

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 4, 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 4, 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, Alex Hand, Jade Quinn, Daniel Buby, Jonathan Ward, Sarah Fase, Blake Patterson, La'Shai Watson, Stephen Bottke, Monica Pittiglio, Amanda Eslinger, Dale DesHarnais, Emily Hamner, Marlee Kurdziel, Anna Sangster, Kiranjit Kaur, Sean Lausin, John Vary, Toni Botica, and Zoie Willson.

Not in Attendance: Carley Dubbert and Meredith Whitmer.

Hearing of the Public I

1. AshleyRose Watters: Third meeting, seeking to represent the College of Engineering Technology.
2. Paige Abromaotis: Third meeting, seeking to represent Hospitality Management Student Association.
3. Dakota Gray: Third meeting, seeking represent Board Gamers United.
4. Mark Helton: Fourth meeting, seeking to represent Phi Sigma Kappa.
5. Guest Speaker:
 - a. Katlin Merby, Head of Public Relations for the Big Event Committee.
 - i. She stated that she is looking for four to five volunteers to help post on social media and public relations for the Big Event Committee.
 - ii. She stated that she is also looking for someone with a graphic design background to help create a poster of the Big Event.
 - iii. She stated that she is also looking for volunteers that are skilled in photography.

Approval of the Minutes

1. President Faulkner stated that, seeing that there are no corrections to be made, the meeting minutes from January 28, 2020 stand approved as of 6:38 pm.

Messages from the Advisors

1. Dean Joy Pulsifer:
 - a. She passed around a flyer about the career fair on Thursday, February 20th.
 - b. She reminded students that the advisors are there to help should they need any.

Executive Reports

1. President Faulkner:
 - a. She stated that many organizations are participating in Relay for Life and asked the General Assembly if they would be interested in the Student Government

- a. She stated that she would like to be sharing what organizations on campus are doing via our social media. She would like for members to send in pictures so she can begin to post them.
- 8. Director of Operations Orosco:
 - a. He stated that he would like to meet with all the internal committees after this meeting.
- 9. Director of Philanthropy Byrnes (read by Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer):
 - a. She stated that she wished she was able to be at tonight's meeting but is out of the state for her brother's wedding. She would like for members to know that they can still contact her, but she is in a different time zone so she may be slow to respond.
 - b. She stated that she has been in contact with City Hall and is working on getting housing evaluations ready.
- 10. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
 - a. She stated that we have three new members up for approval during New Business.
 - b. She stated that Sarah Fase will be transitioning from a representative for Delta Zeta to a senator for the College of Arts and Sciences during New Business.
 - c. She stated that she will be posting the official senatorial and presidential election dates on our Facebook page.

Internal and External Committee Reports

- 1. Student Leadership Activities Advisory Council:
 - a. Alex Hand stated that they had an introductory meeting to go over groups that are looking to become registered student organizations.
- 2. Diversity Committee:
 - a. La'Shai stated that they are looking into planning a dream catcher making event, a slam poetry event, and maybe looking into guest speakers.
 - b. La'Shai stated that they are also looking into volunteering opportunities at the International Festival of Cultures.
- 3. Town Gown:
 - a. Allyson Faulkner stated that the committee includes members of the Big Rapids community as well as members of the Ferris community.
 - b. Allyson Faulkner stated that a city commissioner will be coming to our meeting to talk about why it is important to use absentee ballots.
 - c. Allyson Faulkner stated that the Festival of the Arts is on February 16th at 2pm.
 - d. Allyson Faulkner stated that they also mentioned that they would begin creating the Campus Master Plan after completing the strategic plan.
 - e. Allyson Faulkner stated that there will be a book donation event coming up. She stated that they will sell the donated books through the city commission and all sales go towards student scholarships.
 - f. Allyson Faulkner stated that Mecosta Country is going to begin creating a new hiking trail called the Dragon Trail.
 - g. Allyson Faulkner stated that Ferris' Homecoming for 2020 will be October 24th.

Senator and Representative Reports

- 1. Burt and Mullet:
 - a. John Vary stated that Burt and Mullet was approved for a travel and housing allocation for a competition they will be attending.
- 2. Alpha Psi Omega:

- a. Leanna stated that Alpha Psi Omega is having a Taco Bell fundraiser on Saturday, February 15th from 2 to 5 pm.
3. American Marketing Association:
 - a. Emily Hamner stated that their past advisor, Tim Brotherton, had been battling cancer for several years and passed away this morning.
 - b. Emily Hamner stated that the American Marketing Association is having a Panera fundraiser on Thursday, February 6th from 4 to 8 pm.
4. Lambda Kappa Sigma:
 - a. Miranda Blaine stated that Lambda Kappa Sigma will be having their annual chili cookoff to raise money for Project Hope on February 20th from 6 to 8 pm. She stated that admission to the event is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door, but admission is free with a chili submission.
5. Mixed Martial Arts Club:
 - a. Stephen Bottke stated that the Mixed Martial Arts Club is having a free seminar on jujitsu in the University Center basement on Monday at 7 pm.
 - b. Stephen Bottke stated that their advisor resigned and they for the semester. He asked that people reach out if they know of a professor that may be interested.

New Business

1. Approval of General Assembly Members
 - a. AshleyRose Watters
 - b. Dakota Gray
 - c. Paige Abromaitis

Motion to Move into Closed Session

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jonathan Ward

Supported by: Jade Quinn

Motion passes at 7:08 pm.

Motion to Move into Open Session

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Sarah Fase

Supported by: Stephen Bottke

Motion passes at 7:36 pm.

Motion to Approve General Assembly Member AshleyRose Watters

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Leanna Kwilos

Supported by: Sarah Fase

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Motion by: Emily Hamner

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2. Membership Status Transition
 - a. Sarah Fase
 - i. President Faulkner stated that Alex Hand would also be sworn in as a senator as she will be continuing as a senator for the College of Arts and Sciences for the year of 2020.

Hearing of the Public II

1. Sophie Kubesh: She stated that Leanna Kwilos transitioned from representative of Zeta Tau Alpha to representative of Alpha Psi Omega. She also stated that the American Chemical Society meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 11 am in Starr 223.
2. Anna Sangster stated that the speech and debate team went to a debate and several students placed very well. She stated that some students placed as high as first, second, and third. She also stated that the College of Business has cancelled their study abroad trip to China over the summer.
3. Dakota Gray: He stated that the study abroad trip to China was replaced by a summer trip to Peru.

Adjourn

To adjourn at 7:43 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

