

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, October 10th, 2024

Kirkhof 2204, 4:30pm

Chair: Quinten Proctor

Vice Chair: Paris Lawson

Parliamentarian: Evan Jackson



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### *Minutes*

#### 1. **Call To Order at 4:30 p.m.**

- a. Native Land Recognition
- b. Roll Call - Part 1
- c. Public Comment - Part 1
- d. Passing of the Papers
  - i. Proctor: Please fill out the mid-semester check in form sent in slack. Also, please fill out the course materials survey on slack.
- e. Adoption of the Agenda
  - i. Agenda is adopted.
- f. Approval of the Minutes
  - i. Minutes stand approved.

#### 2. **Discussion**

- a. Mental Health and QPR Training
  - i. Guest: University Counseling Center - *Eric Klingensmith*
    1. Klingensmith: Tonight I will be talking about QPR. This is an important workshop we do all over campus. This is suicide intervention training. Like CPR we will be talking about how to recognize and what to do when it comes to care. I have been at GVSU and the Counseling center here for 24 years now. In my role I help coordinate crisis response on the mental health side of things.
    2. The senate then goes over the QPR training.

#### 3. **Five Minute Recess**

#### 4. **Executive Reports**

- a. **President** - Quinten Proctor
  - i. Student Affairs
    1. I am working to re-establish the Food Committee with Deb Rambadt from Laker Food Co. and Doug Wentworth. I know quite a few of you were interested in that, so I will keep you all updated on that.
    2. I'm excited to announce that I'm working with GVSU Votes! for the Election Day celebration! President Mantella and I will both be giving remarks, so feel free to stop by and support.

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ii. Academic Affairs

1. Last Friday, I attended ECS where we had a big discussion about AI policy with Milos Topic, the VP for Information Technology. We also talked about a digital literacy expectation for students in relation to general education courses. Essentially, the General Education Committee said that it didn't make sense here, but faculty are still overall supportive of digital literacy skills for students.
2. I met with Provost Drake and UAS Chair Karasinski this morning to draft a letter to all faculty regarding encouraging students to vote, and to encourage faculty to be lenient on attendance and tests/presentations as well to reflect legislation we passed from previous years. We will be sending that out to faculty, staff, and students likely on October 25th.
3. I will be attending ECS again tomorrow and I'll update you all if there's anything discussed that I think is important for students to know.

iii. Personal

1. I did want to update you all on something Cabinet approved a few weeks ago. For context, when we don't spend money allocated to the Student Life Fund each year, the remainder gets added to a Reserve Fund to be used in important circumstances. Over the past several years, especially during the pandemic, we have accumulated a lot of money in the Reserves. The Office of Student Life has been looking at ways we can re-invest those funds to help students.
2. They proposed a substantial investment from the Reserves to update the technology in the Kirkhof Center to be more accessible and usable for students and RSOs. If this proposal was going to happen, it needed to be approved at the beginning of the semester, before Allocations began meeting for the year, so it was brought to Cabinet, as is what typically happens when we need to deliberate on funding requests with an Allocations Board. Cabinet did approve \$200,000 from the Reserve Fund to be used for the Kirkhof Center to upgrade Zoom rooms, projectors, audio equipment, and more. I know that was a lot of information, so if you have questions please feel free to ask them.

b. **Vice President** - Paris Lawson

- i. Make sure you read weekly emails because they consist of our important updates and plans. Also I will be chairing the events committee meeting tonight so please find me following GA

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- c. **Chief of Staff** - Evan Jackson
  - i. Good afternoon, Senators. This week, the Judiciary Committee and I met to finalize our edits to the conduct referral form and the conduct process. We now have a streamlined approach to handling conduct referrals that ensures transparency and fairness. I'm confident this will improve how we manage these cases moving forward.
  - ii. Additionally, I organized and collected feedback from the most recent General Assembly regarding the upcoming Student Summit event. This feedback will be crucial in making sure the event represents the concerns and ideas of our student body. We've also prepared a survey to evaluate everyone's understanding of the in-service training. I want to make sure we're all on the same page so we'll have time during today's General Assembly for everyone to complete the survey. Please take a few moments to do so, as it will help improve future training and address any areas needing clarification.
  - iii. As we near the halfway point of the semester, I want to remind everyone to attend four required events. Many of you have yet to attend an event thus far. If you are curious where you stand or would like to double-check, please slack me. We only have three General Assemblies left this semester, so we all must stay engaged and finish strong.
- 5. **Workshop**
  - a. Communication with External Stakeholders
    - i. Proctor: Before you are sending out emails to external stakeholders, please send the email to your chair before sending it. It makes sure that we look professional and organized. Additionally, please be cautious about the wording you are choosing when sending an email. We should go into meetings with curiosity and ask questions. This is so we can learn and make decisions rather than coming in with preconceived ideas about things we want done.
- 6. **Business**
  - a. Amendment on Misconduct Process
    - i. The senate goes over the new conduct process.
    - ii. Questions
      - 1. Stang: When would the accused party get contacted?
      - 2. Jackson: As soon as the case is open, they will get notified.
      - 3. Palumbo: What would the process look like if it is brought to GA?
      - 4. Jackson: It will be brought to GA and both parties will discuss. There will not be both parties together at the same time.
- 7. **Officer Reports**

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- a. **Allocations** - Nancy Hoogwerf
  - i. Proctor: Allocations funded two events last week. We funded a spring performance and a halloween karaoke night. Allocations is meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm.
- b. **Public Relations** - Ty Vanlerberghe
  - i. Hi, everyone! Happy Thursday!
    1. First, I met with Chair Gessler again on Monday to discuss a collaboration between her and I for a fall bonding event. Stay tuned in the Slack. We plan on announcing details for that after the bonding event on the 17th!
    2. Second, I worked with Chair Wright to reserve a table to promote the upcoming Teach-In event. We will be in Kirkhof on the 28th and 29th from 11 AM - 1 PM. There should be a sign-up in the Slack soon, so stay tuned for that if you wish to participate.
    3. Finally, I attended a meeting with College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Anderson alongside some of the other CLAS reps yesterday. After our conversations with Dean Anderson, he connected me to the CLAS communications director and I am currently working on reaching out to her to potentially help promote some of their initiatives. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out over Slack! Have a great weekend!
- c. **Advocacy** - Genna Wright
  - i. Hi everyone, happy thursday! I hope you all had a great week of classes. Earlier today Ty and I got tabling booked in kirkoff for the teach-in for October 28th and 29th! With that being said, if you are interested in hosting a session please reach out to me and I can help you get set up. The deadline for that is October 13th. As this month is domestic violence awareness month please dont forget about all the upcoming events happening, so if you have time for any of them please feel free to stop by! We are also collaborating with events and policy to do tabling for breast cancer awareness month. As usual if anyone has any questions or wants to talk to me about anything please feel free to slack me or talk to me after ga!
- d. **Policy** - Alec Palumbo
  - i. Happy Thursday everyone, On Monday, President Proctor and I met with Kyle Boone, the Director of Housing. We discussed his thoughts on the Student Solutions Summit and the ways Housing can and should be incorporated into the conversations we have with students. Additionally, we discussed his first impressions of the new Freshman and RA class 1 month into the new year. Lastly, Dr. Boone discussed proposed actions from

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Housing in response to the BIPOC Student Taskforce. If you have any questions about Housing or the meeting itself, please let one of us know.

- ii. In other news, the Policy Committee is working on or assisting with at least 2 pieces of legislation. There is a mix of written drafts and pieces that are just beginning. If you are curious or want to get involved in this process, please let me know. There is a chance that we will be bringing one piece of legislation to GA relatively soon.
  - iii. In event related news, The Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center will be hosting a Student Mental Health Summit on Wednesday, October 16th, from 2-5 in Zumberge Hall. This will include a panel that runs from 2:30-3:00, and I am proud to say that I will be sitting on this panel alongside several other students. If you are interested, come support this initiative, which is aiming to spread more awareness about on campus resources for mental health.
  - iv. Lastly, my committee is preparing to attend several meetings within the next month, including Sustainability, Veterans Resources, and a follow-up with Housing. As always, I will keep you updated on this progress. I yield.
- e. **Events** - Riley Gessler
- i. Happy Thursday! The Safety Night Walk went super well and I really appreciate everyone showing up. We will be having Breast Cancer Awareness month tabling throughout the month so please be on the lookout for that! Thanks!

#### 8. **Advisor Reports**

#### 9. **University Committee Reports**

- a. Proctor: Please raise your hand if I have appointed you to a University Committee, but you HAVE NOT heard back from that Committee. Last week, I attended the Academic Technology and Advisory Committee and we discussed the upcoming transition from Banner to Workday Student in 2026. Workday Student should be more user-friendly, and has data consolidated into one system, so this should be a positive development for students. We also discussed the MFA, and I shared that specific professors may not always be the most accommodating with allowing students to use their phones for the MFA codes, and that students broadly are frustrated with the frequency of the authentication requirements.

#### 10. **Representative Reports**

#### 11. **Conclusion**

- a. Public Comment - Part 2
- b. Roll Call - Part 2
- c. Call for Announcements

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- i. Cabinet will meet at roughly 7:30p.m.
12. **Adjournment at 6:48 p.m.**