Student Senate Meeting Minutes

Gustavus Adolphus College

Monday, March 4th, 2013

1. **Call to Order**

7:04pm

1. **Attendance**
2. **Approval of Minutes from January 28th, 2013**
   1. Approved
3. **Community Comment**
   1. Brian
      1. Freshman
      2. Concerned about transportation
         1. It’s difficult to get into St Peter when cold
         2. Would like to be able to get into Mankato- more to do than in St Peter.
         3. Expensive to travel to campus when out of state (shuttle from airport pricey)
         4. Would like to make transportation off campus easier for students without cars.
   2. Kyle Momsen
      1. From Health/Exercise Science Dept
      2. Would like a letter of support for/help reformatting a bill regarding healthcare/Athletic Trainers.
         1. Address definition of “athlete”
         2. Who can be treated by ATs
         3. Send letter to Rep Johnson
4. Day At the Capitol – Dennis Egan
   1. Gustavus is going on Wednesday March 13th
   2. MN State Grant
      1. Helps low-middle income families in MN
         1. $20,000-$65,000 Income Bracket
      2. Gov Dayton considering an increase to MN state grant by $80,000.
         1. 90,000 families currently receive grant, if increase happens 95,000 could potentially receive it.
         2. Could also expand benefits- such as paying for daycare/other needs- and could potentially increase the amount of aid each student receives.
      3. MPC- Lobbying is run through MN Private Colleges
      4. Your voice will help with the discussion of funding higher education!
      5. Nearly 800 GAC students receive MN grant
      6. 90,000 MN families currently a part of the MN state grant
      7. Deadline for a bill to continue through legislative process is on March 15th. (So going on the 13th will be especially important!)
      8. Be sure to sign up!!! (online at Gustavus.edu)
5. **Old Business**
   1. NA
6. **New Business**
   1. Finance
      1. By-Law Change
         1. Due to timing w/ spring break.
            1. Would make scheduling/the process run more smoothly
         2. Changes would be in Article V
            1. Art V- Yearly Budgeting Process, Change “Weeks” to “Senate Meetings”
         3. Goldstien entertains a motion
            1. Gust makes motion
            2. Vogel seconds
         4. Vote to consider bylaw for next week
            1. Passes
         5. Finance process begins in two weeks (March 18th)!
         6. Things to remember during finance…
            1. Don’t eat while groups are presenting! (Be respectful!)
            2. Don’t have your back to the groups.
            3. Stay focused/only do senate related things (don’t do homework, stay off of phones, etc.)
            4. If you have suggestions, give them to Hayden and he’ll forward them on. It can be awkward/uncomfortable when offering advice on the floor.
            5. Please don’t decide what is culturally relevant/tell the group what you think is so while on the floor- that is up to them to decide. (Again, be respectful!)
            6. Don’t attack groups. Stay respectful and professional. We want groups to be comfortable talking to us.
            7. If you have concerns regarding a group’s behavior, simply write a note and pass it to Hayden.
            8. Don’t bring electronics(laptops, phones, etc.) to meetings!
            9. If you have a direct personal interest in/ a connection with a group, you are not required to refrain from voting, but it is more ethical for you to abstain.
            10. Stay on topic in discussions/ keep it germane.
   2. Medical Amnesty
      1. “Support for MN medical amnesty policy that would eliminate barriers to seek medical treatment after alcohol overconsumption.”
      2. Contacted by individual at the U of Minnesota.
         1. Compiling examples of MN schools with medical amnesty to take to the state legislature.
      3. Pushing to get more colleges to be required to have medical amnesty.
      4. Thayer moves to consider resolution
         1. Vogel seconds
      5. Discussion.
         1. Gust moves to charge this resolution to the Health and Housing Committee/ to look further into the issue.
         2. Afreh Seconds
      6. Vote to charge to Health and Housing
         1. Passes
   3. Impeachment
      1. Trang Le
         1. International Student Rep
         2. Has not been to a student session since the 26th of November.
      2. Entertaining a motion to impeach.
         1. Gust moves to impeach senator Le
         2. Morimoto seconds
      3. Thayer requests a ballot vote.
      4. Vote
         1. Le is removed from office.
   4. Gust moves to charge ethics with setting/creating guidelines regarding impeachment.
      1. Seconded.
      2. Discussion
         1. VanHecke
            1. Look at past constitutions.
         2. Vote
            1. Passes.
7. **Announcements**
   1. Traxler- H/H meeting at 7pm tomorrow in the Gustie Den!
   2. Cabrera- March 14/15 Vagina Monologues. $3 admission. Money towards great cause –Sat march 16th SNL hosted by OLAS. Brazilian Carnival! –This Saturday March 9th is the Building Bridges Conference. BE THERE!
   3. Eiler- Make sure that you vote in the election!
   4. Gust- Scholarship Committee will be meeting Wed in the Gustie Den during Chapel Break.
   5. Flannery- Think about Day at the Capital!
8. **Adjourned**
   1. 8:33pm