

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Gustavus Adolphus College
Monday, December 5, 2011

I. Call to Order

- a.** Prince called the meeting to order at 19:02

II. Attendance

- a.** Absent: Fogelberg, Lundborg, Nelson, Yue, Kampfe

III. Approval of Minutes from November 28, 2011

- a.** Minutes from December 5, 2011 approved

IV. Community Comment

- a.** Technology department is lacking, GTS is lackluster when meeting with people. First-year Hayley Frederick proposed that someone with the resources help her talk to GTS to get them on the ball and improve the program as well as help her get a computer science degree and help her make her life count.
 - i.** Allen moved to suspend the rules to move to New Business. Hahn seconded. Motion passed.
- b.** Two prospective students joined our meeting tonight!

V. Finance Committee

- a.** Gustavus Democrats
 - i.** Democrats requested \$4285.00 for a speaker. Finance Committee recommended to fund in full. Vote. Motion to fund in full passed.
- b.** Society of Gustavus Geologists
 - i.** Geologists requested \$469.98 or \$479.88 for a natural disaster display. Finance Committee recommended \$475.00 for the group to work with the department for capital improvement. Hahn called to question. Thayer seconded. Motion to end debate passed. Vote. Motion to fund \$475.00 for capital improvement passed.
- c.** Mosaic
 - i.** Mosaic requested \$13,020.00 for printing and two events: Faith a la Mode and Eboo Patel. Finance Committee recommended to fund Mosaic \$0.00. Discussion. Gust called to question. Henrickson seconded. Motion passed. Vote. Motion to fund Mosaic \$0.00 passed.

VI. Old Business

a. Constitutional amendment

- i.** Nigro moved to un-table to Constitutional amendment from last week. Henrickson seconded. Motion passed. Discussion opened.
 - ii.** Hahn amends in a friendly manner that “and must not exceed impeachment or any punishment which outlasts the members’ term of office.” be changed to “and must not exceed impeachment or any punishment, which outlasts the member’s term of office.” Nigro seconded. Opposition. Discussion. Friendly amendment failed.
 - iii.** Nigro amends in a friendly manner that “and must not exceed impeachment or any punishment which outlasts the members’ term of office.” be changed to “and must not exceed impeachment or any punishment that outlasts the member’s term of office.” Hahn seconded. Friendly amendment passed.
 - iv.** Discussion of constitutional amendment resumed. Vote. Motion to approved. Constitutional amendment passed.
 - v.** Will be voted on by the student body in February.
- b.** Senate meetings will continue to be held during January. Absences will not count toward semester limit on absences.

- i. Gust moved to table all finance decisions until the beginning of spring semester. Bonnema seconded. Discussion. Hoppe called to question. Nigro seconded. Discussion ended. Vote. Motion failed.

VII. New Business

- a. From Community Comment:
 - i. Hoppe moved to charge the Technology Committee under Schmitt to look into the issues brought forth by Hayley Frederick. Gust seconded. Motion passed.
- b. Olsen and Nigro spoke with Charlie Potts regarding potential changes to visitation policy.
 - i. Nigro moved to create Guests Committee to look into this topic with Nigro as chair. Hahn seconded. Discussion. Hahn called to question. Gray seconded. Motion to end debate passed. Vote. Motion to create Guests Committee passed.
- c. Hahn will abdicate his position from IC next week because he is going abroad.
- d. Thayer moved to extend the meeting until the end of business. Henrickson seconded. Vote. Motion passed.
- e. Olsen moved to create a Courtyard Cafe Committee chaired by Olsen. Hahn seconded. Discussion. Vote. Motion to create Courtyard Cafe Committee passed.
- f. Hoppe checked up on Streets Committee status.

VIII.

Announcements

- a. Faculty Reports
 - i. Henrickson spoke with Dr. L. Carson Kelly. She stressed maintenance of formality. It was a good chat.
 - ii. Thayer spoke with Emily Thayer from Admissions and she urged Senators to talk with alumni about issues.
 - iii. Hoppe spoke with Terry Morrow. Morrow said senators are bright, talented, and community-minded. He wished that students were as interested in Faculty Senate. There is common ground that could be bridges.
 - iv. Gray spoke with Professor Kaster. He had received an email from President Ohle requesting a \$500,000+ savings, that was not sent to students. He wants Student Senate to be aware of this and the potential it has to affect student life.
 - VanHecke enlightened Senate about the College's contingency fund's status. The Board of Trustees made the request of Ohle that the contingency fund be increased.
 - v. Hahn spoke with Asli Ilgit of the religion department. They spoke regarding the Dive and overall concerns with funding at Gustavus. The College is not addressing the academic needs of the students as well as it could. Faculty and students should keep each other in the loop.
 - vi. Nigro spoke with ... regarding finances of the College, echoing other faculty.
- b. Diversity Center and Leadholm from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the Inter Faith Space will be officially opened. Refreshments will be provided. Attendance of Senate is encouraged.
- c. Breaking Barriers will not meet this week. Next week they will watch *Last Chance for Eden*. This film changed Coco's life and it may change yours too!
- d. Goldstien suggests Senators stay involved over January Interim Experience by emailing present Senators to share opinions, etc. and by reading the minutes.
- e. Streets Committee will meet this Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Gustie Den. Signs for crosswalks are in motion.
- f. Senate apparel is due next Monday. Checks should go to B.Stark. Email Hallie for more information. The first Monday of finals, the order should arrive.
- g. Henrickson reminds Senators to refer to outside parties to get work done. It is holiday season, donate to anyone! Henrickson offers Senators to park at his house and ride to Senate with him from Shakopee.

- h.** Fox thanks all for a great meeting. The geology mid-year is a sign of hope that we are researching out to academics. Everything will be okay.
- i.** Sande worries interruptions are getting out of hand. Ask yourself if it is pressing before speaking.
- j.** Turn in Faculty Reports ASAP
- k.** Courtyard Cafe 6:00 p.m. Saturday,
- l.** New Ulm Library, Student Veterans will be attending. If you are interested meet them by the Caf at 6:15 p.m.

IX. Adjourned at 21:22