

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Gustavus Adolphus College
Monday, April 04, 2011

- I. Call to Order** by President Tessmer 7:04
- II. Attendance by Administrative Director, Alison Hoffman**
- III. Approval of Minutes from March 21, 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
 - c. Junior Class Representative – none
 - d. Sohre Hall Representative – none
- VI. Finance**
 - a. Quiz Bowl**
 - i. Kunz – new organization, need starter pack. Right now they are just going online which isn't helpful because questions not presented in the same way. Figure they can re-use the starter pack in coming use. The thing about the lock-out system is that they can get in some tournaments for cheaper if they have their own system
 - ii. Rep – The lock-out system would be very helpful to help them prepare. The starter pack has 52 packets in them and range from easy to difficult.
 - iii. Questions – none
 - iv. Move to vote, passes
 - b. MPACT**
 - i. Hirdler: speaker request for men can stop rape, they want to do an educational next Wednesday. Asked for \$3000, costs \$4000 had already fundraised \$1000 before break. Recommends funding in full for
 - ii. Representative: Have raised more since break, Senate will get the money back for the funds they raise that Senate has already funded. Speaker will stay here in guest house for free.
 - iii. Lundborg moves to fund \$1850 instead of \$3000, Gust seconds
 - Prince: what does transportation cost look like?
 - a. Rep: Have to pay for airfare, don't have exact quote yet.

- Prince: what is their transportation budget at?
 - a. Kunz: can't because its DLC
- Prince: Without the airfare it doesn't happen, might as well be part of the speaker fee. Should raise this amount funded to make sure that this event happens.
- Flannery: Transportation and costs for them to be on campus should be funded in the speaker cost not as part of the individual group's transportation budget. Vote this down.
- Hirdler: Airfare from Ohio is 300-400, the finance recommendation doesn't include transportation
- Nowariak moves to increase to \$2,850, Hoppe seconds
 - a. Lundborg: think \$1000 for transportation is a little high, maybe a smaller increase, especially since don't have to pay for lodging
 - b. Gust: When would we get the money back?
 - i. Hirdler: June 1st
 - c. Gust: Is there an exact cost for the speaker?
 - i. Rep: \$4000
 - ii. Tessmer: haven't booked the plane ticket yet
 - d. Gust: If we're getting money back, we should maybe demand the specifics from this group that we have from other groups
 - e. Flannery: This is still less than the committee recommended
 - f. Prince: we should make an exception about requiring details in this case given the recent occurrences.
 - g. Sam calls to question, Nowariak seconds
 - i. Move to vote, passes
 - h. Move to vote to amend the motion
 - i. None nay, motion passes
- Novack: MPACT does these sorts of things all the time even without the events that have occurred. They are still looking for more money to be fundraised and if that happens they will give money back to us. It's a win-win.

iv. Move to vote to allocate \$2,850, none nay, passes

c. Men's Ultimate Frisbee

- i. Hirdler: Finance committee recommends \$316 in full because we want Senate to move forward and change the policy so that if the college wants and officer at an event the college should have to pay for it
 - Lundborg: It seemed that officers weren't normally required for this type of event but it is required now due to past events

- Gust: Due to past events involving non-Gustavus students
- Lundborg: If I invite a friend from off-campus into my room and they break something I'm still liable. Wondering what the feeling is about the fact that we are basically paying for men's ultimate frisbee because they screwed up.
- Hoppe: Were they supposed to come tonight
 - a. Hirdler: yes but they haven't shown up
- Skjerpjng: All this happened before we were here, still have to have an officer even though nothing bad has happened in 4 years.
- Ostendorf: Other groups use the officer more than ultimate Frisbee people do on the same day last year.
- Lundborg: S&S officer are required at dive events that groups put on, but this is a special case
- Nowariak: This event is great publicity for Gustavus, great event, until the college covers the cost we have to
 - a. Calls to question, Skjerpjng seconds
- ii. Move to vote to fund \$316.00, none nay, motion passes

VII. Co-President Elect Report

- a. Prince: Cabinet applications are going out tonight. They will be due on April 23 and will do interviews that next week. Will have the cabinet chosen by end of the month. Will be including past position holders in the interview process because they have unique insights and can help interview potential future cabinet members. If cabinet members are looking to fill the position again they will not be used in the interview process.

VIII. Old Business

a. Bylaws

i. Article III – Meetings and Attendance

- 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 unless a prior attendance policy has been approved by the Ethics Committee.*
- Discussion:
 - a. Bryz-Gornia: if you miss the first meeting you could technically be impeached because that's 80%, so we want to change it to 3

- b. Lundborg: I read it as 80% of all the meetings that are scheduled for that semester. Doesn't have a better idea though.
 - c. Gust: How many meetings did we have first semester?
 - i. 11 meetings
 - ii. Gust: so this holds us to a lower standard, maybe we should tally this up at the end of the semester, votes against this, brings up more problems
 - d. Flannery: In favor, the number of meetings fluctuates, some people do the math wrong, would be confusing to have a different policy between semesters
 - e. Schmitt: we tell people its three meetings, lets put it in a bylaw
 - i. Calls to questions, Nowariak seconds, passes
- Move to vote, 11- 2, motion passes - **SEE ROLL CALL VOTE #1**

ii. Article III – Meetings and Attendance 3)

- Currently Says:

3) All Cabinet members and Senators may miss no more than 3 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.

- Discussion:

- a. Bryz-Gornia: School is still in session during J-term, reason enough for Senate to still have to meet. J-term is great time to make progress on committee work.
- b. Lundborg: the J-term meetings themselves were poorly attended and would have been very boring if we didn't have gusbus to talk about. We need to address J-term in a reasonable fashion. Would like to see a separate bylaw.
- c. Hoppe: What if you are studying abroad? Agrees with previous speaker.
- d. Thayer: The wording for "J-term" isn't what school calls it, and also school might be getting rid of it all together so maybe use "interim term". Also roads are really bad during January and its dangerous to drive from the cities. Likes the idea of having one meeting during January.
 - i. Lundborg: "January Interim Experience"

- e. Flannery: Not planning on taking a J-term next year and will not be on campus, are those absences going to be excused?
 - i. Bryz-Gornia: Can't speak for next year's committee.
 - f. Flannery: Too many loopholes, don't like this amendment
 - g. Nowariak: Not the right bylaw, lets make a mental note to come back and make it the right bylaw
 - h. Prince: According to the constitution we have to hold a meeting every Monday, that includes J-term, which means we technically are supposed to have four meetings during January. There are many things we need to talk about regarding J-Term.
 - i. West: We should write a new one but maybe not the best idea to try to write it on the floor
 - j. Tessmer: In past have gotten around the bylaw by president walking into the room and calling meeting to order and don't have quorum, no absences count.
 - k. Gust: If we think it's a great time for committee work, its also a great time for meetings. All for J-term meetings, if youre going to be gone, should file a prior report to the ethics committee.
 - l. Sande calls to question, Skjerping seconds
 - i. motion passes
- Move to vote, roll call 1-11, motion fails - **SEE ROLL CALL VOTE #2**

iii. Article III – Meetings and Attendance

- 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.*
- Lundborg: moves to amend to strike “and shall attend all j-term meetings” from just before “unless”, Hoppe seconds
 - a. No discussion
 - b. Move to vote, all yes, motion passes
 - 4) All Cabinet members may miss no more than 3 Cabinet meetings each semester unless a prior attendance policy has been approved by the Ethics Committee.*
- Discussion:
 - a. Lundborg: perhaps this shouldn't be under the ethics bylaws but under the administrative director's duties.

- Gust: What sets you apart besides you ombudsman experience?
 - a. Experience with Senate positions and communicating with cabinet. Has overseen the ethics committee during a very difficult year. Has the perseverance and commitment to stick with Senate when things weren't going so well.
 - Lundborg moves to suspend rules to return to nominations, Gust seconds
 - a. Move to vote, motion fails
- iv. Discussion about the candidates

X. *Gust moves to extend the meeting until business is complete, Hoppe seconds*

- a. Move to vote, motion passes

XI. New Business (Continued)

a. Ombudsperson elections (Continued)

- i. Discussion (continued)
- ii. Move to vote, Lundborg requests secret ballot, Clark Kampfe elected 2011-2012 Ombudsperson

b. D-Week Help Sign-Up

- i. Ostendorf: Sign up sheet for all events during D-Week, help DLC with whatever they need help with, and just to be there is a good way to show senate support.

XII. Announcements

a. Faculty Reports Collection and Discussion – Alison Hoffman

- i. Hagadorn: Talked with Philly Kaufman about alumni event with past members of Senate, they would be willing to work with us.
- ii. Flannery: talked with Kate Knutson, there needs to be a better communication between us and the student body, wants us to reach out more but didn't have any suggestions
- iii. Lundborg: Talker with obermueller about J-term, concerned that the proposed changes might push students away from options to study abroad.
- iv. Hoppe: Talked with Huff, concern about communication with the student body.
- v. Gust: Talked with Megan Ruble today and she is very interested in the upcoming budgeting process because each chapter is going to be coming in individually from now on.
- vi. Sande: Talked with coach, he wants more communication with faculty

b. Anthony Adams

- i. Senate Website
- ii. Internal Website
 - Google.gac.edu
 - Sign in with your Gustavus login and password
 - Click on Sites
 - Click on Student Senate
- iii. Brand new Mac computer in Senate office – be respectful of it

c. Sande: Anthony is doing a great job

d. Thayer: MAPCS meet afterwards,

e. Nelson: Clean up after yourself in meetings

f. Flannery: Day at the Capitol is Thursday, more senators should sign up to go. Kick off is tomorrow night in the banquet rooms where we teach you what to do. There's a link at the bottom of the home page. There's also an early bus coming back at 1 if you still want to go.

g. Hirdler: Wednesday night at midnight is finance deadline, after that every organization has to sign up for a timeslot to talk to finance committee. Tomorrow and Wednesday tabling outside the gustie den.

XIII. Meeting Adjourned 9:59

Roll Call Votes 4/04/2011				
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		Article III 3)	Article III 3)	Article III 4)
Flannery, Jessica	<i>Complex</i>	Y	N	Y
Gust, Blake	<i>Sophomore Class</i>	N	Y	Y
Hagadorn, Casey	<i>First Year Rep</i>	Y	N	Y
Hoppe, Sam	<i>Pittman Hall</i>	Y	N	Y
Lawant, Julia	<i>International Rep</i>	Y	N	Y
Lundborg, Jacob	<i>International Center</i>	N	N	N
May, Zoe	<i>Norelius Hall</i>	Y	N	Y
Nelson, Megan	<i>Rundstrom</i>	Y	N	Y
Novack, Margarita	<i>Norelius Hall</i>	Y	N	Y
Nowariak, Joey	<i>Senior Class Rep</i>	Y	-	-
Russell, Emmett	<i>Complex</i>	-	-	-
Sagstuen, Claire	<i>Southwest Hall</i>	-	-	-
Sande, Josh	<i>Uhler Hall</i>	Y	N	Y
Schmitt, Andrew	<i>Arbor View</i>	Y	N	Y
Skjerpig, Sean Cain	<i>College View</i>	Y	N	Y
RESULTS:		PASSES	FAILS	PASSES