

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE GENERAL BODY MINUTES February 27, 2017

1. FORMAL CALL TO ORDER: 8:01pm
2. ROLL CALL: Excused: Senators Behnke, Felty, and Cabaya. Unexcused: Senators Clarke and Campbell
3. OPENING DEVOTION: Senator Apel read a poem about some of God's greatest gifts not being meant to stay on Earth forever. Senator Vincent for next meeting
4. FORUM OF CONCERNS:
 - a. Arab American Association of Engineers and Architects
 - i. About 20 students looking to start a chapter here
 - b. American Society of Civil Engineers
 - i. Planning on hosting a conference in 2018
 - ii. Will be looking to move up a tier
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Unanimously approved
6. SENATORS' REPORTS:
 - a. Senator Funk
 - i. Met with Muslim Student Association E-board
 1. Answered some budget questions and discussed various upcoming events
 - b. Senator Brown
 - i. Met with Earthtones last week, planning sustainability education program with local children; other events going on as well
 - ii. Big Dream Gathering with Delta Sigma Pi this Tuesday at 6:15pm in the Ballrooms along with other events coming up
 - c. Senator Donarski
 - i. UPC's Winterfest went well, even if it wasn't very wintery
 - d. Senator Bandovich
 - i. Went through a box of discount cards over the weekend

- e. Senator Garner
 - i. Attended the BSO Soul Food dinner last night along with President Zaki and Secretary Topel

7. ADVISORS' REPORTS: No Reports

8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT: Nura Zaki
 - i. Thanks to Senator Apel for his opening devotion
 - ii. Vigil last night for the student who passed away had a huge turnout, shows love and care of the Valpo Community
 - iii. Sent out elections information on Friday
 - iv. Spoke with Trevor Richardson (past student body president) about his fond memories
- b. VICE PRESIDENT: Sam Macy
 - i. No Report
- c. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Lauren Tehan
 - i. Need 7/8 approval for changing the slate, simple majority to pass it
- d. SECRETARY: Micah Topel
 - i. Name cards for new senators by next meeting
- e. PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: Mark Young
 - i. Updating the website
- f. EXECUTIVE & ASSISTANT TREASURER: Brandy Gabe & Clayton Hatfield
 - i. April 10 is final finance request deadlines

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE: Nura Zaki
 - i. Meeting this Wednesday at 3:30pm in the Helge Center Conference Room
- b. ADMINISTRATION: E.J. Dubinsky
 - i. Every org that has applied for re-rec has been accounted for
 - 1. Motion to approve slate of recognized organizations as a whole: passes 19-0-0
 - ii. Binders in the filing cabinet in the Senate Office have org information
 - iii. Circle K service organization requests to go from Unfunded to Tier 3 due to traveling costs to volunteer: passes 19-0-0
 - iv. Science Olympiad requests to go from Tier 3 to Tier 2: passes 19-0-0
 - v. Model United Nations at Valpo requests to move from Unfunded to Tier 3 due to traveling costs for competitions: passes 17-0-2
 - vi. College Mentors for Kids requested to move to Tier 1, but the Admin Committee voted it down due to no desire to access Cap Ex, create stipend positions, or to request more money

- vii. Phi Beta Lambda requests to move from Tier 3 to Tier 2 in order to send people to a conference (however, they have not held events for the community in the past year and incorrectly used funds last year): motion fails 1-17-0
- viii. Arab American Association of Engineers and Architects requests to become a new organization: passes 18-0-0
- ix. Several orgs claimed they were not contacted by their liaisons, so Admin will be reaching out to Senators to verify that. Those who can't produce proof may be sent to the Grievance Committee
- c. FINANCE: Miller Conrad
 - i. No Report
- d. COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: Hannah Laatsch
 - i. Held interviews for Media Execs over the last couple weeks and recommend the following:
 1. Emmy Bender for Editor and Chief of the Torch: approved 17-0-1
 2. Katie Nickolaou as VUTV Executive Director: approved 18-0-0
 3. Katilyn Braun & Michele Stracata as Co-Creators of the Lighter: approved 18-0-0
 4. Michaela for WVUR General Manager: approved 18-0-0
 - ii. No one came forward to be the Beacon's editor and chief, so tell Senator Donarski if you know of anyone who may be interested
- e. SCREENING: Chinny Emeka
 - i. Sending out emails regarding open positions for next semester either tomorrow or Wednesday
 - ii. Position information will be posted online as well
 - iii. Looking to fill assistant treasurer seat, contact Assistant Treasurer Hatfield if you're interested
- f. COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE: Katareina Vincent
 - i. No Report
- g. DISCOUNT CARD COMMITTEE
 - i. Just a couple small boxes left to cross off
- h. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
 - i. Nominate Senators Emeka and Baker, President Zaki, and Secretary Topel to be on the Elections Committee: approved 15-0-3
 - ii. Reached out to UPC to look into online elections, also looking into multiple polling stations around campus
 - iii. Candidates meeting at 4pm this Thursday, packets must be turned in by then
 - iv. Will be reaching out to student orgs, deans, and professors to encourage people to run
 - v. Two elections: executive elections on April 3, senator elections on April 10
 - vi. Encourage friends to apply!

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

12. FORUM OF CONCERNS:

- a. Treasurer Gabe
 - i. Working on fixing the clothing bylaw, if you have questions about it contact Treasurer Gabe
 - ii. Consider altering or evaluating percentages allocated to organizations while approving budgets

13. POSTMORTEM:

- a. Thank you for patience during re-rec slate and other lengthy votes

14. ADJOURNMENT: 8:49pm