

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate



General Assembly

Thursday, September 8th, 2022

Pere Marquette Room, 4:30pm

Chair: Faith Kidd

Parliamentarian: Justin Frappier

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

## I. **Call Meeting to Order: 4:32pm**

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

## II. **Public Comment – Part I**

## III. **Guest Speaker**

- a. Provost Mili has rescheduled for October

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

- a. Schmidt: passes around the sign up sheet for the 9/11 memorial, would appreciate any help. If you have already told him you will be there you do not need to sign up.

## V. **President’s Report**

- a. Will be using her computer a lot today because the printer is down in Kirkhoff
- b. Robert’s Rules is what the meeting operates with. Can be very confusing. A few pointers in using Robert’s Rules: be polite and direct. There will be a full Robert’s Rules training next week. Point of personal privilege to exercise your freedom and ask questions. Point of information is to ask for guidance. Important to keep a healthy meeting environment.
- c. What decorum really is: a gray area, no legitimate definition. Decorum is appropriateness and propriety of etiquette and conduct of members. Need to recognize each other by their titles. Indecent language and vulgar words will result in loss of speaking rights. Non partisan body, out of decorum to discuss partisan views. Come to her to ask questions and discuss this one on one. Does not want a hostile meeting environment. Feel free to discuss this with her.
- d. Only two senators have signed up for university committees. Brought up in 3 points of contact. If you do not sign up then there is no student voice to university leaders. Can not be signing up 3 weeks after deadlines, asks everyone to fill it out by the end of the day.
- e. Cabinet meets at 6:15pm on Mondays in the office. You are all welcome to join, great way to get your office hours. Doing strategic planning this week, great way to use your voice.
- f. Currently taking over GVSU’s instagram stories, has been responding to emails, attending meetings, and making agendas.
- g. Adoption of the Agenda

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- i. Rusch: motions to strike line item 7- 5 minute recess and move it under line item 8c, in between elections and conduct amendment review
    - (1) 2nd- Al Moutaa
    - (2) Schmidt: motions to carry motion with unanimous consent
    - (3) Passes with unanimous consent
  - ii. Frappier: motions to strike line item 7c conduct review amendment and replace with conduct review amendment part 2
    - (1) Schmidt- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt: motions to carry motion with unanimous consent
    - (3) Passes with unanimous consent
  - iii. Frappier: motions to add 10 minute discussion about student wages under 9b
    - (1) Schmidt- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt: suggests he amends his motion to be under line item 8, new business
      - (a) Kidd: new business is now line item 9 due to agenda changes
    - (3) Rusch: encourages that the motion maker set guidelines for discussion and overall speaker limits
    - (4) Frappier: retracts motion
  - iv. Frappier: motions to add a 10 minute discussion about student wages under 8a and senators may only be on the speakers list twice with an overall 10 minute time cap on the discussion
    - (1) Schmidt- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt: motions to carry motion with unanimous consent
    - (3) Rusch: objects
    - (4) 17 yays, 1 abstention

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes
  - i. Stand approved
- b. Hopes everyone's classes are going well
- c. If you're ever wondering what he is working on it is laid out pretty clearly in governing documents
- d. Serving as UAS and ECS proxy, will be hearing updates from him.
  - i. UAS- university academic senate, made up of faculty of the institution
  - ii. ECS- executive committee of the senate, made up of members of each of the colleges

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- iii. ECS notes- discussion of KCON and seeking accreditation for their simulation center, and talked about professor's intellectual property and what does and does not belong to the university
  - iv. Later in the year legislation from the student senate will be presented at UAS or ECS and he will be there to support you, back you up, and vote in favor of the legislation
  - e. Most of his work is internal, here to support you. Reach out to him for help with anything especially for office hours or project ideas and here to answer any questions.
  - f. Don't forget to sign up for university committees
  - g. Bucon: when is the deadline to sign up for university committees
    - i. Kidd: deadline was today at 4:29pm, extending deadline to Monday, September 12 at 6:15pm
  - h. Johnson IV: where are archives?
    - i. Frappier: past student senate drives that he can access, kirchoff cages are in the basement which is where a lot of organizations have a space where they keep items, a lot of student senate items in there but most are pertinent for events. University archives in Seidman library at Allendale campus is where the paper trail of all past senate bodys from the time student senate was formed are kept, happy to go with you to pull things out.

## VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Nominations and Elections for Vice President of Campus Affairs
  - i. Kidd: Bianca munoz is sole nominee for VP of CAC
  - ii. Kidd: requirements for cabinet membership: minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA, must be available to attend GA, remain in good standing with student senate, and serve and accomplish the constitutional duties of the position they are running for.
  - iii. Kidd: election process: 5 minutes for cabinet statements done in order of nomination, 15 minutes for questions, 10 minutes for open discussion where the candidate typically leaves the room, cast secret ballots, and then the EVP, president, and advisor will count ballots.
  - iv. Candidate statement: Munoz: she is a sophomore, majoring in business with a minor in legal studies, second year on the body, member of DAC last year. Very passionate about serving the student body and enhancing the laker experience. Without BOV this year, CAC can put focus on the needs of the student body. Plans to work on parking services, and find other issues and push legislation through. Also plans to help SRC with recruitment efforts. Has shown her passion for serving the student body. Last year she addressed the mental health concerns on campus by writing and passing legislation to have the national suicide hotline printed on new student IDs. Had the opportunity to meet with a lot of stakeholders and learned a lot through working with

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- cabinet and going to UAS and ECS. Made a lot of connections and has had a lot of great experiences on the body. Will not let you down if elected as VP of CAC.
- v. Questions:
- (1) Al Moutaa: mentioned you want to address parking issues, what changes do you want to see?
    - (a) Munoz: would work with her committee and cabinet and hear what everyone has to say before deciding. But knows there are way too many parking passes and not enough spots, it is a safety hazard when having to walk really far late at night. A lot of different aspects to address.
  - (2) Biermacher: you spoke on CAC focusing on legislation rather than events, curious on thoughts of CAC working with RSOs?
    - (a) Munoz: would love to see this happen, especially with her personal connection to LSU as she sits on the board, and other organizations such as mental health related organizations.
  - (3) Everly: any ideas to enhance recruitment efforts?
    - (a) Munoz: wants to target freshman and underclassmen as they are brand new to campus and have their own concerns and point of view that is very important.
  - (4) Schmidt: how important is civil discourse and how do you plan on promoting it going into the election year?
    - (a) Munoz: thinks it is very important, pushed it a lot when she was on DAC. Would be open to discussing how to bring that to CAC, but wants to do more legislation than events.
  - (5) derPilibosian: do you want to bring civil discourse to the general student population?
    - (a) Munoz: yes, the general student body, unless there is a specific concern that she should target.
- vi. 10 minutes for open discussion:
- (1) Frappier: really looking forward to have someone take over CAC and thinks Munoz is a fantastic choice and looking forward to working with her if she gets elected.
  - (2) Al Moutaa: in full support of Munoz being elected as CAC VP. Munoz always worked with the cabinet, has great connections on campus, and believes she will be a great fit.
  - (3) derPilibosian: civil discourse and parking are very important so he is happy she brought those topics up.
  - (4) Bucon: gives full support, knows Munoz is very passionate about student voices.

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- (5) Matthews: echoes Bucon, Munoz is a very dedicated person and student and a great resource for the student senate.
- vii. Voting:
- (1) Kidd: can vote for the candidate, vote no confidence, or abstain from voting if you have personal gain or it will compromise your morals.
  - (2) Kidd: congratulates Bianaca Munoz as she is the new VP of CAC
- b. Nominations and Elections for Vice President of Educational Affairs
- i. Kidd: no current nominees, in the case that no one is nominated today this will carry into the next GA.
  - ii. Frappier: is no one is to run, it will return as nominations and voting next week
  - iii. Kidd: seeing none, it will appear on the agenda again next week
- c. Five (5) Minute Recess
- i. Meeting called back to order: 5:19pm
- d. Conduct Review Amendment Part 2
- i. Rusch: was not happy with a band aid solution. This revised amendment is meant to be more of a permanent solution. Groups that conduct the review proceedings are changed- the entire SRC committee has to be there. Got rid of cabinet members doing the review process. Made the threshold 25%. Notification of conduct review is still similar. Conduct review board is now 5 members, VP is chair. SRC creates a standing committee of 5 people to always sit on the conduct review board and will be voted on by SRC; the cabinet can vote any member off with majority for conflict of interest. Each side can ask up to 3 questions. Appeal process is still the same. Impeachment removal and procedures piggybacks off of the conduct review board, but impeachment procedures are their own. This does not fix impeachment procedures but it is not a band aid solution and has a clear and simple way of handling conduct issues. Thinks sitting on this and looking to pass it next week is best. Come to him, Schmidt or Frappier with questions and concerns.
  - ii. Frappier: thanks Rusch. Has not had time to read through it fully yet. Asks that everyone takes time before the next meeting to read through and leave comments, can count as office hours. He will continue to personally go through it. Looks forward to moving this forward. Wants to motion to vote on this next week to have this process ready.
  - iii. Schmidt: thinks Rusch did a great job, gives his full support. Even more coherent than the previous amendment. Encourages everyone knows how this works, in the case that you will be brought through this process. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments speak now or forever hold your peace.

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- iv. Kidd: encourages you to read through this and leave comments after you sign up for your university committee. Will be in the legislation folder in the drive. Use your office hours and help them out.
  - v. Schmidt: motions to table this discussion to next week
    - (1) Al Moutaa- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt: moves to pass with unanimous consent
    - (3) Passes with unanimous consent
  - e. Guest Speakers Amendment
    - i. Hoogwerf: are you able to motion to amend the amendment today
      - (1) Kidd: yes, you can use friendly amendments
      - (2) Frappier: if you motion to amend it is a lengthier process that requires a vote, friendly amendments are shorter and allows the author to immediately accept or reject
    - ii. Schmidt: only changes are friendly amendments made last week
    - iii. Hoogwerf: motions to strike line item c
    - iv. Ruch: motion to amend has to be inside a motion to pass
    - v. Hoogwerf: motions to pass this with the striking of line item c
      - (1) Matthews- 2nd
      - (2) Hoogwerf: line c deeply impacts civil discourse and the involvement of government. ElectHer invites women who have been elected to office. This line could end up in the wrong hands and the president at the time could say that electHer is a partisan event and end the event. Thinks it is best to strike this line.
      - (3) Svchmidt: respectfully disagrees, thinks it is important to explicitly prohibit partisanship. Does not prohibit any elected official from coming, just prohibits them from speaking on a partisan issue.
      - (4) Bucon: asks for Schmidt to zoom in on document
      - (5) Biermacher: agrees with Schmidt, thinks it is really important to maintain nonpartisan status especially with an election year coming up. ElectHer is an event not a meeting so it would not fall under this.
      - (6) Frappier: supports the motion as it is right now
      - (7) Bucon: supports amendment as it is; worries about the climate if this line would be taken away.
      - (8) Frappier: supports not passing this motion and passing the amendment as it is. Currently there is little to no information on guest speakers, and cannot rule guest speakers out of decorum for speaking on partisan issues. At the time being guest speakers can say anything they'd like.

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- (9) Rusch: Sees where Hoogwerf is coming from, potentially could say anything is a partisan issue and a chair could perhaps abuse this. Makes him think if this in some way limits the guest speakers you can have. But when you take a step back, there are ways around it: gives discretion to the chair. Maybe a better definition or wheelhouse of what a partisan issue is might be a good idea. But would vote to pass it as is.
- (10) Bucon: line item c.1.ii- “grounds for conduct review exists...” why is that there?
- (a) Schmidt: being extra specific that this is against governing documents
- (11) Proctor: is there a way to disagree with the chair’s ruling if they rule something as partisan and they disagree?
- (a) Schmidt: can object or appeal and overrule the chair with 2/3s vote
- (12) Proctor: having the power to rule a speaker as speaking on partisan issues given to one person is a lot of power, but if there is a way for the body to overrule the chair then he supports the amendment as is.
- (13) Al Moutaa: encourages Everly to let members know how to object to a chair’s ruling.
- (a) Kidd: Robert’s rules training next week will cover this
- (14) Frappier: thinks that
- (a) Rusch: point of order, Frappier has extended his time allotted times on the speakers list.
- (b) Rush: motions to extend the amount of times you can be on the speakers list to 3
- (i) Schmidt- 2nd
- (ii) Moves to carry motion with unanimous consent
- (iii) Passes with unanimous consent
- (15) Kidd: because this is an issue of the constitutional first amendment, freedom of speech- would have to go on to university legal council before being added to governing documents. The only thing currently in governing documents referring to constitutional rights is the discrimination policy on page 7 of constitution, which follows the university’s discrimination policy.
- (16) Schmidt: supports Hoogwerf’s motion to strike line item c and pass this amendment given this new information
- (17) Frappier: adjusting support to adjust the motion and pass this through because they are going against Robert's Rules every time they bring in a guest speaker. Can still ask the guest speaker to stop talking on a partisan issue if it happens.

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- (18) Biermacher: calls the question on Hoogwerf's motion
    - (i) Schmidt- 2nd
    - (ii) 17 yays, 1 nay
    - (iii) Motion passes
    - (iv) 17 yays, 1 nay
    - (v) The body votes to pass the Guest speaker amendment with the striking of line item c
  - (19) Johnson: will there still be a conversation with university legal team
    - (a) Kidd: with the striking of item c, there is no need to meet with the university legal team

## VIII. New Business

- a. Reach Higher 2025 Commitment #1
  - i. Kidd: student senate endorsed reach higher 2025 last year, so it is important that student senate has an understanding of what the commitments of reach higher 2025 are and how they can further these commitments. First commitment is an empowered educational experience.
  - ii. Frappier: reads commitment definition and shows the strategies that are listed on their website. Wants to hear student issues regarding this commitment.
  - iii. Biermacher: encourages each of you to look at each of these points and reflect on your university experience regarding these strategies.
  - iv. Rusch: What is wanted to be accomplished during this conversation?
    - (1) Kidd: wants to make sure that the body has an understanding of the commitments that they have endorsed and to be proactive in addressing concerns related to these commitments.
  - v. derPilibosian: do not know any programs that the university offers that students can impact the communities through.
    - (1) Kidd: this refers to the majors and minors offered at GVSU. They are designed to provide students with learning opportunities so that they have tools available to them to be an agent in their community following graduation.
  - vi. Frappier: has not personally received assistance finding mentors- can look to expand on this more.
  - vii. Al Moutaa: "deeper and broader experiential learning that includes internships, practica, and cooperative placements"- when you have to do an internship for a degree it is charged as credit hours, which creates a financial barrier, especially knowing that there are many internships that do not pay.

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- viii. Biermacher: this is a goal for 2025 but has not seen any strategies or plans to accomplish this by 2025 so encourages everyone to press university leaders on meeting these goals.
- ix. Munoz: this is what they are striving for so if you have any project ideas for how to get there by 2025 reach out.
- x. Johnson IV: a lot of students do not know about a lot of these resources that are mentioned and wants this to be put on student senate's page to be a messenger to help
  - (1) Kidd: will discuss this with PRC
- xi. Rubos: language seems very nonspecific and very general, cannot really call this a strategy. There is nothing specific that can move any one of these forward. Would like to see plans instead of nebulous hopes.
- xii. Flickinger: strategies are supposed to be more general than plans. Plans are step by steps of how to get there
  - (1) Kidd: strategy definition: a plan of action or policy designed to achieve a major or overall aim
- xiii. Al Moutaa: this should not be a concept, should be a goal. If this is just a concept does not think it will ever get done. Thinks it should be a goal. Does not believe that there is any communication between students and planners during this process
  - (1) Kidd brought to student senate twice during the planning process and roundtable events were held to get student's input.
- xiv. Rusch: motions to end this discussion
  - (1) Schmidt- 2nd
  - (2) 17 yays, 1 nay
  - (3) Votes to end this discussion
- b. 10 minute discussion about student wages
  - i. Frappier: what is the limit of times they can be on the speakers list?
    - (1) Kidd: twice
  - ii. Frappier: this discussion was started in slack but not the first time it has been brought up. His job is to connect you with resources. Shows on campus wage chart for on campus student workers. The university has planned for a wage increase in 2023. There are classifications for how students have their wage determined, based on job-duties, skill level, and supervision needed. Student's are able to make up to \$17.70 on campus if they meet the right classifications. Be careful when talking about an increase in wages, because there is a chance that the university could just raise tuition to raise student wages.

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- iii. Proctor: many students on campus have brought this up and thinks it is very important to have this conversation
  - iv. Al Moutaa: the general student body has expressed a lot of concerns regarding this issue. The lantern has published an article regarding student wages as GVSU was rated one of the greatest places to work according to Forbes but the article points out that this is not for student employees. To go from category 1-5 requires a lot of skills and only results in a \$2 raise. A lot of jobs on campus pay \$10.10 but just down the road you can work the same job for \$13, the salary increase between the Starbucks at GVSU and Starbucks down the street is enormous. The positions that are classification 7 and pay \$17.70, are not on handshake and only appointed.
  - v. Hoogwerf: was a student employee last year getting paid at the lowest level: \$9.87, extremely difficult to afford things when working a lot and only getting paid \$9.87. Thinks this needs to be changed, things reallocating the higher classifications to the lower classifications is something to look into. But would like to acknowledge the increase for 2023 and thinks the \$0.23 raise would have made a big difference to her last year even though it seems small.
  - vi. Biermacher: thinks this is a clear cut CAC issue and CAC should put this on top priority and evaluate legislative action they can take.
  - vii. Johnson IV: wants to know if they can really make change here before continuing this discussion.
  - viii. Flickinger: motions to extend this discussion
    - (1) Schmidt- 2nd
    - (2) Schmidt: move to unanimous consent
    - (3) Rusch: objects
    - (4) 14 yays, 4 nays
    - (5) Votes to extend this discussion
  - ix. Flickinger: would like to know where the typical college student lies on this pay grade
    - (1) Kidd: within on campus jobs?
    - (2) Flickinger: correct
  - x. Frappier: thinks CAC would be a fantastic place to have the discussion begin, can set up meetings and have stakeholders come and explain where these numbers come from and have Greg and Craig as guest speakers. This is only the beginning of this discussion. Can ask Kidd to put it on agenda for next week.
  - xi. Bates: works for the student employment office, uses this website regularly. Explained that it is set up to get to a minimum wage of \$15 eventually, approximately by 2030. Would like to personally work to answer questions.

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- xii. Proctor: wage issue could tie into several other concerns, such as last year's very low employment numbers and many dining places being closed that impacted him directly. Wages potentially had something to do with employment numbers and facilities being opened.
- xiii. Al Moutaa: wants to mention that with how high inflation is, if salary raises to \$15 by 2030 the value of that \$15 will not be the same as it is today.
- xiv. Bates: has seen a great increase in on campus employment this year, thinks the low numbers were mostly COVID related.
- xv. derPilibosian: rejects increasing minimum wage, crossing dangerous waters, if lesser earners are getting more money than those who have earned the higher wages would not see an increase. Thinks the student senate should think about this before changing anything.
- xvi. Biermacher: student senate does not have the power to set these things, they write legislation that is a recommendation to the university. End decision is not in their hands.

c. Call for New Orders of the Day

## IX. Public Comment- Part II

- a. Foster Thorburn- president of the young democratic socialists of america. Here to speak on legislation increasing student wages and reducing parking costs. Can see competitive wages down Lake Michigan Dr., has seen starting wages of \$17/hour, which is way above current wage rates on campus. Has never talked to anyone on campus that makes \$17/hour. Most of the wage is being eaten up by inflation. Due to transportation issues many students are settling for on campus jobs. Students should not be settling. The university should want to have a campus that students want to work on, should not be doing the bare minimum just to operate. Thinks the wage increases should be tied at least to competitive wages and be readjusted in the future to continue to match competitive wages.

## X. Officer Reports

a. **Senate Resources** – Mallory Everly

- i. All applicants who have submitted application forms on LakerLink have been reached out to. Cabinet and SRC completed the first set of interviews last Thursday, and will be conducting another set today.
- ii. SRC began the conversation about the Fall Inservice that will be taking place. Going to begin the process of planning it relatively soon.
- iii. Office hours start this week. If you go into the SRC folder on Google Drive, and then into the office hours folder, you will see the link to submit your hours. Whatever amount of time you attend another committee meeting besides your own, that is the

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- amount of time that you can log. If you go to a meeting for 30 minutes, you can log 30 minutes for office hours, but not an entire hour.
- iv. A lot of colds are going around right now and it seems like a lot of people are getting COVID, so if you do become sick, please remember to fill out the excused absence form on LakerLink. If you need help finding the form, she would be happy to direct you.
  - v. Still no placards because she sent out a form yesterday morning requesting information for the placards, and is still waiting on responses. Fill it out ASAP so that she can submit the service request and hopefully get the placards by the next GA.
  - vi. Although phones and laptops do need to be put away, if you have an urgent situation arise during a meeting, you are 100% able to take your device and respectfully exit the room in order to deal with the situation as needed. You don't need recognition, you can simply just get up and go. If this happens, she will most likely try to talk to you after the meeting or whenever she sees you just to make sure that she is accurately keeping track of attendance.
  - vii. Committee meetings at 7:00pm on Wednesdays in the office
  - viii. Kidd: technology and decorum go hand in hand. Has been on her computer the entirety of the meeting, all student senate related. If you need to use your computer for something related to the meeting, point of privilege and you can get permission. Technology can only be infringed upon when it becomes a distraction to the meeting. Also can not set a dress code, wear what you are comfortable in and be present.
- b. Allocations – Benjamin Biermacher**
- i. Apologizes for missing last week's meeting, stuck waiting for a tow truck.
  - ii. Allocations meets at 1:30PM on Fridays in KC 2215.
  - iii. With approval, Senator Flickinger will be replacing Munoz on allocations committee.
  - iv. Requests over \$10,000 are presented and voted on by senators at GA. Need funding training to have voting rights. To get funding training: attend allocations meetings, attend ignite on Sunday, September 18th, or reach out to him and set up a time.
  - v. Yearly goals: utilize the new budget category to co sponsor events with RSOs, VPs reach out with what organizations you would like to collaborate with. Want to encourage spending and education on funding requests.
  - vi. Campus life night is tomorrow, encourages everyone to come. Counts as office hours
  - vii. Munoz: when is ignite
    - (1) Biermacher: Sunday, September 18th 6:00pm in allendale at KC. Downtown ignite September 25th 6:00pm in Seidman center.

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- (2) Frappier: what is ignite?
  - (3) Biermacher: event in which leaders of RSOs are educated on the processes of the university. A little training for leaders of RSOs so they are well equipped going into the year.
  - viii. derPilibosian: are allocations voted on by the student senate?
    - (1) Biermacher: all matters of allocations are voted on by cultural or appropriations funding board
  - ix. Bucon: when does allocations meet?
    - (1) 1:30PM on Fridays in KC 2215
  - x. Frappier: What is the dress code for allocations meeting?
    - (1) Biermacher: can not set a dress code, but be presentable, let students know you care about being there. No sweats, jeans are ok.
    - (2) Kidd: Business casual recommended if able.
  - c. **Public Relations** – Emily Bucon
    - i. Will be sending out an interest form for senate swag
    - ii. Working on a contact form for the website for students to reach out with issues or concerns
    - iii. Fill out the contact sheet in the drive
    - iv. If you have a social media request utilize the form in the drive
    - v. Stop by the table tomorrow if you will be at campus life night
  - d. **Campus Affairs**- Bianca Munoz
    - i. Thanks you for electing her as the new CAC VP, yields to EVP Frappier
    - ii. Congratulates Munoz. CAC will be meeting following GA.
  - e. **Educational Affairs**
    - i. Frappier: will be maintaining the VP role for now, will be meeting after GA to discuss their plans.
    - ii. Johnson IV: Are committee meetings allowed to overlap?
      - (1) Kidd: yes
  - f. **Diversity Affairs** – Larbi Al Moutaa
    - i. Committee meetings will be Sundays at 10:00am in KC 0042, meeting location is subject to change, reach out if you are interested in joining meetings
    - ii. Want to be more legstaition oriented. Pieces of legislation that are currently being worked on: Fight the Inequality of Access to Education by Creating a Virtual Campus, raising student wages, Lowering parking pass costs, Create resources to support victims/survivors of child abuse, whether it is from additional counseling

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services, or with financial aid. Invites anyone who wants to help with these legislations to reach out.

- iii. DAC and student senate president are officially part of the University's newly appointed Inclusion and Equity Activation and Accountability Team. The team will include leads from each of the divisions, colleges, and major units across the university and will be convened by the Division of Inclusion and Equity. Part of the team's mission is to advise the Division of Inclusion and Equity and President on matters related to Diversity and to review and consider university strategy, metrics, and planning related to Diversity, inclusion and Equity. If you have any particular concerns or change that you would like to see on campus in matters related to Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity, please let him or President Kidd know.
- iv. Johnson IV: Are the legislations on increasing wages and decreasing parking passes going to be in collaboration with CAC's efforts?
  - (1) Al Moutaa: currently considering partnership with DAC. If anyone has ideas or concerns let him know.
- v. Munoz: Has the writing process for any of the legastions begun and how should senators who want to collaborate get involved?
  - (1) Al Moutaa: virtual campus legislation is written, other legislations are currently listed as projects and being studied before they are written. Reach out to him directly after GA, email him, slack him, or text him if you are interested in helping.

## g. **External Relations** – Zachary Schmidt

- i. 9/11 memorial starts with putting flags out at 6am, will be planting flags in memory of those who lost their lives, would appreciate any help putting flags out or taking them down.
- ii. Has 3 pieces of legislation in the drive, the first one is being presented at GA next week.
- iii. Committee meeting directly after GA
- iv. Previous advisor, Melissa Baker-Bosrrama is doing a voter registration event at the clock tower on Tuesday September 20, 1-3pm. You are encouraged to help.
- v. Johnson IV: does helping at the voter registration event count towards office hours?
  - (1) Kidd: reach out to SRC

## XI. **University Committee Reports**

- a. Kidd: only 2 people are signed up so no reports

## XII. **Roll Call - Part II**

## XIII. **Call for Announcements**

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General Assembly

Thursday, September 8th, 2022

Pere Marquette Room, 4:30pm

Chair: Faith Kidd

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- a. Proctor: over the summer he interned with Ottawa County elections commission. They are attending CLN tomorrow if you have any questions regarding voting and encourages everyone to stop by.
- b. Frappier: join them for CLN tomorrow if you can. Shoutout to all VPs and everyone for showing up and helping out. EAC and CAC meeting after GA. Encourages everyone to come to cabinet meetings at 6:15pm on Mondays. Sign up for the 9/11 memorial. You are not forced to stay in the realms of your committee so if there is something else you want to help with, reach out.
- c. Bucon: working with GVSU votes team to enouge paritication on national voter registration day. Will be at the clock tower on Tuesday September 20, 1-3pm if you are interested in volunteering, reach out.
- d. Johnson IV: you can register for an absentee ballot online if you are not able to go home. Would consider continuing talking about the reach higher 2025 in your committee meetings on what you can to do to help with this process.
- e. Kidd: if you want to put something on the agenda send her a slack or email and she will put it on the agenda.
- f. Frappier: cabinet will have a quick chat prior to interviews after GA
- g. Kidd: following cabinet discussion, EAC meeting on right, CAC meeting on left. At 7:03pm they will begin interviews in the office. Everly will guide interviewees down to the office.

**XIV. Adjournment: 6:48pm**