**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**6:30 p.m.**

Student Government Association team building took place at 6:34

President Faulkner called to order the General Assembly meeting of the Ferris State University Student Government Association on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in UC 202 A, located at 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 at 7:12 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

**Present**: Allyson Faulkner, Tara Kremhelmer, Adam Michalski , Miranda Blaine, Dean Herioux, Brooke Cunningham, Lucas Orosco, Baylee Byrnes, Sophie Kubesh, Alex Hand, Meredith Whitmer, Daniel Buby, Jonathan Ward, 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, Kiranjit Kaur, and Sean Lausin.

**Motion to Amend the Agenda to say Approval of Interim Finance Division Members under New Business**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Leanna Kwilos

Supported by: Emily Hamner

**Motion passes at 7:13 pm.**

**Hearing of the Public I**

1. Austin Robison: Second meeting, seeking to represent Fitdawgs.
2. John Vary: Fourth meeting, seeking to represent Burt and Mullet.
3. Mark Helton: First meeting, seeking to represent Phi Sigma Kappa.
4. Toni Botica: First meeting, seeking to represent Delta Zeta.
5. Zoie Willson: First meeting, seeking to represent Zeta Tau Alpha.

**Approval of the Minutes**

1. President Faulkner stated that, seeing that there are no corrections to be made, the meeting minutes from December 3, 2019 stand approved as of 7:14 pm.

**Messages from the Advisors**

1. Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof:
   1. She wished everyone a good semester and stated that students should feel free to reach out to her should they need any help.
   2. She stated that the Spring RSO Fair is Thursday, January 16th from 4-7 pm.
   3. She stated that the University Center’s anniversary is Friday, January 17th from 9-12.
   4. She stated that the MLK March is Monday, January 20th at 4pm.
2. Dean Joy Pulsifer:
   1. She stated that 12 new outlets were added to the Rankin Lounge due to advocacy from a member of Student Government.
   2. She stated that the career center is working to bring more alumni back to work as coaches for current students.

**Executive Reports**

1. President Faulkner:
   1. She passed around a sign-up sheet for members to sign up for times to work the Student Government Association table at the Spring RSO fair on Thursday, January 16th.
2. Vice President Gaither (read by President Faulkner):
   1. She stated that she was unable to attend the meeting.
3. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
   1. She stated that Student Government will be utilizing a new app called CheckPoint and asked that members download the app before our next meeting. She stated that the app is a tool linked to Bulldog Connect that will be used to take attendance at our meetings from now on.
4. Treasurer Michalski:
   1. He stated that he will have the budget report available for our next meeting.
5. Parliamentarian Blaine:
   1. She stated that she has no report.
6. Director of Finance Herioux:
   1. He stated that three members of Finance Division have resigned which has put the division below quorum. He explained that they are asking for two volunteers from the General Assembly to sit on the division for one or two meeting while they find new members.
   2. He stated that according to the Rules of Appropriation and Allocation the General Assembly must approve an allocation of $0.00.
7. Director of Public Relations Cunningham:
   1. She stated that she has no report.
8. Director of Operations Orosco:
   1. He stated the meetings for internal committees are to continue to happen weekly.
9. Director of Philanthropy Byrnes:
   1. She introduced herself as the new Director of Philanthropy.
10. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
    1. She stated that members should email her their new office hours before the next meeting at kubeshsferris.edu.
    2. She stated that the Internal Assessment Division is currently looking for new members. She asked that anyone who has questions about or is interested in the Internal Assessment Division to please email her.

**Committee Reports**

1. Academic Senate:
   1. Alex Hand stated that she thanked the Academic Senate for their help with Pancakes with the President and shared information about the Big Event.

**Senator and Representative Reports**

President Faulkner reminded the General Assembly that this would be the time to share any information about their RSOs or colleges.

1. Delta Zeta:
   1. Sarah Fase stated that they would be at the Spring RSO fair this Thursday, January 16th.

**New Business**

1. Approval of Interim Finance Division Members
   1. Director of Finance Herioux explained that an interim member of Finance Division would act as a voting member of the Finance Division until they are replaced by new Finance Division members. The first meeting will take place Tuesday, January 21 at 5 pm and the following meetings will occur every other Tuesday at the same time.

**Motion to Approve the Interim Finance Division Member Sarah Fase**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Monica Pittiglio

Supported by: Leanna Kwilos

**Motion passes at 7:27 pm.**

**Motion to Approve the Interim Finance Division Member Jonathan Ward**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Monica Pittiglio

Supported by: Leanna Kwilos

Jonathan Ward abstained from voting.

**Motion passes at 7:28 pm.**

1. Approval of $0.00 Allocation to the Panhellenic Council
   1. Director of Finance Herioux explained that the Panhellenic Council presented to Finance Division at their last meeting in December asking for funding to go to a conference. He stated that Finance Division believed that the conference would mainly benefit the Executive Board of Panhellenic Council and Panhellenic organizations. He stated that Finance Division did not see a benefit to campus as a whole, which is why $0.00 was allocated. He stated that he would answer any questions to the best of his ability as he is not a voting member and is unable to share the meeting minutes as they have not yet been approved.
      1. Sarah Fase asked if a zero-allocation hindered future opportunities for the organization to request funding from Finance Division.
      2. Director of Finance Herioux stated that a zero-allocation does not affect future proposals and that it only applies to the specific application.
      3. Allyson Faulkner asked to hear what Finance Division member Christine Labby said about the zero-allocation.
      4. Director of Finance Herioux stated that he could not read from the minutes as they have not been approved, but Christine Labby had made a statement that she felt that there was a bias against Greek organizations.
      5. Director of Finance Herioux explained that the General Assembly must vote on a zero-allocation for the same reason they would vote on an allocation over $4,000.

**Motion to Approve the Zero-Allocation to the Panhellenic Council**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jonathan Ward

Supported by: Daniel Buby

Sarah Fase, Leanna Kwilos, and Emily Hamner voted nay.

**Motion passes at 7:35 pm.**

**Hearing of the Public II**

1. Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof reminded members to take a bag when they leave the meeting.

**Adjourn**

**To adjourn at 7:38 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

President of FSUSGA FSUSGA Administrative Assistant