**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**May 2, 2016**

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

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What’s your favorite activity in the summer?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 4/25/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

Soule: I’m here to briefly speak about something we’ve been thinking about in WAC. It’s a recommendation to hire a Title IX coordinator. It’s been taking long in the Taskforce to get things done because there is no one individual totally involved in just this. We are about to finish the letter requesting this position and I spoke with Speaker Sweet about this. We ‘ll be finishing the letter and give it to other organizations to endorse it. We would like Senate’s endorsement next week.

1. **Finance**
   1. **Omnibus**

Schmitz: Here are on the screen the requested and the recommended amounts.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: The finance committee looked into these and the organizations are ok with it.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **DLC**

Schmitz: They asked $30,000, we recommended $28,000. No block budget can be over 40% of the block total allocation according to the by-laws.

Rep Jaji: I’m the DLC treasurer. It’s an inclusive group constituted by different diverse orgs. We fund events like D-Ball, D-Week, Deep Spring Travel, Africa Night and the MLGBTA Conference. MSA, Divest and Gacya are new orgs this year. Next year, we are inviting a hypnotist talking on current social issues. We ask to receive $30,000 because we have a lot going on.

**Discussion:**

Dix: I was the senator who requested details on block budgets. It looks very good and well spent. It’s a good budget to pass.

Gladitsch: Looking back the last year’s funds, we’ve been fair. I recommend that it passes as it is.

Stolt: What was the allocation last year?

Schmitz: $28,000

Sweet: I would be weary to base current budgets on previous budgets. This budget looks good.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Fully Approved**

* 1. **IGS**

Schmitz: We recommended $12,000 for the block and $16,000 for the rest. The $1,200 breaks the by-law

Sean: I’m the Co-President of IGS and this is Tessa, Jake and Scott Broady

Sean: We provide a lot of opportunities to our events. We get to meet other greek orgs around the country as well. We put up larger events as well. We collaborate with other chapters.

Jake: Take Back the Night was hugely successful. We are looking forward to invite other speakers.

Tessa: We allocate money to our chapters ($10,000). We found a co-sponsor who gave us $3,000.

**Questions:**

Svendsen: Who attends the conference?

Jake: Most chapters send sophomores. The presentations are for 2 days and they are aimed at training people on how to improve how orgs are run.

Broady: We got a very positive response from all the attendees.

Dix: You requested $18,000 but you spent $10,000.

Tessa: The remaining amount can be used up.

Broady: Our ALFV dropped significantly but that money was added to our budget to fill the gaps.

Dix: You ended up spending last year’s budget

Tessa: Yes. The remaining amount was moved into our block.

Panzer: How many students attend the conference?

Tessa: 34

Muganga: Why ask $18,000 for ALFV Conference?

Tessa: It’s for flexibility for events that may exceed that amount.

**Discussion:**

Svendsen: We’re doing a roll call vote. Keep in mind that some of the elements break a few by-laws.

Gladitsch: I move to change $3,500 to $3,000

Seconded by Sweet

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: It’s clear.They got an additional funding.

Schmitz: Move everything to the E column.

**Vote (Amendment)**

**Approved**

**Discussion (Cont’d):**

Dix: I was wondering if this will solve the previous problem we had with Summer Funding for SAE.

Schmitz: It shouldn’t be a problem because of the omnibus passed.

Tessa: We had that discussion in IGS and it’s our responsibility to come to you and not chapters.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Fully Approved**

* 1. **PAs**

Schmitz: They are ok with the recommended amount. They asked for $29,000. But we recommended the $23,000.

**Questions:**

Dix: Did they provide the documentation on the Convention ?

Schmitz: Yes and it affected the recommended

Andersen: General usual event?

Schmitz: Yes

AbuEid: What was spent last year?

Schmitz: They used almost all of it.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Fully Approved**

* 1. **SAVE**

Rep Cassie: I’m a member of SAVE This is the same as last year. Save is the Student Athlete Volunteer Educators. We help students athletes in general. SNL is a huge part of our budget and the numbers are very high over the year. We are excited about the Gusties on the Go bikes program.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: This group asks an amount close to the same amount every year. We allocated everything they asked.

Toeben: The budget looks great.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Senior Week**

Schmitz: This was a tough call.

Reps: Leah, Christina, Scott Broady

Leah: Senior week is a week of activities for seniors like the Twins Game, President’s banquet and other events. We want to keep it affordable for all the students.

Christina: One thing we changed was to move the registration up to the student accounts.

**Questions:**

Panzer: Can you describe more what are the percentages of the funds from different sources?

Broady: 40% from Senate and from the Gustie Young Alumni it’s around 20% and the rest is around 40%.

Dix: How many seniors participate?

Broady: 375 (over half). Middle option: 25-75.

**Discussion:**

Sweet: Which event is open to all seniors?

Leah: Dive, Tailgating and the Celebration of Light.

Sweet: I would urge senators to fund those open to everyone.

Johnson: In funding specific events, it becomes a barrier to the block budget as a whole.

Gladitsch: We thought it’s important for groups to be flexible.

Panzer: What are Admin Fees?

Broady:That’s through Gustavus tickets online.

Toeben: How much are all Free events?

Johnson: $26,050.

Muganga: Are the T-shirts same as the ones funded by the Young Alumni.

Broady: Yes and tailgating as well.

VanHecke: I urge you to fund student stipends.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Approved**

1. **Committee Updates**
   1. **Ethics**

Svendsen: The Constitution amendment passed. It will be changed.

* 1. **Administrative Director**

Ngabirano: I will be sending an e-mail about Faculty Reports. They are due Monday May, 16.

**Questions:**

AbuEid: Are faculty reports filled only by Senators?

Ngabirano: Yes

Rasmussen: That’s also the same reason why Cabinet members don’t do office hours. And you are the ones who were voted by the student body to serve in here.

VanHecke: I’m assuming that you wouldn’t object if any of the Cabinet members chooses to gather some input.

Rasmussen: That’s a great point.

1. **Unfinished Business**

None

1. **New Business**
2. **Sweet:** You heard the assault command. I met with Leah last week and we had an ad-hoc Committee to make a list of ideas and craft a letter requesting the Title IX person. It will be sent on Wednesday and you will have time to talk with your constituents. The vote is taking place on Monday.

VanHecke: This would be the first time for Senate to advocate for a new position since I’ve been with Senate. Keep in mind complexities involved in this.

1. **Sweet**: I move for a moment of silence commemorating a genocide of 6 million jewish people and homosexuals by Nazis. The resolution came from the UN after a discussion about the holocaust. It will be commemorated this Wednesday.

Seconded by Martinez

**Discussion:**

Andersen: This is the 3rd time a moment of silence has been called. I have a deep inter-conflict with moments of silence…it’s considered sometimes like asking for a prayer. I don’t know how to feel about this. Something to comment or think about.

**Vote**

**Approved**

**One minute silence**

1. **Announcements**

Gabe: RSVP Night of Distinction on Sunday. Next Tuesday Lean DeLaria will be speaking at chapel 7pm.

Gladitsch: Thanks for a smooth finance night.

Muller: Mother’s Day on Sunday!

Svendsen: When organizations come in, look attentive and make sure there is some discussion about it.

VanHecke: ByStander social tomorrow

Sweet: Tomorrow a memoir in the Arb at 7pm

Rasmussen: Thanks for a smooth finance process. We’ll be at JoNes on the 13th. RSVP. Let us know dietary needs.

Panzer: Today there was an e-mail about the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Make sure you attend this week’s sessions.

Johnson: Scandinavian artist in residence this week. Creative Inquiry on Friday 5-6pm.

Dix: This week and weekend: event for the ages talking about Captain America and civil war.

Grossuetch: D-Committee is presenting at the Creative Inquiry.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**