



General Assembly

Thursday, April 7th, 2022 – 4:30-5:30 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. Ally Zdunczyk: congratulations to everyone who is reelected to the body and are joining the body. She is the former CAC VP. Gives her support to VP Kidd. Kidd has the ability to bring people together and ensures that all people feel heard and respected. These are important traits to have as the student senate president. Kidd's open access initiative is an example of her giving voice to the students. Does not know anyone as capable or as strong as her. Encourages everyone to vote for Kidd for president. She also gives her support to Luke Kreger. She interviewed and fought for Luke Kreger to be on her committee. He worked on BOV and came to CAC meetings before he was even sworn in. He is driven, and can make friends with everyone which are important traits to have as the CAC VP. She believes he is the best candidate for CAC VP and implores you to vote for him. Excited to see all that the new body accomplishes.

III. **Guest Speakers**

a. Jenny Hall-Jones: Vice President of Student Affairs

- i. Apologizes for not being in person, she has to stay home because of a head cold and wanted to be a good role model and not spread germs. Wanted to introduce herself to the new senators and congratulates everyone who is on the body for next year. She thanks the current body for all of their great work. She started this role as the inaugural VP of student affairs in the beginning of February. President Mantella's focus on hearing students' voices is why her role is to be at the senior leadership table to make sure students are heard. She started at Ohio University and has experience working with students in legislation, in policy change and lifting up students' voices, she plans on helping you do the same. She sees herself as a partner in this work. She



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sees herself as a secondary advisor and would love to help you with anything and be your partner. She will lift up your voice even if she disagrees with you.

- ii. Has spent a lot of time meeting with every single staff member in the division of student affairs. Three themes that have arisen from the staff: increasing communication with students and parents- thinks the university can do better communicating, strengthening the first year student experience- has to have something through the entirety of the first year, increasing the wellbeing of students and staff- everyone is exhausted from the pandemic- holistic wellbeing that starts with justice, equity, food resources, finances, and eliminate distractions. Need to think more about what it means to truly be a healthy college student. This is where they are going in the next couple of months leading up to the fall.

- iii. Mueller: thanks her for coming in, really appreciates her coming in

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

- a. Frappier: Krichevsky, Korte, and him got gifts for EVP O'Neil, President Muller, and Baker-Boosamra and will pass cards around for everyone to sign
- b. Kidd: Matthews sent out the exam cram sign up in the slack. Doing a table with snacks and pizza the week before exams. Please sign up for a slot that works for you, as she will be out of town.

V. **President's Report**

- a. Adoption of the Agenda
- b. Legislation regarding the little mac bridge and student IDs will be discussed at UAS tomorrow, next week the test-optional task force will be discussed.
- c. Bittersweet thinking about what she wanted to say in her last report. She is truly grateful and sad to leave. Thanks everyone for a great year and for this opportunity.
- d. Al Moutaa: thanks her for her work and wishes her the best on her journey
- e. Melissa Baker-Boosrama: bittersweet meeting and time. Appreciates the opportunity to walk along side the body. Thanks the cabinet for the long hours they have worked and their commitment to working hard. Thanks the body, it has been a pleasure watching everyone grow. Congratulates those who have been elected and re elected and looks forward to working with the new body. VP Hall Jones has already said how significant it is to have the opportunity to have a Vice President of Student Affairs sitting on the senior leadership team and looks forward to working with her. Student senate is a fundamentally important role in shared governance, it will be important to continue building relationships with those in shared governance. The current cabinet did a great job doing that this year. Her role is to support, challenge, and help you navigate the



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complex landscape at Grand Valley. Encourages everyone to use her as a resource as you do your best to represent the student body as it is an important role and knows everyone will take it seriously.

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. Stand Approved
- b. Will be getting out the transitions reports to next years body after this meeting so everyone has access to them
- c. Wishes everyone good luck on their future endeavors and can't wait to see what everyone accomplishes

VII. **Unfinished Business**

VIII. **New Business**

- a. **CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY**

IX. **Public Comment – Part II**

X. **Officer Reports**

- a. **Senate Resources** – Alexis Krichevsky
 - i. VAT update: the email that was sent out yesterday has all the updates
 - ii. End of the year party tomorrow 6:00-7:00pm- KC room 2270, has food and awards to give out, hopes everyone shows up
 - iii. Thanks everyone and thanks her committee for being the best people to work with. Bittersweet to retire from SRC and is excited to see what is coming next.
- b. **Allocations** – Ben Biermacher
 - i. SLF Budget
 - (1) For the vote to be legitimate it has to sit for three weeks. This is just a vote of support. There are no changes from when it was presented three weeks ago.
 - (2) Frappier: are you asking for a motion of support
 - (a) Biermacher: yes
 - (3) Schmidt: move to support the SLF budget for next year, seconded by Matthews
 - (4) Rusch: if BOT does not approve or if state apportionments do not allow for this does it come back to us?



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- (a) Baker-Boosamra: budget team, division of student affairs, and SLT would work together to make changes and the revision would come back to the senate.
- (5) Schmidt: calls the question
 - (a) Passes majority, 2 nays
- ii. Appropriations and cultural funding board is this Friday at 1:30pm in KC room 2263. Those who are not returning and sit on the funding board need to find a replacement from your committee that will sit on the funding board for the rest of the year.
- c. **Public Relations** – Eldon Pearson
 - i. Wishes everyone good luck next year
- d. **Campus Affairs** – Aaron Rusch
 - i. Final report is in the last email
- e. **Educational Affairs** – Faith Kidd
 - i. Thanks everyone for their great work, especially her committee members and VP Rusch who was a wonderful committee member and cabinet member to work with. Has been a pleasure to watch all the great work everyone has done. Crazy to look back on the year and look at everything her committee has accomplished. She is very proud of everyone she worked with. Thanks everyone for being wonderful people and being able to always look forward to the senate.
- f. **Diversity Affairs** – Kyle Gineman
 - i. UFC's subgroup recommendations that are bring sent to the SLT
 - (1) Accessibility and options subgroup: redesign myGV app to include nutrition information, increase access to the campus dietitian
 - (2) Food insecurity subgroup: Build a communication plan with all of GVSU's food insecurity resources, consider additional funding options for replenish, share previous Replenish needs assessment and ask for funding of those needs.
 - (3) Staffing crisis subgroup: increase student wage rates bonuses and incentives, recruit and interview potential staff during summer orientation, conduct annual climate study in an effort to address student staff concerns, marketing campaign to highlight student workers
 - (4) 3rd party contracts subgroup: share contract process on website, selection committee should include multiple student voices including representatives from Student Senate, RA staff, and student employment, conduct an external review of



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Aramark's relationship with corrections to determine if they are in alignment with GVSU's values.

- ii. Next DAC VP will be co-chair of UFC at the April meeting
- iii. Thanks everyone for all their great work and making this a wild experience. Thanks his committee members and is proud of all of their work. Will miss everyone next year

g. External Relations – Justin Frappier

- i. Thanks his committee for doing great work, and for everyone else. Will be on campus for two more years and hopes everyone stays connected. Wishes everyone the best.

XI. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Biggs: thanks everyone who came to SUS meetings this year, hopes everyone comes to their roadside clean up on Sunday
- b. Kreger: thanks everyone who came to MHAC meetings, will be happy to help the next MHAC chair in the transition

XII. University Committee Reports

XIII. Roll Call - Part II

XIV. Call for Announcements

- a. Frappier: please keep passing the cards around. Congratulates everyone who is finishing their time out. Really appreciates EVP O'Neil and President Mueller and all of their work.
- b. Kidd: gives recognition to everyone who is graduating. Shoutout to Senator Korte for his great work
- c. O'Neil: meeting for the next body will start at 6:00pm
- d. Al Moutaa: Thanks everyone for the great experience he has had in his short time on the senate so far and for this opportunity.

XV. Adjournment: 5:09pm