

Grand Valley State University Student Senate

General Assembly
Thursday, April 13th, 2023
Pere Marquette Room
Chair: Zachary Schmidt
Parliamentarian: Benjamin Biermacher



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

I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:30pm

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

II. Public Comment – Part I

- a. Justin Frappier, former EVP: hopes everyone has a really good year. Will not be on campus anymore but wanted to leave you with a few other things. Trust your advisor, she will point you in the right direction. You do not have to be in the cabinet to have a relationship with her, so meet with her. Trust one another, work hard. You have a really small body so invite people to join you and ask people what issues they have and what things they want fixed. Wishes you all the best, good luck tonight and the rest of the year.

III. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Stands adopted

V. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Flickinger: Motion to specify in the minutes that the prior meeting was called to order at 6:00pm
 - i. B. Johnson- 2nd
 - ii. Motion passed by a voice vote
 - iii. Senate votes to specify in the minutes that the prior meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

VI. Process explanation

- a. Questions or Clarifications
 - i. Quist: if he were to rescind a nomination when would that occur?
(1) Schmidt: you can withdraw now
 - ii. Quist: withdraws his nomination for VP of DAC
 - iii. Hahs: withdraws his nomination for EVP
 - iv. Hazari: are they withdrawing who they nominated or their own nomination?
(1) Schmidt: their own nomination

VII. New Business

- a. Nominations and Voting for President

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- i. Schmidt: currently have one nominee: Mallory Everly.
 - ii. Speeches:
 - (1) Everly: She is in her second year of studies at GVSU, majoring in multimedia journalism with a minor in political science. Joined the body in winter of 2022, and served as VP of SRC last year. She believes in the power of a community and in the power of differences in a community. The SRC VP is known for being internally focused unlike the presidential role which is externally focused. In thinking about her candidacy, she realized that the internal work relates to the presidential role more than one would think. Being on Student Senate has increased the number of educational opportunities available in her time at GV. She has seen that the skills you gain from student senate will follow you for the rest of your life. The number 1 priority of a president should be to represent the people you serve. It is really easy to feel that the president is separated from everyone else with the responsibilities they hold. She thinks it is forgotten that the president's work would not exist without all of you. The external would not exist if the internal didn't. She would like to make the student senate itself more accessible. She hopes to continue internal restructuring. She wants to work to allow people to be on the student senate while engaging in other on campus activities. This would allow them to further and more accurately represent the internal thoughts and needs of students on an external level. Does not sit well with her that the disconnect exists when the president is in charge of things like making statements and speaking on behalf of the body and communicating with administration. There is no president without each and everyone of you and she looks forward to the opportunity to represent all of you if she is elected.
 - iii. Questions:
 - (1) Proctor: the president and VP of PRC, speak on behalf of the senate. How do you view this and what are your plans to use this ability?
 - (a) Everly: when you are releasing statements on the behalf of an entire body you need to realize that everyone doesn't think the same as you and that is a good thing. She would take it very seriously to meet with the PRC VP once a week and learn how they feel about statements and make sure the communication pattern is already there in the case that they do need to release a statement quickly.
 - (2) Z. Johnson: past presidents have asked a lot of questions about how to be more approachable. What are your plans to be approachable?
 - (a) Everly: thinks that's where her SRC experience comes in. Learned that it is very important to be in touch with your humanity and realize that it is important to be approachable so that you can hear the concerns of others because you will have blind spots. Being approachable, in touch with

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humanity, and being understanding is very important and she has worked on that a lot.

iv. Discussion:

- (1) Quist: After having the privilege of working under Everly he learned that she is a fantastic person and thinks there is no one better suited for this role. One of the best people he has ever met, thinks she is a perfect fit for this role.
- (2) Hallead: thinks she is the greatest option for this role. Everly has been a great mentor to her, and took her in like a mother and thinks she would do the same for all of you.
- (3) Flickinger: agrees with everything that has been said. Wants to know some of the new senator's initial opinions of her.
- (4) B. Johnson: as the longest serving member of her SRC, there is no doubt in his mind that she would be a great president.
- (5) Hazari: just met her, but she has already been very helpful. Can tell she is very committed to the student senate, and thinks she would make a great president.
- (6) Proctor: calls the question
 - (a) Flickinger- 2nd
 - (b) 16 yays
 - (c) Senate votes to call the question

v. Schmidt: congratulates President Elect Everly

b. Nominations and Voting for Executive Vice President

i. Schmidt: Hahs has withdrawn his nomination. Any nominations?

ii. Bates: nominates Proctor for EVP

- (1) Quist- 2nd
- (2) Bates: knows Proctor has been thinking of this and was debating it. Now that there is an opening she thinks he would do a good job.
- (3) Proctor: accepts nomination
- (4) Proctor: withdraws nomination for PRC VP

iii. Speeches:

- (1) Proctor: Originally not his plan for tonight. Had been considering this before he passed the constitutional amendment. Does not have cabinet or legislative experience, but he has experience with the legislative process because of his constitutional amendment. Was on CTF and attended USG conference. Thinks he could help senators with writing legislation.

iv. Questions:

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- (1) Everly: EVP deals with cabinet conduct. If a situation arises between 2 VPs that is sticky. What do you think is necessary in that situation?
 - (a) Proctor: he is an active listener, doesn't like getting in the middle of conflict. He will take a step back, listen, breathe, and make sure everyone works together to get through.
 - (2) Hallead: how do you feel about filling open cabinet positions if needed?
 - (a) Proctor: has served on PRC and has composed social media posts highlighting what each committee does and specific senators. Feels like he is very familiar with each VP's role and responsibilities and would be confident in his ability to take over if needed.
 - (3) Quist: What is your leadership style, and how do you plan on displaying that?
 - (a) Proctor: PRC is externally focused, EVP is internally focused. Works better behind the scenes and thinks his leadership style better suits the skills needed for EVP.
 - (4) Bates: have had a lot of opening positions and people in and out. What do you think contributed to this and how do you plan to address this?
 - (a) Proctor: they think they may not have been as good with accountability. But he considered himself very approachable and knows he will listen. He wants the body to hold him accountable too. He will bring a positive attitude and make sure everyone feels comfortable and included.
 - (5) Kuiper: What are you going to do now to prepare for the role of EVP?
 - (a) Proctor: will try to schedule meetings with Frappier, Haas, and Hahs. Will also meet with anyone else who has questions.
 - (6) Everly: motions to extend questions by 2
 - (a) Hahs- 2nd
 - (b) 12 yays, 5 nays
 - (c) Passes
 - (7) Everly: EVP serves as VP for all VPs, that can be tricky when you haven't sat in the cabinet. What are some strategies that you plan on using to bridge that gap?
 - (a) Proctor: planning on working more individually with every single VP and will work closely with Everly. Met extensively with other candidates and feels confident he can work really well with them.
 - (8) Hahs: appreciates him being willing to take over this role. What is a weakness you have and what are you doing to work on it?
 - (a) Proctor: he has less confidence in his level of assertiveness. Have been constantly working on this and improving on it. Surprised Frappier and Kidd

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with the constitutional amendment which is a huge point of growth. Did not speak at GA last year but spoke at almost every GA this year and he is proud of his growth.

v. Discussion:

- (1) Hallead: though this wasn't the original plan, thinks it was amazing that he stepped up. Needs to be filled as soon as possible. Thinks he would be an amazing EVP, places full support behind him.
- (2) Hazari: has shown his commitment to the body and is working towards making sure everything goes smoothly.
- (3) Milam: have had very limited contact but Proctor reached out to him already. You can tell he cares about the body and thinks he would do a great job.

vi. Schmidt: congratulates EVP Elect Proctor

c. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Senate Resources

i. Schmidt: have one nominee: Magdalyn Hallead

ii. Speech:

- (1) Hallead: freshman studying biomedical sciences with a minor in chemistry. Served a semester on PRC and then transferred over to SRC for the second semester. Will uphold the ideals of SRC to the highest degree if given the chance to do so. Plans to organize senate body events, handle conduct issues and work to recruit new members. Plans to keep close contact with Everly. Will get equipped with policies and procedures. Received experience with governing documents through CTF and at the USG conference. Her biggest priority would be to increase recruitment and retention efforts. Bonding, rebuilding, and recruitment will be large focuses. Also wants to focus on transparency from student senate to students and the university and plans to extend this to within the student senate. Have been involved in Laker Marching band, GV soccer drumline, honor college, GR Gold drumline, pre med club, Thompson scholars program, and has an on-campus job at finance office, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She is organized, efficient, and a rule follower. Plans to be positive, proficient, and inviting for new senators and existing ones.

iii. Questions:

- (1) Everly: thinks transparency falls on PRC because they are promoting materials that the senate is working on. What are you planning on doing to work on recruitment and retention?
 - (a) Hallead: will use experience from SRC and PRC. She got used to the interview system while working with Everly. Will work with PRC. She thinks

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alla senators need to be aware of what is going on with interviews in order to recruit new members.

- (2) Everly: you will handle climate and conduct, how do you plan on handling those?
 - (a) Hallead: as the returners know she ran this thing called the climate survey. Knows what is going on with the body and knows what needs to be fixed. Thinks having more meetings with general senators will be really important.
- (3) Quist: what are your plans for bonding and how important are they to you?
 - (a) Hallead: thinks bonding is very important in creating a positive environment. Wants to make it more accessible, keeping it cheap and hopefully on Thursday nights so that you do not have to block out additional time.

iv. Discussion

- (1) Proctor: sat on PRC with Hallead for a while, she was fantastic to work with. Always had really good ideas and thinks she would make a fantastic VP.
- (2) Quist: thinks her attention to detail is highly important. She was absolutely incredible with the bylaws and able to pick up on things that nobody else noticed.
- (3) Rienas: one of her closest friends. Very passionate about the senate, convinced her to run. Very organized, is taking 17 credits and doing well in all her classes. Thinks she would make a great candidate.
- (4) Bates: if any new senators are wondering about why they are only talking about internal work, trust her there will be plenty of projects. But for SRC, working on internal documents is really important. She knows the governing documents very well. Thinks she would be very organized and meet everyone's needs.
- (5) Hahs: one of the most dedicated individuals he knows. Thought he was ambitious but she proved him wrong every day.
- (6) Everly: not speaking for or against, but in prior experience it is very important to stay calm, cool, and collected when dealing with conduct. You have to be very understanding, approachable, and be okay with asking for help in unprecedented situations.
- (7) Flickinger: wants to know if Hallead has any weaknesses that Everly may have noticed?
 - (a) Everly: thinks that SRC is a very unique role in the sense that it is the glue of the body. You might not know what they are doing but you would notice if they didn't do it. You don't get a lot of recognition. Hallead joined the body on PRC which is outward facing. Thinks there may still be a gap in understanding the confidentiality of the role. Thinks you have to learn it while doing it.
 - (b) Flickinger: knows the good things, are there any bad things?

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- (c) Everly: really easy to get discouraged when not receiving recognition. There are times when you feel like everyone hates you and it can be really hard. A weakness she might have is not responding well to the lack of recognition from the general body. When you're dealing with climate and conduct it is the type of thing you have to learn along the way, it is not very structured. You have to be able to adapt and be flexible and Hallead is very structured. Being flexible and adaptive in situations where they won't be the same may be hard.
- (d) Flickinger: she seems like a qualified candidate and he will be supporting to her
- (8) Proctor: calls the question
 - (a) Seconded
 - (b) Passes by voice vote
 - (c) Senate votes to call the question
- v. Schmidt: congratulates Hallead on being the next VP of SRC
- d. Five minute recess
 - i. Meeting called back to order: 5:27pm
- e. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Allocations
 - i. Schmidt: asks Biermacher to call the role to ensure quorum
 - (1) Biermacher: calls roll
 - ii. Schmidt: currently have one nomination: Jacob Flickinger
 - iii. Speeches:
 - (1) Flickinger: he served on the body last year on ERC and allocations. Majoring in accounting and minoring in criminal justice. For those of you who don't know, allocations VP deals with the student life fund which has a \$1.2 million budget, and manages a \$20,000 budget for student senate. Had about 40% more funding requests this year than the previous year, and came closer to using all of the budget. There were over 100 new RSOs established over the last year and they are hoping to add more. Also served on the faculty salary and budget committee the first semester. Participated in CTF this past semester, made a lot of edits and plan to do even more this upcoming year. Will be pretty busy next semester, he sat down with Bri and Valerie to see if it is logistically possible for him to take this position and it is and as soon as they find someone more accessible to take this role he will train them and hand it over. He has an accounting internship with the GR police department. Has done a lot to prepare for this job, and has always been enthusiastic about this job. Attended all Allocations board meetings, met with Biermacher and Valarie. Ben, Gage, and Bri will be around for questions and Hahs is very experienced and will also be around. Would like to have

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appropriations funding board training, make funding guidelines more accessible, make a training video for RSOs to see how funding requests work, and overall increase student life.

- iv. Schmidt: Biermacher will call roll again so that those who were not present at the last roll call have speaking and voting rights
 - (1) Biermacher: calls roll
- v. Questions:
 - (1) Proctor: knows they had a decent amount of money left in SLF last year and they do not get to allocate those funds. How do you plan to get the budget more utilized?
 - (a) Flickinger: they put on ignite and reignite to get the information out there to RSOs that they have money to put on events and spend the money. They have guidelines so they spend it on things to better student life. Wants to make funding guidelines more accessible, have done their best to get that out there but want to make it better.
 - (2) Z. Johnson: how do you feel you are prepared for this role and will tackle the projects that you want to?
 - (a) Flickinger: wanted to be transparent about his availability. Wednesdays and Fridays he can come in person to the office of student life to get work done. Can come to GAs and be there for the cabinet and for you guys when you have questions.
 - (3) Hahs: appreciates you stepping into this role, you are very ambitious, and appreciates transparency. As the chair of the appropriations and cultural funding board, how do you hope to serve as an unbiased chair and educate those on your committee?
 - (a) Flickinger: funding training for appropriations board will be one way to be fair and make sure you use funding guidelines as they were intended. Has quite a bit of experience in other RSOs by serving on the table tennis and chess club e-boards. Also attends a few other RSOs. Is a huge fan of student life and loves going to events. His freshman year was during covid so there were many limits on what they could do. So now it is very great to see all of the events on campus.
 - (4) Hallead: stated you plan on passing this off if possible, what are your plans to ensure this is run correctly and there is a smooth transition?
 - (a) Flickinger: one thing that stuck out to him while reading the transitions report for this role is that “you get as much out of it as you put in” and his worry is he won’t be able to get as much out of it as possible. If there is someone who

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is passionate about this, he can train you well and make sure you get a lot out of it.

vi. Discussion:

- (1) B. Johnson: Student senate is a time cominent, we all understand that. Flickinger is the most honest person he knows, great numbers guy, and cares about the student senate. No doubt in his mind he will be a great VP, he gives his full support.
- (2) Schrader: he is the right person for this job, no one he would rather see in this position. He worked so hard on ERC last year and thinks he will kill it.
- (3) Hahs: appreciates him being transparent, over the summer the work is not very intense. He will be a resource for him as he has a lot of experience on allocations. Has full confidence in him in this role.
- (4) Proctor: has been on the allocations committee with Flickinger, he put a lot of time and effort into that role.

vii. Schmidt: congratulates the next VP of allocations, Jacob Flickinger

f. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Public Relations

i. Schmidt: have no current nominations

- (1) Flickinger: nominates Bates for Vice President for Public Relations
- (2) Schrader- 2nd
- (3) Flickinger: hard worker, has lots of experience, thinks she can step up to do this
- (4) Bates: denies nomination

ii. Schmidt: seeing none, the position will remain empty for the time being

g. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Campus Affairs

i. Z. Johnson: nominates Quist

- (1) B. Johnson- 2nd
- (2) Z. Johnson: thinks he is great for the role, wrote legislation this year regarding interfaith rooms. Has great plans for the following year to focus on food insecurities.
- (3) Quist: accepts nomination

ii. Proctor: nominates Hazari

- (1) Hallead- 2nd
- (2) Proctor: seems super interested in getting involved in student senate, has relevant connections, and he believes anyone who has experience should be allowed to run
- (3) Hazari: accepts nomination

iii. Speeches:

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(1) Quist: joined student senate about half a year ago, passionately worked on SRC. Learned about the inner workings of the body. Will be able to help run meetings with a good sense of knowledge. Thinks a key part of CAC is keeping in touch with liaisons, and thinks coming to terms of a pragmatic solution with liaisons is sometimes more efficient than legislation. However, he wrote legislation this semester and will encourage anyone and help his committee members to write legislation. Hopes to help with student wages legislation and push it forward. Wants to push forward keypad legislation. 50% of students at GVSU suffer from food insecurity, which is a horrifying statistic. Wants to work on this during his term. For eternal bliss, vote for Quist

(2) Hazari: he was just recently elected to the body and is honored to be nominated for this role. He is a sophomore majoring in computer science and a potential minor in theater. Very passionate, and wants to join the cabinet. Is a student ambassador on campus that works with new and current students to make sure everyone feels welcome which is a huge part of Campus affairs. Is also a student orientation leader over the summer and works with new students so he will be able to use that to make sure new students know about the student senate. Also works as a tour guide for prospective students. All of these positions have allowed him to build relevant connections. Met with past CAC VP, Frappier and has learned a lot. He is always willing to ask questions and ask for help, because he is new to the senate this would be a strength when he does not know the answer to things. Has already been able to balance all of his commitments so he knows he would be able to balance this time commitment.

iv. Questions:

(1) Proctor: thanks both of them for stepping up, thinks it is very courageous for both of you, especially Hazari as he is new to the body. What is your biggest strength that you will bring to the table?

(a) Quist: likes to delegate roles, which builds trust and reliance, and self-reliability. People will be more competent in completing his role.

(b) Hazari: very open to communication. Others feel comfortable communicating to him and he is ready to communicate with others.

(2) Hahs: thanks both of them for stepping into this. VP of CAC works with auxiliary services, how do you plan to commit yourself to building working relationships with staff and faculty?

(a) Hazari: have already built a lot of connections with laker food co and housing through his student ambassador role. Thinks he would be able to utilize current connections.

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- (b) Quist: by serving on the student senate last year he knows the student's needs. He would be cordial and responsible in communicating with auxiliary services to work to meet student's needs.
- (3) Hallead: Due to the fact that there was a semester-long vacancy, there is no recent transitions report. How do you plan on running the committee?
- (a) Quist: will need help with that, has contact information with Frappier. Served under President Elect Everly for a while now and will use that prior knowledge as well.
- (b) Hazari: looked at prior transitions reports and they are why he decided that he was interested in this position. He will only continue to learn if he is elected.
- (4) Reinas: CAC deals with on-campus food, do you have plans for students with dietary restrictions?
- (a) Hazari: he has a lot of allergies and dietary restrictions so he feels personally connected to this issue. Current standard is too relaxed and changes need to be made. Hopes to work with laker food co to make change happen.
- (b) Quist: his plan of action is to communicate with liaison and bring in people from senate that have specific allergies to solidify that this is a huge problem on campus since he can't personally speak on it. He has planned a few ideas with senator Hahs for legislation that he can follow through on if no change happens.
- (5) Kuiper: What is the biggest challenge you think you will face in this position and how can they as a student body support you through that?
- (a) Quist: thinks the biggest challenge might be being able to rally people, there is a little bit of a divide, he will need to be able to communicate with others to get their opinion on things. Thinks it can be hard to track people down and get their opinion. But if they are all committed to a certain issue they can work together to solve it.
- (b) Hazari: knows that there has been fewer members on CAC, so growing the committee will be a huge help. Thinks a lot of complaints that come to senate are within CAC so having to deal with a lot of those head on is going to be challenging because it is where everyone tries to make changes.
- (6) Everly: move to extend question period by 2 questions
- (a) Flickinger- 2nd
- (b) 15 yays, 3 nays
- (c) Passes
- (d) Senate votes to extend question period by 2 questions
- (7) Flickinger: Did you read the transitions report, and if you did, what stood out?

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- (a) Hazari: has read the most recent transitions report and the one before it too, and reading it is what encouraged him to run. One thing that stood out is the different connections and aspects of student affairs and how involved CAC is with other groups on campus. This allows them to focus attention to different ideas and decide where he would like to take his focus with CAC.
 - (b) Quist: has not read transitions report, but still has a plan on what he wants to do. Thinks parking is an issue, but is not sure if GV can legally build more parking spots and they may raise tuition. Has a direction he wants to take the committee, specifically focused on food insecurity. Wants to hear different perspectives from liaisons roles. Will be learning on the job.
 - (c) Hahs: you have both done an amazing job. CAC has a big hand in the event Elect Her, what do you know about this event and where do you plan to take it?
 - (i) Quist: it is an event that empowers women in leadership roles and encourages more women to fill these positions. Plan is to start early and get somebody and himself on that as soon as possible starting at the beginning of the semester.
 - (ii) Hazari: thinks it is an excellent event and a great way to demonstrate leadership. It has been an event that was often pushed off and had to be planned last minute, knows it needs to get started much earlier.
 - v. Discussion:
 - (1) B. Johnson: puts support behind Quist as he is a dedicated senator. Believes that Quist would be the best person for this job. His experience on this body will allow him to hit the ground running.
 - (2) Hallead: thinks both are great candidates. She is being pushed one way because of experience. Thinks Hazari would be a great VP eventually, think Quist's experience would make him a better candidate at this time.
 - (3) Rienas: Quist has been very approachable and great to talk to and taught her a lot about senate. At this time he has the experience to make a great VP.
 - (4) Hahs: thinks food insecurity issue is one of the most pressing issues on campus and will be putting support behind Quist.
 - vi. Schmidt: congratulates Johnathan Quist for becoming the next VP of CAC
 - h. Five minute recess
 - i. Meeting called back to order: 6:17pm
 - i. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Educational Affairs
 - i. Proctor: nominates Elizabeth Gira for Vice President for Educational Affairs
 - (1) Quist- 2nd

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(2) Proctor: gotten to know her through the food committee over last semester. Very nice and fun to work with.

(3) Gira: accepts nomination

ii. Speeches:

(1) Gira: she is a freshman majoring in economics and political science with a minor in philosophy. Sat on EAC for the last semester. Believes EAC has endless potential, thinks they made a great addition to the body and wants to keep that going. Hope to establish a collaboration with the academic success center, create a peer mentorship program for every major like they have at the business school, and continue the practical implementation of OER. How can individual students succeed in school and learn in an effective and enjoyable manner? Students should graduate with the sense that they gained knowledge from all of their classes. What if school can be enjoyable and viewed as acquiring knowledge as a gift and joy? She will cultivate a place where committee members can be confident to speak their minds. Will encourage the diversity and uniqueness of ideas. Will establish a personal relationship with newly elected members through a 1:1 casual meeting which will lead to better relationships and retention rates.

iii. Questions:

(1) Kuiper: Do you want to stay project based, or be more legislative focused?

(a) Gira: want to continue with projects they have established. Everything they did last year and more. Hoping to add another workshop such as communicating well with professors, especially for freshmen. Thinking more projects but encouraging committee members to work on legislation.

(2) Hahs: loves your ambition and showing your interest in this role as EAC has a special position in this body. Do you anticipate putting more emphasis in pushing OER, and what is your opinion about that?

(a) Gira: wants to work on establishing connections with those individuals involved with OER, especially with Matt Ruen. That will be her first priority. OER will be the second priority and will be shifting throughout the year. Will focus on what aspects are realistic, the economic impacts, and hear perspectives of those who are against it, such as certain professors. Thinks it should be a constant effort.

(3) Proctor: wanted to thank her for jumping into this. What do you think your biggest strength as a leader is?

(a) Gira: leads with humility and integrity. Will admit those things to her committee members, does not expect you to be a perfect committee member in any way. If you have an opinion she wants to hear it and believes meeting somewhere in between is important.

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- (4) Kuiper: knows there are challenges with open communication with higher ups in the library. What are your ideas to tackle those issues in communication?
 - (a) Gira: will be polite but persistent. Will try emails, but if it is something dire or important that needs a timely response she will try in person communication.
 - (5) Hahs: do you plan on putting on last lecture?
 - (a) Gira: yes
 - iv. Discussion:
 - (1) Hallead: EAC has some big shoes to fill but supports full support behind Gira in replacing Haas and Kidd. Thinks she can do a great job.
 - (2) Hahs: had the privilege of serving on EAC with Gira. Very ambitious, always involved, and took efforts to get involved in roles besides EAC.
 - (3) B. Johnson: has watched her be a great leader over the past year, does not see any problems with her being the VP. Gives his full support.
 - (4) Kuiper: echoes Hahs as she also served on EAC
 - v. Schmidt: Congratulates Gira on being the next VP of EAC
 - j. Nominations and Voting for Vice President of Diversity Affairs
 - i. Schmidt: have one nominee: Zurriel Johnson
 - ii. Speeches:
 - (1) Z. Johnson: worked with many senators over the past two years. Have had a lot of new experiences working with a lot of great people. Made many laker connections, was the liaison with OMA, made great strides in communications with them and planned events including Black History Month movie night. Second year he was a liaison to LGBTQ resource center, and learned about events such as queerapoolooza. Came up with ideas for legislation. Wants to pass legislation in the coming year, work with PRC to promote different events, and work with EAC on book tables in the library. He feels DAC can closely collaborate with other committees on cabinet and create better laker connections.
 - iii. Questions:
 - (1) Flickinger: You left us somewhere in the last semester without any notification. Why did you leave and why will this never happen again?
 - (a) Z. Johnson: apologies for leaving suddenly. Felt he was being bashed by certain people including his former VP who would talk about him disrespectfully and things were said to cabinet members without his knowledge. Next year he doesn't plan on ever leaving for reasons like that.
 - (2) Proctor: can you describe your work with the LGBTQ center and how you plan to continue advocacy for the queer community on campus?

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- (a) Z. Johnson: Has made a great connection with the director of the LGBTQ center and has come up with great ideas for projects, including mapping for gender neutral bathrooms rooms on campus.
 - (3) Quist: do you plan on advocating for his legislation regarding interfaith rooms?
 - (a) Z. Johnson: did not know this was an issue until he brought it up, but there are only 2 interfaith rooms for all GV students. Believes that promoting this legislation and making more rooms and extending their hours is very important.
 - (4) B. Johnson: What does diversity mean to you?
 - (a) Z. Johnson: Glad you asked, diversity is a very broad spectrum. Has to do with a lot more than skin color. Also has to do with the way you think, talk, and are described by other people.
 - (5) Hahs: are there any notable changes with how you will run DAC?
 - (a) Will rebuild laker connections: OMA, DSR, LGBTQ center, women's center, Laker Vets, and international student center. Laker connections were not utilized last year, so he wants to reach out to them and be in touch with them.
 - (6) Everly: moves to extend by 1 question
 - (a) Flickinger- 2nd
 - (b) 14 yays, 2 nays
 - (c) Passes
 - (d) Senate votes to extend by 1 question
 - (7) Quist: do you think DAC should be more based on events or legislation or both?
 - (a) Z. Johnson: does not think mainly either is good for DAC. Good to have events with the laker connections and have those students come to their own events as well as writing legislation.
- iv. Discussion:
- (1) Proctor: did become aware of the reason Z. Johnson left last year, as EVP elect the behavior that led to this will not be tolerated by him.
 - (2) B. Johnson: thinks it should be said that to be a VP you have to have a certain behavior. Afraid that some of the actions he has made including comments to the previous VP of DAC offended him and does not feel we should be rewarding those actions.
 - (3) Quist: although there has been controversy it seems as though he has cleaned up some of his behavior. Understands this behavior and acknowledges that some people will be hurt by it.

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- (4) Hazari: doesn't know the circumstances of last year but did see his passion and he has already reached out to him.
- (5) Everly: respects the want and need for transparency but that is a matter of personnel so strongly recommends asking him outside of this meeting. Respects and agrees with the transparency point but matters of personnel are better to be asked outside of a time when minutes are being taken.
- (6) Hallead: very firm believer that people can change. Thinks they should take into account that he is changing his behavior. Thinks it is ok to overlook attendance due to personal reasons. If the behavior comes back it will be her duty to use the systems in place to make sure that the behavior does not occur again.
- (7) Hazari: can he be removed as VP but not removed from the body if this happens again?
- (8) Everly: general conduct of general senators is for SRC but conduct of cabinet members is handled by EVP. Last year they decided to take the path of conduct review procedures rather than voting people off the island.
- (9) Hallead: thanks Everly for clarification
- (10) Quist: will not discuss matters of personnel, but spoke with him and he seems very passionate and he puts his past behind him.
- (11) Flickinger: did not mean to attack anyone, had no idea what happened, thought it was even a scheduling issue. Also thinks it is important to bring it up in terms of voting, did not know it would be personnel. Thinks it is something that should be addressed.
- (12) Everly: did not mean to attack him, thinks transparency is important just wanted any further questions to be asked in private because public minutes are being taken.
- (13) B. Johnson: wants someone who is good to work with, will not be voting for him even though having passion is great.
- (14) Olmstead: has been to a few meetings and you may know who she was friends with. Does not know the circumstances and will not ask. Thinks it is best for her to not vote in this current election.
- (15) Hazari: wondering if a senator who was on for the last term could note what went about for the leaving? Did he just stop responding and showing up?
- (16) Everly: that is the type of information that would fall under personnel, can ask her after meeting. Cannot give full extent of the story but can debrief so you understand the procedures that took place.
- (17) Proctor: if you have any concerns about cabinet climate please reach out to him as that is one of the main reasons he ran.

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- (18) Hahs: calls the question
- (a) B. Johnson- 2nd
 - (b) Passes in voice vote
- v. Schmidt: a majority was not reached, we did have a senator leave so they will recall roll to reestablish quorum and vote again
- vi. Biermacher: calls roll
- vii. Schmidt: a simple majority was not reached so per the bylaws they will revote. They will do this two more times until a simple majority is met. If it is not met the spot will remain vacant.
- viii. Hahs: can they vote present?
- (1) Schmidt: you can but then you will not be voting and he personally thinks you should have a say in your election
- ix. Hazari: What is the simple majority?
- (1) Schmidt: 50% + 1, so it is 9
- x. Schmidt: simple majority was not met so they will vote again
- xi. Proctor: could they add more time for discussion?
- xii. Hahs: motion to add a five minute discussion
- (1) Hallead- 2nd
 - (2) 15 yays, 1 nay, 1 abstention
- xiii. Discussion pt. 2
- (1) Schrader: Can you re-explain what present and abstention does?
 - (a) Schmidt: you can vote for a nominee, no confidence, or abstain, which means you vote for none of the options. If you vote to abstain you count towards a simple majority. If you vote present you vote to take yourself out of the pool and reduce the number of people voting and possibly reduce the simple majority threshold.
 - (b) Hazari: when you abstain you didn't vote yes or no, you just said you're not voting but still counting toward quorum?
 - (i) Schmidt: yes
 - (c) B. Johnson: if he does not get elected this continues next week?
 - (i) Schmidt: yes
 - (2) Proctor: keep in mind that Bates is missing and she nominated him
 - (3) Hallead: if this spot doesn't get filled it will go under the responsibility of the EVP. If there is a qualified candidate it doesn't make sense to give it to the EVP.

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- (4) Quist: would like to clarify that Z. Johnson has some of the most experience of almost everyone here.
 - (5) Hahs: if you have concerns take advantage of this time
 - (6) Schrader: thinks he is qualified but he carries the concern of everything that has happened. In any work environment you are not going to get promoted for something like that so why are they promoting him? Thinks he has good leadership skills.
 - (7) Hazari: asks for Proctor's opinion on the candidate and if he could take on the position?
 - (a) Proctor: doesn't feel comfortable telling which way he is voting. Has zero actual DAC experience and Johnson has served on DAC his entire tenure. Everly and himself have the most seniority continuously but Johnson has overall more length on the body than either of them.
 - (8) B. Johnson: if you had this behavior in any work environment it would not be tolerated. Thinks this was immature behavior.
 - (9) Proctor: he already will likely have to handle PRC VP's duties as there is no nomination which is a lot of work. He has other commitments as well. Thinks he could learn the responsibilities of DAC but doesn't know if he will have time to.
 - (10) Schrader: does not want to make this harder on the EVP role but believes in principle
- xiv. Schmidt: if simple majority is not reached than they will move onto the next position and nominations will be reopened at the next meeting
- xv. Schmidt: simple majority was not met, nominations and voting will be reopened at the next meeting
- k. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for External Relations
- i. Schmidt: one nominee: Brandon Schrader
 - ii. Speeches:
 - (1) Schrader: from Macomb, MI was a senator on ERC for the second semester of last year. Is a freshman majoring in finance. Has legislative experience, finishing up work as being a liaison between housing and student senate. Also sat on UAS. ERC is trying to work with the local government, doing stuff inside and outside. Will keep around 9/11 memorial, adopt a family, and get more involved in local government. Take a legislative focus. Hopes to follow in the footsteps of his former VP, wants to be a $\frac{1}{4}$ of the VP Schmidt was. Just because you are a VP does not mean you are better than the general senators so wants to keep the voices in his committee there and hear everyone.
 - iii. Questions:

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- (1) Proctor: He would be in charge of running CTF next year, do you think ERC should exist as its own committee or be combined with another committee?
 - (a) Schrader: thinks it should stay as a committee, they should want to get involved in the outside too.
 - (2) Hahs: appreciates your ambition for this role. What is your opinion on building a relationship with local governance and do you have any intentions of improving relationships?
 - (a) Schrader: thinks it can always be better. Want to try to get involved as much as possible and thinks it would be fun to go down there. Will work to strengthen these relationships.
 - (3) Hazari: knows that a large part of ERC deals with local governance, which might be a bigger time commitment since you have to go off campus. Are you worried about this time commitment?
 - (a) Schrader: is excited about it, needs something to do. Has a little too much free time, looking for more to do.
 - (4) Flickinger: excited to see you finally run, thinks you will do great in this spot. When you joined you made an explosive addition and it was an awesome time being a senator alongside you on ERC. What is something that stood out on the transitions report, what was most meaningful?
 - (a) Schdarer: the breakdown of what to do month by month, contacts for local government, 9/11 memorial, and adopt a family stood out to him. Looks forward to following the step by step process wholeheartedly.
 - (5) Gira: You said the chair was a great mentor. What qualities of his do you want to cultivate in your leadership style?
 - (a) Schrader: a lot of things he hopes he can be like. His all around knowledge is inspirational. Hearing about other things on senate was shocking because he had so much fun with him all year. Will try to be as good as him, if not better, but it will be hard to do.
 - (6) Flickinger: motion to extend question period by 2 questions
 - (a) Hahs- 2nd
 - (b) 11 yays, 4 nays, 2 abstentions
 - (c) Passes
 - (d) Senate votes to to extend question period by 2 questions
 - (7) Quist: you have done a great job since you've gotten here. What leadership styles do you bring?
 - (a) Schrader: he learned leadership skills through his time in high school sports, especially football, leading a group of guys and getting them to calm down

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and listen. That and other life experiences have helped him learn valuable leadership skills.

(8) Hazari: What is one of your weaknesses?

(a) Schrader: public speaking. Just got comfortable speaking to the old body and now he has to get used to speaking to this body. Has a speech class next semester so hopefully it will improve that.

iv. Discussion:

(1) B. Johnson: he has observed that he is a dedicated member of student senate and has no doubts that he will do great.

(2) Hahs: built a professional relationship with him over the last semester. His dedication in improving housing has inspired him to work harder. Thinks he will do great.

(3) Flickinger: saw a lot of senators come and go on ERC over the past year and he stood out. Excited to see him in this role.

(4) Hahs: calls the question

(a) B. Johnson- 2nd

(b) Passes by voice vote

(c) Senate votes to call the question.

v. Schmidt: congratulates next VP of ERC, Brandon Schrader

VIII. Public Comment – Part II

IX. Roll Call - Part II

X. Call for Announcements

a. Everly: all newly elected cabinet members need to be sworn in. Keep your eyes peeled on your email because there is a chance you will meet next week.

b. Hazari: what would happen for the committees that do not have VP?

i. Everly: EVP Proctor will handle VP duties until a VP is elected

c. Hallead: meet for a group picture

d. Proctor: if anyone is interested in running for VP of PRC or DAC, reach out. If you have any questions for him, reach out.

e. Flickinger: gives acknowledgment to the three individuals at the front table for their hard work

f. Schmidt: thanks the elections commission, Hoogwerf, Bucon, and DerPilibosian for their hard work

g. Hahs: acknowledges withdrawing his nomination for EVP. He dove head first in learning the ins and outs of the role and built a great relationship with Frappier. After this

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research he realized he committed for the wrong reasons. He does not want to commit himself to a role he won't do wholeheartedly. He continues to be a committed senator and be a resource for all of you. Appreciates Proctor and fully supports Proctor. Let's make this a great year.

- h. Proctor: if anyone knows anybody that may be interested in the EOA position please tell them to apply and gives a shout out to the current EOA Meter for her hard work.

XI. Adjournment: 7:37pm