**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**April 10, 2017**

Co-President Shaikoski calls meeting to order at 7:03.

1. **Attendance**

Question of the Day: How do you show someone that you value them?

1. **Approval of the Minutes from 4/3/2017**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

Buck: I am a senior Nursing student, I’ve been doing studies analyzing policies relating to health and inclusion of LGBT community. When looking through GAC policies, I noticed the Gustie Guide doesn’t have a specific gender provision for gender identity. I would see it being an easy thing to change to make everyone feel included at Gustavus.

**IV. Appointments**

1. Ombudsperson ‘17-’18

Singh: Since there are more senators we’ll have the vote. They can speak and then we’ll have a discussion and vote.

Haberman: I am a junior poli sci and philosophy double major. I do track, cross-country, and orchestra. When Joe Robbins stepped down I took over his spot and kept the ethics committee going, second year on senate.

O’Neil: Freshman econ & philosophy double major, been on ethics committee all year working through bylaws and election stuff. On the tennis team, things most important to me is making all these changes we want to make and thinking about ethics on a more wide scale instead of only individual members. Bigger questions such as does student senate want to take a political standpoint on certain issues?

Singh: Questions?

Clark: Biggest thing facing the ethics committee and what will you do?

O’Neil: Already making great strides changing the bylaws. Changes need to be on a broader scale; how senate wants to best represent the student body while taking in the diversity of Gustavus as a consideration.

Haberman: Right now, we don’t want to take a political stance so I think the biggest issue pertains to the election and I know we don’t really want to talk about it anymore but the ethics committee has an obligation to make sure each election and senate itself is running smoothly.

Facendola: One word to describe other person?

Haberman: Fair.

O’Neil: Thoughtful.

Discussion:

Lamberty: Just to repeat, I think senator O’Neil is a very smart, kind, fair person.

Edholm: Very impressed with what Mike had to say, he had obviously thought about it. He is one of the fairest, nicest guys on campus. I think Emmett at some times can be thoughtful but can sometimes not take others’ voice into account, just based off personal experience.

Baron: Echoing what I said last week, I support Haberman. He really stepped up this year and showed his desire for the position as well as his ability to do the job.

Asghar: Mike is very passionate about what he does and wants to do great things for Gustavus. Nice Guy.

Arshad: I know Mike personally; great guy, good participation in senate.

Hannan: All interactions with Mike have been very positive. Very kind and punctual.

Clark: I think we should remember that the ombudsperson isn’t about being nice, it’s about being able to weigh options and make decisions. Even if people aren’t necessarily happy with the decision. I’ve worked with both, both impartial and good candidates. Emmett does have the experience, I’m really impressed he stepped up to be speaker. Incredibly intelligent and thoughtful. He would be able to make these decisions and isn’t afraid of giving out a punishment that isn’t popular.

Ngabirano: Both candidates are very good, I know Mike more, it’s bold for any freshman to be on senate. Shows initiative and leadership. He can be on senate for the next three years.

Roll call vote

O’Neil is elected

**V. Unfinished Business**

1. Committee Updates
	1. Finance

Choenyi: This Thursday at noon is the deadline. The email came out later than we wanted so we realized that we made a mistake and decided to let anyone who wasn’t able to come to the info sessions to submit a budget. If you don’t submit by then you won’t be accepted unless you have a really good excuse.

* 1. Ethics

Haberman: Updating bylaws, hopefully have this in by April 24th to be discussed.

Clark: Please pay attention to the bylaws because we’re going to be doing lots of updates, any thoughts or ideas send to Henry.

1. President’s Meeting for DLC/Bias Response Situation

Singh: Chair Toeben was supposed to give updates on this meeting but is not here. I can say the meeting went well, good attendance, people were respectful, and participated.

 Any other unfinished business?

 Clark: Who was looking into the square things?

VanHecke: I was talking to finance and they’re hesitant for every org to have a square but they realize it could make it easier. Could there be one at student activities office? They’re willing to think about it.

**VI. New Business**

Baron: Can I charge our advisor to at least look into the gender issues in the Gustie guide?

VanHecke: You can’t charge me but I’ve already sent an email about it.

Ward: I was on the Gus Bus and was talking to the driver. He was talking to the driver and said they don’t take calls after 1:30 because they don’t get paid if they are still picking up kids after 2. Are there any funds we can set aside for their overtime?

Singh: I can open floor for discussion, but we want to avoid the slippery slope of them just driving a little more.

Facendola: Do you know how much longer they drive for?

Ward: About a half hour

Facendola: What if we just shift hours?

Shaikoski: Once we shift them, we may need to shift them again or calls will just be taken later still.

Clark: The problem with shifting is that you have people waiting until the very last minute. I don’t know how to address this other than the gus bus closes at 2. Maybe it’s on them for taking calls later.

Singh: Discussion?

Any other new business?

**VII. Announcements**

There will not be a senate meeting next Monday. Cabinet will not be meeting on Thursday.

 Haberman: If you’re on campus Saturday, there’s a track meet!

 Clark: Tomorrow at 5 there will be a vigil to commemorate Karrin Becker.

Choenyi: I want to emphasize that most people there said senators said to be there. We’d love to have as much budget as possibly prior to the deadline.

 Hinnenkamp: PA’s have office hours all week this week.

VanHecke: If you’re concerned about friends or are having issues yourself, have them connect with me and I can get them into the counseling center. Chaplains also available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.