**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**November 9, 2015**

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

1. **Attendance**

**Question of the day:**What class are you more excited about for Spring Semester?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 11/2/15**

Objections about the language by Senator Singh and Speaker Sweet. The Admnistrative Director will make all the requested changes.

**Approved**

1. **Community Comment**

None

1. **Finance**
   1. **Gustavus Pre-Physical/Occupational Therapy**

Schmitz: Kaitlyn Bicek will be speaking for the Club

Bicek: The purpose of the pre-physical therapy and pre-occupational therapy club is to bring pre-OT and pre-PT students together on campus. This club welcomes all students and helps provide information and support to members about various requirements for graduate school. These include: taking the GRE, prerequisites courses, and required shadowing hours. We provide opportunities to members for service opportunities, various speakers, and off-site campus visits. Together we help each other in preparation for our future. Networking is an important goal of this club as well. We strive to make connections that benefit all pre-health students entering graduate professions.

We wanted the speaker Jen Onsum because he will be speaking to us about how different health care providers have impacted your life and advice for us as future health care providers. We will be inviting many groups other than just our club to attend. I am contacting the Pre-Health club, GATA, and the nursing majors and asking them to attend. I will also put the event on the campus events list for the campus public to attend as well.

Schmitz: Our committee approved the budget unanimously.

**Discussion:**

Dix: This a great use of our money because it helps educate students on campus.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Hill Crew**

Schmitz: The group representative hasn’t been able to make it at this time.

Hinnenkamp: I move the discussion after Committee updates.

Seconded by Sweet

**Discussion:**

Hinnenkamp: I don’t see any reason we shouldn’t wait and do this when the concerned is here.

Sauvé: We should move like planned.

**Vote**

**Approved**

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

Mueller: I talked to GTS. Over the summer they worked on the wi-fi system by doubling access points. They will relocate one of the wi-fi points by early December. They are planning on improving wi-fi in Arbor View as well

Wi-fi updates: 7th house with Mediacom, additional access points in Uhler and the Art Building.

* 1. **Student & Academic Affairs**

Ostberg: The Fair Trade will go public in December. The resolution will be sent to the President Cabinet before. I’ve been working on Curriculum ideas with Hinnenkamp; Mirrors in the weight room; potentially offer rent cars service; About TJ Morrison: The Math Department will set up a portrait of him on 3rd floor.

**Questions:**

Panzer: When would you like the resolution to be sent to the student body?

Ostberg: This week works.

* 1. **Ethics**

Svendsen: We are working on language of the by-law: who would take over in case of vacancy rather than absence; it might take a couple weeks maybe closer to Spring Semester. We are also working on making our governing documents gender inclusive.

* 1. **Co-Presidents**

Panzer: Our meetings are too long, and our committees have a lot to juggle. So we’ve been brainstorming how to help make sure our meetings respect all of our time and set ourselves up to do impactful work outside of full meetings.

Each Chair shall:

1) solicit student opinion on issues within his/her jurisdiction;

2) develop and maintain relationships with the college offices to which his/her position pertains;

3) direct committees within his/her jurisdiction;

4) be knowledgeable of college policy within his/her jurisdiction;

5) keep his/her officer notebook up to date including appropriate college office contacts;

6) determine if the senator completed requirements for service on committees within his/her jurisdiction;

7) perform other duties which pertain to the position;

8) may delegate Ad-hoc Committee chairship to any student

**I.Chairs** are the executives of these interest areas, and have the ultimate say over how committees prioritize and act on charges

A.Senate approval will always be sought for:

1.Informative and argumentative statements (i.e. resolutions, formal letters to administrative bodies, etc)

2.Anything that needs funding beyond PR supplies

B.Committees can operate independently of Senate to recommend changes to administrators

1.These sorts of recommendations will be signed from the Committee

2.Chairs should certainly present this work on the floor

a.ex: Chair Panzer reaching out encouraging Dining Services to increase the wage of veteran student caf workers after the minimum wage increased and equalized all wages

C.Senators are on committees to provide oversight

1.Committees should usually vote on any proposal before bringing it to the floor

**II.Senators** can lead their own investigatory work

A.Senator Rasmussen: water bottle filling

B.Senator Dix: visitation hours

**III.Committee charges**, particularly investigatory charges, should be left open to allow the committees flexibility to bring back the best information and recommendations to the full Senate

A.Chairs are in meetings for a reason- to hear the discussion of charges and work with your suggestion

1.Can advise the committee by stating, “I urge the chair” or “I encourage the committee to consider”

B.Focusing them in on a particular method of info collection, administrative audience, etc. makes it very hard for the chairs to pivot to respond to new information and reach out to other groups

1.ex: H&H charged to survey certain halls about water bottle filling stations, received info about timeline of construction and reasons for it, but felt unable to maneuver and work with Physical Plant and other halls to collect more useful information on the topic

**IV.Closing**:

A.Keep the charges coming, but trust the committees on which you serve to

B.When chairs present committee work to the Senate, dig into it- state where you aren’t sure, ask for clarification, call elements of proposal into question

Rasmussen: In our cabinet meeting we talked about student concern reports. If concerns don’t relate to Senate, feel free to recommend students to approach other more related on campus groups.

**b.Hill Crew**

Schmitz: The group focus on sports events. They want to purchase a flag so they can have the Hill Crew feel as one student body as they are cheering on the teams at the games. Having a flag with a logo on it would mean so much to the organization because it shows that they are one student body. They were asking 168.70$ . In the committee we approved it conditionally. They found a good deal of 76.98$ for a different flag. This a good price and this should be encouraged.

**Discussion:**

Hinnenkamp:I move to change line $168.70 by $76,98 on the allocated spot as recommended.

Seconded by Cella

**Vote (Amendment)**

**Approved**

**Discussion:**

Sauvé: I would like to amend to allocate $0. I can’t support this.

Lamberty: They brought a huge crowd to our soccer game. They do a great job.

**Vote (Budget)**

**Approved**

1. **Unfinished Business**
   1. **Columbus Day as well as Indigenous Peoples’ Day**

Rasmussen: Keep in mind what Panzer said in Committee’s updates. A reminder that the discussion is about tabling by the committee.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: I worked with the Chair on this. It is well run.

Svendsen: I spoke with the Chair and I think it’s a great job they are doing. This survey is a proper channel to get the feedback we are looking for.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. **New Business**
2. **Sauvé:** Some of my constituents don’t believe Senate is working properly on Divest. I charge Student and Academic Affairs with looking into what would be the economic outcomes of divesting.

**Seconded by Cell**a

**Discussion:**

Cella: It’s a good charge. It informs Senate and helps know how to act.

Luing: Getting more information is a good thing. I support this.

Gladitsch: It will give us a better picture of what will happen.

**Vote**

**Passes**

1. **Sauvé:** I charge Finance and Student and Academic Affairs to look into how those who signed up as prospective students could know the cost differences all four years and that way plan ahead.

Seconded by Dix

**Discussion:**

Dix: It’s particularly important for incoming students. It gives a vision to one’s decisions.

Miller: It’s worth looking into.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. **Announcements**

**Singh:**Good job on the meeting. Good work Diversity Committee. I encourage senators to go and support events HACO’S this saturday, International Festival next week on Nov 21st. I sent out a DLC survey, check it out. I need them by Saturday. Thanks.

**Hinnenkamp:** Next Saturday, come to Rock for Tots.

**Sauvé:** Young Americans Liberty food drive soon. It’s getting cold, be careful with your drinking and take the GusBus.

**Swenson:** Take your professor to Lunch was launched today. Encourage your constituents to be part of it.

**Sweet:** Neighborhood shirts are being funded by my sorority. If you want one make sure to pre-order one. Next Friday Lineus Show!

**VanHecke:** I’m so pleased to let you know that Kenneth R is our new Assistant Director of the Diversity Center; We anticipate interviews before Thanksgiving about the Director of Diversity Center. I encourage you to participate with your constituents to the interviews.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**