



# VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

## *DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS*

### Student Government Association

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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday, August 17, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Microsoft Teams

- I.** Call to Order- 7:01 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum- 19/ 22 Quorum Met
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes- Unanimously Approved
- IV.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Presidential Welcome Back and Introduction
    - ii.** COVID-19 Update
      - 1. President Wolfe reminds Senate that the student body is looking at us as examples and we should be portraying a safe environment by wearing masks and social distancing.
    - iii.** Share a Coke
      - 1. President Wolfe presents that August 20<sup>th</sup> we are partnering with CAB and FirePit to host Share a Coke Event.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic
    - i.** FYS and Vacant Senator Update
      - 1. Vice President Mustic updates Senate on the applications for FYS and Vacant Senators are available, and deadline is on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii.** Committee Chair Appointments and Senate Directors
      - 1. Vice President Mustic explains the purpose of Senate Directors and Committee Chairs and how they will improve our efficiency as an organization.
      - 2. Vice President Mustic announces the new directors. Director of Academic Affairs is Laura Northup and Director of Campus Affairs is Makaya Clinton.
  - c.** Secretary Pitts
    - i.** Points Update
      - 1. Secretary Pitts updates Senate on points and requiring them to show evidence for every event they participated in to receive points.
    - ii.** Attendance Protocol

1. Secretary Pitts updates Senate on attendance protocol requiring members of Senate to send their absence by every Monday at noon.

**d. Treasurer Crow**

**i. Budget Update**

1. Treasurer Crow updates Senate on the budget as of August 17th.

**ii. Blazer Allocation Update**

1. Treasurer Crow updates Senate on the amount of Blazer Allocation that we were funded.
2. Treasurer Crow discusses temporary appointments for Blazer Allocation Committee.

**V. Old Business**

**VI. New Business**

**a. Director of Communication Confirmation**

- i.** Chloe Mills explains why she felt she was qualified for this position.
- ii.** Motion to vote by Parliamentarian Sterns, seconded by Senator Smith.
- iii.** Vice President Mustic conducted a Yay/Nay Roll Call vote for the confirmation of Director of Communication, Chloe Mills.
- iv.** 18/19- Yay; 1/19- Abstain, Senator Katen.

**VII. Miscellaneous Business**

- a.** No miscellaneous Business.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a.** Motion to adjourn by Parliamentarian Sterns, seconded by Senator Bacon.
- i.** Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM



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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday, August 31, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Microsoft Teams

- I.** Call to Order: 7:01 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum- 19 /22 Quorum Met
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes- Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** VSU Day of Unity
      - 1.** On September 18<sup>th</sup> this event will be hosted by Office of Diversity & Inclusion to will celebrate the integration of VSU.
    - ii.** Enrollment Update
      - 1.** President Wolfe updates Senate on 2020 Enrollment of 12,300 students. President Wolfe reminds Senate that we are the face of the students and represent them and they are looking at us as examples.
    - iii.** COVID Update
      - 1.** President Wolfe reminds Senate to follow protocols for the safety of ourselves and our student body.
    - iv.** Dining
      - 1.** President Wolfe updates Senate on dining changes, the main one being the use of GrubHub to allow less face-to-face interactions.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic
    - i.** FYS/Vacant Senate Update
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic thanks Senate on their help when it came to recruit potential senators and explains that we have started the interview process.
        - a.** Senator Wilkinson asked how many applications were submitted for FYS and Vacant Senators and Vice President Mustic expresses that there were nearly 60 applicants.
    - ii.** Senate Retreat 2020
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic informs Senate that the retreat will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm which will be in-person.

**c. Treasurer Crow**

**i. Treasurer Updates**

**1.** Treasurer Crow explains that we only used 20% of our Happening budget.

**ii. Blazer Allocation Committee**

**1.** Treasurer Crow updates Senate on appointment of the temporary Blazer Allocation Committee (BAC).

**2.** Senator Canady was appointed as the Chair of BAC.

**3.** Treasurer Crow encourages Senate to tell friends to take full advantage of Blazer Allocation.

**4.** One approved Blazer Allocation of \$500 as of today.

**V. Old Business**

**VI. New Business**

**a. Committee Reports**

**i. Senator Katen: Campus Wellness Committee**

**1.** Senator Katen wants to implement more outdoor activities, collect data on the Walmart Shuttle, and overall encourage more awareness of mental health.

**ii. Senator Bacon- Safety and Parking Committee**

**1.** Senator Bacon refreshes Senate on Blazer Safety Week and hopes we could host this event this year.

**2.** Senator Bacon explains the concern of parking due to high increase of enrollment and the availability and accessibility of VSU transportation.

**3.** Senator Bacon explains goals of the year which include: Blazer Safety Week, Meter Parking Spaces, and VSU Transportation.

**iii. Senator Thinnifel- Campus Life Committee**

**1.** Senator Thinnifel explains what campus involvement will look like despite COVID-19 and how to keep events occurring for the students.

**VII. Miscellaneous Business**

**a. Senator Bacon**

**i.** Senator Bacon informs Senate of a concern from a fellow student about the cleanliness of VSU.

**b. Senator Wilkinson**

**i.** Senator Wilkinson raised awareness of the Hybrid classes and the scheduling between classes. Senator Wilkinson wishes to look into reserving study rooms in the library for students who have classes back-to-back.

**ii.** Senator Wilkinson explains her navigation from being a FYS to a Senator and how she would like to see a Buddy Program/Mentorship implemented into our Senate to allow an easy transition.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**a.** Motion to adjourn by Senator Greenbaum, seconded by Director Northup.

**i.** Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.



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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday September 14, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Ballroom C

- I.** Call to Order-7:00 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum-38/41 Quorum Met
- III.** Robert's Rules of Order Reminder
  - a.** Vice President Mustic illustrates Robert's Rule of Order to the Senate.
- IV.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes-Unanimously Approved
- V.** Senate Recognition
  - a.** President Wolfe recognizes the Senators who devoted a great deal of time to the VSU SGA in the Spring 2020 Semester.
    - i.** These senators include Senator Canady, Senator Thinnifel, Senator Katen, and graduated Senator Prain.
- VI.** Oath of Office
  - a.** Vacant and First Year Senators swear into office, conducted by President Wolfe.
- VII.** Executive Reports/Introductions
  - a.** President
    - i.** VSU Day of Unity
      - 1.** President Wolfe encourages Senate to attend the various events offered by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii.** Mental Health Awareness
      - 1.** SGA and Counseling Center are partnering to host a Mental Health Awareness Day event on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - b.** Vice President
    - i.** Senate Retreat
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic reminds Senate of the retreat occurring on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm.
    - ii.** FYS/Vacant Update
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic thanks new Senators for their interest in joining and announces that we have welcomed 19 new senators into our Senate.
    - iii.** Committee Restructure

1. Vice President Mustic explains the restructuring of committees which means that there's a chance senators will be switching committees.

**c. Secretary**

**i. Attendance Protocol**

1. Secretary Pitts reminds Senate of attendance protocol, requiring members of Senate to send their absence by Monday at noon.

**ii. FYS/Vacant GroupMe**

1. Secretary Pitts asks FYS and Vacant Senators to double check if they were added to the GroupMe.

**d. Treasurer**

**i. Blazer Allocation**

1. Treasurer Crow explains what Blazer Allocation is, which is the funding we offer various clubs, organizations, and individuals here on the VSU campus.

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

**a. Resolution 20-04**

- i. Resolution 20-04 recommends that VSU annually observe a Celebration of Inclusion on or near September 18<sup>th</sup>, to honor the contributions of Ms. Thomas, Mr. Pierce, and the thousands of diverse graduates of VSU and the historic integration of our university.
- ii. Senator Vosburgh reads Resolution 20-04 to the Senate.
- iii. Motion to vote by Senator Carter, seconded by Senator Crow.
- iv. Unanimously approved by all members of the Senate.

**X. Miscellaneous Business**

**a. Senator Wilkinson**

- i. Senator Wilkinson updates Senate that VSU is asking for students to discuss their past or present mental health illness to raise awareness.

**b. Senator Bacon**

- i. Senator Bacon announces that the Parking and Safety Committee is conducting an investigation on the campus shuttle buses.

**c. Parliamentarian Sterns**

- i. Parliamentarian Sterns thanks Senate for their patience during this time of uncertainty and expresses his excitement to see what we accomplish this year.

**d. Dr. Miller**

- i. Dr. Miller introduces himself to the Senate as our advisor and welcomes them to the Senate.
- ii. Dr. Miller expresses that although we are dealing with a time of change that we can still make a difference and offer a great experience for every student on the VSU campus.
- iii. Dr. Miller reminds the Senate to maximize the "good" that has come out of COVID-19.
- iv. Dr. Miller challenges Senate to fight for what they believe is working and isn't working and to promote an effective environment for the VSU campus.

- v. Dr. Miller thanks Senate for practicing social distancing, following COVID-19 safety guidelines, and for showing interest in joining SGA to make a difference.
  - 1. Senator Greenbaum asks Dr. Miller about tuition cuts due to COVID-19 and changes to our campus experience.
    - a. Dr. Miller explains that we are still utilizing our campus to its fullest potential as COVID-19 will allow.
  - 2. Senator Guinyard asks how to help students that are fully online when a professor isn't communicating well with their students.
    - a. Dr. Miller expresses that he will directly help those students to get in contact with those professors and suggests going to the Academic Support System.
  - 3. Senator Briceno expresses concerns on parking issues on campus for commuter students as well as the parking fees that are included in our tuition and fees.
    - a. Dr. Miller answers that we are always trying to better our parking for the students and staff as well as explaining that the fees are included because we are using all the opportunities that are funded by our tuition.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Parliamentarian Sterns, seconded by Director Clinton.
  - i. Meeting Adjourned at 7:49 PM.



# **VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

Saturday September 19, 2020 | 11:30 AM | Ballroom C

- I.** Call to Order- 11:28 AM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum- 36/41 Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes- Unanimously Approved
- IV.** Executive Reports
- V.** Old Business
- VI.** New Business
  - a.** Bill 20-03
    - i.** Bill 20-03 recommends amending Article VII Section 1 parts B and C of the SGA Bylaws and Statues to remove parts B-II and C-II.
    - ii.** Senator Vosburgh reads Bill 20-03 to the Senate.
    - iii.** Motion to open discussion by Parliamentarian Sterns, seconded by Senator Katen.
    - iv.** Motion to close discussion by Senator Briceno seconded by Senator Katen.
    - v.** Motion to vote by Senator Crow seconded by President Pro Tempore Smith.
    - vi.** Yay- 34, Nay-0, Abstain -2
    - vii.** Abstained by Senator Carter and Senator Wilkinson
- VII.** Miscellaneous Business
- VIII.** Adjournment- 11:52 AM
  - a.** Motion to adjourn by Senator Katen, seconded by Senator Carter.





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## **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday October 5, 2020 | 7:00 PM | SU Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 7:06 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum: 38/42 Quorum Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** Oath of Office
  - a.** President Wolfe delivers Oath of Office to Graduate Senators, Tommy Hampton IV and Anthony Reid.
- V.** Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Smith & Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Vince Miller
  - a.** Dr. Smith updates Senate on how the Spring 2021 Semester will look like which includes, the implementation of social distancing, masks enforcement, and high flex courses.
  - b.** Dr. Miller asks Senate for recommendations on what they would prefer to see for Spring 2021 Semester.
    - i.** Senator Wilkinson recommends implementing breathing room for students who deal with mental health if the semester is expedited.
    - ii.** Senator Bacon asks about what changes will happen to high-flex courses and how they will run more smoothly and effectively.
  - c.** Vice President Mustic suspends Robert's Rules of Orders for this discussion.
  - d.** Dr. Miller asks Senate which plan they prefer between the following:
    - i.** Longer weekends spaced out throughout the semester.
    - ii.** Spring break the week before finals.
    - iii.** Two weeks online after spring break.
    - iv.** The top 2 choices with the most votes included two weeks online post spring break and spring break the week before finals.
  - e.** Vice President Mustic reinstates Robert's Rules of Orders.
- VI.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Resolution 20-04

1. President Wolfe recognizes Senator Briceno, Senator Vosburgh, Senator Greenbaum, and Parliamentarian Sterns for their contribution and writing of Resolution 20-04.
2. Resolution 20-04 honors the integration of VSU and to encourage a celebration every year on or near September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Update on Resolution 20-03
  1. Resolution 20-03 was written to implement change to the VSU withdrawal limit policy.
  2. President Wolfe updates Senate on how we are waiting to hear about the updates of this Resolution with administration.
- iii. Volunteers for Foundation Video
  1. President Wolfe asks Senate to film videos and ask their friends to send in videos to give thanks for scholarships and overall school funding.
- iv. VSU Giving Day 5K
  1. President Wolfe encourages Senate to participate in this event to give back and show support of VSU.
    - a. All of the proceeds from this event will go directly back to the students to help support areas such as student scholarships, the arts, athletics, and more.
- v. Midterms
  1. President Wolfe wishes Senate good luck on midterms and expresses her admiration for them for pushing through these uncertain times.

**b. Vice President Mustic**

**i. Virtual SGA Meeting Policy**

1. Vice President Mustic explains rules of the virtual meetings which includes having working microphones, using the raise hand button, as well as using your camera.
2. Vice President Mustic says she will send out an email with this policy.

**c. Secretary Pitts**

**i. Mental Wellness Day Sign Up**

1. Secretary Pitts reminds Senate of Mental Wellness Day happening October 6<sup>th</sup> on the Palms Quad and that we still need volunteers and that you will receive two points for doing so.

**d. Treasurer Crow**

**i. Tailgate**

1. Treasurer Crow tells Senate about the Winnersville Classic Tailgate SGA will be hosting October 9<sup>th</sup> that will have pre-packaged food and drinks.
2. Treasurer Crow explains Senators that they can purchase tickets online to the actual football game since this isn't a VSU hosted game.

**VII. Blazer Allocation**

- a. Senator Canady updates Senate that they passed an allocation last week and gave updated numbers.

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

**X. Miscellaneous Business**

- a.** Senator Carter gives a shout out to Office of Diversity and Inclusion for their hard work and dedication to VSU.
- b.** Senator Wilkinson tells Senate that she will be covering the Winnersville Tailgate for her class and is looking to interview students who participate.
- c.** Senator Katen asks Senate to come to her sorority's fundraising event.
- d.** Senator Carr updates Senate on how Homecoming 2020 will look and encourages Senate to participate in Blazer Week.
- e.** Senator Holcomb asks if we are going to talk about graduation in our future meetings and what that will look like with COVID-19.
- f.** President Pro Tempore Smith reminds Senate that today is the last day to register to vote.
- g.** Senator Crow tells Senate that the Winnersville Classic is a community event and that we should represent VSU well.
- h.** Treasurer Crow lets Senate know that we donated old SGA belongings to the VSU Archives, including polos and a Constitution.
- i.** Dr. Miller updates Senate on what graduation will look like and there has been talk about a virtual graduation or in-person.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a.** Motion to adjourn by Senator Carter, seconded by Parliamentarian Sterns.
- b.** Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.



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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday October 19, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Microsoft Teams

- I.** Call to Order- 7:01 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum- 35/42 Quorum Met
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes-Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Alcohol Awareness Event
      - 1.** President Wolfe announces that SGA will be hosting an Alcohol Awareness event on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic
    - i.** Virtual Meetings
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic reminds Senate to be more interactive during all meetings, especially during committee meetings.
      - 2.** Vice President Mustic tells Senate that if they have an issue or concern about their committee to report to her.
  - c.** Secretary Pitts
  - d.** Treasurer Crow
- V.** Legislative Reports
  - a.** Director of Communication Chloe Mills
    - i.** SGA Tik Tok
      - 1.** Director Mills encourages Senate to utilize the SGA Tik Tok to promote our organization.
  - b.** Campus Wellness Committee
    - i.** Senator Katen updates the Senate that her committee will be hosting a trivia and game night event on November 23.
    - ii.** Senator Katen also wants to use Tik Tok for her committee.
  - c.** Student Engagement Committee
    - i.** Senator Thinnifel announces to the Senate that SGA will be hosting a Spooky Festival Event on October 28, and we will be encouraging costumes.
  - d.** Safety and Parking Committee





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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday November 2, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Student Union Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 7:05 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum: 35/42. Quorum Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** State of the Student Government Association
  - a.** President Wolfe states the State of the SGA is resilient and adapting and reminisces on all the things we achieved, endured, and overcame during the Fall 2020 semester that include the following and many others:
    - i.** A record-breaking freshmen enrollment.
    - ii.** Effective COVID-19 precautions that enforce masks, safer bus routes, and changing move-in to a week-long occurrence rather than a day.
    - iii.** Welcoming 18 new First Year Senators and 2 new Graduate Senators.
    - iv.** Innovative communication methods about COVID-19 safety and regulations.
  - b.** President Wolfe explains that the legacy of the 2020-2021 SGA will be our dedication to Diversity and Inclusion and Student Wellness.
  - c.** President Wolfe announces that for the Spring 2021 semester, SGA will be meeting in person bi-weekly.
  - d.** President Wolfe announces SGA Executive Team will be hosting an end of the year Holiday Social for the Senate.
- V.** President of Valdosta State University, Dr. Richard A Carvajal
  - a.** President Carvajal reminds Senate how important SGA is in being the voice for the students and they are the bridge between administration and students.
  - b.** President Carvajal thanks Senate for moving forward and remaining strong during these unprecedented times.
  - c.** President Carvajal announces that Fall 2020 commencement will be face-to-face.
  - d.** President Carvajal expresses how he wants to increase student engagement for students to truly gain the college experience.
  - e.** President Carvajal encourages Senate to vote in the 2020 Presidential Election since this will affect us in the long term and what matters is what are we going to do as a collective once the results are released.
  - f.** President Carvajal explains, we don't have the ability to control what happens around the world, but we do have control of what happens on our campus and that's to love and support our peers and keep a safe environment.

- g. President Carvajal states that COVID-19 limited the changes to accommodate to the new schedules since we schedule our classes based off times not the spaces and locations.
- h. Senator Guinyard asks how will VSU keep our students safe during the election and post-election events.
  - i. President Carvajal encourages students to hold conversations especially in the Brave Space event on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and trusting that the community and police will take leadership to keep our safety.
- i. Senator Bacon asks how about we will keep up the student engagement in Spring 2021, more specifically towards athletics.
  - i. President Carvajal announces the football scrimmage that will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> but there will be no tailgating allowed, a maximum capacity for attendance and masks requirements.
  - ii. President Carvajal and administration are figuring out logistics on how the basketball games will be held for both students and the community and that raffles may be an option for tickets.
  - iii. Spring 2021 sports have not been cancelled by NCAA, yet so VSU is figuring out precautions.
- j. Senator Berry asks about housing and how room changes in Brown Hall will be held.
  - i. Dr. Miller says Brown Hall residents are being accommodated for and moved to new buildings and that student affairs is constantly moving students for their safety during this pandemic.
  - ii. Dr. Miller reassures Senate that our safety is VSU's first priority.
  - iii. Dr. Miller expresses that Brown Hall residents have a say in where they would like to be placed and that those housing fees will be reflective in their housing for the Spring 2021 semester.
- k. Senator Katen asks how we can better enforce mask wearing and social distancing.
  - i. President Carvajal answers by saying administration is constantly reminding the student body to follow protocol and reeducating them of the regulations.
- l. Senator Katen asks how VSU is accommodating to the students who need to remain at home during COVID-19.
  - i. President Carvajal says that students who reside at home still have access to multiple fully online courses.
- m. Senator Greenbaum asks about potential refunds for this semester.
  - i. President Carvajal responds with the only thing that changed when it comes to our fees is that classes will be fully online post-Thanksgiving Break and there are no plans of refunds for this semester.
- n. Senator Guinyard asks about how we can solve the fear of students that are concerned about the community of Valdosta for post-election events and potential protests.
  - i. President Carvajal responds that we are trying to improve VSU and that's in our hands and the community of Valdosta.
  - ii. President Carvajal reminds that we have a task force that is in charge of listing recommendations for what to do.
  - iii. President Carvajal reminds Senate that we are committed to keep making ourselves better.

## VI. Senate Recognition

- a. Vice President Mustic recognizes Senator Vosburgh, Senator Wilkinson, Senator Brown, Director Clinton, and Senator Meeker for their contribution and dedication to SGA.
- b. Vice President Mustic honors Senator Tillman with the SGA Senator Excellence Award.

**VII. Executive Reports**

- a. President Wolfe
  - i. Counseling Center Guest
    - 1. President Wolfe announces that the November 16<sup>th</sup> FYS meeting will host Heidi O'Connor of the Counseling Center as a guest speaker.
  - ii. De-Stress Fest
    - 1. President Wolfe announces on November 17<sup>th</sup> SGA will participate in the De-Stress Fest on the Front Lawn.
  - iii. Giving Day 5K
    - 1. President Wolfe encourages Senate to participate in this event to give back and show support of VSU.
      - a. All of the proceeds from this event will go directly back to the students to help support areas such as student scholarships, the arts, athletics, and more.
- b. Vice President Mustic
  - i. Spooky Fest Recap
    - 1. Vice President Mustic thanks Student Engagement Committee for planning the Spooky Fest and the hard work they put into this event.
    - 2. Vice President updates Senate that 176 students checked into this event.
  - ii. SGA Stoles
    - 1. Vice President Mustic reminds Senate to order their SGA stole from the bookstore if they're graduating in December 2020.
- c. Secretary Pitts
  - i. Points
    - 1. Secretary Pitts encourages Senate to attend events and volunteer at events to earn points and reminds them that there is not a point requirement this semester due to COVID-19.
- d. Treasurer Crow
  - i. No report.

**VIII. Legislative Reports**

- a. Campus Wellness Committee
  - i. Senator Katen announces SGA will be hosting a Trivia Night.
  - ii. Senator Katen reminds Senate to stay well during this time.
- b. Student Engagement Committee
  - i. Senator Thinnifel thanks Senate on coming to Spooky Fest and volunteering their time.
- c. Parking and Safety Committee
  - i. No report.

**IX. Old Business**



**X. New Business**

**XI. Miscellaneous Business**

**a. Senator Wilkinson**

- i.** Senator Wilkinson announces that the Mass Media Department will be on Channel 16 hosting a live election broadcast.
- ii.** Senator Wilkinson encourages Senate to participate in Thanksgiving video.

**b. President Pro Tempore Smith reports on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

**i. Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report**

- 1.** SGA will be hosting a Diversity Dinner next semester.
- 2.** First ever meeting consisted of what direction they want this committee to go.
- 3.** Committee wants Senate to address their issues and concerns targeted toward Diversity and Inclusion with President Pro Tempore Smith or Director Northup.

**c. Director Mills**

- i.** Director Mills reminds Senate to fill out Qualtrics to be featured on Meet the Senate on the SGA Instagram account.

**d. Senator Okojie**

- i.** Senator Okojie encourages Senate to enter Debate team's video competition.

**e. Senator Briceno**

- i.** Senator Briceno updates Senate the he met with the Faculty Senate on the Internalization and Globalization Committee.

**XII. Adjournment**

- a.** Motion to adjourn Senator Carter, seconded by Senator Crow.
- b.** Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.



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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday November 16, 2020 | 7:00 PM | UC Magnolia Room

- I.** Call to Order: 7:02 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum - 26/41. Quorum not met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes- Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Academics
      - 1.** President Wolfe updates Senate that there still will not a spring break in the Spring 2021 Semester.
      - 2.** President Wolfe reassures Senate that no assignments will be due on the days that we do not have school in observance for spring break days.
      - 3.** President Wolfe asks Senate on thoughts on the current attendance policy of failing a class if you missed more than 20% of the class.
    - ii.** Motion to open discussion by Parliamentarian Sterns, seconded by Senator Briceno.
      - 1.** Parliamentarian Sterns reminds Senate that we are for the students.
      - 2.** Senator Pitts asks if the attendance policy can be adjusted and will classes be hybrid?
        - a.** President Wolfe responds saying there will be a mixture of both fully in-person classes and hybrid classes.
      - 3.** Senator Crow states that he's noticed a lot of seniors not attending classes that he's in and that he is in support of an attendance policy and would be okay with increasing the attendance policy limit.
      - 4.** Senator Tillman mentions that there is low participation and attendance in her classes.
      - 5.** Senator Carter expresses that he's had professors that were in contact with COVID-19 and doesn't feel comfortable going to class.
      - 6.** Senator Guinyard states that a new normal will be hard to achieve.
      - 7.** Senator Briceno says that he is concerned for the well-being of other students and himself.

8. Senator Smith states it's too early to come up with an attendance policy and its harsh when you're requiring a student to risk their health and loved one's health just to attend class.
  9. Senator Bacon expresses that it's a student's responsibility to be present and engaged in their classes.
  10. Senator Wilkinson expresses that students aren't showing up for COVID-19 related issues but personal issues and suggests we come up with ways to monitor why students aren't physically coming to class.
  11. Senator Guinyard explains that there shouldn't be an attendance policy because we're all adults and if we want to come then we will.
  12. Senator Crow addresses that many classes are discussion based classes and approves of the attendance policy to benefit those courses that you need the interaction to succeed in the course.
  13. Senator Katen suggests we encourage attendance rather than implementing an attendance policy for example adding points to a grade or another incentive.
- iii. President Wolfe closes discussion.
    1. Vice President Music asks Senate on keeping the same Spring 2021 schedule with modifications.
    2. Vice President asks Senate if they support requiring no work on the days we are not in school in observance for spring break.
- b. Vice President Mustic**
- i. Holiday Party
    1. Vice President Music updates Senate on Holiday Party on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-6:30pm and encourages Senate to dress up.
  - ii. Safety and Parking Committee Update
    1. Vice President Mustic updates Senate that the Safety and Parking Committee now has co-chairs which are Senator Bacon and Senator Briceno.
  - iii. Lighting Walk
    1. Vice President Mustic updates Senate that the lighting walk is November 17<sup>th</sup> but due to COVID-19, only three SGA representatives will be allowed at this walk.
      - a. The SGA representatives include, President Wolfe, Senator Bacon, and Senator Briceno.
- c. Secretary Pitts**
- i. Lighting of the Palms
    1. Secretary Pitts encourages Senate to attend Lighting of the Palms on November 18<sup>th</sup> on the Front Lawn where there will be hot cocoa bombs, DIY ornaments, and free VSU gear.
- d. Treasurer Crow**
- i. De-Stress Fest
    1. Treasurer Crow encourages Senate to volunteer at the De-Stress Fest tomorrow from 1pm-4pm.
  - ii. SGA T-shirts and Polos

1. Treasurer Crow reminds Senate to pick up their SGA polos and t-shirts from the office.

**V. Legislative Reports**

- a. Campus Wellness Committee
  - i. Senator Katen updates Senate that SGA will be hosting a Trivia Night on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm in the SU Theater and asks Senate to send in questions for Trivia Night.
- b. Student Engagement Committee
  - i. No report.
- c. Safety and Parking Committee
  - i. No report.
- d. Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - i. Director Northup states that the committee has narrowed down their goals and asks Senate to notify her or President Pro Tempore Smith of any particular points of contention within the University that they would like to bring to their attention.

**VI. Blazer Allocation**

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

- a. Senate Climate Discussion
  - i. Vice President Mustic expresses the common theme based off the survey sent out was that the Senate is divided, tense, and a lot of personal bias is taking over.
- b. Senator Briceno opens discussion seconded by Senator Bacon.
  - i. Senator Briceno explains that COVID-19 has offered a lot of restrictions for our organization and that it's hard to be engaged online when you don't feel heard or listened to.
  - ii. Senator Katen reminds Senate of the oath of office we all took and that we are for the students and to reevaluate your reasons for why you chose to join SGA.
  - iii. Senator Smith reminds Senate that they are the voice for the students and recognize that yes, we do have differing opinions but need to make sure that we are being unbiased and making sure students feel heard.
  - iv. Senator Wilkinson believes that we shouldn't disregard our own personal opinions.
  - v. Senator Bacon explains that he has learned to listened to others and developed friendships with people of differing views out of respect.
  - vi. Senator Guinyard expresses that we need to remind ourselves who we are representing and that is VSU and SGA.
    1. Senator Guinyard expresses that he is representing the little people and the marginalized to make sure they feel heard.
  - vii. Senator Canady says that we need to bond and learn more about each other to grow as an organization.
  - viii. Senator Crow says that we should find a balance to what will represent the students well and that although we may be opposed of our views, that we all need to come together to do what's best for our student body.

- ix. Senator Briceno reminds Senate that they are a united Senate and they made a promise to never ignore the student's concerns and it's our job to represent and honor the students.
- x. Senator Pitts expresses that she is concerned with that fact that we aren't a united senate and that we have been divided based off our own personal bias.
- xi. Director Northup expresses that although we have diverse beliefs and so does our university. She reminds Senate that the value we have for each other disappears when we lose respect for each other.
- xii. Director Northup suggests we work on communicating better.
- xiii. Senator Katen reminds Senate that we should look into ourselves and how we serve the student body.
- xiv. Senator Holcomb encourages Senate to have healthy conversation and care about each other's opinions.
- xv. Senator Holcomb expresses concerns that Executive Team members do not truly know the Senate and wants to form a better relationship with them.
- xvi. Senator Guinyard reads code of conduct and suggests that we are not upholding the code of conduct and that we need to follow it.
- xvii. Senator Guinyard states that we represent the students and our beliefs should not come before the students' beliefs and values.
- xviii. Senator Carter reminds Senate that our beliefs should come second.
- xix. Senator Smith reminds that we are civil servants here to serve.
- xx. Motion to close discussion by Parliamentarian Sterns, seconded by Senator Briceno.

**IX. Miscellaneous Business**

- a. Director Mills updates Senate that our Instagram will have a linktree in our bio that will have links to our website, TikTok page, and Blazer Allocation page.
- b. Senator Smith expresses that she is proud to be a part of SGA and is excited to get to know everyone.
- c. Treasurer Crow reminds Senate that communication is extremely important within our organization.
- d. Director Northup thanks Senate for being engaged tonight and hopes we can grow from this.
- e. Senator Briceno expresses that he is proud of the conversation we had and wants us to remain this respectful in the upcoming semester.
- f. Senator Carter reads a quote that states, "Do not get lost in the sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."
  - 1. Senator Carter expresses that this quote represents our duties as members of SGA, and we should continue to uphold these beliefs and be the voice for the students.
- g. President Wolfe thanks Senate for the conversation we had and reminds them to come to our office if they would like to voice their concerns in a more private space.

**X. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting by Senator Crow, seconded by Senator Guest.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM



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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday January 11, 2021 | 7:00 PM | SU Theater

- I.** Call to Order: 7:00 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum: 34/41 Quorum Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** Inspirational Video
  - a.** President Wolfe showcases an inspirational video to the Senate.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic requests at each general meeting, we have one Senator come give an inspirational speech to set the tone for the meeting.
- V.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Director of Communication
      - 1.** President Wolfe announces that the Director of Communication position is now vacant and to email her by Friday if you are interested in the position.
    - ii.** Hope Connect
      - 1.** President Wolfe explains the new program VSU is offering that provides mental health support for all VSU students.
    - iii.** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
      - 1.** President Wolfe encourages Senate to attend the Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day march and the festival proceeding.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic
    - i.** Spring Retreat
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic announces that the Spring Retreat is on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - ii.** Parking Appeals Committee Update
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic asks Senators if they are interested in attending the Parking Appeals Committee meetings to contact her.
  - c.** Secretary Pitts
    - i.** Welcome Back

1. Secretary Pitts welcomes back the Senate and reminds them that she appreciates all their hard work and is excited to see what this semester has to offer.
      - d. Treasurer Crow
        - i. Blazer Allocation Marketing
          1. Treasurer Crow explains that we are looking to market Blazer Allocation more.
        - ii. SGA Budget Update
          1. Treasurer Crow announces that we have 44.11 % left of our operation budget to use this semester.
- VI. Legislative Reports
  - a. No reports.
- VII. Blazer Allocation Report
  - a. Chairperson Canady announces as of Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Blazer Allocation Committee has expended a total of \$2,321.42 through 8 allocations.
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. Resolution 21-01
    - i. Resolution 21-01 expresses SGA’s disapproval of the events that occurred at the United States Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
      1. “...the VSU SGA commits to working together with the proper faculty, staff, and administration at VSU to ensure our campus feels safe, and for students to lawfully express themselves without any threat of violence against them,” in response to the events at the Capitol,” (excerpt from Resolution 21-01).
    - ii. Senator Bacon reads Resolution 21-01 to the Senate.
    - iii. Motion to vote by President Pro Tempore Smith, seconded by Senator Carter.
      1. Resolution passes with 29 yeas and 4 abstentions by Senator Wilkinson, Senator Eppes, Parliamentarian Sterns, and Senator Greenbaum.
- X. Miscellaneous Business
  - a. Senator Carr encourages Senate to attend the VSU basketball game tomorrow night.
  - b. Senator Greenbaum reminds Senate that we are all Americans in response to the events that occurred at the United States Capitol.
  - c. Senator Carter wishes the Senate has a healthy and safe semester.
  - d. Senator Wilkinson asks Senate to recommend gifts for the basketball game.
  - e. Dr. Miller updates Senate that there has been an increase of face-to-face classes, a decrease in COVID-19 cases on campus, and that VSU will have access to COVID-19 vaccinations by the end of January.
    - i. Senator Berry asks if the vaccination will cost money.
      1. Dr. Miller answers that the vaccinations will be free.
    - ii. Director Northup raises awareness about assignments still being assigned on the designated wellness days.
    - iii. Senator Holcomb asks if the student’s major will be said during the commencement ceremony in the Spring.







# VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday January 25, 2021 | 7:00 PM | SU Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 7:01 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum 35/39 Quorum Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes
  - a.** Motion to amend agenda by Senator Katen, seconded by Senator Bacon.
  - b.** Add Inspirational Moment to agenda.
- IV.** Inspirational Moment
  - a.** Senator Katen instructs a moment of gratitude and thankfulness to the Senate to get in the mood for our meeting.
    - i.** Senators express things they value and appreciate on a daily basis.
- V.** Director of Communication Confirmation
  - a.** Senator Brown expresses why she feels she is qualified for this position from her past experience in marketing and her drive to represent SGA in the best way possible.
  - b.** Motion to confirm Senator Brown to Director of Communication by Senator Katen, seconded by Senator Briceno.
  - c.** Secretary Pitts conducts a roll call vote to confirm.
    - i.** 34– Yays 0– Nays 0 -Abstentions
- VI.** Robert's Rules Announcement
  - a.** Vice President Mustic explains Robert's Rules to the Senate.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic suspends Robert's Rules for conversation with Dean Savoie.
- VII.** Dean Savoie-QEP Conversation
  - a.** Dean Savoie explains the QEP approach that VSU plans on implementing which focuses on experiential learning.
  - b.** Senator Carr asks will this experiential learning apply to graduate students.
    - i.** Dean Savoie answers that it will focus more towards undergraduate students.
  - c.** Senator Bacon asks will the experiential learning cater to diversity and inclusion.
    - i.** Dean Savoie answers that they will focus on including diversity and inclusion in the curriculum.
  - d.** Senator Meeker asks will this program be applicable to everyone.
    - i.** Dean Savoie says they will start out with pilots and will be looking for the academic support when testing with smaller samples.

- e. Senator Wilkinson asks how this will target the transfers and students with dual-enrollment credits.
  - i. Dean Savoie replies that they will target the students with dual enrollment to try to get the most out of experiential learning.
- f. Senator Holcomb expresses that she supports this idea of experiential learning being implemented at VSU.
- g. Dean Savoie says he wants the students to be engaged and to get the best experience out of their VSU experience.
- h. Senator Greenbaum asks if experiential learning is already being used in class.
  - i. Dean Savoie mentions that the College of the Arts uses it but want to cater to the first and second years more.
  - ii. Senator Greenbaum adds that the College of Business requires experiential learning.
  - iii. Dean Savoie reassures that he believes experiential learning is essential in every college student's experience.
- i. Vice President Mustic reinstates Robert's Rules.

**VIII. Executive Reports**

- a. President Wolfe
  - i. Withdrawal Policy Update
    - 1. President Wolfe updates Senate on the withdrawal policy and says that administration will be holding town halls to get student feedback on increasing the withdrawal limit.
  - ii. Counselor Interviews Update
    - 1. President Wolfe updates Senate on hiring a new counselor to the campus wellness center.
  - iii. Dean Search Committees Update
    - 1. President Wolfe updates Senate that there are vacant Deans in various areas of departments, and they are opening interviews to students to tune in to.
  - iv. West Georgia Game
    - 1. President Wolfe encourages Senate to come to the basketball game on Friday against West Florida.
- b. Vice President Mustic
  - i. Senate Retreat Recap
    - 1. Vice President Mustic thanks Senate for attending the retreat and being engaged.
  - ii. Abstentions
    - 1. Vice President Mustic explains abstentions and reasons why you can abstain from voting.
  - iii. Potential Resolutions
    - 1. Vice President Mustic tells Senate to talk to Parliamentarian Sterns if you are working on a resolution.
- c. Secretary Pitts
  - i. Attendance Protocol

1. Secretary Pitts reminds Senate of the three unexcused absences rule in SGA and reminds them to email her by 3pm on Monday if you will be absent or attending virtually.
    - d. Treasurer Crow
      - i. No Report.
  - IX. Legislative Reports
    - a. No reports.
  - X. Blazer Allocation Report
    - a. Senator Canady tells Senate that BAC will be sending out an email to student organization leaders on how they can utilize Blazer Allocation.
  - XI. Old Business
  - XII. New Business
    - a. Hopper Loop Access Discussion
      - i. President Wolfe proposes the idea of implementing a card swipe to enter the Hopper Loop after school hours to the Senate.
    - b. Motion to open discussion by Senator Greenbaum, seconded by Senator Bacon.
      - i. Senator Greenbaum expresses that he thinks it's a good idea.
      - ii. Senator Bacon and President Pro Tempore suggest allowing any on campus resident to have access to the Hopper Loop after school hours.
      - iii. Senator Berry asks will access be allowed even during breaks.
        1. President Wolfe answers yes they will still have access during breaks.
      - iv. Senator Carter expresses support of implementing a card swipe.
      - v. Senator Katen expresses concern of possible damage to the arm and who will be responsible for damages.
      - vi. Senator Meeker asks will it be open all weekend.
        1. President Wolfe reassures that it will be.
      - vii. Director Northup suggest implementing this card swipe on every parking lot by a dorm.
    - c. Motion to close discussion by Senator Katen, seconded by Senator Briceno.
  - XIII. Miscellaneous Business
    - a. Senator Carr encourages Senate to attend student organization fair from February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.
    - b. Senator Carter brings attention to the Hopper Loop not advertising no parking in the best way possible.
    - c. Senator Katen asks Senate to participate in the clothing drive sponsored by her sorority.
    - d. Vice President Mustic updates Senate that Parking Appeals Committee is being finalized.
  - XIV. Adjournment
    - a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Briceno, seconded by Senator Carter
    - b. Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM



# VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday February 1, 2021 | 7:00 PM | Student Union Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 7:00 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum 33/39 Quorum Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved
- IV.** Inspirational Moment
  - a.** President Wolfe showcases a video on the importance of kindness.
- V.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Withdrawal Policy Town Hall
      - 1.** President Wolfe encourages Senate to attend the town halls to discuss the withdrawal policy.
    - ii.** Mental Health Services
      - 1.** President Wolfe informs Senate on the new Mental Health Services that VSU is offering.
    - iii.** Campus Survey
      - 1.** President Wolfe updates Senate that we had over 300 students fill out SGA's return to campus survey.
    - iv.** Being a Leader Off-Campus
      - 1.** President Wolfe reminds Senate that people are always watching, and we need to uphold our reputation and represent VSU well.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic
    - i.** University and Other Communication
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic reminds Senate to come to the Executive Team if you are ever speaking on behalf of our Student Government Association.
    - ii.** SGA Brainstorming Session
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic explains that on February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be brainstorming ideas for SGA.
        - a.** Senator Bacon suggests we brainstorm with the people in our committee.
        - b.** Senator Sahagun suggests with brainstorm with our own committee and other members of the Senate.
  - c.** Treasurer Crow

- i. Dean of LOCBA Interviews
      - 1. Treasurer Crow updates Senate that interviews are being held for the new Dean of the LOCBA.
    - ii. Visit North Campus
      - 1. Treasurer Crow encourages Senate to visit North Campus.
  - d. Secretary Pitts
    - i. Attendance Presentation
      - 1. Secretary Pitts presents a PowerPoint that outlines the attendance protocol.
- VI. Legislative Reports
  - a. No reports.
- VII. Blazer Allocation Report
  - a. No reports.
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Miscellaneous Business
  - a. Director Brown
    - i. Director Brown updates Senate that we have chosen a winner for the campus survey giveaway.
  - b. Senator Jones
    - i. Senator Jones encourages Senate to attend the events hosted by Sistuhs to celebrate Valentine's Day.
      - 1. Sistuhs will be selling Valentine's Day goodie bags on February Feb 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm-2:00pm
      - 2. Sistuhs will have a Polaroid Booth on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-5:00pm.
  - c. Senator Carter
    - i. Senator Carter expresses concern that there has been an excessive amount of trash at Hopper Hall.
  - d. President Pro Tempore Smith
    - i. President Pro Tempore Smith encourages Senate to attend all the events that are occurring in celebration of Black History Month.
  - e. Senator Wilkinson
    - i. Senator Wilkinson asks Senate to contact her if you want to be featured in the creative services Black History Month video.
  - f. Vice President Mustic
    - i. Vice President Mustic reminds Senate that orientation leader applications have opened.
  - g. Dr. Miller
    - i. Dr. Miller updates Senate that VSU will start distributing the COVID-19 vaccination next week.
    - ii. Dr. Miller updates Senate that on the February 16<sup>th</sup> wellness day, VSU will be having various Mardi Gras themed activities and events.
- XI. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Briceno, seconded by Senator Carter

**b.** Meeting adjourned a 7:39PM.



# VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday February 15, 2021 | 7:00 PM | Student Union Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 7:00 pm
- II.** Attendance/Quorum 32/38. Quorum Met
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** Inspirational Moment
  - a.** Director Northup, presents a video on the late Fred Rogers and his contribution to society and his legacy.
- V.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Hopper Loop Access Update
      - 1.** President Wolfe updates Senate that she recommended that, we will have a camera monitoring the loop, a motion censored arm at the exit, and on campus residents, faculty, and staff will have swipe access.
      - 2.** President Wolfe expresses that she made formal recommendations and there are ongoing discussions.
      - 3.** President Wolfe will update Senate when she receives them.
    - ii.** RA Appreciation
      - 1.** President Wolfe expresses that we will be hosting a dinner for the RAs on campus as well as writing them thank you cards for the annual RA Appreciation Day.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic
    - i.** Diversity Dinner
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic announces that our March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a Diversity Dinner.
    - ii.** Swipe It Forward Recap
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic expresses gratitude for everyone who helped out with Swipe It Forward, and we had a total of 376 swipes donated.
    - iii.** Senate Participation
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic reminds Senate that we all took the oath of office and we all agreed to participate.
    - iv.** Governing Documents

- 1. Vice President Mustic explains to review the governing documents in regard to learning about Elections.
  - c. Secretary Pitts
    - i. Fresh Check Day
      - 1. Secretary Pitts announces SGA will be participating in Fresh Check Day on March 17th, and we will be serving smoothies.
    - ii. Senate Expectations
      - 1. Secretary Pitts expresses her disappointment in Senate engagement and participation and says she holds higher standards for the Senate.
  - d. Treasurer Crow
    - i. Mardi Gras Festivities
      - 1. Treasurer Crow encourages Senate to attend all the festivities that VSU is offering on February 16<sup>th</sup> in honor of Mardi Gras.

**VI. Legislative Reports**

- a. Campus Wellness Committee
  - i. Senator Katen updates Senate on the initiatives her committee is taking, from tabling, pushing HOPE Connect to our student body, and planning for future events raising awareness on mental health.
- b. Student Engagement Committee
  - i. Senator Thinnifel updates Senate that they will be tabling at the organization fair in order to get feedback from students on the engagement on campus.
- c. Safety and Parking Committee
  - i. Senator Briceno updates Senate that they voted on the Hopper Loop and when/how it should be opened.
    - 1. The final decision was to restricting access only for residents and faculty when closed, and to keep it open every day until 6:00 PM.
- d. Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - i. President Pro Tempore encourages Senate to tune into the listening sessions.
- e. Director of Academic Affairs: Laura Northup
  - i. Director Northup explains that SGA will be hosting study hours before our general meetings at 6:00pm.
  - ii. Director Northup asks Senate to email her their class schedules.

**VII. Blazer Allocation Report**

- a. Senator Sahagun reminds Senate to spread awareness about Blazer Allocation as well as updating Senate on allocations.

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

- a. Withdrawal Policy Discussion with Vice President of Student Success, Dr. Rodney Carr
  - i. Vice President Dr. Carr explains the qualitative and quantitative approaches of the withdrawal policy.
  - ii. Vice President Dr. Carr expresses that an unlimited withdrawal policy could potentially cause problems with meeting federal financial aid requirements
  - iii. Vice President Dr. Carr goes over the possibility of the 3 withdrawals, per academic year, 10 total, 6 plus with advisor intervention.



- iv. An unlimited withdrawal policy can be problematic for those who go below 12 hours a semester and need to meet that requirement, for example, international students, student athletes, and SAP.
- v. President Wolfe discusses the benefits to a withdrawal policy appeal process being included in the new SGA recommendation.
- vi. President Wolfe adds that this policy change would be innovative with the inclusion of advisor intervention.

**b. RA Appreciation Cards**

- i. President Wolfe asks Senate to write thank you notes to the RAs here at VSU.

**X. Miscellaneous Business**

**a. Senator Carter**

- i. Senator Carter recommends to Senate that we should increase recycling on campus after conversations with various students and staff on the issue.

**b. President Pro Tempore Smith**

- i. President Pro Tempore Smith encourages Senate to pay attention to all the Black History Month events that VSU is offering.

**c. Senator Wilkinson**

- i. Senator Wilkinson encourages Senate to attend all of the sporting events that are occurring this weekend.

**d. Senator Jones**

- i. Senator Jones encourages Senate to attend her Sistuhs event.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Parliamentarian Sterns, seconded by Senator Carter.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.



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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday March 1, 2021 | 7:00 PM | Student Union Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 7:00 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum: 30/38 Quorum Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** Inspirational Moment
  - a.** Senator Meeker and Senator Carr teach the Senate about the Enneagram Personality Test.
  - b.** Senator Carr explains each Enneagram type and the traits associated with each type.
- V.** Thank-A-Teacher Discussion with Dr. Jamie Landau, Director of Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching
  - a.** Dr. Landau explains what her job consists of which includes instructing professors on how to teach.
  - b.** Dr. Landau introduces a new initiative that the Center for Excellence wants to implement into VSU called, Thank-A-Teacher.
  - c.** Dr. Landau explains that VSU is one of the few universities in the USG that does not have the Thank-A-Teacher initiative to thank a teacher for their hard work and dedication.
  - d.** Dr. Landau expresses that this initiative is to not only encourage professors but to make sure they know their hard work doesn't go unnoticed.
  - e.** Dr. Landau explains the note that a student sends to thank a professor has the option to be anonymous.
  - f.** Dr. Landau explains that this is different from SOIs and is a chance to show your appreciation.
  - g.** President Pro Tempore Smith asks where they will promote this initiative?
    - i.** Dr. Landau answers that it can be an announcement on BlazeView, and they plan to add a tab on BlazeView that will take you directly to the form.
    - ii.** President Pro Tempore Smith suggests that they should promote it on social media and that he supports this idea because he's experienced great professors he wants to acknowledge.
  - h.** Senator Wilkinson asks will it only be open to professors or advisors as well?



1. Vice President Mustic explains that we created a program for the FYS to participate in study hours if their grades didn't meet the SGA GPA requirement their first semester in SGA.
2. Vice President Mustic explains that she will be working with Director Northup to write a bill that will make this an official program.
- iii. SGA Stoles and Senior Graduates
  1. Vice President Mustic explains that you can purchase an SGA stole in the bookstore if you are graduating in the Spring.
- c. Treasurer Crow
  - i. SAFAC Budget Approval
    1. Treasurer Crow explains how the SGA budget is in good hands for the next year after discussions with SAFAC this past week.
- d. Secretary Pitts
  - i. No report.

**VII. Legislative Reports**

- a. No reports.

**VIII. Blazer Allocation Report**

- a. No report.

**IX. Old Business**

**X. New Business**

**a. Election Timeline**

- i. Vice President Mustic shows the elections timeline that will be sent out to the Senate and student body.
- ii. Vice President Mustic explains the requirements to run that include the time served in the Senate, GPA requirements, and being a full-time student.
- iii. Each executive board member explains the duties, expectations, and responsibilities of their current position.
- iv. Motion to open discussion by Senator Wilkinson, seconded by Senator Guest.
  1. Senator Wilkinson asks will we be in office on the wellness days.
    - a. Vice President Mustic answers that we will be.
  2. Senator Guinyard asks do candidates running for Senator have to campaign.
    - a. Vice President Mustic explains that it's up to them if they choose to but in the past Senators have chosen to campaign.
  3. Motion to close discussion and approve the proposed Elections Timeline by Parliamentarian Sterns, seconded by Senator Bacon.
    - a. Counted Vote: Unanimously approved.

**b. Resolution 21-02**

- i. Resolution 21-02 is a resolution to support Campus Safety Week.
- ii. President Pro Tempore Smith reads Resolution 21-02 to Senate.
- iii. Motion to vote by Senator Carter, seconded by Senator Briceno.
  1. For: 28, Against: 0, Abstentions: 0
  2. Resolution 21-02 passed with a unanimous vote.

**c. Resolution 21-03**

- i. Resolution 21-03 recommends changes to the VSU Withdrawal Limit Policy.
- ii. Senator Briceno reads Resolution 21-03 to Senate.

**iii.** Motion to vote by Senator Bacon, seconded by Senator Eppes

**1.** For: 29, Against: 0, Abstentions: 0

**2.** Resolution 21-03 passed with a unanimous vote.

**XI.** Miscellaneous Business

**a.** Senator Katen thanks Senate for attending and volunteering at the Self Love festival.

**b.** Senator Carter reassures Senate that they will be okay during midterms, and that he wishes them good luck.

**c.** Senator Carr thanks Senate for tabling at the Spring Organization Fair and encourages Senate to come to the men's and women's basketball games on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm and 8:00pm.

**d.** Senator Thinnifel acknowledges Senators who helped out at the Spring Organization Fair/

**e.** Gallery Member, NAACP President, Nyla Williams

**i.** Williams thanks Senate for passing Resolution 21-02 because it will impact the students directly and will bridge the gap between the VSU Police Department and the students.

**ii.** Nyla invites Senate to attend the Campus Safety Week events from March 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

**XII.** Adjournment

**a.** Motion to adjourn by Senator Wilkinson, seconded by Senator Guest.

**b.** Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.



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## **SPECIAL SESSION**

Monday March 15, 2021 | 7:00 PM | Student Union Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 8:28 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum: 29/37. Quorum Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved
- IV.** Inspirational Moment
- V.** Executive Reports
  - a.** No reports.
- VI.** Legislative Reports
  - a.** No reports.
- VII.** Blazer Allocation Report
  - a.** No reports.
- VIII.** Old Business
- IX.** New Business
  - a.** Parliamentarian Nominations
    - i.** Motion to open floor for nominations by President Pro Tempore Smith, seconded by Senator Taylor.
    - ii.** President Pro Tempore Smith nominates Senator Carter, seconded by Senator Briceno.
    - iii.** Senator Holcomb nominates Senator Meeker.
    - iv.** Vice President Mustic closes floor for nominations.
  - b.** Parliamentarian Vote
    - i.** Senator Carter
      - 1.** Candidate had one minute to present himself to the Senate for the position of Parliamentarian.
    - ii.** Senator Meeker
      - 1.** Candidate had one minute to present herself to the Senate for the position of Parliamentarian.
    - iii.** Motion to open discussion by Senator Greenbaum, seconded by Senator Bacon.
      - 1.** Senator Greenbaum explains why he supports Senator Carter as Parliamentarian due to his dedication and selflessness to SGA.

2. Senator Bacon asks Senate if they know the candidates' history of writing legislation since that is a big part of the position.
  - a. Senator Smith explains that she previously worked with both Senators on legislation and they both were passionate when it came to writing legislation.
3. Senator Wilkinson explains her support for Senator Meeker due to her eagerness and attentiveness.
4. Senator Holcomb explains her support for Senator Meeker due to her hard work and dedication in SGA.
5. President Pro Tempore speaks on Senator Carter's experience in the Senate and emphasizes that he always chooses to be the voice for the students.
6. Senator Katen explains that Senator Carter has more experience in SGA and knows the comfort of enforcing the rules that a Parliamentarian would normally do.
7. Motion to close discussion by Senator Bacon, seconded Senator Guinyard.

iv. Motion to vote by Senator Guest, seconded by Senator Smith.

v. Vice President Mustic administers a paper vote for Parliamentarian.

1. Senator Carter- 21 votes

2. Senator Meeker- 8 votes

X. Miscellaneous Business

XI. Adjournment- 8:46 PM

a. Motion to adjourn by President Pro Tempore Smith, seconded by Senator Guest.



# VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

## *DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS*

### Student Government Association

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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday March 29, 2021 | 7:00 PM | Student Union Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 7:00 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum 31/37 Quorum Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Withdrawal Policy
      - 1.** President Wolfe updates Senate on the Withdrawal Policy and announces that the policy passed through faculty Senate.
      - 2.** President Wolfe says that the suggestions we made will be implemented in the Summer 2021 or Fall 2021 semester.
    - b.** Vice President Mustic
      - i.** Elections
        - 1.** Vice President Mustic updates Senate that on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm we will be hosting a Share a Coke with the candidates.
        - 2.** Vice President Mustic reminds Senate to remember your current roles and the duties that come with it and don't get distracted by elections.
      - ii.** Faculty & Staff Appreciation
        - 1.** Vice President Mustic explains that there will be a week dedicated to faculty and staff appreciation and SGA will pass a resolution at our April 12<sup>th</sup> general meeting.
        - 2.** Vice President Mustic asks Senate to participate in making sheet signs for faculty and staff appreciation week.
      - iii.** Upcoming Senate Events
        - 1.** Vice President Mustic announces that SGA will be participating in two events.
          - a.** Spring into Well-Being Extravaganza on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-1:00pm on the Front Lawn.
          - b.** De-Stress Fest on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-4:00pm on the Front Lawn.





13. More representation in the Senate to ensure equal representation of our campus community. Specifically, each Senator will represent a student organization on campus.

**VI.** Blazer Allocation Report

- a. Senator Canady encourages Senate to fill the vacancy in the Blazer Allocation Committee, and to contact Treasurer Crow if interested.

**VII.** Old Business

**VIII.** New Business

**IX.** Miscellaneous Business

- a. Director Brown encourages Senate to participate in the video that shows our gratitude for the Student Affairs offices.
- b. Parliamentarian Carter thanks Senate for voting him to be Parliamentarian.
  - i. Parliamentarian Carter asks Senate if they are currently working on any resolutions to send it to him before April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Senator Thinnifel encourages Senate to attend Night on Fire on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Senator Carr reminds Senate to tell the organizations they're involved in to fill out the Night on Fire survey online.
- e. Dr. Miller explains that Georgia may lower their COVID-19 restrictions in the coming weeks.
  - i. Dr. Miller suggests getting the COVID-19 vaccine if you are able to and explains that you can receive them at the Student Health Center.
  - ii. Senator Katen asks how will VSU change if Georgia does lower their COVID-19 restrictions.
    - 1. Dr. Miller explains that we will most likely operate the same but there are chances that some things will change.

**X.** Adjournment- 7:23 PM

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting by Senator Wilkinson, seconded by Senator Guest.



# VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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### Student Government Association

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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday April 12, 2021 | 7:00 PM | Student Union Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 7:00 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum: 27/37 Quorum Met
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved.
- IV.** Inspirational Moment
  - a.** Director Northup teaches Senate on how to embrace change and leaving room for growth.
- V.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Night on Fire
      - 1.** President Wolfe encourages Senate to attend Night on Fire on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm on the Front Lawn.
    - ii.** Last General Meeting
      - 1.** President Wolfe reminds Senate of our last general meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Student Union Ballrooms.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic
    - i.** Spring into Well-being Extravaganza
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic encourages Senate to volunteer at the Spring into Well-Being Extravaganza on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> on the Front Lawn from 10:00am-1:00pm.
  - c.** Treasurer Crow
    - i.** Approved Blazer Allocation Events
      - 1.** Treasurer Crow informs Senate of approved Blazer Allocation Events from various organizations on campus.
  - d.** Secretary Pitts
    - i.** Thank-A-Teacher Initiative Update
      - 1.** Secretary Pitts updates Senate on the Thank-A-Teacher Initiative.
        - a.** Secretary Pitts shares that the link to fill out the form will be on the SGA website and Instagram by the end of the week.
- VI.** Legislative Reports
  - a.** Student Engagement Committee

- i. Senator Thinnifel updates Senate on the student feedback on the idea of implementing a basketball court on the top level of the Sustella Parking Deck.
- ii. Motion to open discussion, by Senator Thinnifel, seconded by Director Northup.
  - 1. Dr. Miller explains to Senate that the idea is coming from his operating budget
  - 2. Dr. Miller elaborates that the cost of the project will be around \$60,000.
  - 3. Senator Bacon asks who will be in charge of the maintenance, the scheduling, and liability if a ball hits a vehicle.
    - a. Dr. Miller answers that there will be no scheduling needed to reserve the courts and Valdosta UPD will be in charge in cases of liability.
  - 4. President Pro Tempore Smith asks why we chose an outdoor basketball court.
    - a. Dr. Miller explains that an outdoor basketball court has been suggested for many years.
  - 5. Senator Holcomb asks how you can assure only VSU students are using the court.
    - a. Dr. Miller states that there will signage stating that it's only for VSU students but specifies that VSU is an open and public campus so anyone can use it.
  - 6. Dr. Miller explains that you will be required to bring your own equipment.
  - 7. Director Northup asks if there will be cameras.
    - a. Dr. Miller says there currently are cameras, but public safety has requested two more cameras to be added.
  - 8. President Pro Tempore Smith asks when will the court be completed.
    - a. Dr. Miller answers ideally it should be finished by the Fall.
  - 9. Senator Hampton asks if there were other potential locations for the courts.
    - a. Dr. Miller explains that another option was by the recreation center by the sand volleyball courts.

iii. Motion to close discussion by Senator Bacon, seconded by Senator Guinyard.

b. Safety & Parking Committee

i. No report.

c. Campus Wellness Committee

i. No report.

**VII.** Blazer Allocation Report

a. Senator Thinnifel updates Senate that as of Monday, April 12, 2021 at 1:40PM the Blazer Allocation Committee has allocated a total of \$4039.56 through 12 allocations.

**VIII.** Old Business

**IX.** New Business

a. Resolution 21-04

i. Senator Bacon reads Resolution 21-04 to Senate.

- ii. Resolution 21-04 is a resolution to honor the contribution made by the Valdosta State University Faculty and Staff and Recognizing Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week.
- iii. Motion to vote by President Pro Tempore Smith, seconded by Senator Guinyard.
  - 1. For: 26, Against: 0, Abstentions: 0
  - 2. Resolution 21-04 passes with a unanimous vote

**X. Miscellaneous Business**

- a. Senator Wilkinson
  - i. Senator Wilkinson asks Senate to participate in her video that will be promoting Blazer Allocation.
- b. Senator Greenbaum
  - i. Senator Greenbaum reminds Senate to not treat anyone unfairly and to promote the treatment of every student and student organization the same.
- c. Dr. Miller
  - i. Dr. Miller asks Senate for feedback on VSU Day at Wild Adventures.
    - 1. Senator Wilkinson asks if this event will be in place of the Mayhem Festival.
      - a. Dr. Miller explains that this will replacing Mayhem Festival due to contract issues with potential artists and COVID-19 regulations.
    - 2. Senator Bacon asks if we can do Mayhem at Wild Adventures to allow a similar experience for the students.
    - 3. Dr. Miller suggests two options for VSU Day at Wild Adventures.
      - a. The first option is to go to Wild Adventures anytime between 11:00am-6:00pm but share the park with the public.
      - b. The second option is to go Wild Adventures after hours and use the water park for a pool party with a DJ and food.

**XI. Adjournment- 7:41 PM**

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting by Senator Guest, seconded by Senator Bacon.



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#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Monday April 26, 2021 | 7:00 PM | Student Union Ballrooms

- I.** Call to Order: 7:01 PM
- II.** Attendance/Quorum: 28/37 Quorum Met.
- III.** Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Unanimously Approved
- IV.** Inspirational Moment
  - a.** Senator Tillman presents a video honoring the 2020-2021 Executive Board that highlights their time in SGA.
- V.** State of the Student Government Association
  - a.** President Wolfe administers the State of the SGA as of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - b.** President Wolfe reflects on all SGA has done starting with Senate bonding, working closely with campus stakeholders, and the countless hours the Senate has put into serving and engaging with our student body.
  - c.** President Wolfe explains SGA's role in taking concerns and recommendations from students on issues like diversity and inclusion, mental health and campus safety that prompted resolutions to be passed that will impact our university and organization forever.
  - d.** President Wolfe states that the SGA is going to be left in good hands and thanks the Senate for their involvement and that she will always be grateful for them.
  - e.** President Wolfe ends with reminding Senate to ask themselves on why they are here, what they wish to accomplish, and who you're doing it for.
- VI.** Executive Reports
  - a.** President Wolfe
    - i.** Thank You
      - 1.** President Wolfe thanks Senate for their involvement in SGA and expresses her confidence in the new executive board and what they will accomplish.
  - b.** Vice President Mustic
    - i.** Senate Recognition
      - 1.** Vice President Mustic recognizes the top senators of the Spring 2021 semester which are: Senator Thinnifel, Senator Lowe, President Pro Tempore Smith, Parliamentarian Carter, and Director Clinton.

- c. Treasurer Crow
  - i. Senate Farewell
    - 1. Treasurer Crow thanks Senate for their help with promoting Blazer Allocation and for being so involved in that process.
    - 2. Treasurer Crow recognizes Senate members of his Blazer Allocation Committee (BAC) and expresses gratitude for their hard work.
- d. Secretary Pitts
  - i. De-Stress Fest
    - 1. Secretary Pitts reminds Senate to attend the De-Stress Fest on the Front Lawn on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 1:00pm-4:00pm.
  - ii. Thank You
    - 1. Secretary Pitts thanks Senate for the video they made and for being her second family when she transferred to VSU.

**VII. Legislative Reports**

- a. No reports

**VIII. Blazer Allocation Report**

- a. Senator Canady reads Blazer Allocation Report to the Senate that states the excitement they have for the new treasurer, and thanks Treasurer Crow for his humility and kindness while leading the BAC.

**IX. Old Business**

**X. New Business**

- a. Bill 21-01
  - i. Bill 21-01 is a bill to recommend the amending of the Student Government Association Code of Conduct to include a new section outlining the process of the “Senator Success Program” as well as the overall academic standards for the Student Government Association.
  - ii. Director Northup reads Bill 21-01 to the Senate.
  - iii. Motion to vote by Senator Guinyard, seconded by Senator Katen
  - iv. Bill 21-01 passes with 23 yeas and 1 abstention by Senator Briceno.
- b. Resolution 21-05
  - i. Resolution 21-05 is a resolution to honor Frontline Workers and Staff at Valdosta State University for their efforts in combatting COVID-19.
  - ii. Senator Bacon, Senator Bidot-Miles and Senator Guinyard read Resolution 21-05 to the Senate.
  - iii. Motion to vote by Senator Katen, seconded by Parliamentarian Carter
  - iv. Resolution 21-05 passes with 23 yeas and 1 abstention by Senator Greenbaum
- c. Resolution 21-06
  - i. Resolution 21-06 is a resolution to support upgrades of the VSU crosswalks.
  - ii. Senator Greenbaum reads Resolution 21-06 to the Senate.
  - iii. Motion to vote by Senator Briceno, seconded by Senator Guinyard.
  - iv. Resolution 21-06 passes with 25 yeas, 3 abstentions by Senator Bacon, President Pro Tempore Smith and Director Clinton.
- d. Resolution 21-07
  - i. Resolution 21-07 is a resolution to recommend that all Faculty raise awareness to resources for mental health.
  - ii. All authors of Resolution 21-07 read the resolution to the Senate.

- iii. Motion to vote by Parliamentarian Carter, seconded by Senator Guinyard
- iv. Resolution 21-07 passes with 25 yeas, and 2 abstentions by Senator Meeker and Senator Wilkinson.

**XI.** Miscellaneous Business

**a.** Senator Greenbaum

- i. Senator Greenbaum reads a speech that reflects on his time in SGA and thanks Senate for being a part of his journey.
- ii. Senator Greenbaum reminds Senate to be involved and to stay proactive to get the most out of this organization.

**b.** Senator Smith

- i. Senator Smith thanks Senate for enriching her college experience and expresses her gratefulness for this organization.

**XII.** Adjournment: 8:06 PM

- a.** Motion to adjourn by Senator Greenbaum, seconded by Senator Meeker.