

3:05 Commencement

Roll Call

Present:

Melinda Bratsch-Horsager (she/her) VP of External Affairs

Trygve Vandal (he/him) VP of Internal Affairs

Rayni Lussier (she/her) Communications Liaison

Zach Lynch (he/him) Legislative Liaison

Sophie Parker (she/her) Director of Legislative Affairs

Abbey Maroney (any pronouns) historian and policy analyst

Kayla Mahnke Hargett (she/her) Advisor

Absent:

Demetrius Romero (he/him) Chief Justice EXCUSED

3:06 Acknowledgement of the medicine creek treaty

3:07 Public comment – N/A

3:08 approval of the minutes from 3/3/21

- Trygve motions for the approval of the minutes from 3/3/21
- Zach seconds
- Passes 5-0-0

3:09 officer reports

- Abbey-
- Trygve- revisiting GSU finances, figuring out expenses and expected revenue from next quarter. And filling out an S&A bridge and getting funding. Resource allocation and advisory committee was extremely interesting. It hits on the same points abbey brought up from a budgeting lens. What I can say is, things are moving in direction that can lead to positive change. I think that change is going to be hard for everyone involved and I think there needs to be a greater focus on incorporating stakeholders into that conversation. It is really a delicate balancing act of providing draft information before you have the final information. We helped get two new students get appointed to new academic directions and student advisory committee.

- Sophie- bills are making there way. I'm testifying on two bills this week. One on creating a legislative intern scholarship. The other I'm testifying on is about telling students about low cost class materials for classes before class starts.

3:12 - Rayni Lussier (she/her) Communications Liaison leaves the meeting

- Zach- this week has not been super lively. I'm having conversations about food and basic needs center. I completed a massive gap need analysis in a 7 county region.
- Melinda- I've been working with abbey about an outdoor socially distanced movie night in the field to serve our community. I've been making positive changes to address long term gsu financial issues. I'm talking with Amanda walker and (name I didn't catch) about finances. And I've been working with people about declining enrollment issues.
- Zach- I would love to mix this with an end of the year event I've been envisioning
- Melinda- we have to work with covid response team but lets do it.

3:22 – 3/25 referendum items

- Trygve- are there any other items people are bringing to the table?
- Student compensation equity item
- Trygve- this often an item brought up by graduate students. This requires people to be compensated at or above minimum wage for the hours they've worked in their stipend. Stipends do have value when the student isn't required to create anything big or anything at all. We have a number of student positions being paid as low as \$7.2 per hour. While stipends are not inherently bad, since they're not being paid a living wage it means the position isn't equitably accessible for all students and that does not align with evergreen's values.
- Melinda and Trygve discuss how this addressing jobs needing to create expected hours for each job
- Kayla- the language needs editing. And its strange to base it on a wage and not just make it an hourly job. Make it clear that this is an advisory vote. The context and background needs to be adjusted so they're not led to take a position. The election commissioner and GSU need to come together to agree on language. Also what are the institutional impacts of it.
- Trygve- financially I've been told that it is not possible to make this happen now.
- Sophie-I like the concept over all, but I agree that the proposed language in here is a little harsh even though I agree with it. If we decide to go forward with it we need to be careful with the language.
- Zach- I'd be happy to help reframe the language in this before we send it off to the elections commissioner so we can have more neutral language

3:43 Trygve motions to approve this referendum item with the condition that it be reframed with the elections commissioner to be more neutral

- Zach seconds
- Passes 4-0-0

3:45 Trygve motions to approve the GSU Fee referendum item as presented and discussed in the Board of Representatives meeting on 3/10/21

- Sophie seconds
- Passes 4-0-0

3:46 S&A

- Trygve- we will need to ask s&a for a bridge to cover summer quarter
- We will need to ask for 8.5 to 9.3 thousand dollars
- If we do this I will need a lot of information from you guys about all the work you're doing. Every meeting, every success! Everything, export your whole calendar
- I'll need 1-2 other people to help me consolidate this report
- Melinda and zach volunteer to help

3:53 advisor report- kayla

- Today was payday, check your mail for your check
- I'm working with elections commissioner soon, she was sick today.
- I recommend you take break off

3:56- announcements

- Trygve -Please take break, but we might need to put all our efforts into campaigning soon. There would be a lot of outreach involved. Class visits, cpj, etc.
- Kayla- working with election commissioner to get campus wide email out.
- Kat- we're having a core meeting tonight at 5 if you want to come and hear about how we're campaigning.
- Trygve- what experience does everyone have when it comes to campaigning

4:00 Meeting adjourns