

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

6:30 p.m.

President Faulkner called to order the General Assembly meeting of the Ferris State University Student Government Association on Tuesday, February 11, 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, Jonathan Ward, Sarah Fase, La'Shai Watson, Stephen Bottke, Monica Pittiglio, Amanda Eslinger, Dale DesHarnais, Marlee Kurdziel, Anna Sangster, Meredith Whitmer, Carley Dubbert, Kiranjit Kaur, Sean Lausin, John Vary, Toni Botica, Zoie Willson, Paige Abromaitis, AshleyRose Watters, and Dakota Gray.

Not in Attendance: Alex Hand and Jade Quinn

Hearing of the Public I

- I. Bobby Portis: First meeting, seeking membership on the Finance Division.
- II. Maggie Bryant: First meeting, seeking membership on the Finance Division
- III. Leonardo Almanza: First meeting, in attendance to speak about an event during Hearing of the Public II.
- IV. Randi Martinez: First meeting, in attendance to speak about an event during Hearing of the Public II and learn more about membership in the Student Government Association.
- V. Aaron Bontrager: First meeting, in attendance to speak about an event during Hearing of the Public II.
- VI. Mark Helton: Fifth meeting, seeking to represent Phi Sigma Kappa.
- VII. Guest Speaker:
 - a. Dr. Jennifer Cochran, City Commissioner
 - i. She stated that she will be speaking about what students need to do to vote in the city of Big Rapids. She would like to encourage individuals to exercise their right to vote and have their voices heard as there is an election coming up March 10th.
 - ii. She passed around a sheet and stated that the first portion explains how to register to vote. She stated that a person's address on their voter's registration must match the address on their driver's license. She stated that changing your address may have implications on your parent's taxes if you are claimed as a dependent or on your financial aid. She suggested that individuals check with the financial aid office before changing their address.

- iii. She stated that there are four ways to get registered to vote and individuals can register to vote up to 15 days prior to voting.
- iv. She stated that if individuals are registered to vote in Big Rapids, they will be entered into Big Rapid's pool for jury duty.
- v. She stated that you can register for a mail in voting option.
- vi. She stated that individuals can vote absentee or by mail in vote should they not be able to vote in person during the election. She stated that this can be done by going to the secretary state website or by going through the city clerk. She stated that the ballot must be signed and sent back in the return envelope that is provided. She stated that the ballots must be received by 8 pm on the day of the election for your vote to count.
- vii. She stated that the March 10th election will be a presidential primary election and will also have a marijuana initiative on it that has gone back to the ballot as a result of citizen petitions.
- viii. She stated that if individuals and local and wish to receive reoccurring absentee ballots they may sign up for the absentee ballot voter list through the city clerk. She explained that the appropriate materials will be sent to individuals on this list prior to each election.
- ix. She stated that proposals are citizen driven initiatives to enact a new law or new section for a law, to approve or reject an enacted law, or to amend the constitution. She stated that ballotpedia.org explains the processes by which this occurs.
- x. She asked if the General Assembly had any questions.
 - 1. John vary asked if changing your address to Big Rapids would affect the taxes you pay.
 - a. Dr. Jennifer Cochran stated that the local income tax would be applied if an individual is working in Big Rapids as well as the property taxes, if that is something they must pay.
 - 2. Miranda Blaine asked how long it takes to process the application for an absentee ballot.
 - a. Dr. Jennifer Cochran stated that the turnaround is quick; within a few days.
- xi. She stated that she had applications for voter registration and will leave copies to be placed in the student government office.

Approval of the Minutes

- l. President Faulkner stated that, seeing that there are no corrections to be made, the meeting minutes from February 4, 2020 stand approved as of 6:51 pm.

Messages from the Advisors

- l. Dean Joy Pulsifer:
 - a. She congratulated Director of Finance Herioux for the number of applicants coming in for Finance Division.

- b. She stated that the JC Penny Suit Up event is happening this Saturday, February 15th, from 10 am to 7 pm.
- c. She stated that there will be a second round of Alumni and Residents. She explained that this is the event that gives students the opportunity to talk to alumni in the field that the students would like to go into. She stated that there will be a woman from a Manufacturing and Engineering Technology program, a woman from a Construction Management program, a gentleman from a Business Administration program, and a woman from a Sports Communication program.
 - i. Allyson Faulkner stated that if they are aware of student's majors, they will try to pair students with alumni in their field.
- d. She stated that it is the fifth week of the semester and asked that graduating seniors raise their hands so she can get an idea of who will be graduating.

Cabinet Reports

- I. President Faulkner:
 - a. She stated that it is week five of the semester and she encouraged members to keep up their good work in their academics and organizations.
 - b. She stated that Dr. Jennifer Cochran came in as a guest speaker to speak about how to become a voter and to explain what a ballot initiative is.
 - c. She stated that she would like for the student government association to have an initiative on the ballot for the student government association elections. She stated that they think it would be helpful to get students to vote if there was a student initiative on the ballot. She asked that members think of ideas for student initiatives.
 - d. She stated that she and Stephen Bottke attended a legislative luncheon in Lansing today. She stated that they were able to meet with different senators and representatives who came to talk to different Ferris Alumni and Faculty. She stated that Stephen Bottke ran a simulation on the layout of a new building coming to Ferris. She stated that TIPS and Video Game Design students came to represent their impact on the Ferris campus. She stated that there was also a new program being discussed in the field of dental hygienics.
- II. Vice President (read by President Faulkner):
 - a. She stated that she has one more interview to hold for the Vice President position.
 - b. She stated that candidates will know by the end of the week and the new Vice President will be announced at the next student government meeting.
- III. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
 - a. She stated that she had no report
- IV. Treasurer Michalski:
 - a. He stated that there are 24 days until Spring break!
- V. Parliamentarian Blaine:
 - a. She stated that she had no report.
- VI. Director of Finance Herioux:

- a. He stated that there will be three Finance Division members up for approval during New Business.
- VII. Director of Public Relations Cunningham:
 - a. She stated that she and the Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer met with the marketing team to learn about logos and fonts that are cohesive with Ferris' branding.
- VIII. Director of Operations Orosco:
 - a. He stated that the diversity magazine is currently in the process of being named. He stated that the current name idea is Ferris Voices and he would like to hear any suggestions for names.
- IX. Director of Philanthropy Byrnes:
 - a. She stated that she is excited to be back!
 - b. She stated that she dropped off the house registration list at the city hall. She stated that if any community members call the office asking how they can sign up to tell them that there are applications at the city hall.
- X. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
 - a. She stated that she would like for members to send her their office hours if they haven't already.
 - b. She reminded members to be completing their office hours.

Internal and External Committee Reports

- I. Philanthropy committee:
 - a. Daniel Buby stated that they are starting a fundraiser with Biggby and they will be donating the money to ARC, the Animal Rescue Coalition.
 - b. Daniel Buby stated that they are still figuring out a date, but the fundraiser should take place within the next two weeks.
- II. Student Leadership Activities Advisory Council:
 - a. Daniel Buby stated that the meeting on next Thursday, February 20th, is cancelled.
- III. Sustainability Committee:
 - a. Stephen Bottke stated that their next meeting will be tomorrow, Wednesday, February 12th, at 11 am.

Senator and Representative Reports

- I. Alpha Psi Omega:
 - a. Leanna Kwilos stated that they are having a Taco Bell fundraiser on Saturday, February 15th from 2-5pm.
 - b. Leanna Kwilos stated that she will be posting the flyer for the fundraiser on the Student Government Facebook page.
- II. Students for Sensible Drug Policies:
 - a. Monica Pittiglio stated that they would be hosting an event at Star Shooter's Bar & Restaurant on Friday, February 28th from 11 am to 8 pm for voter's registration and voting.

- b. Monica Pittiglio stated that the City Commissioner will be at the event and individuals will be able to cast their votes in person instead of voting absentee.
 - c. Monica Pittiglio stated that they cannot incentive individuals to vote or register to vote, but they are handing out coupons for free wings, fries, or appetizers if individuals fill out one of their cards at the event.
- III. Zeta Tau Alpha:
- a. Zoie Willson stated that they are hosting a Think Pink table in the History Lounge of the University Center on Thursday, February 13th from 11 am to 1 pm.
 - b. Zoie Willson explained that at their Think Pink tables they hand out pink ribbons to raise awareness for their philanthropy, breast cancer education and awareness
- IV. Lambda Kappa Sigma:
- a. Carley Dubbert stated that they are partnering with the College of Pharmacy to bring in Jake Nicholas, a current pharmacist who has a history of opioid addiction, as a speaker on April 23rd.
- V. Mixed Martial Arts Club:
- a. Stephen Bottke stated that they had their seminar on jujitsu last night.
 - b. Stephen Bottke stated that they had two guest instructors and that it went very well with several visitors outside of their club in attendance.
- VI. Hospitality Management Student Association:
- a. Paige Abromaitis stated that they are planning their annual human trafficking conference and though they do not have a set location at this time, the date is set to be March 16th.

New Business

- I. Approval of Finance Division Members
 - a. Maggie Bryant
 - b. Bobby Portis
 - c. Emily Hamner

Motion to Move into Closed Session

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Sarah Fase

Motion passes at 7:10 pm.

Motion to Move into Open Session

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: La'Shai

Motion passes at 7:30 pm.

Motion to Approve Finance Division Member Maggie Bryant

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Stephen Bottke

Supported by: Jonathan Ward

Motion passes at 7:30 pm.

Motion to Approve Finance Division Member Bobby Portis

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Paige Abromaitis

Supported by: AshleyRose Watters

Motion passes at 7:30 pm.

Motion to Approve Finance Division Member Emily Hamner

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jade Quinn

Supported by: Leanna Kwilos

Motion passes at 7:30 pm

- II. First Reading of the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application
 - a. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the Student Government Association currently has two documents that hold the same purpose. She explained that when the new document was voted in the old document was never voted out and as a result the Student Government Association now has two documents for organizations looking to apply for co-sponsorships.
 - b. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the purpose of the document the Constitution and Bylaw Review Task Force is creating is to combine the existing documents for co-sponsorship into one document and have the General Assembly vote on the use of the new, single co-sponsorship form as the only document to be used for this purpose.
 - c. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that an optional expense chart was added from the original Internal Allocation form for organizations to help the General Assembly see what the funding is going toward as a part of the co-sponsorship.
 - d. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that many of the parts being struck from the other documents were replaced by acronyms.
 - e. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that they also reiterated in the document that co-sponsorships can only be approved for on campus events.

- f. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that they removed the year “2019-2020” from the document as that will not work for future years.
- g. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that ticketed events are not eligible for co-sponsorships as those larger events should be requesting money from the Finance Division.
- h. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that wording was changed to reflect that the form is intended for co-sponsorships and not for allocations.
- i. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that some sentences were struck due to combining sentences to condense the information.
- j. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the document states that a simple majority of the General Assembly must approve the co-sponsorship because that is how that Constitution states most legislation should be passed.
- k. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the original document stated that the event coordinator from the co-sponsored event had to meet with the cabinet to present the event evaluation and they changed the document to stated that the evaluation must be given to the General Assembly. She explained that this change was made because the General Assembly voted on the co-sponsorship so they felt that the evaluation should also be given to the General Assembly.
- l. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that they also added an appeal process for any instance where the General Assembly denied a co-sponsorship application.
- m. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that they replaced the “house of representatives and the senate” throughout the document with the General Assembly to reflect the simple majority vote.
- n. Parliamentarian Blaine asked for questions about the First Reading of the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application.
 - i. Jade Quinn asked if the co-sponsorship application could be used for the Bigby event that the Philanthropy Committee is putting on.
 - 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the co-sponsorship application is to be used by outside organizations asking the Student Government Association to co-sponsor an on-campus event.
 - ii. Dean Herioux asked how old the original document being replaced is and if organizations would be able to use the money from the co-sponsorship along with funding from Finance Division.
 - 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the original document is from 2010.
 - 2. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that organizations who have received an allocation from Finance Division for their event can ask for co-sponsorship from the Student Government Association for the same event but are not allowed to ask for additional funding as a part of their co-sponsorship application. She explained that organizations would not be able to receive money from the Student Government Association as well as Finance Division.

3. Parliamentarian Blaine clarified that the co-sponsorship application does not necessarily have to include funding.
- iii. Joy Pulsifer asked what the yearly budget was for co-sponsorships.
 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the Internal Allocation form stated that the budget for co-sponsorships would be determined each year by the Treasurer. She stated that this would be important to add to the new document.
 2. Allyson Faulkner stated that that was already added the new document in the second paragraph under Section II titled Scope.
 3. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that that responsibility would need to be added to the Governing Document and the Manual of Duties.
- iv. Sophie Kubesh asked if the duties of the Internal Assessment division listed under the Appeals section, section V, could be added to the Mandate of Internal Assessment or the Governing Document.
 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that a few changes would need to be made to our governing documents to update responsibilities should this new document be approved by the General Assembly.
- v. John Vary asked if there was a deadline that organizations would need the application to be submitted by.
 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that applications must be submitted to and approved by the Student Government Association and approved by CLACS no later than two weeks prior to the event.
- o. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the First Reading of the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application has been concluded and she will be making the changes to be presented during the Second Reading of the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application at the next meeting.

Hearing of the Public II

- I. Leonardo Almanza: He stated that he is the current president of Sigma Lambda Beta and would like to inform the Student Government Association that their organization will be co-hosting the Puerto Rican Testimonies event next Tuesday, February 18th at 6 pm. He stated that there will be three panelists speaking at the event and the organizations hosting the event are also accepting donations at the event. He would like to invite members of the Student Government Association to attend the event.
- II. Leanna Kwilos: She asked what kind of items they would like donated at the Puerto Rican Testimonies event.
- III. Leonardo Almanza: He stated that they would like school supplies, hygiene products, and non-perishable food items as donations at the Puerto Rican Testimonies event.
- IV. Sophie Kubesh: She stated that the American Chemical Society is having an Exam Cram tomorrow night, February 12th, in FLITE 308 from 6 to 9 pm. She explained that they will have old chemistry exams available to study.
- V. Miranda Blaine: She stated that Lambda Kappa Sigma is having their 9th annual chili cookoff next Thursday, February 20th, and she has tickets for people to buy.

- VI. Joy Pulsifer: She stated that Music Takes Action tickets are on sale in Entertainment Unlimited office for \$5 this week. She stated that \$1 from each ticket goes to their philanthropy which is river cleanup this year. She stated that the musician this year is Hoody Allen and prices raise to \$15 next week.
- VII. Jade Quinn: She suggested the Student Recreation Center manager as a guest speaker regarding the recreation center pool.

Adjourn

To adjourn at 7:53 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