

Student Senate Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 PM

Quorum is met

Minutes

- A. The minutes are approved.

Community Comment

- A. There was no community comment.

Committee Updates

A. Ethics

- a. Co-President applications will come out tomorrow, and we will be having tabling the last week of February.

B. Environmental Sustainability

- a. No new updates

C. Health and Housing

- a. Had a great end of semester meeting and are looking forward to the first one of the semester.

D. Student and Academic Affairs

- a. Talked to Erin from the bookmark and Dean from the registrar they are working on getting some of the kinks from the first semester worked out. Also talked to Corrie about bringing more awareness to the academic support center.

E. Public Relations

- a. Discuss the idea for a January recap for senators and would like pictures sent to them. These can be sent to Kallard@gustavus.edu.

F. Finance

- a. Met with Garret to combine the yearly budgeting process with the space allocation student org form into one form instead of two. They are also hoping to update the yearly budgeting process language in the bylaws.

G. Technology

- a. The online readership program has had a lot of good use. The group is planning on meeting to discuss how to get the word out to faculty and work with the faculty technology committee.

H. Inclusive Excellence

- a. Met with Doug Thompson to talk about international student concerns, but they are still working on that.

I. Co-Presidents

- a. Met with the student life committee and presented what they learned from the housing open house. The committee wants more information about student concerns, so we will be making a survey to be sent to students. We want to be working to narrow down and prioritize these concerns.
- b. As far as Kantola training is concerned, we want to get a head count of who had issues with it.

Old Business

- A. There was no old business.

New Business

A. Parking Proposal

- a. The committee has landed on a direction to address parking issues at Gustavus. First, they are going to work on stall adjustments to add red spots around campus.
- b. Second, lot reassignment option for first year students by moving first year drivers to Drenttel and Bjorling only. This would take all of the Norelius permit holders out of parking in the main lot.
 - i. Senator Woods discusses how filled these parking lots can get and discusses that this may also help to discourage some first year students from bringing cars.
- c. Third, is the option of new lot construction.
 - i. There is not a lot of energy being committed to this idea because of other larger changes that may be coming to the Gustavus campus in the next few years.
- d. There is some discussion on the matter. Discuss a process for potential appeals for first year students who do have jobs off-campus. It is also discussed about leaving the Pitman and Sohre lots open to all students because they are not usually full anyway. There is more discussion about making Bjorling a parking lot that has some strictly first year colors but also has space for students who park there everyday for class (music and olin students specifically). There is also discussion about student athletes who live in Norelius and having complaints about making these students walk all the way across campus. Speaker Lavan raises the idea of having blended stalls for students to be able to park in yellow spaces during the day if they are not full. It is also discussed that there are a lot of schools that do not allow first years to have cars on campus at all. There is some discussion about doing a lottery for who can park in the coed and complex lots.

Advisor Ruble asks for the senators, particularly first years, to talk to their constituents and see what they think.

B. Model United Nations Nationals Allocation

- a. Model UN qualified for nationals, so they have requested the \$1000 additional allocation that they qualify for. There is discussion on the allocation. The budget is voted on, and the budget passes.

C. Speech & Debate Nationals Allocation

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D. Spring Elections Timeline

- a. The Co-President election is starting now. The application form will be going out tomorrow, instead of today, so we will need to vote to move forward with the original application timeline but with the application going out a day late. Chair Maurer motions to vote and Senator Kelley seconds. The timeline passes.

E. Student Safety/ Guest Accountability

- a. Co-President Bluhm discusses a specific issue that occurred with a resident of Chapel View and a student who was visiting from a different school. The resident that was involved in this issue would like to see more accountability for students who are hosting off-campus guests. Co-President Bluhm would like to see some more research into the guest policy at Gustavus. Senator Hanle motions to charge looking into this issue and also look into campus safety and Senator Harlan seconds. There is a question about needing to register guests when they come to campus, it is mentioned that this may be too far but something needs to be said about this. There are other questions asked about Gustavus' system for sending out campus safety incidents. The charge is voted on, and the charge passes.

F. Clery Act Charge

- a. Senator Kelley motions to charge Public relations with distribution of information about what the Clery Act is. Senator Maurer seconds. The charge is voted on, and the charge passes.

G. Office Hours

- a. There is a question asked about office hours, we may be making a bylaw adjustment for required office hours for students.

H. Mirrors in Lund Center

- a. There is concern about a lack of mirrors in the Lund Center. Senator Antinoro motions to charge student and academic affairs in Lund Center. Chair Maurer seconds the motion. There is discussion on the matter. The charge is voted on, and the charge does not pass.

I. Caf Prices

- a. Senator Swenson discusses issues with the caf prices and inconsistencies with the caf prices. He discusses more advertised prices for certain food items. Senator Swenson motions to charge this investigation to health and housing, and Senator Lesch seconds. There is some discussion on the matter. A point is brought up that there is an online menu, so maybe we could ask the caf to include prices for all of the food on the online menu. There is a vote on the charge, the charge passes.

Announcements

A. Involvement Fair (2/15)

- a. We are going to be sending out a sign up for the involvement fair.

B. Day at the Capital (3/14)

- a. Public Relations is going to be working on getting this out to the entire campus. It is an opportunity for students to go and meet with our representatives and senators.

C. Breakfast with the Board (2/10)

- a. Friday at 7:30 am—please come have breakfast with the board! This is a great opportunity.

D. GustieWell Director Resigns

- a. The GustieWell director has resigned, so Advisor Ruble has now taken over a lot of these responsibilities. The PA's meet from 6:30- 7:15 on Monday's, so she will be late for a while.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:52 p.m.