**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Tuesday, October 15, 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 15, 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, Haven Chane (6:50 pm), Sophie Kubesh, Meredith Whitmer, Daniel Buby, Baylee Byrnes, Sarah Fase, Leanna Kwilos, Blake Patterson, Stephen Bottke, Monica Pittiglio, Amanda Eslinger, Carley Dubbert, Dale DesHarnais, Emily Hamner, Marlee Kurdziel.

**Hearing of the Public I**

1. Anna Sangster: Third meeting, seeking to represent Phi Alpha Delta.
2. Renee Mauer: She came to speak about Bulldog News and get some input for their marketing campaign.
3. Kiran Kaur: Third meeting, seeking to represent Student Alumni Gold Club.
4. Sean Lawsin: Second meeting, seeking to represent Phi Alpha Theta.

**Approval of the Minutes**

1. President Faulkner stated that, seeing that there are no corrections to be made, the meeting minutes from October 8, 2019 stand approved as of 6:37 pm.

**Messages from the Advisors**

1. Dean Joy Pulsifer:
   1. She announced that students can get their flu shots at no cost if they have paid the health center fee for Birkam. This will help protect not only you, but people around you as well.
   2. She stated that the advisors are holding Starbucks with Advisors and she passed around a sheet for sign up times. They can have up to three people sign up for each hour time slot.
2. Associate Dean Campau
   1. He announced that there are 192 days until the Big Event!

**Executive Reports**

* 1. President Faulkner:
     1. She stated that next Tuesday is the next Five Star is on October 22nd from 6-9 pm in Williams Auditorium. The Minds Aflame Five Star will be a three-hour event and features nine speakers who will share information on topics focused around sustainability. The deliberation will be held after the Five-Star event. Members of the Student Government Association should attend at least one hour of the event in place of our regularly scheduled meeting next week, October 22nd.
     2. She announced that we will be having a videographer come into our meeting on October 29th. Please come to this meeting dressed nicely.
     3. She stated that she will be posting a document on our Student Government Facebook page with information on the breakout sessions and legislation for United Student Government Conference. A representative from the University of Michigan came to Ferris to speak about legislation that they would like our Student Government to be in support of, which would be the reintroduction of the Student Association of Michigan. She will be posting the document for this on the Facebook page as well. We will vote on if we would like to be in support of the document at our next regular meeting.
     4. She announced that the Student Issues Panel will be November 5th starting at 6 pm. Some of the speakers may include an administrator for the following areas: Administration and Finance, Department of Public Safety, Housing and Dining, Student Affairs, and the library.
     5. She stated that we are looking to move back into a University Center ballroom once we have outgrown the Founder’s Room. In the meantime, we will be adding more tables and chairs to the Founder’s Room.
  2. Vice President Gaither:
  3. She stated that she is expecting a few external committee reports tonight. She would like for anyone who has not emailed her their committee information to see her after the meeting or get in contact with her as soon as possible.
  4. She stated that she met with Entertainment Unlimited and had them write down any changes they would like to see around campus.
  5. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
  6. She announced events taking place on campus this week, including: the Craft and Bake Sale in CLACS on October 18th from 8 am until 5 pm and the Ferris vs. Northwood Football game on October 19th at 1 pm.
  7. Treasurer Michalski:
  8. He stated that he has been working on the budget for various events including Gala, the Big Event, and the Holiday Event. Currently the budgets for Gala and the Big Event are set, but the budget for the Holiday Event will not be set until the Holiday Event Task Force meets with catering next week to get price estimates for food.
  9. Parliamentarian Blaine:
  10. She would like people to join the Constitution and Bylaw Review Task Force. The first meeting will be this Thursday, October 17th at 1:30 pm in the Student Government Office.
  11. Director of Finance Division Herioux:
  12. He welcomed Finance Division’s new Administrative Assistant, Leanna Kwilos.
  13. He announced that Finance Division had one evaluation and two allocations.

i. $1,000 was allocated to the International Student Organization for travel to Chicago.

1. $1,080 was allocated to You Beautiful Black Women for an event they are holding on campus.
   1. Director of Public Relations Cunningham:
   2. She stated that she still needs headshots from a few of our General Assembly members.
   3. She stated that she has started promoting the Thrifty Thursdays event.
   4. Director of Operations Orosco:
   5. He would like the internal committees to send him the minutes for their committee meetings as soon as a possible.
   6. Director of Philanthropy:
   7. She announced that the United Way campaign event with the Student Fashion Alliance starts this week. The next two weeks will be the donation period for the event. She would like for everyone to be promoting the event.
   8. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
   9. She announced that we have one General Assembly member up for approval at tonight’s meeting.
   10. She stated that people should be emailing her 24 hours in advance if they cannot make it to a meeting and for everyone to keep up the good work on completing their office hours.

**Committee Reports**

* 1. Diversity:
  2. The Diversity Committee talked about the Holiday Event and delegated tasks associated with the event. Each committee member has the responsibility of making sure a certain cultural event/holiday is represented properly at the Holiday Event.

1. Campus Affairs:
   * 1. The Campus Affairs Committee came up with different categories of events that students might be interested in having on campus, which included: stress relief events, events related to sustainability, self-protection events, and a Five Star on critical thought.
2. Philanthropy:
   * 1. The Philanthropy Committee spoke about how to keep the donations for the Holiday Event as organized as possible.
3. Holiday Event Task Force:
   * 1. The Holiday Event Task Force decided to double or triple areas of the previous catering order depending on the food. They have come up with some craft and activity ideas for the inside portion of the event. They are also having a station where people can write letters to veterans or members of the LGBTQ+ community who may have been disowned by their loved ones.
4. SLAAC:
   * 1. The Student Leadership and Activities Council has prospective RSOs come in and present their group for approval. As of October 10th the First Generation Students RSO was approved along with Global Brigades and the Operations and Supply Chain Management Association.
5. College of Engineering:
   * 1. The Senators for the College of Engineering met with their Dean and discussed the projects that the Dean is working on. The Dean is mostly working on impacts with budget reductions. The budget reduction is mainly due to the reduction of credit hours, not student enrollment, and the effects of this budget are mainly affecting faculty salary.
     2. The Senators for the College of Engineering stated that President Eisler would like to increase the programs offered within this college, but unfortunately that does not appear to be in the budget.
     3. The Senators for the College of Engineering stated that their Dean is planning to retire this Spring and a new Dean will be announced.
     4. The Senators for the College of Engineering announced that people can be as specific as they would like to be with the money they donate. They can specify that their donation goes to improve a specific part of a college, building, or program.
6. Leadership Council Committee meeting:
   * 1. The Leadership Council Committee went over the Strategic Plan. According to part of this plan, they are planning to add three market driven programs per year. This can be a whole new program or a smaller addition, such as the global competency program. Dr. Pilgrim may be coming to speak about the items on the strategic plan at one of our meetings.
7. Sustainability Committee:
   * 1. The Sustainability Committee is working on creating a compost system for our two cafeterias and cutting our carbon footprint as a university.

Stephen Bottke took a point of personal privilege at 7:17 pm

**New Business**

* 1. Approval of General Assembly Member

a. Anna Sangster

**Motion to Close for Interview**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Emily Hamner

Supported by: Baylee Byrnes

**Motion passes at 7:17 pm.**

**Motion to Open Session**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Monica Pittiglio

Supported by: Emily Hamner

**Motion passes at 7:25 pm.**

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Anna Sangster**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Carley Dubbert

Supported by: Baylee Byrnes

**Motion passes at 7:25 pm.**

**Hearing of the Public II**

* 1. Miranda Blaine: She would like to remind members to join the Constitution and Bylaw Review Task Force. She also stated that she is hosting a scary movie night tonight after the meeting and everyone is welcome to come.
  2. Monica Pittiglio: She stated that Students for Sensible Drug Policy is working to get Naloxone kits in Residence Halls. Their organization has run into issues with Housing because they do not want RAs to perform any type of medical attention for residents, including CPR or Naloxone administration. In the case of an opioid overdose on campus, every second without medical attention is critical for the individual. Students for Sensible Drug Policy would like for Naloxone kits to be kept in the Residence Halls and have the Ras or at least the Residence Hall Directors to be trained in using the kits. They are now seeking the help of the Student Government Association to further this project.
  3. Leanna Kwilos: This week is Zeta Tau Alpha’s Think Pink Week. The remaining events include: Coffee for a Cure in the IRC from 11 am to 1 pm on Wednesday, Penny Wars in the UC from 12 pm to 2 pm on Thursday, and a fundraiser at Big Rapids Nutrition from 7 pm to 9 pm in Friday. Zeta Tau Alpha’s Color Run 5K will be on Saturday, October 19th, and you can register day of.
  4. Mariah Gaither: She read of suggestions for changes on campus from Entertainment Unlimited, which included: switching back to Coke products on campus, being able to use the Quad Box at the Rock Café, more funding for Music Takes Action, and better climate control in the College of Business.
  5. Kiran Kaur: She clarified that the Quad Boxes can be used at both of the cafeterias on campus.
  6. Baylee Byrnes: She stated that the line for Erbert’s and Gerbert’s gets very long and makes it difficult to walk through the IRC. She suggested that we look into roping off a section to direct the line of people away from the main walkway for students to pass through the building.
  7. Sophie Kubesh: She would for anyone who has now attended two meetings to come see her after the meeting is over.

**Adjourn**

**To adjourn at 7:42 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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Allyson Faulkner Tara Kremhelmer

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