

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Gustavus Adolphus College
Monday, March 14, 2011

- I. Call to Order** by President Thayer 7:01
- II. Attendance by Administrative Director, Alison Hoffman**
- III. Approval of Minutes from March 07, 2011**
 - a. Move to vote, none nay, motion passes
- IV. Community Comment**
- V. Appointments**
 - a. Prairie View Apartments – none
 - b. Residential Off Campus x2 – none
 - c. Junior Class Representative – none
 - d. Sohre Hall Representative - none
 - e. Technologies Director – Anthony Adams
 - i. Candidate Presents
 - Adams: Taken classes on web design, currently manages a website for an author that was on the today show, is a consultant for the bookmark for anything technology related. Produces videos, newsletters, puts videos on the web during the summer. Has three cell phones, can access computer from anywhere in world. Has new ideas for the position from the initial meeting he had with co-presidents as far at transparency, accountability and reaching out to public. We have a radio station for Gustavus that isn't used, would like to utilize that more for Senate discussions. Hoping to work with cabinet members to better the position and Senate as a whole.
 - ii. Questions
 - Nowariak: Can we see the website you manage?
 - a. Adams: feistylydia.com
 - iii. Discussion (candidate leaves the room)
 - iv. Move to vote, division, 8:3, motion passes
 - f. Public Relations Chair – Hallie Martin
 - i. Candidate Presents
 - Works for Marketing and communications, understands how Gustavus handles it and sells themselves, feels like she has an eye for it.

ii. Questions

- Gust: Big shoes to fill, what are your ideas to take on the position
 - a. Getting the name out there, focusing on media relations
- Nowariak: What is your job with media services
 - a. Photography intern, works with many of their sites where designers can pull different things for brochures for prospective students, also helps with photos for profiles on website and the Weekly, helped design a Christmas card
- Helt: What do you think is the campus perspective of Senate
 - a. Seems like a fun thing to get involved in but had no idea how to get involved- demonstrates the lack of knowledge around campus.
- Hagadorn: Are you aware of the responsibilities
 - a. Just what the co-presidents have told me, haven't seen many shitter chatters, could work on that
- Gust: What other roles do you have at GAC
 - a. Gustie Greeter, Gustavus Youth Outreach, Chapel Apprentice
- Hagadorn: Will you be able to make cabinet meetings on Wednesdays (the same day greeters meet)
 - a. Will most likely be able to work something out

iii. Discussion (Candidate leaves the room)

iv. Move to vote, none nay, motion passes

VI. Co-President Update / Activity

- a. Have been taking Cabinet minutes, posted on the internal senate website, will resend out the link for that website, Hoffman will e-mail out cabinet minutes every week via e-mail as well.
- b. Want Pub committee open to the student body, with voting members from faculty
- c. Next Meeting with Ohle cancelled- out of town
- d. Activity

VII. Old Business

a. Campus Safety Escort System

- i. Gust: Now both systems are running at once, one campus safety driver is running the set route, and one is dial a ride. Eppies fraternity tried to implement an escort system but it was stopped by administration. Has a meeting set up this week so will have another update next Monday. Timetable has changed in light of recent assaults, not sure if this is how it is going stay or not. Biggest question is going to be to what extent people are using one service vs. the other.

- ii. Tessmer: Agrees Campus Safety should go back to dial a ride, but cautions using the assaults as political capital to get the system switched back, there are other reasons that can be touched on.
 - Gust: they made the switch at least temporarily 100% because of the assaults.
- iii. Helt: Don't think its wrong to say we were concerned about this before and even more concerned about it now. If they are doing it now why not continue it long term?

b. Compost Committee

- i. Skjerping: committee was in haiatus for a bit, Ohle would like to see a resolution passed, supports the idea of composting on campus, committee will get together to draft a resolution and present it first Monday after spring break. A student at large is working on this for a class project, will be getting a lot of numbers out of that about costs, etc. There are a lot of feasible options with a low price. A survey was sent out, 300- 400 responded, more than 90% are in favor. All data will be attached to the resolution.

VIII. New Business

a. Bylaws and Constitution

i. Article II – Meetings and Attendance 3)

- Currently says:

3) All Cabinet members and Senators must attend at least eighty percent of full Senate meetings each semester unless a prior attendance policy has been approved by the Ethics Committee.

- Amend to say:

3) All Cabinet members and Senators may miss no more than 3 full Senate meetings each semester and attend all J-term meetings unless a prior attendance policy has been approved by the Ethics Committee.

- Bryz-Gornia: If you miss the first meeting you're at 0% and can technically be impeached.
- Discussion:
 - a. Nowariak: Cabinet members should have an attendance policy as well as senators, worth looking at this
 - b. Lundborg: doesn't see a need to change it to say "3 full senate meetings", not necessary
 - c. Jessye: its confusing about how many you can miss if we go by the 80% rule
 - d. Helt: excused vs. un-excused absences should be indicated
 - e. Gust: weary of the fact this doesn't address excuse vs. unexcused
 - f. Gust Calls to question, Skjerping seconds, passes
- Move to vote to consider, motion passes

ii. Article II – Meetings and Attendance 4)

- Amend to add:

4) All Cabinet members may miss no more than 3 Cabinet meetings each semester and shall attend all J-term meetings unless a prior attendance policy has been approved by the Ethics Committee.

- Bryz-Gornia: Haven't had a documented attendance policy, it was just expected, but this puts it in writing and clears up confusion.
- Discussion
 - a. Gust calls to question, Skjerpig seconds, passes
- Move to vote to consider, motion passes

iii. Mistake in Constitution numbering

- Changing to correct numbering: (8,8,9,10) to (8, 9, 10, 11)
- Move to vote to consider this change a grammatical change, no nay, no abstentions, motion passes
- Move to vote to make the grammatical change, requires 2/3, none nay, motion passes

iv. Excused vs. Un-excused Absences

- Tessmer charges ethics committee to draft bylaws concerning excused and un-excused absences

b. Fair Trade Apparel (Halvorson)

- i. Halvorson: There are hundreds of colleges that get fair-trade school clothing, the Bookmark doesn't have fair-trade apparel.
- ii. Ostendorf: All about this, Diversity committee could work on it or do we want a separate committee?
- iii. Schmitt moves to charge Fair Trade Apparel Project to Diversity committee, Flannery seconds
 - Discussion
 - a. Gust: doesn't it cost more? What are the implications? If it's a substantial increase in prices, would be against it.
 - b. Nowariak: just adding the option
 - Move to vote to charge Diversity Committee, one nay, motion passes

IX. Announcements

- a.** West: Gus Bus runs on Thursday (St. Patrick's day) Spread the word, its still cold out, it's a very popular off-campus day
- b.** Flannery: Building Bridges – went very well
- c.** Curriculum Committee – Lundborg
 - i.** Met last Friday, they talked about J-term classes that would count towards majors, will got to the faculty at large, would be happy to get feedback from senators on the issue
- d.** Special Projects Committee – Lundborg
 - i.** Has a huge list of things, could use more members
- e.** Tessmer: Bic a brother going on this week, started the day at \$17, during this meeting was bumped to second place, will be shaving head, so will Josh Sande.
- f.** Tessmer: Mark Braun was selected to be next provost, already had a faculty express concerns, underclassmen watch out for that, lots of fun things happen when provost is involved
- g.** Tessmer: New Dean of Students, Gustie Grad, Dierdre loves her, she's down with the pub
- h.** Thayer: keep MAPCS dates in mind, will be needing help
- i.** Adams: Virtual wellness program, a monthly magazine sent to different schools, each school gets a few pages, currently Gustavus has one and plans on continuing it to next year, they may be needing a student representative soon.
- j.** Flannery: April 7 Day at the capital, buses leave 8 AM, get breakfast, lunch and dinner, all expenses paid, lobby for the state grant program, kick off rally the Tuesday before
- k.** Thayer: this Friday admissions event, need to have a representative there to maintain space in the gustie den. Joey and Tasha first shift, Claire and Thayer second shift. Prospective students may potentially have a "passport" for you to put stickers on.
- l.** Ostendorf: has two openings on diversity committee

X. Motion to Adjourn by Lundborg, Schmitt seconds, 8:55PM