**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**January 9, 2017**

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

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What’s the most inspiring book you’ve read?

1. **Approval of the Minutes**
2. Minutes from 12/05/2016

Approved

1. Minutes from 12/12/2016

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

None

**III. Unfinished Business**

 a.Committee Updates

1. Health and Housing

Martinez: I couldn’t get the statistics on mental health. Senator O’Connell and I will work with the Marketing Office.

**IV. New Business**

1. Gus Bus

Singh: We had some bad behaviors on the Gus Bus the last Wednesday of the Fall semester. There was a fight and someone peed on the bus. We need to act more than simply an e-mail. I want to open for questions and discussions.

**Discussion:**

Haberman: In Cabinet, we agreed to bring this into discussion. We wondered about monitors. Students? Paying them? Should we completely cancel Gus Bus?

Baron: I talked to a bunch of my constituents. They expressed how the service is very necessary in the winter. It’s more needed in the Winter and maybe less needed in the Spring.

Clark: How many incidents in the last year?

VanHecke: More than once a month

Clark: We should suspend the GusBus temporarily

Antes: Has it been consistent? The same students every time?

VanHecke: Different students

Hinnenkamp: When I received the e-mail from Cabinet, my thoughts were that we have enough money in the contingency to hire a monitor. The GusBus is far more important in the winter time. I never thought we could ban it early Fall or spring but in the end I believe the safety of students is a priority.

Haberman: If anything went down, we would be putting the students in danger. I’m against banning the GusBus especially in the winter. Doing it maybe mid to late March maybe.

O’Neil: I like the idea of a monitor.

Clark: I remain convinced that a few students might not be enough to stop the fight. There needs to be a way to control and manage the bus riders.

Singh: I would encourage you to make a charge.

O’Connell: GusBus is super helpful. We can find a way to discourage people who are misbehaving.

Antes: I like the idea of people monitoring…maybe not students though.

Singh: I don’t know how we would find a monitor…even drivers for Wednesday are hard to find…

Haberman: I would like to Charge Cabinet to draft an e-mail stating that if incidents like these occur again, GusBus will be suspended.

Seconded by O’Neil

**Discussion:**

O’Neil: I like the idea of an e-mail. With the cold weather, it’s tough to ignore the safety of our constituents but we need to do the most we can to keep these incidents from happening again.

Martinez: A lot of e-mails were sent and nothing was done. Feasibility?

Baron: There are repercussions.

Arshad: I like the last speaker’s idea.

Mullenbach: We could take it away in the Spring

Ngabirano: E-mails have been sent before with no concrete action attached to them. I think that if we send an e-mail, it should be serious with something tangible.

Hinnenkamp: Suspending in the long run is a risk that I think we should not run with…Tell the city that for the last two weeks of the year, the Gus Bus won’t run.

VanHecke: When the threatening came, people came forward. You are not the body who created this mess…you own it now and you are responsible. The City would hate the idea of holding the GusBus in the Spring…people screaming in the city disturb people. And I would also argue that you can be pushed or punched and be hurt the same way as the cold is dangerous for you.

Asghar: I don’t think we should suspend the GusBus or anything…talk to the people involved in incidents instead.

Singh: It takes time to figure out who are the people.

Antes: The charge?

Haberman: Suspension for two weeks if anything happens.

Clark: I move to amend the charge…non-tolerance, cancel the Wed Gus Bus. Cancel it in the spring if it continues.

Seconded by Baron

Arshad: We need some kind of punishment

Martinez: We’re not taking the best approach. We should enforce more the security…

O’Neil: This isn’t a first step. Safety concern

Clark: Cancel it for Wed.

Hinennkamp: I’m far more concerned about the safety because we can prevent some things and we can’t for others.

Baron: If the e-mail is sent, next Wed will be fine. The weather looks good.

Clark: The amendment is a compromise and sends a message that this will not be tolerated.

Pemberton: We shouldn’t suspend the bus. The problem is the misbehavior of the people.

O’Connell: For now, give your ID to the bus driver.

Singh: The amendment to the charge is about the suspension. Other ideas later.

Asghar: What if it happens again?

Clark: For now, it’s just for Wednesday.

Haberman I call to question

Seconded by O’Neil

**Vote**

**Question Called**

**Vote (Amendment)**

**Approved**

**Discussion:**

Arshad: Writing the ID number and the name.

VanHecke: If you want to pursue ID collection, we can’t rely on the driver. Approach a special committee about it.

Asghar: It’s a good idea. Use a scanner…

Singh: The charge is to send an e-mail…different ways of identifying students.

Clark: The ID…a deterrent in the future.

Baron: The other ideas about IDs are more of a hassle. Some of the instances are from people not riding the bus.

O’Neil: If Wed doesn’t work, we will find ourselves stuck. An immediate solution is needed.

Martinez: It’s not the best way.

Pemberton: It seems like it will be suspended

Hinnenkamp: I still like the ideas…make a motion. 35 might be warm for some but not everyone.

O’Connell: A sign of monitoring on the bus. Making the sign bigger.

Facendola: What does that say if we cancel it January and not Wed?

Haberman: I call to question

Seconded by Baron

**Vote**

**Discussion ended**

**Vote (Charge)**

**Charge fails**

Jeon: Is the Gus Bus…Gustavus or St Peter?

VanHecke: The bus is the propriety of the City.

Singh: During the daytime, the drivers don’t run these issues. They aren’t trained to handle these kinds of situations.

VanHecke: The City hasn’t been convinced yet.

Jeon: Gusties know that Gustavus punishment now is not a big deal.

Martinez: One of the main reasons maybe because of the lack of safety. Scan Student ID easily.

Haberman: I move that Cabinet sends out an e-mail that the GusBus will be cancelled…further instances will be dealt by the police.

Seconded by Baron

**Discussion:**

Clark: Involving the police…IDs scanning would take time. Having everyone take them out of their pockets would help.

O’Neil: I echo previous concerns. Putting the police would require talking to them first.

VanHecke: The drivers haven’t chosen to call them, otherwise the police is always ready to respond

Haberman: Last year, they called the police.

VanHecke: Two years ago, the police was involved.

Baron: We should agree on some kind of punishment…

Hinnenkamp: This is a good compromise. The fear for police is justified. The main focuses would be peeing and fighting. If we were to pass this, any kind of scanning would require a clear way of doing it.

Singh: IDs…Driver’s licenses

Clark: Only be cancelled if there is an incident.

Haberman: Would we still have an investigatory nature?

Clark: Yes.

Singh: Have an e-mail that says that the Gus Bus will be cancelled the first Wed of the Spring.

O’Connell: Yes

Asghar: It’s a good idea.

O’Neil: I like where the amendment is at right now. Make the e-mail as much direct as possible.

**Vote (Amendment)**

**Approved**

Facendola: The GusBus connects us with the Campus from Chapel View.

Haberman: It means that we will talk about it and talk with the organization we rent from.

Facendola: How are they responding to non-whites?

Clark: Germaine

Facendola: Can we look into that in the exploratory charge?

Singh: Yes

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Clark: I charge H&H to have spinach in the sandwich line.

O’Neil: Yes

Haberman: Great addition.

**Discussion:**

Martinez: You can talk to Kevin too.

Facendola: Can we have another veggie option beside humus?

Cella: You can also charge PR to send an e-mail to the student body and let them know that they can always talk to Kevin Birr about what they want to see in the Caf.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Clark: Overloading class~overloading gpa. Looking into overloading in the major when your major gpa is sufficient.

Haberman: Sufficient gpa?

Clark: 3.75

Facendola: Would this be if you’re at any stage?

Clark: At any stage.

Facendola: How about Env Studies? Classes come from other different majors.

Singh: The charge is exploratory…

VanHecke: If this charge passes, inquire whether they can handle it.

Jeon: I like the idea. Music majors have to take a ton of classes and this would benefit them a lot!

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Clark: I charge Finance Committee to have a clear description on their website.

Seconded by Baron

**Discussion:**

Asghar: It’s a great charge.

Hinnenkamp: There are also available resources. We will make every effort to insure students know what’s going on. Likely in the Spring since we don’t have a committee for January.

**Vote**

**Approved**

**V. Announcements**

Hinnenkamp: I’m doing Civil Discourse with Sean. The next topic is: Is it more important to be Ethical or Moral?

Cella: Thanks for a great conversation.

Singh: This was an important discussion. Thanks for sharing your views. MLK Speaker on Jan 16th.

O’Connell: We’re lucky that the healthiest drink (water) is free in the Caf.

\***Meeting Adjourned**