**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**May 12, 2013**

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes (5/5/2014)

Thayer-Capitalize Heart Safe committee. Note that the AED located in Nobel was funded by Coke Education Grant, and the AED in the library was funded by Student Senate in 2014.

Vote

Approved

III.Community Comment

NA

IV.Old Business

-Thayer- What is our contingency?

Best-$194,789.82

-Thayer- If we were to fund everything? THe money left in the green?

Best- $37,743.14

a. Peer Assistants

-Montes-Osorio- Voted to put in the remainder of block money. Decided to put $15,069 as requested.

-PAs-Block money would be separate from events like our speaker in the fall?

-No, just the Bachus.

-PAs- Goes towards j-term instructors, safe sex carnival, fall midnight express, the big scoop, can I kiss you.

-Cabrera- How did finance come up with this number?

-Best- It’s what was remaining out of block money.

-Burggraf- Funded Bachus outside of block budgeting only because it falls outside of block activities. (All PAs go…)

-Birkey-Elaborate?

Montes-Osorio-Anything that falls within a block wide event...Bachus is one of the biggest things they attend to help with what they do for campus. Decided to fund because all PAs go...otherwise they would’ve been cut off at the standard travel/lodging.

-ROLL CALL VOTE

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|  | PAs |
| Adwoa Afreh | Y |
| Andrew Birkey | Y |
| Jessica Burggraf | Y |
| Andrew Choquette | Y |
| Gabe Grosshuesch | Y |
| Courtney Harbeck | Y |
| Sean Hinnenkamp | Y |
| Sam Hoppe | Y |
| David Krebs | / |
| Nick Nigro | / |
| Kevin Pajor | Y |
| Bobby Rasmussen | Y |
| Rhett Schwichtenberg | Y |
| Peter Selness | / |
| Mark Siatta | Y |
| Sharon Singh | Y |
| Delaney Sweet | Y |
| Joe Thayer | Y |
| Bennett Thrash | / |
| Hannah Vogel | Y |
| Jordan Wiest | / |

-Passes

\*Current contingency:

$175,620.82

b. PASO Budget

-Best- Last week finance was charged with hearing PASO’s budget. At first heard it and made a recommendation. (Let me know if you want me to go line by line.) Didn’t have sufficient quotes for any line items on the budget, so didn’t recommend funding.

-PASO- Sending PASO to be fully funded by DLC is not recommended. Otherwise, that will use up 40% of that block. Communicated with speaker, who initially requested $6,000...and then when we said that we could not pay that much, $4,000 was recommended. That’s where this number comes from. There is not a clear definition of what a quote should look like, this email should count. The food is central to Kwanza and Africa Night. -The amount requested is what was spent last year. It’s not like we just came up with numbers out of no where- utilized past records to guide request. For the food for Africa Night (personally handled that this year), had to go to the restaurant in the cities personally (as they don’t have email). This is part of the reason there isn’t an official quote.

-Hinnenkamp- Personally saw the email last week. Seems legitimate, the speaker agreed to it.

-Best- The actual discussion where the numbers were discussed occurred over the phone. The only time in my three years a phone conversation was connected as the quote was a situation where the individual did not have email. The bylaws explicitly state that quotes must come from email conversations.

-Hinnenkamp-Moves to change line item 4 to $4,000.

-Grosshuesch seconds.

-Hinnenkamp- This seems legitimate. The numbers were discussed in email.

-Hoppe- What is the difference between phone and email?

-Best-

-Sweet- Point of Personal Privilege- Can we pass the email around?

-Burggraf- Where in the bylaws is a quote defined?

-Goldstien- \*Quotes constitution\* “For all activities, organizations requesting funding from Senate must include the date, place, methods of

publicity, and a quote of the cost from the speaker or entertainer, or organization upon presentation of their proposal to the Finance Committee. Without such information, the organization’s request will be postponed until more research has been done.” (Bylaws/Constitution, Article VI, Section 1, 3)

-Burggraf- This seems vague to me. It’s seems that there was an offer made in the email noting that they couldn’t pay more than $4,000. Doesn’t think that they would lie to us about the quote.

-PASO- This conversation did happen. The first quote was $6,000. It was asked to negotiate down to $4,000, and that’s what you see in the email.

-PASO- We were trying to negotiate. In the grand scheme of things and how much money goes into that, we thought it was too much money.

-Best- Main concern with this...doesn’t think that they are lying and doesn’t think that they would...we need hard evidence in order to make recommendations and allocations.

-VanHecke- But to be fair, you don’t want organizations to commit to a contract before they have money.

-Best- Doesn’t have to be binding, but need hard evidence that every step of this took place.

-Thayer- Seconds the controller/yields.

-Afreh- You all had a copy of this last time? But this wasn’t binding enough?

-Best- Part of this conversation took place over the phone...and we can’t quantify this. The bylaws state that the suggestion of a price must come from the speaker/entertainer.

-Hinnenkamp- The bylaws are guidelines.

-Marino- Yes, but they’re binding.

-Sweet- The first contact with a speaker will often happen over a phone call. At what point do you need documentation...what do you need in writing. If the speaker is explicitly saying that they’re accepting the fee, what more do you need?

-Best- Point of origin must exist in the third party...needs to come from them.

-Sweet- Do you need documentation of the phonecall?

-Thayer- Need the speaker to spell out what they request.

-Point of Information- Cabrera- But that’s not in the bylaw...it does not say that the speaker must say “I accept x”

-Marino- It depends on how you read the bylaws, and it would be up to the ethics committee.

-PASO-Agrees with senator Burggraf that the bylaws are vague. Yes, there was a conversation where there was negotiation. But they have accepted $4,000. Urges the breaking of the bylaw, because this isn’t going anywhere.

-Birkey- There has been discussion about how individuals read these bylaws. Calls to Q.

-Vote in favor of calling to Q

-Fails

-VanHecke- Sorry that you didn’t call to q...because at some point what your problem is whether or not your guidelines makes sense. Will need to fix guideline problem to get on with your voting.

-Hoppe- The concern with the email is that there is a break in the conversation.

-Best- The part that we’re missing is the negotiation process between $4,000 and $6,000.

-Hoppe- Sees the merits in hard evidence...you can hold speakers accountable to what they say.

-Birkey- PI- Is there any way to see the speakers list and the budget at the same time?

-Timmons- Not technologically feasible...budget more important to see.

-Marino- Org can speak as many times as they wish.

-PASO-What is the fear in us not having the part of the conversation with the negotiation? The speaker is aware of how much he is being offered and he has accepted it. Can you explain the significance of the back and forth here?

-Best- It’s not a fear, it’s just how the bylaws are laid out and how the finance committee has interpreted. You can disagree with finance. It’s up to this body to decide. The committee viewed it as incomplete.

-Cabrera-Point of Inquiry- Where are the emails right now? Can we make sure that gets passed around to full senate?

-PASO- We’ve made this offer to the speaker and he’s accepted...doesn’t really see the pieces before this as applicable.

-Thayer- We’re not debating whether or not this is appropriately a quote right now, but are debating if we want to fund them or not.

-Timmons- This body can discuss whatever it would like, if it’s germaine in relation to what is on the floor.

-Siatta- Thinks that seeing as they have an agreement from the speaker...if we’re requiring all orgs to have quotes where they start from, feels like we’re limiting an org’s power to negotiate at the base. At this point they do have an agreement from the speaker...how they got to that point is irrelevant. He’s agreeing to a dollar amount to attend. Doesn’t understand why we’re so caught up with this. Thinks we should break the bylaw to support this.

-Burggraf- When we get quotes from groups we don’t ask for the entire history of conversation. If they brought in an invoice we would never know this. We’re putting this group at a disadvantage because we know this detail of the conversation. Calls to question.

-SIatta- Calls to Q

-Seconded.

-Vote to call to Q.

Passes.

-Vote to amend line item 3 to $4,000.00

-Passes.

-Thayer- Point Information- Vote has to be ⅔.

-Birkey- What is our current allocation for DLC block money?

-Best- Calls point of order because not sure if it’s germaine with what’s being discussed.

$27,500.

-Birkey- If we do not fund most of PASO’s budget, going back to DLC is unfair. This would be asking DLC to fund their entire budget, and that is not the purpose of block budget. We as an organization are here to fund groups.

-Burggraf- Food. They haven’t needed quotes for this type of food in the past. Thinks we can fund Africa Night under the thought that there are cultural differences, lack of access to computers, and past precedent. Moves line item 13 to $3,800.00

-Seconded

-Best- In the past we have required quotes. Personally opposed to it because doesn’t think food is the center of Africa Night. Thinks it would make more sense for Kwanzaa.

-Hoppe- Doesn’t mean we can’t fund it in the future… We don’t have a quote.

-Schwichtenberg- This would be $4,000 less that DLC would have to worry about. Thinks we should treat all groups fairly. They’re a big group on campus.

-PASO- Agrees that it makes sense for food to be part of Kwanzaa as it celebrates the Harvest. Food is integral to Africa Night, it is integral to understanding a cultural. Food is an important aspect of Africa night- to understand a culture you use your 5 senses. It’s part of what makes the night what it is. -If you talk to an African family, they will say food is one of the most important aspects of their culture. Offended by the notion that food is not important. -Came to our attention that another group was funded in here without a quote.

-PI- Rasmussen- What group was funded without a quote?

-Burggraf- Viking society and Russian tea, we accepted a list of what they were going to have.

-Afreh- Food is important to this event. Integral to African culture and this event. Understands that there may be cultural differences and misunderstandings, but know that it is important and that they wouldn’t sit here and say it was if this wasn’t the case.

-Gustafson- Would like to know the foundation of the Controller’s opinion that food is not integral to the event?

-Best- Just personal opinion.

-Gustafson- Why are there cultural exceptions in some cases and not others. (Like Meditation and the misunderstanding with the Monk)?

-Best- Not trying to belittle their culture. Sees these as two separate events.

-Siatta- These are the same numbers as last year...we represent the entire student body and need to support this. This is important to their group, and what their organization focuses and celebrates.

-Thayer- Please to refer to previous senates as such, they are not “this body”. Different senate.

-Sweet- Issue with not allocating money for this budget is that if the money from their budget comes out of DLC, DLC will not have any money left. It will stifle other organizations.

-Rasmussen- Can DLC come in for midyears if they run out?

-Yes

-PASO- Food from different regions of Africa. All to show that even though all of these foods are different, all of these thousands of cultures share similarities. Give explanations of when/what time of day this food eaten, where it comes from.

-Thayer- Calls to Q.

-Vote on Call to Q

-Q is called

-Vote on amendment to line item 13.

-Division called

-Placard raise

-Passes

-Thayer- Roll call needed and ⅔ because it’s breaking a bylaw when voting on full budget.

-Best- Has said opinions. Yields.

-Hoppe-Doesn’t think we should be basing these decisions whether or not it will burden DLC. Should focus on individual line items and the merits of these items.

-Siatta- For the Black History Month speaker, was there a quote? (Directed to PASO)

-PASO- We do not have a quote for Black History Month. That’s why we’re asking for funding for the other items.

-Siatta- Was there a Kwanzaa event last year?

-Yes.

-Siatta- Moves to fund food in full. Line item 7 E to $1,500.

-Siatta- Food integral to Kwanza.

-Schwichtenberg- Not comfortable funding without quotes. Can go to DLC for money, it’s their purpose to fund groups under their block budget.

-Nigro- Moves to conclude meeting at the end of the agenda.

-Sweet seconds

-Vote

So approved.

-Birkey- Since we funded food for Africa Night, it would be fair and consistent to fund food for Kwanzaa.

-Nigro- This should be ok to fund. Caf funds food at $10 a person, if they’re expecting 100 people...shouldn’t have arguments about quotes. Let’s not argue forever.

-Thayer- Thinks that of all the items on the budget this one should be funded. Calls to Q.

-Q called

-Amendment Approved.

-Nigro- Thinks that a lot of the things that are being said are disrespectful to smaller orgs. We’ve told smaller orgs that we won’t fund their events without quotes. Doesn’t know why we’ve changed our minds in how to fund. If we want to change the rule, so be it. But, doesn't’ understand the new lax standard. Won’t argue that this is a large and important org, but we can’t keep changing our standards.

-Singh- It’s important to understand that this is part of a block budget. Can’t come in for midyears like the smaller orgs. Without this funding these events wouldn’t be possible. Consistency is important, but there are always exceptions.

-PI- Rasmussen- Can go to DLC, and DLC can come in for midyears.

-Burggraf- These are special circumstances. Once you have the backstory of how these events are organized, it’s easier to vote.

-PASO- To comment on the idea that we’re getting “special treatment or being disrespectful to smaller orgs”, we do not think we’re asking for exceptions for special treatment because we think we deserve them. Basing this on precedence in our community.

-Sweet- PASO has had issues with DLC allocating money and being on probation...everything has been a special case because of their advisor. When we’re looking at these..yes we need to stick to our guns, but we also need to take this on a case by case basis. Not every org was here a few weeks ago debating probation. Would say the same for any group, no matter their size. Need to take into consideration what has happened this year with their advisor being gone. If we’re sticking to all of this, moves to fund line item 10 to $1,000.00

-Siatta seconds.

-Thayer- Were there any quotes for any of these line items?

-Best- No.

-Thayer- Thinks we should vote this down. We have the requirement that groups have quotes.

-Hinnenkamp- For a previous item we had at least part of a quote. But this might be one of those things where they have to go into DLC.

-PASO- Not asking for funding for this speaker. Don’t fund it. The three things we’re concerned with are the speaker for the Our Story Conference and food for Africa Night and Kwanzaa. Haven’t had concerns with food in the past. Asked for what we deserve. Happy with budget as it was before.

-Hoppe- Calls to Q  
-Vote on Call to Q

-Vote on amendment

-Fails

-Olsen- Will we be able to talk in between groups?

-Yes.

Thayer-Calls to Q on budget as a whole.

-Siatta seconds

-Vote to end debate

-Passes

-Roll Call Vote

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|  | PASO |
| Adwoa Afreh | Y |
| Andrew Birkey | Y |
| Jessica Burggraf | Y |
| Andrew Choquette | N |
| Gabe Grosshuesch | Y |
| Courtney Harbeck | Y |
| Sean Hinnenkamp | Y |
| Sam Hoppe | Y |
| David Krebs |  |
| Nick Nigro | N |
| Kevin Pajor | N |
| Bobby Rasmussen | N |
| Rhett Schwichtenberg | N |
| Peter Selness |  |
| Mark Siatta | Y |
| Sharon Singh | Y |
| Delaney Sweet | Y |
| Joe Thayer | N |
| Bennett Thrash |  |
| Hannah Vogel | N |
| Jordan Wiest |  |

-Budget fails

-Siatta- What’s the problem with funding the entire budget as a whole if we passed the other amendments? Yes, we were breaking a bylaw, but why put it on the budget if you were going to vote it down.

-Rasmussen- The previous votes were majority votes. This was ⅔. Concerns with Africa Night. We can’t base decisions on previous years/decisions by previous years. Feels that the main part of the event has to be food (to fund it). Personally went to Africa Night, loved the event. But when the food came, thought it was delicious, it never had an educational part. Maybe missed something. Not saying it’s not important to Africa night or to the culture. But, doesn’t think that it is the center point of the event. Doesn’t think we looked at it in the right way when we looked at it before.

-Timmons- Budget on the floor. Like the first vote didn’t happen.

-Rasmussen- Moves to change line 13 to 0.

-VanHecke- You can’t do that...can’t undo a movement.

-Nigro- In the interest of the people outside, thinks we will need to table this. If we stay here arguing we’ll be here all night. Personally, thinks we should table it.

-Marino- Unless there was a roll call vote or a written record, you have to assume that they’re not lying. A motion to reconsider is usually made by someone who voted in favor

-VanHecke- If you really want to reconsider, you should have someone on the floor who voted yes vote to reconsider.

-Rasmussen- Moves to table.

-Hoppe- If we vote down tabling now and let them speak, can we vote to table again?

-Yes.

-Vote to table until next week’s meeting.

-Division Called.

-Placard raise

-Tabling fails.

-Nigro- Thinks we’ve hit an impasse where both sides are set in their ways. But, the majority is going to have to start making concessions or some major persuading is going to have to happen. This budget as it stands will never pass.

-Timmons- Highly encourages any member of this body to move for a five minute recess.

-PASO-Wanted to comment on the comment stating that we did not talk about the food. We specifically talked about it in our speech.

-Vote on 5 min Recess

-Passes.

-Called back to order at 8:47.

-Birkey- Doubts that the majority would give a concession. Doesn’t see why this amount of money is an issue, honestly at this point we’re getting to the point of arguing personal prejudice against personal prejudice. Can we move towards something?

-Afreh- To move forward..Africa Night Food is what the other side is concerned with...move to $0.

-Pajor seconds.

-Afreh- Otherwise we will just be going back and forth. There are other groups waiting. Half is better than nothing.

-Siatta- If we move this to $0, we’re one step closer to moving another line item to $0. Disagrees with this.

-Hinnenkamp- Hates that we’re referring to each other in terms of “majority and minority”. Would love PASO to have $1300. But if this is what we can get, it’s a win. Sorry we couldn’t get the whole budget.

-Thayer- If this moves to $0, would support the budget as a whole.

-Rasmussen- It’s about treating groups fairly. Would support this.

-If this amendment passes, the budget will pass. This is what has to be done. Calls to Q

-Vote on call to Q

-Called

Vote on amendment

-Passes

-Rasmussen Calls to Q

Schwichtenberg seconds.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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| Adwoa Afreh | Y |
| Andrew Birkey | Y |
| Jessica Burggraf | Y |
| Andrew Choquette | Y |
| Gabe Grosshuesch | Y |
| Courtney Harbeck | Y |
| Sean Hinnenkamp | Y |
| Sam Hoppe | A |
| David Krebs |  |
| Nick Nigro | Y |
| Kevin Pajor | Y |
| Bobby Rasmussen | Y |
| Rhett Schwichtenberg | Y |
| Peter Selness |  |
| Mark Siatta | A |
| Sharon Singh | Y |
| Delaney Sweet | Y |
| Joe Thayer | Y |
| Bennett Thrash |  |
| Hannah Vogel | N |
| Jordan Wiest |  |

-Passes

\*Montes- Osorio- It’s not our job to compare orgs on the floor. It’s going to be a long night.

b. Siatta- As a whole, doesn’t necessarily agree that there are some backdoor discussions going on. Undermining- by tone of voice, or how we respond to previous senators or chairs. Feels that we should try to stay level headed. It’s gets hectic, but it would be better for everyone.

c.Nigro- Take a second to clear your heads. We had an awesome last week. Let’s go into these budgets with fresh eyes.

d. Burggraf- Reminder to be respectful of groups when they come in. It’s probably scary for them. Be respectful and attentive.

IV. New Business

A. Spring Budgeting Process

1- GATA(Gustavus Athletic Trainers Association)- Montes Osorio- Didn’t have any quotes, couldn’t fund.

-GATA-Don’t have quotes because dates weren’t yet established at the time that these budgets were due. Were funded in the past. Understand that you’re set in your ways that you need a quote, but we didn’t have anything yet to give. Would appreciate recommendations on what to do for next year.

-Burggraf- Are you under a block budget?

-GATA- No.

-Burggraf- Could come in for a midyear?

-GATA-Annual meeting is on April 24th and 25th in Plymouth.

-Best- Yes, would be able to come in for a midyear at that time.

-Nigro- It is unfortunate that our calendars don’t align. Should be able to come in the fall once you have all of your info, and you should be good.

-Vote

-Approved.

2-Iota Tau Alpha

-Montes-Osorio- Due to the fact that we didn’t have quotes for their conference, recommended it to $0. $15 for printing.

-ITA- We are an honor society for athletic training students. Want to go to this conference for the those who work hard in our athletic training group. Haven’t been able to go for the past few years. A great opportunity to see how this area of study works/practices in the Great Lakes Area/Midwest. The prices have been consistent over the past few years.

-Best- Once they do publish registration costs and can provide it to the body as a quote, then you can come in for a midyear at that time.

-Vogel- Also keep in mind that this is above the $1100.

-ITA-The reason it’s so high is because they want us to budget for there to be 8 people. Want at least a couple of people to be able to experience in their four years.

-Hoppe- Would it be easier for us to give you less now and then wait to figure out how many can go?

-ITA- They wanted us to ask for so much, so that we could accommodate those who can’t pay to go. It’s hard to gage how many people are able to go.

-Singh- They can come in for a midyear. As of right now, we can’t really do anything. Calls to Q.

-Schwichtenberg seconds.

-Vote on call to Q.

-Passes, Q called.

-Vote on budget

-Passes.

3- French Club

-Montes- Osorio- Didn’t feel comfortable funding Carnaval de Quebec (felt that there wasn’t enough info, also lump sum). - Chose not to fund Crepe night (understand cultural significance, but didn’t have quote). Funding travel for trip to cities.

-French Club- Crepe night is very important to French culture. Understands that you don’t like to fund food. It is the event. It’s easily accessible. Draws members. Has been going on for as long as I’ve been here. Asking for $40 for supplies, and then $20 for the next semester (only perishables). -Want to celebrate Carnaval, as way to celebrate other Francophone cultures. Feel that they’ve been neglecting French speaking students/cultures on this campus. Poutine, ice sculptures.

-Burggraf- Moves to fund line 7 in full. A big part of French culture, and this club.

-Rasmusen- What happens at crepe night?

-FC- Make 3-4 batches of crepes. People play French board games while cooking, a way to practice French. It’s open to all of campus.

-Nigro- Great event, unfortunately the rules we’ve been following for other groups is that we don’t follow a lump sum (would prefer a specific list of what each amount entails). Could come back in the fall with this as a midyear.

-Burggraf- We did fund two other groups cultural food without knowing specific what they were asking. This is a significantly lesser sum.

-Marino- Was there a quote?

-No

-Burggraf- This is a lot less, we know exactly what they’re planning on using it for.

-FC- With seasonal items, prices may fluctuate and change.

-Schwichtenberg- Teaches a bad lesson in funding this. They don’t have a quote.

-Hinnenkamp- Culturally significant. Leaning towards supporting this.

-Hoppe- If we don’t fund quotes do we just fund a list of items?

-Yes.

-Hoppe- It’s not just the amount, but the principle.

-Best-Section 2. “We do not fund undesignated charges.” We would need a line item list of everything that would go into making the crepes/putting on the event.

-FC- Went to the mandatory meetings, did not understand that we needed to be so incredibly specific. Sorry we didn’t have quotes- didn’t know.

-Rasmussen- It’s not that I don’t agree with the event...if you come in for a midyear it shouldn’t be a problem.

-FC- When does the midyear process begin?

-Best- Fall into March.

-Vote on amendment to line item 7.

-Division called

-Placard raise

-Amendment fails.

-Grosshuesch- If Carnival is in winter, why is it listed in September?

-FC-Should be switched with Crepe night. (Happens in Dec...Crepe night in Sept).

-Grosshuesch- Can’t come in for mid year(Event is too early in the semester). Moves to change line item 7 to $39.99.

-Seconded

-Best- Notes that the group signed a hard copy of their budget. Doesn’t think we should change things.

-Rasmussen- Is there any possible way the date could be changed?

Ruled out of order.

-Rasmussen- Appeals the chair.

-Vote

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-Sweet- Encourages passing this. September is early. This is a great cultural event. You get to help make the crepes as well!

-Rasmussen- Is there any significance to the date you selected?

-FC- At the beginning of the year, a way to establish the group right off the bat.

-Vote on line item 7.

-Passes

-Burggraf- Moves line item 10 to $20.

-No second.

-Burggraf- Calls to Q.

-Schwichtenberg seconds.

-Vote on call to question.

-Passes, Q is called.

-Timmons- It will be a ⅔ vote due to the non-designated nature of the list for the $39.99.

-Vote on budget as a whole.

-Ruled that abstentions do not affect the vote.

-Vote approved.

\*Reminders

-Best- Points of clarification do not exist. Points of information due. -When groups submit a budget, they sign a hardcopy. Giving them funding just because they do not understand something shouldn’t hold weight in this body.

3- Deltas

-Montes-Osorio- Could not fund Breast Cancer funding as our bylaws do not allow us to fund items to be sold. -Didn’t fund envelopes b/c they’re sent away from campus. -Didn’t fund supplies b/c of one time use, as well as centerpieces being sold. -Cannot fund tickets for closed events. -$15 for printing.

-Deltas- The bylaws state that closed events cannot be funded. It is a ticketed event, but anyone is welcome. Open to the public.

-Burggraf- Finance decided not to fund food unless it was for a cultural event.

-Thayer- This year senate has funded items that were sent away from campus.

-Thrash- Letters and envelopes are intended to go off campus?

-Yes, used to raise money.

-Thrash- Is it a bylaw that non-culturally significant food isn’t funded? Or just committee practice?

-Deltas- Didn’t realize food had to be culturally significant (wasn’t in bylaws). Is one of the biggest sources of fundraising money. Doesn’t understand that when it’s not in a bylaw how groups could know?

-Hoppe- We give money to groups where you learn about cultures. This event is educational and could potentially save lives. We should at least think about funding events like these. Thinks we need to discuss these distinctions.

-Wiest- (To the Deltas) This is an event on campus and an educational event, could you expound on this...is anyone welcome to attend?

-Deltas- Table in the fall, event in October. Have speakers at the benefit. Usually a story from someone who has experienced breast cancer, a research based perspective, and the third speaker varies. Mainly based on educational piece. And fundraising, all money goes to Susan G Komen. (Expect for costs incurred).

-Olsen- Historically senate has not funded food. Now, the precedence has been shifted to cultural food. When making concessions things often become irrational. Technically, there is nothing in the bylaws/constitution against this. Only precedence.

-Rasmussen- Senate is here to fund students. Food is tricky. Feels that food needs to be the focus of the event. Though there are no bylaws, this is what has been practiced.

-Grosshuesch- Moves to fund line 12 in full to $1,768.00.

-Seconded.

-Grosshuesch- Great opportunity for Senate to make a difference. Knowing that it is open to campus and the greater St. Peter area.

-Thrash- Gustavus is an educational institution, not a charity. Doesn’t see a conflict at all in funding dinners that are cultural.

-Rasmussen- Sees it as funding educational events (not explicitly stating food). Feels that we’re approaching a slippery slope here. Great event, but doesn’t think student funds should go towards this.

-Sweet- How many students who weren’t Deltas attended?

-Deltas- Can’t give specific numbers. Alumni, family,

-Sweet- Understanding of it this year was that it was intended just for Deltas. -To finance, how was this number reached?

Deltas-Based off of last year.

-Sweet-If we allocate this money in full, other orgs are going to expect this. Doesn’t think that it’s the student senate’s place to fund benefit dinners.

-Vogel- Doesn’t want to argue the merits of this, it’s going to be a great event. It’s a touchy subject to fund cultural events because not all groups will have a connection to this. Still doesn’t understand the number...the money is hard to figure out. Calls to question.

-Vote on Call to Q.

-Passes

-Vote on amendment

-Amendment fails.

-Siatta- Calls to Q on entire budget

-Passes, Q is called.

-Vote on budget

-Approved.

4- Vogel- Moves to take a 10 min recess.

Seconded

Vote

-Fails.

-Burggraf- Moves to take a recess as close as possible to 10:40 if we’re not in a budget.

-Wiest seconds

-Vote

Passes

5- IGS

-Montes-Osorio- Block budget. Decided to give them their full block amount. -Funding conference. -Not funding El-Agave at midnight (recruitment event). -Funding Greek week, as it is open to all of campus. - Didn’t have quotes for software. -$15 for printing.

-IGS- Would like to clarify the El Agave at midnight event. Not a recruitment event. A way to get IGS’s name out there and open communication. Asking for half of the funding. -Last year were allocated $44 for printing, used a little over that this year.

-Burggraf- Didn’t vote for Greek Week inflatable and rockwall. Felt like it was a way to draw people in (like free food). Didn’t sit well. Would like to hear others thoughts?

-Siatta- Echoes previous speaker. Feels like it’s an attraction. Not comfortable allocating that amount unless it’s for a specific reason other than attracting students to the event. Feels like the focus should be on

-Schwichtenberg- Is senate not funding attractions now? Greek Week is a fun time and is meant to impact campus.

-Grosshuesch- Why is it Greek Week if there is only one event for students to attend?

-IGS-Want to celebrate being Greek and our members, but also want to have an event to foster the relationships between the Greek and the greater community.

-Jenson- Likes the rockwall/inflatable.

-Siatta- Understands that this is fun, but other groups felt that their food would provide for a fun activity. Doesn’t think our student activity fee should go towards this. Doesn’t know if inflatables and rock walls represent what it means to be Greek. Absurd to fund. Doesn’t see how it’s necessary if it’s to inform students who aren’t Greek what it means.

-Thrash- Feels like if this wasn’t IGS, we wouldn’t be opposed to this. Other groups on campus hold events that are open to campus that are just “fun”. Feels that it’s out of order to tell another group what their purpose is and how they should do that. We just need to see this as another event.

-Hinnenkamp- We shouldn’t be bringing up other budgets. -Logical to use student activity fees for student activities. Calls to question.

-Seconded

Vote on call to Q.

-Division called

-Placard raise

-Roll call

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|  | IGS |
| Adwoa Afreh |  |
| Andrew Birkey | A |
| Jessica Burggraf | Y |
| Andrew Choquette | Y |
| Gabe Grosshuesch | Y |
| Courtney Harbeck | Y |
| Sean Hinnenkamp | Y |
| Sam Hoppe | A |
| David Krebs |  |
| Nick Nigro | Y |
| Kevin Pajor | Y |
| Bobby Rasmussen | Y |
| Rhett Schwichtenberg | Y |
| Peter Selness |  |
| Mark Siatta | Y |
| Sharon Singh | Y |
| Delaney Sweet | Y |
| Joe Thayer | Y |
| Bennett Thrash | Y |
| Hannah Vogel | Y |
| Jordan Wiest | Y |

-Passes

6. Kappas

-Montes-Osorio- Committee didn’t fund because speaker had in speaker quote had a misc. item. Noted that she had the ability to break it down for us, but if they could get the broken down we would hear it on the floor.

-Kappas- When the speaker broke it down, we’re looking at $800 of airfare, $4500 speaker fee, $200 ground transport (members decided they don’t want to include that in what they’re asking for).

-Siatta- Original quotes given during process, and new quote now?

-Montes- Osorio- Original quote given on time. Allowed this to come on to the floor, because it was on time. Just needed clarification from speaker.

-Siatta- Feels that since they have a quote would be comfortable. Moves to change line item 4 to $5300.

-Seconded.

-Siatta- Have a quote, don’t see why not to fund. Dec. is a ways away, could get it looked at again if it doesn’t pass. Worthy of being supported.

-Thrash- PI- If we vote on it as amended, would it be ⅔ or a simple majority?

-Just a roll call.

-Rasmussen- She’s touring. Is the airfare to Gustavus and to the next place?

-Kappas- Always estimates airfare at around $800. Close estimate. If it goes over, she doesn’t ask for more.

-Rasmussen- When leaving GAC, is it taken into account that she may be going elsewhere.

-Vote on amendment

-Passes

-Singh- Calls to Q.

Thrash seconds.

Vote on call to Q

-Passes

-Roll Call

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|  | KAPPAS |
| Adwoa Afreh |  |
| Andrew Birkey | Y |
| Jessica Burggraf | Y |
| Andrew Choquette |  |
| Gabe Grosshuesch | Y |
| Courtney Harbeck | Y |
| Sean Hinnenkamp | Y |
| Sam Hoppe | Y |
| David Krebs |  |
| Nick Nigro | Y |
| Kevin Pajor | Y |
| Bobby Rasmussen | Y |
| Rhett Schwichtenberg |  |
| Peter Selness |  |
| Mark Siatta | Y |
| Sharon Singh | Y |
| Delaney Sweet | Y |
| Joe Thayer | A |
| Bennett Thrash | Y |
| Hannah Vogel | Y |
| Jordan Wiest | Y |

-Passes

\*Goldstien- Please don’t clap after groups. It sounds unprofessional.

\*Montes- Osorio- Housekeeping- Please pay attention to groups. Please be aware of your speaking tone, and how loud your snaps are.

-Movement for a 10 min recess

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7. Meditation

-Montes- Osario- Unable to fund Bhante Sathi, as the quote was from previous years. No speaker fees. -Had quote from last year’s Vesak, didn’t fund because it wasn’t for this year. Don’t fund decorations.

-Meditation- Received email stating that quotes were not adequate because they were from last year, not this year. Looked and was unable to find a description of what a quote is. Feels that a quote is a way to prove that money will be spent legitimately. The money for Bhante is the same as it was last time we came in (a few weeks ago). He is coming from the same location.

-Wiest- What is finance looking for in a quote?

-Montes-Osorio- Looking for “x amount” for “x-date”, Speaker fees include date, time, lodging, etc. Invoice from Meditation was from 2013. Decided not to accept...don’t accept previous years, as it can not project what it will be in the next year.

-Meditation-Art 6, section 3- Understands meditation as group. Didn’t realize that date needed to be set. Thought it would be based on precedent of past costs.

-Thrash- This body is not bound by precedent. In the case of precedent, doesn’t think that this is something that can be discussed. These are separate events. The speaker has no obligation to the college not to change what he/she is asking for. Doesn’t think the quote given is valid.

-Burggraf- Something that keeps coming up is that groups don’t know what a quote is. Maybe we could put it in the folder for next year to discuss with groups clearly what a quote is.

-Grosshuesch- You have had this same quote from Bhante for the past four years?

-Meditation- He’s been coming for longer, but this is the amount of time he’s been coming from Eden Prairie. With the Buddhist culture, it is hard to establish clear lines. He always says that he will accept what he has been given in the past.

-Grosshuesch- Moves to fund line 4 in full. It is a cultural thing, if he says that he’ll continue to accept what he’s been given in the past.

-Seconded

-Thrash- Do you have in writing that Bhante will accept this amount?

-Meditation- We’re basically asking for fall semester and spring semester. Otherwise we have to go to DLC. Without this money meditation will be no more. Don’t have it in writing now, but could easily obtain it.

-Hinnenkamp- A big problem in my mind is how vague or quote definition is. We’re cheating a group if they read they bylaws and come in with what they believe is right and we tell them that they’re wrong. We’re cheating them out of events that they could be hosting. Agrees with funding line #4. In order to stay fair, we should fund it.

-Thayer- Precedence. Last year the previous semester funded twice as much as needed. Feels that we’re hiring someone to come in on a salary basis. Different than an event that just happens once. It does make an impact. Thinks the amount should be lowered because it feels like we’re hiring a part time member of the college.

-Sweet- Let’s focus on this current senate. This is a new one, creating new precedent. This is a resource for mediation to guide their practices. Bhante is necessary for this group to exist. You can’t deny people a right to a spiritual outlet. Important. Encourages that this be funded in full.

-Burggraf- Wants to fund this in full. Calls to question.

Q is called

-BALLOT VOTE REQUESTED.

Ballot vote for the amendment to line item 4 to fund in full.

-Results: Passes, so amended.

-Hinnenkamp- Happy this passed. Still feels that they brought in something and deserve to be heard.

-Siatta- For the spring semester fee...is that the same quote? Move to fund line item 10 in full to $930.00.

-Seconded.

-Siatta- Supporting this helps ensure that this org is able to remain an org. This fee should be granted to them directly from us. We passed the fall fee with the same quote. Comfortable passing this as well.

-Hoppe- Is there an extra $20 missing somewhere? Wants to be accurate. If that $20 can be used for another group…

-Meditation- An approximation. Sometimes if weather conditions are bad he may have to cancel, extra money can go towards j-term. The $20 takes care of any change in differences with travel/gas.

-Vote on amendment

Ballot vote requested

Results: Amendment passes.

Grosshuesch- Calls to Q

-Vote to end discussion

-Motion fails

-Nigro- To be consistent with how we funded food from the caf, moves to allocate in full line 18. Cultural food.

-Meditation- Needs to be vegetarian for the monks. Too hard to make on own, so turn to caf.

-Meditation- Practice to feed monks. Feeding monks is a very important tradition and this is the one time of year we can do that.

-Rasmussen- Is the food just for the monks?

-Meditation- Food for all who attend. Part of the tradition of Vesak.

-Vote on amendment

-Quote on food?

-No. Caf food.

-Best- Need to ⅔, because we’re accepting something that wasn’t a quote.

-Vote on budget

-Passes

\*Best- We have to stick to the number we have, we can’t go over budget.

8. Dance team

-Montes-Osorio- Club Sport. Asked for travel/lodging/registration for nationals, funded to $3,000.00. Capital improvement, skirts. Had quote. -$15 for printing.

-Schwichtenberg- To dance team, were you aware that you could ask for $4,000?

-No. That would be helpful!

-Schwichtenberg- Moves to change line item 3 to $4,000.00.

-Vote on amendment

-Passes

-ROLL CALL

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|  | DANCE TEAM |
| Adwoa Afreh |  |
| Andrew Birkey | Y |
| Jessica Burggraf | Y |
| Andrew Choquette |  |
| Gabe Grosshuesch | Y |
| Courtney Harbeck | Y |
| Sean Hinnenkamp | Y |
| Sam Hoppe | Y |
| David Krebs |  |
| Nick Nigro | Y |
| Kevin Pajor | Y |
| Bobby Rasmussen | Y |
| Rhett Schwichtenberg | Y |
| Peter Selness |  |
| Mark Siatta | Y |
| Sharon Singh | Y |
| Delaney Sweet | Y |
| Joe Thayer | Y |
| Bennett Thrash | Y |
| Hannah Vogel | Y |
| Jordan Wiest | Y |

-Passes

\*We cannot stay past midnight when the building closes. If we don’t finish next week, we will have to schedule an additional meeting.

9. Cru

-Montes-Osorio- Funding fall retreat to IRS standard rate, and part of winter conference. -Funded to $1100 for registration, travel, and lodging. $15 for printing.

-Cru- Happy with budget.

-Vote on budget

-Passes

10. HACO

-Montes-Osorio- Hmong New Year, quote for speaker and performers. Funded food. -Didn’t fund for advertising, capped at $15. - Didn’t fund Details in the Fabric, take away items/crafts. -Funded documentary.

-HACO-Happy with budget.

-HACO- Show traditional Hmong life and culture. Wanted to show traditional crafts and activities.

-Schwichtenberg- Commending org on a great budget! If the Details in the Fabric wasn’t takeaway, would have funded it. Recommend going to DLC.

-Vote

-Passes

11. Gustavus Outdoor Enthusiasts.

-Montes-Osorio- Committee didn’t fund supplies for opening bonfire. -Funded canoe trip to Lake Emily in full. Funded up to bylaws for trips, but couldn’t fund all.

-Weren’t aware of $1100 limit on registration and travel. Would rather redirect money to smaller trips so there would be more opportunities.

-Thayer- Do you want this more diversified?

GOE- Keep fall break trip, but redirect spring break trip to climbing events.

-Thayer- Moves to send this back to committee, and then to look at it next week. Would make things easier.

-Grosshuesch seconds

-Vogel- We can do this on the floor now. Appreciates the thought that taking things off the floor would be nice. But fInance has been working hard/taken a lot of time. Wouldn’t make the group wait any longer.

-Grosshuesch- Thinks this should go back to finance, still have groups waiting and it’s getting late.

-Marino- Encourages someone to get the numbers from them and to make one giant motion.

-Vote on charging to finance

-Not charged

-Best- Group has asked that the following funds be moved. Outdoor admission expo be funded in full, weekend climbing at MSU, Weekend climbing Total of $380. And remove spring break trip money (to $0).

-Nigro- So moved.

-Seconded.

-Vote on amendments

-So amended.

-Vote on budget

-Approved.

12. Gustie Buddies

-Montes-Osorio- Didn’t fund Halloween Pumpkin carving (takeaway/crafts), funded bowling in Makato in full, capital improvement (sleds), funded twins game, painting activity not funded (takeaway).

-Gustie Buddies- Thanks for the money! Would like to argue for painting event. In the past two years we’ve had kids take the canvases home, but every year dining services asks that we donate them(they hang them in banquet rooms). Couldn’t afford wooden canvases the past couple of years. Great way to share with campus, and to see how the buddies have grown over course of year. Great way to give back to campus, and to recruit. People not part of the community come into the banquet rooms, see what we’re doing and

-Nigro- Moves to fund line item 18 in full.

-Burggraf seconds.

-Thrash- Was there a quote for the canvases?

-Montes-Osorio-No.

-Thrash- Would support this as a midyear.

-Sweet- Confused about quote. It says that they’re $10 for 2.

-Best- There wasn’t a hard copy.

-Siatta- Where did these quotes come from?

-Gustie Buddies- Found it online. We could easily find it again and bring it in.

-Vogel- Usually require quote at time of meeting with finance.

-Vote on amendment

-Fails

-Vote on budget

-Passes

13. Hoffman Center

-Montes- Osorio- Didn’t fund t shirts, $15 printing.

-Hoffman Center- Volunteer at the center with young men/boys who are at the center for treatment for juvenile sex offences. We work them doing crafts, activities, to build social skills. Reward for boys to progress in their treatment.

-Grosshuesch- Likes idea of final day celebration. Moves to fund line item 4 to $200.

-Would take less than that. Something to buy t shirts, outdoor activities, crafts. Do different crafts throughout year.

-Grosshuesch- Moves to fund line item 4 to $100.

-Siatta seconds

-Grosshuesch- This is a very intricate situation. Likes the idea of rewarding people who are making progress with difficult situations.

-Burggraf- Loves what your org does. But, this goes against our bylaw of funding items that are given away. Recommend you coming back with a request for reusable items.

-HC- Would that require us to bring receipt to show what we use? We have a lot of supplies, but it’s more than just markers. Without money to do crafts, there’s no reason to go.

-Burggraf- Need a list of what you want to do so we know what you’re spending it on. A more concrete plan.

-Schwichtenberg- Echoes previous speaker. Can’t fund shirts to be given away. But, items that you can use again (like markers, etc). Would be good to come in as a midyear.

-HC- Could we still get money for t shirts?

-Montes-Osorio- At this point the full floor has to debate the t shirts. For midyear, info would be relayed to new finance chair and you could present what you’re asking for.

-Vote on amendment to line item 4.

-Amendment fails.

-Vote on budget as a whole

-Passes

\*VanHecke- Recommends hearing the last 4 orgs in the hall. Can arrange for us to stay.

\*Best- Once this is done, suggests that someone arrange to close this section of spring budgeting.

14.DLC

-Block budget. $27,500.00 funded for block money. -Didn’t fund Diversity Awards Banquet, classified as closed. $15 for printing.

-DLC- Satisfied with block money. This year for Diversity Awards Banquet took money from pot to fund. Didn’t think this was fair, as it takes away from orgs. Would like to come in with a quote as a midyear, to request as a block wide event. What does closed event mean?

-Best- A closed event is one that is sectioned off that only a certain number or group of people can attend. Diversity Awards Banquet is not closed, it is ticketed, but open to all.

-Best- Views Diversity Awards Banquet as a block wide event. Feels that the org could come in as a midyear request.

-Grosshuesch-What was your reasoning behind the requests for the Diversity Awards Banquet?

-DLC-Based off of this year. Food from caf.

-Burggraf- Wanted to talk about food. Have been funding food from caf/culturally specific without quotes. This isn’t culturally specific, though.

-Vote on budget

PASSES.

15. Men’s Club Rugby

-Montes-Osorio- School classifies them as a dangerous sport. Coach required, travel and lodging to $4,000, capital improvement- camcorder to record practices (sharing w/women’s rugby), first aid response kit, ball kit, 5 home jerseys, $10 requested for printing.

-Rugby- Looking at other teams as examples/to look for coaches. -Reg/travel/lodging travel to Wayne State in NE and to St Cloud. -Just this year alone have had lots of broken bones (collar bones, fingers, arms…). Need to record games so that guys know how to tackle/take hits. Can help prevent injury. Warranty for 3 years. -Given balls a few years ago, need balls just for games. The current ones have worn tread, etc. -First aid for injuries. -Jerseys- smaller jerseys, safety measure when tackling.

-Nigro-Moves line item 14 to $15.

Vogel seconds

-Vote on amendment

-So amended.

-Goldstien- How does a camcorder prevent injury more than a coach?

-$1,000 isn’t going to get a coach for every game/practice. There aren’t professional coaches, they’re just guys who play rugby. Have had a coach in the past and still injuries. Helps with injuries/watching form, etc. -Also improves games. Feels that it’s necessary.

-Goldstien- Personally doesn’t feel that it’s (camera) the best use of act fees. For what they’re trying to do with it, not the most direct approach.

-Thayer- Storage?

-Have a space in the gustie den, or can keep it with advisor.

-Burggraf- Have played sports where they record you and sports where they don’t, and when they record you it makes a big difference/makes it easier to realize what you’re doing. With the amount of money spent on hospital fees, this is a good solution.

-Sweet- Has played sports where practices were recorded and it’s very helpful.

-Vote on budget

-ROLL CALL

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|  | MEN'S RUGBY |
| Adwoa Afreh |  |
| Andrew Birkey | Y |
| Jessica Burggraf | Y |
| Andrew Choquette |  |
| Gabe Grosshuesch | Y |
| Courtney Harbeck | Y |
| Sean Hinnenkamp | Y |
| Sam Hoppe | Y |
| David Krebs |  |
| Nick Nigro | Y |
| Kevin Pajor | Y |
| Bobby Rasmussen | Y |
| Rhett Schwichtenberg | A |
| Peter Selness |  |
| Mark Siatta | Y |
| Sharon Singh | Y |
| Delaney Sweet | Y |
| Joe Thayer | Y |
| Bennett Thrash | Y |
| Hannah Vogel | Y |
| Jordan Wiest | Y |

-Passes

16. Eppies

-Rock for Tots sound system recorded, take the hill triathlon- bikes, equipment, and insurance funded. No quote for race day medical insurance. -$15 for printing.

-Eppies- Rumors around campus that triathlon will no longer be happening because of liability issues. -Looking for alternate venues. -Raised over $2,000 this year for philanthropy. $1275 is actual insurance price. -

-Thayer- If finance director finds quote, it seems reasonable to fund $1275 to reflect quote. ENcourages a movement.

-Grosshuesch.- Moves to change line 10 to $1275.

Seconded

Vote on budget

Approved.

17. MCS

-Career talks (alumni come and speak, has been a successful event in the past few years), $15 for printing.

-MCS- Career talks “bread and butter” of MCS club. Alums come in and talk about transitions to grad school/jobs, etc. Match, Computer Science, Math ed. Multiple days. Gas for alumni. -Shows a wide variety of career activities.

-Vote

-Approved.

\*Best- Entertains a motion to table remaining budgets for next week.

-Schwichtenberg- So moved.

-Vogel seconds

-Vote

So tabled.

b. Nigro Moves to approve Faculty Committee Nominees.

-Thayer- “Marguette” should be spelled “Marquette”.

-Vote to approve

-So approved.

c. Goldstien- Matt and I presenting senate calendar for next year. Can see all of the events meetings, when applications go out, etc.

-Timmons-Given problems with taking roll during j-term/making quorum, didn’t put on calendar.

-Goldstien- Friendlies to add January dates. (Every Mon in Jan that’s not on touring break).

-Vote to approve

-Approved.

V. Announcements

-Pajor- Monday 19th at 6pm Senate end of the year BBQ. Courtyard.

-Schwichtenberg- OKs. Africa Jam this Fri.

-Hoppe- 5/20, 7pm, undie run. Donate clothes.

-Best- 25 budgets for next Monday.

-Cabrera- Thanks to those who showed up to the ice cream social!

-Grosshuesch- Q&A Religion and Sexuality Panel 7pm on Wed.

-GWO concert.