Minutes 11/1

Meeting is called to order at 7:02pm

Attendance taken by Administration Director Concepcion

Quorum is met

Approval of the Minutes: the Minutes are approved

Community Comment: none

Committee Updates

Student and Academic Affairs: Chair Dismuke
1. Informational meetings with offices, career services, advancement, dean of students

Health and Housing: Chair CarlsonSather
1. Meeting with Kitchen Cabinet
2. Meeting with dietician about survey sent out earlier this year
3. Nominee for heart-safe champion

Inclusive Excellence: Chair Johnson
1. Co-president Villarreal and Ombudsperson met with Chaplain Siri

Ethics: Ombudsperson Doran
1. Continual conversation about diversity with Siri
2. By-Law amendment for structure in community comment
3. Formal reprimand for Senators regarding faculty reports

Technology: Chair Menke
1. Meet with GTS about accessibility with technology
    a. Starting a rental program for students, a cart of chromebooks perhaps
    b. Reducing size of computer lab to offset costs
2. More of a presence in first year Orientation
3. ENcourage faculty senate to go more paperless
4. Reaching out to people about making video about food insecurity on campus

Public Relations: Chair Gruber
1. Monthly Gavel Gazette
2. Weekly meeting update posts on social media

Finance: Controller Johnson
1. Continuing to fund

Co-Presidents: Villarreal
1. Environmental sustainability chair application received
2. Administrative director and SAA applications will be sent out
3. Apparel: new sweatshirts available to buy, director Concpecion will send out the sheet
    a. Can work a cafeteria shift for funds
    b. Senator Smerillo: will there be a t-shirt option?

i. Villarreal: will ask about that

Old Business: none

New Business
By-Law Amendment, Ombudsperson Doran
1. Amendment to the time structure of Community Comment, limiting questions by Senate in response to comment to 10 minutes
2. Senator Smerillo: I move to amend the by-laws as given on the written statement on the board
   a. Second: Senator Patterson
3. Discussion
   a. Senator Smerillo: time of senate is best used toward debate later in the meeting, and not spent 30 minutes in questions, and we use the question period to understand what the student would like us to do and what we need to think about and direct debate to New Business where we can make change
   b. Senator Young: ask for a friendly to change the language so it says "10 minutes per speaker" instead of "total", if there are multiple people coming in to speak the language would restrict all of them to 10 minutes.
      i. 10 minutes in response to each COmmunity Comment limited to 10 minutes
   c. Senator Hietpas: I'd like to echo, community comment has felt messy recently, this should help keep meeting in line and on track toward progress
   d. Chair CarlsonSather: does it seem redundant with the language of "questions and responses"?
      i. Doran: clear that it is the person's response and questions, but subject to the will of the Senate body
4. Vote: ayes have it, the by-law is passed

Heart Safe Champion: Chair CarlsonSather
1. Maia Gerads is a Nursing major, EMT and CPR certified, knowledgeable in how to act and educate others, had a lot of ideas on how to education the GAC community
2. Questions
   a. Parliamentarian Boyden: what interests you about this group/position?
      i. Gerads: I worked in the ER as an EMT this summer, and got a first-hand perspective about cardiac and heart related health problems, and I think that our community should be educated for all of us to know on where the cardiac arrest technology is.
   b. Co-President Bhakta: what are some new roles/initiatives?

          i.   Gerdas: focus on healthy heart foods in the cafeteria, promoting exercise

3. Discussion
    a. Senator Hietpas: a point of information that I found important is the location of AEDs on campus and educate about it, I am in favor.
    b. Chair CarlsonSather: her application stood out because she has experience as a paramedic and a specialist in the ER and EMP and CPR certified, she seems like she had a lot of good initiatives that stood out. Simple ideas like education about AEDs on campus is critical
4. Vote: ayes have it, candidate is approved as Heart Safe Champion

Attendance Policy: Co-President Bhakta
1. We almost lost quorum last week while discussing an important topic with the letter, we know that meetings can get long when discussing important topics and we'd like everyone to stay for the whole meeting if they can for this semester. As a Cabinet, we discussed implementing a new attendance policy of having Monday nights 7-9pm blocked out and expected to be available starting in the Spring Semester. We ill need a Senator to charge Ethics to amend the by-laws.

College View Crosswalk
1. Senator Cella: I charge Health and Housing to look into make a crosswalk intersection between the Lund Pathway and College View a safer place for students to get home
    a. Second to Senator Johnson
2. Discussion
    a. Chair CarlsonSather :what sort of ideas do your constituents have?
        i.   Cella: implementing a stop-sign, or putting a designated yield sign
    b. Chair Menke: I'm all in favor of keeping our students safe
    c. Senator Smerillo: there's parking and the tennis bubble over there so I think this is a great idea
3. Vote: ayes have it, motion passes

Ethics Charge
1. Senator Johnson: what can we do to promote efficiency during meetings, I charge Ethics Committee to make by-laws to promote efficiency within the meetings to orient them more to pushing initiatives
2. Second to Senator Hietpas
3. Discussion
    a. Ombudsperson Doran: I want to find out if this is by-laws or parliamentary procedure, such as limiting speaking lists and limits, or if we want to use time

toward not discussing committee tasks as a whole Senate. How do you want us to become more efficient

      i.   Senator Johnson: we trust the committees and their wording and work, and more efficient to pull up what committees are sending despite transparency

b. Senator Smerillo: I think this is a good idea with communications between senate body, should send in advance to Senate before they send out to the student body and to have Senators read and bring amendments to the meetings

c. Chair Johnson: this would hinder our ability to communicate between all and not think things out all the way. Maybe we should look inward and about the questions that we are asking.

d. Chair CarlsonSather: I would echo the previous speaker, and falls on individual responsibility of Senators to come prepared to meetings, if things take time to get through discussion and transparency and sacrifice efficiency.

e. Senator King: this is a good idea in promoting efficiency in the Senate, however I want to be careful of communication with whole body and transparency

f. Senator Schaaf: I think that efficiency is important, but we need to maintain transparency. Some constituents have brought up concerns that I'd like to bring up, but I don't know when to share them

      i.   Co-President Bhakta: bring up in New Business

g. Senator Johnson: I agree that it needs to be a full body discussion, but also possible to do outside of meeting time with initiatives so that we can pass initiatives. Send emails to clarify topics.

h. Chair Menke: we could use discussions like these to set a precedent, and leg-work can be done in committee time in preparation of full meetings, sending more frequent updates in committees and senate. Improving the norms of senate would be progress

i. Senator Hietpas: there is a feeling in between motions of New Business that it is difficult to propose some things because it will take a lot of time to discuss, we should be making motions go through quicker so you can say a motion, get it passed, move to a committee, and move on

j. Senator Young: an area in inefficiency is in by-laws and specifics of language within parliamentary procedure (clunky and difficult), so sending out language beforehand and changes can be friendlier, but I think this doesn't need to be a by-law change.

k. Parliamentarian Boyden: my concern is about not trying to just push motions through, and if we make by-laws limiting that we would be limiting speaking rights, we could reflect as individuals and as a Senate instead of implementing a by-law

   l. Senator Schaaf: we don't need to make a by-law change that would create too many restrictions and fear about bringing up topics. Something we should all keep in the back of our minds.

   m. Senator Smerillo: because this charge is asking Ethics to look into by-laws, I think it would be easy to look into and asking Ethics to send out materials prior to meetings. I move to call to question this topic

     i. Second to Senator Johnson

  4. Vote: ayes have it, motion passes to Ethics Committee

Announcements

Chair Menke: software has changed so please speak up if you want to be heard in the audio minutes

Senator Smerillo: Model UN Scrimmage this Saturday, 11:30am in Beck 111, debating international relations on Climate Change as delegations of the Security Council of the UN

Ombusperson Doran: I think we should think about the spirit and intention that we bring to debate; we forget that this time is Gustavus time and not for us or proving a point.

Advisor Ruble: GustieWell has free condom machines in res halls now, will be stocked by the end of the week, free for students

Senator Lim: DLC has events for Gratitude Week this week in the Courtyard Cafe, Wednesday: indigenous experiences and rights 6-8pm in Courtyard, Friday letters to gratitude to faculty and students 6-8pm in Courtyard

Chair Johnson: Inclusive Excellence will be working on SNL with CAB and DLC social

Co-President Bhakta: November 23 International Festival

Chair Menke: 7-9pm Speech and Debate showcase

Co-President Villarreal: President Bergman will be at meeting on November 25, come with comments and questions

Chair CarlsonSather: Meeting with SRF good things coming soon

Chair Johnson: Our Story Event by PASO

Senator Smerillo: impeachment rally/demonstration in St. Peter

Director Concepción: please look for an email about apparel and please read apparel