**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**May 19, 2013**

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes (5/12/2014)

-Approved

III.Community Comment

-NA

IV.Old Business

-Timmons- Update on the lights and chairs committee before summer?

-Nigro- Ordered some chairs, Physical Plant has not gotten back to me on when they will arrive. Something is coming.

IV. New Business

a. Spring Budgeting Process

1- Coloring Crew

-Montes-Osorio- -$15 for printing. Decided to not fund the rest of the budget, as the rest are general materials for arts and crafts. This has been the general practice for all such requests. There were not quotes provided for any of these items.

-CC- Feel that org has a lot of great merits. Gets GAC’s name out in a positive light. Impacts GAC students and the greater community, children’s hospital. Without these items org will cease to exist. Need them to function, make crafts for the kids.

-Siatta- Did this group come in for a midyear?

-Yes.

-Grosshuesch- If the flatrate boxes are always a set price of $12.65, why not fund it?

-Best- Even though it’s a set rate, still require a quote. It’s what we need to function effectively as a committee.

-Vote on budget.

-Passes.

\*Timmons- If you’re opposed to a decision, say your reasoning. Let’s engage in conversation. I’m sure this group was surprised to hear no’s, but no conversation leading up to it.

2- Circle K

-Montes- Osorio- Changed travel based on the fact that they will be traveling in a college van. Were not able to fund for registration (didn’t have quote). This was the case for both the conference and the convention. Didn’t fund Circle K’s Service Week Awareness, asked for general supplies. Provided $15 for printing.

-Circle K- Here to argue for registration to be covered. Trailing conference is a great opportunity for members to learn about leadership and work with others involved with the org from many places (Circle K is a national org). -District Conference is a great way to interact with other groups and learn leadership skills. Member attended, had a great experience, inspired to run for president position and learned a great deal. Inspires people to be better leaders

-Timmons- What does your org do?

-Circle K- Part of the Kiwanis league. This particular group works extensively with South Elementary. Similar to a college level of Key Club or NHS.

-Timmons- (To finance chair) Would they be able to make an Oct 13th payment if they came in for a midyear?

-Montes-Osorio- Sees no complication if they came in for a midyear. Would be plenty of time.

-Afreh- (To Circle K)- Were you funded for your conference attendance last year?

-One person. Would like to send more.

-Afreh- Did you have quotes for either of these conferences?

-Montes-Osorio- No.

-Afreh- Gave just general travel funding?

-Yes.

-Singh- Your org sounds great. The only problem is that you didn’t have a quote, which the finance committee requires. If you come in with one in the fall you should be good to go.

-Nigro- Why fund travel but nothing else?

-Montes-Osorio- Knew that travel details were set, and decided the rest could be a midyear. A way to say that this is a perfect mid year, and to encourage them to come back in the fall. Incentive for the next senate to provide registration.

-Timmons- Have we required groups to provide quotes for registration for these sort of events in the past?

-Montes-Osorio- Made this announcement at meetings before finance. Made it clear in presentation meetings. This is something that was required at midyear as well.

-Timmons- Highlighted this this year because it was different than it was in the past?

-Yes.

-Sweet- Where did you get the numbers from?

-Circle K- Past info, etc.

-Nigro- What’s our current contingency at?

Best- $22,232.17

-Nigro- Has problems with partially funding events. Moves to amend line items 5 and 9 in full.

-Hinnenkamp seconds.

-Nigro- If we passed it as it currently stands, we would be saying these are good events. Let’s fund them in full.

-Siatta- Both wonderful events, but we’ve had a standard this spring that if orgs did not have quotes that they would have to come in during the next fiscal year with quotes to request. We should stay consistent with what we have been doing.

-Burggraf- Understands the argument of partially funding, but doesn’t feel like that’s what’s happening. We’re not saying that your event is only worth so much, but that we support it and will fund it when you have quotes.

-Vogel- Funding travel is saying that we did what we did as a committee without quotes. It’s not saying that this event can’t ever happen. We want to make sure that they can get there and do what we need to do. Doesn’t think we should be doing this inconsistently.

-Thayer- My points have been made. This is the last meeting, though we do have $22,000, we shouldn’t just hand it out. We should stay consistent. Calls to question.

-Vote on Call to Q

-Motion passes.

-Vote on motion to amend line items 5 and 9 to fund in full.

-Division called, vote via placard raise.

Motion fails.

-Burggraf- Yields.

-Nigro- To ask this body to be consistent is laughable- we’re never consistent. But, accepts defeat. Calls to Q.

-Vote to call to question.

-Passes

-Vote on budget as is.

-Passes.

255,000 dollars is what our budget number is. Up to this point, including what committee has recommended on budgets we haven’t heard yet, our float is $22, 000…. If you vote to allocate above, then we deduct from this amount.

-VanHecke- You took the entire budget at estimate of next year’s dollar income, then allocated every penny save reserved amount. What do you estimate the rescission will be at the end of the year?

-Best- Maybe $70,000? But we still can’t over allocate.

3-Colleges Against Cancer-

-Montes-Osorio- Committee had a difficult time with Relay for Life. Most things were promotional supplies. Pizza was a difficult discussion, wanted to stay consistent and fund only food that is central to the event.

-CAC- Large concern is the pizza. It may not be a large part of the event, but it’s very important. Event goes overnight. The caf is closed, not many places in St. Peter open. Have some donated items, but nothing of great sustenance when people are walking around the track and doing activities all night long. -Keeping students overnight on a college campus is a challenge, if they want food and it’s not there they will leave. Have received funding for pizza the past few years. Our participation levels have been increasing. Promotional materials not as important. American Cancer Society helps with some. Pizza is $500 and would take a significant chunk of budget. We’ve been funded in the past.

-Timmons- Last year the justification for the pizza was the time it was delivered. No other options that time of night. As a diabetic, having food during an event of this length is a huge concern. This event funds cancer research, does great things for this community.

-Nigro- Moves to amend line item 5 in full.

-Sweet seconds.

-Nigro- This body has funded food for big events such as this. Consistency.

-Thayer- In 2012, finance didn’t fund pizza. Last year did fund, based on what the co-pres stated. Just to give you some background.

-Hoppe- Another reason for why we would want to fund this if we haven’t funded any other philanthropy food items?

-CAC-We may have got money for the pizza during a midyear.

-CAC- In response to Sam’s point, it is different than other philanthropy events, because it’s overnight and nothing else is open. They’re walking all night, need sustenance.

-Burggraf- Committee decided to only fund culturally significant events. Understands that… Hard to say this, but if people brought their own food it would be the same event.

-Hinnenkamp- If you didn’t get the funding for the pizza, it would come out of your donation funds?

-Yes.

-Hinnenkamp-Shouldn’t happen...donations are for a greater cause. Looking at this in a case by case basis, this seems completely acceptable.

-Siatta- Also supports this. Where is the pizza coming from?

-Dominos.

-Still supports this.

-Point of Interest- Was a quote provided?

No, not for pizza.

-CAC- Caf already donates a nice breakfast in the morning among other things, already giving a lot. Also closed at that time. -Also, we tell people that their funds are going to the American Cancer Society. For us to take money out of donations for pizza, doesn’t seem to make sense.

-Sweet- Regardless of how they got the funding two years ago, they got the funding. If we want to stay true to form, we should fund it. Also, the pizza is one of many things going on.

-Larson- The food is meant to keep students going through the night? What happens after Dominos closes?

-CAC- Work to space food distribution throughout the event so that there’s something accessible at all times.

-Grosshuesch- Attended event this year. Knowing that food was there helped alot.

-Harbeck- Talking in circles. Calls to question.

-Seconded.

-Vote to amend

Passes

-Thayer- Calls to Question.

-Choquette seconds.

-Vote on call to Q

-Passes

-Vote to approve budget

-Passes.

\*Rasmussen- Point of Information- Be careful about using previous senates to make decision. We can use it for reference, but shouldn’t base decisions on it.

4-Club Tennis

-Montes-Osorio- Clubs sport. Funded travel/registration/lodging based on bylaws. Group requested $10 for printing.

-Club Tennis- We’re good with this!

-Thayer- Moves to extend meeting until end of business.

-Seconded

-Thayer- Amend to say until end of announcements.

-Vote

-Passes.

-Nigro- Moves to amend line item 5 to $15.

-Seconded.

-Nigro- Let’s give them the full $15!

-Vote on amendment

-Passes

-Vote to approve budget as it stands.

-Budget approved.

5- Chemistry Club

-Montes-Osorio- Due to lack of quotes, were unable to fund capital improvement items. Many items were to be used at science on Saturday and Relay for Life.

-Chem Club- Treasurer thought that quotes were only needed for travel items. Weren’t aware that it was necessary for other items. Liquid Nitrogen needed to make ice cream at Relay for Life.

-Grosshuesch- We just talked about Relay. This is another opportunity to provide food during the event. Who doesn’t love liquid nitrogen ice cream?! Moves to fund line item 4 in full.

-Vogel- Liquid nitrogen not solely for Relay?

-DIvided up between Relay, Science on Sat, and Loyola (another event). About 8 batches ($100) for Relay.

-Vogel- Hard decision, committee wasn’t comfortable breaking/splitting this up without a quote. Not comfortable funding Science Sat (Items for people coming in from off campus)

-Siatta- Not comfortable funding Science on Sat. Good event.

-Could they come in for a midyear?

-Yes, timing works.

-Gustafson- Without liquid nitrogen is there another way to keep ice cream cold?

-CC- Other ways, but feel that liquid nitrogen captures essence of chemistry club/mission.

-Vote on amendment.

-Fails

-Grosshuesch- Where did the numbers come from?

-CC- Based on previous years.

-Vote on budget as is.

-Passes

6- Alpine Ski Team-

-Montes-Osorio- They are a club sport. Fully allocated request for travel lodging, and registration.

-Alpine Ski Team- That pretty much covers it!

-Sweet- You’re a club sport?

-Yes.

-Sweet- The max you can have is $4,000. Would you appreciate that?

-Alpine Ski Team- Yeah!

-Sweet- Moves to fund line item 3 to $4,000.

-Grosshuesch- Seconds.

-Sweet- Alpine skiing is an expensive sport. This would help them out.

-Olsen- Would you actually need this extra money, or would it just be helpful?

-Alpine Ski Team- Yes, travel over weekends. Need hotels, equipment, etc.

-Vote on amendment

-Passes

-Vote on budget as a whole

-Approved.

7-Gustavus Dance Company

-Montes-Osorio- -Fall Dance Concert Trips, finance didn’t fund, as the concerts are required by the department. Didn’t feel that act fees should be used for department requirements. Funded ACDA in full for travel/lodging. -Same reasoning for spring dance concert as fall. Did

-GDC- Miscommunication about dance concert. Org is required to go (separate from department requirements). -The trip for company members enriches the arts committee, inspires the company’s own shows and programs. Not a closed trip, open to all. Enriches GAC committee as a whole by allowing them to go on these trips.

-Thayer- Were there quotes provided for line item 13?

-Best-No.

-Hinnenkamp- Lack of quote makes it more complicated. Still a student activity, enriching for org. In the end, still helps student activity and that’s what this money is for. The fall trip comes up quickly next year. Moves to amend line item 3 to $615.00.

-Seconded.

-Hinnenkamp- Enriching experience, group would benefit.

-Thayer- Would this break Art VI section II line 6?

-Vogel- This would break a bylaw, would cut into $1100 max.

-VanHecke-$1100 is

-Best- All inclusive of travel/lodging/registration.

-VanHecke- Separate trips all have to stay under the $1100?

-Yes.

-Vogel- Realizes that with our bylaw the way that it is, there’s a lot of money in one area. It can change.

-Grosshuesch- What is the location of the fall concert trip?

-GDC- In the cities. Dance company chooses based on what is showing.

-Rasmussen- Is the price up there at the IRS rate?

-No.

-Vote on amendment

-Fails.

-Nigro- What was finance committee’s reasoning for line item 19?

-Montes-Osorio- The speakers are in the dance studio. Committee didn’t want to fund capital improvement (with student activities) for a college buildings.

-Nigro- Didn’t think student activity money should go to improving college spaces?

-Burggraf- Didn’t feel like club should have to replace college equipment when it fails. Equipment used for classes as well.

-Nigro- Finds committee’s reasoning comical. We’ve used student act fees for improving spaces in the past. Moves to fund line item 18 in full.

-Goldstien- Doesn’t think groups should be penalized for being associated with a department. Thinks that the fact that it would be used by classes (more people) is a positive, not a negative.

-Best- Past funded improvements have been to open spaces, this is a classroom.

-Hinnenkamp- Is the dance studio open to anyone?

-GDC- Used for classes, etc, but you can sign up to use it.

-Hinnenkamp- Finds it hypocritical to fund other capital improvement items but not this one.

-Siatta- The student body has the opportunity to use these speakers- doesn’t have a problem utilizing funds to pay for this. Since it has come up, it would be a sufficient use of our funds. Recommends support.

-Olsen- Agrees with previous speakers. Thinks these should be funded..rational, it’s what we do.

-GDC-Just assumed these positions a little over a month ago. Didn’t know quotes were needed. Had this been known, would have provided one.

-Thayer- Appreciates rationale behind this, supports this, but the quote thing threw me for a loop. Doesn’t support this without a quote.

-Sweet- Is there a certain time you need the speakers by?

GDC-Fall would be ideal. Shared Space is choreographed then. -Race against the clock, down from 4 speakers to one.

-Rasmussen- Hesitant to fund this without a quote. Thinks they could come back in the fall with a quote for a midyear. Calls to question.

Choquette seconds.

-Vote on funding line item 14 in full.

-Tied. Non-charing Co-president to break tie.

-Timmons- Votes yes.

-Motion passes.

-Burggraf- Calls to question.

-Vote on call to Q

-passes

-Vote on budget

Passes.

8- Firethorne

-Montes-Osorio- Requesting more than printing max. Decided to fund in full, as it is a big presence on campus. Printing for publications for fall and spring.

-Firethorne- Thanks for granting what we ask for! It helps alot. Get some funding from the English Department, but not much.

-Thayer- How long has firethorne been along?

Firethorne- Copies dating back to 1980’s in the past. Have been printing in this format since the early 2000’s.

-Cabrera- Requires ⅔ vote. Breaking a guideline.

-Ballot vote requested.

-Nigro- Committee’s justification for breaking bylaw?

-Burggraf- Printing these books/publications is the group’s main purpose.

-Montes-Osorio- Breaking a bylaw is not something finance does frequently.

-Ballot Vote

-Budget affirmed unanimously, with one abstention.

\*Montes-Osorio- No more group representatives out there.

9- College Dems

-Montes-Osorio-This group did not present to committee, so didn’t have any quotes. $15 for printing.

-Vote

-Approved.

10- Club Badminton

-Montes-Osorio- Group didn’t have quote, funded to zero.

-Burggraf- The group had a great presentation.

-Grosshuesch- The school’s birdies are awful… They should have new ones.

-Montes-Osorio- Group understands. Said that they will come in with midyear requests.

-Vote

-Approved

11-Big Partner Little Partner.

-Montes-Osorio- Giveaways for Halloween event, no quotes for their capital improvement items, not funding Christmas party under same rationale as Halloween. Didn’t have concrete numbers on how many were attending bowling. Didn’t have adequate info for trip to zoo, didn’t think student act fee should be used for background checks.

-Best- Wouldn’t normally put weight behind something like this, but...though the candy is for the little partners, it is a big part of this event. Is something that is very important to kickstart their year. Has been historically funded. Entertains a motion to fund this item.

-Thayer- Quote for background checks?

-No

-Thayer- Following previous recommendation, so moved. Calls to Q.

Seconded.

-Vote on call to Q.

-Passes

-Vote to fund line item 10 in full.

-Passes.

-Burggraf- Surprised that this happened. Usually we don’t fund things that are for the kids. There was an org where their entire point was to give things away to kids that we didn’t fund…Not culturally specific food.

-Hinnenkamp- Supports this.

-Siatta- Great event, but to echo a previous speaker, we didn’t fund previous events without quotes. This takes place in Oct. Could come in for a midyear. Unfair to the rest of the budgets. Unfair to fund this based on a previous speakers’ preferences. Reluctant to support this line item.

-Hoppe-PI- To reopen discussion on this line item, would we need to reconsider this amendment? Moves to reconsider line item 10.

-Seconded.

-Thayer- Calls to question.

Sweet seconds.

-Vote on call to Q

-Fails,

-Discussion on motion

-Afreh- Fair to reconsider this. We say we want to keep consistency. This is very unfair. There are no quotes. Let’s re-hash this.

-Burggraf- There are many other fun things we didn’t fund.

-Hinnenkamp- Looking at each budget in a case-by-case basis. Doesn’t help just the children, but connects students(especially those in co-ed) to the larger community. Halloween is technically a cultural holiday.

-Siatta- In Oct, could come in for a midyear. We’ve set a precedent during this spring process for quotes. They can come in for a mid year, as we’ve told many other groups during this process.

-Selness- Food item, no quote, doesn’t go to GAC students. Shouldn’t fund.

-Hoppe- We’re discussing reconsidering?

-Marino- Should just be discussing whether or not to reconsider...

-Sweet- We were initially blindsighted and excited about giving money to a fun event. But, we need to stick to our established precedent.

-Thrash- We got caught up in momentum.

-Rasmussen- Calls to Q.

-Vote on call to Q

-Passes

-Vote on reconsideration

-Placard raise.

-Passes.

-Nigro- This room had a sense of positivity when this passed. Had not felt that positivity in weeks. This is a fun way to experience Halloween in the traditional sense while in college. It’s more fun to fund people. Great event for students and the community. It will be put on, we should help it!

-Hoppe- Great event. A lot of great events have come through this door that we’ve said no to. It’s our civic duty as senators to distribute this money in a fair and just way.

-Hinnenkamp- Gets the concerns. But, technically, the candy is central to this event. That’s what the kids are walking around co-ed for. Shows a healthy way to celebrate Halloween. Positive interactions between kids and college students.

-Thrash- Experience of giving cute kids candy on Halloween is part of the experience. Concern of quotes...Reasoning to keep groups in guidelines with spending. They won’t spend more than requested on candy. We have the ability to break bylaws.

-Burggraf- Calls to Q

-Seconded

-Vote

-Passes

\*Ballot vote requested.

-Vote on funding line item 10 to $600.

-Amendment passes 10 to 7.

-Siatta- As the allocation stayed the same, still not ok with funding this. Thinks they should come in for a midyear. Not against giving children candy, just thinks we should follow the rules.

-Timmons- Encourages those who voted no to discuss if their opinion changed. If this doesn’t change, it won’t pass…

-Burggraf- Calls to question.

-Vote to approve budget.

-Passes.

\*Nigro- Point of Parli pro- How can I get the floor before a motion?

-Cabrera- Recommends waiting half an hour before calling a recess..snacks will be there then.

12. Communication Studies Club.

-Montes-Osorio-Very straightforward.

-Vote

-Passes

13. DEEP

-Montes-Osorio-

-Grosshuesch- Did deep say where they’re going?

-Not yet.

-Thrash- Funded travel/transport without a quote?

-Montes-Osorio- Special circumstances for spring break trips (DEEP and Habitat).

-Burggraf- The point of their org is this trip.

-Vogel- Total finance will be 20 grand.

-Thrash- We’re funding a group to pay for a trip assuming we’ll approve. Fine with precedent, but...

-Thayer- Found out that there were departmental funds that we going towards this that were taken away, as they department felt that

Moves to appeal chair.

seconded

Vote

-Appeal fails.

-Thayer- Moves to fund line item 3 to full.

-Grosshuesch seconds.

-Thayer- Deserve the funding, it will help them make this a student trip. Knows that it breaks a bylaw.

-Goldstien- It is unknown as to where they’re going, but it’s not senate’s job to approve where they’re going what they’re doing.

-Selness- We’ve broken about every other precedent set. Keep an open mind.

-Best- Group is functioning fine in spite of changing.

-Vogel- Not seeing need...group isn’t here to

-Nigro- Clarification on department funding/ruling?

-Cabrera- Didn’t feel that how a department feels about an org should be discussed in our activities.

-Siatta- This org has functioned without this extra allocation in the past...doesn’t see need. Doesn’t support. Breaks a bylaw.

-Rasmussen- If we have a hard time passing something without a quote, doesn’t see how we’d pass something based on hearsay.

-Hinnenkamp- They’re not here asking for this money.

--Montes-Osorio-DLC has finance guidelines capping at $750, thought senate was the same. They came in last week to say they’re ok with this allocation.

-Goldstien- This org is 2 years old. Newer org on campus.

-Rasmussen- Finance funded $1100 because that’s what their guidelines are. They came in asking whatever they could towards theirs grand total that we could give. No reason to give more.

-Hoppe- Anyone else on speaker’s list?

-No

-Hoppe- Yields.

-VanHecke- Not comfortable that there’s not some action...don’t know that would characterize something as a fuzzy rumor, but also can’t contribute causality…

-Thayer- This org has funded money to give groups freedom in how they function. We do have the means to do this. Not frequently in favor of giving out extra money. But, encourages the support of this. It would give them more freedom to function.

-Siatta- Not comfortable breaking a bylaw with this. Calls to question.

-Nigro seconds.

Vote on call to q

-Passes

-Vote to amend line item 3

-Fails.

-Thrash- Swayed to yea side. This trip will happen no matter what.

-Hoppe- Doesn’t think we should fund groups based on the fact that a trip will happen...uncomfortable funding a group with that type of mentality. Building Bridges used to come in for funding, we couldn’t ever fund them without a quote, even though we knew the event would happen. We need to be wary of funding groups simply because an event will happen.

-Nigro- Calls to Q

-Choquette seconds.

-Vote

Passes

-Vote on budget

-Approved.

Burggraf- What’s the contingency?

Best-$19,780.37

Burggraf- How many budgets left?

11.

14. Eta Sigma Phi

\*Best- Group contacted, said they’re happy with the budget.

-Montes-Osorio-Funded travel/registration to bylaws. Didn’t fund symposiums.

-Eta Sigma Phi- We’re the classics honor society.Happy with decision!

-Vote

Approved.

15. GAC TV

-Montes-Osorio- Group said they’re happy w/budget. Funding 3 of 5 requested cameras. Capital improvement. $15 for printing.

-Burggraf- The group said they’re ok with 3, asked for that number.

-Vote on budget

-Approved.

16. German Club

-Montes-Osorio- Were here last week, due to long meeting, decided that they’re happy with budget and left. Funded travel, didn’t fund registration for first event (no quote). Didn’t fund trip to New Ulm, would’ve funded food. -Didn’t fund gingerbread, takeaway. -Didn’t fund potluck, no real structure as to what would be made,etc. Didn’t fund prizes for trivia. Asked for $10 for printing.

-Timmons-Was this group aware that they could come back this week?

-Montes-Osorio- They were here- were 10th on the list, were happy with budget, left.

-Rasmussen- For the New Ulm trip , what was the reasoning?

-Montes-Osorio-Registration was to be used to subsidize a meal at a German restaurant in New Ulm.

-Grosshuesch- It was mentioned that Gingerbread House was arts and crafts….that is a cultural activity and food. As a German, does this alot during the holidays. Not going to fund it, but wanted to mention this. Also, moves to amend line item 23 to $15 (printing)

-Seconded

-Vote

Passes

-Nigro- Calls to Q

Choquette seconds

-Vote on budget

-Approved.

17. Gustavian Yearbook.

-Montes-Osorio- Requested $15 for printing.

-Vote on budget

-Approved.

18. Habitat for Humanity.

-Montes-Osorio-One of the orgs that didn’t come in last week. Expressed that they’re happy with the recommendation. Committee didn’t fund supplies for display. Expressed preference for money going towards spring break trip. -No quote for speaker, usually a college employee, don’t pay college employees. No quote for shed. (It’s also donated...don’t fund things to be given away).

-Vote on budget

-Passes.

19. I Am We Are

-Montes-Osorio- IAWA emailed to say that they’re fine with the recommendation. Committee doesn’t fund food for recruitment events, funded items with quotes (conference and stipend for workshop). $15 for printing.

-Vote on budget

-Approved.

20. International Cultures Club

-Montes-Osorio- Org was present last week, said that they’re fine with the allocation. -Food funded to International Festival. Central to event. Divided up funds for this. -Funded Japanese Magician. -$15 for printing.

-Vote on budget

-Passes.

21. League of Legends Club

-Montes-Osorio-Unable to fund tournament...no quotes. Also, would’ve been prizes/add-ons/lives in game...can’t fund that. $15 for printing.

-VanHecke- No registration?

-Montes-Osorio--No...just online…

-Best- Would be in game purchases...Swords, things.

-Roland- As someone who has played this..not cosmetic add ons..money would be used to expand how much each player can play the game.

-Selness- It’s a prize. Calls to Q.

-Choquette seconds.

-Vote

Passes, Q called.

-Vote on budget

-Passes.

22. Men’s Lacrosse

-Nigro- Moves to take a 12 min recess.

-Thayer seconds.

-Cabrera- This food is from a past co-pres, Jen Fox!! (Yay, Jen!) We bought pizza with her donation.

**\*9:50pm, called back to order.\***

-Best- No quotes for capital improvement, $3,000 for lodging/reg, $500 for coach.

-Rasmussen- move to amend line item 3 to $4,000.

Seconded.

-Vote

passes

-Burggraf- Moves to change line item 8 to $1,000. Friendlies line item 10 to $15.

-Goldstien- Did the team express a desire for $1,000 for the coach.

-Burggraf-Team adamant to get a coach, worried they wouldn’t find one. Hard to find a coach in the area, need one from the cities. $1,000 would be helpful.

-Rasmussen- We don’t know that they need an extra $500…

-Selness- When they talked to us about the coach, they wanted $5,000 and we capped it at $1,000. They would use it.

-Sweet- They didn’t know what the caps were. $1,000 is a big difference from $500, would maybe help with finding a coach. A lot of what we do is speculation, this would help them.

-Hinnenkamp- Agrees that this would help them.

-Call to question.

Seconded

Vote

Q is called

-Vote

-Amendment passes

-Vote on budget as a whole.

Roll Call

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|  | MEN'S LACROSSE |
| Adwoa Afreh |  |
| Andrew Birkey |  |
| Jessica Burggraf | Y |
| Andrew Choquette | Y |
| 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 | Y |
| Mark Siatta | Y |
| Sharon Singh | Y |
| Delaney Sweet | Y |
| Joe Thayer | Y |
| Bennett Thrash | Y |
| Hannah Vogel | Y |
| Jordan Wiest | Y |

PASSES

23. Newman Center

-Montes-Osorio- Committee didn’t fund supplies/capital improvement, No quote provided for speaker.

-Thayer- In regards to a certain constitutional law, Art V, Section II from start of appointments to the end. Suspend bylaw that requires us to record.

-Siatta- Why make this now?

-Thayer- Making it at a time when there isn’t a debatable budget in discussion. Allows privacy for candidates and senators to speak freely, and not have to read about their pros and cons.

-VanHecke- Wouldn’t it be out of order to discuss this in the middle of a budget?

Marino- Suspension of rules is an incidental, could be made at any time.

-Goldstien- Against this. Everyone in this room and speak constructively about each other. Wants students to know why we picked who we picked to lead senate next year.

-Timmons- Understands rationale, but it’s a dangerous motion to eliminate the record in any way shape or form. We’re representing a constituency, we need to let them know what we’re deciding.

-Burggraf- Understands perspective, but we need to let our constituents know what we discuss.

-Thrash- Important to ask nominees to leave when we discuss them, but they can stay in the room. We’re making it harder for students to exercise their right to listen to us.

-Marino- These are open meetings,

-Olsen- We should only be suspending the constitution when it furthers what we need to do.

-Sweet- These are open meetings, anyone can be here. We’re speaking on behalf of constituents. Ridiculous to suspend constitution. Calls to Q.

Seconded

Vote

Q is Called

-Vote to suspend constitution

-Fails.

-Discussion on Newman Center

-Hinnenkamp- No quotes for this budget.

-Vote on budget

-Passes.

24. Student Senate Exec Fund.

-Montes-Osorio- The Gus Bus is funded through senate (est contract for many years, this is our standard contract), we don’t have a transportation quote for Day at the Capitol (couldn’t fund). Printing is a special circumstance, Stipends required by constitution, have to have a current edition of Robert’s Rules (constitutionally required), new one coming out, have to buy it. Fund supplies in Gustie Den for students to use.

-Goldstien/Timmons- In years past $600 has been provided for travel to Day at the Capitol. Won’t be overspending it, will use the least amount possible. -Printing: We have so many materials required to distribute to other org (Provides info to orgs)...not just for PR.

-Wiest- Money allocated to Day at the Capitol just goes to transportation?

-Timmons- Opportunity for all students to lobby on behalf of the MN state grant. Collaborate with Poli Sci department, marketing. Senate provides travel.

-Wiest- Moves to change line item 7 to $1,100.00.

-Vogel- Committee coming from a place that buses are used for transportation, and we didn’t have quotes.

-Burggraf- Committee didn’t know bus companies, etc. Wanted to stay consistent with funding.

-Hoppe- Thinks we need to look at this amendment as if it were another group. Need to live up to our standards...doesn’t want us to think that we can be an exception.

-Goldstien- If a group originally asks to be funded for vehicles can they later change it to a bus?

-Best- Would be up to finance committee/chair/controller.

-Goldstein- For us, transportation is transportation.

-Rasmussen- Finance committee didn’t see that we didn’t have an adequate quote for this. We shouldn’t be hypocritical.

-Wiest- In allocating travel in the past we’ve used the standard IRS rate. Is there a way to calculate that now?

-Siatta- We could come in for a midyear for this. More than reasonable to get that done by then. Hold the standard that we have been setting.

-Thayer- Was there a quote for this?

No.

-Thayer- We can come in for a midyear for this. We need to vote this down, vote this budget in as is. It’s ridiculous that we’re debating this. Calls to Q.

Seconded

Vote

Q is Called.

-Vote on amendment

-Amendment Fails

-Thayer- Calls to Q

Vote

Q is called.

-Vote

ROLL CALL:

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

15 TO 2, BUDGET APPROVED.

b. Confirmation of next year’s Cabinet Nominations

-Nominations: 1-Spencer Chinelly, Controller

-Will be a senior next year, a Red, on football team, excited to be part of senate. Has the knowledge to do what the “big man” has been doing.

\*Qs.

-Burggraf- Have you worked as a treasurer before?

-In high school.

\*Discussion

Best- Sad to leave this position. But, doesn’t know of anyone else more willing or capable. He personally reached out, has sat with him and discussed budgets, practices. Full support.

Gustafson- Agrees. Spencer has used these past few meetings to learn, has done a great job.

Thayer- Can I ask him a question? ….Are you quick with emails?

-Spencer- Will stay on top of things!

-Siatta- Are there other candidates for controller?

-Only one nominated.

\*Vote

Ballot Vote Requested.

-Marino- Just a normal ⅔ vote.

-Thayer- Ballot vote request rescinded.

-Vote

-Nominee confirmed.

2-Finance Chair- Courtney Branch. -Public Accounting major, strong communication skills, rising junior, past experience as a math tutor. Approachable, amicable, utmost confidence.

-Courtney- Cross Country/Track team, financial club, good with one on one interactions, excited to be nominated.

\*Questions

-Hoppe- How busy will you be with track/crosscountry?

Courtney- Standard meeting times, (3-5), meets on the weekends.

-Olsen- What are your feelings on precedent?

Courtney- Would consult with others, take other perspectives into account.

-Thayer- What are your opinions on the bylaws?

Courtney- Sees them as law, set in stone. If many people found discrepancies would look into reevaluating.

-Thrash- How much would you be willing to stand up for an org?

Courtney- Ultimately it’s up to you guys, but if I think that if the group has the right plan will support. Will share personal opinion, what they feel, and what the team has discussed.

\*Discussion

-Rasmussen- Did a great job of fielding a barrage of questions. Likes that she responds the different situations.

-Thayer- Likes candidate. Likes that she accepts bylaws as black/white.

-Montes-Osorio-Likes nominee. Likes that she’s still involved with orgs, knows what it’s like to be on the other side. Likes that she willing to meet for one on ones and to put in the extra work. Hopes that the floor votes her in!

-Burggraf- Ability to communicate with groups is important- she’ll do a wonderful job!

\*Vote

Approved.

3. Admin director, Brittany Knutson. Rising senior. Being fair, unbiased, and neutral when recording minutes. One of the first names on list when thinking of candidates. On the forensics team. Comm Studies major.

-Brittany- Comm studies and English major. Excited to be part of this body when GAC is going through the transitions that it is.

\*Qs

-Gustafson- Forensics team very demanding, what is your stance on needing to be away for a meet?

-Brittany- Confident in being able to balance commitments. Schedules shouldn’t overlap.

-Siatta- How fast do you type?

-Haven’t taken a test recently. Fast typer!

-Olsen- Are you afraid of confrontation?

-Not at all!

-Thayer- Multi-tasking? Minutes and maintaining a professional atmosphere.

-Comfortable with that!

\*Discussion

-Burggraf- Sat next to her in class, she takes beautiful notes!

-Siatta- Full support!

-Vogel- Had a few classes with her. She’s good at paying attention in classes that are hard to pay attention in.

-Gustafson- Great time management skills and multitasking.

\*Vote

-Approved.

4. Health and Housing Chair- Sam Panzer. Rising junior. CF, relationships with res life. Also showed interest in Student and Academic Affairs, good partnership. Motivated, has ideas. Excited about nomination.

-Sam- Sophomore History major, pre-med, SAE, Fourth Crown. Flexible hours. -Look into walking/biking path at ring road, (got to know Jacob this year, would be able to work well together!), has seen lots of leadership techniques as a CF.

\*Questions

-Thayer- How aware are you of the heart safe committee?

-Panzer- Heard a lot about it, knows how important it is to you,would love to continue working on it.

-Thayer- Can you tell me where current AEDs are located?

Sam- On walls… Downstairs, in Lund.

-Thayer- If appointed tonight, do you have time to talk with me tonight? Position of heart safe champion must be filled.

-Panzer- Yes!

-Burggraf- Part of job is to be on the Kitchen Cabinet. They meet once a month at 7am. Are you ok with that?

-Sam- Yes!

-Burggraf- How much are you into environmental issues?

-Sam- Something I’m sympathetic to, willing and able to make sure the committee pays attention to this, even though not personally experienced in this area.

\*DIscussion

-Marino- Same would be great for this job. Would bring a great deal of energy to the position.

-Hoppe- Worked with Sam on SAE’s exec board. He always puts forth the utmost effort.

-Sweet- Sam’s a very good friend, worked together on the Fourth Crown. He puts his heart and soul into everything he does. Every effort he’s put into being a CF this year will be echoed in this role. Sam has my full support.

-Wiest- Living in Pittmann, has seen him on a daily basis. Perfect candidate. Well-rounded, sincere, committed.

-Hinnenkamp- Has been with him in class. When an issue arises, attacks it with the utmost energy.

-Pajor- Met him a few weeks ago. He’s very genuine. Upfront, confident in what he does. Can see him in the position.

-Olsen- Can we not have 7 people say good things about a candidate? I know we all like each other, but..

-Roland- He is amazing at working with others. Amazed at what an open mind he keeps when talking with others. Does great things unilaterally, but also works well in collaborating with others.

\*Vote

-Candidate confirmed.

4.Student and Academic Affairs. Jacob Johnson, rising sophomore. Well spoken, excited about working on issues with curriculum, openminded.

-Jacob- Rising soph, comp sci major, really high hopes for next year. Many things that I’d like to see done. Going after tangible goals. Well involved on campus- Republicans, DLC, Supervisor for campus safety. Would love to communicate and collaborate in these areas.

\*Qs

-Siatta- This year we had a green project in place. How would you feel about continuing that? Other green objectives moving forward?

J- Comfortable moving forward with those measures.

-Roland- How do feel about intangible goals?

J-Will move forward as best as can, even when things don’t work out.

-Roland- How are you at coordinating a group?

J- Very comfortable coordinating a group and being as efficient as possible.

\*Discussion

-Gustafson- Has seen him in action in DLC. He has excellent follow through. One of the most committed people- especially as a first year.

-Thayer- Kind of young.

-Roland- Was in the exact same position as the candidate when applying for this position last year. Thinks he would do an excellent job.

-Pajor- Worked briefly with him in College Republicans. Can lead, articulates well.

\*Vote

-Nominee approved.

5. Parliamentarian- Nick Gersh. -Strong researcher, and able to remain unbiased in tense situations. Very similar facial hair to the current parliamentarian!

-Nick- Current president of SAE, familiar with Roberts Rules. Able to remain unbiased and able to diffuse tense situations. As a physics major, doesn’t need sleep! :)

\*Discussion

-Marino- With with Nick through SAE. Great work. Background in parli pro.

-Hoppe- Nick’s biggest strong suits is his ability to deal with what is going on around him. Very calm, able to take control of what he needs to. Will be great in this position and on the ethics committee.

\*Vote

-Confirmed.

6. PR- Delaney Sweet. Rising junior, Poli Sci/Eng major, computer and photography skills, social networking skills, ability to engage constituents has been phenomenal. -Positive, fun attitude. -Good work with publicizing the Fourth Crown.

-Delaney- Excited for this position. Served on PR committee this year. Helped with PR for the Dive renovations. Wants to continue publicity on what goes on in senate, and what senators do outside of senate. Want students to know who their reps are and how to access them. Good at designing things, creative. Excited for this!

\*Qs

-Olsen-

-Burggraf- What’s your go to software?

Photoshop, paint, tools online. Made own campaign posters this year!

-Burggraf-Comfortable with making things to launch elections and info to start next school year?

-D- Yes! It can easily be swept under the bus/rug, important to get this started early one!

-Grosshuesch- Plan of action for Dive Vote for next fall?

-D- Students weren’t aware of what was happening this time. Making sure that students are informed and that senators are speaking to their constituents is my game plan!  
 -Burggraf- How do you feel about a senate sponsored dive dance?

D-Maybe a courtyard social on a nice afternoon…

\*Discussion

-Harbeck- Responsible, enthusiastic, good ideas.

-Vogel- Enthusiasm is important! She’ll be great.

-Nigro- Calls to question.

-Seconded

-Vote

-Q is called

\*Vote

Confirmed

7. Diversity-Chair- Gabe Grosshuesch- Rising Sophomore. Young, but great ideas, and very involved. -Ability to approach things from a well-rounded perspective, but also knows where he stands. Can approach difficult topics/conversations with a very non-confrontational approach. Great ideas for collaboration between IGS, DLC, and Senate that would be a great well-rounded approach.

Gabe- Even though I’m young, I’ll make mistakes, but everyone makes mistakes no matter how old you are. Co-pres for Q&A, also involved with DLC, PASO, Pound Pals, IAWA, Member of Interfaith Advisory Board. Wants to draw these elements together. Wants to work and collaborate with greeks. Spoke with woman who brought in IGS budget. She was open to having meetings with D-committee/senate.

\*Qs

-Thayer- Starting this Thursday would you be willing to step into role to attend meetings about the interfaith space?

-Yes!

-Gustafson- What do you think is the largest hurdle in this area?

-Bias incidents. Miscommunications and misunderstandings. Need to work to communicate with students and to clarify definitions about how we define bias/hate crime.

\*Discussion

-Nigro- I like him! Call to Q!

Seconded

Vote

Q is called.

\*Vote

Approved.

8. Tech Chair- Nate Jenson- Have been so happy and pleased with his role this year! Ability to facilitate discussion outside of senate. Has done great work for this body so far. -He’s here, and he’s present. Communicates with others and contributes to discussion. No idea thrown at him has been shot down. -Puts in countless hours in coding/tech in preparing for votes. Happy to do his job, not negative!

Nate- Coming into this job there was a learning curve. Coming back a second year will be able to come back ready without a transition curve. Has been working to make self replaceable, so that stuff is easily passed on. Spent a lot of time making the website more readable and accessible. Co-pres of Eppies, finished with comp sci major this year, so class load will be more manageable next year.

\*Discussion

-Nigro- I like him! Calls to Q.

-Seconded

-Vote

-Q is called

\*Vote

Approved!

\*Goldstien- Thanks for your attention and great discussion!

\*Bylaws

1- Charged with making sure that block budgets

“Block budgets may only redistribute block money to students organizations based on their allocating…”

-Vogel moves

Seconded

-Vogel-- Calls to Q

Vote

Q is called

-Vote

Passes

\*Thayer- In regards to an email from Blake Couey dated 4/25/14… RIghts of students to communicate in discussions… with faculty.” (Basically, it notifies advisors when students are placed on probation/why). Implies that Student Senate decided this...would like to note that this was false, and that the email implied that senate supported. This is absurd. Hopes that senate next year doesn’t let this die. Any sort of policy decision is between the student and the advisor, not the institution.

-Timmons- Are you moving to open discussion or charge to a committee?

-Thayer- Brings this point up...the faculty committee on student life meets with…

-Sweet- Sorry to interrupt, what was the incident.

-Thayer- Email from Blake made it sound as though senate was in support. Faculty senate and committee approved decision.

-VanHEcke- Disciplinary probation and higher is what would be shared.

-Burggraf- Would like to charge the presidents elect with looking into this.

Grosshuesch seconds

-Vote on motion to charge copies elects with looking into the probation policy and looking into notification policies.

-So charged.

V. Announcements

a. Graduation Cords- Timmons and Cabrera wanted to provide cords for seniors this year. If you wish to purchase cords, give Cabrera $5. They’re black and gold.

-Burggraf- When would we get them?  
 -Will figure out what makes the most sense for distribution.

b. Timmons- Wants to say how formally honored and privileged I am to have sat next to this capable, and strong woman. She’s going abroad next fall. So proud of the time she’s had in this role!

c. Best- Senate is one the 3 reasons I didn’t transfer after freshman and sophomore years. Has taken it as a lifestyle. (Best performed a lengthy and highly entertaining speech about his love and gratitude for student senate. A few highlights follow in the following list): 1- Learn to tell the difference between when people are acting with sarcasm/are being genuine. 2-Life is better if you don’t give a shit. 3-Important things: USA, red, white, and blue 4-“The grass is greener on the other side because its fertilized with bullshit.” 5-“When one door closes, sometimes it’s better to nail it shut” 6-This body has been a family these past few years, and you’re just as dysfunctional as my real family. From the bottom of where my heart should be...thanks.

e.VanHecke- Thanks to Matt and Dani. You’ve engaged with each other well. Dealed with some tough things. So impressed that we’ve had a senate where we don’t have to worry about senate showing up. Thanks for your dedication and leadership. So pleased we made it through nominations without asking about boxers or briefs!

f. Goldstien- Looking forward to next year! Thanks for letting me be the Rundy rep for a week and a half.

g. Hoppe- It’s been four years since I came in here..after four years, realized that it feels better to be the one person who speaks out. Don’t be afraid to speak out about anything- even if you’re the only one.

h. Gustafson- Courageous Conversations in the D-Center on Wednesday!

i. Marino- Thank you. Joined on a whim two years ago. Enjoyed seeing all the conversations. Loves senate. Try to have fun! We do important work, but remember to try to have some fun. Enjoy it while you’re here!

j. Siatta- Joined last min at the beginning of the year. We have a championship team here! Would like to see us back again next year. Thanks for giving me something to look forward to on Monday nights.

k. Burggraf- Even though it gets really heated and may not agree with everything, I cherish everything.

l. Sweet- Thanks for a great semester! Lineus at 8pm on Thursday!

m. Thayer- It’s been a fun year. Debates, disagreements, given out a lot of money.

n. Hoppe- Senators who are of age, come to Patty’s!

o. Rasmussen- It’s been a fun year!

p. Cabrera- Matt and I so thankful for Cabinet and Senate. Such a diverse group of people. Couldn’t have asked for a better year!

q. Grosshuesch- We should take a pic!

r. Hoppe- Undie run. ...Please don’t take off your underwear...

s. Timmons- Thanks to all of you! This year has been a whirlwind. So impressed with the conversations and the care that went behind each decision. Proud of this body. Thanks to our advisor! She doesn’t get enough credit! Her dedication to this body is commendable.

t. Nigro- Moves to adjourn.

Hoppe seconds.

Vote

**\*Meeting adjourned at 11:53pm.**