

Student Senate Meeting Minutes  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Monday, March 21, 2011

- I. **Call to Order** by President Thayer 7:05
- II. **Attendance by Administrative Director, Alison Hoffman**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2011**
  - a. Move to vote, none nay, motion passes
- IV. **Community Comment**
  - a. none
- V. **Appointments**
  - a. Prairie View Apartments – none
  - b. Residential Off Campus x2 – none
    - i. Potential Candidate is present, wants to observe before deciding
    - ii. Nowariak moves to suspend the rules to save this appointment for later in the meeting, Gust seconds
      - Lundborg: Will you make your decision by end of meeting?
      - Rep: May need more time
      - Lundborg: Not a decision to run into lightly
      - Sande: Let's not suspend and just wait until next meeting
      - Move to vote, all nay, fails
  - c. Junior Class Representative – none
  - d. Sohre Hall Representative – none
  - e. Norelius Hall Representative – Margarita Novack
    - i. Served in Highschool govt for four years, loves to make a difference in the community and school, could make a great addition to Senate: leadership, commitment, passion
    - ii. Questions
      - Gust: You must still keep up SAL
      - Gust: What other orgs?
        - a. MPACT, GACTV
    - iii. Discussion (Candidate leaves room)
    - iv. Move to vote, motion passes, Novack elected Norelius Representative

## VI. Finance

### a. Model UN

- i. Hirdler: They want funding for a trip to go to a conference in April, Finance committee recommended 0 because they maxed out the requirements of the guidelines of the bylaws already this year.
- ii. Model UN Presents
  - Going to a conference is the main thing they do. It's a great opportunity for students interested in world politics. Requesting \$500 for registration fees, \$1,260 total
  - Hirdler: Have you fundraised?
    - a. Model UN: Will be fundraising in many ways, following up on a few, but at this time have \$300 fundraised
  - Hirdler: Cost includes faculty advisor?
    - a. Model UN: Yes
- iii. Lundborg moves to fund registration \$500, Nowariak seconds
  - Nowariak: The contingency fund is large, it's the students' money, but they have already maxed out their transportation expenses. \$500 is a lot of money but comfortable giving it.
  - Gust: They are maxed out. Having money left over doesn't mean some groups just get funded more. Bylaws says nothing about that. Can't give one group money and another group no money. Opens the door for people to come over and ask for money over the limit we have set. It is important for Senate to have stability or credibility will go out the window. We need to follow the bylaws.
  - Lundborg: This group's primary function is to go to these conferences. Has no problem funding them to fulfill their primary function. The reason the finance guidelines have that recommendation is because they were written two years ago when Senate had more money. This is a group that deserves to be funded.
  - Prince: Bylaws were written as guidelines, we don't need to be held strictly to them. There is a reason we have a clause that says Senate can overrule the Finance committee's recommendation. Allows us greater freedom and group's greater freedom allowing them to know what to expect. They have done very good job fundraising and have in the past. We should fund them.
  - Hagadorn: Previously we haven't funded groups because Senate was the first place they came for funding and we gave them suggestions of people to ask before coming back to Senate
  - Hirdler: This is a successful group, but doesn't think we should fund in full. They should pay a little out of pocket to go because they are maxed out but we can still go over and above the guidelines

- Helt: This is a group that is competing just like a club sport winning awards, we do give club sports more money, exceeding the boundaries of the classroom, should fund in full
- Bryz-Gornia: We are just subsidizing, they are only asking for part of what they need
- Model UN: There are other schools that have it as an actual class and the school then pays their expenses. In last three years have been able to fund everything but food. Would lose members if it became an expensive group to be a part of.
- Nowariak: What do you get out of the conferences and what do you bring back to school
  - a. Model UN: It's an amazing experience, hard to describe. As a physics major can find out about a country in a way that they wouldn't before. Has met great people at the conferences, making connections with people across the nation. Opportunity to learn about public speaking, people get experience talking in front of a body. Sinking your teeth into the problems the world is facing.
- Nowariak: Seems very worthwhile.
  - a. Calls to question, Hoppe seconds,
  - b. Move to vote, motion passes
- Move to vote to fund \$500 for registration, one nay, motion passes

**iv. Budget Discussion Continues**

- Gust: SAO doesn't distinguish between student organizations. We can't sit here and decide which deserve more money than others until SAO says some deserve more merit than others. This money will be rolled to next year if it isn't spent. There are groups out there that want to spend members to conferences. If we extend above our bylaws now, very uncomfortable doing that. When we can't afford to give groups money, wants it to be because the pot is too small, not because we funded other groups more than the guidelines allow. As wonderful as the opportunity sounds, there are a million wonderful opportunities out there. If we want to change the guidelines we can change the bylaws. Funding this is fair.
- Lundborg calls to question, Nowariak seconds
  - a. Move to vote, none nay, motion passes

v. Move to fund \$500 total, 9 yes 2 no, motion passes ***SEE ROLL CALL VOTE 1***

**b. Appointment of Lundborg to Finance Committee**

- i. Hirdler: Opening on Finance committee, Lundborg responded. He should be appointed because he is the only one who applied, got through the process last year, and because he talks a lot on the floor.
- ii. Nowariak moves to appoint, Nelson seconds

**iii. Candidate Speaks**

- Lundborg: Growing up has always wished to allocate a large sum to organizations, trained well for this moment, heart is in the right place, loves the body so much. Plenty of experience, will show up to all the meetings, has already been showing up to many.

**iv. Move to vote, none nay, motion passes**

**c. Appointment of Novack to Finance Committee**

**i.** Hirdler: Was a student at large, now that she's on Senate would like to re-appoint her to the committee as a senator

**ii.** Nelson moves to appoint, Gust seconds

**iii. Discussion:**

- Lundborg: We should consider getting more students at large instead of senators on this important committee.
- Novack: Will play a better role now as a part of Senate, has been on the committee all year now, understands how things work now. Shouldn't add a new member right before the peak finance season.
- Adams: It's a SAL position that has been vacated. We should give notice to the student body before we fill it. It would be better to hold off. Yes she is qualified but that position was once filled by a student at large, different mindset.
- Hirdler: Finance committee has to have six members, atleast four must be senators, says bylaws
- Prince: She has made a great committee member, but this is a valuable opportunity to get another student involved. SAL have always played a huge role on the committee, there has always been two, it has sometimes been a valuable stepping stone into Senate for some members. Any senator can attend the meetings if they want to, can have their opinions heard even if not a member. Thinks we should wait a week.
- Nowariak: Loves tradition, we have always had two students at large. Wants to know the mindset of student at large.
  - a.** Massey: SAL on finance committee. Plays a key role making sure Senate and the committee can explain decisions to the students in a way that makes sense. There are a lot of things about Senate that don't make sense unless you sit in this room. It is very important to have outside input because need a clear way to communicate to people outside of Senate.
  - b.** Novack: Hates to be biased towards any organization, that was key being a freshmen student at large. My approach was being fair to all organizations. Everyone should have the same opportunity to be the best organization they can be. Senate's role is to help students. By waiting a week, a new student will be stepping into a very hectic role as next week is finance request deadline. Loves being on the committee, but doesn't want to take the opportunity away from another student.

- Gust: We just made a decision about not needing outside input when deciding finance funding. Outside input is crucial. Perspectives change going from an outside student to being a Senate member, allegiances change. This is a wonderful time to explore what was just passed. We shouldn't just be making these decisions as Senators. We shouldn't fill finance committee with six senators. Holding off for a week still means a new person with new input and a fresh ear.
  - Bryz-Gornia: it's the sheep that is appointing the wolves to this position. Senators amongst ourselves have different opinions and views within the committee itself. Five senators on the committee, a lot of opinions are still on the table. Would entertain motion to call to question.
  - Adams: Senators can attend any meetings they want.
  - Hirdler: SAL is important but spring budgeting process starts tonight and would like a trained member
  - Schmitt: Agrees, do we really want to train in another student. She's going to bring same views, she just got elected, won't be corrupted yet.
  - Nelson: How many students out there actually see the difference, they just see that they are on the committee.
    - a. Calls to question, Hoppe seconds, two nay
- iv. Move to vote, 7 yes 1 no 3 abstain, motion passes **SEE ROLL CALL VOTE 2**

**d. Finance Committee Recommendation Limit Next Year**

- i. Hirdler: Estimated students who will come here (2,450), multiplied by student govt fee, asks \$185,000 for Finance committee to be able to recommend to next year, still has a buffer but small buffer than last year.
- ii. Discussion
  - Bryz-Gornia: Why would we need a buffer?
    - a. Terrified to see contingency fund go into the red
  - Massey: That doesn't include roll over from this year?
    - a. No.
  - Lundborg: Why the smaller buffer?
    - a. We are in a safer spot with a larger contingency fund this year
  - Lundborg: Likes being more conservative in this area because don't think we should get into debt. If we have more money next year that's not a problem.
- iii. Lundborg motions to approve, Gust seconds
- iv. Move to vote, none nay, passes

**VII. Five Minute Recess 8:39**

- a. Lundborg moves to extend meeting until end of agenda, Nelson seconds
  - i. Hirdler: Its midterms this week, can we push bylaws until after spring break?

- ii. Gust: Can we just postpone bylaws and go right to new business?
  - iii. Bryz-Gornia: If we don't deal with it tonight there will be more when come back.
  - iv. Move to vote, one nay, passes
- b. Lundborg moves to table bylaws until next full senate meeting, Gust seconds
- i. Schmitt: Lets get them over with
  - ii. Gust: We know there will be a lot of discussion and it may be best to discuss bylaws when our minds are more attentive
  - iii. Sande: Agrees.
  - iv. Ostendorf: Just because it's a bylaw doesn't mean we have to assume there will be a four hour long discussion, its not productive
  - v. Hirdler: can we please not debate debating
  - vi. Nowariak, Gust calls to questions, passes
  - vii. Move to vote to table, motion passes

## VIII. Old Business

- a. **Bylaws** Tabled until next full senate meeting

## IX. New Business

- a. **Special Projects Committee** – Jacob Lundborg

- i. Lundborg: Requirement that groups must pay S&S to man their event
- ii. Hirdler: Yes, it college won't let group have an event without an officer, the college should be paying the officer, not the group
- iii. Nowariak: Agrees, kudos to committee for taking this on
- iv. Gust: Talk to ray right off the bat, very open

- b. **Removal of Lion Head** – Eric Halvorson

- i. There are strong opinions out there, should look into it
- ii. Gust: the lion is going out because of dizzy debacle perhaps?
- iii. Thayer: technical athletic department owned the rights to it, moving in different direction (shield) now no one will be able to use the lion. Perhaps students can adopt the rights to the lion?
- iv. Nelson: Someone told her the shield is temporary until they find new symbol
- v. Adams: The issue can be solved by the student body acquiring the rights, but if don't have the rights things could be bad. Begin negotiation with athletics department and marketing.
- vi. Lundborg: we should clear up the rumors for the students. Would be willing to charge his Special Projects Committee.

- Motions to form Gustavus Save the Lion Committee, Nowariak seconds
- Move to vote, passes, Halvorson and Hoppe to co-chair, report to West

**c. Technology Topics – Anthony Adams**

- i.** Computers used by Senate should be updated, to acquire a computer for Senate would come out of our budget
- ii.** Hirdler: work with co-president elects on budget for next year
- iii.** Should switch senate computers to macintosh in the Senate office with dual boot system
- iv.** Nowariak: Mac is greatest operating system
- v.** Gust: Likes PC
- vi.** Adams: Not everyone knows how to use the microphone or web design, anyone interested in learning, great to put on resume, Gustavus provides all students own webpage, willing to train in tech sessions for anyone interested
- vii.** Thayer: perhaps everyone on Senate should create their own homepage
- viii.** Adams: Agenda will be switched to google so people can upload their own things to the agenda. Check out google calendar. Will be doing 5 minute tutorials during meetings.

**X. Announcements**

**a. Administrative Director – Alison Hoffman**

- i.** Side Convos need to stop, nametags will be randomly placed next meeting for seating assignments
- ii.** Computers will no longer be allowed on the Senate floor unless given prior permission from Administrative Director or Co-Presidents, including Cabinet member computers. Controller/ Finance may have a computer open during Finance only.
- iii.** Leaving during meeting unacceptable
  - Notifications of leaving early to Hoffman. Do not expect the meetings will end early enough for you to meet other obligations. Always give notification of your possible absence before 12 PM.
  - Excuses are required for absences, don't just send an email to Hoffman saying you won't be there
- iv.** Faculty Reports
  - Due Friday at 3 pm
  - Absence if late and additional one for every week late
- v.** Event reports for Fall Semester events needed, no deadline. Required by bylaws, will be good to have on record for next year notes on events that have previously been funded over \$2000.
  - Our Story Conference (PASO) - Ostendorf
  - Can I Kiss You (P.A.) - Gust
  - Fall Midnight Express (P.A.) - Lundborg
  - Kwanzaa (PASO) – Ostendorf

- b. Nelson: Day at the Capital April 7, sign up on the Gustavus homepage
- c. Hirdler: I heart female orgasm is tomorrow
- d. Hoppe: Now in charge of doing the Shitter Chatter instead of Stetson
- e. Lundborg: Special Projects committee could use more members
- f. Hagadorn: Fleeces – who opposed having something on the back and the front? Will be making two designs
- g. Bryz-Gornia: opening on ethics committee
- h. Gust: transport committee is putting together final proposal for change in the escort system, has template drawn up to discuss tomorrow
- i. Hirdler: Finance process has started, finance committee is tabling this year, next three days 5-7 pm and M, T W when back from break. This Thursday is the last educational meeting that is required by SAO of any group asking for money from Senate. Expecting around 60 groups to show up.
- j. Dierdre: Will be a full time PHD student at the Ohio state university next year!
- k. Ostendorf: Has two spots on diversity committee. Gustavus rugby beat Winona this past weekend, and tied a women’s club team. Thanks for funding a club sport.

**XI. Meeting Adjourned**

<b>Roll Call Votes 3/21/2011</b>			
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Model UN</b>	<b>Novack- Finance</b>
<b>Flannery, Jessica</b>	<i>Complex</i>	-	-
<b>Gust, Blake</b>	<i>Sophomore Class</i>	N	N
<b>Hagadorn, Casey</b>	<i>First Year Rep</i>	Y	Y
<b>Hoppe, Sam</b>	<i>Pittman Hall</i>	Y	Y
<b>Lawant, Julia</b>	<i>International Rep</i>	-	-
<b>Lundborg, Jacob</b>	<i>International Center</i>	Y	Abstain
<b>May, Zoe</b>	<i>Norelius Hall</i>	Y	Y
<b>Nelson, Megan</b>	<i>Rundstrom</i>	Y	Y
<b>Novack, Margarita</b>	<i>Norelius Hall</i>	N	-
<b>Nowariak, Joey</b>	<i>Senior Class Rep</i>	Y	Abstain
<b>Russell, Emmett</b>	<i>Complex</i>	Y	Y
<b>Sagstuen, Claire</b>	<i>Southwest Hall</i>	Y	Y
<b>Sande, Josh</b>	<i>Uhler Hall</i>	Y	Abstain
<b>Schmitt, Andrew</b>	<i>Arbor View</i>	Y	Y
<b>Skjerpig, Sean Cain</b>	<i>College View</i>	-	-
	<i>Praire View</i>		
	<i>Residential -Off Campus</i>		
	<i>Sohre Hall</i>		
	<i>Residential -Off Campus</i>		
	<i>Junior Class Rep</i>		