



## General Assembly Weekly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 04 February 2021

Roll-Call Roster 2020-2021				
Executive Council (4)	Class	Officer Position	Present	Absent
Mr. Nick Rauscher	Senior	President	X	
Ms. Haley Mueller	Junior	VP of Student Life	X	
Ms. Kate Hall	Sophomore	VP of Institutional Affairs	X	
Ms. Emily Armour	Senior	VP of Finance	X	
VACANT	TBD	VP of Communications & Public Relations		
Senators (13)	Class	Committee Affiliation	Present	Absent
Mr. Nick Rispoli	Senior	Institutional Affairs	X	
Ms. Torrey Gabriel	Senior	Student Life	X	
Mr. Mitchell Greer	Senior	Finance	X	
Ms. Alathia Keith	Senior	Comm & PR	X	
Ms. Emily Little	Junior	Finance	X	
Mr. John Schupbach	Junior	Student Life	X	
Mr. Hunter Clouse	Junior	Student Life	X	
Mr. Thomas O'Brien	Sophomore	Comm & PR	X	
Ms. Emilee Harless	Sophomore	Student Life	X	
Mr. Tyler Buff	Freshman	Comm & PR	X	
Ms. Annabel White	Freshman	Comm & PR	X	

Ms. Quinn Vonder Haar	Freshman	Institutional Affairs	X	
Ms. Kayless Ohlson	Freshman	Student Life	X	
<b>Interns (0)</b>		<b>Committee Affiliation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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<b>Official Advisor (1)</b>		<b>Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Paul Hinkle	Faculty Member	Interim Title IX Officer, Director of Student Conduct	X	

- **Call to Order**
  - Motioned and seconded at 4:35 pm. Passed 16/0/0
- **Approving the Minutes**
  - Motioned and seconded at 4:35 pm. Passed 16/0/0
- **Executive Council Reports**
  - **President**.....Mr. Nick Rauscher
    - Last weekend we had a retreat. Went really well. This week I'll ask committees to go over the retreat, in brief. Thoughts overall and critical thoughts.
    - Our website has been updated. Linked to University's page. First link when searching 'Drury SGA' on Google will now link to our website. All dropdowns updated. 'Apply' button needs to be fixed. The General Assembly tab identifies current senators' class, email, and committee. Direct peers to look at the GA tab. Full control over the website.
    - On Tuesday, Haley's committee will hand out mask-sewing kits on the same day there will be COVID testing from 9am-noon. We would appreciate more volunteers on Feb. 9th. This was VP Little's project last semester.

- Also, we're giving away first aid kits. Working with Chris Johns to work on logistics. Next Thursday we can tell the plan hopefully.
- Giveaway program is almost completely finished. AirPods and Apple Watch left.
- Our office is cleaned. All stuff is in there. Coffee maker as well. Feel free to use it, bring your friends in there. Plenty of space.
- Met with Dr. Cloyd to meet and talk about projects to get finished. There may be some communication on the University side about our projects. Publicize that, "look, we helped get this finished."
- Dr. Cloyd - He and other members of his admin. team are really wondering how we are all doing. He and the nation are very aware that there are a lot of mental health concerns, esp. for college students rn. He wanted to mention that that's something he and others have been thinking about, something they're starting to focus on more now.
  - He will be visiting in a meeting soon!
- **VP of Student Life**..... Ms. Haley Mueller
  - Sending email to the body of SGA about the library photos.
  - Talking to the head of Fresh Ideas on sustainability efforts - commons went back to silverware, addressing styrofoam cups.
- **VP of Institutional Affairs**.....Ms. Kate Hall
  - Started communicating with the Marketing Department on a video answering questions regarding COVID; will be done in the next few weeks.
  - Brandon Gammill updated on projects -
    - switching all outdoor lights to LEDs, hopefully done by Fall 2021.
    - He will work with us on sustainability. First sustainability team meeting is Feb. 18th.

- Reached out to Kristee Gariston -
  - College Park students were asking about an easier way to get to the mailroom; thinking of virtualizing it; work in progress.
    - For students in college park, they have a little mailbox. Takes a while to get the slip and package. Looking for a quicker way for students. Students would get an email, students would confirm with ID.
    - Greer: Could we get a form of an evening hour for the mailbox? Student mail employees don't really cost that much.
- Hunter & Quinn have reports today -
  - Hunter: Talked to the Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences earlier this week, said she would help with getting student artwork from Drury displayed in the basement of Pearsons. Talking to the Dean of Fine Arts as well.
- **VP of Finance**.....Ms. Emily Armour
  - Successfully created a new email for financial questions, allocations, forms, etc... [sgafinance@drury.edu](mailto:sgafinance@drury.edu). Much smaller chance of anything getting lost in emails (last week, one of the allocations was lost longer than it should have been).
  - Balances to be included in Agenda documents. Without reclaimed funds and with reclaimed funds. Without Reclaimed Funds = without the takebacks. Other number is with takebacks. Top of all agendas.
- **VP of Communication & Public Relations**.....VACANT
  - Will be voting later today. For the moment, President Rauscher has been leading the committee meetings, first of the semester held last night. First thing, designated social media managers:

- Buff and O'Brien are managing Instagram.
    - Keith is managing Twitter.
    - Senator White is managing FB.
  - Responsibilities include making sure that those pages get updated regularly.
  - We identified a longer term project to help increase communication between students and SGA, reaching out over social media. New VP will get to add a lot more goals.
- **Advisor**.....Mr. Paul Hinkle
  - Weekly goal: talk to someone about SGA. Approach someone in an intentional way about SGA for projects, ideas, who needs us to step in, etc... Not a big deal if you haven't yet. There is a decent chance a random person may be called on next week to talk about. Encouraged to use the open discussion portion of our mtgs. to mention what you talked about. Great place to bring up concerns. If they're passionate, invite them to a meeting, zoom link or in-person guest, to voice their own concerns. Limited to about 6 guests, so need to let Nick know at least 24hrs in advance before a GA meeting. A way to recruit better as well.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
  - Academic Affairs Meeting:
    - Approved the elimination of the International Business Major. Request came from the business department, not enough interest. Will adjust with this by incorporating International Business courses in every business major; Defining Life vs Professional certificates more Life is theme and intellectual exploring.
    - Advertising individualized major programs. Creating your own major, not very well known. Next meeting is on the 17th.
- **Old Business**
  - None

- **New Business**

- Moved and second to move VP of Comm & PR election to *after* open discussion.
- Nick Rispoli is chair for our Constitutional Review Committee. Goes over all of our foundation documents, constitution, ethics, etc... Reading over the documents, bring ideas, changes, and improvements. As of right now, members include Rauscher, Hinkle, and Ohlson. Meetings on Tuesdays at 4:30. Hoping to finish review by March 2nd. Description of responsibilities to newer senators: Quickest way to make foundation changes.
  - Greer: I would like to make an importance to this for younger senators. Great opportunity to go over. We only go over these every 2 years.
  - Nick: We also review the Code of Ethics. If you're not comfortable, we can answer questions about the documents. My email should be open nrauscher@drury.edu. We edited the constitution to allow every year, should be done with a heavy hand and heavy heart. Known changes include a couple wording changes. Process: Every time we change it, the review committee creates proposals, proposes to floor, floor passes by 2/3rds majority, then student body passes by 2/3rds. It's exciting and great for new senators.

- **Open Discussion**

- Greer: Now that we have set hours, it would be interesting if we had when people will be in the office. Master calendar for us, where we can scratch out times office is unavailable for use.
- Clouse: Thought of an idea over retreat. SGA could have a game night with the GA, thought it would be cool. Monopoly. Life. A lot of fun.

- Clouse: Another idea, not sure if it's a \$1000 project. Last semester, we had students use spray bottles. I think, if we could try getting with instructors to have a big spray bottom in each class room, instructors can spray each desk.
  - Hall: Brought it up to EC. All for it, too. The person who's in charge is [redacted]. She works with facilities, brainstormed solutions. Looking at different solutions, spray gun bottles. Instructor sprays down after people leave.
  - Greer: I would suggest reaching out to the science department. Professors were doing that.
  - Schubach: I remember hearing convos between faculty and staff, start by putting Clorox wipes in classrooms. They were stolen. I don't think it's fair. Come from someone else? Motivated students?
  - Hall: It's been recognized a lot of students have not used their spraying bottles. Starting with instructors could encourage students. Having to refill them everyday discourages students. This is more convenient for students to do. Instructors could ask after class to wipe down tables.
  - Little: A lot of the issue wasn't the bottle, but more so refilling them. Bleach would get everywhere.
  - Buff: When I had the spray bottle, direct sun exposure would leak the bottle.
  - Rauscher: Desire on facilities side to work on that. We can advocate for change.
  - White: 2-3 in-class diffusers, certain type of essential oil eliminates all germs in air. Not sure how expensive. Very useful and works.
  - Keith: I would like to contribute to that. Probably shouldn't be imposed on students with diff health affectations (asthma, pollen allergies, dye allergies, fragrance allergies).

- Little: Also, those devices would be stolen very fast.
- Schubach: Let's buy Clorox wipes each week for students.
- Clouse: Could instructors ask one student at the end of class to volunteer to use their individual spray bottle?
- Mueller: Ever been to Springfield Hall near the labs? They have refillable Clorox wipe containers.
- Ohlson: Hospitals use them. So hard to take stuff out of the containers.
- Schubach: Ask to acknowledge Gabriel's comment, ask to amend to the committee of Institutional Affairs.
- Mueller: The mural project -
  - Emilee: Unsure of having a competition or hiring a professional (Drury grad or local artist), decided to go with the muralist so it will look good. Too much room for error with students. Been in contact with a local muralist. Won't start until it/s warmer outside. Design a proof. What the design will look like. Will come soon to request additional funding. Has rates and requires a deposit. The electrical box between Wallace and Smith. The one by breech has actual electrical stuff inside it. A lot more safe for the other one.
  - Hinkle: Two suggestions, one get multiple quotes unless there's a reason for this particular person. Have to show why we went for that person.
  - Emilee: Main reason is that she's the only one who really responded. She's a very well-known artist and does good work. Others don't have time or no response at all.
  - Hinkle: Help reach out to different Drury alumni, Drury artists.
  - Emilee: We are able to pay a faculty member to watch over a project.
  - Hinkle: Alumni can help get bids too.



- Handled in the Student Life Committee.
  - Buff: Concern about the parking lot on the west side of Benton. There are a lot of people parking in the lot next to Benton who are not from Drury.
    - Hinkle: If there's a gate malfunction, the gate won't close.
    - Rispoli: Security has been more lenient this year (three weeks instead of two) for students getting in late/quarantined. More gates have been opened. Keep bringing it up.
    - Mueller: HS kids will definitely park there. Needs addressed.
- **New Business:**
  - Alathia Keith nominated herself for VP of Comm & PR. She has a longevity plan for Comm & Pr. A lot of hopes and aspirations for the committee. Excited to learn more about being VP.
  - Why: I struck up a little of a leadership role while there was no VP. My personal life can fit really well with being VP.
  - Rispoli: Social media is the biggest aspect. How do you plan on communicating directly with student body?
  - Keith: Yes. We talked about using the all school email for major news, advocating for other organizations who we sponsor, advertising more events.
  - Hinkle: You said you had some goals, I would like to hear more
  - Keith: Rebrand social media. Listed as a gov. organization, should keep good, formal face. Communication with the student body. Not just sponsoring orgs. but also promoting/engaging with organizations. Help build and strengthen the organization relationships.
  - Keith is dismissed.
  - Motion to be moved to committee of the whole. Seconded.
- **Call to Adjourn**
  - Motioned and seconded at 5:41 pm. Passed 15/0/0

**Next Meeting to be Held:**

**Thursday, 11 February 2021**

**4:30 pm**

**FSC Ballroom**



**Student Government  
Association**