

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Gustavus Adolphus College
Monday, September 19, 2011

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance

- a. Blake Gust, Sam Hoppe not present

III. Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2011

- a. Approved

IV. Community Comment

V. Appointments

- a. Arborview Representative
 - i. None
- b. Off-Campus Representative
 - i. No additional representative
- c. Lundborg motions to get a senate speaker, added to new business

VI. Co-President Report

- a. Meeting with President Ohle
 - i. Composting on campus discussed, Ohle excited
 - ii. Shuttle to Mankato
 - iii. Friday, September 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Co-presidents speaking at chapel and request attendance and support of senators
 - Board of Trustees will also meet with presidents Friday
- b. Passed out name tags, contact info, and office hours sign up
- c. Update on the Dive Project

VII. Finance Chair

- a. Finance Committee Application Process
 - i. Tuesday 7:00 p.m. meetings
 - ii. Email sent today has more information
 - iii. Worth two committee credits
 - iv. Applications due Wednesday

VIII. Ombudsperson

- a. Ethics Committee Application Process
 - i. Handles ethic complaints regarding Senate and Cabinet
 - ii. No application available yet, looking for people with interest. contact him for more information via email.
 - iii. Low commitment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Committees to be made
 - i. Student/Academic Affairs Committee
 - Will look into caf food, work with Kitchen Cabinet
 - GusBus
 - Athletic team academic credit vs. ACT and FIT courses
 - Lundborg moves, Fogelberg seconds to create a committee under Sande
 - a. Motion passes
 - ii. Health/Housing Committee

- Handicap accessibility issues on campus, continuing from work done last year
 - Fogelberg moves, seconded, to create a committee under Bryz-Gornia.
 - a.** Motion passes
 - iii.** Technology Committee
 - Free cable
 - Nelson moves, Lundborg seconded, for committee to be created under Schmitt
 - a.** Motion passes
 - iv.** Lion Head Committee
 - Continuing progress for lion head to remain a symbol of GAC
 - Hahn moves, Nigro seconded, for committee to be created under Student and Academic Affairs, Sande under Halvorson
 - a.** Discussion:
 - i.** Halvorson clarifies issue, 599 responses from last year's email looking into student opinion. nonplussed and sad, mostly. responses included: stupid, dumb, and unaware of change
 - ii.** Best: Would it still be a symbol for the athletic department?
 - 1. Halvorson: no, would just be on general clothing
 - b.** Bryz-Gornia entertains idea of motion
 - c.** Lundborg makes motion, Nelson seconds, to create Lion Head Committee under Sande under Halvorson.
 - d.** Motion passes
 - v.** Public Relations Committee
 - Incentives to visit representatives
 - Updating senate box by caf
 - Schitter Chatter
 - Lundborg moves to create committee under Martin, Henrickson seconds
 - a.** Motion passes
 - vi.** Transportation Committee
 - Campus wrongly believes a shuttle to Mankato exists, so work should be done to progress this plan
 - a.** Lundborg motions, Nelson seconds, to create a committee under Sande.
 - i.** Discussion: Campus Safety's Safe Rides. Will know more after Co-presidents discussion with Ray Thrower.
 - ii.** Motion passes
 - vii.** Diversity Committee
 - Race talks
 - Maintain relations with DLC
 - Hahn moves, Nelson seconds, creation of Diversity Committee
 - a.** Discussion: Inter Faith Space
 - i.** It is under control through other departments, but Coco would love to look into it for senators
 - ii.** Van Hecke suggests not trusting administration with that issue and becoming more involved
 - b.** Motion passes
- b.** Senate Speaker
 - i.** Prince opens floor for nominations

- Bryz-Gornia entertains motion to nominate Lundborg
- Loose nominated Lundborg, Thayer seconds
- Fogelberg nominated by Henrickson, seconded by Hahn
- ii.** Lundborg: On Senate for four years with Senate and Cabinet. Can work within Cabinet; experienced. Will be strong voice for senators on campus, has a good feel for issues and is available.
 - Kampfe asks: How do you plan to increase interaction between senate and cabinet?
 - Lundborg: Will be very available and posted in senate office, excellent at email correspondence
 - Nelson: Will you speak to Cabinet on a macro or micro issue level?
 - Lundborg: He will handle bot micro and macro issues appropriately
 - Hahn: How do you plan to improve senate relations with the DLC and other groups?
 - Lundborg: Will defer to people who have more experience; utilize the connections of the people who can best help the organizations.
- iii.** Fogelberg: Same as Lundborg, except three years instead of four. It would be an ideal position to work with Cabinet but to still have voice heard. Political Science Major.
 - Kampfe: How do you plan to increase interaction between senate and cabinet?
 - Fogelberg: Greatest way to improve relations are interactions outside of the boardroom. Utilize senate office for social reasons an general get-togethers.
 - Coco: How will you deal with the DLC, with me being a Cabinet member and the DLC rep
 - Fogelberg: Will make sure Coco's voice is heard in her other role. Will try to make relationship less tense. No where to go but up.
 - Hahn: How will you increase transparency for benefit of other organizations?
 - Work with PR chair to help people realize that By-laws and constitution are available online to public. Work with Finance chair, since that is often how clubs interact with senate.
 - Prince: clarifies position: does not mean speaker is the public voice of senate, more that the speaker represents the senators with the cabinet
- iv.** Discussion:
 - Coco: dual position expectations clarified, past tension noted
 - Allen: Lundborg has great deal of composure
 - Kampfe: They're both great
- v.** Kampfe hands out and collects ballots, Prince correspondingly opens and closes voting. Kampfe counts votes. Lundborg and Fogelberg return to the room.
- vi.** Lundborg is elected senate speaker

XI. Announcements

- a.** Schmitt: Begin emailing committees. You need three. Website with contact information has been updated.
- b.** Bryz-Gornia: For the most part, short meetings. Don't be intimidated.
- c.** Thayer asks about credits, Prince answers: Finance is the only committee worth two credits

- d.** Kampfe: Really excited you're all here. Flub on date of election is all my fault. Elections are, in fact, not today.
- e.** Coco: Building Bridges co-chair applications due tonight
- f.** Fox: Thanks for coming to the retreat, if you missed it, there are informal plans in the works to give opportunity to catch up. Talk with Fox after meeting for planning.
- g.** Halvorson: Eric's Commentary on Robert's Rules. Please read through and enjoy, comment. Would love feedback.
- h.** Fox: Edits on name-tags, please hand back to front

XII. Motion to Adjourn

- a.** Lundborg motions, Loose seconds to end meeting
 - i.** Motion Passes