**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**May 16, 2016**

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

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What’s your dream job?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 5/9/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

1. **Finance**
   1. **BPLP**

Schmitz: They asked for candy and we saw it as an inappropriate use of the money. It’s used for non-Gustavus students.

Birnschein: We serve about 170 children. We have monthly events.

Tranoris: Our mission statement is to connect with the community around the campus. It’s a cultural practice from the 18s. Children get treats for telling jokes and this has been around for a long time. We’re involving the first year students with the children in Saint Peter. It’s culturally relevant (Halloween).

**Questions:**

Sweet: What would you do if Senate doesn’t fund it?

Tranoris: We didn’t think it would be turned down

Birnschein: We are financed by the United RA for the rest.

**Discussion:**

Hinnenkamp: This budget came two years ago. This is viewed as a positive experience. I’m in support of funding this. It adds value to the education system of Gustavus as well. I move to fund it in full.

Seconded by Cella

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: I don’t think we should take money and send it down in Saint Peter

Toeben: Why isn’t this included in the normal budget?

Tranoris: I’m not aware of the reason behind it.

Toeben: Could you look why you do this in separate budgets next time?

Tranoris: Yes

Muganga: How much did you get previously?

Tranoris: Same amount

Hinnenkmap: The children are not the only ones eating candy

**Vote (Motion)**

**Approved**

**Discussion:**

Muganga: Since all the candy is used. I support the budget.

**Vote (Budget)**

**Approved**

* 1. **Kappa Sigma Chi**

Schmitz: The original budget was $750. The documentation was provided. The committee thought of funding everything except the labor.

**Questions:**

AbuEid: Why didn’t you go to IGS?

Schmitz: It will come out of the Senate budget either way.

Rasmussen: Only Mid-years go to IGS.

Svendsen: Documentation?

Controller: Documentation was given excluding the labor.

Toeben: Why did you lean towards not funding the labor?

Johnson: We don’t fund labor if we haven’t funded the material

Panzer: How do you feel about the increase?

Johnson: If it had come as a full budget from the organization, we would have done it.

Grossuetsch: Why is the labor such a big problem?

Hinnenkamp: Is there a document for the labor?

Schmitz: Yes from the company

Grossuetsch: Reasoning behind using the company?

Schmitz:They have experience and it’s cheaper than other organizations.

Luing: Does the cost come with undue risks?

Schmitz: The benefit is that it’s cheaper. I don’t see any risks.

**Discussion:**

Hinnenkamp: I have no problem with having a fraternity member’s father do this. It’s a way of simply using good resources. If the labor isn’t funded, how feasible would this be?

Schmitz: They would have to donate their time

Hinnenkamp: I move to fund the labor

Seconded by Sweet

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: I didn’t feel comfortable with this. I don’t see any issue in people donating their time.

Mueller: Did you get a quote from other places?

Schmitz: This is the only one we looked into.

Mueller: I would feel more comfortable if there were other quotes to compare with?

Hinnenkamp: Is the quote going to the student?

Schmitz: He is an employee. It’s the equipment’s cost as well.

Hinnenkamp: I’m still in support of the budget.

**Vote**

**Amended**

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Student Senate – Executive Fund**

Schmitz: The GusBus is funded all year. Take your professor to lunch will move out of the mid-years and this is for one semester.

Singh: After talking to many students and seeing how it’s used a lot, we recommended to fund GusBus it all year 10-2pm throughout the year and Friday and Saturday. TYPL, we thought we should include it in the budget since it has been very successful.

Gladitsch: How many used this year?

Schmitz: About 50

Stolt: Where does the money go back?

Dickey: We just pay for what’s used.

Mueller: How much for printing?

Rasmussen: We need more printing money.

Singh: PR stuff as well.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: I don’t find anything bad with printing money. We need to look into TYPL more. I’m in favorite of the Wednesday budget.

Sweet: The budget looks great.

VanHecke: I’m not a big fan of Wednesday transportation to local establishments. I can’t vouch for causality but I think that Wednesday night is a not good night to be at the bar.

Luing: Dangerous weather…previous discussions?

Panzer: The GusBus is more of a convenience program more than safety.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Fully Approved**

1. **Committee Updates**
2. Mueller: Virtual lab set up training next semester by GTS.
3. **Unfinished Business**

None

1. **New Business**
   1. **Letter for Divest Task Force**

Ostberg: From the first charge of looking into the financial plausibility of Gustavus divestment, we were charged with drafting a letter to the President and the Board of Trustees.

Rasmussen: This is brought as a motion. You can amend it.

**Questions:**

Panzer: President and Divest group meeting?

Ostberg: That’s when the proposition of a taskforce request was made

**Discussion:**

Svendsen: This has been in the works all year. The conclusion was that a taskforce was needed to look deeper into. If Senate and President Bergman come together requesting a taskforce to be formed, it would be a strong message.

Sweet: This is something she wants formed, having this on Senate name is huge.

Muganga: The backing of the President is great.

Gladitsch: I’m opposed to this. We shouldn’t tell people what to invest in and not invest into.

Hinnenkamp: Other colleges have done different researches and came up with different conclusions. I’m in favor of investing better and inviting experts to look into this.

Luing: This is not to say that GAC is advocating for divesting. In the letter, we are simply asking for experts to look into this.

Toeben: A friendly motion to strike *of*.

Done

Toeben: I like the resolution and I think it should be passed.

Gladitsch: I understand it but my vote implies some type of support.

Schmitz: I think many arguments have already been made already. I don’t see how this will solve things.

Hinnenkamp: I’m not in favor of divesting but I’m in support of starting a conversation through this. This will require some time but in the end god conclusions will come from this.

Andersen: I will vote in favor of this. This shows that the entire student body thinks this is an important issue worth looking into.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Gustavus Acts Strategic Plan**

Singh: As you all know, this is the stage of moving towards the implementation. The goals and the strategies are listed. President Bergman wants to see if Senate really supports the direction of the plan.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch:What % of the composition of the committee.

Singh: Two committees involving different students and other bodies.

Andersen: I think the plan looks great.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Approval of Faculty, College, and Board of Trustee Committee Representatives**

VanHecke: I e-mailed you all the list. Three different committees: College Committees, Faculty Committees, and Board Committees. I have put all the names in different committees and I still have two openings. Once all the matchings are done, the list comes here for approval. Those are the names for next year.

**Discussion:**

Sweet: I trust JoNes.

Nelson: Olivia Ward is on the Board twice. A friendly to rectify it.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **2016-17 Cabinet Appointments**

Singh: This was an exciting process. We are confident in the committee we’ve come up with. We had a balanced group of people with some of them having already Senate experience and others being very new.

* + 1. **Admin Director: Hubert-Christian Ngabirano**

Singh: Hubert has frequently sought feedback on minutes. Does his job to the best of his abilities

Ngabirano: would be a pleasure to serve.

Discussion:

Sweet: strong endorsement and experience

Svendsen: serving same position again is great for the organization

**Vote (2/3)**

**Approved**

* + 1. **Parliamentarian: Joe Cella**

Shaikoski: Joe Cella strong applicant.

Cella: I love Robert’s rules.

Questions:

Panzer: There is a way of using the rules as a flexible tool? What’s the best use to do this?

Cella: We are more strict. They are good to keep strict until the point of progressive discussion.

Haberman: What’s your experience?

Cella: I have the Big book and Senate

Svendsen: Parliamentarian serves on Ethics Committee, what would be your role?

Cella: The Parliamentarian’s role is to make sure everybody has a voice and the rules are followed.

Discussion:

Gunnigle: Cella cares about rules. He is knowledgeable about rules.

Luing: He enjoys it.

Toeben: He would be wonderful at the job.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* + 1. **Public Relations Chair: Andrew Jeon**

Shaikoski: PR Nomination is Andrew Jeon. He is a HeartSafe champion and a CF. Health and Exercises Major.

Singh: He’s been in a lot of my classes and he has a strong work ethic.

Jeon: I applied to this because I’m already familiar with this as I served in a similar position elsewhere.

Questions:

Sweet: Ideas on what to do?

Jeon: Facebook group: Updates there.

Discussion:

Dickey: He is self-motivated and carries himself professionally.

Sweet: He was my gretee and he showed such an uncommon maturity. I fully support him.

Gladitsch: I’ve known him since he was a prospee. He’s great for the position

**Vote**

**Approved**

* + 1. **Finance Director: Tenzin Choenyi**

Shaikoski: Tenzin Choenyi for Finance Director. He has experience in the Investment club. He reached out to me right away. He’s been in touch with Schmitz and knows what he’s talking about.

Choenyi: I’ve been involved with a couple clubs on Finance. I heard Senate through the Sexual Assault and I think this is a great group that can be very impactful!

**Discussion:**

Muganga: I’ve known him for a while. He’s passionate for finances.

AbuEid: He’s super-motivated.

Schmitz: I’ve known him since he was a prospee. He’s been in touch with me about this position. He’s very engaged.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* + 1. **Health and Housing Chair: Cristhian Martinez**

Shaikoski: He brings in a new perspective. He is interested in working on Mental Health.

Martinez: I can get things done individually. Next year, one of my ideas is to bring animals during the stressful finals’ time. It’s been discovered that they are very therapeutic. And I want to carry on as well TMAYD and TYPL.

Questions:

Hinnenkamp: Working with the HeartSafe Champion? What relationship?

Martinez: Work together and independently as well.

Grossuetshc: Kitchen Cabinet?

Martinez: Yes, I’ve talked about it with Dickey. 7am meetings. I’m ready for it and I’ve stayed in touch with Lisa and the Counseling Center.

Discussion:

Lamberty: He knows everybody in class and he is good at proposing new ideas to work on. I support him.

Sweet: Audi wrote that he’s driven and has made enough connections that will lead him in his new role.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* + 1. **Controller: Sean Hinnenkamp**

Shaikoski: Next nomination is Hinnenkamp. He’s been in Senate since freshman year. He’s a great voice on the floor. Current treasurer of Eppies. He’s close to the current controller as well.

Hinnenkamp: The strongest force in the universe is compound and stress. I’ve been involved with different finance roles. I’ve been here for some time and I’m looking forward to serving in this position.

Questions:

Grossuetsch: Would you work with CAB to educate other treasurers?

Hinnenkamp: Yes!

Discussion:

Luing: He has done a very good job in the PAs. He is good at restructuring the finances.

Johnson: I’ve worked with him closely. He communicates concisely. He knows how to work with our members.

Dickey: He was on my committee and he holds himself really well.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* + 1. **Technology Director: Peter Schwartz**

Singh: Our next nomination is Peter Schwartz. He is our nomination for Tech Director. He’s been at GTS for a while and knows the technology climate on campus.

Schwartz: I’m a Comp Sci major and I’m excited to hopefully keep doing what Diana leaves for me.

Questions:

Luing: Specific projects?

Schwartz: I don’t know what was done but I will talk more to Diana and see the appropriate next moves.

Discussion:

Hinnenkamp: He’s very knowledgeable. He would serve us really well.

Mueller: He’s worked with GTS. I’ve been very busy and I haven’t been able to get in touch him. But I will soon and I’m confident in him.

AbuEid: He knows everyone at GTS and he works hard.

**Vote**

**Approved**

Sweet: I move to extend the meeting to end

**Vote**

**Extended**

* + 1. **Student and Academic Affairs: Quinn Andersen**

Singh: Andersen is very qualified. She’s very driven.

Andersen: I’ve enjoyed my time on the committee and I’m interested in this role and know the other side of Senate in Cabinet.

Questions:

Haberman: Any projects?

Andersen: ZipCar, Gender Neutral bathrooms.

Discussion:

Ostberg: She’s very dedicated. I endorse the nomination.

Luing: She’s been very vocal and very contributing.

Lamberty: She’s super qualified and is very intelligent. She has a lot of opinions on matters.

Muganga: We’ve worked together in the SAA Committee and she offers insightful input.

Dickey: I echo everyone. She’s great for the position.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* + 1. **Diversity Chair: Elizabeth Toeben**

Singh: Toeben. She’s very mature and gets things really done. She’s done an amazing job on the Implicit Bias program.

Shaikoski: Highly motivated.

Toeben: My experience on the committee gave me great insight that I can’t wait to use. I want to keep working with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Gross: How comfortable are you to talk with DLC?

Toeben: I’m very comfortable.

Discussion:

Cella: She worked hard and is good at reaching out to others.

Dickey: She’s able to work independently and is self-sufficient.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. **Announcements**

Ngabirano: First, remember to give me your faculty reports before you leave. Second, it’s been really pleasure to serve in this body. Thank you all for an awesome year!

Gladitsch: It was a pleasure. Thanks all!

Grossuetsch: Petition to protect animals from infected water. Sign the petition.

Singh: Shout out to Gabe and Liza Long for being elected as Building Bridges chairs.

Svendsen: I’ve enjoyed this. It’s been an experience. I wish you a fun summer. I will be in Denmark in the Fall and I’ll see you back in February.

Schmitz: Thanks for a smooth Finance process. Kappas fundraiser this Wednesday.

Sweet: LineUs show Wednesday in the Caf at 9pm. Thanks for a great year.

Hinnenkamp: PAs Glowga tomorrow at 8pm in the Aerobics Room. Thanks for an awesome year.

VanHecke: Midnight Express. I have an early shift (9:30pm). You’ve been the rockstar Senate this year. Thank you!

Ostberg: Thanks for a great year and wonderful resolution.

Gunnigle: Thanks for an amazing year. Bye to juniors and seniors.

Cella: Thanks for a good year!

Shaikoski: Thanks to Sam and Bobby for being mentors to me. Thanks to Co-President Sharon. I hope to see back many faces here.

Andersen: We should tell senators that there are bathrooms by the Senate. I discovered them today.

Toeben: Thanks for an amazing year.

Rasmussen: I didn’t want this night to come. I’ve been on Senate for 4 years. One of the best experiences here. I’ve been in a different role this year and I’m absolutely grateful for this. If you ever want to have a discussion about anything, feel free to reach out. Thanks to JoNes for all the advice.

Panzer: I’m jealous of next year’s Cabinet. Thanks for your attendance and your patience. I commend a lot the Finance Committee. I’m proud of all the accomplishments we’ve had. We’ve been innovative in our programming. Me and Bobby disagreed a lot and that was a really good thing. For the returners, be intentional in allocating funds. I believe you will make meaningful change. A picture after this.

Muganga: Thanks for a great year and experience. Can we keep the placards?

Rasmussen: Yes. At Patrick’s on 3rd tonight.

\***Meeting Adjourned**

**End of the 2015-2016 Academic Year**