

Minutes 10/14

Meeting is called to order at 7:09pm

Quorum is met

## **Community Comment**

Provost and Academic Deans

1. Introduction from Academic Deans (Arts and Humanities, Sciences and Education, General Education, Research Sponsored Programs)
2. Social hosted by the Provost's Office Halloween week
3. Can be found in the Administration Building
4. Financial Economics as a STEM major classification?
5. Academic Calendar approved to shorten JTerm as short as 17 days, option for shorter touring break and finals week days, will go into effect 2021
6. Steps toward environmental sustainability by the college: zero waste, 25% energy reduction, incorporated into general education curriculum, feasibility study on solar panels, composting in building being thought about, external company to find baseline energy usage

## **Committee Updates**

Finance: approval of committee members

- Ehsan Nasiry and Josh Muntiferer as students at large
- Senator Young and Senator Johnson
- Questions for students at large
  - Ombudsperson Doran: what about finance committee are you most passionate about
  - Senator Cella: what experience do you have managing funds?
    - What is your philosophy on funding student organizations?
  - Controller Johnson: Do you consider yourself organized and responsible?
  - Senator Smerillo: can you tell us about your experience as a Peer MALT in an economics class and how it would apply to this position?
- Discussion
  - Director Gupta
  - Senator Smerillo
  - Senator MacDonald
- Vote: eyes have it, students at large are approved
- Questions for Senator Young and Senator Johnson
  - Ombudsperson Doran: what about finance committee are you most passionate about?

- Senator Smerillo: are you willing to wear business formal clothing to Senate meetings at least once a month?
- Discussion
  - Director Gupta
  - Ombudsperson Doran
  - Senator Cella
- Vote: ayes have it, members are approved

### **Old Business**

Ethics Committee: from Ombudsperson Doran met to discuss Constitutional Amendment referendum

1. Need to send out notice 2 weeks in advance, but with expedited schedule will be sent out on Thursday
2. Talk to constituents and see if they have questions

### **New Business**

Speech and Debate Budget

1. Tried to present for spring budgeting last year, approved for \$1100 originally, but current totals are \$3,010
2. By-Law no more than \$1100 on traveling and registration fees, but speech and debate spends most of the budget on these items
  - a. If passed, this budget will break a by-law
3. Unconventional club-sport scenario
4. Finance Committee recommends funding budget of \$3,010 in total
5. Questions
  - a. Senator Johnson: are teams that you compete against other organizations or clubs?
  - b. Ombudsperson Doran: for director Gupta, should we look at amending the by-laws to what is considered a club-sport?
  - c. Senator Smerillo: because of the leeway, we don't need to follow the finance by-law?
    - i. They are up to interpretation due to extenuating circumstances
  - d. Senator King: what is our contingency?
  - e. Senator Cella: is the team self-coached?
    - i. Yes
  - f. Senator Johnson: Gustavus says that a club-sport must play against other college or university teams that are recognized as a club-sport team - in favor

- g. Senator Young: funding philosophy is that we should fund as many organizations as possible within by-law guidelines
- h. Senator Smerillo: how is our contingency compared to last year
  - i. Same spot :)
  - i. Student at Large Ehsan: what topics are debated?
- 6. Discussion
  - a. Senator Jorgenson
  - b. Parliamentarian Boyden
  - c. Senator Smerillo
  - d. Senator King
  - e. Senator Johnson
  - f. Ombudsperson Doran
- 7. Vote: ayes have it, budget is approved

#### Ethics Committee Members

- 1. Senator Patterson and Senator Smerillo
- 2. Questions
  - a. Senator Zaun: what most excites you about working on the Ethics Committee?
  - b. Ombudsperson Doran: what experience do you have that will help you with this position? What is your favorite part of the by-laws?
  - c. Senator Young: what would you change about the Constitution and By-Laws?
- 3. Discussion
  - a. Parliamentarian Boyden
  - b. Ombudsperson Doran
  - c. Speaker Ellingson
- 4. Vote: ayes have it, members approved

#### Announcements:

Director Concepción: Faculty Reports please

Controller Johnson: opportunity to discuss Gustavus community thinks about the strategic plan and feedback, november 21 and 22 - please gather opinions of constituents

Tentative dates: November 21 8-9pm and November 22 from 1-2:30pm

Chair Johnson: DLC Carnival was fun :)

Speaker Ellingson: Interfaith Forum hosts meal and discussion, Thursday Oct 17 6-7pm

Advisor Ruble: Dean of Students looking for students to plan vote initiative to work with administrators to plan now for what we can do in the fall.

Senator Smerillo: MEA prospective students will be here - go to class and be alive

Co-President Villarreal: no meeting next week during Fall Break  
Senator King: Into the Woods opens on Halloween