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The Student Senate meeting on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> began with community comment where student, Hayley Frederick, voiced her concerns about Gustavus Technology Services and how the group can be improved. Senate suspended the rule to move to new business to charge the Senate Technology Committee to look into the problems voiced about Gustavus Technology Services. Moving on in the meeting, the Gustavus Democrats club was allocated a sum of money to fund bringing John Corvino to campus to speak on the meaning of gay marriage. Also, the Gustavus Geologists club was allocated a sum of money to fund the purchase of a TV monitor and computer to display information in the basement of Nobel about natural disasters. Moving on to old business, the tabled bylaw from the previous Senate meeting was resolved and amended Article IV of the Constitution to say the following:

Article IV – Discipline, Resignation, and Vacancies

Discipline: Any member of the Gustavus community has the right to bring a complaint to the Ombudsperson. The Ombudsperson shall call a meeting of the ethics committee for a disciplinary hearing if any member of Senate fails to perform his or her duties as outlined in the Constitution and bylaws. The committee shall hear the case and may recommend disciplinary action to the Senate. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, informal reprimand by the Ombudsperson, formal reprimand by the Ombudsperson (signed by disciplined member and acknowledged by the senate body), censure (the most official reprimand; must be endorsed by the senate body with a simple majority vote), suspension of speaking privileges for a time period recommended by the Ethics Committee and voted upon by the senate body, impeachment and removal from office. Discipline should be designed to match the gravity of the offense, and must not exceed impeachment or any punishment, which outlasts the members' term of office. Any action taken of greater severity than a reprimand or censure shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the full senate. When a member is impeached, he or she shall immediately be dismissed from office.

The Gustavus student body will vote on this Constitutional amendment during the February elections.

The next regular Senate meeting will be on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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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