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 To start off this week’s Student Senate meeting senators listened to finance requests from three separate student organizations. The first was a new organization at Gustavus called Quiz Bowl who requested funding to purchase a ‘starter pack’ for their preparation for competitive tournaments. It was understood that they may also reuse the ‘starter pack’ as a resource in coming years, and having their own program would allow them to use a ‘lock-out’ system, which would give them the opportunity to enter tournaments at a cheaper rate. After discussing, Senate agreed to allocate the group an amount of money to purchase a ‘starter pack’. The second request was heard from the MPACT organization. Their request was for funding to hold a speaker from Men Can Stop Rape, next Wednesday. The organization has already raised funds and received grants of money, but needs to reach the base rate for this speaker as well as pay for transportation costs. They were allocated money to cover remaining fees to reach the base rate for the speaker and cover the anticipated transportation costs. The third request was from the Men’s Ultimate Frisbee organization. Their request was for funding to pay for a Safety and Security Officer that is required to attend their events on campus. They were allocated money to fund the required officer.

Senate proceeded to address old business. There was discussion to apply changes to the bylaw Article III – Meetings and Attendance, which before amending said: *All Cabinet members and Senators must attend at least eighty percent of full Senate meetings each semester unless a prior attendance policy has been approved by the Ethics Committee.* The amendment passed so that the current bylaw now says: *3) All Cabinet members and Senators may miss no more than 3 full Senate meetings each semester unless a prior attendance policy has been approved by the Ethics.* Also regarding amendments to the bylaws, the motion was passed to add in Article III – Meetings and Attendance *4) All Cabinet members may miss no more than 3 Cabinet meetings each semester and shall attend all J-term meetings unless a prior attendance policy has been approved by the Ethics Committee.*

Student Senate is pleased to announce that Clark Kampfe was elected the Ombudsperson for 2011-2012 year.

 The following positions are now vacant and will be available for appointment at the next regular Senate meeting: Prairieview Representative (1), Off-Campus Representative (2), Junior Class Representative (1), Sohre Hall Representative (1). Any interested students should email Co-Presidents Emily Thayer and Sean Tessmer (thayer-tessmer@gustavus.edu) prior to the next meeting.

 The next regular Senate meeting will be on Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Jackson Campus Center. Community comment is welcome at the beginning of every meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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