

Grand Valley State University Student Senate

General Assembly
Thursday, April 6th, 2023
Pere Marquette Room
Chair: Zachary Schmidt
Parliamentarian: Emily Bucon



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

I. Meeting Called to Order: 6:00pm

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

II. Public Comment – Part I

- a. Lina Haas, read by Zachary Schmidt: writing this letter with a bittersweet heart, but not conflicted. Sad about making the choice to resign from the 2023-2024 student senate body. Student Senate is the first group that welcomed her to GV with open arms, and created lifelong friendships. She has grown as a leader and a human being while on the Student Senate. Has chosen to consider other universities and began the transfer application process as she is seeking a higher admissions standard, more competitive business school, and more engagement from the student body. Longing to feel a stronger sense of community between students and administration. She is making this decision because it is what is best for her college career, and wishes nothing but the best to all of you. Thanks Student Senate for everything. Fully supports Justin Hahs’s decision to seek a nomination for EVP.
- b. Gage Thrall, read by Emily Bucon: current finance assistant at the Office of Student Life. Shows support in the election of Justin Hahs as VP of Allocations. During current allocations meetings he shows his best interest for the student organizations while making sure they follow funding guidelines. Shows great interest and is always involved by asking questions and making motions. He stops by the OSL frequently to ask questions and further his understanding of funding guidelines and the budget. Shows his support for bettering student organizations and knows he would make a great VP of Allocations.

III. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers

- a. No papers to be passed

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Stand approved

V. Approval of the Minutes

- a. No minutes to approve

VI. Process Explanation

- a. Statement of Neutrality- has been signed by all members of the elections commission.
“We, the undersigned, are members of the Election Commission and do certify that we

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have not endorsed, interfered with, or otherwise influenced the general or cabinet elections of the 2023-2024 Senate body. Additionally, we may have friendships, acquaintances, or other associations with members of the 2023-2024 Senate body who may be running for cabinet positions. We certify and advise that these friendships, acquaintances, or other associations do not constitute or imply an endorsement of the member for any cabinet position in the 2023-2024 Senate body.”

- b. Schmidt: He is the chair of the elections commission and will be chairing this meeting. Emily Bucon is serving as the parliamentarian this week, Benjamin Biermacher will be their parliamentarian if he is feeling better next week. This week is for nominations and next week is another round of nominations and then voting. You have a sheet detailing the elections process so that you are aware. If you have any questions you can “point of information” or you can send him an email before next week.

VII. Five Minute Recess

VIII. New Business

- a. Nominations for President
 - i. Proctor: nominates Mallory Everly for President
 - (1) Hallead- 2nd
 - (2) Proctor: was originally sworn into senator alongside Everly, has seen her grow while she was in senate, jumping into SRC VP almost right off the bat. Knows she will make a great president.
 - (3) Everly: accepts nomination
- b. Nominations for Executive Vice President
 - i. Kuiper: nominates Justin Hahs for Executive Vice President
 - (1) Hallead- 2nd
 - (2) Kuiper: Hahs was the person who originally got him into the senate and she has got to be on the same committee as him. He is one of the most dedicated individuals she has ever met. You can tell he cares about students and this institution. Knows he would be the perfect candidate for this role.
 - (3) Hahs: accepts nomination
- c. Nominations for Vice President for Senate Resources
 - i. Bates: nominates Magdalyn Hallead for Vice President for Senate Resources
 - (1) Quist- 2nd
 - (2) Bates: has done an amazing job serving on PRC and then SRC. She has studied the governing documents, worked on CTF, and has become very familiar with how the senate works. Thinks she would make a great VP for SRC.

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- (3) Hallead: accepts nomination
 - d. Nominations for Vice President for Allocations
 - i. Schrader: nominates Jacob Flickinger for Vice President for Allocations
 - (1) Quist- 2nd
 - (2) Schrader: spent half of the year with him on ERC. He works very hard to find time to go to all meetings and works harder than anyone he's ever seen. Has whole hearted faith that he could do this job.
 - (3) Flickinger: accepts nomination
 - e. Nominations for Vice President for Public Relations
 - i. Bates: nominates Quinten Proctor for Vice President for Public Relations
 - (1) Seconded
 - (2) Bates: most qualified candidate for this position. Has been learning the ins and outs of PRC from former VP Bucon and has been running the social media accounts for half of the time. He is organized, ambitious, and passionate about doing what is best for PRC and the Senate as a whole. Very confident he would do a great job at this role.
 - (3) Proctor: accepts nomination
 - f. Nominations for Vice President for Campus Affairs
 - g. Nominations for Vice President for Educational Affairs
 - h. Nominations for Vice President of Diversity Affairs
 - i. Bates: nominates Zuriel Johnson for Vice President of Diversity Affairs
 - (1) Seconded
 - (2) Bates: has already served as a senator on DAC. He worked heavily with the LGBTQ center, has ideas for legislation, and plans to work with EAC and strengthen their laker connections. Has so much experience and knowledge from being on DAC before that makes him a great candidate for this position.
 - (3) Johnson: accepts nomination
 - ii. Schrader: nominates Johnathan Quist for Vice President of Diversity Affairs
 - (1) Flickinger- 2nd
 - (2) Schrader: one of the hardest working individuals he has ever seen. Knows what he can bring to this committee and how hard he has worked week in and week out.
 - (3) Quist: accepts nomination
 - i. Nominations for Vice President for External Relations
 - i. Flickinger: nominates Brandon Schrader for Vice President for External Relations

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- (1) Bates- 2nd
- (2) Flickinger: sat on ERC with Schrader this past semester and he stood out as a very hard worker. He came on and immediately got started on legislation, was very passionate and very hard working with his relationships with housing.
- (3) Schrader: accepts nomination

IX. Public Comment – Part II

- a. Faith Kidd, outgoing Student Senate President: endorses Mallory Everly to take her position. Has worked directly with Everly since she joined the senate. Everly served on her committee and then served on her cabinet as VP of SRC. First word she thinks of when she thinks of Everly is eager, and not in a negative way. She jumps into opportunities head fist with a positive attitude and unmatched work ethic. Cannot think of a single person more capable or more fit for this role. Has no doubt she will do her and all of you proud. Everly leads with kindness and pours herself fully into everything she does. She fully supports Mallory Everly for president. Also endorses Justin Hahs as EVP. Justin Hahs thrives in every single area of his life. He is a fabulous student, the kindest person she has ever met, is a former soccer team captain, and the best general senator she has ever had the pleasure of working with in her entire time on student senate. Without knowing it at all, he spent the entire year preparing for this role: he attended the USG conference, presented at UAS/ECS, poured himself into CTF, and was constantly present and ready to work without objections. He is the perfect candidate for this role. His demeanor will benefit the cabinet and you will be a very successful team with him in this position.
- b. Justin Frappier, outgoing EVP: served on senate for a total of four years. Served as VP of CAC, VP of ERC, and EVP, so he knows a little bit about senate. Congratulates everyone on their election, and wishes them luck. Congratulates everyone who is nominated, can't wait to see what you accomplish. Will also be endorsing Everly and Hahs. Everly is a fantastic individual, has spent hours and hours meeting with her to prepare her for this position and has the utmost confidence that she will be a great representative to students, to the senate body, and make this university a better place. Has also spent hours meeting with Justin Hahs about cabinet positions, project ideas, and getting to know him in general. He has been a pleasure to work with, he has been a fantastic senator, and thinks he will do great things. Both of them are very well prepared, and he has given them as much knowledge as he can. He continues to be here for all of you so feel free to reach out.

X. Roll Call - Part II

XI. Call for Announcements

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- a. Schmidt: if you have any questions, his email is open. He will do his best to help you out.

XII. Adjournment: 6:29pm