**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**November 23, 2015**

Co-president Rasmussen calls the meeting to order at 7:00

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What are you most excited about Thanksgiving Break?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 11/16/15**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

Sauvé: I move to extend the meeting no further than 8:45

Seconded by Hinnenkamp

**Discussion:**

Sauvé: It’s because of the vigil that will be held tonight in the Chapel at 9pm.

**Vote**

**Motion fails**

1. **Finance**
	1. **Russian Club**

Schmitz: We have the Russian Club: they need funding for food.

Gunnigle: The Russian club hosts a monthly tea held for the public. In the spirit of the holiday, the club is planning on making blinis for the December tea. The money provided by Senate would allow us to buy the ingredients and then make blinis for our guests. We are asking for food because food is cultural. It will give some Russian cultural perspectives and it will be open to the whole Gustavus community. It also encourages an open dialogue about the Russian culture.

**Questions:**

None

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: This is common for the Committee to do this.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. **Committee Updates**
	1. **Technology**

Mueller: I am looking into the possibility of having our IDs on our phones.

* 1. **Student & Academic Affairs**

Ostberg: We have been in the process of sending an e-mail to the student body about voting registration; contacting Mankato Senate about Zip car, Health insurance for non Varsity Athletes, Fair Trade, Safe Rides vehicle.

* 1. **Ethics**

Svendsen: We are looking into filling the mid-term vacancy. We already have applications in. We have been looking over the resolution, we’re also working into making our document gender neutral.

* 1. **Panzer:** We are exchanging e-mails about the GusBus for Wednesday with the concerned entity.
1. **Unfinished Business**
	1. **Resolution**

Panzer: I had a few comments on the resolution. We decided to come with this from our cabinet meeting. It makes discussion simple.

If you want to change the introductory e-mail, feel free to do it.

3 comments:

1. This doesn’t connect with any ongoing event (it’s broadly stated).
2. Students’ experiences (bias and discrimination): that’s what we are articulating. Jones can be helpful if you need to know about various of those experiences had by students.
3. It’s the right of the students to alleviate the wellbeing of the community.

Then Panzer reads the Resolution below out loud:

 **From**: Gustavus Adolphus College Student Senate

**Topic**: Student Senate Solidarity with Gustavus Students Experiencing Oppression

“WHEREAS Student Senate is constitutionally charged to uphold the college’s five core

values of Community, Justice, Faith, Excellence, and Service;

WHEREAS Community, Faith, Excellence, and Service cannot truly exist when Justice

is denied;

WHEREAS institutional racism and oppressive systems exist in this nation and in higher

education;

WHEREAS students at Gustavus Adolphus College repeatedly endure bias incidents as

well as countless less obvious acts of oppression based on their identity;

BE IT RESOLVED that Student Senate stands in solidarity with all members of the

Gustavus Community enduring racism and bias in any form;

BE IT RESOLVED that, in the pursuit of Justice, Student Senate calls all members of

the Gustavus Community to engage in (1) thoughtful reflection on privilege, and (2)

participate in conversation regarding how this Community may be excluding oppressed

groups from full acceptance in our Community.”

Rasmussen: This will be treated like a motion being brought on the floor.

**Discussion:**
Luing: I really like this. It’s general and it denounces oppression as a whole. I like that it focuses in bias in all forms. All the words were meticulously chosen.

VanHecke: I’m struggling with the parallel language of the last “Be it Resolved “: could we do (1) engage and then (2) participate?

Roose: I move to make that changement.

Roose: Both pages will be sent to the Student body?

Panzer: Yes

Dix: This is very well done.

Sauvé: I like this Resolution. We should continue throughout the year following through with what we’re stating here.

Muganga: I amend the resolution to add the word “oppression” on the first part of “Be Resolved”.

**Vote (Amendment)**

**Approved**

Sauvé: I move for Roll Call Vote

**Vote**

**Fully Approved by Senators Luing, Hinnenkamp, Roose, Andersen, Gladitsch, Cella, Toeben, Sauvé, AbuEid, Martinez, Lamberty, Antes, Stolt, Haberman, Muganga, Dix, Jagler, Miller.**

1. **New Business**

None

1. **Announcements**

Hinnenkamp:At 9pm in Christ Chapel, we have a vigil for the lives that passed out in the last weeks. Come as you are.

Johnson: If you get questions about RPs concerning your orgs, please put those forms in folders and place them by the Senate office.

Sauvé: It’s Thanksgiving time: if you drink, don’t drive. Young America for Liberty hosted a very successful food drive.

Schmitz: I would like to encourage you to attend discussions like the one that took place on Friday.

Gunnigle: Thanks for funding the Russian Club. We would love to see you attending our event as well.

VanHecke: I would like to encourage Sean to host a candle vigil every Monday night☺

Panzer: As Senator Sauvé said it earlier, we should do what this Resolution calls us to do.

The D-Center has a new assistant director, connect with him. Shout out to Gunnigle and Singh on Saturday performance.

Rasmussen: Take a step back and reflect on all the blessings you have in your life.

Ostberg: Free admission to all MN state parks on Black Friday

\***Meeting Adjourned**