**Student Senate Agenda**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**December 2, 2013**

1. Attendance
2. Approval of the Minutes 11/25/13
   1. Approved
3. Community Comment
   1. NA
4. Old Business
   1. The Dive
      1. Co-Presidents met with JoNes and President Ohle last week.
      2. Ohle feels that with a new president coming in (and all that the transition entails), if we want to renovate now is kind of our last opportunity to do so. Still have support of board.
      3. Discussion
         1. Wiest- Where did we leave off on the plans? What are the current plans?
            1. These are the blue prints that were originally sent out.
            2. VanHecke- The question is not what to do with the dive, but how to pay for it.
         2. Burggraf- What do we want to do with this?
            1. Cabrera- Putting it on the ballot again is something we’d like to see. It would have to be a ballot decision made by the student body.
         3. Thrash- The board is behind it. Would they pay for it, or would we?
            1. $1.6 million is the cost. Board would foot about $6,000.00.
            2. Board would pay for project at first, then the increased activity fund would cover it.
            3. Thrash- Would this still involve the alumni (a grad class who wanted to contribute)?

Want a full renovation. Feel that this would be better than just making a few improvements.

* + - 1. Thayer- It’s crunch time. Would it be useful to meet with FTSs? To reach out to freshmen and talk to them about the dive.
      2. Birkey- Thinks his constituency should be informed on the matter. If it can’t be done now, it should be done soon.
      3. Wilkes- Would it begin next semester? Informing students?
         1. Cabrera- Would have to be on a ballot next sem. Big PR push.
         2. Wilkes- Feels like if it doesn’t happen now, it never will.
      4. Richardson- Target freshmen during Jterm (Most on campus)
      5. Hinnenkamp- Perhaps email first years, or talk to CFs.
      6. Thayer- Where is this topic going other than discussing the theoretical?
         1. Just wanted to open it up for dialogue tonight. Not looking for a motion.
      7. Rasmussen- Would we still be increasing the student activity fee the same amount/be raising funds in the same way?
         1. Cabrera- Discussed decreasing students’ portion. But, feel that any dollar amount will probably be too much. Moving into same $50.
         2. Rasmussen- Thinks we should at least change something. Looks bad pushing same question twice, if it was voted down. Something to look into going forward.
      8. Cabrera- Timmons and I believe that the failure of the vote last year does not indicate that there is not interest in the dive. Think that there was a lot of confusion. Hope to have an improved PR campaign to open it up.
      9. Hoppe- Invites guest to speak. Yields to guest speaker
         1. Needs to wait until this discussion/topic ends.
    1. Hoppe- Point of Info.- Would the guest’s question be old business or new business? Yields to guest.
       1. Came in last year asking about water dispensers. Physical plant said they would help, but still has not done anything. Willing to spearhead it and take it on himself.
          1. Rasmussen- Currently on a committee looking at this. Welcome to join in on meeting with Charlie Potts this week.

1. New Business
   1. Hoppe- Faculty report with Deane Curtin from Philosophy dept. After returning form being gone on sabbatical he noticed some changes on campus. He was concerned with how the college handles contracts with professors. Now have a three-year contract. It is lessening quality of education because new profs are in positions, but at the same time looking for new job for the future and not spending as much time on current position. Wondering why it changed. Moves to charge Student and Academic Affairs with looking into how/ why contract times have changed for new professors.
      1. Nigro Seconds
      2. Discussion
         1. Birkey- As far as he’s aware, this is a nation wide policy/pretty standard.
            1. VanHecke- We have tenured track faculty who have 7 years in their contract. If not tenured, leave after 6 six years. Deane talking about non-tenured track. Adjunct sometimes hired to teach one-course/ positions that aren’t intended to be tenure track. Also issues related to when a tenure track is hired vs. when something is pieced together (Are there enough students in a major to add a tenure track prof How do you know for sure if something should remain tenure, etc?) Maybe a little more complex than professors just having three-year contracts. Charge to understand differences between tenure/non tenure track.
         2. Hoppe- Not sure if Deane drew distinction between non-tenure and 3 yr contract. Not sure if he thought that there was some sort of distinction there. Would still recommend looking into this and working to understand it more. Trusts Student and Academic Affairs to do the best that they can.
      3. Vote on charge
         1. Passes
      4. Burggraf- A lot of schools have a green fee. (So much money will go towards funding green projects on campus). What would people think of doing something like this at GAC?
         1. Hare- Bemidji State has a green fee. (Around $2.) Would solve a lot of problems with students wanting to pursue projects/ not knowing who would pay for it. Would make these projects easier, projects would move more quickly.
         2. Thrash- How is that money controlled? Not opposed to fee, but opposed to a fee that could get used for anything.
            1. Best- There would be a sep account set up and money would be directly deposited. (For EX, how our student fund is distributed between CAB, Senate fund, etc)
         3. Siatta- Would that increase our fee at the beginning of yr, or would it stay the same and percentages would change?
            1. Best- Up to this body. We could do what we did for Building Bridges. (Broke off part of what we got and gave it directly to BB). If we wanted to increase it, it would have to be passed here and then voted on by student body.
         4. Thayer- Raises this question to cabinet. Be proactive as opposed to reactive. An incoming student struggles with depth perception and has trouble with the lightening in the stairs (especially in the music building). Raises question, is this something that this body wants to tackle for future students that we would eventually represent? Look into stairwells and making sure that they are adequately lit. A topic of potential discussion in the future.
         5. Rasmussen- Don’t we already do this with the money from senate? Give it to people to do projects?
            1. Best- Believes that this would be a completely separate fee dedicated solely to sustainability projects. Completely distinct from other funds/projects.
2. Announcements
   1. Kemp- Apologizes Made an error when estimating the clothing’s arrival. (Thursday <Thanksgiving> was not a business day), so hopefully clothing will be here tomorrow or Wed.
   2. Montes- Osorio- Finance, be on the look out for an email!
   3. Timmons- Wed, 7pm, Eppies hosting E Pi Awareness in the courtyard.
   4. Cabrera- This weekend is CinCC. Encourages people to see how amazing this event is! -Sign up for Kwanza dinner in the DCenter!
3. **Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm.**