**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**December 14, 2015**

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

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: Will you be here for J-Term?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 11/23/15**

Rasmussen: I would like to change something on the Hill Crew section. It’s marked that what they ordered was a “fake flag” instead of “banner”. I would like that change to be made.

Luing: I move to amend that

Seconded by Sweet

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. **Community Comment**

Paget: We (I and Logan) are here today as representatives of the Minnesota Association of the Private College Students (MAPCS) council. This Association keeps the colleges in MN connected. We are the voice of Gustavus in the Association. Logan is the Chair and I’m the Gustavus connection. We would like to invite the Senators to our Conference on Saturday Feb 13. This Conference will help us know how to create a forum for discussions. It will be at St Thomas and we want at least 10 people to come from Gustavus.

Boese: The registration link will be up soon. And an e-mail will be sent to all the leadership groups on campus. MAPCS has been a big revival. It does a great job in connecting student leaders. Paget and I are available for any questions. If you can like the page on Facebook, that would be great and would help us stay in contact.

Paget: If you have ideas on how forums should be done on campus, feel free to bring any input you might have.

1. **Finance** 
   1. **Quiz Bowl**

Schmitz: Senator Muganga will explain the budget.

Muganga: The team wants to go to represent the school to this Quiz bowl tournament on Feb. 6. There are other 8 Colleges attending it. We are asking for $262,92 (travel, lodging, registration) to make it happen. I am speaking as a member as the Organization.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: They are still under their by-law.

Sauvé: I move to end discussion

Seconded by Luing

**Vote**

**Approved**

**Vote (Budget)**

**Approved**

1. **Unfinished Business**
   1. **Contingency Update: Controller Johnson**

Johnson: As of now, we have $82,823.

* 1. **Committee Updates**
     1. **Public Relations**

Swenson: I’m not here for J-term but my committee will be working on different projects we have.

* + 1. **Health & Housing: Chair Dickey**

Dickey: Today we had kitchen Cabinet and we talked about how water is used on campus. The visitation hours policy still in process, Fair Trade discussions going on. Andrew Jeon is the Heart Safe Champion: he will be working on window decals (AED on site), the bystander training at first-year orientation, coca-cola grant application (for Olin, Old Main, Con-Vic, Carlson) and the tennis bubble staff training.

* + 1. **Diversity: Chair Singh**

Singh: This week I’m going to the President’s Cabinet meeting with both Co-Presidents. We will be going to present our proposal about the second Monday of October.

We’re also introducing a friendship table in the Caf where anybody can come and have constructive conversations.

* + 1. **Ethics**

Svendsen: Ethics is working during J-Term. We will be working on our governing documents to make them gender-inclusive. We will be also working on the Co-Presidential elections…we’re trying to see how to pass a by-law during J-Term to make the Posters’ policy less restrictive.

1. **New Business**
   1. **January Term meetings**

Rasmussen: We are supposed to have meetings during J-Term. But Sam and I won’t be here. Our Administrative Director will be taking over. We will have light agendas given that a good number of students are not on campus.

**Questions:**

Sauvé: Last year, we decided having pluses during J-Term…

Svendsen: The language still says no pluses.

* 1. **Sauvé:** After reviewing our Constitution, I can say that it contains a discriminatory language that states that students must be in academic standing in order to be part of Senate . I charge the Ethics committee to look into this.

**No second**

**Motion fails**

Sauvé: I am shocked. You should be all ashamed for not supporting this.

Dix: I would like to respond to previous speaker. I think we should think about it and not rush on this subject.

Sauvé: We, as a body, shouldn’t be discriminating anybody.

* 1. **Huerta**: We have a problem with the Arbor View wi-fi…what should we do?

Mueller: If there is an issue, GTS will reach out to the people who have those concerns. I will look into it.

1. **Announcements**

**Sweet:** Lineus show tomorrow 9pm in the Caf and a fundraiser for our Annual workshop in Chicago.

Hinnenkamp: The Peer Assistants are putting up as usual the midnight express at 10pm right after Lineus.

Svendsen: I wasn’t here last Monday so welcome to Senator Nelson. Get lots of sleep and drink fluids. Good luck on finals, have a safe and restful break.

Panzer: We presented the student feedback to the SAT. Thanks for all your time and input. I would like also share with you interesting observations I saw in the DLC meeting : they ask very good questions before financing an organization (why they are funding it, who it will benefit,…). I think that’s a great a way of funding organizations.

Rasmussen: Congratulations to Ben Miller (Gustie of the week). Good job to everybody: there was a nice article about Senate in the Weekly. Have a nice break and have fun being here in January.

Sauvé: Pol Sci Cookie bake off going on right now till 9pm.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**