**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

**6:30 p.m.**

President Faulkner called to order the General Assembly meeting of the Ferris State University Student Government Association on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in UC 203A, located at 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 at 6:34 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

**Present**: Allyson Faulkner, Mariah Gaither, Tara Kremhelmer, Adam Michalski, Miranda Blaine, Dean Herioux, Brooke Cunningham, Lucas Orosco, Sophie Kubesh, Alex Hand, Jade Quinn, Sarah Fase, Leanna Kwilos, Stephen Bottke, and Monica Pittiglio.

**Hearing of the Public I**

1. Daniel Buby: Second meeting, seeking to represent the College of Engineering Technology.
2. Carley Dubbert: Fourth meeting, seeking to represent Lambda Kappa Sigma.
3. Amanda Eslinger: Third meeting, seeking to represent Alpha Sigma Tau.
4. Dale DesHernais: Second meeting, seeking to represent the Student Psychology Association.
5. Marlee Kurdziel: First meeting, seeking to represent the Music and Entertainment Business Association.
6. Emily Hamner: First meeting, seeking to represent the American Marketing Association.
7. Meredith Whitmer: Fourth meeting, seeking to represent the College of Education and Human Services.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion to Approve the Minutes from September 10, 2019**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Stephen Bottke

Supported by: Monica Pittiglio

**Motion passes at 6:36 pm.**

**Messages from the Advisors**

1. Jeanine:
   1. She passed around several handouts for events going on around campus.
   2. She advised students that the semester is speeding up, so they need to be taking care of themselves and staying connected to their course syllabi.
2. Associate Dean Campau:
   1. He announced that he is very excited to have new people joining Student Government.
   2. He encourages members to look into what they can contribute to campus and what they want Student Government to be known for as they look into the internal committee they choose to join.

**Executive Reports**

1. President Faulkner:
   1. She announced that the first Five Star mediation starts tonight. Mariah will also be running tonight’s mediation, which will be held in the Founder’s room following the Five Star, at either 8pm or 8:30pm. Students will be able to discuss what the likes and dislikes of the event’s message were, as well as discussing what the university can bring to change these to benefit students more. All are welcome to join them in the Five Star and mediation following the Student Government meeting.
   2. She passed around a sheet containing the Five Star events for the Fall semester. If any of them pique your interest and you would want to help mediate them, let her know.
   3. She would like to work on improving the communications between the university and the students. Please let her know of any ideas you have.
   4. She announced that Bulldog News has been fixed. Students no longer have to log into their student account to read each page.
   5. She wants to start bringing in guest speakers every week during our meetings. If you have any recommendations, please let her know.
2. Vice President Gaither:
   1. She has been working on a few events and would like the General Assembly to begin helping her with them. If anything seems interesting as she is announcing them, please come see her at some point to find out how you can help.
   2. She is working with Ally to put on another Student Issues Panel. This is where they will bring in different administrators on campus to address any student issues on campus or answer any questions. They are planning to livestream the event on Facebook, so they are looking for a crew to do that.
   3. She would really like the General Assembly to be engaged in the 5 star mediations so other students on campus can see things from the General Assembly’s standpoint and not only E-board.
   4. She would also like the General Assembly’s help with the Lectures with the Legislators lecture series and the Holiday Event that are coming up later this semester.
   5. She has a few external committees that still need to be assigned. She would like the members that were inducted at the last meeting and anyone inducted at tonight’s meeting to come see her after the meeting.
3. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
   1. She announced some of this week’s events on campus, including LKS’s ice cream social on September 19th at 11am and the Women’s Soccer game on September 22nd at 1pm.
4. Treasurer Michalski:
   1. He went over the expenses that would come along with the Lectures with Legislators lecture series.
      1. The rental of the University Center ballrooms would be $50 per day over 6 different days, totaling $300.
      2. The rental of hotel rooms, if needed, would cost $100 per night for 6 different nights, totaling $600.
      3. Dinner at the Quad for each legislator and potential staff after each lecture would cost $11 per visit for 12 visits, totaling $132.
      4. The total cost for the lecture series would be $1,032, but is subject to change.
   2. He encourages everyone to be creative and think of events we could put on. We have a good budget to work with to make impactful events, so do not be afraid to speak up and reach out.
5. Parliamentarian Blaine:
   1. She shared a fun fact about Robert’s Rules of Order. Fact: Words are important. You need to make sure to use the right wording when making a motion. To make a motion you must say, “I motion to…” followed by the rest of the motion, or “So moved.” To second a motion, someone else must say, “I second.”
   2. She ran through an example asking members in the General Assembly to make a motion to allow puppies at Student Government meetings, while using the correct wording for the motion.
6. Director of Finance Herioux:
   1. Finance Division had their first meeting, during which they only heard evaluations. They heard from Entertainment Unlimited, You Beautiful Black Women, Christian Pharmacy Fellowship, Kappa Psi, Lambda Kappa Sigma, and the Club Sports Council.
   2. He stated that Finance Division’s overall budget for the semester is $62,239.52.
   3. He is looking for an Administrative Assistant for Finance Division. Administrative Assistant is a paid position. Please let him know if you or anyone you know is interested in applying.
7. Director of Public Relations Cunningham:
   1. She passed around sheets for the General Assembly to fill out for her. These will give her everyone’s information she needs for our website.
8. Director of Operations Orosco:
   1. He sent out an email to get everyone sorted into their internal committees. He would like a response as soon as possible so he can get everyone into a committee that they prefer.
   2. He asked that anyone being inducted at today’s meeting come see him after the meeting so he can get them into a committee as well.
9. Director of Philanthropy Chane:
   1. She is waiting on a response from Dylan Tantalo and Bruce Borkovich and in the event that they do agree to give her an all access parking pass to raffle off, she will start the process to get a raffle license for the United Way campaign.
   2. She stated that there will be a tabling event each week that the raffle entries will be taking place at, but these tables will also give Student Government more opportunities to talk about what we do and hear students’ concerns.
10. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
    1. She announced that we will be voting to approve 4 new members at tonight’s meeting.
    2. She asked the General Assembly to please be doing their office hours and to email her 24 hours in advance if they cannot make it to their scheduled hour or to a meeting. Missed office hours constitute as an unexcused absence and after three unexcused absences you will lose voting privileges.
    3. She stated that members should be wearing business attire. Guys should be wearing at least slacks, a nice button up, and dress shoes. They can dress it up more with a tie or full suit if they would like. Members must dress at least business causal. Girls should be wearing at least a blouse, dress pants, and flats or heels.

**Committee Reports**

1. SLAAC:
   1. They went over what SLAAC does, which includes approving new RSOs. This week they are meeting with First Gen.

**New Business**

**Motion to Amend the Agenda**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Sarah Fase

Supported by: Monica Pitiglio

**Motion passes at 6:56 pm.**

1. Approval of General Assembly Members
   1. Amanda Eslinger
   2. Carley Dubbert
   3. Meredith Whitmer
2. Approval of Finance Division Member
   1. Mariah Gaither

Point of Personal Privilege taken by Nicholas Campau at 6:58 pm

**Motion to Close for Interview**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Stephen Bottke

Supported by: Jade Quinn

**Motion passes at 6:57 pm.**

**Motion to Open Session**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Sarah Fase

Supported by: Stephen Bottke

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

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Amanda Eslinger**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Leanna Kwilos

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

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Carley Dubbert**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Stephen Bottke

Supported by: Sarah Fase

**Motion passes at 7:24 pm.**

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Meredith Whitmer**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Alex Hand

**Motion passes at 7:24 pm.**

**Motion to Approve Finance Division Member Mariah Gaither**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Monica Pittiglio

Supported by: Stephen Bottke

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

1. Approval of Lectures with Legislators
   1. Discussion:
      1. The lecture series is 6 weeks long, running from October 17th until November 21. There will be a 30-minute lecture by a former or current Michigan legislator, followed by a 20-minute moderated Q&A session.
      2. Legislators from the Democratic and Republican platforms will be speaking on various topics, including health policy, drug policy, environment and energy, and Michigan fiscal policy. If anyone has any suggestions for legislators, please let Mariah or Dean know.
      3. They have opted out of making posters for the events and plan on solely using social media to advertise.
      4. They are looking for a project name to potentially replace “Lecture with Legislators” that they could put on a certificate to give to the legislators that speak during the series. A few suggestions have been “Experiencing Politics” and “You Pick the Politics in College”.
   2. Questions:
      1. It was suggested that they look into finding someone to speak on higher education from a finance perspective.
      2. Suggestions for project names included: “Project Woodbridge”.
      3. It was asked if there would be a thank you gift for the legislators to go along with dinner. Mariah and Dean are looking into gifts that are Ferris related, potentially mugs, to give them along with their certificates.

**Motion to Approve Lectures with Legislators Lecture Series**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Stephen Bottke

**Motion passes at 7:41 pm.**

1. Swearing in of the FSUSA Vice President
   1. Mariah Gaither

**Hearing of the Public II**

1. Monica Pittiglio: Mariah is going to be speaking on behalf of Students for Sensible Drug Policy this Thursday in FLITE 133 at 7pm. Mariah has just completed the training series to become a certified peer educator. She will be speaking on general facts about cannabis that users and non-users should know. Monday of next week at 6:30 pm there will be a marijuana listening session at city hall to discuss the zoning plan for marijuana businesses within the city limits.
2. Jade Quinn: She asked if we were still considering doing a food fight event with the Rugby team, as it was mentioned last semester. If someone from the team reaches out, SGA will look into it.
3. Allyson Faulkner: She has flyers for a JC Penny’s event. If you would like one, come see her.
4. Mariah Gaither: The first team bonding for SGA will be tonight at Applebee’s for half off apps at 9 pm tonight. We want to get more acquainted with all of our new members.

**Adjourn**

**To adjourn at 7:45 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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