**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**March 21, 2016**

Co-President Panzer calls the meeting to order at 7:02

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What makes you smile?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 3/14/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

1. **Committee Nominations**
   1. **Ethics**

Svendsen: For the open spot in the committee, we are nominating Senator Nelson. He understands what’s ethics and he’s willing to stand up for what’s right. He’s bringing in a fresh perspective as well

Nelson: Thanks for the nomination. I’m looking forward to getting things done and making a difference. At this point of my career, I feel ready to make my voice heard.

**Discussion:**

Sweet: I’ve had a couple classes with him. He’s very well spoken.

**Vote**

**Senator Nelson Approved**

1. **Finance**
   1. **Student Senate**

Schmitz: We decided into looking in the funding of mirrors in the weight room. The committee recommended it in full. This is a general need on campus that Student Senate will be funding.

Ostberg: The charge was a result of many concerns from students and senators. This would be beneficial for the community as a whole and in particular students. It’s a worthy investment. Weight room updates will include the installation of three shatterproof mirrors in the weight room. Two will be mounted at the back two racks of the weight room, and one will be mounted at a front rack. The mirrors will allow lifters to monitor their form, and in doing so minimize injuries and maximize progress. Gym mirrors can also be motivational, as they provide a visible indication of skill mastery and lead to safer gym practices.

**Questions:**

Gladitsch: Any other departments?

Ostberg: The Athletic Department is low on funds. Given that it’s pressing issue, it’s worth funding even through Senate

**Discussion:**

Muganga: Will this be followed up by the committee?

Ostberg: Yes

Gladitsch: Last year, there was a dispute in funding basket balls which ended up passing. I would like to hear thoughts on this subject.

Luing: From my own standpoint, I was very surprised when I realized there are no mirrors in the Gym. If we take the safety concern seriously, this should pass.

Sweet: I agree with previous speaker. It’s a health issue. But I’m nervous that Student Senate might keep following up with repairings and replacements in the future.

Lamberty: I’m on the same page with previous speaker.

Shaikoski: I think it’s a pressing issue. But one thing to note is that injuries would be a direct cost for non-athletes students.

Haberman: Originally treadmills were funded by Student Senate, right?

VanHecke: They were repaired by the Athletics budget but originally they were funded by Student Senate.

Nelson: This has been a recurring concern by students, which is why I think we must show that we are on their side.

Ostberg: I’ve never heard these mirrors breaking. This a valid and current issue. Also a reminder that we funded water bottle stations in the past.

Johnson: We supply money that the Gustie Den uses. The Athletics program is low on staff and funds as well. The benefit brought by these mirrors is huge enough for Senate to take the initiative to fund them.

Singh: We funded the water stations and the rest was taken care of by the school. We should have Senate logos on the mirrors.

Gladitsch: I support the publicity

I call to question

Seconded by Cella

**Called to question**

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **LineUs**

Schmitz: This is a trip to a workshop.

Sweet: LineUs does training once a year. We go to Chicago (Second City) and we do a one-day training.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: I’m for the budget. And as we’re going in the finances., let’s stick to this.

Andersen: I approve how it looks now.

Stolt: This a great initiative

Grossuetsch: When is the event?

Sweet: April 8-10, 2016

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. **Committee Updates**
2. **Diversity Chair**

Grosshuesch: I sat down with Jame Hollis and we are thinking of instituting a program based on privilege. We want to focus on the privilege of right handedness. We would like to test on this the Greek community (it’s a large group) first. Also due to a class schedule conflict, I will not be attending DLC but Senator Cella will be there for me.

Andersen: When collecting, data in the group be aware that you won’t be collecting anything on freshmen.

1. **Unfinished Business**
   1. **Ethics amendments: Ombudsperson Svendsen**
      1. **Constitutional & By-law amendment on gender inclusive language**

Svendsen: Last semester, we were charged to make our governing document gender incusive. This is what we came back with. We didn’t change the language but only pronouns. Tonight is just a reconsideration vote. The Student body will be voting on it in no more than two weeks after the actual vote.

**Questions:**

Singh: Isn’t this a friendly?

Svendsen: It’s a change to the constitution and it’s worth making the student body aware of it.

Sweet: So moved by our next meeting

Seconded by Abu Eid

**Discussion:**

VanHecke: There are three steps (consider, second round to vote, if yes it goes to the student body).

Gladitsch: This is something we should consider.

**Vote**

**Approved to reconsider**

Svendsen: If Senate wants, it can go to a friendly. However we are voting on a constitution amendment. This is a vote for consideration as well.

Sweet: I move to consider the by-law by our next meeting

Gunnigle: A friendly is when the intent of the message remains the same.

Andersen: We should discuss it.

**Vote**

**Approved to reconsider at our next meeting**

* + 1. **By-law amendment for “take-away” items**

Svendsen: This was another charge to solidify the language around take-away items. “Members of the group” to “individuals”

Sweet: So moved to reconsider next week

Seconded by Cella

**Vote**

**Approved to reconsider**

* 1. **Update on Cabinet charge on sexual assault: Co-President Panzer**

Panzer: The committee is targeting the messaging towards the Taskforce. I would love to hear comments on this.

**Questions and Comments:**

Haberman: Who are the Taskforce members?

VanHecke: Administrators, Students, Faculty and support staff.

Gladitsch: How will the work be split up?

VanHecke: It’s a giant taskforce

Luing: Targeting this taskforce seems the best avenue to me too.

Toeben: I fully agree with the targeting

VanHecke: 8 proposed administrators, 6 proposed students, 2-3 faculty, 1-2support staff and 1 board member

Grossuetch: Just to add that the students will be notified as well when the letter is sent to the student body

1. **New Business**
   1. **Ombudsperson nominations**

Svendsen: At the first meeting of April, there is to be a nomination for a new Ombudsperson. Individuals who wish to be appointed will come in and ask to be nominated by senators. They will contact their local senators and Senate will nominate them through a vote. If anyone approaches you, advise them to read the constitution and direct to me if necessary. The position is open to all students (freshman sophomore and juniors). They will be assuming their positions at the end of this year once approved.

**Questions:**

Muganga: The Application?

Svendsen: The encouragement will be sent to our student body this week.

1. **Announcements**

Sweet: Tomorrow Sigma and Thetas are hosting an event in the Courtyard Café

Singh: Cabinet applications are out. Consider applying!

Luing: I’m on the committee that has organized the tabling that gives water bottles. Try to be as safe as possible.

Svendsen: Stay safe! Use sunscreen.

Swenson: My committee meet me at the end of the meeting. Stickers after Spring Break.

Grossuetch: My committee, meet me after this.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**