**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**April 18, 2016**

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

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What state would you visit at any time of the year?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 4/11/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

1. **Finance**
   1. Schmitz: We’ll be meeting with orgs in the next two weeks and go through budgets and pull any confusing budgets. We’ll talk about block budgets next week.
2. **Committee Updates**
   1. **Health & Housing**

Dickey: The Visitation hours’ feedback will be sent to Charlie soon.

* 1. **Student & Academic Affairs**

Ostberg: We have a presentation today. We were charged with the Financial Plausibility of Gustavus Divestment. We’ve put a lot of work into this looking into advantages and disavantages as well.

**Presentation** by the committee’s members (Dix, Muganga, Antes, Andersen, Luing, Toeben, Hinnenkamp and Ostberg) : What’s Divest, the mission statement of Divest Gustavus, Divest terminology, information on GAC endowment ($146,169,222), moral and financial arguments for divesting (upholds GAC pillars, climate justice,…). GAC has 95% in mutual funds. Financial Arguments against divestment (trading, diversification and compliance costs). Fiduciary law.

Argument to fight against divestment because it’s a moral and financial issue.

**Conclusion**: Proposition of a Taskforce as a support of inquiry.

Ostberg: I sent a summary of this in an e-mail.

* 1. **Co-Presidents**
     1. Student Senate is charged with overseeing the Swenson and Bunn Award. It’s an award selected entirely by the Student body. Cabinet felt that we should collect nominations from students including written responses and then the names would be removed with the gender pronouns. They would then be submitted to the selective committee (Class Representatives and Bobby).

**Questions:**

Haberman: How will students submit respond?

Panzer: They will get an e-mail from me.

* + 1. Commencement cords: we’ll be doing black and gold.
    2. Cookout at JoNes’ house: Choosing between Tuesday and Friday. The day will be communicated soon.
    3. Last week there was an SAE budget issue: we had it wrong when making the argument. We want to caution ourselves to find the best way to proceed when referring to minutes from past years.

Rasmussen: Also for your information, the same event was voted against unanimously.

1. **Unfinished Business**
   1. **Board of Trustees Report-Out: April 22**

Rasmussen: We will report what Senate has done this semester. We hope to get some feedback on where they are on Divest as well.

Propositions to add:

Muganga: A faculty I talked to thought there should be more funding for FYRE program

Singh: TMAYD

Svendsen: Gender inclusive language

VanHecke: Resolution (Letter) to Taskforce.

1. **New Business**

Gladitsch: To ask more on the vandalism. What information do we have?

Rasmussen: How will the student body find out?

VanHecke: A million gusties feeling strong about it is a great sign. Campus Safety goes through all the reports and they look into evidence. There has been some rumors that it wasn’t a Gustie. Realistically, the person who did it is known and hopefully the person will come out or will be encouraged to come forward. But as of now, no one has come forward. We would love to see a strong mobilization on other serious crimes or violations of law as well.

1. **Announcements**

Svendsen: It’s Suicide Awareness Week.

Panzer: I commend the Academics committee for the presentation. Also props to Audi Dickey who has has been nominated as a campus cutie.

Singh: Cabinet Applications due by next Friday.

Mueller: This Sunday, the Equestrian team has an open session for everyone (1-4).

Grosshuetsch: Please finish the survery. D-Ball is next Saturday 30th of April.

Luing: There is a vigil in Chapel at 7pm on Thursday. I encourage to visit the Counseling Center as well. Monday next week…event for the Eppies Fraternity (30th-ticket $8).

Gunnigle: Seder event this Wednesday. This Saturday the Orthodox Easter.

Sweet: TedEx next Saturday.

VanHecke: Next week, applications for faculty and Board of Trustees’committees. Please try to tell your constituents that it’s an opportunity open to them. It’s not a huge time commitment. Suicide Awareness: I would love to see students being insistent on urgent matters when they go to the Counseling Center.

Muganga: Will the applications be sent out?

VanHecke: Yes. And it will go through Senate’s approval.

Singh: Gusties after Dark by French Club next Friday. The Moe Lecture is next Friday at 7:30pm.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**