**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**April 3, 2017**

Co-President Shaikoski calls the meeting to order at 7:06

1. **Attendance**

Question of the Day: Favorite thing you did over break?

1. **Approval of the Minutes from 3/20/2017**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

Zeal: Concerned about the conduct of Mr. Hinnenkamp on Fox news, said that there was no context. False, because there was plenty of context, that is a factual thing. I don’t know if it was intentional or not but the email specifically said there were a-frames. I think it did a lot of harm, news outlets all across the nation are bashing Gustavus and people can have different opinions but when people say alternative facts it is harmful to the community. When you’re a senator or on senate I think you take on more responsibility and that you should make sure you are saying facts or say you don’t know. I think there should be a hand slap symbolically at least because it looks very bad.

Shaikoski: Okay I have two questions. One, are there any parts of the constitution or bylaws that have been infringed upon? Two, what would you like to see happen?

Zeal: I’ve been working with the ethics committee and they found that there were no bylaws or anything broken but I think there should be more responsibility

More transparent, people held accountable.

Shaikoski: Okay, there are four different ethics committee people in the room. Henry do you want to go over that?

Adebisi: We went over it and decided that since Sean wasn’t speaking on behalf of student senate that he didn’t break any bylaws. If we went forward with this, it would snowball into what if other people break college policy? It’s too broad.

Community member (unnamed): Senator Hinnenkamp referred to Andrew as “that individual”. There should be barriers.

Shaikoski: Do you feel that his actions broke any bylaws and what do you want to see happen?

Community Member (unnamed): I understand that people use the internet to sort of hide behind screens but I find it insulting that you can’t even call someone by their real name.

Zeal: That was part of my original complaint and I think that someone representing the student body I think you should respect other people and respect their viewpoints. I’m a tough person, people were really fired up and were emotional about it. It is concerning to me because it seems like it’s a question of legitimacy. Maybe we haven’t had this kind of thing before but I think people should be able to count on what a senator said and that it is factual.

Shaikoski: Is there anything you feel we can do moving forward?

Zeal: I’ve been in continued contact looking into the problem based on the rules we have right now but if we have senators misleading the student body then it is a huge problem. This did a lot of damage to Gustavus, the DLC, and senate. Maybe it’s not something that can be applied retroactively, but moving forward I think we should have something in place to protect.

**IV. Nominations**

1. Ombudsperson ‘17-’18

Clark: I nominate Adebisi.

Adebisi: I’m actually going to have to decline because of other obligations I have next year.

Haberman: I’m going to nominate myself. During the time Joe went away, I took on the role of Ombudsperson and studied the bylaws and constitution closely. I’ve been on senate for a few years.

Asghar: Can we nominate anyone we think would be good at it?

Singh: Yeah…

Asghar: I nominate senator O’Neil.

I think he would be a very good candidate because he’s just a nice person and he would do a good job.

O’Neil: Same as Emmett, I’ve been on the ethics committee and senate for a few years now.

Anderson: Can you tell me a time you two had different opinions and why?

Haberman: There was some disagreement that we had with the election and how it went and how it was run, particularly pertaining to who would run the debate. I think we both handled it with maturity and we settled with a nice compromise.

O’Neil: I agree, I think it was just an argument we needed to facilitate and we came to a good conclusion.

Cella: What updates would you bring?

Haberman: Being more vocal about the whole election process, I’ve seen the ombudspeople not doing the best job and has kind of been run poorly.

O’Neil: A lot of problems with this election came from a lot of ambiguities in the constitution, so going through things like the vote count and putting it in clear writing.

Shaikoski: Any other questions? Please both step out.

Alright, so we’re going to take questions and comments then take a vote.

Asghar: The reason I nominated O’Neil is because we were tabling and he really wanted to be part of senate and was really interested in the position, and he has good experience already as well.

Clark: I’ve disagreed with both of them

Edholm: I think it says something that senator Asghar nominated senator O’Neil, I interact with him more and from what I observe I really see leadership qualities and is a friendly and nice person.

Lamberty: Senator O’Neil is a great guy, handles himself professionally, and handles situations well.

Ngabirano: They’re both very qualified candidates, I will speak for senator O’Neil, running was a very bold thing to do that we should appreciate. He’s young and could be on senate for a long time. He is punctual, concise, and approachable.

Facendola: What candidate does Hubert prefer as president?

Ngabirano: I would prefer not to answer that.

Baron: I would like to speak on behalf of Haberman and he’s a great guy and takes senate very seriously. He has seen things go wrong and is actively trying to fix it.

Adebisi: Working with Haberman has been great and he’s been incredibly helpful. Who do you see as being able to handle situations well.

Roll call vote

Tie

Joe: I was just going to say that having the senate decide is more important and we should table the vote until we have more senators here.

Clark: I move to table the vote until next Monday when there are more senators here.

Yeah it stinks we have to break our bylaws but it wouldn’t look good if the co-presidents had to break the vote.

Singh: Something to consider for next week would be the secret ballot vote.

Shaikoski: Vote to table & break bylaw

Vote

Approved

Shaikoski: We’re tabling the vote, feel free to campaign.

Cella: The vote came to a tie and we decided that having the other senators here to vote was more important.

**V. Unfinished Business**

1. Apparel

Pick it up!

**VI. New Business**

**None**

**VII. Announcements**

Shaikoski: I need to see Chair Anderson and the two co-president elects.

Hinnenkamp: This week is mental health awareness week, there are a ton of events so come join!

Asghar: It’s also Islam awareness week, first time they’ve done this! I would appreciate it if you’d all show up to events and show support. There’s stuff going on everyday, so come!

Singh: On Saturday, it’s the women of color summit. If you identify as a woman of color please come, if you don’t you can volunteer to help direct other students. Diversity ball is coming up and is fun, so come! Nominations are coming up for students, so think about that and be sure to nominate people.

Barron: Speaker coming tomorrow night at 7 and Saturday there’s a concert.

Toeben: Sharon stole everything I needed to say. Bowling for books is coming up. Make teams, all proceeds go towards incoming students. Tons to do, super fun!

Singh: Bowling, arcade games, laser tag, etc.

Ngabirano: You all should have received an email from the President’s office about the incidents and we should all go.

Shaikoski: Greek week!