**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

**6:30 p.m.**

President Faulkner called to order the General Assembly meeting of the Ferris State University Student Government Association on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 in UC 203A, located at 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 at 6:32 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 7:10 pm), Sophie Kubesh, Alex Hand, Jade Quinn, Meredith Whitmer, Daniel Buby, Jonathan Ward, Baylee Byrnes, Sarah Fase, Leanna Kwilos, Blake Patterson, La’Shai Watson, Stephen Bottke, Monica Pittiglio, Amanda Eslinger, Carley Dubbert, and Dale DesHarnais.

**Hearing of the Public I**

1. Emily Hamner: Third meeting, seeking to represent the American Marketing Association.
2. Marlee Kurdziel: Third meeting, seeking to represent the Music and Entertainment Business Association.
3. Kiranjit Kaur: First meeting, seeking to represent the Student Alumni Gold Club.
4. Ahjanay Shipp: First meeting, undecided on representation.
5. Calvin Smith: First meeting, undecided on representation.
6. Anna Sangster: First meeting, seeking to represent Phi Alpha Delta.
7. Chloe Flora: First meeting, seeking to represent the College of Education and Human Services.

**Approval of the Minutes**

1. President Faulkner stated that, seeing that there are no corrections to be made, the meeting minutes from September 24, 2019 stand approved as of 6:34 pm.

**Messages from the Advisors**

1. Dean Jeanine Ward-Roof:
	1. She hopes that everyone had a fun Homecoming and that they were able to meet plenty of alumni over the weekend.
	2. She announced that Family and Friends Weekend is the weekend of October 25th.
2. Dean Joy Pulsifer:
	1. She stated that it is now week 6 and one week from now will be the mid-point in the semester.
	2. She gave some information on how reading an informational text starting in the back of each chapter is more beneficial. If you read the summary, main points, or concept questions in the back of the chapter, your brain will be primed to pick up on the important information as well as keep your mind engaged.

**Executive Reports**

1. President Faulkner:
	1. She announced that there is a Five Star this Thursday, October 3rd, at 7 pm. Even if people are not interested in mediating, she would still like for members to attend the Five Star event. It is hosted by Sigma Lambda Beta which is a historically Hispanic/Latino fraternity. The speaker will be talking about his 5,000-mile journey to America.
	2. She stated the she will be bringing Brooke and Mariah to meet with Ferris’ marketing task force to learn how they can market our organization with the new Ferris Forward marketing tools.
	3. She passed around papers for people to sign up to attend the Ferris State University Foundation Gala. They have six spots available and all members are able to sign up. If more than six people would like to attend, there will be applications sent out via email. The Gala will take place on Friday, November 1st in Grand Rapids.
	4. She passed around a paper for people to sign up to attend the United Student Government Conference at Saginaw Valley State University on November 8th and 9th. There is an informal meet and greet in the afternoon on the 8th and on the 9th is the all-day conference. Many students can attend, but each university may only have 3 floor delegates. If more than three members are interested in being floor delegates, there will be an application process. Students are not required to attend both days.
2. Vice President Gaither:
	1. She announced that she has had a few RSOs get back to her asking for someone from the Student Government Association to come into one of their meetings and talk about what the Student Government Association does. If anyone is interested in accompanying her, she would like for them to reach out.
	2. She announced that she is putting together the Holiday Event Task Force. The event will need to take place before Thanksgiving; possibly November 15th or 22nd. The internal committees will be helping with more of the responsibilities this year. The main purpose of the Holiday Event Task Force will be to decide how the Student Government Association would like for the event to run this year. She would like for anyone that is interested in being on the task force to reach out to her.
	3. She stated that five of the past external committees were included in with the Academic Senate. If anyone is interested in joining another committee, those five external committees of the Academic Senate are: the Senate Diversity Committee, the Arts and Lectures Committee, the Student Life Committee, the Athletic Advisory Committee, and the Library Historical Archival Committee.
3. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
	1. She announced events taking place on campus this week, including: Get Real! on October 2nd from 8 am till 2 pm in UC 202 ABC, the Academic Opportunity Fair on October 3rd from 10:30 am till 3 pm in UC 202 BC, the JC Penney Suit Up event on October 6th from 12 pm till 3 pm, and the Career Fair 101 on October 7th from 4 pm till 7pm in FLITE 135.
4. Treasurer Michalski:
	1. He would like for members to come up with new events ideas. Our organization has over $57,000 in our budget for the year and he would like to see some of that used on new events. The Holiday Event and the lecture series were both new events that students came up with within the last year. If anyone has any new ideas, he would for members to state them during hearing of the public part two or for them to tell an E-Board member.
5. Parliamentarian Blaine:
	1. She announced that she will be starting up the Constitution Bylaw Review Task Force to go over all of our governing documents to see if anything needs to be amended.
6. Director of Finance Division Herioux:
	1. He announced that Finance Division started the meeting with $62,119.52 unallocated in their fund.
	2. He stated that Finance Division allocated $986.58 for travel to the Social Work Association, $1,000 for travel to the Accounting Association, $1,199.20 for an event to the Hispanic Student organization, and $1,002 for travel to the American Institute of Graphic Arts.
	3. He stated that they also received an evaluation from Sigma Lambda Beta, but the organization was late with their paperwork, so they were sanctioned. There was a vote from Finance Division to give the organization a lesser sanction.
7. Director of Public Relations Cunningham:
	1. She announced that the Ferris State University Student Government Association website now has all of our meeting minutes uploaded as word documents.
	2. She stated that she needs headshots and biographies from members who have not yet given them to her.
8. Director of Operations Orosco:
	1. He stated that he still needs everyone on the internal committees to send him their schedules so he can set up committee meeting times.
	2. He would like for students to think of our events in terms of what they would hope to see in events if they were offered to them by other organizations on campus.
9. Director of Philanthropy Chane:
	1. She stated that she has been working on the United Way Campaign. She spoke with the Student Fashion Alliance and they are willing to collaborate with Student Government on their Thrifty Thursday event. We will be helping to get clothing donations for the event from October 14th until October 28th. Flyers for the events will be going out on October 11th and then the Thrifty Thursday event will take place on October 31st. Fifty percent of the proceeds from the clothing sales will be donated to United Way.
	2. She announced that The Big Event applications are now out.
10. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
	1. She announced that we will be voting on the approval of two new members during new business.
	2. She stated that everyone is required to complete two office hours; one scheduled hour that stays the same week to week, and one other one that can vary each week. Both hours must be logged each week in the new white binder in the office. She would like for anyone who needs to reschedule or be reminded of their scheduled office hour to come see her after the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

1. Town Gown:
	1. There was a good representation of students, county members, and city members at the meeting.
	2. President Eisler gave a recap of Homecoming.
	3. Superintendent Tim Haist spoke on behalf of the Big Rapids Public Schools about the literacy program they are working on.
	4. The Big Rapids City Manager, Mark Gifford, also spoke about events that had recently passed.
	5. One of the city commissioners reached out, saying that they would love more student involvement at the city level.
2. Academic Senate:
	1. There were some changes in the curricula for the Economics and Information Security programs.
	2. They reached out to get more involvement in the five committees that are a part of the Academic Senate.
	3. They are working to improve the relationship and communication between Kendall College of Art and Design and Ferris. In Fall of 2020, they will be bringing students to from Kendall to live in Big Rapids and then transporting them to classes at Kendall by bus. This would give students from both campuses the opportunity to take classes at each college.
	4. They discussed different ways of assessing courses, majors, minors, certificates, general education, and co-curriculars.

**Senator and Representative Recess**

1. President Faulkner explained that there is a need for nominations for the Speaker of the House and Speaker of the Senate. The Mandate of Internal Assessment states that the Speaker of the House will mentor other representatives and the Speaker of the Senate will mentor other senators, make sure they set up meetings with the Deans of their colleges, and state what should be discussed at these meeting to be brought back to the General Assembly. Both positions help ensure that all members complete all tasks set forth by the Constitution and all other governing documents of the General Assembly. Both roles will be appointed by the Director of Internal Assessment and then voted on by the General Assembly.

**Motion to Move into Senator and Representative Recess**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jonathan Ward

Supported by: Stephen Bottke

**Motion passes at 7:15 pm.**

**Motion to Move Out of Senator and Representative Recess**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Stephen Bottke

Supported by: Jade Quinn

**Motion passes at 7:22 pm.**

1. Nominations for the Speaker of the House:
	1. Stephen Bottke
2. Nominations for the Speaker of the Senate:
	1. Jade Quinn
3. All members of the General Assembly can self-nominate until Friday, October 4th.

**New Business**

1. Approval of General Assembly Member
	1. Emily Hamner
	2. Marlee Kurdziel

**Motion to Close for Interview**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Sarah Fase

Supported by: Leanna Kwilos

**Motion passes at 7:23 pm.**

 **Motion to Open Session**

 Entertained by: President Faulkner

 Motion by: Jade

 Supported by: Stephen

 **Motion passes at 7:38 pm.**

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Emily Hamner**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

 Motion by: Leanna Kwilos

 Supported by: Monica Pittiglio

 **Motion passes at 7:39 pm.**

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Marlee Kurdziel**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

 Motion by: Jonathan Ward

 Supported by: Jade Quinn

 **Motion passes at 7:39 pm.**

**Hearing of the Public II**

1. Linda Telfer: She passed around brochures that list all of the agencies that we support in our two-county area: Mecosta and Osceola. United Way is an international organization that acts as a fundraiser for organizations within the vicinity. We are the only county in the state of Michigan that has an allocation process for the money that is donated to each organization. Community members come in and look at the organizations to determine what the need is in the community. The back of the brochure talks about Asset Limited Income Constraint Employed and 43% of our community members fall into that category; they do not make enough money to pay their bills even though they are working. The agencies that United Way works with help support these community members.
2. Dean Joy Pulsifer: She stated that the university has an annual donation goal of $55,000, the county has a donation goal of $350,000 and the students have a donation goal of $3,000 for United Way. The Student Government Association usually has a part in reaching that $3,000 goal.
3. Dean Jeanine Ward-Roof: She stated that they are looking for a student to help with a silent auction held in December to benefit the United Way Campaign. She would like for anyone who is interested in soliciting gifts from businesses in town to reach out.
4. Sarah Fase: She announced that Delta Zeta has a Biggby fundraiser on Monday, October 7th. You must mention Delta Zeta for the purchase to count toward the fundraiser.
5. Baylee Byrnes: She announced that every Friday from 9 am till 9:30 am members of Panhellenic will be going to one of the public schools to put packed lunches in lockers for students who would otherwise have no food to eat for the day.
6. Joy Pulsifer: She announced that today is the first day students are able to submit their Free Application For Student Aid.
7. Sophie Kubesh: She announced that her birthday is tomorrow, October 2nd.
8. Mariah Gaither: She announced that the Lectures with the Legislators lecture series has been reduced to two weeks. They will be working to collaborate with the Political Engagement Project, as they are also bringing different speakers in. The lecture series will consist of Senator Irwin speaking about Drug Policy and Senator Bizon speaking about Health Policy.

**Adjourn**

**To adjourn at 7:52 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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