

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Quorum is met

Minutes from the previous meeting are approved

Community comment

none

Committee updates

Director Gupta: We have 3 budgets to approve, Running Club, Gustavus Dance Company and Gustavus Music Collective

1. Running Club: the finance committee recommends to allocate the entire amount of \$848. They will use this money for a marathon in Elm Creek. any budget question can be directed to me and club questions to the representative, Caroline Turnquist.

Left with \$40,500 in our contingency

Questions-

- Parliamentarian Boyden: what do yall do throughout the year?
 - ◆ Caroline Turnquist: many runs and marathons. They do small marathons and then big ones. They normally have 12 members but now have 20 and we need more funds to cover the costs.
- Director Gupta: why run club? What have you accomplished?
 - ◆ Caroline Turnquist: it is a space to run in college and it is for the more inclusive to all levels of runners. From advanced and less experienced. A good social break in the day.
- Co-President Bhakta: Any more Questions? Let's move to Discussion.

Discussion-

- Director Gupta: very active responders to the emails from finance. They are a hard working group. They are a successful club.
- Ruble: how much other money have they received from the senate?
 - ◆ Controller Johnson: 2,800
 - ◆ Advisor Ruble: this will then bring it up to 3,500. Only for registration fees?
 - ◆ Controller Johnson: yes, no gas.
 - ◆ Director Gupta: sort of expensive.
 - ◆ Advisor Ruble: how does this benefit the entire campus? Let's think about this for future budgets. What are our expectations for the money being given out?
- Chair Johnson: do they make money and donate it?

- ◆ Ombudsperson Doran: take away items when you sign up. I support them and encourage people to run. What are you getting for the registration fee. If we fund the budget, are we funding take away items? Something to think about.
 - ◆ Senator Young: With regards to the take away items, there is a point but we are not buying it for them, but they are just receiving. If we set that precedent then we should take away all their money. Create clashes if we set that precedent to this club and all other club sports. Winners of club sports receive t-shirts and medals, etc. I think we should fund the organization. Considering the Campus wide impact, other orgs who do impact the entire campus haven't come back for more money, so it should be fine to allocate the entire budget.
- Senator Patterson: I am also in favor of this budget, I want to mention that they have been training for this, we pass this budget so they continue their work. If in the future they have more runners we should consider cutting the amount allotted to the club.
- Chair Menke: stay consistent with our budgets. Allow students to participate in the activities that they want to do
- Controller Johnson: the lake minnetonka marathon was canceled. And they are reallocating the money
- Speaker: Call to question
- ◆ Co-President Bhakta: Second?
- Second goes to Senator Johnson
- The motion passes

2. Gustavus Dance Company

- Director Gupta: recommend the full amount, any budget question can be directed to me and club questions to the representatives, Annie Carlson and Maddie Miller
- Maddie Miller: The money will be used for the spring dance show that is free to all students. Will be used for a choreographer from Minneapolis and he is not charging the full amount. Gives the students the opportunity to work with someone new.
- Director Gupta: dance company was allocated money for a trip. What was it?
- ◆ Maddie Miller: American college dance association dance festival. We are going this week. Money used for lodging and registration. We get to work with faculty from other colleges. We are performing for judges (well known choreographers)

Discussion-

- Parliamentarian Boyden: this is a good opportunity for the dance company
- Schaaf: what is the financial cap for organizations?
- ◆ Director Gupta: not a cap for club sports

- ◆ Senator Schaaf: Want to support all orgs, but could it become an issue
- ◆ Director Gupta: Thanks for bringing it up. We'll take a look at it
- ◆ Chair CarlsonSather: we can have that convo later, lets vote?

→ Any more Discussion? Let's Vote

Move to a vote

The motion passes

3. Gustavus Music Collective

- Director Gupta: asked for 1110 for a room where any student can come and make music
- Conrad: I have friends who introduced me to recording music. It is expensive to record. I had the work study to make music but not everyone has that privilege. I recognizes that not everyone has that kind of money.
- Director Gupta: allocated money in 2018, but didnt get to use it all, but now they are back
- Ombudsperson: how will it be accessible?
 - ◆ Conrad: lock box for the key. You sign up during the involvement fair. Schedule to sign up. Key and a code. The room is by the dive.
- Parliamentarian Boyden: any events?
 - ◆ C: some in the fall
- Chair Dunna: has it grown?
 - ◆ Conrad: yes it has grown. People are really interested, i even sometimes have to use my items for the students

Discussion-

- Senator Jorgenson: I support this and the radio club has a similar system and nothing has been stolen
- Speaker Ellingson: I know some people to make bands outside of the department and the music department does not budge. I support it call to question

Second to senator patterson

Move to a Vote

The motion passes

- Director Gupta: We now have \$39,058.
- Chair CarlsonSather: Steve Kjellgren from dining services is finally here to give an update
- Kjellgren: been invited to the Student Senate only 3 times. Last time was when Charlie Potts was co-president. Came back in 1994, and graduated in 1986. Tasked to reprogram the dining services. Different choices in how we delivered to students. gathered a group of students to reprogram the system. Asked these students "what would you like to see" three themes came up. All- you can eat a program(20 times per week, most students did not eat, everyone paid the same thing) didn't seem fair. This meal plan would build up a ton of waste. Was not equitable. Logistically you would have set meal periods. We

wanted to be more flexible. How do we do that? A La Carte plan(able to bring guests, able to eat however they wanted, if you pay for every item, you would reduce waste, able to open and close sections) cost \$20 million. Sat in front of the board of trustees and presented a new plan. Taking money away from the students, doesn't seem right. Meal plan money should pay for meals. We didn't always have 3 tiers, they came with the need of the students. Even got in trouble for budgeting the wrong numbers, and was told to fix it or lose his job. Fairtrade, grass fed, hormone free milk, cage free eggs, all these come from students saying "Hey Steve you ever thought of this?" dining services morphed because of the students

Questions-

→ Chair Carlson Sather: Important to know about high prices that people complain about are actually low compared to other colleges.

Kjellgren hands out spreadsheet and GAC is on the bottom of both lists

→ Kjellgren: other colleges charge much more for their meal plans. We do not have a home office far away we have it right here. At Stonehill You pay the 2700 for the fee and then you add money and it is alacarte. If people come and complain encourage them to talk to someone who knows. Send them to my office.

→ Director Gupta: what are the fixed costs?

◆ Kjellgren: Wont get into the exact numbers. 275 per month, these fees do not include those who process payments, custodial and those in charge of the steamery. We are adding services. We need guaranteed money for these additional resources. You pay because it is an amenity to the college. Concession stands in the future plans of lund. If you need more or less money come to Steve for accomodations.

→ Director Gupta: I hear complaints from the athletes because this is who I am mostly surrounded by.

◆ Kjellgren: People call me and say "My son and their daughter and ALL of their friends run out of money/have too much money" friend groups are small and selective. I take a look at the surplus and those who run out. Alacarte is way harder to manage.

→ Chair Johnson: is this sheet on the website?

◆ Kjellgren: we will put it on the website, but that only a select amount of people can see it. Other colleges can do the leg work. I try to get in front of the FTS groups, but it's been less and less. If this is important, use your voices and have faculty invite dining services.

- Chair Johnson can you give an update every year. You have only been here 3 times in 25 years
 - ◆ Kjellgren: I can come back every year.
- Senator Patterson : how often do you adjust this according to inflation. Does it raise do items raise?
 - ◆ Kjellgren: yes and no. they wait 1-3 years to raise the prices to match the revenue. They buy the high cost of food revenue and that screws the plan up.
 - ◆ Senator Patterson: have you considered adding a 4th plan. For off campus or those who eat less.

- Chair CarlsonSather:there are smaller meals plans, you can use your ID to pay for caf and Courtyard Cafe.
 - ◆ Kjellgren: President Becky said can we have a meal plan for those off campus. Instead of having to add money, we bill you at the end of the month. Food insecurity form governor walz. Mostly targeting community colleges. How can we connect those who have a surplus and those who run out.

- Senator Johnson: I appreciate how much you care for students. I've heard that many people with lots of money left over. Have you brainstormed ways to make it less of a problem?
 - ◆ Kjellgren: I don't think we should do what other colleges are doing. We make accommodations. Come in and talk to me. Do we want to encourage wasteful spending?

- Senator Schaaf: has the access money ever been thought of being given as a scholarship?
 - ◆ Kjellgren: it all depends on the students. Would you rather donate or spend money on yourself? I need to know these things.

- Chair Menke: Does the caf do anything for the sudden surge at the end of the month?
 - ◆ Steve Running out is an issue. We can not give out cases of things. Throws off the balance

- Director Gupta: what are the numbers looking like this year. Are we breaking even?
 - ◆ Steve artificially inflating and deflating aspects of the budget. You don't need to know the nitty gritty, but it was screwed up and now it is back on track.

- Advisor Ruble: Quincy Yangh is the Environmental Sustainability chair. You two should make a connection and talk about this issue.

- ◆ Kjellgren: we met at the President's Environmental Sustainability Council(PESC). and now it is time to make better connections. You really know how to talk in front of a crowd.
- Advisor Ruble: accessibility in the caf
 - ◆ Kjellgren: let us know right away how we can clean up or move things around.
 - ◆ Controller Johnson: I was on crutches and Ted always helped.
- Chair CarlsonSather: If you have questions send them our way and if you have food accomodations send them to dining services and they will tell the chef. Don't have one right now bc of budget but will get one next fall. Caf is creating more veggio and vegan options in the caf weekdays and weekends. Change is coming!
- Chair Johnson: working on Diversity Leadership Council (DLC) and Student Senate social
- Ombudsperson Doran: Senator Schaaf will be joining ethics committee it is great that she took initiative and has interest and energy to learn
 - ◆ Senator Schaaf: I am interested like the behind the scenes work. Not familiar but wants to learn.
 - ◆ Speaker Ellingson: you know you will be joining the elections committee?
 - ◆ Senator Schaaf: Yes

Discussion-

- Ombudsperson Doran: Has experience in senate and is eligable.
- Chair Menke: echoes and i hope you all support Senator Shcaaf. She is prepared.
- Speaker Ellingson: I call the questions

Second goes to patterson

Motion passes.

→ Co President Villarreal: We have two resignations Administrative Director Sanchez and Senator Mcdonlad.

Administrative Director Sanchez Letter:

February 24, 2020

Dear Senate,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as Administrative Director of the Gustavus Adolphus College Student Senate, effective as of today, February 24, 2020. Thanks for your help in getting me prepared for the role and I am glad I got to get to know all of you.

Sincerely,
Nancy
Sanchez

Senator Mcdonlad:

I Clifford McDonald am resigning my position as off campus representative from Gustavus Student Senate.

Old Business

Play Active shooter campaign video. Run. Hide. Fight.

- Advisor Ruble: Chris Gilbert is coming in next week for feedback
Parking sessions finally have a date Tuesday march 24 7-8
Prairie View will now have 1 green, 2 green and red and one red parking slots.
- Chair Yangh: The company for the solar panels is not willing to pay for them quite yet.
- Senator Patterson: Directed to Advisor Ruble, did the counseling center fail to hire. More information? Offer made but it was bad benefits and hourly wage, that's what I heard.
 - ◆ Advisor Ruble: I don't know the reason but they are still on search.
 - ◆ Director Gupta: Tennis team do counseling sessions with students from MSU. workshop once a semester her students come in to work with them. Can the counseling center do this?
 - ◆ Advisor Ruble: we have graduate students work there right now and we are trying to get away from that because they can be a liability. There are challenges but I am willing to follow up later.

New Business

- Senator Patterson: Gus Bus, during the spring time there are more events and gusties drink during the day. More drinking and driving with warm weather. Some weeks we should have the gus bus run on certain weeks.
- Director Gupta: we can change if there is a need. Come back with something more solid
- Senator Patterson: we just want gusties to stay safe. Drinking and driving is a no go
- Chair Dunna: talked about safe rides and gus bus. Spoke about people drinking during the day and even senior week. Will look more into the
- Senator Warner: Dial a ride is an option at the CAO desk. If they choose to drink, they can be responsible to make a
- Advisor Ruble: numbers with Wayne (bus company) 920-960. One Friday bus is being moved to saturday.
- Senator Johnson- we all know that case day is always going to happen so we should have it running on that day.
- Controller Johnson: add an additional 6-8 hrs. Is it possible?
 - ◆ Advisor Ruble: Gus bus operates dial a ride during the day. The gus bus is not a drunk bus. Transportation service for gusties.
- Ombudsperson Doran: saferides during the day? On caseday/st.pattys day?
 - ◆ Chair Dunna: safe rides is not a drunk rides service. there are already enough instances with the gus bus. Someone has been assaulted

Announcements:

- Controller Johnson: Day at the capitol. For those of low income families have a school of choice. Our job is to advocate for private colleges. Link on the gustavus website.
- Speaker Ellingson: Radicals is having 1st meeting in the WAC
- Advisor Rube: Student life division. Alumni Feb 27th from 10-5. Pick up a succulent(from amazon)
- Chair Gruber: Sushi and Origami in the courtyard caf at 6,

◆ Lunar New Year Friday, 6pm in Alumni hall

→ Co-President Bhakta: Student life awards. Nominate yourself and others.

→ Ombudsperson Doran: Vote next week for the co-presidential election and midterms and for the primaries

◆ Tuesday is the caucuses starts at 7, be there at 6:30.

→ Chair Johnson: DEEP is going to Colorado to learn about chicanx culture they meet on thursdays at 7 in the dive

→ Senator Patterson: Track team goes to a conference. Wish us luck.