

12/2 Minutes

Meeting is called to order at 7:02pm

Attendance is taken by Director Concepcion

Quorum is met

Minutes are approved

Community Comment: none

Committee Updates

Administrative Director

1. Apparel orders are due today after the meeting, money due this Friday

Co-President, Villarreal

1. Student Academic Affairs Chair Dismuke resigned, letter of resignation read aloud to Senate by Director Concepcion

Old Business: none

New Business

Impeachment of Senator Abegglen, Ombudsperson Doran

1. Doran: He had an attendance adjustment due to being a TA during meetings, but due to the by-laws “each senator shall meet with a faculty member each semester” and attend committee meetings to obtain committee credits. He has failed to meet the needs of his constituency, Ombudsperson has tried to communicate with no response so we will be moving forward with an impeachment proceeding. We began with a formal reprimand, as he continued to fail to fulfill with duties we would continue to move up with disciplinary action. We move to impeachment.
2. Questions:
 - a. Senator Young: what is the process for impeachment?
 - i. Doran: there is no outline, we need $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote
 - b. Senator McDonald: how many absences does he have?
 - i. Doran: he has more absences than attendance at committee meetings, hasn't submitted a faculty report.
 - ii. Concepcion: he has 9 absences
 - c. Senator Young: where does he represent? Do we know if the TA will continue through Spring semester? I move to impeach Senator Abegglen
 - i. Doran: Chapel View, I do not know if he would continue TA he
 - ii. Second to Senator Cella
 - d. Discussion
 - i. Senator Young; we serve the student body.

- ii. Senator Johnson: would there be another person appointed?
 - 1. We would hold a midterm election
- iii. Senator Smerillo: it seems vital for senators to communicate,
- iv. Senator Patterson: we tried to reach out and make it work, the effort he has put in is not sufficient.
- v. Senator Hietpas: I can't say why he hasn't been communicating, would he be able to run in the midterm election if he was impeached?
 - 1. Doran: yes, but we would most likely not grant another adjusted attendance policy
- vi. Senator Schaaf: did we reach out in person?
- vii. Senator Cella: could you give us the language for grounds for impeachment?
 - 1. Doran: Article 4 Section 1, Discipline
 - 2. I call to question the vote
 - a. Second to Senator Patterson

e. Roll Call Vote

Owen Ellingson -aye
Ellie Croonquist -aye
Annalise Schaaf -aye
Maryn Cella -aye
Alma Jorgenson -aye
Maddy Smerillo -aye
David Warner absent
Aimen Zara -aye
Amy Haney -aye
Eric Johnson -aye
Grant Hietpas

-abstain
Birgen Nelson -aye
Carl-Erik Young -aye
Paige Patterson -aye
Samuel Abegglen absent
Jared Zaun -abstain
Clifford McDonald -aye
Charlotte Lim -abstain
Stephen Boler -aye

f. Ayes have it 14/17, Senator Abegglen is impeached

Budget for Peer Assistants - Director Gupta

1. Gupta: finance committee recommends we fund the PA's in full of \$8, 550 events have been enjoyed and used by students in the past
2. Questions:
 - a. Senator Smerillo: have we funded these amounts in the past?
 - i. Gupta: PA's have a block budget, we haven't funded them yet this year because they didn't come to Senate last year. They got \$7 per students from a raised student government fee.
3. Discussion:
 - a. Senator Zaun: we are making up the discrepancy of their usual budget, I don't think this is out of the ordinary.
 - b. Senator Johnson: call to question
 - i. Second to Senator Smerillo
4. Vote: ayes have it, the budget is approved

Senator Nelson: do we have a celebration for Veteran's Day?

1. Co-President Bhakta: I don't think so, not in the past
2. Chair Johnson: your constituent should stop by for community comment
3. Senator McDonald: I would appreciate it if we did something, but I don't think it would make a difference except for showing respect for ROTC students. We should send something out, but I don't think it's a big deal around our area since it's so small.
4. Ombudsperson Doran: I think this is a good question of how we celebrate federal holidays. How do we take initiative as students to celebrate what we want to celebrate; if you want to celebrate, organize something.

Senator Schaaf: there needs to be more safe rides at night from a constituent. How do other people feel?

1. Discussion
 - a. Director Concepción: There is only one van so far that seats 5.
 - b. Senator Smerillo: I charge the Student Academic Affairs Committee to look into talking with Campus Safety to using a second van in the cold months
 - i. Second: Speaker Ellingson
 - c. Discussion
 - i. Chair CarlsonSather: Campus Safety officers are available to give people rides to bring you across campus.
 - ii. Ombudsperson Doran: I support the spirit, but I am worried seeing past senators trying to get funds reallocated from Campus Safety, but the large institution is a barrier. I suggest we amend the motion to be finding ways for students to more effectively use saferides. I think this is as feasible as we would hope.
 - iii. Senator Schaaf: It would be harder to push for this, but I think it's important to acknowledge the issue and to gauge the feelings of the Gustavus community.
 - iv. Co-President Bhakta: they don't have the workers for the vans, the shortage makes it hard to operate. We could amend the charge to make a higher incentive to be a safe rides driver.
 - v. Advisor Ruble: I oversee Campus Safety, drivers are a problem, number of vans available are a problem. In the future, the community service van and safe rides would be in service in the evening.
 - vi. Senator Smerillo: advising students to carpool and take rides from campus safety would not let us get to efficiency. As a CF there are times we have to wait 10-15 minutes to get to an urgent situation. I like the idea of the community service van.
 - vii. Parliamentarian Boyden: The post office has been asking to get a new van for a while, amending the charge to do information to students.

- viii. Senator Young: the charge is talking with campus safety.
- ix. Senator Hietpas: I understand there is a shortage of vans, I know that campus owns vehicles that can be used, we discuss whoever owns the vans if we can use those.
- x. Senator McDonald: people can call multiple times, there could be people to walk across.
- xi. Ombudsperson Doran: motor pool vans are by athletic fields. Those could be a good option when available, but they are used by student organizations. In reality, there is likely some tension on that idea because they want to make sure they're available to reserve.
- xii. Co-President Bhakta: committee is available to reach out to start the process.
- xiii. Senator Smerillo: People order a safe ride and then leave because it takes too long. Modifying the program to expedite the process. If you order a safe ride, wait for it or call to cancel.
- xiv. Senator Johnson: would it be possible for us to use personal vehicles? Like a mini-uber with reimbursement?

2. Vote: ayes have it, Student and Academic Affairs Committee is charged.

Senator Lim, looking into getting a rail for Rundstrom.

- 1. Second to Senator Zara
- 2. Discussion
 - a. Chair CarlsonSather: problem is a large railing in the big hill of GAC destroying the photogenic view, it has been looked into last year. There are a few lights, but we could look into increasing lights.
 - b. Senator Lim: is there anyway we could push to prioritize safety instead of photogenic?
 - i. Co-President Bhakta: marketing is getting the way, facilities want it to happen
 - c. Senator Smerillo: at walmart they sell solar powered stick lights.
 - d. Controller Johnson: I brought this up last year. There's some kind of plumbing underneath that would prevent a staircase. One solution is one of the big plow trucks plow a path to the parking lot, which helped.
 - e. Senator McDonald: could have a winter railing and deinstall during summer seasons
 - f. Chair Johnson: we could get camping trail thing
 - g. Chair CarlsonSather: I can look into a temporary fix and long-term
 - h. Senator Lim: I like Chair Johnson's fix, and issue is preventing people from slipping

- i. Senator Smerillo: pictures on Old Main is cute, but risking safety is not cute.
 - j. Controller Johnson: having holes in the ground and install railing into holes in winter
 - k. Senator McDonald: ditto Controller Johnson, not mess with the plumbing.
 - l. Ombudsperson Doran: those bunny hill ski lifts
 - m. Senator Hietpas: I move to close discussion.
 - i. Second Senator Johnson.
3. Vote: ayes have it, motion passes.

Announcements

Administrative Director: please fill out this form for availability

Chair Menke: duo2 day, hopefully you all reached out to your constituents.

Ombudsperson Doran: hello everyone, some of you notice that a couple were at Model UN, next week we have an event to tell everyone about the skills we learned. December 10th in campus center. Informational meeting on next wednesday Beck 121 at 7pm.

Senator Smerillo: Legacy acapella concert December 11 7pm, alumni hall

Chair CarlsonSather: I encourage you to reach out to resources on campus, committee meet with me after meeting

Speaker Ellingson: Sunday, a benefit concert at Sojourn House 7pm, 4 punk bands, free entry, taking donations.

Parliamentarian Boyden: next Wednesday WAC event

Senator Cella: Let's Talk program in library from 1:30-2:30 program is good

Co-President Villarreal: we are appointing 3 new Cabinet members next week

Meeting is adjourned at 8:00pm