



General Assembly

Thursday, April 14th, 2022 – 4:30 pm
Pere Marquette River Room, Kirkhof Center

Chair: Autumn Mueller

Parliamentarian: Jim O'Neil

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

a. Moment of Silence

i. Native Land Recognition

b. Student Senate Creed

- i. We, as members of Grand Valley State University's Student Senate, dedicate ourselves to cultivating a student body that is engaged, healthy, and empowered. We pledge to represent all students and their diverse, ever-changing needs. With persistency, intentionality, and integrity, we strive to create a Laker experience that is equitable, accessible, and sustainable.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

d. Roll Call - Part I

II. **Public Comment – Part I**

- a. Madeleine Samuels: finance staff assistant in OSL, speaking on behalf of Biermacher. Met him when he became VP of Allocations. Believes he is a kind soul, driven, passionate, and a leader. Does what is best for everyone. She has seen him go above and beyond with everything he does. She served on student senate from 2018-2021 and learned what it takes to serve the student body, knows that Biermacher has what it takes to lead the body.
- b. Trey D: RSO staff assistant in OSL, speaking on behalf of Ben Biermacher. When he met Biermacher he immediately knew he had something special. Biermacher is always at the ready for student relationship building. He taps into Student life with an approachable, kind attitude. Sat in on multiple funding meetings and witnessed his drive for student success, he is passionate about giving opportunities to the student body. He is accountable, vulnerable and open to change.
- c. Josh Verstraete: served on last year's student senate body, speaking on behalf of Biermacher. Knows Biermacher has great leadership skills. He was not expecting to step into the VP of Allocations role and when he stepped into it he had to face the difficulties of RSOs not knowing what funding was available to them. Funding meetings ran very smoothly. He is gracious and kind.
- d. Rachel Anderson: sat on last year's student senate body, speaking on behalf of Larbi Al Moutaa. They first heard Al Moutaa during a public comment and knew that he would do a great job on senate. Was on the same committee as Al Moutaa. He did great with projects and was helpful during meetings, he brings a creativity and passion to everything he does and rubs off on the people around him. Cannot think of any better



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- quality than Larbi's articulate ability to speak and ask questions and listen to the answers, and work collaboratively with everyone.
- e. Emma Sucheki: previous EVP of student senate, speaking on behalf on Frappier. EVP is a difficult role to fill, in her professional opinion she has seen the drive needed to fulfill this role in Frappier. You have to find someone who is willing to put in the work and has the drive to be a good EVP, and Justin Frappier has that and cannot think of anyone else better for this role.
 - f. Adam Korte: showing support for Justin Frappier for EVP. EVP needs to be someone who will lead the body and understands the various roles that make up the senate and the scope of work they do. Frappier is kind, approachable and is always accessible. He rises to the occasion, puts his mind to something and gets it done. Thinks his various roles and experience with the senate makes him a great candidate.
 - g. Email read aloud from GVSU faculty: statement of support for Faith Kidd, met when selected by Matt Ruen for a year long cohort program working to expand OER. Was very impressed by Kidd as being the only student in the meeting and had a great first impression. Found her rare combination of maturity, enthusiasm, and organization skills very impressive. Worked with Faith on a poster campaign and saw her leadership, work ethic, and communication skills. Her messages were always concise and well-written and had to remind herself she was a student and not a faculty member. Has already shown great work and cannot think of a better candidate for student senate president
 - h. Email read aloud from Ellen E. Adame, associate professor: offers enthusiastic support for Faith Kidd. Kidd is a TA for one of her classes. She is a skilled public speaker, organized, confident, precise, and has a sophisticated vocabulary. When she speaks, people listen and knows she would do a great job leading the student body. She is emphatic and skilled when leading small group discussions as a TA. She is lively and fun and listens fully to respond and understand. She would be a terrific student senate president.
 - i. Email read aloud from Samuel Jacobs: support for Faith Kidd for student senate president. She has been loyal, dependable, and deeply caring for others. Faith's work for the student senate has been of great quality, she is a committed person and team player. The best leaders are those who seek to serve others before themselves and she does that. Her moral character is of high regard. Hopes to see her in this role and believes that she is well equipped to serve others.

III. Guest Speaker

IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers



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V. **President's Report**

- a. Adoption of the Agenda
- b. Yields report

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. Stand Approved
- b. Yields time

VII. **Unfinished Business**

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Nominations and Voting for President
 - i. Mueller: cabinet elections procedure: 5 minutes for speeches, 15 minutes of questions time can be extended through a formal motion, 10 minutes for open discussion. The order in which you are nominated is how you give your speeches and it is reversed for questions.
 - ii. Baker-Boosamra: introduces herself to the new candidates as the student senate advisor. Affirms the importance of the roles that you have been elected to fulfill and reminds you of the privilege of your role and hope you take that responsibility seriously. Reminds everyone of the spirit of shared governance that is practiced: collaboration and mutual-trust, it is very important to continue this. Wants to acknowledge the gravity of the tragic situation that the community is dealing with. Encourages everyone to seek to understand each other, and see the humanity in everyone you cross paths with. Looks forward to working with each of the members.
 - iii. Kidd: uses she/her/hers pronouns, is 21 years old, and will be a senior studying political science. Grew up in small town on Lake Michigan, has a sister, and both her parents have doctorate degrees, and has a dog named Olaf. She earned her associates degree through a stem focused early college program. Is a mentor in honors college, in the cook leadership academy, and works for the Hauenstein center. Enjoys politics because she gets to make change. Spent a year on EAC and a year as VP of EAC, recognized as cabinet member of the year. Received Thomas Seykora Award at GVSU. Made a lot of connections with faculty, staff, and students. Through having conversations and building relationships she has gotten a grasp on needs: climate, communication, and consistency. Climate: we as a body struggle with boundaries, transparency and proper training. Will create a healthy working environment: provide senators with training through workshops and inservices. Need to uphold proper



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- business hours. Will promise honesty and timely decision making. Communication: believe in open communication because smart decisions are made through honest conversions, diverse opinions and good faith debates. Will provide everyone with resources and all the knowledge possible to help. Consistency: means your peers can trust you to do what you say you will, here to be a conscious leader. Promise to take your focus off of herself and back on to the senate. Promise to openly communicate with the body and be consistent as your student leader.
- iv. Biermacher: thoughts on the president's role for BOV?
- (1) Kidd: all leadership roles have a role of overseeing as the facilitator or giving guidance at the table. Hope in terms of BOV is to be a part of campus coalition meetings, check in with senators who are working on BOV weekly to having strategic planning meetings and oversee the major stakeholders throughout the process. Thinks that though creating a group approach to BOV and utilizing project management programs will help meet deadlines
- v. Al Moutaa: What is your leadership style?
- (1) Kidd: EMTJ: commander, frontline leader and likes to be by your side through everything. Does not take the first route she sees to solve a problem. Does not believe in top down leadership or decision making. Here to make sure everyone is successful.
- vi. Matthews: What are some ways you see yourself working with upper level administration to help become a more effective senate body?
- (1) Kidd: regular meetings with VP Jennifer Hall-Jones, to ensure that the student voice is continuously heard. Plan on promoting this body as a legislative body, and having legislation written throughout the school year. Have students who are writing legislation meet with stakeholders. Consciously going out of her way to make connections with everyone in every room she enters.
- vii. Rusch: mentioned transparency as a buzzword, and honesty under that category. How do you plan to hold yourself and those around you to the standard of honesty, through closed cabinet and cabinet meetings and not misusing those tools?
- (1) Kidd: believes closed cabinet should only be used when necessary, not a huge proponent of closed cabinet. Thinks it should used for conduct and attendance and nothing else. Has a team to hold her accountable, will utilize Robert's Rules. Have a cabinet that will hold her accountable, will be gracious and kind through difficult discussions and any issues that come up. Accountability occurs when you



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take the spotlight off of you, you have to trust other people's knowledge and let them correct you.

- viii. Schmidt: What is your stance on public statements on instances that happen outside of the university?
- (1) Kidd: believes they should make statements when things are happening that impact the student body that they are representing. Believes statements should be a group decision and set a standard for what things are deemed necessary to respond to. President does not mean she is the most knowledgeable on the situation, would ask whoever is the most knowledgeable to assist in the writing and editing and not rush the process.
- ix. Schmidt motions to move into discussion, seconded by Frappier
- (1) Mueller: does not have to vote since the question limit is up. Candidates are prohibited from speaking.
- x. Frappier: have had the pleasure of seeing 3 different student senate presidents, sees a lot of similar qualities in Kidd than in those three presidents.
- xi. Krichevsky: Kidd is the most hardworking, passionate person she knows and believes they would be in good hands with her as president.
- xii. Al Moutaa: the first time he spoke to Kidd he felt like he already knew her. Believes she is the best fit for president because she is driven and enthusiastic.
- xiii. Proctor: has seen her work very hard on projects and events. Approachable, kind, and goes above and beyond. Needs a president that ensures everyone feels included, works with students and faculty members and that is Faith Kidd.
- xiv. Matthews: has been a phenomenal resource and person throughout his time on senate. Made the transition when joining the senate very easy and made him feel comfortable and that he belongs on senate. Will help the climate and will be a positive force for senate.
- xv. Schmidt: motions to go into a vote, seconded by Al Moutaa
- (1) Passes unanimously
- xvi. Mueller: yay would be to vote Kidd in, no would be to not vote for her, abstain you vote with majority, no confidence would be that you do not have any confidence in any of the candidates.
- xvii. Mueller: Faith Kidd is the new student senate prudent, congratulates her
- b. Nominations and Voting for Executive Vice President



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- i. Biermacher: has been VP of Allocations this past year. Very grateful for the leadership position, he has learned a lot. Regardless of the outcome, someone qualified will be in the position. Very level headed leader and person. The EVP must serve as a mediator, has experience in finding middle ground when passing funding requests with RSOs. He is organized, his schedule is always full, he thrives while busy and remains organized while busy. EVP requires being in multiple areas in the same day, looks forward to that. He is dependable, and will finish on time. First large undertaking is BOV, very involved while serving on CAC and planned two events during the week last year. Plans to do much of the groundwork during the summer. EVP should hold an oversight role in the planning process, excited to work on it in the coming weeks to host a wonderful BOV. Hopes to see an increase in strategic planning for committees, and will meet with each VP to make a plan for each month and can share this with the body. Will increase student connectivity, relationships in OSL will create a pipeline to connect senators with student leaders. The student organization recognition fund that he created will help serve the interest of students and meet with students. Need people who are ready to work hard, represent their 500 students with grace and honor, and work to better themselves everyday to be the best leader you can.
- ii. Frappier: he/him/his pronouns, currently finishing his third year with a double major in general business and political science, from the east side of the state. His mom is his hero, and his brother and his dog are his two best friends. When he started his Freshman year he found a new home and new family on student senate. Will make it his mission to create a home for everyone. This year will be his fourth year on student senate. Spent time on SRC, elected as VP of CAC, and last year served as VP of ERC. Will center his focus on: shifting towards a more legislation focused body, focus on healthy body, and successful BOV. Engagement in student senate programs tend to be low, much better to support the student voice by writing and passing legislation, imperative that they use this avenue. Became increasingly clear that there are climate issues, to address these concerns they must implement trainings. Will work with SRC VP to implement recruitment efforts. BOV is the largest project senate will undertake, worked directly to plan BOV last year and would assist new chairs in avoiding his mistakes. Would act as the VP for each VP and the VP for the entire body, will answer questions, will challenge you when needed, and promises to put his whole heart into the work ahead of him. Has dreamed of this since he joined senate.
- iii. Kidd: how would you navigate your relationship with the president?



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- (1) Frappier: met with Kidd on expectations for EVP, has a good working relationship from the past year on senate. Will be working on internal workings, and the president and EVP can support one another in the areas that they are not best at.
- (2) Biermacher: compares this to mayor and city manager relationship, EVP oversees day to day issues and small and trivial stuff, president oversees large and front end issues. They would be complementing each other leaderships styles, her spunky and outgoing nature and his level headed and reserved nature.
- iv. Schmidt: EVP would be in charge of CTF, what are your plans and do you see civil discourse playing a role?
 - (1) Biermacher: would like to work with former EVP O'Neil to continue his efforts. Really important to recognize his efforts, and would absolutely like to see civil discourse a part of this process.
 - (2) Frappier: CFT is constitutional task force and looks into editing and changing the constitution and governing documents. Would be more than excited to take this on, have already discussed meeting with former EVP O'Neil to continue his efforts. Will continue looking at other universities' documents.
- v. Kreger: you both worked closely on BOV, what were some of your previous mistakes?
 - (1) Frappier: the biggest concern was the timeline and planning ahead. Planning ahead further would have allowed for more events and raising more money. Also had a small body to back them up. Everyone needs to be on the same page and be willing to put in the work over the summer.
 - (2) Biermacher: worked on on-campus sense, one of the biggest failures was not being able to target specific student groups that would be interested in co-sponsoring groups, such as the freshman and Greek life. Preparedness is extremely important, the event calendar wasn't set until the week before and everything felt very rushed.
- vi. Johnson: How do you see new senators learning Robert's Rules?
 - (1) Biermacher: Kidd is extremely trained in Robert's Rules and it will be stressed in early meetings in the semester. For new senators who join later in the year, wants to see SRC handle that right away so they can feel comfortable in meetings right away.
 - (2) Frappier: would start training in Robert's Rules right away, there are books, cheat sheets, and there will be presentations in inservice. Another great way is through



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experience and practice. A big part of fixing climate will be implementing a training program to allow for consistency.

- vii. Filckinger: You agree on a lot of the same things, what sets you apart?
- (1) Frappier: Biermcaher is an incredible individual and the body will be in great hands regardless of who is elected. Has had the opportunity to witness the successes and failures of 3 different bodies, met with precious EVPs O'Neil, Sucheki, and McMann. Believes his experience on senate will be extremely beneficial
 - (2) Biermacher: sees his lack of experience as a fresh perspective that will bring a new energy. He has connections he built through the office of student life, which will allow the body to feel connected to the student body and write legislation that students who are not in this room would like to see and will be able to better feel the pulse of the student body.
- viii. Kidd: has zero personal preference. 2 very qualified candidates, former VP of ERC and former VP of Allocations. EVP role will include overseeing all legislation writing processes. The Student Senate is a governing body and needs to make sure they will form relationships with SLT. EVP will function as every VP's vice president and one of the first faces new senators will see.
- ix. Johnson IV: trying to find the difference between the two candidates, Biermacher wants to get everyone's perspective and both will be very beneficial to the body.
- x. Munoz: had the pleasure of working with both of them as authors on the legislation she wrote. Frappier attended UAS and ECS with her, and she worked with Biermacher during the USG conference to write the legislation. They have two different perspectives, and it is your preference on how you want the EVP to lead. Important to take into account how impactful they will be.
- xi. Kreger: have had the pleasure of working with both of them. Worked with Biermacher on CAC for a little bit, worked with Frappier as he edited his legislation. Thinks both candidates will make a phenomenal EVP and bring senate back to what it once was before COVID. Thinks experience plays a large role, and Frappier has served on a wide range of committees and will be able to give the VPs guidance.
- xii. Schmidt: There are two good candidates and no matter who wins we all win. Frappier knows the rules very well and is very good at writing legislation. Biermacher has a lot of relationships. Comes from the same small town as Frappier, and will be supporting him. They do not agree on a lot but have always been able to work together and that is very important.



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- xiii. Rusch: will be supporting Frappier because of his experience and agrees with how he approaches things. Biermcaher has done a great job on Allocations.
 - xiv. Krichevsky: have worked with Frappier for over three years and has seen him grow immensely. Thinks his experience is a big part of the role of EVP. Biermcaher works extremely hard and puts his all into everything he works on. Having two great candidates is a good problem to have but thinks the experience is something to consider.
 - xv. Kidd: every year they find themselves seeing a cabinet who makes top down decisions, believes the best leader is the one who challenges those around them. Encourage you to choose the person who will challenge you and guide you.
 - xvi. Schmidt: moves to add 5 more minutes, seconded by Al Moutaa
 - xvii. Proctor: have two very qualified candidates. Biermacher has done great work on Allocations and building relationships with RSOs. But his support will be behind Frappier, has been supportive of all senators, worked on a lot of legislation, and goes out of his way to help others.
 - xviii. Mueller: congratulates Frappier on being the new EVP
- c. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Senate Resources
- i. Mueller: Clay Plachta rescinded his nomination
 - ii. Proctor: nominates Everly, seconded by Kreger
 - (1) Proctor: Everly is very diligent, driven, and positive. She collaborates well with others and is approachable which makes her easy to communicate with
 - (a) Everly: accepts nomination
 - iii. Rusch: rescinds his candidacy for VP of SRC
 - iv. Everly: freshman studying political science and multimedia journalism with a minor in political studies. After initial appointment she realized that student senate is full of passionate individuals, but not operating at its best. She will work to cultivate a positive climate, organize bonding events, handle conduct issues, and recruit new members. Believes that within leadership activities differences must be embraced in order to have a good climate. Would make it a priority to meet with each senator throughout the year. Believes it is crucial for each senator to attend both inservices that are held throughout the year. A group comes together to complete the tasks at hand, they must take on the structure of a team to better one another and work with one another. Would strive to create enhanced recruiting processes to bring more students to the body. Has served as the student council president for her highschool



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- and as an editor of her yearbook. This has allowed her to work with people from many different backgrounds and handle and solve issues of many different magnitudes. Hopes to mold the student senate into a hardworking body to serve the GVSU community.
- v. Frappier: the VP for SRC is responsible for handling conduct, how will you ensure that you manage conduct properly and don't allow others to walk over you?
- (1) Everly: Her previous leadership experience, especially as president for student council, has given her the opportunity to deal with many different conduct issues. Thinks it is very important to stand your ground and more than confident in her ability to do that.
- vi. Kreger: Do you have ideas for strategic processes to get new members?
- (1) Everly: Thinks SRC VP should work with CAC, DAC, and ERC to get outreach to groups among the GVSU community to pull applicants from those groups.
- vii. Al Moutaa: in a weak position with only 23 senators, they will have to recruit more people. Are you willing to start recruitment processes right away and create an onboarding process that is flexible?
- (1) Everly: Joined senate at the semester break this year, and only knew about it through friends. Thinks the recruiting processes need to be revamped so more people have access to this. You will carry what you learn in this organization with you into your life and would like to see these benefits be carried to more people. Would be more than willing to start this right away.
- viii. Schmidt: curious on your stance on new senators speaking to the body before admitting them to the body?
- (1) Everly: Loves that idea because it is difficult to for the VP of their future committee to speak about them and the body is not able to make an informed decision by only taking that VP's word for it.
- ix. Johnson: how do you feel that you could make bonding less cliquy and more a community and less disjointed?
- (1) Everly: Will make a really big effort to sit down with each senator and hear how you think the senate will be improved and what will make it better and incorporate those ideas into bonding events.
- x. Kidd: motions to add two more questions, seconded by Schmidt
- xi. Kidd: how do you plan on catching up with the experience of other cabinet members?



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- (1) Everly: Recently had a conversation with the former SRC VP and learned that a lot of it is having a very strong knowledge of the governing documents, she will be sure to do that. Thinks it is important to keep strong communication with the President and EVP.
 - xii. Krichevsky: thinks Everly will be able to work hard over the summer and be ready for this position. Does not think it is about experience but more about having the right personality. Thinks she would be fantastic for the role.
 - xiii. Frappier: spent time in the office and has seen Everly meeting with cabinet members.
 - xiv. Kidd: all that you need to be a successful individual in the cabinet and in life: passion and a strong work ethic. Any lack of experience can be strengthened if you have those two things and it is very evident that Everly has those two things.
 - xv. Bucon: believes that she has great passion and problem solving and would make a great VP.
 - xvi. Al Moutaa: has seen how motivated she is to bring her plan to action, she is really open to hear more ideas, and all the passion and work ethic that will make her a good VP.
 - xvii. Johnson IV: she was told to join senate by those who were already on senate and she seems to have a great passion for getting more students on the body, every candidate has had this same idea.
 - xviii. Mueller: entertains a motion to recall role call as someone came in late
 - xix. Schmidt: motions to recall role call, seconded by Kreger
 - xx. O'Neil: takes role call
 - xxi. Mueller: congratulates Mallory Everly as the new VP of SRC
- d. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Allocations
- i. Schmidt: motions to take a 10 minute recess, seconded by Al Moutaa
 - (1) Passes unanimously
 - ii. Frappier: nominates Biermacher, seconded by Schmidt
 - (1) Frappier: past experience on cabinet is essential, very confident in his abilities
 - (2) Biermacher: accepts nomination
 - iii. Biermacher: served in this position last year and had a wonderful time, has created many great working relationships and would be honored to serve in this role again.



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- iv. Kidd: you mentioned that if you were to return to this role you would like to be involved in other projects, what are some of those ideas?
 - (1) Biermacher: would like to be involved in BOV and will have time over the summer to do this. Would like to connect all of you with others in student organizations, get in contact with him if you are interested in this.
 - v. Frappier: you have already set up funds, can you touch on things you'd like to work on in allocations?
 - (1) Biermacher: He is happy he will be able to be hands on and write the rules and regulations for these new funds, and potentially make adjustments to the funding guidelines as he sees fit.
 - vi. Hoogwerf: What was your favorite thing about being VP of Allocations?
 - (1) Biermacher: Enjoyed getting to know senators in different committees and students apart of different student organizations.
 - vii. Al Moutaa: there was a low number of requests for funding, how would you spread the word about the student life fund?
 - (1) Biermacher: He hopes to provide you with information to spread the word about the student life fund and will use ignite as an opportunity to do so.
 - viii. Schmidt: will be supporting him, he is a great guy
 - ix. Frappier: motions to call the question, seconded by Rusch
 - x. Mueller: congratulates Biermacher on being the next VP of Allocations
- e. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Public Relations
- i. Rusch: nominates Emily Bucon for VP of PRC, seconded by Kreger
 - (1) Rusch: has been thorough in making this decision, has done her homework. She has passion and drive, which are very important for being a VP. Believes she will be a great VP for PRC.
 - (2) Bucon: accepts nomination
 - ii. Bucon: freshman majoring in biomedical sciences with a minor in chemistry. Has grown as a person on PRC this past year, and has enjoyed learning from the various student perspectives in this room. The best candidate for a VP should be a team driven person. She will prioritize being a voice for students and empower them through their time at Grand Valley. She was a student representative in high school and in several clubs on campus. She has become very comfortable being in leadership positions. She has received many pieces of advice from former cabinet members, she was told by many that the passion towards the role is very important and she is very



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- passionate towards the PRC work. She wants to make students aware of the work of student senate and create connections between the student body and the student senate. She recognizes that she belongs to a larger diverse body and will try to represent all of them to the best of her ability, for all students who are a part of the Laker community.
- iii. Schmidt: What is your stance on public comments as the ability to speak on behalf of the senate?
- (1) Bucon: it is important to tune into many different ideas and opinions that need to be represented and not try to all fit into the same margin.
- iv. Al Moutaa: the majority of the student body is not aware of the student senate, how are you willing to work in promoting the voice of the senate and help them see the senate as a resource?
- (1) Bucon: has thought about this the most, believes a fuller body has the potential to create more and get more done. Wants to put out more information about the legislation that the body is working on, talking to more classrooms and more RSOs.
- v. Frappier: What are ways you plan to collect issues from the student body?
- (1) Bucon: wants to have informal meetings with students and connect through personal relationships that could help form a much larger body and help represent more voices.
- vi. Hoogwerf: could you go in depth on the things you have done while on PRC and how that has prepared you for this role?
- (1) Bucon: has compiled things that will be posted on social media, looked through things such as the website and how it can be updated and improved, and organized when things would be posted on social media.
- vii. Kidd: how will you work with the rest of the cabinet and senators to convey nonpartisan messages when asked to speak on behalf on the senate?
- (1) Bucon: her biggest passion is being a voice for other students, knows it is really important to speak in a non-partisan way that is representative of many perspectives.
- viii. Proctor: have had the honor of working with Bucon while on PRC, has seen her work very diligently and done many things for PRC. She has put a lot of time and energy into PRC. Always willing to help and support others, would always provide detailed and helpful responses to questions and is great to work with. Believes she would make a great VP of PRC.



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- ix. Frappier: calls the question, seconded by Schmidt
- x. Mueller: congratulates Emily Bucon as the next VP of PRC
- f. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Campus Affairs
 - i. Kreger: he/him pronouns, freshman majoring in business economics and minoring in political sciences. Served on CAC this past year on senate. Has attended many meetings, formed many relationships and wrote legislation. Has attended many events and was sworn in a week before BOV. Attend most cabinet meetings which means he already knows the flow of cabinet meetings. He attended meetings with Rusch which allowed to learn how to handle meetings with university faculty and staff. He wrote legislation which means he could help his committee members write their legislation. He planned Elect Her which gave him great experience in planning and executing an event. He wants to work with RSOs, strengthen relationships with liaison roles. Open communication though both of these things will help get the senate's name out more and partner on events. He has heard of many freshman students leaving the campus on the weekends because "there is nothing to do" and he wants to change that. He wants to reach the downtown campus and have those students have the same opportunities as the Allendale residents. He wants to implement a system to track and fix the issues on campus. Wants to target freshmen at BOV so that they hold fond memories and look forward to it the following year. He wants to better the experience for everyone who calls themselves a laker for a lifetime.
 - ii. Johnson: What are some ideas for BOV events?
 - (1) Kreger: one of the ideas is doing a 3v3 basketball tournament in the heart of freshman-land outside of Kliener, and they would also do a cookout for the students who are watching the tournament.
 - iii. Biermacher: What are your plans for connecting with RSOs?
 - (1) Kreger: plan to go through Biermcaher and help them know who the senate is and allow for them to communicate their issues.
 - iv. Biggs: What is your biggest weakness as a leader?
 - (1) Kreger: struggles to delegate, wants to present ideas to his committee so that they can take on the projects and he will be there to help them.
 - v. Al Moutaa: If you are targeting freshmen for BOV, they are required to watch orientation videos and it may be a good idea for the student senate to have a short video so that more students can be reached, is this something that you would be willing to do?



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- (1) Kreger: Yes, thinks that the student senate's name should be out there more. BOV is home this year so is really hoping to take advantage of that. Did not know about the Battle of the Valleys until he joined student senate.
- vi. Frappier: confirms that he has attend almost all of the cabinet meetings
- vii. Biermacher: calls the question, seconded by Schmidt
- viii. Mueller: congratulates Luke Kreger on being the new VP of CAC
- g. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for Educational Affairs
 - i. Hoogwerf: she/her/hers pronouns, freshman studying political science. Has sat on PRC for the past year and has written legislation that passed the student body and UAS. She is very passionate about removing barriers to education, especially financial ones. She applied only to test optional schools so that she did not have to pay for test prep courses or pay to retake the test and that is why she wrote legislation on the issue. Around this time EAC was promoting OER and she wanted to learn more and found that she and all students would benefit from open access and low cost textbooks. She will continue these efforts to increase accessibility to higher education. She wants to continue working to get used and cheaper books to students at GVSU. As a cabinet member she will strive to be approachable and dependable. She will utilize her experience from PRC in the hectic time of preparing for BOV. She believes the willingness and tenacity will get this student senate body through this year.
 - ii. Al Moua: he is working on legislation on online classes. What is your point of view on that and are you willing to help him push that legislation?
 - (1) Bucon: would defitley support that
 - iii. Matthews: What are ways you could see GRCC working with GVSU?
 - (1) Bucon: reached out to SLT and would work closely with the VP of academic affairs and VP of academic enrollment on creating a direct path for GRCC students to GVSU.
 - iv. Matthews: how do you see yourself connecting with the stakeholders across the university?
 - (1) Bucon: believes that the emphasis is already on the library and will continue to emphasize the students' needs to the stakeholders across the university.
 - v. Kreger: has worked with Hoogwerf almost the entire year and worked on the legislation with her, has seen her passion for education. She has a drive to complete tasks and see things get done.



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- vi. Kidd: as previous VP of EAC she can say that Hoogwerf is the best fit for this position, she is already taking on duties, has met with multiple stakeholders, has already written legislation, and has incredible work ethic. Hoogwerf is the most qualified.
- vii. Biermcaher: offers general support for Hoogwerf, calls the question, seconded by Schmidt
- viii. Mueller: congratulates Hoogwerf on being the next VP of EAC
- h. Nominations and Voting for Vice President of Diversity Affairs
 - i. Al Moutaa: he has met with several people in preparation for running, he was told he did not do anything this year. This made him realize that DAC has been isolated and has done many events and awareness is important but if there is no action then nothing is done. He wants to create an awareness task force and an action task force. He wants to use liaisons to spread awareness of senate. He wants to add an international student liaison. He wants to bring all voices to senate. He wants to switch single stall bathrooms to gender inclusive and create more access to online courses. He has attended the majority of cabinet meetings, has applied to the Cook leadership academy, is a part of many student organizations and has started a charity in Morocco. He wants to empower senate and make it better.
 - ii. Johnson: from Pontiac, MI, went to West Bloomfield High School, is a freshman majoring in political science and minoring in international relations. He has been able to work and meet with many different faculty and staff on campus. He has learned a lot of information in his role while being on senate. He was a liaison to the military resource center and hopes to continue to help them next year. He worked at the teach-in and learned about cultural diffusion. He has legislation ideas for a map of gender neutral bathrooms on the website, working on a document for professors to use for student pronouns, allowing students to better understand the grants and scholarships offered, and adding more months to do book tables in the library. He looks forward to working with everyone if he is elected.
 - iii. Munoz: has been on DAC for the past 5 months, used her passion for senate to ensure that she would succeed in this position. If elected to this position she will ensure that every student is respected and heard. It is their job to provide students with the help and opportunities to be a successful laker. She wants to help students, not put on events that students do not engage in. She has already begun taking action on some of these issues. It is the senate's duty to make sure every student has the resources they need.



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- iv. Schmidt: define diversity, equity, and inclusion and apply them to the direction you will take the committee?
 - (1) Munoz: diversity is not just race or sexuality, it is about who we bring and what we are. Inclusion is making sure everyone is included, and no one is excluded for certain reasons. Equity is providing everyone with resources to get to their end goal without certain people having advantages or disadvantages.
 - (2) Johnson: diversity is a lot more than race, it has to do with the way you think, who you are, and what you are capable of, examples include the deaf community, the mute community, and the gender neutral community. Inclusion is making sure everyone's voices are being heard. Equity is being able to provide for those voice to be heard
 - (3) Al Moutaa: Diversity is you, everyone has things that sets them apart. Inclusion is including all of those differences, DAC's goal is to allow you to express the real you without hesitation and guarantees the coexistence of people of all different backgrounds. Equity is giving the proper resources so everyone can be equal.
- v. Kidd: can each of you enlighten us on the unique life experiences you have had that will better equip you to promote DAC?
 - (1) Johnson: growing up in Pontiac, a dominant Black Community, it was also a very homophobic community that he had to deal with his whole life. He strives to make sure people feel more included.
 - (2) Al Moutaa: he lived in Oklahoma, then lived in a French School in Morocco, then went to Spain to support his little brother before coming back to the US. He was able to connect with many different people and different backgrounds. He feels that the multicultural experiences have allowed him to value many different people. He has grown a lot in the past few years and has accepted and is very open to hearing different opinions.
 - (3) Munoz: Is from Chicago, grew up in a low-income in a Hispanic community, there were other races moving into her community and became very active in educating her community on gentrification. Went to a very diverse highschool outside of her neighborhood and was very involved and has a lot of experience working with people who think differently from her.
- vi. Derpilbosian: what is your plan to make sure that each segment is fairly represented with their political viewpoints?



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- (1) Al Moutaa: senate is a non-partisan body and only acts as a mediator. Wants to represent every opinion and will send a liaison to different student organizations linked to different points of views.
 - (2) Munoz: thinks there should be more perspectives and different political thoughts on DAC specifically. She recognizes that it is a big problem on campus and met with the VP of the division of inclusion and equity and talked about how there are conservative students who are scared to voice their views because they are afraid they will be shamed for expressing their opinions and would like to work on this.
 - (3) Johnson: DAC is a very left leaning committee and thinks that having other opinions and views would be very helpful. Has been working with democrats and the republican student union to get more voices on campus
- vii. Schmidt: motions to extend the time by 10 minutes, seconded by Kreger
- viii. Biermcaher: speak to your weakness and how you hope to improve?
- (1) Munoz: is not good at delegating and has grown to be more inclusive on the work she has to do.
 - (2) Johnson: his speaking ability is one of his biggest weaknesses, can be seen as very quiet even though he is a vocal person. He is working on it. He is also not good at delegating tasks as he enjoys doing things himself, but he is getting better at it.
 - (3) Al Moutaa: biggest weakness is communication. English is not his first language, and he feels that sometimes he can take time to think on the right word or how he wants to express something, he has been improving on it and will continue to work on it.
- ix. Frappier: has met with all 3 of them, thinks drive and passion are key. Look for someone who will speak up and convey your voice.
- x. Johnson IV: has confidence in all three of these candidates, they do not want to be bystanders and they have raw talent. They know what DAC is, but do the students know? Wants them to be persuasive and clear and create a unified campus.
- xi. Gjolaj: has been on a committee with all of them for a year and thinks they all are capable. Puts support behind senator elect Johnson, he is very passionate and has great ideas.
- xii. Bucon: Thinks all three candidates would be great in this role but puts support behind Johnson.
- xiii. O'Neil: if someone has more than 50% they take the position, if not there will be another vote with the two candidates who received the highest votes.



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- xiv. Mueller: no candidate got the majority, so we will go into another election process, the two candidates are senator Al Moutaa and Johnson, there will be another 10 minute discussion.
- xv. Frappier: asks Munoz to share her experience on working with them if she is comfortable
- xvi. Biggs: Al Moutaa reached out to her to sit down and find out her thoughts on DAC and seems really passionate about DAC and the voices of the students.
- xvii. Kidd: met with both of the candidates, Al Moutaa really wants to see positive change and be the agent of change and that stood out to her for him to take such a selfless approach to why he wants the role
- xviii. Munoz: has worked with both of them on DAC, mostly Johnson. Is a liaison with Johnson and witnessed his relationship with being a liaison. Is not sure of Al Moutaa's role as liaison.
- xix. Frappier: sounds like Johnson is more connected than Al Moutaa, both individuals have good ideas for projects.
- xx. Matthews: feels that Al Moutaa will make connections and be an outspoken voice for DAC because of his mindset and attitude.
- xxi. Kidd: we saw that some cabinet voices are very loud and some are not and they need someone who will vocalize the students' voices.
- xxii. Roubos: Johnson spoke about events and programs and Al Moutaa spoke about legislation and if this is a legislative body then Al Moutaa would be the one.
- xxiii. Mueller: congratulates Al Moutaa on being the next VP of DAC
- i. Nominations and Voting for Vice President for External Relations
 - i. Schmidt: external relations is an important committee that ensures lakers have a voice outside of the campus community. ERC takes lead on BOV and holds many other events. He would bring leadership and have his committee members serve as liaison members in the government in the community. He would look to beat Saginaw Valley this year because he hates losing. He would plan a golf outing for the alumni. Giving back to the community is very important to him and that's why he is very proud of the adopt a family for Christmas he planned last year and will bring it back this year. He is timely and reliable. He wrote legislation. He would bring an open minded and level headed leadership to ERC and the cabinet.
 - ii. Biermacher: how would you work with CAC and DAC?



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- (1) Schmidt: would be more than happy to work with CAC on legislation to see how the legislation would impact the community.
- iii. Johnson IV: how much of an effort would you put in to reach out to RSOs?
 - (1) Schmidt: he thinks RSOs would fall more under CAC or Allocations because it is on campus but he would still be willing to work with them.
- iv. Kidd: Do you plan on co-chairing SCHEF?
 - (1) Schmidt: yes, he thinks that having higher education funding is important because the budget has not been looked at since the 2010s and he would ensure GVSU's student voices are heard.
- v. Matthews: Do you think that collaboration with EAC and surrounding colleges is a worthwhile goal and is it something you would like to focus on?
 - (1) Schmidt: thinks it is very relevant and would be more than willing to work with Hoogwerf and EAC. There is something similar in his hometown and he thinks it is something that would improve GVSU.
- vi. Frappier: as previous ERC VP he places his full support behind Schmidt, they share the same small hometown and he has watched him grow. He will bring fantastic skills to ERC.
- vii. Kreger: met with Schmidt to discuss BOV and he brought great passion to the meeting and that is what is needed to be successful. Puts full support behind him.
- viii. Biermacher: call the question, seconded by Rusch
- ix. Mueller: congratulates Schmidt as the new VP of ERC
- j. **CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**

IX. **Public Comment – Part II**

X. **Roll Call - Part II**

XI. **Call for Announcements**

- a. Kidd: there is a GA scheduled for next week, plan on meeting here at 4:30pm 4/21 next week to go through brief workshopping, casual dress. Cabinet has to get sworn in and have 10 minutes of discussion after adjournment. Welcome to come to Applebees for dinner after tonight. Sign up for exam cram.
- b. Frappier: looks forward to working with everyone. Keep an eye on your emails, make sure you read through them in their entirety. A google drive and Slack will be started soon. If there is anything you need, reach out.



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c. Mueller: will be swearing in President elect Kidd and Kidd will be swearing in the cabinet. President Mantella will be swearing in the senators in August.

d. Frappier: big thank you to the elections commission.

XII. **Adjournment: 8:43pm**