**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**February 27, 2017**

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

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What do you want to do when you grow up?

1. **Approval of the Minutes from 2/20/2017**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**
2. Schwartz: We have Nick from GTS.

Nick: I work in GTS as a Technology Helpline Coordinator. I was told about the charging station idea. I was concerned about the security of students’ devices. GTS would recommend a more secure charging base. The Courtyard Caf would be a great place to put a station.

Schwartz: I talked to Bruce Aarsvold. He agreed that GTS would be on board if it’s secure. They can match any amount of funds. We will put together a certain budget. Start with one and go from there. They are only supportive if it’s a secure option.

**Questions:**

Clark: A locker and some other more open options?

Schwartz: They might be a system like it.

VanHecke: Secure enough?

Nick: We can talk about it in GTS.

Shaw: A solution for students who forgot their charger? The loan out option…cheaper option.

Cella: I’m keeping a paper system tonight because the computer is being used with the elections.

Ward: The locker would be valuable in the Courtyard but in the library, it should be a different system.

1. Woodard: I’m the treasurer for Sigma Sigma Sigma. I need two numbers from the Finance Office. Option to swap a card…they told me that they can’t do it.

Shaikoski: Who did you e-mail?

Woodard: I e-mailed Deanna from the Finance Office

Hinnenkmap: A card?

Woodard: A card connected to an i-phone or an i-pad.

VanHecke: Senate is taking feedback but we can’t move into action for now. During New Business, it can be brought up.

1. Choenyi: Last semester we had a student at large but now Jack Keeley is in Denmark. Brady is a good candidate for the position. He understands the finance process. We want to bring him in for the Spring Budget Process.

**Discussion:**

Hinnenkamp: He is bringing experience. He is experienced with numbers. He is willing to do it.

Haberman: Brady has come to Senate a few times. He can be a bit unprofessional at times.

Hinnenkamp: He will never be in Senate. He will be in our meetings and they are run by us.

Andersen: I cannot vote. I would be wary due to some accidental misuse of funds that happened in his organization before.

Ward: Brady has accidentally misused funds. He is a genuine innocent. He is energetic. We need a student at large and we will keep him under control.

Choenyi: We picked him because he gets things done. When he doesn’t know things, he asks questions. People listen to him.

**Vote**

**Approved**

**IV. Budgets**

1. Student Educator Association/Kappa Delta Pi

Choenyi: They are asking for $1,600 for a speaker Joshua Rivedal. He will be speaking on mental health.

Charlie: We want to bring him on campus. He works on mental health awareness. He goes around and shares his story about suicide. It is a panel/discussion where members can ask questions. The Counseling Center and the Dean of Students will be there.

Rep2: We’ve reserved a room. We’re inviting the Saint Peter Highschool too.

Charlie: We’ve spoken with various organizations and offices. We want to include everyone in the community. We also want to involve Athletes, Greeters and CFs.

Hinnenkamp: These are two budgets but they are all in one. They have spoken with many offices. This is well-researched.

**Questions:**

Clark: Have you reached out for financial support elsewhere?

Charlie: We wanted to reach out to Student Senate first. We thought we had missed the deadline…Greeks want to make it an educational.

Antes: Do you have a date and a location?

Charlie: April 4 Alumni Hall 7-9pm

Schwartz: Advertise?

Charlie: He sent us a Marketing strategy

**Discussion:**

Ward: I think it’s awesome. Great opportunity for the Greek Community.

Clark: A lot of planning in this. I’m in full support of this.

Lamberty: I’ve worked with Charlie. This will be super awesome.

**Vote (Phase 1)**

**Approved**

**Vote (Phase 2)**

**Approved**

**V. Unfinished Business**

1. Committee Updates

Hinnenkamp: The mid-year deadline is March 24th. Absolute deadline.

Sharon: When are new orgs presenting their budgets for next year?

Hinnenkamp: We’re setting times for student orgs.

1. Executive Order Charge

Toeben: To wrap up, we did support letters. Many people stopped by. We want to work with DLC and have a box out and write more letters in support of those affected by the current situation. We don’t want to send them away.

1. HLC Senate Representation

VanHecke: HLC is the body that accredits Colleges. The team is coming to the campus. We have to write a report. I’m looking for 7 volunteers attending a one-hour meeting.

Sign up the sheet going around.

Andrew: Ask questions?

VanHecke: Give feedback

Ward: What makes a person qualified?

VanHecke: Being on this body.

**VI. New Business**

1. Arshad: I move to charge the Tech Committee, the Student Affairs to put professor hours on the website.

Seconded by Asghar

**Discussion:**

Clark: This is an exploratory charge. We should look into it.

Schwartz: It’s a great idea.

Facendola: Professors’ google calendar. We can link that to their page possibly.

Arshad: We should also look into the description…office hours beside the introduction.

O’Connell: This is a super good idea. This will help bring more students to professors.

Hinnenkamp: Maybe bring the Faculty Senate in this topic.

Schwartz: Clarify the charge?

Arshad: They have a picture and an introduction on the website but no office hours.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Clark: I move to charge Finance and Academic to look into credit cards payments with 9-lines.

Seconded by Baron

**Discussion:**

Ward: Great idea.

Clark: 9-lines should have normal bank accounts.

VanHecke: One of the things I can imagine is…the Dean of Students can have one rather than every single org on campus.

Hinnenkamp: If we find a checkout system…they wouldn’t want 110 accounts.

Ward: Is the hesitation that the College doesn’t want to own 110?

VanHecke: When I think how orgs accomplish this, there are thousands of lines. They might be worrying about the ballooning effect

Ward: Emily e-mailed me with the same issue. She forwarded the Finance office e-mail, someone should not accept a ‘no’. Let’s work harder to make it happen.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Baron: When I was out tabling, one student was upset that there was no one tabling at first. For future reference, this should not be an issue.

Hinnenkamp: It will be addressed within 24 hours.

Singh: When we break a by-law as a body, do we give a formal apology?

VanHecke: If you had voted…voting by disregarding a by-law. The closest example would go to the Ethics Committee…

Singh: Is it a Charge?

VanHecke: Someone must make a complaint to Ethics.

Shaw: This is a lack of professionalism and it is not fair to Chair Toeben who stayed for an extra hour.

Clark: It was very unprofessional to have this done. Ballots should be clear always.

Ward: The constituent was pretty angry.

Toeben: I feel like that: do we feel like this election was valid?

Hinnenkamp: It might be a good idea for this to be charged to Ethics Committee. This maybe needs to be discussed immediately.

Singh: We should decide tonight if we want to rethink the entire election.

Andersen: I think that it’s important that we have personal rules.

Hinnenkamp: Once the results are finalized, they can’t be changed.

Haberman: Do we need to send e-mails as a charge? Complaints?

Singh: Complaints are sent to Ethics Committee.

Arshad: Last names?

Hannan: It could be a good idea to send this to Ethics Committee.

Baron: Can I go and get Robbins?

Singh: We haven’t decided anything.

Toeben: I feel like that if we want to be transparent, sending out the e-mail of redoing the whole thing.

Clark: Redo the election? I don’t think so.

Ngabirano: mistakes have been done but I don’t think they are as serious as pushing for a revote.

Robbins: What would be a likely outcome? Last year, we had gaps too. As of right now, 800 people have voted. This seems like a successful election for me.

VanHecke: The Constitution is about what violations Ethics Committee finds.

Robbins: We wouldn’t be able to retabulate any vote totals but there are various ways of reprimands.

Lamberty: It doesn’t sound like the candidates want to go through this again. I charge Ethics to look into the complaint.

Seconded by Asghar

**Discussion:**

Hannan: I wonder if there is any way elections can be invalid

**Vote**

**Approved**

Antes: When were last names added?

Schwartz: 10:42AM

Robbins: The people tabling let people know about the last names.

Singh: There was an 11am shift missed. 12-12:25.

Toeben: When we talk about that this wasn’t quantifiable, that’s quantifiable. On the Doodle poll, there was no one signed up.

Andersen: I would be interested in a discussion about how to address this to the student body. This will take a hit in the trust. I don’t know how to go about it.

O’Connell: Mistakes are valuable. There is a lot to learn. Maybe in the future, emphasize the importance of this.

Singh: The e-mail sent out that we’re constitutionally required to table.

Schwartz: I don’t think that anyone is disregarding people’s feelings. We need to decide how big of an issue this really was. One individual was mad. That happened…there is so much we can do.

Clark: This broke the constitution. We’re constitutionally required and we have to live up to that.

Ward: Everyone was elected to be here. Constitutionally…not knowing is not a good enough excuse. Also, the constituent who approached seemed to have past grievances in Senate. I don’t know how others would be affected.

Haberman: I move that, at the end of the elections’ results, we let the students know that they can send any formal complaint to look into. Have the Ethics Committee draft a formal apology ready by next Senate meeting.

Seconded by Ward

**Discussion:**

Haberman: This is important and we need to apologize. Send any grievances within the next 24 hours.

Robbins: Any decision we make as a body must be made known to the student body.

Andersen: I like your idea because additional verbage was added last year too

Cella: Even if this goes through an e-mail, they won’t do much for the vote but for the body yes. After the results are public, nothing can be done about them.

Ward: Would Senate look into this anyway?

Robbins: Yes

Hannan: It’s important that we address this. At the same time, I don’t think that we broke the by-laws.

Shaw: 25min because a Chair skipped their class. It’s empty to both publish the results and answer complaints. At the same time, can we suspend the election results?

Singh: Move to break a by-law?

Andersen: I caution the body away about not drawing attention to this.

Clark: I echo previous speaker…we need to be honest.

Facendola: I move that we hold the election results until next week.

Seconded by Hannan.

**Discussion:**

Shaw: This opens up more transparency between Senate and the student body.

Ngabirano:

Clark: Transparency is great. I’m sure enough complaints will come to the Ethics Committee but from a candidate’s perspective, this needs to be over.

Ngabirano: I want to echo previous speaker, we want this to be over. Whatever the results are, we will accept them and own our mistakes as a Senate body.

Robbins: When this goes to Ethics, we will decide the reprimands. Holding on the results will create more concerns than they should be.

Hannan: I agree with previous speaker. At the same time, it makes sense.

Haberman: This will be a 2/3 vote.

Singh: This is just an amendment.

**Vote**

**Not approved**

**Discussion:**

Martinez: Do you know how many votes we had by 10:42am?

Schwartz: 214 vote

Martinez: Wait on the results maybe.

**Vote**

**Approved**

**VII. Announcements**

VanHecke: Is my list full yet?

Andersen: Not yet

Singh: I need to see Liz and Tenzin. Building Bridges week. Tomorrow is a Climate Refugee Lecture. Wed is a documentary screening. On Thursday Activism around the table. Fri is GAC’S Got Talent. On Sat we have the Building bridges conference. Also, next week is Africa week.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**