

# Grand Valley State University Student Senate

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, November 7th, 2024

DCIH 445, 5:00pm

Chair: Quinten Proctor

Vice Chair: Paris Lawson

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### *Agenda*

#### 1. **Call To Order**

- a. Native Land Recognition
- b. Roll Call - Part 1
- c. Public Comment - Part 1
- d. Passing of the Papers
- e. Adoption of the Agenda
  - i. Agenda is adopted.
- f. Approval of the Minutes
  - i. Minutes are approved.

#### 2. **Executive Reports**

##### a. **President** - Quinten Proctor

###### **i. Student Affairs**

1. We made it through the election! It's important for us as student leaders to come back together, and support all the students here, and to support each other as well! The Election Day celebration went well on Tuesday, so thank you to everyone who was there. Thank you to everyone who helped out at the satellite office or at the welcome desk as well!
2. I am attending the Public Safety Liaison Committee meeting with Senator Scott to talk with Chief DeHaan about updates regarding safety on campus, and I will keep you updated on that!

###### **ii. Academic Affairs**

1. I attended UAS last week virtually and we talked a lot about how faculty currently feel about the shared governance model. We also talked about the upcoming transition to Workday Student, the addition of virtual kiosks and an app to help people find classes, especially in Mackinac Hall, and several other topics. Over the next month until we formally meet next, I will be attending several ECS meetings, and I will keep you updated on those.

###### **iii. Personal**

1. Reviewed the fall schedule.

##### b. **Vice President** - Paris Lawson

- i. This week, I had a productive conversation with Edward Jones, the Director of Campus Health, where we discussed several issues facing our student body regarding healthcare, and insurance access. He also shared information to supplement the Narcan legislation

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I'm working on. Last Thursday, we had our first meeting with the Student Legal Services Task Force. Chair Vanlerberghe will provide more info on this in his report. In preparation for the upcoming Student Solution Summit, I've been reaching out to student orgs and campus departments to encourage participation. Please reach out to your campus connections as well, to continue spreading the word.

- ii. Looking ahead, the Teach-Ins are scheduled for the 13th and 14th. We have several people from Senate participating in sessions, and one of our senators will also be representing us on the Student Reflection Panel, which will close the event. Please plan to attend and support each other!
- iii. Finally, On Monday, the Policy Committee and I are meeting with Dr. Boone from Housing. To discuss various topics including their future plans!

c. **Chief of Staff** - Evan Jackson

- i. Today, I'd like to share some important updates regarding our recent initiatives and projects:
- ii. 1. Executive Performance Survey Results  
The executive performance survey has been completed, and the results have been processed. Our Faculty Advisor, Valerie, will present the results today. This feedback was great for assessing how the executive team is working together and meeting the needs of our body.
- iii. 2. Student Senate Climate Survey  
I've also put together a climate survey for the Student Senate, which we'll be taking time to complete today. Please approach this survey with honesty and transparency, as your insights are crucial for recognizing areas that need attention. We are committed to addressing any issues that arise from this feedback. As a reminder, this survey is entirely anonymous.
- iv. 3. Student Solutions Summit  
We're continuing our work on the Student Solutions Summit, and I appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and involvement in preparing for this event. Your participation makes this event impactful for our student body and shows our dedication to their concerns.
- v. 4. Bylaw and Constitutional Amendments  
Alongside President Proctor and Vice President Lawson, I have been working to

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restructure the bylaws, incorporating feedback from the Judiciary Committee. We'll present these amendments today, so please feel free to ask questions or provide feedback to ensure we're aligned on these important updates.

vi. Judiciary Committee Report:

The Judiciary Committee has been diligently handling absence requests, conduct referrals, and election preparations:

vii. 1. Recent Meetings

o 10/29 Meeting: Reviewed five absence requests and one conduct referral.

o 11/4 Meeting: Addressed two absence requests and five conduct referrals.

2. Election Cycle Preparation

All Judiciary Committee members have confirmed they will not campaign for Student Senate positions, ensuring stability and a smoother election process.

3. Upcoming Schedule

After meeting for two consecutive weeks, we will take a break on 11/12 and resume on 11/19, when we will begin planning for the upcoming election.

3. **Business**

a. Governing Document Reforms

i. President Proctor and Chief of Staff Jackson went over ByLaws..

ii. Proctor- I will entertain a motion to approve ByLaws.

Passes anonymously.

iii. Jackson- Goes over Constitution changes.

4. **Five Minute Recess**

5. **Workshop**

a. Executive Performance Survey Results

i. Valerie went over the summary of the executive survey results.

b. Climate Survey

i. Senators are provided 10 minutes to take the survey.

c. Student Solutions Summit

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- i. Proctor- Two weeks from now we will host this big event, it will have two sections, one being a small group discussion and the other being a panel discussion. Advocacy and Policy will need to help craft conversation pieces for the event. We have a lot of PR up and we are working on getting videos up. Please go to your groups and organizations about this event.
- ii. Jackson- I will be making sure your chairs track your involvement and how you are reaching out to people about our event.
- iii. Green- Can you please describe the event so I can figure out how to craft questions for the panel
- iv. Jackson- Gives a description of the event.
- v. Vanlerberghe- I have a template to help you craft your outreach.
- vi. Theakston- How do we get people to go?
- vii. Proctor- We will have food!
- viii. Hartley- Will this count as class credits
- ix. Lawson- To get clubs to come tell them to come share their mission and their goals on campus and make it about their growth and success.
- x. Stang- Do we have a reserved room?
- xi. Proctor- Yes, Pere Marquette. We will be screening questions that will help us have discussion.
- xii. Vanlerberghe- I just sent a PDF of the poster so you can share this.
- xiii. Rienas- What should we wear
- xiv. Proctor- Casual
- xv. Theakston- Maybe we could have an anonymous question box so people feel comfortable sharing
- xvi. Green- We could do it with a QR code too.

## 6. Officer Reports

### a. Allocations - Nancy Hoogwerf

- i. Hi everyone, happy Thursday. We have three requests tomorrow at 1:30pm in room 2265, so if you're interested in joining an Allocations meeting, please let me know. As my personal life is slowing down a bit, Bri Slager and I will begin looking over the Finance

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Policies and Procedures to hopefully bring a new and improved one in front of the body next semester. Please let me know if you have any questions about anything!

b. **Public Relations** - Ty Vanlerberghe

i. Hi, everyone! Happy Thursday! I hope you are all hanging in there after this stressful week.

First, I am happy to report that our Teach-In tabling was successful and I have heard from many Senators that there we had great engagement with students and brought a lot of attention to the event.

Second, last week I ordered a promotions package and yard signs for our upcoming Student Solutions Summit. You should soon see promotional materials for the event popping up around campus. Please take the time to promote this event to your friends and peers to make sure we have a strong, representative voice on the 21st.

Third, Senator Theune and Senator Gonzalez have completed the interactive section of our bulletin board downstairs. Please feel free to take a look and encourage your friends to voice their concerns on the board in a respectful manner. This will help us gauge student interest and opinion more effectively.

Lastly, thank you to all who came to our fall pictures bonding event—it was super fun despite the rain. If you haven't already seen, I have copied the link to the pictures in the bonding channel for everyone to view and download from.

c. **Advocacy** - Genna Wright

i. Hi everyone! Happy Thursday, I am sorry I can't be here today, just imagine i'm here in spirit lol. But I hope everyone had a great week of classes, and thank you to everyone who expressed their right to vote this past election day, as this was an extremely important election. I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who volunteered for teach-in tabling as it went amazing as expected! The teach-in is coming up November 13th and 14th, which we will not be having on that Thursday so I hope everyone can come out and support some of your fellow senators who are presenting sessions at this year's teach-in! With that being said, there is a teach-in student reflection panel on November 14th from 5:30-6:15 in the Grand River room of KC, so if you are interested please feel free to attend that! As Veterans Day is coming up, we will today be discussing ideas for that as well. Per usual if anyone has any questions or wants to talk to me about anything please feel free to slack me!

d. **Policy** - Alec Palumbo

i. Happy Thursday everyone, I have a couple of meetings to report on. Last week, Senator Johnstone and I met with Felix Ngassa and other relevant departments to discuss course

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transparency. I shared our ideas about course marking, which were approved by several members.

- ii. Additionally, Senator Eshleman met with parking services, where discussions revolved around the extensions of parking spaces, relevance in the 10-year Master Plan, and Laker Line Ridership. A follow-up is expected relatively soon. Since the next GA will not occur for several weeks, a quick reminder to take care of yourself as the semester progresses very steadily.

e. **Events** - Riley Gessler

- i. Hello everyone, thank you for being patient with the events committee as we prepare for the end of the semester. Today, after GA, I will be putting out a sign up genius for tabling for the Student Solutions Summit. If you are low on events, this could be a great way to get you up to what you need! Thanks, and have a safe weekend.

7. **Advisor Reports**

8. **University Committee Reports**

- a. Chair Valerburg- Hi again, everyone!

Last Thursday, Vice President Lawson, Senator Johnstone, Senator Dolnik, and I participated in the first Student Legal Services Task Force meeting alongside Vice President for Student Affairs, Jenny Hall-Jones, and other key university stakeholders to help further former Senator Bates' legislation from last winter.

- b. This meeting was very productive and resulted in an initial plan for the university to pilot a Student Legal Services program in order and gauge its impact and use by students. The taskforce meets again next Thursday, November 13th and in the meantime VP Hall-Jones and I have meetings set with Ashwin Patel, director of University of Michigan Student Legal Services, Pam Gerace, director of University Legal Services at the University of South Carolina; and Mark Karon, Director of University of Minnesota Student Legal Services to further our understanding and research. If any one has any questions, please feel free to Slack me. Thanks!

9. **Representative Reports**

- a. Green- I met with Diana Lawson who is the representative for Seidman, we talked about initiatives they have set in place and missions. The main concern was the way students are losing skills that are being taken by technology. They are trying to put a sales simulator on one of the floors in

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Seidman to help with Real world skills. Dean Lawson brought up the possibility of a student advisory board.

- b. Luitel- Last week I met with the Dean of the College of Computing, the dean has introduced a new bi-weekly meet and greet event to help students find resources and opportunities. Many undergrad computing classes are on Allendale campus and Grad downtown. But in the future it plans to move more into the new Blue Dot initiative. Talked about AI and the coming release of guidelines. IT is trying to reduce the number of authentic log-in's required.

### 10. Conclusion

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

### 11. Adjournment