

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

**6:30 p.m.**

President Faulkner called to order the General Assembly meeting of the Ferris State University Student Government Association on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 in UC 202 A, located at 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 at 6:34 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

**Present:** Allyson Faulkner, Tara Kremhelmer, Adam Michalski, Dean Herioux, Brooke Cunningham, Lucas Orosco, Baylee Byrnes, Sophie Kubesh, Alex Hand, Jade Quinn, Meredith Whitmer, Daniel Buby, Jonathan Ward, Sarah Fase, Blake Patterson, La'Shai Watson, Stephen Botke, Monica Pittiglio, Amanda Eslinger, Carley Dubbert, Dale DesHarnais, Emily Hamner, Marlee Kurdziel, Anna Sangster, Kiranjit Kaur, Sean Lausin, and John Vary.

**Not in Attendance:** Miranda Blaine and Leanna Kwilos

**Motion to Amend the Agenda to Remove Brendan Edgington and Add Approval of Interim Finance Division Member**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jonathan Ward

Supported by: Emily Hamner

**Motion passes at 6:34 pm.**

**Hearing of the Public I**

1. AshleyRose Watters: Second meeting, seeking to represent the College of Engineering Technology.
2. Austin Robison: Third meeting, seeking to represent FitDawgs.
3. Toni Botica: Third meeting, seeking to represent Delta Zeta.
4. Zoie Willson: Third meeting, seeking to represent Zeta Tau Alpha.
5. Paige Abromaotis: Second meeting, seeking to represent Hospitality Management Student Association.
6. Dakota Gray: Second meeting, seeking represent Board Gamers United.
7. Mark Helton: Third meeting, seeking to represent Phi Sigma Kappa.
8. Guest Speaker:
  - a. Dr. Kristen Salomonson, Dean of Enrollment Services
    - i. She stated that over the next 6 to 9 months Ferris will be upgrading the student services portal. She stated that this includes anything that students would use through their MyFSU portal for registration and accessing student records.
    - ii. She stated that they are working to develop a theme for the interface, but they do not have anything available to show at this time. She stated that MyFSU will be going away soon as part of the upgrade and they are unsure what system will be replacing that.

- iii. She stated that there will be a new way to access student records and register for classes. She stated that students have been looking for more functionality and ease when registering for classes and the upgrades will help tie in MyDegree with the registration process. She stated that color coded calendars for current courses and possible courses will be available. She stated that students will be able to get course details right in the registration portal. She stated that students will be able to share their calendar/schedule of courses with others.
- b. She stated that the updates will provide more ease when updating students' personal information. She stated that students will be able to make their preferred first name and gender identity pronouns viewable across the entire platform. She stated that students will also be able to update personal information more easily for direct deposit, their address, and emergency contacts.
- c. She stated that they are working on trainings for staff and faculty for the new updates. She stated that there will be updates to the advisor tab which will help students have more meaningful conversations with their advisors.
- d. She stated that students will be able to use any type of browser and their mobile devices.
- e. She stated that most updates will be available by the end of February through the current MyFSU system. She stated that all of the registration updates will be available by August/September for registering for Winter 2020 classes. She stated that during the conversion process the updates will be being added to MyFSU, but should be completely cut off from the Banner 8 by December of 2020.
  - i. Jonathan Ward asked what the total expense for this transition is.
    1. Dr. Kristen Salomonson stated that the updates are included in the annual fee that Ferris pays for using the Ellucian Degree and Banner programs, meaning that this upgrade is not using additional costs. She stated that the cost is far less than \$100,000.
- f. She stated that the IT department will be overseeing the transition of Banner 8 to Banner 9. She stated that students with in-depth questions about the transition of the systems across campus will be directed to the IT department.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

1. President Faulkner stated that, seeing that there are no corrections to be made, the meeting minutes from January 21, 2020 stand approved as of 6:50 pm.

### **Messages from the Advisors**

1. Dean Joy Pulsifer:
  - a. She passed around a sign-up sheet for student leaders to have dinner with Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof at 6 pm in the Founder's room on Monday, February 3rd. She stated that the topic for the evening will be about finances in higher education and Vice President Jim Bachmeier will be joining the dinner to speak.
  - b. She stated that summer registration has begun and there are now 12 weeks until summer classes begin. She reminded students to be in contact with their advisors throughout the process.
2. Associate Dean Nicholas Campau:
  - a. He stated that there are 87 days until the Big Events!
  - b. He thanked the members that have been participating and engaging in the student government meetings.

- c. He stated that CLACS will be doing tabling for LeaderShape in front of Starbucks from 10 am to 1 pm tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, in the University Center.

## **Executive Reports**

1. President Faulkner:
  - a. She stated that the Hispanic Student Organization would like for a member of student government to come to one of their meetings to explain what student government does. She stated that their meetings are Mondays at 7:30 pm. She asked if anyone would be interested in joining her?
  - b. She stated that there will be a Five Star follow up for Chris Singleton on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in room UC 213. She asked if anyone would be interested in hosting the follow-up.
    - i. Lucas Orosco stated that he was interested.
  - c. She asked that members suggest any ideas that they have for guest speakers in the future.
    - i. Dean Joy Pulsifer asked if anyone was familiar with the purpose of the virtual learning center that is coming to campus and suggested that having a speaker come in to talk about that may be a good idea.
2. Vice President (read by President Faulkner):
  - a. President Faulkner thanked members who sent in applications for the Vice President position and stated that she will be responding to those people with interview times.
3. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
  - a. She stated that she is in the process of making new member binders for those who have joined student government recently.
  - b. She asked which members needed name plates.
4. Treasurer Michalski:
  - a. He stated that there are 310 days until the Holiday Event!
5. Parliamentarian Blaine (read by President Faulkner):
  - a. She stated that she could not be in attendance at tonight's meeting, but she sends her well wishes.
6. Director of Finance Herioux:
  - a. He stated that Brendan Edgington had to withdraw his application for becoming a member of Finance Division and as a result Finance Division will need another interim member from the general assembly.
  - b. He stated that he discussed options for interim members of Finance Division with Parliamentarian Blaine and they found that the Rules of Appropriation and Allocation only mentions overlap with general assembly members and Finance Division, not Cabinet members. He stated that this means Finance Division may have one more interim member from the general assembly to meet quorum for their next meeting. He stated that interim membership will last until the end of February, at most.
  - c. He stated that there was a clerical error when the Rules of Appropriation and Allocation were updated, and they will be working on fixing that if there are no concerns from the general assembly.
7. Director of Public Relations Cunningham:
  - a. She stated that there are two Finance Division flyers on the Instagram, and she will also be posting them on the Facebook page.
  - b. She asked that members share the flyers for Finance Division.

8. Director of Operations Orosco:
  - a. He stated that he is very excited to hear the internal committee ideas after this meeting.
9. Director of Philanthropy Byrnes:
  - a. She stated that the Big Event Committee met this Monday, January 27th. She stated that they are hoping that student government will be able to unload the truck full of supplies the night before the Big Event on April 24<sup>th</sup> to avoid having members get there at 5 am the day of the event.
  - b. She stated that there are a few members of the committee that will be in the office over the next few weeks.
10. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
  - a. She stated that two people are up for approval during New Business.
  - b. She gave tentative dates for the senatorial and presidential elections. She stated that applications and letters of intent for all candidates are due March 16<sup>th</sup>, active campaigning begins March 23<sup>rd</sup>, active campaigning ends April 12<sup>th</sup>, receipts and itemized budgets are due April 12<sup>th</sup>, the presidential debate takes place on April 6<sup>th</sup>, elections are held April 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>, election results will be released on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the inauguration will take place on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. She stated that presidential candidates must have at least 14 weeks of active membership in the general assembly. She stated that active membership begins when a member receives voting rights and the member must abide by all our governing document. She stated that presidential candidates must collect no less than 200 student signatures from at least 5 colleges to be placed on the ballot.
  - d. She stated that the Internal Assessment division will draft and present the rules and timelines of the elections no later than January 31. She stated that the Internal Assessment division will be responsible for the execution of such rules.
  - e. She stated that if the Director of Internal Assessment is running for any office other than their own, the President will appoint a temporary Director of Internal Assessment to oversee the election process.
  - f. She asked that anyone who has attended two or meetings please come see her after the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

1. No reports were given at this time.

### **Senator and Representative Reports**

1. No reports were given at this time.

### **New Business**

1. Approval of General Assembly Member
  - a. Toni Botica
  - b. Zoie Willson

### **Motion to Move into Closed Session**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Emily Hamner

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

**Motion to Move into Open Session**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Emily Hamner

Supported by: Sarah Fase

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

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Toni Botica**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Sean Lausin

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

**Motion to Approve General Assembly Member Zoie Willson**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Stephen Bottke

Supported by: Emily Hamner

**Motion passes at 7:18 pm.**

2. Approval of Interim Finance Division Member
  - a. Emily Hamner

**Motion to Approve Interim Finance Division Member Emily Hamner**

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Carley Dubbert

**Motion passes at 7:21 pm.**

**Hearing of the Public II**

1. Jade Quinn: She thanked everyone who volunteered to read or write for students during exam week for the Education Counseling and Disability Services. She stated that they are still looking for volunteers.
2. Stephen Bottke: He stated that the Mixed Martial Arts club is having a free seminar on jujutsu within the next three weeks.
3. Amanda Eslinger: She stated that she is part of Colleges Against Cancer and they are planning Relay for Life. She stated that the club meets Mondays at 6 pm and asked for people to look into joining.
4. Blake Patterson: He stated that Sigma Phi Epsilon is having rush events throughout the week.
5. Emily Hamner: She stated that the American Marketing Association held an Excel workshop this past week.

6. Dean Joy Pulsifer: She asked students to follow FerrisLife on Instagram. She stated that a new student is running the page. She also stated that it is Student Life night at the women's and men's basketball games on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there will be a chance to win \$10,000 at the event if a participant makes a shot from half court and gets it in the basket.
7. Mark Helton: He stated that Phi Sigma Kappa is having a rush event on February 2 at 6 pm at 118 Oak street.

**Adjourn**

**To adjourn at 7:27 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

President of FSUSGA

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Tara Kremhelmer

FSUSGA Administrative Assistant