events in “professional clothes” and things like that.
- (3) Senator Elect Dowker: CAC is very project based, projects you worked on?
- (4) Senator Elect McMahon: international women’s month panel, flashing cross walk lights.

iv. Discussion:

- (1) Senator Elect Dowker: Cannot speak enough about McMahon. Fridays she would wake up at 6am for a downtown committee meeting. She did it and reported back. She would never brag about her work.
 - (2) Senator Elect Fritz: McMahon, she made sure that my voice was heard. Incorporated what I wanted to say when I did not get a chance to voice. She is warm and kind hearted. Positive asset to cabinet she will be.
 - (3) VP Elect Samuels: Worked on a project with McMahon for MHAC, honestly such a great person, so kind and gives herself to her work.
- v. Voting: Congrats to Senator Elect McMahon
- f. Nominations and Voting for Vice President of Educational Affairs
- i. Nominations:
 - ii. Speeches:
 - (1) Senator Elect Mueller: Been on senate 1 year. Productive is a result of focused efforts. No substitute to hard work. Education is ever changing. Ensure student voice is heard on academic committees. Here to make sure all students are accounted for. Creating an environment for a stable learning environment is my main goal. Will be primary contact between students and library, want to further those relationships. For student engagement, it is so important. Want more student positions on search committees. Renovate programs, will advocate for that as well. Also want to keep up to date with Lanthorn. Also OER work will be another goal. Open Access is a large scale event we put on. Want to do many events in this week. I have tabled for this event before. Want to see continued change and growth for open educational resource task force. Want to explore for how GVSU finds course material. Love to make GVSU a leader in open educational resources. My time on senate, passion on sustainability, want to educate students why this is important. Another aspect is cross committee collaboration. To wrap up, system of education is always changing. Excel academic performance is critical and student voice will drive change. Still learning, but will take it one step at a time.
 - iii. Questions:
 - (1) EVP Elect Nurmi: from EAC, lots of projects they do, lots of annual events. Any other projects to want to get off the ground
 - (2) Senator Elect Mueller: No current ideas, but want to expand the number of current attendees.

- (3) President Elect Szczeaniak: Open access week in October, so BOV was during this time. Given we are not doing BOV competition, thoughts on fundraising for grant that would create open education resources professors could use.
- (4) Senator Elect Mueller: Love that idea.
- iv. Discussion:
 - (1) Senator Brainerd: Went to high school with Mueller, think she would do great in this role. Will grow so much in this role. She is better than ever, Has the right personality and motivation for this role.
- v. Voting: Congrats to Senator Elect Mueller
- g. Nominations and Voting for Vice President of Diversity Affairs
 - i. Nominations:
 - ii. Speeches:
 - (1) Senator Elect Murarescu: As a first generation college student, daughter of immigrants, and a Laker, I have seen people and myself be singled out. For those that take positions of power with harsh mindsets. I served on DAC this past year. My time on the body this year and background, worked with many students of diverse background, helped them celebrate their backgrounds. Looking forward to next year, want to provide GVSU on an educational based approach for learning about diversity, knowing the difference between equality and equity. Want to work with SRC for cultural competency training and Ally training. Want the minority students to know they can and are represented on this body. Want to make sure hate and prejudice is not welcomed on this campus. Want people to know that everyone has different privileges. All students should be able to learn without fear of prejudice.
 - iii. Questions:
 - (1) Senator Elect Jackson: Define micro aggression, and the consequences for this campus.
 - (2) Senator Elect Murarescu: something that is offensive that can be seen as mainstream but seen as not as aggression. Like saying “Gypt”.
 - (3) VP Elect Benoit: Put aside of working GAs, ideas to help enlighten senate as a whole for diversity.
 - (4) Senator Elect Murarescu: making sure I am approachable, but make sure they are held accountable if micro aggression are said.
 - (5) Senator Elect Smith: BSU president, reaching out to cultural organization, how will you reach out?

- (6) Senator Elect Murarescu: Previous VP reached out to most if not all of the cultural organization. Went to these organizations events. Showing up and being there.
 - (7) Senator Elect Ruby: Have witnessed micro aggression from a professor, how would you handle that, discussing and prevention.
 - (8) Senator Elect Murarescu: Campus does have reporting system in place, but I hope I can be a bridge to students to show them these resources. Want to empower to students to do what they want to do.
 - (9) Senator Elect Smith: Office of multi cultural affairs, they host many Laker Familia, black excellence, plan on building relationship with them?
 - (10) Senator Elect Murarescu: they fall under division of inclusion and equity, so next step is reaching out to those leaders if elected.
- iv. Discussion:
- (1) VP Elect McMahon: amazed me with how she can connect with people of many different backgrounds, so inclusive, perfect fit for this role.
 - (2) Senator Elect Dowker: Diversity, think race or gender, but will bring an element of other things, advocated for people of other identities she does not personally hold.
- v. Voting: Congrats to Senator Elect Murarescu
- h. Nominations and Voting for Vice President of External Relations
- i. Nominations:
 - (1) Senator Elect Dowker: Nominates Fritz, would be great in this role (declines)
 - (2) President Elect Szcapaniak: motion to table vote to next week. (approved)
 - ii. Speeches:
 - iii. Questions:
 - iv. Discussion:
 - v. Voting:
- i. Nominations and Voting for Vice President of Public Relations
- i. Nominations:
 - ii. Speeches:
 - (1) Senator Elect Hicks: Since joining senate, grown so much as leader and as a person. Senate shaped me into who I currently am. We need to increase transparency between sentae and students. LakerLink is currently not accessible for students. Early release of agenda, publishing minutes and resolutions, voting

records of resolutions to be published. Work more with student media. Want to work with whale, Lanthron, and GVTV. Give students the best chance to reach out to us. Let them see who are representing us. Little to no connection with student organizations currently. DAC did this very well though last year. Lead to great relationships. DAC was even invited to events. BOV change could be relay for life. This role should be implemented more. Have connections with greek life, and next year I will be an RA too. Can partner more with student organizations. Another restructure of OREs, building relationships directly with students rather than data gathering. As T Haas once said “most important thing to do is to show up”. I have showed up previously on the past body. Created many promotional items. Want to instill my passion of senate into the new body. My work on senate has never stopped.

- (2) Senator Elect Fritz: Humbled to be here. Previously sat in PRC. Honored to run with Alex Hicks. Driven to work with both Allendale and GR community. Past work experiences and organizations brings many of my qualifications. Leadership can be hard to define. My hope is to set moral and ethical courage standard. Enable me to set a better sense of reality. I hope to not only run for PRC, but help best place senators in their projects. Help place senators to best maximize their skills. We all hold the same title of student senators. We will work for one another. We share added benefit of cross collaboration. Find the strengths in each other, create that bigger team. Contribute to conversations outside of our sphere. New passions and ideas can come from this. Create new bonds and friendships and relationships. New questions reaching out to student experience, I want to inspire more than PRC to reach out to the students. See how we can better make the decisions from the students that they want and need. My desire to change reality of student perception will be a main driving force. Learn to adapt and effectively perform, best leader for you and the community, I can successfully fill this role.

iii. Questions:

- (1) Senator Elect DeBerry: Both have proven your work ethic, being a VP, time management you might have to give up some of your own projects, how will you do that.
- (2) Senator Hicks: work closely with VP elects, so I can easily shift project ideas to them if needed. Also have done many roles from my committee, I know I can be a good VP with the current work and more
- (3) Senator Elect Hicks: when seeing opportunity for this role, know this can be a priority, so in my senior year, I have made senate the priority besides my classes. I know when we can say no, but saying yes I will make sure we follow through.

- (4) Senator Elect Thompson: Growing and evolving, both appointed this year, tell me how you have grown this year, how you will work those different than you.
- (5) Senator Elect Fritz: best assets to me recently was my mentor, Bilal, he was the “Dad” of senate. Showed me how to lead. Showed a path I want to take. Experience outside of senate and academic life has taught me on how to teach and how to lead. Showing respect.
- (6) Senator Elect Hicks: As someone who is nonbinary, I deal with those that don’t agree with me, still hold respect towards them. Still approach them in a respectful manner, still value their opinion. Does hurt to be misgender, but I still can overcome this and be patient and open to their thoughts.
- (7) VP Elect McMahon: ORE, tool for student engagement, ideas for connecting to students who don’t like OREs
- (8) Senator Elect Hicks: Introduced an idea of an engagement level, was not passed but still brought up lots of ideas of engagement. So statistical consulting center maybe. Random sampling instead of just Kirkhof, will reach out to presidents of student organizations.
- (9) Senator elect fritz: a big task I was introduced to was a student liaison for colleges at GVSU. Something I still put work into. Major bridge for student life and faculty members. Try to stray away from words of acquired and assigned. Want to help encourage students to be part of this committees too. Tough to reach all student organizations, but not impossible. Can be exposed to them and create a dialogue so they know what we are doing.
- (10) Senator Elect Dowker: BOV was a big thing to get senate name out there, but now competition is gone, ideas for replacement?
- (11) Senator Elect Fritz: Fully support essence for what BOV was, reason why it ended though. I think it would be a mistake to launch another thing labeled with BOV. Level of discomfort when we decided to end it, many possible reasons. Fear if we come back with something with something similar, may look like what we are cleaning up a mess. What to capture the idea, I would label it completely differently.
- (12) Senator Elect Hicks: Mistake to expect for anew event to be created, but instead work with an established event. So we can “show up”, like relay for life, or MLK day. We could till sell t-shirts for BOV and give the money to Replenish. So best to partner with preexisting events.
- (13) Senator Elect Thompson: See both passion from both of you, if elected, how will you collaborate and work as a n aid instead of doing it all yourself.

- (14) Senator Elect Hicks: did do a lot last year, but not afraid to reach out for help when I needed it. Better to work as a unit. Dividing projects so I can empower the fro their projects.
- (15) Senator Elect Fritz: Prided myself on professionalism. One of the most important aspect for leading. Captures essence of everything you need for this kind of role. Inside and outside for this room. The committee will rely on you, so I would never exhibit anything less than top professionalism. Delegating is a must, and making sure you do it respectfully so they respect you back.
- (16) Senator Elect Thompson: PRC does a lot for things in terms of communication, can have lots of higher roles of our state come here. Can be stressful in this role. How will you handle stress?
- (17) Senator Elect Fritz: A lot of you have not seen how I can handle my composure. When I lead a staff, it built my confidence in how to lead, double majoring too. Lots of stress that goes into it. I have gotten involved with student organizations while handling other things like grades as well. I think that shows I can handle high stress.
- (18) Senator Elect Hicks: I choose to be transparent, you have seen how I handle stress. Like back in high school, did lots of cold calling for example, I have maintained my composure, jumped right into work and school, I would have dropped the things if I thought I couldn't handle them but I haven't.

iv. Discussion:

- (1) Senator Elect Jacobs: Time in knowing Hicks, they are so passionate, caring member of a community, GVSU overall. Really makes me happy to see someone with that passion for making a difference, support behind hicks.
- (2) Senator Elect Thompson: Think Fritz has shown the leadership before, more ready to lead a committee. When asking about composure, Senator Elect may have seen my questions as going after them, did not mean it to come off as that. Think Hicks has some more growing to do.
- (3) Senator Elect DeBerry: Fritz, he is very level headed, on the ground, knows what he wants to do, as a VP you cannot take on too many projects on your own. Fritz will be very capable to delegate. personally he is a great friend too.
- (4) Senator Elect Accrado: Hicks, one of the first people I met on senate. They made me feel like I belonged here on this body. They balance a lot on their plate. What is so impressive about it the amount fi things they are able to balance so many things,
- (5) Senator Elect Samuels: Both are great. Think we need to be realistic in terms of experience and what people can handle. As someone who know both, I have

support Fritz. Hick has some great work and in so many orgs but at times I have seen her be overwhelmed. Both have passion for the job. We are not calling onto question passion.

- (6) Senator Elect Dowker: There are only two people authorized to speak on behalf of senate, president and PRC VP. Ask ourselves who we want to representative, the face of this body if we make a statement.
- (7) EVP Elect Nurmi: Difference between good and bad stress, Alex Hicks definitely shows good stress. Hicks proves to be one of the most dedicated people on senate while maintaining high GPA, and the other organizations. Concerns that this conversation that is attacking people's composure due to characterizations. Speeches and questions and answers, Hicks presented many great ideas. Both are strong representatives. Float the idea of we still have an open position for ERC. So Fritz did show interest in it. Fritz even said how he likes meeting public officials.
- (8) Senator Elect Russo: Hicks was the first person to introduce me to senate. They are so approachable, easy to ask them questions. They lead by example. Their work into student senate shows how they are a fit for this role. Student Senate can be seen by the student body as far off, but having people like Hicks in this position can bring in students to better see student senate.
- (9) Senator Elect Pagel: When on PRC, working with both of them, both are great leaders, support behind both.
- (10) Senator Elect Brainerd: Do not think we are trying to attack character currently. Both are great options. Do live with Hicks. Do feel as though Fritz can do better in this role though. Feel as though he can speak for this body. He has showed maturity and respect that is important for this position. Students elected us to be here.
- (11) VP Elect Mueller: Please do not vote fro someone just because you are friends with them but for their ideas and how they carry themselves
- (12) Senator Elect Trivedi: Even though my ideas may be small, I have been so torn as so many people have great ideas. Hicks was the first one I meet. Meet Fritz today. When Fritz talked to me about PRC, I saw that he ahs so much passion and more passion for PRC than ERC. He inspires me with his professionalism. Support for Fritz
- (13) Senator Elect Thompson: What I said, in no way shape or form, I never intended to go after an individual. I know Hicks would be great leader. They do have lots of time to grow and evolve. When I asked about composure, it was not based on gender views. Think both Hicks and Fritz are outstanding senators. Do

think Fritz is ready to lead a committee. Fritz was ready to learn from others when he joined PRC, showing his professionalism. Think Hicks will be a great leader, but needs a little more time to learn and grow.

- (14) Senator Elect Thompson: whether you agree with someone or not, think if they have a tendency to make this room's work personal or not.
- (15) Senator Elect Boyd: Both are qualified, equally. Think we are unfairly attacking Hicks due to that three other freshman have been voted on. Neither are perfect. Do not attack Alex, they do have growing to do, they will take it as a challenge, not as a crutch. Not concern either will fall to pressures of PRC.
- (16) Senator Elect Smith: When meeting Hicks, only concern, they can be defensive, and Fritz was more welcoming.
- (17) Senator Elect Przekop: Vote does sound split currently. So whoever you elect, make sure you hold them accountable, approach them when they do not fulfill their promises.
- (18) Senator Elect Trivedi: Meet both in the last week, just want o reemphasize, professionalism isn't just taking comments, but showing respect and maturity with comments. Fritz can do this. Anyone who chose fritz to support, it wad not meant to be targeted towards experience but readiness to lead this role.
- (19) Senator Elect Thompson (Jenia): Remember you can do abstention or no confidence vote.
- (20) Senator Elect engagement: don't let someone's age or experience sway a vote, but their intentions. (Call to question).

v. Voting: Congrats to Senator Elect Fritz

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

XI. **Public Comment – Part II**

a. Austin Marsman: Great discussions! Great leadership.

XII. **Call for Announcements**

- a. Senator Elect Pagel: thanks to Bryce for his hard work.
- b. Senator elect Dowker: Late night tonight!
- c. Senator Elect Hicks: Russo, RHA President! Congrats.
- d. Senator Elect DeBerry: Congrats to new cabinet. Thank you to Bryce Rachel and Morgan for their hard work this year.
- e. President Elect Szcapaniak: no ERC, cabinet will fill in currently. Want to learn about ERC, come with me tomorrow at 9am to talk about state funding, and Saturday in cedar springs, join me if you want to learn what ERC entails and state funding.



General Assembly

Thursday, April 11th, 2019 – 4:30 pm

Pere Marquette – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Rachel Jenkin

Parliamentarian: Morgan Mattler

- f. Senator Elect Thompson: yesterday we went to landing for state funding, couple former senators, passed out letters. We are going to change or messaging by having students talk about what state funding means to them. Need some folks to help out.
- g. EVP elect Nurmi: housing, 3pm next Thursdays, 2215 2216 in Kirkhof.
- h. EVP Mattler: Congrats to everyone, general senators as well. Rooting fro all of you. Haasta La Vista, help out! Slack is the official communication so join if you have not.
- i. President Jenkin: Fill out contact info sheet and committee preference sheet. Good luck next year. you all do great work

XIII. Adjournment: 9:23pm