**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Tuesday, October 29, 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 29, 2019 in UC 203A, located at 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 at 6:30 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, 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, Dale DesHarnais, Emily Hamner, Marlee Kurdziel, Anna Sangster.

**Hearing of the Public I**

1. Sean Lausin: Third meeting, seeking to represent Phi Alpha Theta.
2. Kiranjit Kaur: Fourth meeting, seeking to represent Student Alumni Gold Club.
3. Michael Berghoef: He stated that he is the Vice President of the Academic Senate and he works to populate the fifteen committees that make up the Academic Senate. Five of the committees have seats for Student Government members. These committees include: the Student Life Committee, the Senate Diversity Committee, the Athletic Advisory Committee, the Library Historical Archival Committee, and the Arts and Lectures Series. You may sign up for these through your Student Government Vice President. More information can be found at Ferris.edu/senate.

**Approval of the Minutes**

1. President Faulkner stated that, seeing that there are no corrections to be made, the meeting minutes from October 15, 2019 stand approved as of 6:37 pm.

**Messages from the Advisors**

1. Dean Jeanine Ward-Roof:
   1. She stated that about 2,500 people came out to Family and Friends Weekend events.
   2. She passed around the sign-up sheet for Starbucks with Advisors meeting times. She stated that the people signed up on November 21st need to reschedule for a different time.
2. Associate Dean Campau:
   1. He reminded everyone to be mindful of their Halloween costumes and make sure that they are not in any way offensive.
   2. He announced that there are only 178 days until the Big Event!
3. Dean Joy Pulsifer:
   1. She announced that the last day to withdraw from a class is Thursday, October 31st by 5pm. There are cases where withdrawing from a class does make sense. Withdrawing from a class can help protect your GPA and is better than failing a class.
   2. She announced that Spring registration is now open. She said she would be happy to help anyone figure out when they register.

**Executive Reports**

1. President Faulkner:
   1. She thanked everyone for attending the Minds Aflame Five Star and gave a shout out to Carley Dubbert for leading her first mediation.
   2. She stated that the members who will be attending the United Student Government Conference are very excited.
   3. She stated that the Student Issues Panel will be in UC 202 C on November 12th. All the administrators that were contacted have confirmed their attendance or will be sending someone in their place.
   4. She announced that we will be moving to a UC ballroom next semester to accommodate our growing number of members. For our meetings on November 12th and 19th we will be moving to UC 202 C as well.
2. Vice President Gaither:
   1. She stated that the holiday event is going smoothly. She announced that we now have a tree for the Holiday event. She passed around a sign-up sheet for people to help bring the tree to campus on November 12th. She stated that if you sign up for an hour time slot it can replace one of your office hours.
   2. She stated that the Battle for the Star food drive starts on Friday, November 1st and goes until the day before the event and, November 20th. She is planning on having some tabling events for the can drive, hopefully one each week in November leading up to the event. She stated that being at a tabling event may also count as one of your office hours.
   3. She stated that members who have not yet signed up for an external committee need to come see her and sign up for the committee they would like to be a part of.
3. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
   1. She announced events going on around campus including: 9 to 5 the Musical in Williams Auditorium from 7:30 pm to 9 pm on Friday, November 1st and Saturday, November 2nd, 9 to 5 the Musical in Williams Auditorium from 2:30 pm to 4 pm on Sunday, November 3rd, and Connect with Bulldog Connect in CLACS from 1 pm to 5 pm on Monday, November 4th.
4. Treasurer Michalski:
   1. He stated that he did not have a report, but he hopes that everyone has a great semester.
5. Parliamentarian Blaine:
   1. She gave a Roberts Rules of Order Fun Fact. The fun fact stated was: if you have something to say during a meeting, you must raise your hand and wait to be appointed by the chair or whoever has the floor while they are speaking. She stated that this will help ensure the orderliness of our meetings.
6. Director of Finance Herioux:
   1. He stated that Finance Division had two evaluations and one proposal.
   2. He stated that Alpha Phi Sigma requested funds for their Bridging the Gap event in April. Finance Division granted them $2,163 for that event.
7. Director of Public Relations Cunningham:
   1. She thanked everyone for reposting the events she posted on our story.
   2. She stated that she will repost any RSO events that anyone sends her to help promote them.
8. Director of Operations Orosco:
   1. He stated that he posted a rolling document on our Facebook page that gives suggestions for the Internal Committees, but the internal committee ultimately are designed for the members to generate ideas for events in campus.
   2. He stated that the committee heads have not been decided yet, but he is hoping to have that decided by the end of the night.
   3. He reminded everyone to make sure to be attending their Internal Committee meetings.
   4. He stated that the Internal Committees need to start planning the details of Pancakes with the President.
9. Director of Philanthropy Chane:
   1. She stated that our Thrifty Thursday event is this Thursday, October 31st from 11 am to 4 pm in UC 123. She passed around a sign-up sheet for one-hour time slots.
10. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
    1. She announced that we have two potential general assembly members up for approval during tonight’s meeting.
    2. She stated that general assembly members only need to record their two required office hours.

**Committee Reports**

1. Communications:
   1. They announced that they made the Lectures with Legislators flyers. If you see it on social media, they would like you to please share it.
   2. They stated that are working on making the flyers for the Student Issues Panel.
   3. They announced that they are trying to work with Bulldog radio for advertising purposes.
2. Campus Affairs:
   1. They stated that they are currently looking into prizes for Pancakes with the President and have already decided which members will be going to ask which businesses for the prize donations. They said this should be taken care of within the next two to three weeks.
3. University Wide Diversity Inclusions:
   1. They stated that the members of the committee became acquainted with each other and went over how they would work toward the goals in their section of the strategic plan.
   2. They stated that Piram Prakasam spoke about the work being done for the internationalization plan, Kaylee Burke spoke about an award that the Center for Latino Studies received, and other members shared other individual events going on.
4. SLAAC:
   1. They stated that they went over the approval of a new archery RSO as well as the Five Star events.
5. Holiday event Task Force:
   1. They stated that they have all the crafts picked out for the events as well as their estimated costs. The crafts will total up to cost about $900. There will be four or five crafts including: star ornaments, reindeer bags, round ornament decorating with permanent markers, stocking decorating, and a create your own dreidel activity.
   2. They are also looking into doing a letter drive for Operation Gratitude, which is a military charity, and an option for letters to unjustly incarcerated member of the LGBTQ+ community.
   3. They stated that they have been working with the Diversity Committee to make sure all cultures are well represented.
   4. They announced that the catering menu has been set up and the cost will be about $3,897.
   5. The crafts and catering are set to accommodate for 300 people.
   6. They announced that the theater group’s Living Statues, the acapella group, and potentially the jazz band will provide entertainment during the Holiday Event.
6. CBRTF:
   1. They stated that they have been reading the Constitution and this next meeting they will be going over their first document so it is not too late if you would still like to join.

**Motion to Enter Senator and Representative Recess**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jonathan Ward

Supported by: Leanna Kwilos

**Motion passes at 7:05 pm.**

**Motion to Exit Senator and Representative Recess**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Emily Hamner

Supported by: Jade Quinn

**Motion passes at 7:06 pm.**

Stephen Bottke voted nay.

**Unfinished Business**

1. The Student Association of Michigan legislature will be what our Student Government Association members will be discussing at the United Student Government Conference. Information on the legislature was given at the meeting prior, on October 15, 2019. The mission of the legislature is to represent, serve, and protect the collective interests of students in higher education in Michigan.

**Motion to Support the Student Association of Michigan Legislature**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Stephen Bottke

Supported by: Leanna Kwilos

**Motion passes at 7:08 pm.**

Jonathan Ward abstained from voting.

**New Business**

1. Approval of General Assembly Member
   1. Kiranjit Kaur
   2. Sean Lausin

**Motion to Close for Interview**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Sarah Fase

Supported by: Jade Quinn

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

**Motion to Open Session**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Emily Hamner

Supported by: Leanna Kwilos

**Motion passes at 7:30 pm.**

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Kiranjit Kaur**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: La’Shai Watson

Supported by: Sarah Fase

**Motion passes at 7:30 pm.**

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Sean Lausin**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Stephen Bottke

Supported by: Jonathan Ward

**Motion passes at 7:30 pm.**

**Hearing of the Public II**

1. Monica Pittiglio: She spoke about the Holiday Event Task Force looking into a photo booth for the Holiday Event. She stated that the cost of the photo booth would be around $500 and the task force would like for the General Assembly to vote on using that much of the budget.
   1. Mariah Gaither: The $500 for the photo booth would take away from the estimated $8,000 budget. The Holiday Event Task Force has currently estimated the total cost, before the photo booth, would be around $5,000 and that would mean that we still have about $3,000 left over.

**Motion to Approve the Photo Booth for the Holiday Event**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Carley Dubbert

Supported by: La’Shai Watson

**Motion passes at 7:36 pm.**

1. Leanna Kwilos: She stated that the theater honors society will be opening for 9 to 5 the Musical on Thursday and there is a costume contest. She encouraged everyone to come to the show and enter the costume contest for a chance to win some fun prizes. To win, the person must be present at the intermission.
2. Sarah Fase: She announced that Phi Sigma Kappa is having their annual Haunted House from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. It opens tonight, October 29th, and goes until Thursday, October 31st. Tickets are $4 for students and $5 for regular admission and all proceeds go toward Special Olympics.
3. Baylee Byrnes: She mentioned that the student phone book is missing from the Ferris State University website and asked if it will be permanently down.
4. Blake Patterson: He mentioned that Phi Sigma Kappa’s haunted house is zombie themed this year. He also announced that Sigma Phi Epsilon is having a Biggby fundraiser this Thursday, October 31st. If you mention that you are there for the fundraiser, they will donate a dollar of your drink.
5. Allyson Faulkner: She stated that Student Alumni Gold Club is hosting Rake ‘n’ Run this Sunday, November 3rd from 9 am to 12 pm. The event will begin outside of the Prakken building and you can sign up for the event on Bulldog Connect.
6. Mariah Gaither: She visited Public Relations Student Society of America and received some suggestions, which included: better sidewalk care durig the winter, better printing in the business building, salting the hill leading up to the Starr building, more helpful events for stress relief before exams, and on campus printing in general.

**Adjourn**

**To adjourn at 7:43 pm.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Allyson Faulkner Tara Kremhelmer

President of FSUSGA FSUSGA Administrative Assistant