**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**November 21, 2016**

Co-President Singh calls the meeting to order at 7:03

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What are you most excited about Thanksgiving Break?

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

1. Minutes from 11/14/16

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

**IV. Unfinished Business**

a. Committee Updates

1. Diversity

Toeben: The DAPL Panel has been rescheduled for Wednesday December 7th. And we are working towards making it more inclusive. About the pronoun project, Brenda Kelly is talking to the management Board and the Registrar. A survey is going to the professors to gather their input. We will be in touch with Brenda Kelly after Break.

1. Ethics

Cella: There will be some proposed changes about the off-campus Senate positions in New Business.

1. Health and Housing

Martinez: We made a full year plan on mental health. We will be sending a video in January about the use of Mental Health resources. This a good thing to help decrease the stigma around Mental Health. I’ll look more into the therapy dogs. They weren’t allowed to come because of insurance issues.

VanHecke: The timing might also be different because of the new VP.

**V. New Business**

a.  Finance Budgets

1. Women’s Lacrosse Club Sport

Baron: There was confusion when they came to see us last week. They have requested $3,562.50. What was unclear was the documentation. We decided not to fund it if they don’t provide documentation.

**Discussion:**

Shaikoski: Do you think they would get this done if they had enough documentation?

Baron: We don’t know. We were uncomfortable to fund anything without funds’ details.

Shaikoski: If they were given enough time, would they find documentation?

Baron: I believe so.

Martinez: How much time were they given?

Baron: They knew it this weekend

Clark: When do they need this by?

Baron: It looks like it’s not soon

Andersen: I would recommend not to table this if we don’t know how time sensitive are the dues.

VanHecke: Nothing prohibits them to come back to Senate to get funds for items they didn’t get funds for.

Shaw: What has Finance Committee funded?

Baron: Dues, the dorm rental and capital improvement.

Hannan: I think we should approve what has been proven through documentation. We shouldn’t table this. They can come back if they find documentation.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Off Campus Representative Constitutional Changes

Cella: This might need to wait for a week since the charge is not clear yet. We changed the wording about the number of off-campus representatives. Two positions seem unnecessary if no one is interested in the position.

**Discussion:**

Schwartz: Is there a specific number we are looking for?

Cella: We need a specific number.

Clark: It should be put…for the Cabinet to decide at their discretion how many seats should be kept or given up.

Haberman: Will we also amend the meaning of quorum?

Cella: No…that’s clear

VanHecke: You should think to put a boundary (no more…no less…) for a reasonable process.

Toeben: The wording was two senators to one

Antes: Do we need to table this?

Singh: It’s just a discussion.

1. O’Connell: I charge the D-Committee to look into the “Deconstructing Whiteness” program

Seconded by O’Neil

**Discussion:**

O’Connell: This was proposed by one of my professors

Haberman: What is this about?

O’Connell: It’s an optional 6 week training to help students be less racist…

Schwartz: Why don’t we have the professor talk to Chair Toeben about this?

Singh: It will happen eventually

Edholm: I don’t like the name of the program…it implies that racism is only one way

Toeben: I’ve heard about this project before. It’s not specifically about racism but more about white privilege.

Facendola: I think it’s a good idea. Having people like you around you is a privilege often taken for granted.

O’Connell: Thanks to previous speakers for explaining this further.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Singh: Is anyone interested in a social activity?

**Discussion:**

Antes: JoNes’ style?

Singh: Yes

**Roll Call**

**Full Yes**

**VI. Announcements**

Toeben: A program between ResLife and D-Center called “Gustavus Unites” after Break.

Clark: We have a twitter account: @gacstudentsenate. Have a great break!

VanHecke: If you’re travelling tomorrow, be smart. The weather is predicted to be bad.

Singh: Get your CinCC tickets. Check your Air pressure.

Shaikoski: Congratulate Senate Ward for IGS Co-Presidency.

Edholm: If you find a pair of car keys, let me know. My friend lost them.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**