**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**February 29, 2016**

Co-President Panzer calls the meeting to order at 7:01

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What’s your favorite movie?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 2/22/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

1. **Finance**
   1. **History Club**

Schmitz: That’s a list they need for their historical jeopardy.

Rep: We’re history cub. We updated the old club. Our goal is to encourage historical discussion, that’s why we encourage board games and have people talk about them. We will have regular recurring events. We also want to show history from a local to a global scale.

**Questions:**

Cella: Will the items stay within Gustavus?

Rep: Yes.

Svendsen: If there was a funding of takeaway items, there would be a problem but this doesn’t break the by-laws.

Sweet: The budget looks good.

Hinnenkamp: I also like the board games.

Cella: I like this.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Eta Sigma Phi**

Schmitz: They came to ask money for their cultural event.

Rep: This event is very well attended and open to the public.

**Questions:**

Stolt: How many people does this feed?

Rep: 30 to 40.

Hinnenkamp: What does the event entail?

Rep: Banquet including toast and good discussions about greek dish stories.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: I went to it last year and they had displayed a history to each dish. It’s great and educational.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Outdoor Enthusiasts**

Schmitz: They like to have a good time outside and they are asking funding for camping. It’s a small trip to the State Park.

**Questions:**

Stolt: The round trip?

Schmitz: There are two vans.

**Discussion:**

Lamberty: They are catching interest from a lot of people

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Heart Safe Champion**

Schmitz: It’s part of the Senate (Health and Housing Committee). They are required to organize the CPR Training once a year.

Andrew: I’m the current Heartsafe champion. Gustavus was the first College to become a heartsafe one in MN. We are holding a Bystander CPR Training in the Heritage room on the 8th of March. The speaker has offered to come in for free as he is a survivor of sudden cardiac arrest and is passionate about teachings others how they can help save lives. At this event, the Heart Safe Committee would like to hand out items pertaining to this campus being a Heart Safe Community. We need $458.75 to fund the items. and $24.00 to fund the advertisement for the event. I’m asking these takeaway items because the HeartSafe Committee recommends it.

**Questions:**

Luing : Do you have educational materials on the items?

Andrew: There are heart safe logos on them.

Sweet: How did you get to that amount?

Andrew: How much each item costs.

Cella: How many people attend?

Andrew 20-30 per session.

**Discussion:**

Gladitsch: It’s not educational enough. But I would recommend to vote for it as it is because of the nature of the activity.

Hinnenkamp: I believe this provides service to the school. This can really help. I move to fund it in full.

Seconded by Hinnenkamp

**Discussion:**

Hinnenkamp: Anything that can promote safety is for our good.

Sweet: I support this motion. I think that this reminds people of why they are where they are.

AbuEid: We need to be conscientious about the impact of this. I feel like that giving this as a reminder is a great idea. We should promote this.

Gladitsch: This is a great organization.

Svendsen: If any decision is made, we need to understand that it will affect future decisions as well.

Cella: Is it appropriate to break the by-laws?

Svendsen: I think that you can interpret the by-laws.

Cella: This is open to everyone, I don’t think that this would be breaking the by-laws.

Schmitz: Our by-laws are subject to the interpretation of the Finance Committee and Student Senate.

Panzer: A 2/3 vote is required to override a by-law. I will rule as chair that this budget will override the by-laws.

Haberman: I call to question

No second

Haberman: I move to enter in discussion on the challenge.

**3 min recess**

Panzer: We are reentering in discussion. My reason for ruling this as outside the by-laws is because this committee is part of Senate and it does has members per se.

Haberman: I move to discussion

Gladitsch: I agree with previous speaker. If we override the ruler, this would be very dangerous. We have guidelines for a reason and we can’t just break them whenever we want to.

Johnson: Looking at how we fund all the organizations we support, we keep track of all the items they have. But concerning these items, I won’t be able to keep them as registered.

Svendsen: The members are the people who go to this event, if there is a decision funding this it will be this body funding itself. This is against the by-laws…2/3 vote is required.

Hinnenkamp: Shouldn’t the senators be part of this organization?

Svendsen: This is not a club, members are people who attend.

Rasmussen: This is like a Committee.

Hinnenkamp: I will echo our Ombudsperson. This a gray area…we should put this under careful scrutiny.

Sweet: How many people are part of the committee?

Andrew: Just 4.

Sweet: I think it’s hard to see attendees as members. This was created by Senate as well and this is culturally relevant to them.

Cella: I echo previous speaker. I would like to add that the by-laws are vague.

Dix: This is most definitely breaking the by-law. These are individual items and not group items.

Muganga: This will break the by-law. We should keep in mind future decisions.

Rasmussen: The by-law can be passed whether it’s breaking the by-law or not.

AbuEid: This can be considered as an event where people come and benefit from the event.

Martinez: I’m here for the good of my constituents.

Andersen: This by-law doesn’t bind the the budget.

Muganga: I call to question

Seconded by Haberman

**Approved**

**Vote (Overriding the Chair)**

**Fails**

**Discussion (Amendment):**

Lamberty: I think that this will be educational over a long term.

Dix: This is an incentive to go. And we don’t fund things like that.

Hinnenkamp: I believe that we should remain in the by-laws as much as we can. This will be given after a training. I support this. This should be assessed by its own merit and not general guidelines.

Luing: I don’t think a logo is educational, I’m against this amendment.

Andersen: Educational vs reminder. It’s a clever piece of merchandise.

Gladitsch: I think this should be given because of the committee’s merit and not by the guidelines.

AbuEid: This will serve as a good reminder. We need to look at the learning as a whole.

**Vote (Amendment)**

**Amendment fails**

**Vote (Budget)**

**Passes**

* 1. **Take Your Professor to Lunch**

Schmitz: This is the Spring Edition

Dickey: It’s the same program. Last semester 80 out of the 100 were used.

**Questions:**

Dix : What were the numbers in previous years?

Panzer: 70-80

Martinez: Is senate funding senate?

Rasmussen: We are giving money to the public to use.

**Discussion:**

Toeben: I fully support this.

Hinnenkamp: It’s a great way of connecting with our professors.

**Vote**

**Approved**

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

Swenson: Today Chair Singh and I put in the display board Senate’s accomplishments. I’m placing orders (long sleeves or coater-zip) today or tomorrow.

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

Dickey: Take your Professor to lunch is happening. “Tell me about your day” program about to start.

* 1. **Ethics: Ombudsperson Svendsen**

Svendsen: Co-Presidents’ (today), we are still looking for an Arbor View Senator and finally an open spot on Ethics Committee.

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

Johnson: It’s at $80,495.53. I’m still waiting for RFPs.

1. **Unfinished Business**

Johnson: Thanks for discussing the Heart Safe budget. He very much enjoyed it.

1. **New Business**
2. **Hinnenkamp:** I move to charge Ethics and Finance to enter into the discussion of the by-law we just struggled with and return to us with a recommendation.

Seconded by Sweet

**Discussion:**

Hinnenkamp: This is not an attack but it should rather be made clear.

Cella: The wording is confusing. I agree with this.

Toeben: This will give us a concrete idea.

**Vote**

**Charged**

1. **Roose:** I charge Health and Housing to look into having bags of food to be donated back in the Caf at the end of the month.

Seconded by Haberman

**Vote**

**Charged**

1. **Announcements**

Singh: Building Bridges this Saturday; GAC’s got talent on Friday. Africa Night Mar. the11th.

Ostberg: This week, Senator Luing will be giving us Finance advices in our committee. You are welcome if you’re interested.

Sweet: Thanks for a fruitful discussion. Caucus tomorrow: go vote.

Gladitsch: Go vote.

Ngabirano: Sign up for tabling as soon as possible. I encourage you to approach and welcome the new Senator from IC.

Rasmussen: The discussion was neat today. Thank you.

Swenson: My committee, meet me at the end of this meeting.

Cella: Libertarian Caucus at 7pm.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**