

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 25, 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 25, 2020 in UC 202 A, located at 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 at 6:35 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, La'Shai Watson, Stephen Bottke, Monica Pittiglio, Amanda Eslinger, Dale DesHarnais, Anna Sangster, Meredith Whitmer, Carley Dubbert, Kiranjit Kaur, Sean Lausin, John Vary, Toni Botica, Zoie Willson, Paige Abromaitis, AshleyRose Watters, Dakota Gray, Alex Hand, Blake Patterson, Leanna Kwilos, Emily Hamner, and Sarah Fase.

Not in Attendance:

Hearing of the Public I

1. No statements were made during Hearing of the Public I.

Approval of the Minutes

1. Alex Hand stated that she attended the meeting on February 11, 2020 but was not checked in via CheckPoint. She asked that the minutes from February 11, 2020 be corrected to state that she was present.

Motion to Amend the Minutes from February 11, 2020 to List Alex Hand as Present

Entertained by: President Faulkner

Motion by: Jonathan Ward

Supported by: Emily Hamner

Motion passes at 6:37 pm.

Messages from the Advisors

1. Dean Joy Pulsifer:
 - a. She stated that Grocery Bingo is going on tonight, February 25, in the University Center at 8 pm.
 - b. She stated that the second Diversity and Inclusion Summit will be this Thursday, February 27, from 7 to 9 pm. She stated that there will be a welcome session, a panel of speakers, and four breakout sessions of which attendees can choose up to

two of to participate in. She stated that employees of Student Affairs are encouraged to attend and will be paid for their time at the event.

Cabinet Reports

1. President Faulkner:
 - a. She stated that there will be free food and raffle prizes at the Diversity and Inclusion Summit. She encouraged members to attend to learn more about diversity and inclusion as well as to be able to meet the panelists.
 - b. She stated that a Bulldog News questionnaire was sent out with the Student Government Weekly Information email and that she also posted about it on the Facebook page. She asked that members complete the survey by the end of the night to count toward their meeting requirements. She stated that members must log into their student account for the Cabinet to be able to know that they have completed the survey.
 - c. She stated that she would like to open the floor for discussion on how Student Government can better be the voice of the students. She stated that this could be some type of tabling event on campus where students come to the table or members of Student Government approaching students.
 - i. Miranda Blaine clarified that the idea was to have a table across from Starbucks in the University Center with a suggestion box for students. She stated that members would need to be willing to run the tables and ask students what they would like to see on campus.
 - ii. Carley Dubbert suggested that members where Student Government Association apparel and walk around the University Center to ask students about any concerns they have about Ferris.
 - iii. Stephen Bottke suggested that members ask other students informally what questions and concerns they have about campus.
 - iv. Amanda Eslinger suggested going to organization meetings and have a survey for them to fill out or open questions up to get feedback.
 - v. Jonathan Ward suggested that senators set up tables in their colleges to get feedback on what their specific colleges needs are.
 - vi. Stephen Bottke suggested that tables could be set up in FLITE to hear what students' concerns are.
 - d. She stated that she is proud of everyone's hard work and encourages everyone to keep it up.
2. Vice President (read by President Faulkner):
 - a. She stated that after much deliberation the interview committee has decided to choose Lucas Orosco as the Vice President.
3. Administrative Assistant Kremhelmer:
 - a. She stated that she and Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh worked together to create a sheet of guidelines for the Student Government Office. She stated that the sheet explains how office hours work, how to use the office resources, and how to properly use the office phones.
4. Treasurer Michalski:
 - a. He stated that there are 10 days until Spring Break!

5. Parliamentarian Blaine:
 - a. She stated that the Constitution and Bylaw Review Task Force meets next Monday, March 2, at 6 pm in the Student Government Office.
6. Director of Finance Herioux:
 - a. He stated that this week was an off week for Finance Division, so the division did not have their normal meeting.
 - b. He stated that they had a Rules of Appropriation and Allocation workshop. He stated that the division will vote on the changes in the next few weeks and then it will move to the General Assembly to be voted on.
7. Director of Public Relations Cunningham:
 - a. She asked that members please respond to her emails about their biographies for the website.
8. Director of Operations Orosco:
 - a. He stated that the Student Government Association is meant to represent the student body and the diversity magazine is meant to give a voice to students who are not always represented. He stated that the deadline for submissions is coming up and he encouraged members to take on roles in helping with the magazine.
 - b. He asked that the committee heads for internal committees compile a list of what their roles are to be shared at gala.
9. Director of Philanthropy Byrnes:
 - a. She stated that there are 59 days until the Big Event!
 - b. She stated that the Big Event Committee is finalizing the posters for the event and she encouraged members to share them on social media once they are finished.
 - c. She passed around a sheet for members to list their name and shirt size for the Big Event.
10. Director of Internal Assessment Kubesh:
 - a. She stated that there are extra signature sheets for anyone applying to be President or a Senator in the Student Government Office.
 - b. She stated that members who miss a meeting should email her at least 24 hours in advance at kubeshs@ferris.edu.

Internal and External Committee Reports

1. Student Life Committee:
 - a. Sean Lausin stated that the Director of Housing spoke about the Miller Hall renovations. He stated that they are moving the kitchen and creating new study spaces.
2. Sustainability Committee:
 - a. Stephen Bottke stated that they meet last week and went over the information from the visit to Central Michigan University. He stated that they went on the visit to see how they can make Ferris' recycling program more effective.
 - b. Stephen Bottke stated that they have begun a grant application to upgrade Ferris' sustainability infrastructure. He stated that the committee would need to raise 1/5 of the amount they ask for on the grant application.
 - c. He explained that Central Michigan University has a very advanced system for food waste disposal and recycling. He stated that they went to Central Michigan

University to look over what they do and to see how Ferris can move in their direction over the next few years.

3. Diversity Committee:
 - a. La'Shai Watson stated that the poetry slam event they have been planning will be on April 16th.
4. Tuition and Student Fees Committee:
 - a. Monica Pittiglio stated that they met on Friday.
 - b. Monica Pittiglio stated that looked over the fees colleges have to pay and figured out what could be removed.
 - c. Monica Pittiglio stated that President Eisler came to the first meeting and spoke about how he doesn't want tuition to sharply increase this year.

Senator and Representative Reports

1. Burt and Mullet:
 - a. John Vary stated that they went to Kalamazoo to represent their organization and practice for their upcoming competition.
2. Lambda Kappa Sigma:
 - a. Miranda Blaine stated that they had their Chili Cookoff and raised \$215 for Project Hope.
 - b. Miranda Blaine stated that they will be initiating 4 members this semester.
3. Mixed Martial Arts Club:
 - a. Stephen Bottke stated that they will be having a stress relief event within the next two weeks. He explained that students can pay \$1 per minute to use boxing gloves and pads to take frustration out on papers labeled as finals and exams.
4. Students for Sensible Drug Policies:
 - a. Monica Pittiglio stated that they are having a voting event this Friday at Star Shooters from 11 am to 8 pm. She stated that there will be coupons for free appetizers at their table. She stated that they will be talking about the primary vote and absentee voting. She stated that they will also be chauffeuring individuals to City Hall to cast their votes.

Unfinished Business

1. Second Reading of the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application
 - a. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that this is a way for the Student Government Association to be more active with other organizations on campus.
 - b. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that she changed the section numbers to the correct order.
 - c. Parliamentarian Blaine opened a discussion on the Second Reading of the FSUSGA Co-sponsorship Application.
 - i. Sean Lausin asked when the co-sponsorship application would be used.
 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that this document would be used any time an organization would be asking for funding or help from the Student Government Association.

- ii. Carley Dubbert asked if the Diversity Committee would need to use this for their slam poetry event that they are planning with two other organizations.
 - 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that ideally the committee would need to use the co-sponsorship application if the other organizations reached out to Student Government.
 - iii. Paige Abromaitis asked if organizations would need to have the event on campus to use the co-sponsorship application.
 - 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the event would have to be on campus.
 - 2. President Faulkner stated that Student Government would prefer to offer help as opposed to solely funding the co-sponsored events and having them on campus would make that part of the co-sponsorship easier.
 - iv. Linda Telfer asked what CLACS approval meant under section 3.
 - 1. Parliamentarian Blaine explained that all events held by student organizations need to be approved by CLACS.
 - 2. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that it can be changed to state something along the lines of “registered through CLACS and approved by the General Assembly.”
 - v. John Vary asked the amount of funding that would be able to be provided for the events.
 - 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the \$800 previously mentioned was the budget for co-sponsorships from a previous year. She explained that the maximum amount of funding an event can be granted through the co-sponsorship process is \$200.
 - vi. Linda Telfer stated that the wording is redundant in Section 4 under Approval.
 - 1. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the wording would be changed to something along the lines of “FSUSGA General Assembly meeting.”
- d. Parliamentarian Blaine stated that the changes will be made and be brought to the next meeting.

Hearing of the Public II

- 1. AshleyRose Watters: She stated that Vibrato Vibes is having a can drive. She stated that individuals can drop off cans at the Music Center or bring them to her at the meeting.
- 2. Joy Pulsifer: She stated that Advise Michigan is hiring recent graduates to be peer advisors. She stated that this is a great experience and requires a one-year commitment. She stated that they offer a \$25,000 stipend, health insurance, and a \$6,195 award for student loans. She asked that individuals please reach out and connect with her should they be interested.
 - a. Miranda Blaine asked if graduate students could apply.

- b. Joy Pulsifer stated that graduate students could apply.
3. Jade Quinn: She stated that Education Counseling and Disability Services center is creating a campaign flyer for collecting technology for students who need access to resources to complete tests. She stated that she will post the flyer on Facebook.
4. Jonathan Ward: He stated that Fitdawgs will be going to a fitness expo in Columbus, Ohio during Spring Break to learn how to cultivate a healthier atmosphere on campuses.
5. Stephen Bottke: He stated that the Mixed Martial Arts Club has been invited to a Festival of the Cultures to demonstrate mixed martial arts techniques and speak about the cultures that cultivated them. He encouraged members to attend.

Adjourn

To adjourn at 7:14 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