

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

6:30 p.m.

President Faulkner called to order the General Assembly meeting of the Ferris State University Student Government Association on Tuesday, March 3, 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, Miranda Blaine, Dean Herioux, Brooke Cunningham, Lucas Orosco, Sophie Kubesh, Baylee Byrnes, Jade Quinn, Daniel Buby, La'Shai Watson, Stephen Bottke, Monica Pittiglio, Amanda Eslinger, Dale DesHarnais, Anna Sangster, Meredith Whitmer, Carley Dubbert, Kiranjit Kaur, John Vary, Toni Botica, Zoie Willson, Paige Abromaitis, AshleyRose Watters, Dakota Gray, Alex Hand, Leanna Kwilos, Emily Hamner, and Sarah Fase.

Not in Attendance: Blake Patterson, Jonathan Ward, and Sean Lausin.

Hearing of the Public I

1. Arieana Braddock: First meeting, seeking to represent Phi Sigma Sigma.
2. Oceanna Mull: First meeting, seeking to represent Phi Sigma Sigma ASC
3. Mark Helton: Seventh meeting, seeking to represent Phi Sigma Kappa.

Approval of the Minutes

- I. President Faulkner stated that, seeing that there are no corrections to be made, the meeting minutes from February 25, 2020 stand approved as of 6:37 pm.

Messages from the Advisors

1. Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof:
 - a. She stated that she hopes students have a fun and safe Spring Break.
 - b. She stated that the university is in the process of hiring a new Provost which oversees all academic programs and works with all the Deans. She stated that there are four candidates who will be attending lunch events on March 16, 19, 23, and 26 from 11-12. She stated that anyone interested can sign up with their name and phone number.
 - c. She stated that the university is bringing alumni back for an award ceremony on the night of April 25th. She stated that students can come to help host the event. She passed around a sheet for individuals to list their names and phone numbers if they are interested.
 - d. She stated that with the current coronavirus outbreak the best way to stay safe is to use personal hygiene and wash your hands.

2. Nicholas Campau:
 - a. He stated that Finance Division had issues with quorum at the beginning of their meeting and thanked Sarah Fase for stepping in as an interim member.
 - b. He stated that the Big Event is 52 days away!

Cabinet Reports

1. President Faulkner:
 - a. She stated that Linda will be trying to get the suggestion box from the Science Building to use at tabling events and maintain our traditions.
 - b. She stated that a good idea for the senators to help hear the opinions of students in their colleges is to have a “town hall”. This could be a larger type of tabling event that would have the dean present to speak about what they are doing in their college and to hear the concerns of students.
 - c. She stated that Five Star event applications are now available on Bulldog Connect and will be open for the rest of the semester.
 - d. She stated that there is a dinner through the Political Engagement Project where they will talk about public policy and government service. She stated that all students from the Student Government Association were welcomed to attend. She stated that the event is Thursday March 19th from 7:30-9:30pm in IRC 115.
 - e. She stated that Leadershape is coming up May 12th through May 15th. She stated that is a great opportunity to grow as a leader and she highly suggests student apply to attend. She stated that it is all-inclusive and free for students. She stated that applications are on Bulldog Connect and the link to apply is as follows:
<https://www.leadershape.org/Applications/Apply/3927>.
2. Vice President Orosco:
 - a. He stated that he will be making a SharePoint file for the external committees. He would like to add all the committees and the members on them. He would like for the members of the external committees to add a blurb about what happened at each meeting they attend. He stated that this will help him keep track of the meetings members are attending as well as give him a heads up on who should be giving reports each week.
3. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
 - a. She stated that she had no report.
4. Treasurer Michalski:
 - a. He stated that he had no report.
5. Parliamentarian Blaine:
 - a. She stated that she would like members to join the Constitution and Bylaw Review Task Force.
6. Director of Finance Herioux:
 - a. He stated that Finance Division was unable to meet quorum and as a result their Administrative Assistant, Leanna Kwilos, stepped in as a voting member for that meeting.

- b. He stated that Finance Division heard several presentations including Sports Careers, Omicron Delta Kappa, You Beautiful Black Women, Student Psychology Association, Association of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Red Cross FSU Chapter, and Black Leaders Aspiring for Critical Knowledge.
 - c. He stated that the budget was at \$76,126.23 at the beginning of the meeting and they approved all the allocations at their meeting.
- 7. Director of Public Relations Cunningham (read by President Faulkner):
 - a. She stated that she would like for members to respond to her Facebook post to let her know if they would like to purchase a Student Government Association T-shirt. She stated that the design on the Facebook page would be on a black T-shirt.
- 8. Director of Operations Orosco:
 - a. He stated that he has been receiving a lot of emails containing submissions for the Diversity magazine. He stated that he would like to extend the deadline for the submissions and work on the magazine over the summer to give the artists more time to work on their submissions. He would like to set the deadline somewhere before final exams. He stated that Ferris Proud is the potential title.
- 9. Director of Philanthropy Byrnes:
 - a. She stated that there are 52 days until the Big Event!
 - b. She stated that 179 houses signed up for the Big Event and the deadline for applications is this Friday, March 6th. She stated that 161 volunteers have signed up. She asked that everyone shares the volunteer sign up page to all of the RSOs they are in.
 - c. She stated that volunteers must sign up by this Friday at midnight to be guaranteed a T-shirt. She stated that volunteers can sign up until the day of the event but are not guaranteed a shirt.
- 10. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
 - a. She stated that Presidential and Senatorial applications are due Tuesday, March 17th for all candidates. She stated that individuals should email her their letters of intent and collect extra signature sheets from the Student Government Office.
 - b. She asked that members follow the office guidelines sheet that was handed out at the last meeting. She stated that it is important for the office to be open when members are doing office hours so they can help other students who come by.

Internal and External Committee Reports

- 1. Philanthropy Committee:
 - a. Daniel Buby stated that the Biggby fundraiser did not go as planned so they are trying it again on Monday, March 30th.
 - b. Daniel Buby stated that they will be working with the Communications Committee to make a flyer for their event.
- 2. Diversity Committee:
 - a. La'Shai Watson stated that they are having a Poetry Jam event on April 16th from 6-8 pm in UC 202 C. She stated that the event is open to any expression of art.

- b. Carley Dubbert stated that flyers will be going out soon that states how to sign up for the event and that there will be food at the event.
3. Academic senate:
 - a. Allyson Faulkner stated that dates will be coming out soon for Master Plan Committee meetings. She stated that students and faculty are welcome to attend those meetings.
 - b. Allyson Faulkner stated that they voted on the removal of Political Science program and were against the removal.
 - c. Allyson Faulkner stated that they spoke about curriculum redirection of the Graphic Design and Professional Brew Management programs.
 - d. Allyson Faulkner stated that they spoke about honors course creations and made modifications to the certificate programs for Spa Management, Respiratory Care, CRIM 428, and MATH 490.
 - e. Allyson Faulkner stated that President Eisler spoke on the coronavirus outbreak and allowed for the study abroad trip to Peru to continue. She stated that they are considering cancelling the study abroad trip to Italy.

Senator and Representative Reports

1. Zeta Tau Alpha:
 - a. Zoie Willson stated that they are officially selling tickets and accepting participants for their Best Man on Campus event. She stated that tickets are being sold through a link their members are sharing on social media. She stated that participants need to sign up by March 27th and that there is a \$20 entry fee.
 - b. Zoie Willson explained that Best Man on Campus is a male pageant/talent show that is open to all men at Ferris State University. She stated that there is a talent round, question and answer round, and a round where the men wear a bra they helped decorate and state what breast cancer means to them.
 - c. Zoie Willson stated that there will be a co-ed dodgeball tournament the night before Best Man on Campus. She stated that teams must consist of 6 to 8 players and pay \$40 as a team to participate. She stated that teams must sign up by April 1st.
2. Mixed Martial Arts Club:
 - a. Stephen Bottke stated that they are hosting their Five Star event on March 19th at 7 pm. He stated that they are bringing a marine instructor in to speak at the event.

New Business

1. Approval of Finance Division Member
 - a. Sarah Fase

Motion to Move into Closed Session

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Stephen Bottke

Motion passes at 7:06 pm.

Motion to Move into Open Session

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Paige Abromaitis

Motion passes at 7:14 pm.

Motion to Approve Finance Division Member Sarah Fase

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Paige Abromaitis

Supported by: AshleyRose Watters

Motion passes at 7:14 pm.

Unfinished Business

1. Third Reading of the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application
 - a. Parliamentarian Blaine clarified that organizations reaching out to the Student Government Association for help running an event would need to fill out the application.
 - b. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that sentence 3 of Section 3 was reworded to state that events must be registered through CLACS instead of approved by CLACS.

Motion to Approve the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Carley Dubbert

Supported by: Emily Hamner

Motion passes at 7:18 pm.

- c. Parliamentarian Blaine opened discussion for a timeline for the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application document to be enacted.
 - i. Monica Pittiglio stated that she believed it would be best for the document to be enacted now.

Motion to Enact the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application Immediately

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Monica Pittiglio

Supported by: John Vary

Motion passes at 7:19 pm.

Hearing of the Public II

1. Emily Hamner stated that the American Marketing Association is having their Spring Bowling Competition March 31st at 8:30 pm at The Gate. She stated that there are 5 bowlers per team, and it costs \$14 per person to participate.
2. Jade Quinn: She recognized Joy Pulsifer for receiving the Helen Gillespie Ferris Distinguished Woman Leader Award.
3. Monica Pittiglio: She stated that a good way to get more submissions for the diversity magazine is to send out a notification through Bulldog News.
4. Monica Pittiglio: She asked if members of the Student Government Association were automatically volunteering with the student government team for the Big Event.
5. Baylee Byrnes: She stated that all Student Government Association members would be volunteering with the student government team.
6. Carley Dubbert: She stated that the men's and women's basketball teams have games tonight.
7. Baylee Byrnes: She stated that she would be putting on a presentation at our meeting the Tuesday after Sprig Break to go over all the information about the Big Event.
8. Anna Sangster: She stated that her and Meredith Whitmer went to the school spirit round table and they got a lot of great ideas for the Homecoming Committee. She stated that the first Homecoming Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th at 5pm UC 213.

Adjourn

To adjourn at 7:24 pm.

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

Allyson Faulkner

President of FSUSGA

Tara Kremhelmer

FSUSGA Administrative Assistant