1. ATTENDANCE
2. Approval of Minutes 12/9/13
   1. Approved
3. Community Comment
   1. NA
4. Old Business
   1. NA
5. New Business
   1. Alpine Ski Team
      1. Inactive last year
         1. Re-recognized this year.
      2. Three items
         1. MCSA, USCSA registration and travel and lodging.
         2. Both fees were already due (Jan 1 2014)
         3. Could not get allocation to pay fee.
         4. Best- Entertains a reconsideration of the previous recommendation, as the funding was already due.
         5. Numbers shown as one number, as bylaws determine.
         6. The team has already paid out of pocket to meet their deadline.
         7. VanHecke- Confirmation that there hasn’t been an extension?
            1. Best- Yes.
         8. Thayer- So we would be retroactively funding them?
            1. Best- The $2939 would not be. The rest, yes.
         9. Nigro- Moves to amend line 33 to $2039
            1. Thrash seconds.
            2. Discussion

Thrash- The 2039 is standard to club sports?

Best- Are allowed a max of $3,000.

Afreh- The registration items aren’t included in this new number?

No

Best- Recommends removing the other two line items.

Vogel- They can still come back in for another midyear if they need more money for travel/registration?

Yes

Nigro- Friendly: moving line item 33 to 2039 and line items 29 and 31 to $0.

* + - * 1. Vote to approve amendment

Passes

* + - * 1. Vote on budget

Passes

* + 1. Women’s Club Hockey
       1. Asking for printing money, posters, and envelopes (for score cards).
       2. Asking for $19.
       3. Committee felt that postage didn’t need to come from student funds.
       4. Felt comfortable funding only $15 for printing.
       5. Discussion
          1. Thayer- Why didn’t you fund postage?

Best- Primarily felt it shouldn’t come from senate’s account. Personally felt that the amount could be covered out of pocket. (Only 6 stamps needed)

* + - 1. Vote on final budget of $15.
         1. Approved
    1. Senate Executive Fund
       1. The aforementioned speaker (Nigro) has been researching extensively new chairs for the courtyard. Asking for $15,000.00
       2. Nigro- Has been speaking with the man in charge of buying things for physical plant. Decided the tables are fine, the chairs are what need replacing. Have narrowed it down to four choices. Will choose four fabrics and chairs that are interesting, and order a sample of each. In the spring will have students try out the chairs and order the preferred chair! The number is not exact b/c the chairs and diff fabrics have varying prices. Could be as low as $800 or as much as $1500.
       3. Thayer- Directed to controller. Did we not allocate money towards this cause last year?
          1. Yes, but it was rescinded since nothing was done with it. It was a midyear.
          2. Thayer- We charged the co-presidents to discuss this with officials over the summer with this money.
          3. Timmons- It was allocated for the summer, but as a midyear. It was rescinded.
          4. VanHecke- Will the color scheme go with the existing décor of the courtyard?

Nigro- Hope to pick something neutral and that will last/won’t date.

* + - * 1. Hare- Was there any consideration of upholstering the current chairs?

Timmons- It was discussed over the summer, but they were worried about running into issues with the cushion being moved. And the chairs are rather uncomfortable.

* + - * 1. Hare- How will the chairs be disposed of?

Nigro- Will be placed in the dive and around campus.

* + - * 1. Hoppe- Is there a way to get further clarification or details before spending this money?

Nigro- The committee will pick four or five options.

* + - * 1. Thayer- Will people be able to test out the chairs?

Nigro- Will pick four fabrics/order four chairs. Chairs will come in March. People can test them.

* + - * 1. Roland- Will surveying be informal?

Nigro-Yes

* + - * 1. Siatta- What happens to the three other chairs?

Nigro- Not sure. There might be three random chairs in the courtyard.

* + - * 1. ROLL CALL VOTE

Passes unanimously.

* + 1. Co-Pres Report
       1. We have a vacancy as our ombudsperson has resigned.
          1. Afreh- Is this filled by one of the senators?

Yes

* + - 1. Timmons- Can be a person form outside senate. Acts a check/balance. Next week we will open the floor for nominations. Think about people you think would be good! During the time that this position isn’t filled, the Co-Presidents take on the obligations.
      2. Timmons- In order to have an item on the ballot (bylaw/constitutional), they must be received very soon (exact date TBD).
      3. Thayer- An amendment can be brought up at any time. This deadline is just to get the item on the ballot with the co-pres elections.
      4. Discussion
         1. Thrash- What are the qualifications for an ombudsperson? What makes a good ombudsperson?

VanHecke-Someone who the body sees as capable of providing leadership in difficult situations. Discussions of ethical concerns. Someone interested in our constitution, someone who can be a calm, rational voice in a heated discussion, attention to detail.

Thayer- Also someone who has restraint, as they cannot speak/offer opinions during meetings.

* + - * 1. Thrash-Would a senator lose voting rights if they took on this position?

They would vacate their current position.

* + - * 1. Point of Clarification- Hoppe- How long would they serve in this role?

Roughly two months.

* + 1. New Business
       1. NA
    2. Announcements
       1. Roland- The Gustavian Weekly’s Opinion Column is opening applications. Due on the 31st. Email Roland.
       2. Best- Members of ethics and finance stay after a bit. –The first full senate meeting in April is when the ombudsperson election is held.
       3. Thayer- Do we have someone to take on PR roles while the chair is abroad this Jan?
          1. Timmons- Had planned on Kemp overseeing, but she is abroad.
       4. VanHecke- Wear long pants!!!!
       5. Timmons- Watch your POs!
    3. **Adjourned**
       1. 7:52pm