

Student Senate Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2020

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Location: Beck Hall 111

Time Started: 7:02PM

Time Ended: 8:10PM

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved

II. Community Comment

- A. Chris Gilbertson, Assistant Director of Campus Safety who works with emergency preparedness at Gustavus was present. He had previously met with Brendon Carlson- Sather, they reviewed an informative video of what to do in an active violence situation, such as an active shooter. Emergency Management (Fires, tornado, active shooter etc.) it is a new area for him and we would like to get feedback from students, to better formulate a plan. He will be sending out the video to the Student senate and will be meeting with us again in 2 weeks. He wants us to come up with questions to bring up during the future meeting, and has been and will continue working with high ranking officials at Gustavus to formulate a high violence plan.
- B. Upon being asked questions from the senate, we were informed the video is about 3 minutes long, it will be sent to Ben Menke who will then upload it to the drive. We also learned that there will be a community plan and a staff & faculty plan, Chris has good relationships with the Nicollet County emergency and health teams, and they are willing to help. Next meeting with Chris is scheduled to be March 2nd.

III. Committee Updates

- A. Finance- First update, there is a \$110,44 balance for senate of which \$4300 is not allocated. The rest of the amount is allocated and hopefully they use it over the semester.
- B. Finance- Second update, Rock Bottom musical Has asked for an allocation of \$1879.21 , the finance committee recommends we approve it if there's any questions please ask.
- C. Madelyn Smerillo, on behalf of the musical explained what the program was (Lower commitment opportunity for people who like theater, specifically musicals to become involved in) and how the funds were going to be used (script ,rights etc.) **Budget was approved, all aye, no nay's.**

- D. Co- Presidents- Since there are no people from the views, please encourage them to join! Also tomorrow is the involvement fair so please sign up. Finally we will be reassigning committees, co-president then explained what committees you could sign up for and what they were. All senators need to sign up for 2 committees.

IV. New Business

- A. Advisor, Megan Ruble mentioned the email that was sent today, to the entire student body in regards to the current parking issue. The question is, “What do we do for solutions?” I was wondering if the student senate could sponsor it. What do you suggest? We could do a policy change where 1st year students aren’t allowed to bring their cars or create a new lot.
- B. A group discussion brought up other conflicts created by parking as well as possible solutions. It was stated that those who drive to their off campus jobs struggled most with parking. A suggestion to survey students on who uses their car most, where they live, and where they park was mentioned, it would allow them to strategize a plan. A parking lot next to the art building by the arb was another idea. Color coded permits, with price based on location (Closer = more \$, further= less \$) would allow students who don’t use their car frequently to pay less. Re- drawing parking lot lines so instead of being horizontal rows there’s vertical rows, that fit more cars, maybe making the lines in the rows diagonal. Another suggestion was giving priority to international, Non Minnesotan students as well as those with off campus jobs. Some thought banning a certain year from bringing their cars would be annoying, and also not beneficial. The issue of not having enough space to build solar panels if we build parking lots was brought up, to which the solution was parking garages with solar panels on top. Switching greenlots, visitor lots and other non red lots to red just for overnight was another suggestion. The concern of financial availability, and equality was a concern for the color coded permits by few members. Parking garages would allow for easier snow removal.
- C. Based on the discussion our Co-president concluded we are very interested in being involved, and stated we should invite our constituents to come in the future discussion.
Public Relations Committee was charged to this, 1st Erik-Young, 2nd Patterson
- D. Tabling sheet was a PDF so we could not edit it. Nancy will try and get this figured out sorry!

V. Announcements

- A. D.E.E.P has 1 spot open for the spring trip
- B. Join Model UN in Anderson 214 on Saturday!
- C. Wed. February 26, 2020 Chinese Culture Club will have 600 pieces of sushi (including vegan sushi) at the CourtYard Cafe @6pm.
- D. Thank You from the Speech and Debate club for the funding, we are now 1st in small schools and 2nd in overall debate. So thank you for letting that happen.

- E. Mens Tennis this weekend at 7PM
- F. Fastathon Feb. 20, 2020 from 6- 7:30 and a Speakeasy on Feb 21st.
- G. Steve from dining services will be here next monday
- H. CF'S ,Greeters, Pa's and almost every leadership applications are out now so if you're not a senior you are encouraged to apply.
 - a. Greeters have an open house Thursday, 20th in the Dive at 8pm