**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**October 31, 2016**

Co-President Shaikoski calls the meeting at 7:03

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: what would be your Halloween costume if you had an unlimited amount of resources?

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

1. Minutes from 10/17/16

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

**IV. Unfinished Business**

a. Committee Updates

1. Diversity

Toeben: I’ve been in touch with Shugarman about the Implicit Bias program in order to implement it during CF Training. I’ve been in touch with Andrea Junso as well. I’m meeting with Brenda Kelly and DLC about the preferred pronouns.

VanHecke: It might be a FERPA issue and not a Title IX.

1. Ethics

Robbins: We’re working on how many positions we need for off-campus.

VanHecke: Percentage?

Robbins: Open to interpretation. I’ve talked to most of the off-campus students and none is interested.

1. DAPL

Toeben: In order to look for students’ input about DAPL, we will have a panel with two students (one for and one against) and two or three faculty members. A video of it would then be sent to the student body and ask how they feel about it. We’re still debating whether we should have students on the panel or not.

**Questions:**

O’Neil: What Students ?

Toeben: If this is approved, we have ideas.

Shaw: Professors?

Toeben: Deborah Goodwin, Cindi Johnson and David Obermiller.

**Discussion:**

Clark: It’s a great idea. Where? Attendance?

Toeben: Alumni Hall but we’ve changed dates three times already. It depends on what spaces we have available.

Baron: It’s great to have students on it with differing ideas.

Facendola: I like this and I believe the students should be involved.

Shaw: The student perspective is very important. Having professors will help a lot with background knowledge as well.

Pemberton: I agree with previous speakers. This will allow us to have an open conversation.

Robbins: Format?

Toeben: Moderator; and open questions from the audience later.

Singh: I would encourage you to think about complex problems that might come here.

Facendola: We can’t ignore the tension. This panel will help appease the situation.

Haberman: What will we do after?

Toeben: A survey. Actions that we can take. Maybe a resolution.

Haberman: Reacting to the survey…we agreed recently that we can’t make political statements.

Toeben: None of the actions would be political.

Haberman: I find that almost impossible.

Baron: What would happen in case of hostility?

Toeben: We would warn everybody ahead of time and set rules for a smooth and respectful discussion.

Schwartz: A way to find out how many people are coming?

Toeben: Now, we need to form it first and give the best mold we want.

Ward: Is the topic sensitive enough to have people maybe Campus safety to make the area more comfortable.

Singh: We had administrators when we had a debate video in the Caf. There is nothing in our constitution that says we can’t take a political stance.

Martinez: If I would go to a panel and see Campus Safety, I would be intimidated.

Toeben: What actions? We can discuss about what actions you’re thinking we might get from this.

Clark: I think it might be concerning to have Campus Safety there. Faculty: absolutely. The possibility to have two moderators. I’m partially familiar with what’s going on, so I think that informing us the most about it would be helpful.

Robbins: I agree with others in not having Campus Safety. We can easily have two moderators or have people fill questions.

Andersen: I understand the concern about political statements. If you look at past resolutions, there is a statement one way or the other.

Robbins: I would say that we should stick to doing on what the Constitution says we should do.

Clark: If we stand in solidarity, what does that do?

Andersen: The worry of not having a profound impact. We are College students with a lot of power whether or not we choose to use it. Maybe some people don’t stand in solidarity when it comes to marginalized populations, I don’t think this would be harsh from a Senate point of view.

Cella: What we can do is that it sends a message to the community about the feelings of the student body.

Antes: Are we approving something?

Shaikoski: We’re having a discussion on whether we want a panel or not.

Robbins: We should remember that we represent political groups as well with different views.

Andersen: Should we educate then if we can’t take a stand?

Choenyi: What are we discussing?

Singh: We’re talking about what Senate wants to do about DAPL.

O’Neil: Student approving the panel?

Shaikoski: This is for generating ideas. The Senate needs to vote to approve the Panel.

Cella: This should come back to New Business.

Toeben: I would love if someone makes a motion.

Haberman: I call to question to end the discussion. This should come back in New Business.

Seconded by Baron

**Vote**

**Ended**

**V. New Business**

a.  Finance Budgets

1. Investment Club

Choenyi: Sean would have been here to facilitate but he is not available today. Baron will.

David: I’m the treasurer of our club. We need 300$. We didn’t ask for it last year.

Baron: We recommended that it goes through.

Questions:

O’Neil: The money for?

David: Games in groups

Toeben: What are the benefits of the stock market game?

David: It’s an educational event with real world practice.

Choenyi: Every year we do it for free. Investing is not done in two months normally. We want to stretch it from November to May.

Clark: Very separate portfolios?

David: Yes

Clark: This helps a lot our portfolios.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Badminton Club

Choenyi: It started this year. They have 20 current members and 72 on the alias. They are requesting $637 for equipment and tournaments. They have been using the campus propriety, but it’s broken.

Tengesdal: I’m the president of the Club. We need 20 rackets and 60 birdies. The assistant athletic director told us that they are unable to spend money on rackets now. We’re planning on a Spring tournament open to everyone and tournaments in the Cities. 7 people would be interested in the tournament, 5 maybes.

Choenyi: We had a discussion. We asked them to talk to the Athletic Department for funds but as you heard they can’t. We recommended 495.80

**Discussion:**

Ward: It’s not our place to decide where their best tournaments would be.

Baron: They don’t fit under the umbrella of club sports

Clark: Would you be hosting the on-campus tournaments?

Tengesdal: Yes. For off-campus, we need the funds before setting the exact dates.

Clark: It’s important that they have the required money.

Baron: I want to encourage more discussion on this.

Robbins: This is a great idea. If they want to be competitive, they need the funds.

Pemberton: We should give them a chance.

Toeben: How much recommended?

Choenyi: 495.80

Asghar: This would help them have a platform to compete on.

Antes: I would like to amend line item 44d to the full amount $637.80

Seconded by Facendola

**Questions:**

Haberman: Prizes?

Tongestal: Gift cards

Robbins: We don’t funds take-away items.

Haberman: I amend the amendment to remove the $40.

Seconded by Facendola

Shaikoski: The new amount will be $597.80

**Discussion:**

Andersen: Did you talk about take away items in the Finance committee?

Baron: We didn’t talk about that

Ward: I wasn’t at the meeting. I’ve never seen prizes passed before from prior experience.

Toeben: We shouldn’t fund take away items.

**Vote (Amendment to the amendment)**

**Passed**

**Discussion:**

Shaikoski: Everything is included except the prizes.

O’Neil: I echo previous speakers

**Vote (Amendment)**

**Passed**

**Discussion:**

Martinez: I yield.

Schwartz: The nets?

Tongesdal: Fine.

VanHecke: Storing?

Tongestal: Kari Eckhart agreed that we store it the Lund closets.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Haberman: I move that the D-Committee puts into action the panel

Seconded by O’Neil

**Discussion:**

Antes: I like this.

Facendola: I like this idea.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Asghar: I move that the Technology Committee look into what can be done about the cookie limit on WebAdvisor

Seconded by Ward

**Discussion:**

O’Neil: It causes problems when registering

O’Connell: This is a wonderful charge

Schwartz: WebAdvisor is contracted with another company. It might be hard to get this done.

Robbins: Can we talk to the company?

Baron: Another charge

Schwartz: The administration is working on it.

Clark: I’m pessimistic about this charge. It’s an old program. We should figure out all the details about our contract with the company.

Robbins: Previous speaker nailed it.

Antes: This might sound good in your head but it’s not practical.

Andersen: I appreciate this charge. I would encourage people to look into.

VanHecke: Does this compromise you?

Schwartz: I have a good reputation with GTS. They will be honest with me. But this is a tough situation.

VanHecke: You have power.

Clark: I amend (friendly) the original charge into having more information on our relationship details with the company.

Seconded by O’Neil

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Facendola: The compost situation?

Martinez: Senator Hannan is looking into it. Not much has been done yet…still in meetings.

Fcendola: The corn bread in the Caf has the bacon in it.

VanHecke: File it with the Kitchen Cabinet.

1. Arshad: I charge the Student & Academic Affairs committee to look into if we can have headphones in the weight room.

Seconded by Antes

**Discussion:**

Antes: Why is that an issue?

Mullenbach: The cord

O’Neil: It’s a safety concern

Robbins: You can use them with in the free weights area. There is an attendant.

Schwartz: We are one of the only places with this policy.

Arshad: Not the same taste of the music.

Andersen: Wording of the charge…if we can have them?

Arshad: If we can have them

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Clark: I charge Health and Housing to look into the bad taste of the coffee in the Caf.

Seconded by Asghar

**Discussion:**

Haberman: Better coffee

Ward: It’s gross. I support this.

Clark: Why is the Courtyard coffee better than the Caf?

Toeben: It might be the temperature of the water.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Facendola: I move to have cornbread without bacon.

Seconded by Asghar

**Discussion**:

Asghar: I don’t eat bacon

Robbins: I’ve never seen corn bread…is it labeled?

Singh: It’s by the Work with no label

Clark: Possibly suggesting for two options.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Dornon: I charge the Administrative Director to add preferred pronouns to the placards by next Semester.

**Discussion:**

Clark:

Dornon: We don’t use it.

Robbins: Reprint them?

Martinez: Next semester

Martinez: The point of this is for our personal knowledge. We want the student body to feel more comfortable with the composition of Senate

Toeben: I love it. Option to not have it.

Martinez: If the option is given, I don’t know how it would show support.

Haberman: Spring 2017

Singh: The essence of the charge…being more inclusive. This doesn’t need to wait.

Ward: Why would you not like to share your pronouns?

Toeben: You might not feel comfortable sharing your identity yet. Giving the option to people.

Ward: How would you go about it then?

Toeben: ask them or call them by name.

Robbins: The importance of options!

Martinez: It’s hard to mention the person’s name everytime.

Clark: Let’s do it now.

Antes: I move to extend the meeting until the end of announcements.

**Vote**

**Extended**

Ward: There is no personal information on placards

Andersen: Maybe put it online?

Schwartz: They could be just put on the profiles.

Jeon: They should be on placards to make it easie for people. We won’t then have to go online to find people’s pronouns all the time.

Clark: Maybe we could both.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Clark: I move to add a box for pronouns on the Gribley (Tech Committee)

Seconded by Ward

**Discussion:**

Toeben: That’s what we’re working on in Diversity with the Registrar

Clark: I switch my motion to the D-Committee

**Vote**

**Approved**

**VI. Announcements**

Toeben: Vote on Nov. 8th; Hmong New Year on Nov. 5; Nov. 10 7-10pm Our Story event by PASO; Nov. 3rd 7-8pm Black Jew Dialogue; MSA hosting an event on Nov. 17 4-6pm.

Clark: Nov 3rd 7pm: a debate between rep, dem, lib and greens. Gusbus will be running on election day (8am-8pm)

Asghar: MSA has an event on the 17th.

Ngabirano: Faculty Reports are due next Monday.

Schwartz: My committee meet me after this.

Baron: Orchestra concert on Friday Nov. 4th.

Shaikoski: Thank you JoNes for the candy!

Singh: Thanks for a healthy discussion. Nov. 12th for international festival. We will be performing. Hmong New Year’s this Saturday. When budgets are on the screen it’s up to the senators to amend the line items.

Choenyi: My committee meet me after this.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**