**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**February 15, 2016**

Co-President Panzer calls the meeting to order at 7:02

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What are you most or least proud of about what Senate has done so far? Or What are your hope for Senate this next Senator?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 2/8/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

1. **Finance**

None

1. **Committee Updates**
   1. **Public Relations: Chair Swenson**

Swenson: I’ve been working on three features of Senate in the Weekly. It’s a project we want to keep running every semester. We’ll be displaying all the great works in the hallway as well. We are also thinking of doing laptop stickers (1-2$). We will do a t-shirt (Fair Trade certified: 10-15$) as well and a coaterzip (40$).

* 1. **Health & Housing: Chair Dickey**

Dickey: Take your Professor to Lunch will keep running this Semester.

* 1. **Diversity: Chair Singh**

Singh: After MACPS, I’ll be talking with Macalester about the Allies Training Program.

* 1. **Ethics: Parliamenterian Gunnigle**

Gunnigle: There are two candidate pairs. The debate is Thursday Feb 25th. Also, the IC position is open and the by-laws time frame will be used.

* 1. **Contingency Update: Controller Johnson**

Johnson: Our contingency is 82,823 $.

1. **Unfinished Business**
   1. **Office Hours**

Panzer: We will treat this as a proposal that’s coming back on the floor. It can be modified as we see fits.

**Discussion:**

Roose: I thought it went really well.

Miller: It went better than last year

Sweet: Dinner time is a good traffic time. I think the e-mail system can be improved because some of them didn’t go through last semester. We could send the monthly tabling hours beforehand in the Weekly as well.

Luing: When I was tabling, a student approached me with an issue that Senate didn’t cover.

Gladitsch: No one should tell me how to interact with my constituents. I thought we could change the point 7 to make it permanent or send it to the Fall.

Haberman: It was a great opportunity to meet other people I had never met before. Chapel break can work better for me though.

Rasmussen: I think the move of previous Senator is great. The next Co-Presidents always bring an office hours proposal to the Senate body for it to be approved.

Panzer: We could do an additional discussion if we want to put it permanently in the by-laws.

Dix: It generated discussions with students and I liked it a lot. It was a great way to gain great ideas for Senate and I support the continuation of this system.

Hinnenkamp: I move to make the point 7 permanent.

Seconded by Cella

**Discussion**:

Sweet: This body might be comfortable about interacting with students. But I would suggest to wait until the end of the year, some suggestions might come in the future.

**Vote**

**Moved**

Hinnekamp: We can change it next year.

**Vote (Confirmation of the proposal)**

**Confirmed**

* 1. **President Bergman meeting update**

Rasmussen: We talked about what happened in the Fall. We talked about what we are most proud of from last semester’s Senate work.

She asked if we got any comments about an additional parking lot in Co-Ed. She mentioned the visitation hours and the physical disability project. Take your Professor to lunch , she was proud of it. Lastly, she brought up Midnight Express and she appreciates a lot the school spirit brought by the Hill Crew. We talked about the finances of that and looked into how we could increase the student participation. If you think we should work on the Finances of this matter, feel free to talk to us.

**Questions:**

Gladitsch: I think that the new parking lot was a good thing.

Dix: Did you hear her opinion on the visitation hours?

Rasmussen: She’s interested in knowing the feedback that will come back from it.

Luing: I support a lot that idea of the student engagement (Midnight Express- PAs).

* 1. **Ostberg:** After meeting with Carol Brewer, it appears that it’s an issue to staff the Safe rides. There has been a lot of damage to current vehicles (3 vehicles) and a new vehicle would require a considerable amount of money.

**Discussion:**

Dix: I think that one vehicle is very fine for the situation we’re in.

Gladitsch: I think that what was presented is true. There is no need for another vehicle.

1. **New Business**
2. **Singh**: This is not an attack but it’s a clarification. When I was appointed to be Diversity Chair, I brought up mental illness as part of Diversity. But we have to abide by the academic requirements no matter what issues we might be facing. The GPA requirement in different organizations is the same as the one required for Senate. There is no need for students with struggles to do more than they can handle. To reiterate, this is an explanation of the rules and not an attack.

Panzer: I think it might be constructive to stay on this topic a little bit. A reminder that this comes after the Senator from IC resigned.

**Questions and comments:**

Dix: I think that the statement that was shared made some assumptions that might not have resonated with others. I think that having a low GPA doesn’t mean we can’t serve our constituents. Second, I think that what we all received was a very personal response but we shouldn’t let it hide the underlying principle of how the body functions.

1. **Singh:** This Saturday at MACPS, Allies Training Program at Macalester. There is a sustained dialogue program at St Olaf. It was interesting to hear the different formats of government bodies elsewhere. Feel free to talk to us if you any questions.
2. **Hinnekamp:** We should look into attendance and finances. I charge Finance to look into attendance in the budgeting procedure.

Seconded by Luing

**Discussion:**

Hinnekamp: It ties up a significant part of our budget and we really want to promote other issues.

Gladitsch: If we look into this, it will be a loss for some organizations. I just wanted to clarify that.

Luing: In the PAs, we have a lot of things we want do but the budget remains a barrier.

Sweet: Haven’t CAB and Senate worked together on this?

Jones: The event has been funded through Senate and CAB one semester each.

**Vote**

**Charged**

1. **AbuEid**: During January, there is no good way to travel around Campus. I would like to Charge Health and Housing to look in to the Safe Rides during breaks.

Seconded by Roose

**Discussion:**

Dix: I think that emergency transportation in this case would be provided by officers because it’s under-staffed. It might be excessive.

Jones: Emergency transportation works 24/7. But the cold and an emergency are different.

Haberman: I agree with this. I would like to amend it and add a vote to do plowing.

Seconded by AbuEid

**Discussion:**

Haberman: People use those roads all the time.

Jones: Road plowing regards Physical Plant but when roads are really closed, that’s when they plow immediately. They might be plowing in times you don’t want:4 am usually. But you won’t usually see them like 4 pm. I think that might be the case you experienced.

Haberman: I noticed it was always the same road, the one by the Music building was unplowed. It’s an information I’m just giving.

Gladitsch: We need to recognize what winter is. I’m fine with looking into this, but also to specify that the cold and a blizzard are different.

AbuEid: Most of the roads were unplowed during touring week. We should look into this because those roads are used by students.

Toeben: The roads were plowed where I saw. I don’t agree with the amendment being attached to the motion (Campus Safety vs Physical Plant). They are different issues.

Dix: I was here too but I don’t think we should make it a big deal. It was good from what I saw.

Rasmussen: I think the charges even if they are together, they will be appropriately directed to the appropriate places.

**Vote (Amendment)**

**Approved**

JoNes: There have been times when Safe Rides have been added during the day as we saw fits. Campus Safety is not opposed to transporting students when they really need it.

**Vote (Amended motion)**

**Charged**

1. **Sweet:** Some of my constituents were complaining about the parking lots. I would like to charge Student and Academic Affairs to look into having a commuter parking lot.

Seconded by Miller

**Discussion:**

Dix: As a dispatcher, almost all the tickets we get are about not getting a parking lot. So this is a problem for a lot of people. If we create a new parking lot, it will increase inefficiency in parking. I don’t know if I support this

Rasmussen: Beck is a commuter parking. It might be interesting to see the feasibility of this.

Miller: I support a commuter parking.

Lamberty: Are you looking into having a different cost then?

Sweet: Cost doesn’t matter. But I want to point out how this is inconvenient for students living off-campus.

Gladitsch: This is just exploratory. Nothing will be changed with this.

Nelson: It can be frustrating not to get a spot. I’m in full support of this because it is necessary.

Toeben: As a red sticker who drives back to campus regularly late after work and I have to park by the Arb all the time. Parking will remain a problem no matter what.

Andersen: I don’t see this in practical terms.

Sweet: I want this to be exploratory because it has been experienced by a number of us.

Rasmussen: I would recommend into looking the change of stickers if this passes.

Dix: Everyone has this issue.

JoNes: Student Senate recommended the change of stickers four years ago. But it’s great if a new generation of Senate wishes to revisit this.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. **Announcements**

Roose: The Musical performances this weekend and on the following ones. Get the tickets!

Ngabirano: A reminder of the faculty reports.

Sweet: Apply to be a Gustie Greeter by Friday.

Hinnenkamp: Bingo 9:30pm by the PAs by next Friday. PAs applications are out as well, we’d like you to apply.

JoNes: Tomorrow in the Dive at the 7:30pm workshop around the ByStander Intervention Workshop . Speaker on campus tomorrow on Diversity issue.

Panzer: I would like to applaud how senators talked passionately for their constituents in the previous discussion.

Rasmussen: Co-Presidents Vote on the 29th.

Singh: The Speaker tomorrow will be in Alumni at 2:30pm. On Thursday 4:30-6:30 is Ask a Muslim in the Dive. And from 7 to 8:30 is a Building Bridges event in Alumni Hall.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**