

Thursday, September 23rd, 2021 – 4:30 pm Pere Marquette River Room – Kirkhof Center

Chair: Autumn Mueller Parliamentarian: Jim O'Neil

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. 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. Alex Hicks on behalf of SFS asks how the student body can be engaged, healthy, and empowered when elected representatives will not meet with them. Freshmen who are forced to buy meal plans and student employees are left unheard.
- b. Laura Sutherland requests that the Student Senate meet with the SFS. Student employees need better wages and students need better food. Aramark is not an ethical company.
- c. Unnamed speaker speaks on behalf of SFS and asks that the student senate meet with the SFS in regards to the contract with aramark, low student wages, and limited food options.
- d. Email from Livia Fiztgerald read, asks that the Student Senate meet with SFS to discuss the ending of the contract with Aramark.

III. Guest Speakers

- a. GVSU Tuition and Budget Presentation: Craig Wieschhorster
 - i. Displays how tuition is being used. General budget totals \$428,503,768. About 50% is used in academic and student affairs, 17% is given to financial aid and the rest is divided between enrollment development and education outreach and inclusion and equity, Facilities, construction and debt services, and supporting functions and contingency.
 - ii. State appropriations goes down so due to the under investment of the state, tuition must go up to maintain the Grand Valley that everyone knows and loves.



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- iii. Tuition increased about 2% last year which equals around 7 million. Of that \$7 million \$5.7 million went towards increasing financial aid
- iv. VP Pearson asks how GVSU compares to other Michigan universities' funding from the state
 - (1) Wieschhorster states that GVSU is second to last in funding from the state among other universities in Michigan
 - (2) Follow up, have other universities in MI received decreased funding from the state?
 - (a) Almost every university in the state had to raise their tuition last year
- v. Senator Schmidt asks how much the university receives in private donations
 - (1) Donations are usually restricted on how the money can be used such as putting them towards specific scholarships or construction of specific buildings. About \$30 million a year in donations is received, this can not go towards the general fund
- vi. VP Kidd asks if there are certain factors that influences the state funding per student
 - (1) Wieschhorster states that it depends on what was received last year, plus a performance component that GVSU always aces and maxes out
- vii. VP Kidd asks if as you increase tuition what are you doing to lower costs for students
 - (1) GVSU prides themselves on the low cost of total attendance, such as room and board costs being lower compared to other universities
 - (2) Amount of financial aid has been increased \$20 million in the last 3 years, 20% of tuition revenue is finical aid
 - (3) Follow up, does the cost of attendance include text books? Are there any initiatives to increase open educational resources?
 - (a) There have been many initiatives to increase open educational resources. Many materials at the bookstore have been switched to open access and prices are decreasing. Textbooks are the professors' decision, but they are working with professors to decrease the cost and make them aware of open access resources.
- viii. Senator Wilson asks how do schools initially get funding from the state?
 - (1) The basis for state funding is from 2011, which does not include the growth of the student population. Growth means that state aprotiation decreases, that is why



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grand valley is at the bottom of the table because of how much growth has occurred among the student body in the last 10-15 years. Allocation level has remained constant for the last 10-15 years.

- ix. Senator Huggins clarifies that the presentation says there is free printing when there is not.
- x. Senator Ingalls asks what has changed throughout the general fund in the last 50 years and asks if there are things in the budget that can be cut to lower the cost for the students
 - (1) Every year they evaluate how they can lower the costs and never go in looking at how they can raise tuition. There of course has been an IT budget added in the last 50 years, but for the most part the percentages have stayed roughly the same.
- xi. Senator Ingalls asks about the campus dining situation and why so many dining options are closed when they were told part of their tuition would be going towards campus dining and if they would be given a refund or if those places will be reopening
 - (1) They are working as hard as they can to open these places and acknowledge that this is a major inconvenience. There is a severe labor shortage among campus dining with 500 vacant positions. There will be initiatives in the next few days. Campus dining is separated from the general fund budget.

b. GVPD Presentation: Chief DeHaan

- i. Network of Advisors Task Force was created last year and includes the Public Safety Liaison Committee and looks through the complaints that Public Safety has received over the last several years.
- ii. There will be a survey sent out after the meeting and he asks everyone to fill it out so that they can identify plans of action and hear the voices of the community.
- iii. Recognizes his privilege but also recognizes that everyone has a voice that needs and deserves to be heard and he wants to hear your voice
- iv. Who works at DPS: 48 full time sworn police offices, 5 security officers, 3 fulltime dispatchers and 16 student cadets.
- v. Department was formed in 1969, started as a security department. Police authority was received in 2001. The GR department formed and upgraded the security camera system in 2018.



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- vi. Main role of DPS at GVSU is police and security with 24/7 police presence, they provide 3 community officers to police the community such as in housing and providing education programs and interactions with students. They do emergency management and incident management with 24/7 dispatch. GVSU Police department investigates and responds to criminal activity.
- vii. The GVSU police department exists because the community wants their own police department. They are here to serve the community and listen to the community.
- viii. The GVPD aligns directly with the values of the university, especially inclusion which is hard to find among other law enforcement values. They are a progessive department with dynamic employees. They have an outward community focus. Very rarely lodge members of their community in jail. Guardians of the community, not warriors. Collaborate with faculty and staff and local state and federal law enforcement agents.
- ix. They find great talent through recruitment, hire from other departments, and hire GVSU graduates. Before finishing the hiring process the candidate has to fill out a 66 page application on their background.
- x. 16-week training program where the probationary officer is evaluated every day. Over 60 hours of training per officer every year. They are approaching the second year of the accreditation process.
- xi. GVPD responds to mental-health calls on weekends and nights when the counseling center is closed and every officer receives mental health training. Every officer is a trained medical first responder, any additional medical concern will result in an ambulance being called.
- xii. Other police departments have body cameras because the citizens do not trust their police and believe they need body cameras to hold them accountable. GVPD does not currently wear body cameras. If the GVPD wore body cameras that would mean every person would be recorded every time you talked with a police officer. However, they are not opposed to wearing body cameras.
- xiii. The number of problems brought forward to the attention of the department have dropped exponentially since management changed in 2017.



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- xiv.Current department initiatives: normalized recruitment plan- 2021, completion of CALEA Accreditation- 2022/23, Transparency page- 2020, dedicated inclusion education- 2021
- xv. Senator Lundberg asks what the GVPD does in reference to sexual assault
 - (1) They are in conversation with title IX on a daily basis. When there are victims not everyone wants to report to the police and he understands that. He wants to remind everyone that an investigation does not need to be done. Their main intent is to make victims survivors.
- xvi. VP Frappier asks if the jurisdiction of GVPD extends to GR campus and other campuses across michigan
 - (1) GVPD has jurisdiction on Allendale campus and Grand Rapids campus. Sheriff or state police can call GVPD off campus. Other campuses across Michigan such as the Traverse City campus do not have police departments. Detroit campus has a security crew.
- xvii. Senator Biermacher asks if they have been in contact with the GRPD about the increase of gun violence
 - (1) Chief of police at GRPD is a GVSU alumni and works consistently with Chief DeHaan. The shooting in April this past year was off campus and made the mass shooting list. This is very concerning to him. The increase in gun violence is a nationwide issue. He has asked staff to make interaction with the community to make sure that people who are not part of the GVSU community are not here. He encourages members of the GVSU community to live on campus if you are looking for a safe place to live. Hard to beat GVSU in overall safety.
- xviii. VP Zdunczyk asks if when someone is sexually assaulted if they are automatically sent to title IX or if they are given other options
 - (1) GVPD does not take action unless a survivor asks them to take action. The department has a living room area for survivors to sit and talk to the officers about their options and what they want to do. Their main priority is making sure they are getting the resources and help they need to be ok. He is concerned about making them a survivor. After that they always contact title IX



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- xix. Senator Byers asks about an incident at the clocktower with a group of protestors telling bystanders vulgar and insensitive comments regarding sexual assault and the protestors stayed after the GVPD was called
 - (1) Chief DeHaan offers his apologies that this happened but he has to abide by the constitution and the first amendment rights at the clocktower.
- xx. Senator Mayfield asks if the GVPD does any foot or bike patrol
 - (1) Chief DeHaan states that campus is one square mile and there is required equipment and many calls that they have to respond to that would not be possible if they were on foot or on a bike. There are times when there is only one officer on campus so they need to be equipped to respond to calls if needed. They do walk around high traffic places such as the rec center or campus buildings.
- c. Hauenstein Center Progressive Conservative Summit Presentation
 - i. Jakob Bigard presents, a former member of the Student Senate
 - ii. As a Hauenstein Center employee, VP Kidd explains that the Hauenstein Center is a center on campus that works to learn and educate the Grand Rapids community on current political and other various issues. Located on the GVSU Pew campus.
 - iii. Wants to inspire the future generation of leaders. Students from 45 different disciplines. They bring in different speakers and scholars to educate.
 - iv. Progressive Conservative Summit Presentation is October 1 and 2. Will have many speakers. Jane Coaston will be talking about the importance of the Good-Faith Debate on October 1. October 2 will have a keynote from David French on What's now and What's next for conservatism and another keynote from Matthew Yglesias on What's now and what's next for progressivism. There will be a panel of shifting coalitions and the future of the American Electorate talking about the 2020 election and census. The second panel will be on political and cultural Isms. There will also be a public networking opportunity. Saturday night there will be a roundtable discussion between progressive and conservative keynote speakers. RSVP at gvsu.edu/hc/program encourages everyone to attend
 - v. Senator Schmidt asks what the Hausetin center is doing to reach out and get both sides to come to the event
 - (1) Much research is being done to make sure that both sides know that this will be an equal discussion. He is doing his best to be honest and fair.



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- vi. VP Kidd asks for clarification about the cook leadership academy
 - (1) In the future there will be speakers speaking to the senate body to further discuss the cook leadership academy. Personally expresses his very positive experience with the Cook Leadership academy
 - (2) Clarifies that the Progressive Conservative Summit Presentation is INT 100 and 201 approved
- vii. Senator Byers asks if this is an annual event
 - (1) Yes this is
- viii. Senator Wilson asks if there is a cost
 - (1) All events are free and open to the public

IV. Five (5) Minutes to Pass the Papers

- a. VP Zdunczyk passes the sign ups for the Opening Bash and Trivia night
 - i. VP Frappier clarifies that EAC members need to be signing up on the sheet
- b. VP Frappier encourages everyone to show up and participate in the BOV events

V. **President's Report**

- a. Adoption of the Agenda
 - i. VP Pearson motions to add a five minute break following line number 8, seconded by Senator Schmidt. Passes unanimously
 - ii. VP Frappier motions to add three new line items under line number 8, new business, above item a to appoint Brianna Conway to PRC, Luke Kreger to CAC, and Jessica Gjolaj to DAC. Seconded by Senator Schmidt, passes unanimously.
- b. Reminds everyone to sign up for BOV events and share the donation link.
- c. Be sure to fill out the survey from Chief DeHaan
- d. Cabinet will not be meeting on Monday, mandatory event on Thursday- Family feud 6:00-7:30 in the Pere Marquette room.
- e. Following BOV week is DEI week, complete modules before DEI training on that Thursday.
- f. Has been reaching out to numerous faculty to distribute the BOV donation link.
- g. Ask your professors if you can distribute the BOV donation link to your class.
- h. Thank you to the members who attended the redistribution committee
- i. ECS announced that GVSU will be piloting a program to include free feminie hygiene products in bathrooms on campus for a whole year.



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- j. Reminder to pick up a seat on an university academic committee if possible and reach out if you are interested
- k. September 30th is your last day to submit your vaccine record. If students do not do this they will be unenrolled from their winter classes

VI. Executive Vice President's Report

- a. Per President Muller's email Emma Suckeki has resigned from EVP
- b. VP O'Neil is parliamentarian for tonight
- c. Approval of the Minutes
- d. Allocations report
 - i. Funding board will be held tomorrow, Friday, 1:30-3:30pm. You can receive your funding training at this meeting. Do not show up late and no casual attire.
 - ii. Mental health walk for BOV will be Friday October 1st.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Robert's Rules Training
 - i. Point of order- enforce rules
 - ii. Point of clarification- giving more context
 - iii. Point of information- used to request more information
 - iv. Point of personal privilege- use this if you cannot hear/see something
 - v. All comments must be directed to President Mueller
 - vi. Abstentions are used when you can either personally benefit from the vote or have personal connection to the voting matter
 - (1) During an election abstentions go in favor of the higher side
 - vii. If you would like to be put on the speakers list you raise your placard and wait until the EVP sees you before you lower it.
 - viii. If you want to motion to end the discussion and vote- call the question
 - ix. If you want to motion to add no more names to the speakers list- motion to exhaust the speakers list
 - x. If you are on the speakers list but someone has already said your point- yield to redundancy
 - xi. If you would like to make a small change to a resolution- friendly amendment
- b. Additional General Assembly Information- President Mueller



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- i. Everyone has a folder in your cubby with all documents you may need such as the constitution and bylaws. You should bring your folder to GA.
- ii. President Mueller asks that you correct her if she makes a mistake, you will not offend her.
- c. 5 minute recess at 6:15pm

VIII. New Business

- a. Motion to appoint Briana Conway to PRC
 - i. VP Pearson states that Brainna possesses the skills needed to be on PRC and the qualities needed to grow on the Student Senate and motions to appoint Briana Conway to the Senate Body as a member of PRC, seconded by VP Kidd and passed unanimously.
- b. VP Zyducky states that Luke Kreger takes initiative and is clearly a hard worker that shows determination and would be a great addition to senate and CAC. Motions to appoint Luke Kreger to CAC, seconded by VP Pearson
 - i. Senator Biermacher states that he is eager to continue working with Kreger
 - ii. VP Frappier states that he will be a great addition to senate
 - iii. Passed unanimously
- c. VP Gineman states that Jessica is prepared to step outside her comfort zone and has a drive to create change on campus. He can tell she would make great changes and she would be a great addition to the senate and DAC. Motions to appoint Jessica Gjolaj to DAC, seconded by VP Kidd, passed unanimously.
- d. Nominations for Executive Vice President- must have fulfilled a full elective year and meet the membership requirements of cabinet, you cannot nominate people who are not present today
 - i. No nominations
 - ii. Another round of nominations at the next GA in two weeks
- e. CALL FOR NEW ORDERS OF THE DAY
- IX. Public Comment Part II
- X. Officer Reports
 - a. Senate Resources Alexis Krichevsky
 - i. Senator Biggs reads report from VP Krichevsky
 - ii. She will need lots of help running the tie dye event next Wednesday starting at 4:30pm



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- iii. Senate buddies will be assigned soon
- iv. SRC meets every Wednesday in the Senate office at 10:15 AM
- v. Bonding event at Robinette's apple orchard, details to come soon
- vi. Interviews will be held downstairs in the promotions office after GA tonight

b. Allocations – Jim O'Neil

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c. **Public Relations** – Eldon Pearson

- i. Senate Info night- October 20th for first year senators and interested students
- ii. Senate swag will be launched again next month
- iii. Stories for committee events were finalized today
- iv. BOV master graphic was posted today, thanks extended to Senator Wheeler for her great work
- v. Communicate with your VP if you have any social media requests
- vi. Second round of BOV promotional materials will be put out next week, banner is hung in kirkhoff, lawn signs posted around campus
- vii. Completed an interview with WGVU downtown
- viii. Press release for BOV went out today
- ix. Lanthorn interview for BOV is done
- x. Will need senators to table at the farm stand at family fare this Saturday with iunderstand and help them pass out flyers and tshirts
- xi. Reach out if your are interested in joining committee meetings

d. Campus Affairs – Alyson Zdynczyk

- i. Extends thanks to her committee for all of their hard work on BOV
- ii. CAC has three events for BOV
 - (1) Monday 11:00am-7:00pm opening bash on the north library lawn
 - (2) Tuesday 5:30-7:30 yoga on the north library lawn
 - (3) Wednesday 7:00-9:00 Trivia night in Cook DeWitt
- iii. Attend as many possible BOV events as you can
- iv. Meeting with Chief development officer tomorrow on how they can help with BOV



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e. Educational Affairs - Faith Kidd

- i. Currently finalizing Open Access Symposium details, 2 in person events
 - (1) October 27th 1:00-2:30pm, roundtable discussion with faculty, administration, staff, and students
 - (2) OER 101 Educational Affairs Committee will be putting together an interactive presentation Thursday, October 28th, 4:30pm
- ii. Senator Ochsankahel will be speaking at inservice
- iii. Attended University Library advisory council meeting and promoted OAS
- iv. Attended institute on open educational resources meeting
- v. Attended GVSUSAVE meeting
- vi. Need responses on OAS championship form that was sent out two weeks ago
- vii. Needs at least 2-4 senators to check people in and take donations at destress and dance in the arboretum this Sunday at 12:00. See her after GA if you're interested.
- viii. Start formulating teams for friendly feud next Thursday 6:00-7:30pm
- ix. Please plug BOV events as much as you can, take advantage of this opportunity
- x. If you have any questions about the haustein center or cook leadership academy reach out to her

f. **Diversity Affairs** – Kyle Gineman

- i. DAC is promoting Laker Familia events for Hispanic Heritage Month
- ii. Met with Professor Karen Gibson last week to discuss teach-in and their roles for the event
- iii. Proposals for teach-in are due October 11th
- iv. Student senators and faculty members may be reviewing proposals for teach-in
- v. DAC Karaoke event Tuesday 6:00-7:00 grand river room in Kirkhoff- professor from Music Theater and Dance met with them to discuss the event, also reached out to acapella groups on campus.
 - (1) Need groups to perform, only have 3 so far and still need slots filled

vi. UFC

- (1) Membership is being finalized
- (2) First meeting is October 15th
- (3) The student senate representative spot is not yet filled, reach out if interested. They meet once a month. This counts as a university committee



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g. External Relations – Justin Frappier

- i. Please volunteer and spread some school spirit by coming out to BOV events
- ii. Will be meeting with former VP Pagel to discuss cold calls that will take place this weekend
- iii. Give yourself grace and go with the flow this week
- iv. Look at the BOV and BOV ERC folders in the drive and familiarize yourself with all of the information and events in these folders, be ready to answer questions from students regarding BOV
- v. Please plug the donation link and social media posts as much as possible
 - (1) Donation link is in the social media bios
 - (2) Donate after noon on Sunday and before noon on Friday
- vi. Will be reaching out to departments to see if they are willing to donate
- vii. Call friends and family, share on social media, join ERC on cold calls
- viii. Will be writing a script to share BOV in front of your class, ask your professor permission to promote through email feature on blackboard
- ix. This Saturday 12:00-3:00pm at the Family Fare in Allendale there will be tabling, reach out if you can help or stop by
- x. SVSU is excited for the competition
- xi. If every GVSU student donated \$1 that would raise an amazing amount of money
- xii. React to messages in the general business channel
- xiii. Reach out if you want to talk while he is in the office
- xiv. Please limit your guest speaker questions to one question at a time and wait for President Mueller to address you before asking of a follow up question

XI. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Sexual Assault Awareness Committee Rationale, presented by Byers: wants to raise awarness on sexual assault issues on campus. Currently has a partnership with GVPRSSA and Be a Rose to collect donations and femine hygiene products. Domestic Violence awareness month is October, reach out if you are interested in helping with this. Will be receiving 500 condoms in October and plans on distributing this through the Sexual Assault Subcommittee.
- b. Sustainability Rationale, presented by Biggs: They usually meet on Sundays at noon but will not be meeting this week due to destress and dance event, details on this will be put in slack



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c. Mental Health Awareness Rationale is in need of a new chair, reach out to President Mueller if you are interested.

XII. University Committee Reports

- a. VP Gineman and VP Krichevsky met with SORB and approved around 10 new RSO
- b. VP Gineman was invited to sit on an advisory board regarding the new climate surveywill be relaunching the climate survey in November
- c. Senator Byers sits on the Faculty Salary and Budget committee, if anyone is interested in the different memos they send out reach out to her.

XIII. Roll Call - Part II

XIV. Call for Announcements

- a. VP Kidd needs volunteers for destress and dance, see her after GA
- b. VP Gineman encourages everyone to attend Laker Familia keynote speaker events on Thursday September 30th and October 7th 4:00pm
- c. VP Frappier reminds new appointees to get sworn in at the end of the meeting, bring up placards after the meeting, bring folders and namestags down to senate office. ERC will be meeting 10 minutes after GA
- d. Senator Wheeler asks everyone to share social media posts as much as possible

XV. Adjournment 7:05pm