**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

**6:30 p.m.**

President Faulkner called to order the General Assembly meeting of the Ferris State University Student Government Association on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 in UC 203A, located at 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 at 6:31 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

**Present**: Allyson Faulkner, Mariah Gaither, Tara Kremhelmer, Adam Michalski, Miranda Blaine, Dean Herioux, Brooke Cunningham, Lucas Orosco, Haven Chane (arrived at 6:46 pm), Sophie Kubesh, Alex Hand, Jade Quinn, Meredith Whitmer, Daniel Buby, Baylee Byrnes, Sarah Fase, Leanna Kwilos, Blake Patterson, La’Shai Watson, Stephen Bottke, Monica Pittiglio, Amanda Eslinger, Carley Dubbert, Dale DesHarnais, Emily Hamner, Marlee Kurdziel, Kiranjit Kaur, ad Sean Lausin.

**Hearing of the Public I**

There were no new members or guest speakers.

**Approval of the Minutes**

1. President Faulkner stated that, seeing that there are no corrections to be made, the meeting minutes from October 29, 2019 stand approved as of 6:33 pm.

**Messages from the Advisors**

1. Associate Dean Campau:
   1. Ferris is playing Grand Valley State University and the Dean of Student Life office and the Vice President of Student Affairs office will be hosting a tent outside of the Interdisciplinary Resource Center and will be handing out Ferris hats, hair ties, and cowbells. There will also be opportunities to donate to United Way.
   2. He stated that he is very excited to see more members this year and he now challenges our members to start brining student issues into Student Government and make an impact.
2. Dean Jeanine Ward-Roof:
   1. She stated that everyone who attended the Ferris Foundation Gala looked great and did a fantastic job of representing Ferris and the Student Government Association well.

**Executive Reports**

1. President Faulkner:
   1. She thanked the representatives that attended the Ferris Foundation Gala and told them they were a great representation of our organization.
   2. She announced that she has added members to a Student Government Association calendar. She wants members to add any of their RSO events as well as their internal committee meetings.
   3. She announced that the Student Issues Panel with be November 12th at 6 pm in UCB 202 C. She would like for everyone to come with two to three premade questions for the speakers. The flyer for the event lists all the speakers and will be posted on our Facebook page.
   4. She stated that Student Government has been asked to co-sponsor the bus ride back from Grand Rapids to Big Rapids for Thanksgiving break. The Rideshare program is being advertised via social media and Bulldog News. The cost of the bus for the day would be $750 and our co-sponsorships cover up to $200. Our co-sponsorship would include partially funding the bus as well as sharing the Rideshare page via social media.
   5. She stated that Political Engagement Project has a dinner coming up with representative Scott VanSingel at 5 pm on Friday, November 8th. They have an event prior to this dinner that is an open forum to be able to speak to this representative. Student Government has six seats available to attend this dinner at the Blue Cow.
   6. She stated that some universities from the United Kingdom are coming on November 20th at 12 pm in the Founder’s room. They are interested in talking to some members of Student Government to learn about what student life is like here at Ferris. They are coming to learn about our higher education system and people who are interested would be sharing their education experiences.
   7. She stated that the advisors and her spoke about financial literacy. They would like to work on creating or improving events related to issues surrounding finances during and immediately after college. She would like for anyone who is interested in starting up or working on these events to reach out to her.
   8. She asked who would be graduating in Fall 2019 and Spring 2020.
2. Vice President Gaither:
   1. She stated that the external committees are not optional, and that if there are general assembly members that are not part of an external committee, they need to come see her.
   2. She would like for all the internal committees to CC her into their meeting minutes that they send in.
   3. She stated that she passed around a sign-up sheet for the Holiday Event and the Battle for the Star canned food drive tabling events.
   4. She stated that she will be out of town from Wednesday, November 6th until the evening of Monday, November 11th and if you need to reach her during that time Facebook Messenger is the best way to get ahold of her.
3. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
   1. She announced events going on around campus including: “From Rubber Monsters to Digital Cowboys: One Artist's Journey to Pixar Animation Studios” Five Star Event on Wednesday, November 6th from 7 to 8 pm in UCB 202 and the 2019 Fall Grad Fair on Thursday, November 7th from 11 am to 4 pm in UCB 202 ABC.
4. Treasurer Michalski:
   1. He gave an up to date report of the spending for the Holiday event. The total so far is roughly $5,500, which is well under the budget the Holiday Event Task Force set.
5. Parliamentarian Blaine:
   1. She stated that she has no report.
6. Director of Finance Herioux:
   1. He stated that Finance Division had $55,853.74 in the balance prior to the meeting they had last week. Finance Division did allocate money at their last meeting so he said that there will be an updated balance soon.
   2. He stated that there is a potential Finance Division member being voted on tonight.
   3. He stated that he spoke with Senator Bizon after the lecture series event and Senator Bizon was very happy with the conversation that took place at the event. He also stated that there is another lecture event coming up soon.
7. Director of Public Relations Cunningham:
   1. She stated that she still needs a few headshots and biographies from General Assembly members.
8. Director of Operations Orosco:
   1. He stated that he needs the meeting minutes for the Communications committee’s last meeting.
   2. He stated that he is working on becoming familiar with Bulldog Connect so he can help the internal committees create and register events on campus.
9. Director of Philanthropy Chane:
   1. She stated that Thrifty Thursday was very successful and over $125 was raised for United Way. She would like to try to hold another one of these events in the future.
10. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
    1. She reminded everyone to log their required office hours in the binder in the office.
    2. She reminded General Assembly representatives to report back to their RSO’s on any events or important information mentioned at our Student Government meetings.

**Committee Reports**

1. Academic Senate:
   1. They sat in on the approval of a Project Management bachelor's degree.
   2. The Title IX Coordinator and the Director of Equal Opportunity spoke about faculty relationships with students coming to them.
2. Communications:
   1. They created the Student Issues Panel flyer and they are waiting on approval from CLACS. Once the flyers are approved, they would like for everyone to start sharing them.
   2. They are working on the Holiday Event and Battle for the Star flyers.
3. Holiday event Task Force:
   1. They did not meet this week, but they are open to questions if anyone has any. The Holiday Event will run from 6 pm till 8pm and the tree lighting will take place at 7:30 pm.
4. Constitution and Bylaw Review Task Force:
   1. They met last Thursday. They discussed and clarified some points within the first half of the Constitution.
   2. Their next meeting is November 21st at 1:30 pm in the Student Government Office if anyone is interested in joining.

**Senator and Representative Reports**

President Faulkner explained that Senator and Representative Recess was removed from the Agenda because General Assembly members may call for a senator and representative recess at any point throughout the meeting. This section has been replaced by Senator and Representative Reports and during this time senators and representatives may share any information from their colleges or RSOs.

1. Amanda Eslinger: Alpha Sigma Tau is hosting their 7th annual Anchor Slam volleyball tournament Saturday, November 16th at 1pm. It costs $30 per team of six members and all proceeds go toward Habitat for Humanity.
2. Sean Lausin: Phi Alpha Theta is having a research paper round table in FLITE 214 from 5-7 pm. He encouraged people to come and have their papers looked at.

**New Business**

1. Approval of Finance Division Member
   1. Zachary Schildhouse

**Motion to Approve Finance Division Member Zachary**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Emily Hamner

**Motion passes at 7:10 pm.**

**Hearing of the Public II**

1. Jeanine Ward-Roof: She stated that the annual Veteran’s Breakfast will be on November 11th at 8am. This is open to all students and community members and is free to attend. There will be a short program and a guest speaker.
2. Monica Pittiglio: She asked for clarification on the responsibilities that Campus Affairs has for Pancakes with the President.
3. La’Shai Watson: She asked if student government would be interested in looking into Student Government apparel.
4. Allyson Faulkner: She stated that 41 classes happen between 6 pm and 7 pm on campus. This is something to consider when creating events on campus.
5. Mariah Gaither: She would like for members to use their name plates so we can begin to learn each other’s names since we have so many new members.
6. Miranda Blaine: She stated that there will be a member bonding opportunity tonight at the Gypsy Nickel.
7. Jade Quinn: She stated that there was an event tonight that had a speaker who told his story of going job to job after graduating college to be able to find what he was truly passionate about.

**Adjourn**

**To adjourn at 7:21 pm.**

Minutes respectfully recorded by Administrative Assistant Tara Kremhelmer. Minutes were approved by the General Assembly and signed by President Allyson Faulkner.

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