**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**February 8, 2016**

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

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What’s the favorite thing you did this past J-Term?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 1/25/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

1. **Committee Updates**
   1. **Public Chair**

Swenson: We’re getting ready for the Co-presidents election through posters and social media.

* 1. **Health and Housing**

Dickey: The Survey on visitation hours is finalized. We will start looking into that. I’m also meeting with Kitchen Cabinet soon.

* 1. **Finance:**

Schmitz: We’re getting ready for Spring budget but also looking into the omnibus budget.

Rasmussen: All the orgs will come to the last 3 meetings for Spring budgetization.

**Questions:**

Singh: When do the meetings between the orgs with the committee start?

Schmitz: After Spring Break

Gladitsch: Last year, a senator could poll a budget if they thought there was an issue with it. And that’s how we plan to keep it.

* 1. **Ethics**

Svendsen: The Co-Presidents elections are coming soon. Applications went out today and are due next Monday. Thursday 25th 6-7pm in the St Peter Room is the Co-Presidential debate. Tabling for voting on that day. We have a senator’s position open on the committee…if you’re interested, please fill out the application and get it back to me by Thursday night 10pm.

**Questions:**

Panzer: What are senators allowed to do during the campaign period?

Svendsen: As senators, remain neutral in what you say. You can direct people to talking to those who are running but try not to endorse anyone.

* 1. **Technology**

Mueller: I’ve been looking into the wi-fi issue in Arbor View. I have meeting with GTS this week. I will be talking about the ID cards and some specific issues people might be having. Get back to me by Wednesday if you have any suggestions or ideas I should present. I’ll discuss as well about helping people with virtual lab computers.

* 1. **Diversity**

Singh: J-Term was a break. We will start working on the “Bias Intervetion Program” soon.

* 1. **Student and Academic Affairs**

Ostberg: We’re in the process of trying to have Zip car, we’re still investigating on the Divesting impact and we’re finalizing the budget for mirrors in the weight room.

1. **Unfinished Business**

Singh: The board of trustees meeting was great. We talked about the feelings of students, indigenous day, fair trade, the two resolutions on diversity, the visitation policy and the physical disability case. We got one question about the visitation policy where we explained the gender aspect related to the policy.

Johnson: I sent an e-mail to Scott Broady to get access to the names of the leaders of all the orgs in order to make my job easier. I hope to get then all the documents of last semester and keep the contingency updated.

1. **New Business**

Rasmussen: The office hours will be visited next week after we’ve talked about it in Cabinet. If you have any changes you suggest, please bring them next week.

1. **Announcements**

Ngabirano: For senators who were not here during J-Term I will send an e-mail about Faculty Reports. For those who haven’t got them back to me yet, please do so soon.

Panzer: Thanks to Administrative Director Ngabirano for chairing the meetings while we were gone. Sharon and Hubert, thanks also for meeting with the Board of Trustees.

To all the Senate body, if you’re considering running you can talk to Bobby an I and we will help you out as much as we can but we will remain neutral in terms of endorsing anyone.

Hinnenkamp: The PAs are hosting SNL this Saturday: Valentine’s Day.

Johnson: Athletes are playing…please make sure you are there to show your support during various games.

Gunnigle: Intro to Judaism is hosting a Passover dinner on April 20th. You are all welcome.

Swenson: PR members…please meet me after the meeting.

Rasmussen: If you want to switch committees, feel free to talk to us.

Singh: This Saturday there is a MAPCS Conference on Student Activism. I along with others are attending it. If you have questions, you would like us to ask other leaders, feel free to let us know.

Dickey: My committee…meet me after the meeting.

Panzer: G-Choir Concert this Saturday 7:30pm! The Symphony is on Sunday.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**