



34th Student Senate
1st Session
Agenda for **November 7, 2013**

- I. Call to Order 4:37
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Journal
 - A. Yohai - Motion to approve journal - approved
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. Wickrema – I move to amend move bill 12 to old business. passes
 - B. Yohai – motion to approve the agenda - approved
- V. Officers’ Reports
 - A. Speaker- Philip Abbruscato
 1. We will have a short recess to practice the flag holding and resume to the meeting after. We have 5 appointments today. Chairmen Bhatia please let people know the time for tomorrow.
 - B. Speaker Pro Tempore- Evan Del Duke
 1. Keep on doing good work and come approach us if you have anything.
 - C. Clerk- Samantha Miller
 1. I am making name plates this week for new senators.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Governmental and Academic Affairs- Dilan Wickrema
 1. The rsvp date for the dinner is tomorrow so please do it. there will be a flash lecture on the 25th.
 - B. University Services- Stacy Fleming
 1. Dining is very excited about the changes. And there is resolution coming through for anytime dining.
 - C. Senate Financial Affairs- Khadeja Tipu
 1. We picked a vice chair and it is aaron. And we will no longer be using bill 10.
 - D. Multicultural & Diversity Affairs- Rondene Grinam
 1. We had an amazing roundtable. At 6:30 in mason hall we will have screening of the documentary.
 - E. University Life- Khushboo Bhatia
 1. Tonight 8:15 we need help sorting t-shirts. Also we will be meeting tomorrow to the hub at 2:30, and look out for a word document tonight.
 - F. M.A.S.O.N.- Pete Kleine
 1. Please come to patriot pride patrol at 12:45. Jesse and I had a great meeting about mason money.
 - G. Senate Military Liaison- Maha Shah
 1. I had a good week. We decorated the helmet. The veteren’s day festival went ok today because of the rain. Vetern’s day is Monday. If you want t-shirts they are willing to give it to us. On December 7th, they are organizing a volunteer day at the old soldiers home in dc.
 - H. Faculty Senate Liaison- Aaron Yohai
 1. They did want to appoint someone to the community for masonvale. I hope you approve the resolution coming today.
- VII. Public Session
 - A. Executive Report- President Jordan Foster
 1. Gold rush is tomorrow and it is a lot of fun. I hope to see updates about the police interviews. Mason licensing has create a few more logos for legal trademark. The new logos are going to be passed out. There is a video out about the we are mason video and its on the student government page. Check it out. The military basketball game on January 14 and getting student involved. We met with Rose about future of the Mason Inn and want to help for the future decisions with student input. If you hear any issue about admin, please do your research before you do anything of such matter. During the break, come to talk to me if you have anything. When posting on the

facebook page, please make sure they are relevant to student government and if someone asks you to post something, please do post stuff for them.

B. Student Government Advisor- Melissa Ulmer

1. If you are doing flags you must wear gold rush t-shirt. If you are doing the lunch you should have information about it.

C. Graduate Assistant- EmilyAnn Brueck

1. There is an event on November 12. 4pm-5:30 pm. Please send me your bios.

D. Mason Life Representative- Sean Reidt

1. November 20, there is a best buddies basketball game. There is also a fundraiser in which 20% will go to GMU Best buddies. It will be a green turtle.

E. Other Members of the University Administration

F. Gallery Members

VIII. Guest Speakers

A. Doug Thoreson: WDYWW Report

1. It was about dining. We had people from dining to answer questions. A lot of people were talking about Southside. A lot of people want more weekend and veggie options. We had a lot of people talking about student government about loving our involvement and thank you for everyone who came out.

IX. Appointments

A. Thomas Raddatz

1. I want to join because I believe student senate is a good place to be surrounded by. I want to create more incentives for on-campus student. I want to expand the bus system and have the find places outside Fairfax. I want to see GMU use their budget to rebuild the older parts of the school. Increasing building types will help education. I want a lot more spirit activities especially during games. I want to see Fairfax and GMU have a fostering relationship. I also want to see the big event
2. Kelly – What did you do in jrotc
3. Raddatz – I had some leadership
4. Miller – What is your major
5. Raddatz – Finance
6. Clemens – What organizations are you part of?
7. Raddatz – Investment club
8. Wickrema – He passed in committee and I see no reason to be against.
9. Shah – He really wants to be part of our team and came through appointment twice.
10. Motion to vote – 30-0-2

B. Lena Nour

1. I am a sophomore majoring in government. I founded an organization called student congress, which brought together different leaders in high school. I was president of student government. I am part of off-campus advisor. And I want to be the person to connect the two groups. I want to help with social media for student government.
2. Kleine – Whats on your name tag
3. Nour – I am and off-campus advisor.
4. Wickrema – She passed in committee. She will be a great addition
5. Shah – We worked together. She does devote her time to school and work.
6. Motion to vote – 31-0-1

C. Parastoo Neyzari

1. I am a student leader. I am an off campus advisor and I have helped to program different events for off-campus. I have a passion for what I want to do. I want to have our faces out and voice our opinions.
2. Wickrema – She passed in committee. I think she will bring a lot of experience to the table.
3. Zaidi – She is a great person and I have known her since high school
4. Motion to vote – 31-0-1

D. Renecia Coda

1. I was class president and vice president. I am office assistant and I work with head of different university departments. Also I am part of psac. I am passionate of diversity. I think it is important

to be diversity and we should show how it implemented. I want to freshmen to go through workshops to help show them the diversity on campus.

2. Wickrema – she passed in committee. She is a wonderful person.
3. Freeman – She carries well herself very well. She tried to look out for executive positions.
4. Bhatia – I am impressed with her. I will be voting yes.
5. Motion to vote – 31-0-1

E. Abby Boucher

1. I am a freshman. I was involved in high school. Was secretary of student government. I am a mason ambassador. I am in inter-mural sports. I want to make sure others love the school as much as I do. I love student government reaches out to everyone.
2. Motion to consider
3. Wickrema – She passed in committee. She is great.
4. Kleine – Her knowledge is useful and she is great.
5. Motion to vote – 31-0-1
6. We are at our fullest capacity now.

X. Old Business

A. Resolution #15: A Resolution to Affirm Students' Support for the Anytime Dining System

1. Fleming – it passed unanimously. It is a program for fall 2014. It's going to happen. We are just showing out student support. And it will focus on our 10-year plan. It is an awesome plan.
2. Bosserman – This is something I have been opposed to. They said that we don't have the capacity to do it and I don't think we should transition to this. Even though its happening
3. Yohai – capacity is not going to be program. It will decrease the pressure on dining. This will not have problems construction. We should voice our support.
4. Del Duke – I am going to agree with Bosserman. I agree with program but the time of implementation. This is just senate support. I want to strike the date. It simply supports the plan but not the time. And we should advocate a third dining.
5. Fleming – I think we should keep it. And she would support the implementation which is happening in the fall.
6. Bosserman – I think we should keep it as is.
7. Yohai – we know how it will go forward regardless. I do not see the point.
8. Del duke – I resend my motion.
9. Fleming – it allows for unlimited swipes. You don't have to go during the peak times because most people will only have 2 meals. It wont over-cap the two dining places. It will invite more off-campus students and help them stay on campus longer. And it will build a community. Freshmen will like it. I think it is good.
10. Kleine – I respect Bosserman's opinion. I had a conversation with Mark Kraner. I don't know why we would be opposed to his.
11. Bhatia – We have talked about this. First year it will take hits but eventually profits will come in.
12. Motion to vote – 26-5-1 resolution passes

Motion to recess until 5:50- passes.

Call out of recess – 5:53

B. Resolution #17: A Resolution in Support of Providing Benefits for Same-Sex Married Couples

1. Yohai – The committee passed the resolution. It will arm president Cabrera with the staff to argue for provide equivalent benefits to same-sex couples. Faculty senate passed it. President Cabrera wishes we submit this resolution.
2. Shah – I am not sure how this helping the student body.
3. Kleine – how did it pass in faculty senate.
4. Yohai – it unanimous in faculty senate.
5. Yohai – this does not affect us personally. We want to attract faculty here for more research skills. Its certainly not a positive if same sex couples to have the benefits. It would provide us better provide us with faculty and staff. It is important to take a step.
6. Kleine – I think it important to consider is that faculty senate passed it unanimously which important. And we should respect what they want and I think this is a great way to foster a relationship, which we have been looking for.
7. Miller- I am openly bisexual. I am not the biggest fan of the resolution. I wonder how many faculty are in a same sex marriage. The only way it will affect the student if their parents are part

of the faculty and senate. I like the idea and I would love to see it grow towards students. I think we should come from us, and something we created not piggy back from the faculty senate.

8. Waldron – I don't know why people say it wont affect student body. I can this will help send the message that we want to help people.
 9. Bosserman - I think we should through this bill, and compound upon it.
 10. Fleming – I know it is controversy. By passing this resolution goes against the constitution. It is fostering an inclusive society. We work with staff and head departments. If they passed it, we should show our support. The university will prosper from it. The faculty will get involved with us. It will build a very necessary bridge.
 11. Wickrema – I see this as shared governance. This does impact the environment of GMU. We can create benefits that don't go with the
 12. Kelly – by voting it down will not help.
 13. Del duke – sending it back to committee higher than a vote.
 14. Abbruscato – voting is higher precedence.
 15. Motion to vote – 21-4-5 resolution passes
- C. Bill #12: A Bill to Allocate Funds for the Deans and Provost Dinner Part II
1. Wickrema – bill read aloud. We can't use the old menu; however this cost us less.
 2. Tipu – Are their vegetarian option?
 3. Wickrema – Yes.
 4. Kleine – What was the old total.
 5. Wickrema – 934. Now its 899
 6. Del Duke – The menu is cheaper now.
 7. Motion to vote – 28-2-1

XI. New Business

A. Resolution #18: A Resolution in Commendation of Provost Sterns

1. Seeing the nature of the resolution it will be sent to governmental and academic affairs due back in one week.

XII. Announcements

A. Next Meeting- November 14th, Mason Hall D003 A and B

1. Abbruscato - Non – mandatory events. We have plenty. Last week at first of all we vote only 4 senators were there. I understand things come up. Events like that should be supported. Because something isn't mandatory doesn't mean it doesn't need help. You get interact with people on a new level. This is great way to integrate. There is an event in 15 minutes to support diversity. At 8 o'clock we need help to sort t-shirts. This legislative body functions best when we help each other.
2. Kapadia – there is an antibullying organization. Next Wednesday about bullying in harry potter series.
3. Shah – if you want t-shirts. I can get them for you.
4. Zaidi- do you know committee times next semester.
5. Bhatia – come out tonight. And 2:30 at hub. Share the event with everyone.
6. Kleine – We will try to do it 12:30. I want to see this event be student government. I wish we can have more Student government involvement. I need volunteers for tomorrow during the game.
7. Tipu – when do shirts go out.
8. Bhatia – 4:45, check facebook tonight.
9. Del duke – make everyone aware about gold rush and share it on facebook.
10. Motion to adjourn – 6:21

XIII. Adjournment

“Less than 24 hours until Gold Rush. Get hyped.” ~ Khushboo Bhatia