**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**February 17, 2014**

1. **Call to Order**
	1. 7:01pm
2. **Attendance**

**II. Approval of the Minutes from 2/10/2014**

 **a.** Approved

**III. Community Comment**

 **a.** NA

**IV. Old Business**

a. Siatta- Recently found out that one of the reasons that the surveillance cameras were placed in Complex is no longer there. Wonders why they’re still up.

1. VanHecke- Wouldn’t make assumptions about that...

1. Siatta- Heard that the reason the cameras were placed was to stop vandalism, and the vandalism has ceased.

1. VanHecke- Don’t pitch a fit, and they might be removed.
2. Roland- Met with Potts earlier this year. How far are we along with the goal of reducing the vandalism. Potts said they would be removed if we reached that goal. How far along are we with that goal?
	* 1. VanHecke- Very far along on that goal.

**IV. New Business**

a. Finance Committee

 1. Equestrian Team

 i. Montes-Osorio. – Finance didn’t feel comfortable breaking two bylaws. –One would be going over the $3,000 limit. They are about $40 from reaching their limit. The other is retroactive funding.

 ii. Discussion

 a. Thayer-What is the current contingency fund and how much longer will be accepting midyear requests?

 i. Start taking midyears a week before Spring Break, so about a month and a half.

ii. Best- $76,507.15

 b. Burggraf- Is college vehicle rental mandatory for travel?

 i. Best- Yes. It was a change made over the summer, but wasn’t widely publicized.

 ii. Nigro- (To clarify). They were forced to rent a vehicle? Explain timeline?

 1.Best- There were club sports that weren’t forced to rent vehicles when traveling great distances. School policy changed so that if you’re traveling overnight or going more than x number of miles that you must take a college vehicle. Their advisor just learned this.

 2. Nigro- So the only thing that is different is that they must get a college vehicle?

 a. Yes.

 3. Vote

 a. Budget passes as $0.

b. Student Memorial

 1. Timmons- As many of you are aware, Gustavus lost a student over J-term. We’ve discussed taking action as a Senate— something for senate to do for students who don’t finish their time here. For example, St. Olaf uses wind chimes. Would like to have a conversation about setting a standard response for such situations.

 2. Cabrera- Institutionally, students will be memorialized with their names on the columbarium. Look into a student driven response?

 3. Burggraf- How exactly do the wind chimes work at St Olaf?

 i. Timmons- Not sure how exactly it works. That doesn’t have to be what Gustavus does- just an example.

 4. Larson- What has been done in the past?

 i. Timmons- A tree was planted for Grace. (Senate’s Health and Housing Committee helped the Swim Team with this).

 ii. VanHecke- Fortunately has not been something that we’ve had to deal with often. It’s been an unfortunate year. Names will not be on the columbarium (according to the president) but part of a memorial garden.

5. Thayer- Would like to form an exploratory committee looking into the idea of creating a memorial on campus. Moves to form an exploratory committee for memorials for students, to be chaired by himself.

a. Nigro seconds

b. Discussion

 i. Hinnenkamp- Fully supports this! His section has been deeply connected to this cause through his CF.

c. Vote

 i. Passes

 6. Hare- Would be effective to create a student-produced statement to send to families.

**V. Announcements**

1. Timmons- We have some vacancies in this body that Dani and I are working on filling. Will soon be opening it up to campus. Will be having a conversation about how best to fill the senator positions. Will soon let you know how we’ll be filling the Rundstrom, etc. –Involvement fair this Wed.

 2. Burggraf- Just to clarify, our diversity chair did not leave, she graduated.

 –There’s a great exhibit in the Hillstrom right now!

 3. Jenson- Sign up for the Take the Hill Triathlon!

 4. Thayer- If you want to join the new committee, come see me!
 5. Cabrera- This weekend is a very infamous weekend at Gustavus. Please be safe! -For the involvement fair this Wed, a Google doc for signing up will be sent out. –This is my last semester on senate! Will be studying abroad next year.

 6. Birkey- Congrats to those involved with the GWO and Gchoir concerts this weekend!
 7. VanHecke- There will be presidential search committee meetings this week! PDR this Wed at 7:30. Be there! (Fill out surveys, etc!). Thursday morning there is a session at 9am (all campus meeting). Urge your peers to attend!

**VI. Adjourned at 7:28 pm**