**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**April 11, 2016**

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

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: Who are you grateful for at Gustavus?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 4/4/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

1. **Finance**
   1. **Budgets**
      1. **Comm Club**

Schmitz: They are having a trip to the Cities.

Budget description: This year the Communications Club is excited to explore new ways to enhance our skills through attending two conferences this spring. The 25th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference is the conference we wish to attend on April 22nd at the University of St. Thomas. It is designed as a celebration of undergrad research in all areas of the communication discipline, with keynote speaker, Cara A. Finnigan, Ph.D. from University of Illinois. The second conference we wish to attend is See Change: The Power of Visual Communication, on May 11th at the University of Minnesota. This includes a full day of presentations and networking with cross-disciplinary visual communicators. National and local speakers will share current insights on innovative projects, working philosophies, and survival techniques in this fast-paced business world. These conferences would be a very beneficial event for our members to attend. We would be able to apply what we learn and bring fresh new ideas not only to the Communications Department but to Gustavus as a whole.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: They are excited about it and they were prepared for it. I recommend that it passes.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* + 1. **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**

Schmitz: Last year, they came for mid-year budget and they were funded in full but it was against the by-laws. It’s a tough situation but we thought it was fair to recommend 1,100.

Boese: I would recommend Senate to examine the IGS funding. They can’t fund the summer or the transport/lodging. I suggest that you reconcile both of those.

Panzer: The event?

Boese: It’s a 4 day training day. We are required to send two individuals. It’s a good way to prepare the next generation of leaders of the organization. We’re requesting help with transportation and lodging. I’m available if you have any questions.

**Questions:**

Hinnenkamp: The second time?

Schmitz: I don’t know how it was handled last year.

AbuEid: How does this benefit the student body as a whole?

Boese: 20% of students are in Greek Life. A lot of things they learn are very applicable to the general student body in general.

Schmitz: It breaks the by-laws for mid-years. The By-laws require that they request the funding one year and a half before the event. But we felt it was unfair to tell them not to come in.

Boese: It’s difficult to get ready one year and a half before.

Svendsen: Have you brought up the point of funding restriction to IGS?

Boese: That concerns the summer. They don’t fund transportation in the summer. But I will talk to them about it.

Svendsen: This is a second time. And I remember that you are the one who came to ask for funding.

Boese: It was recommended that the by-laws of IGS change as well.

Miller: We funded it as part of the school year. There was no recommendation to change anything.

Johnson: We’ve been in touch about how block budgets are processed.

Grosshuetsch: What events?

Boese: It changes every year. Last year we dealt with risk management, the by-stander project and advocating and others. I got to share with them what we do here and we had sessions on recruitment. They train us on a large number of topics: finances, good governance, alumni relations.

**Discussion:**

Haberman: I move to amend 1,068.

Seconded by Luing

**Discussion:**

Boese: The chapters will fund it.

**Vote**

**Approved**

**Discussion:**

Hinnenkamp: I believe this is a very important budget. I have concerns about breaking the same by-law for the same organization.

Svendsen: This will be a 2/3 on it. Two sides can be seen here. One is we did it previously. But on the same part, we will be breaking the by-law for the second time.

Boese: I have respect for the by-laws. I would say though that we fell short. This discussion wasn’t brought up to anyone. It would be frustrating not to get it when a good resolution was reached in the beginning.

Luing: It’s not up to the org to make sure the by-laws are accommodating. We should pass it.

Toeben: It hasn’t been brought up to IGS. That’s a concern I have about this. The breaking of the by-laws again is concerning as well.

Luing: I recognize that this was passed last year. The student senate body didn’t push for the by-law to change. We shouldn’t fault the org.

Gladitsch: I have the same reservations. The by-laws shouldn’t be broken again.

Sweet: This is necessary for the organization. We should do something about it.

Grosshuetsch: SAE goes to IGS.

Rasmussen: IGS Funding?

Boese: IGS funded the registration but they can’t do the transportation and the lodging because it’s paid in the summer.

Johnson: IGS come back to us because they have no Summer operating budget.

Rasmussen: Keep in mind that airlines recognize revenue and the ticket at the same time.

Toeben: If you don’t get funded, what’s your next step?

Boese: Go to Alumni. All students contribute to the organizations’ operating budget. We should keep this in mind. But we would keep seeking diligently from other sources.

Dix: Would you be open to receiving funding from IGS?

Boese: They wouldn’t because they have already funded us.

AbuEid: I have some reservations. When we fund org. The Greek Life is restricted to a specific group of people.

Hinnenkamp: My concern is that this would continuously happen. I do believe that there needs to be a change somewhere. I can’t accept the same problem in the same situation.

Gladitsch: One of the main problems is that we’ve already done this. And if we give this to SAE and not other orgs, I don’t think that’s fair.

Sweet: Not everyone can join Greek Life. I don’t think that that’s a valid reason. We are funding individuals who wouldn’t be able to go otherwise.

Dix: They should be funded by IGS. The best way to motivate action from them is not to pass this.

Roose: Can IGS break their by-laws to fund this?

Hinnenkamp: They can.

Toeben: This is something IGS should be funding.

Cella: I’m not comfortable with repeating the same mistakes.

Roose:Do they have money to fund this?

Rasmussen: I don’t know.

Dix: I move to bring line 129d to 0

Seconded by Hinnenkamp

**Discussion:**

Dix: Funding should be allocated by IGS.

Sweet: IGS is less flexible than Senate. They use a lot of money. We have more flexibility to allocate funds. We should do this if we are able to.

Luing: I’m towards passing this amendment. I encourage Senate to approach IGS and make this through.

Hinnenkamp: I’m in support of this. We should make a strong statement about it as well.

**Vote (Amendment)**

**Passes**

**Discussion(Budget):**

Dix: I fully support the new budget

Sweet: Wouldn’t we be funding the lodging anyway?

Johnson: Lodging isn’t synonymous with the conference.

Svendsen: I can’t find info in the Archives. I would like to bring this into consideration. I’m not sure what the conversation was last year.

Roose: This is the only way they can get funding of this.

Rasmussen: I want to encourage us to be careful making decisions based on what was done in previous Senates.

Dix: Discussion should continue on this.

**Vote**

**Budget passes**

* 1. **Omnibus Budget**

Schmitz: The Omnibus is a basket budget. Senate will vote on the budget as a whole. We want Senate to approve this.

Panzer: This will be a 2/3 vote. Senators go through the entire omnibus and you have the right to pull anything.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: It’s an amazing process. One problem was not finding anyone who could answer the question about the budget.

Dix: What information will be provided to us?

Schmitz: April 25th, we as Finance Committee we will run through the whole budget and by the 28/29 we hope to be done. Senators will be able to see the information in the budget and address any concerns they have on the floor.

Rasmussen: I would recommend that all the budgets over 5,000$ be brought on the floor.

Schmitz: Yes. And the ones that break a by-law or block budgets.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Block Budget Allocation**

Schmitz: Every year, we go through this. We wanted to put the same amount money as last year. DLC, IGS, PAs, Senior Week.

Sweet: I move to table this until next week

Seconded by Cella.

**Vote**

**Tabled**

1. **Committee Updates**
   1. Rasmussen: We met with President Bergman today. We talked about TMAYD, Hydration stations (last year Senate put it in various part of the community and we saw the administration continue the role). We told her we will put academic halls over residence halls. If you think there are other areas that should be prioritized, bring them up. The Taskforce: a student will be coming regularly to give us an update. Committees have been created and each one will focus on a number of demands.
   2. Grosshuetsch: At the end of Senate, a reminder that we will be going through the implicit bias program at the end of the meeting. I invite us to go through the program together.

Panzer: I strongly encourage you to stay for that.

1. **Unfinished Business**

Luing: The contact for IGS. I charge the Finance Chair to get in touch with IGS about summer funds allocations.

Seconded by Miller

**Discussion:**

Hinnenkamp: If there is anything we, as a body, should do we should do it then.

Dix: It’s important to review the funding procedures.

Rasmussen: This a great charge. I encourage the committee not to tell them what to do though. They understand better how to do their own allocations.

**Vote**

**Charged**

1. **New Business**
   1. Sweet: D-Committee wanted to do something for GLSEN Day of Silence which is on Friday April 15th this year, which is next week Friday. As the student senate represents the entire body D-Committee would like to see the Senate body observe a moment of silence in honor of Day of silence. They know that it is a few days in advance but they think it is important. We have done it in the past for Holocaust Remembrance Day and other days of similar stature.This Friday is the day of Silence. I think it’s a great cause. I move to make a motion for 1 min of silence.

Seconded by Haberman

**Vote**

**Approved**

**One minute silence**

1. **Announcements**

Sweet: Tabling week for our sorority Philanthropy. Mr. Gustavus event on Thursday at 6pm.

Grosshuetch: I encourage you again to stay for the Implicit bias program.

Haberman: Track day on Saturday at 11.

Gunnigle:Tomorrow SAE will be putting up an event in the Courtyard.

Schmitz: This Saturday, Kappa Fraternity is hosting an event (speaker+small group discussions).

Singh: D-Ball on April 30th. Congrats to SAE for their event today. Congrats Co-President Shaikoski for the new frat.

Rasmussen: Nominate people for Chuck Norris challenge. And come see people eating a lot of food.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**