

Minutes 10/7

Meeting is called to order at 7:06pm

Quorum is Met

Minutes from previous meeting are approved

Community Comment: None

Committee Updates

1. Ombudsperson Doran: constitutional amendments from last week are passed, expedited timeline is approved, and a voting timeline will be introduced
 - a. Now broken into 3 separate amendments - 1 per new information of cabinet chair
 - b. Informs on new language for Student and Academic Affairs Chair role
 - c. Informs on proposal for new Environmental Sustainability Chair position
 - d. Ombudsperson yields time for questions
 - i. Senator Young: language to specific organizations or should be more general to allow for more inclusion i.e. EAC?
2. Finance Committee Controller Johnson: Finance committee will be sending out acceptance and denials tonight

Old Business

1. Proper meeting etiquette reminder: Co-President Bhakta
 - a. All should be respectful and observant of parliamentary procedure
 - b. Do not speak unless called on, don't interrupt as it leads to confusion
 - c. Parliamentarian should be listened to and be able to explain the rules
 - d. Questions: none
2. Constitutional Amendments: continue with discussion and seek motions
 - a. Senator young: moves to adopt first section of proposed by-law amendment
 - i. Second goes to Senator King
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Senator Young: name change to Inclusive Excellence Chair is good
 - c. Vote: Ayes have it, motion passes
 - d. Senator Young: moves to adopt second section of proposed by-law
 - i. Second to Senator Johnson
 - e. Discussion
 - i. Senator Young: language is good :)
 - f. Vote: ayes have it, motion passes
 - g. Senator Young: motion to accept third section of by-law amendment
 - i. Second goes to Speaker Ellingson

- h. Discussion
 - i. Senator Young: language should be kept as is
- i. Vote: Ayes have it, motion passes

New Business

1. Update from MAPSAS Board of Directors: Co-President Bhakta
 - a. Purpose is to be a governing body of student senates of different schools, work on campaigns/initiatives for the schools and meet monthly
 - b. Co-Pres from Hamline, St. Kates, Augsburg, St. Scholastica, and GAC
 - c. Promote diversity, equity and inclusion, sustainability, and transparency
 - d. Other co-pres: resources and support for DACA Students and work study, eco-friendly cafeteria, food shelf for off-campus students, by-laws overview
2. Senator Croonquist: two concerns, Caf balance money and communication with student deaths
 - a. Charge Health and Housing committee to look into the aft balance with only \$20 roll over each month
 - i. Second to Speaker Ellingson
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Ombudperson Doran: caf has established budget based on meal plan registration, find a way to coordinate giving money that people don't use to those who go over in money
 - ii. Chair Carlson Sather: has a position on Kitchen Cabinet, will bring up the issue at the next meeting, caf is not for profit and has specific budget
 - iii. Senator Johnson: if students can transfer as much as we month we won't be eating food to save money
 - iv. Senator Hietpas: difference between meal plan 1 and 3 is low around \$1.80 per day - not enough, reconsideration of structure of the meal plan and numbers feel arbitrary
 - v. Senator Young: numbers are generated from estimated meals per week and budget cost for the caf, moving caf money around is real dollars and difficult
 - vi. Chair Johnson: suggest H&H look into the cost of caf items and amount of money allocated by the meal plan.
 - vii. Parliamentarian Boyden: H&H look into a system for students with too much or too little pair up
 - viii. Senator Patterson: need to reevaluate the meal plan system, including smaller for in apartments or off-campus, maybe adding 4th option

- ix. Senator Smerillo: charge should focus on discussion with Dining Services that meal plan is most efficient and appropriate for students, students can talk individually with dining services about reimbursement
- x. Senator Schaaf: idea of food shelf donations at the end of each month is a good idea, need short term and long term solutions
- xi. Senator Hietpas: need transparency in the amount of meals that each plan gets a student per day
- xii. Senator Zaun: expand to 5 meal plan options with an extra above and below current plans
- xiii. Senator Cella: school sanctioned food shelf would need to accommodate more options for non-perishable items that students could buy for food shelves
- xiv. Senator Smerillo: move to call to question on vote to charge H&H Chair
 - 1. Second goes to Speaker Ellingson
- c. Vote: Ayes have it, charge passes to Health and Housing Committee
- d. Senator Croonquist: charge Student and Academic Affairs to look into the email language regarding student deaths
 - i. Second goes to Senator Patterson
- e. Discussion
 - i. Senator Smerillo: had questions from residents, content of email has to be very cautious and publicizing causes of death can be a high risk, title lines should be modified to be more empathetic and personal
 - ii. Senator Young: pull up language on screen so others can be reminded of what it is, an announcement but still impersonal
 - iii. Co-President Bhakta: if individuals don't feel comfortable discussing they are invited to leave the room
 - iv. Senator Croonquist: main problem was subject line and the fact that the email is from marketing and communication, would be more personal coming from different office such as Chaplain, Dean of Students, or others, resources mentioned in email are good but redundant from other emails, bigger emphasis on community gatherings
 - v. Parliamentarian Boyden: agree with other speakers, beneficial to have additional resources like chemical health and title 9 resources
 - vi. Ombudperson Doran: Include information about passed student involvement and community gathering like a vigil, email is from JoNes from student life, but protocol from campus announcements
 - vii. Senator Schaaf: agree with others, there were no ill intentions with email, should emphasise a community gathering

- viii. Chair Johnson: office should send more appropriate follow-up email by counseling center
- ix. Senator Smerillo: use terminology of “loss” and “passing” as a solution, discussing with appropriate resources and follow up email
- x. Chair Carlson Father: had a good discussion, should let Chair talk to appropriate resources
- xi. Senator Warner: privacy is an issue for marketing office within emails, responsible for all press-releases and required by law to report to more than the gustavus student
- xii. Speaker Ellingson: name PAs as a resource for students
- xiii. Senator Smerillo: Move to call to question
 - 1. Second to Senator Johnson
- f. Vote: ayes have it, motion passes to Student Academic Affairs Chair
- 3. Senator Johnson : move to charge Technology Chair to look into improving and increasing use of the technology within the classrooms
 - a. Second goes to Senator Smerillo
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Chair Menke: one idea is to make a campus event posting site/calendar so that students can see events all in one place and not with paper posters all around campus
 - ii. Ombudsperson Doran: meet with academic technology committee to see budget requests, professor has to move forward with request but don't have enough money for everything, has to be a want from professors and a budget
 - iii. Senator Smerillo: if we had a paperless initiative we would be promoting a requisite that students have computers and that can be limiting to students to access online resources
 - iv. Senator Young: what specific pieces of technology to others have in mind?
 - v. Senator Nelson: pint of concern is that moodle makes it difficult to check grades (RESPONSE)
 - vi. Chair Carlson Father: Online versions of textbooks can be not as beneficial to learning techniques of some students
 - vii. Senator Zaun: surveys about how many people on campus have a laptop aren't useful to those who are struggling to buy textbooks
 - viii. Chair Johnson: college is a learning curve and sciences are difficult to go paperless, student responsibility to check moodle without notification
 - ix. Chair Menke: duo2 can be from any smartphone

- x. Senator Schaaf: technology is already advanced and unless 100% is on board we shouldn't switch out systems
- xi. Speaker Ellingson: keep accessibility at the forefront, inclusivity, call to question
 - 1. Speaker to Senator Cella
- c. Vote: ayes have it, Technology Committee is charged
- 4. Gus Bus - led by Finance Director Gupta: if we cut timing by 30mins we will save \$1000
 - a. Finance Committee recommends we don't change the timings this year and don't want to set poor president, \$3000 will not be a lot in contingency and we should keep it.
 - b. Senator Young: move to open discussion about Gus Bus
 - i. Second to Senator McDonald
 - c. Discussion
 - i. Senator Young: when was the last time the prices were raised - every 2 years
 - ii. Senator McDonald: funds that are not put into Gus Bus are allocated into other organization budgets
 - iii. Senator Young: surveys would be difficult as student cost would not be increased
 - iv. Chair Johnson: survey would be best to gather student feedback.

Announcements

1. Director Concepción: do faculty reports
2. Speaker Ellingson: DLC Carnival
3. Senator Young: Men's Rugby game this Saturday
4. Chair Gruber: next monday 5-7 in courtyard event for chinese festival
5. Megan Ruble: we all look sharp and nice :) xoxo
6. Chair Gupta: CF are doing compost event tuesday 7pm-8pm in IC
7. Chair Johnson: ICC looking for people to be apart of international festival November 23 in alumni hall 6:30-8pm
8. Speaker Ellingson: Drag Show this weekend for Coming Out Week
9. Chair CS: made a survey :)