**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**April 24, 2017**

Co-President Shaikoski calls the meeting to order at 7:02.

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What is your favorite snack?

1. **Approval of the Minutes from 4/10/2017**

Will be approved next week

1. **Community Comment**

None

**IV. Budgets**

1. Fly Fishing

Peters: I am here on behalf of fly fishing club. We applied for money during the mid- money giving time whatever it’s called but were denied that money because we missed the deadline. Three key issues: the elapsed time was far too long to become an org.

Hinnenkamp: They’re coming in and asking us to break our bylaw. This is a new group that took a long time to become a new organization but the budget was submitted far after our deadline. They’re here to let us hear their budget and the budget would be on the floor next week.

Peters: The deadline wasn’t given and we’re not on the alias so our officers don’t think it’s fair because we didn’t know about the deadline. The main issue is that a lot of the seniors that started this org aren’t getting any benefits from it because we don’t have any funding to do anything. This last point is that the finance committee decided to make the deadline the day before spring break.

Shaikoski: Questions?

Haberman: When is spring budgeting supposed to take place?

O’Neil: What does finance think we should do?

Choenyi: We’ve been talking with their advisor. We decided to make the deadline the Thursday before spring break, which isn’t true. We didn’t make the deadline in April because during April we can’t take mid-year budget anymore because we’re working on spring budget.

Hinnenkamp: We’re really saying no because we’ve already said no to other org’s that missed the deadline. If we can’t enforce the deadline then deadlines become meaningless.

Larrow: Were other org’s saying they were misinformed?

Hinnenkamp: They all knew the deadlines but just missed them.

Larrow: With that logic then does it make sense for them to be allowed funding since they have a valid excuse?

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. Committee Updates

Finance:

Hinnenkamp: We’ve come to many agreements with orgs, waiting on just a few steps but we need to figure that out with our advisor who is sick. Getting ready for budgeting season coming up next week. We’re going to pass bills in a bit of a different way; giving student senate a packet of bills that in our perspective are fine. We’ll hear budgets that are over $5000 starting next week.

Ethics:

Adebisi: We’re working on revising some bylaws and making sure they run more efficiently. Currently they don’t have numbered sections, we changed it so they can be more easily referenced. On top of that, you’ll be getting a version of our rewritten bylaws next Monday. I sent an email out today to fill out the vacant Arbor View position.

Technology:

Diversity:

Toeben: Trying to figure out someone to talk about racial binary issues with diversity center. Heather Dale came in and revised how they ask some questions. If you have a chance to stop in and give some feedback that would be awesome.

1. Charging Stations

Schwartz: Awhile back when we were talking about charging stations it kind of fizzled out with the election stuff. I’m going to present this so that we can encourage some discussion about where we’re going with this. I don’t want to be going down a path that I shouldn’t be going down.

Shaikoski: We said GTS would match our price if we got a charging locker but not.

Lamberty: Only thing about the courtyard is I don’t know how many people leave their phone in a locker, I think it could be more useful in Lund.

Ward: I think we should just do the locker thing. It seems like a good plan, GTS supports it. Starting it in the caf seems like a logical starting point. I draw a motion for the finance committee to draw up a budget for this.

Hinnenkamp: Out of who’s budget are we budgeting this from?

Singh: I think this would go on the executive budget for next year’s co-president’s.

Ward: so we would just be making it so we know how much it costs?

Singh: Now that I’m thinking about this you might want to charge it to the co-president’s next year.

Ward: I recall this motion.

Ward: I’d like to make a motion so the co-president’s next year put it in their budget.

Shaikoski: Discussion? None.

Vote

Approved

**VI. New Business**

1. Board Meeting

Singh: We had our board of Trustees meeting and presented our year overview and how things are going. Mostly talked about the DLC poster and spring budget coming up, charging stations, the Women of Color Summit, overview of the co-president election, acknowledged the passing away of Karin. They weren’t mad at us, didn’t have much to say.

1. Swenson-Bunn

Singh: This is an award given to a faculty member and it’s up to us how we pick them. Last year we sent out an email to the student body asking them to nominate professors then the Co-Presidents and class reps went through the applications and chose the winner and award them on Honors Day. Anyone have objections or suggestions?

1. Ad hoc committee for next year

Ngabirano: We talked about starting a new committee and giving it a one-year trial and seeing if it works. We want this committee for three reasons.

One: create more social opportunities for senators, there’s no time to socialize with each other. The committee could connect people across the campus.

Two: We would also like to invite alumni back and talk to them about career clusters, giving students in majors options for their future. I think it can be too much work for professors sometimes. Checked in the bylaws…

Would have one year trial, the next co-presidents could decide if they wanted to keep it.

Shaikoski: Discussion?

Ward: Would there be a new cabinet member to be in charge?

Ngabirano: Yes they would be on cabinet and senators could join that committee.

Baron: I like the idea and the social aspect and I think getting people to speak is valuable but the professors can handle it on their own right now. I see it as more of a social thing.

Ngabirano: The mentoring program is working on it…

There are often events with people coming to speak and only a few students come, but if it’s in class then there’s no running away, it’s in your regular schedule.

Baron: I know some departments already do that so I think it would be really cool to coordinate it.

Larrow: Have you talked to department heads to see how they feel about it? I also wonder if they’re two very separate ideas that may snowball into two very different things.

Svendson: Committee already have a lot of different things that they take care of. This is a committee that basically would have a very sustained part of it regarding alumni that would be a stationary thing. Getting it started would be the brunt of the work but once it’s started it would run very smoothly. Hubert’s had discussions with profs who have alumni coming back who have said that it’s a lot of work. The hope is that it becomes something that has enough function and is set up for a smooth system of alumni coming back.

Larrow: I think the second part is very cool and a great idea, but I don’t know if the second part needs to be a part of a committee. I think the alumni piece should take priority.

Ngabirano:The only problem is that when it’s not part of a committee then everyone else thinks someone else is doing it and it doesn’t get done. If it’s on a committee then it would actually get done.

Larrow: …

Ngabirano: I mean doing something to get together..

Antes:

Hinnenkamp: In the end if you don’t have one person doing one thing then it wont get done. It often gets charged to a committee anyway so it would give it to a committee that already has that in their purpose.

Pemberton: I like the idea of it, I agree that it all kind of falls under the goal of creating a more succinct community. Expands us beyond the role of just getting things done and builds connections. We have lots of events for senate but they aren’t very sustained.

Hannan: Much more sustainable to have a committee that’s focused on bringing the comunity together.

Schwarts: I don’t like the name, social sounds funny. The Networking committee sounds better.

Edholm: I like how it’s bringing the campus together.

Barron: So moved.

Cella: There’s a bit of ambiguity in the bylaw. Two-thirds vote would make it go forward.

Antes: Does the creation of this make a change in the bylaws?

Shaikoski: It would just be a change in the description.

Vote

Approved

Baron: I’d like to make a motion that the senate breaks it’s bylaws and allows the fly fishing org their budget. I thought they had a really good argument and got stuck in the beaurocracy.

Ward: I agree, the info from the website happened to be inaccurate which is on us.

Asghar: I was going to say the same thing, the seniors have put a lot of effort in.

Hinnenkamp: I’m not going to try to push you one way or the other but in following up with them the responses we were getting were rather rude and were fighting us tooth and nail. One of those things where we may have this conversation again next week, so at what point does the excuse not become good enough?

Haberman: I’m a big fan of breaking the bylaws for them. They’d have to come in next week and we have a lot of other things for next week as well.

Hannan: Is this offered to all student orgs? Do you tell them all they can come to student senate?

Hinnenkamp: Yes they are all made aware.

Hannan: I really think it’s unfortunate but I don’t like the example this sets.

Schwarts: I think that they went out of their way it shows that they really want the funding and they made the effort.

Edholm: Are supplies going to be reusable?

Shaikoski: We’ll be discussing the budget next week.

Vote

Approved

Haberman: I want to charge health and housing into looking into the dancers using the athletic training place.

I was talking to a dance major who was injured but they don’t get to talk to the athletic trainers for help.

Ward: Great idea, I know a lot of dance majors who are always hurt. They’re a valuable asset to this school who bring in money and…

Hannan: I am a musician and I get hurt just playing music so I can only imagine what they go through.

Vote

Approved

Lamberty: I would like to charge cabinet with forming a sustainability fund that would be a block fund allocation to education the campus on sustainability and environmental factors.

Singh: We’re already doing this, you don’t have to charge it today.

**VII. Announcements**

Shaikoski**:** Need to see class reps

Toeben: Bowling for books Sat. May 13, 2-6. Diversity committee if you could meet with me that would be great.

Hinnenkamp: Denim Day description, everyone should wear denim Wednesday to protest “implied consent”. It was the Queens birthday on Friday, she turned 91.

Singh: There’s a film viewing about the Obama’s Friday night

Haberman: Track meet at gustavus on Saturday!