**Student Senate Agenda**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**May 15, 2017**

**Co-President calls Singh the meeting to order at 7:01.**

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What is your highlight of the year?

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

1. 5/8/2017

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1. **Community Comment**

Morgan: We’re not yet an org but will be next semester. A Moment of Magic goes to hospitals dressing as Disney princesses spreading joy. We’re asking for $1000 for a trip.

Asghar: Is it only princesses?

Morgan: At first but we want to expand.

Hannan: How did this start?

Morgan: I saw it on Facebook and thought it was amazing, we have a lot of people who want to be a part of it.

Grosshuesch: Do you have the expenses broken down?

Morgan: No I don’t know the details but it’s to New York.

Haberman: Why aren’t you an org yet?

Morgan: I’m not sure, we need to be accepted by A Moment of Magic first.

Ward: Do you have any documentation about the cost?

Morgan: Yes.

Clark: When would you need this money by?

Morgan: June 1st.

Shaw: Who’s going?

Morgan: Just me, the president.

Clark: Will this be open to other people?

Morgan: In future years yes we hope to.

O’Connel: Would you need this trip in order to run the organization?

Morgan: Yes we would have hands on experience and learn how to actually volunteer.

Toeben: Have you explored any other funding possibilities?

Morgan: Yeah I have a Go Fund Me but we can’t table yet since we’re not an organization and we did t-shirts.

Andersen: Did you fundraise part of the cost or is the $1000 all of it?

Morgan: It’s $1500 total.

Clark: When was this announced?

Morgan: February we started the application.

Arshad: Have you asked any departments for funding?

Morgan: I don’t know a lot about that.

Ngabirano: What is the finance committee’s opinion on this?

Hinnenkamp: yeah it would be breaking two bylaws and we don’t have much money left to give and it’s the last meeting of the year.

1. **Budgets**

BPLP:

Brad and Caitlin here to represent.

Choenyi: We had to follow the precedent of last year and wanted to give the $600 more but our bylaws say we can’t fund food so we couldn’t give it.

Haberman: Would you say the Halloween candy is culturally relevant to the event?

Caitlin: Yes, it’s important for them to experience it because if we didn’t then they would never experience it.

Grosshuesch: I move to fund it.

This happens every year, it’s vital to this group’s functioning.

Clark: Yes we should fund it.

Ward: Important event, we have very little funds.

Shaw: We should fund this.

Toeben: Have you explored any other funding options?

Caitlin: Yeah this is the only option we have.

Facendola: Yeah we already funded other food this year so we should do it.

Edholm: I know you expanded into middle school, do you ever have excess candy?

Caitlin: We always run out of candy and are adding more.

Clark: How many kids do you have?

Caitlin: Next year we’ll have about 200 and we’re expanding into Mankato.

Martinez: Is it still only the first years participating?

Brad: Yeah

Schwartz: Important event, I know I didn’t have any candy as a freshman and I felt terrible.

O’Connel: Yeah a lot of people love this event and it’s a great way to spread the word about BPLP. Bring joy to this campus.

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Hill Crew

Not here

Swing Club

Casey here to represent.

Choenyi: They asked for $5,915

Ward: Since you already recommended the full amount has it already been subtracted from the full contingency?

Clark: Latin night, is that OLAS?

Casey: That’s separate, we partner with CAB.

Hannan: How many people generally participate?

Casey: Depends on the time in the semester, usually a minimum of 12 at each practice.

Toeben: Is CAB willing to fund next year?

Casey: I have not talked to them, they had originally approached us.

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Men’s Nordic

Tom and Eli representing.

Hinnenkamp: Also over $5000, very standard budget.

Clark: Nordic skiing is cross country skiing right?

Hinnenkamp: PLACES THEY CAN SKI.

Edholm: Is the organization okay with the amount allocated?

Tom: Yes.

Asghar: I think we should fund this.

Hinenkamp: Their documentation was perfect.

Grosshuesch: We didn’t fund the upper section just because of bylaws but will you guys be able to come up with the rest of the money?

Eli: Yes we do a lot of fundraising and got a $3000 grant.

Vote

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Women’s Nordic:

Sophie and Megan here to represent.

Choenyi: $6,910 is what we’re recommending.

Edholm: Were you guys part of the $3000 grant? And are you okay with the amount allocated?

Sophie: Yes and yes

Asghar: Yes we should fund it.

Shaw: Was there as good of documentation?

Hinnenkamp: Stunningly so.

Vote

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Men’s Rugby

Hinnenkamp: yeah we’re recommending $5232

Grosshuesch: We should do it.

Ward: Looks good!

Vote

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Hill Crew:

Grosshuesch: I was wondering what the personal plaques are for.

Ward: He meant personalized not personal.

Hinnenkamp: Yes the app has taken off and done well.

Singh: I’ve heard great feedback.

Clark: Why are we funding the app if there are other people who like it and have money?

Hinnenkamp: Because they came to us and they’re a student org.

Clark: Yeah we should fund this.

Facendola: Is there a way to encourage them to seek funding elsewhere?

Singh: We can’t do that as a body.

Andersen: I don’t know of anyone who has actually downloaded it but if marketing is praising it then I feel like it’s a good PR thing and not something for our students.

Ward: I have the app and I really like it.

Choenyi: I don’t know how many people actually use the app but I see it around a lot and it’s been growing.

Asghar: I’m a big fan of Hill Crew but not the app. I can use so many other things than the app.

Schwartz: I don’t think I’ve heard of that many people using it. I think they should have some type of analytics and there’s no reason we shouldn’t know that.

Haberman: I move to amend the app amount to 0.

We don’t have questions to our answers but it sounds like it’s not used and we shouldn’t waste money on it.

Hinnenkamp: There’s a huge dilemma because just because not all of us are familiar with it doesn’t mean we shouldn’t fund it.

Grosshuesch: A lot of my constituents don’t like the Hill Crew. Why should student funding go to departments who have their own money and advertising?

Ward: I like the app and I think we should fund it.

Clark: I’m personally in favor of funding it even if we don’t personally use it or go to those events.

Hannan: I don’t see stock in the argument that not many people have it because it hasn’t been around for very long.

Choenyi: I’m all for funding this.

Andersen: I don’t like that the org isn’t here but I wish they were prioritizing their funding.

Ward: Call to question.

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Martinez: Important that we’re supposed to represent the entire student body. They do a lot on campus.

Ward: We fund orgs for events that get 12 people. If the app serves that or more then we should fund it.

Clark: What does this money go to?

Hinnenkamp: Goes towards software developer and maintenance.

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Executive Budget:

Hubert and Solveig

Hinnenkamp: Many of these are mandated by the constitution.

Asghar: Isn’t take your professor to lunch a year thing?

Martinez: It’s by semester and we only pay by how many tickets get used.

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**V. Unfinished Business**

1. Committee Updates

Toeben: Done a lot this year! Cool stuff.

Marinez: Take your professor to lunch was really successful this semester. Mental health video has been drafted. Talked to counseling office throughout the year.

Ashgar: At some point we thought we might have dogs on campus.

Martinez: Finance office was totally against it. Need special approval.

Schwartz: Helped with Hill Crew App, did pronouns, revamps to web advisor, charging stations

Adebisi: Dealt with post co-presidential election. Found new arbor view rep.

Hinnenkamp: Adjusted food policy. Defined guidelines and updated paperwork to reflect new policies

Andersen: Started the hanging out with Becky program. Coordinated speakers. Talked to PA’s about sexual education.

Joen: Made posters for lots of events. Apparel. Started a twitter and instagram page.

1. Ombuds-Bus Ethics

Adebisi: I sent an email so you all should have looked over it.

Vote

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**VI. New Business**

1. Approval of Faculty, College, and Board of Trustee

Andersen: What does the College Technology Committee do?

VanHecke: They advise Bruce, the director of GTS.

Hannan: How do people express interest in this?

VanHecke: I send an email to everyone.

Ward: What happens to the positions that aren’t yet filled?

VanHecke: Yes I’ll seek applicants in the fall then bring it to the first senate meeting to confirm.

Vote

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2017-2018 Cabinet Appointments

Hubert: Andersen wants to be head of the new committee. Great candidate.

Andersen: Been on Senate for a couple years, excited about this new committee.

Clark: She’s been great on Senate but I’m concerned that she’s also on Building Bridges. I don’t think she could sufficiently do both.

Ward: I would caution with the time commitment, she’s had to resign from another role this year.

O’Connell: She’s super excited about this new committee and is very good with time management and has put a lot of planning into this.

Haberman: She is such a hard worker but this is an incredible time commitment, not to mention school work.

Hinnenkamp: She has a great vision for whatever she does and is very excited about this position. I think she would be the perfect person for it. She will be able to do this and be able to propel this position forward.

Martinez: She’s already very involved and saying she’s too involved is not fair. She has the capability and will rise up to the occasion and do great things.

Shaikoski: This time commitment will not take away from her ability and will be an asset. Wisely picked, you should vote them both in.

Choenyi: If not Quinn, then who?

Singh: If not her, the co-presidents for next year will be stuck finding someone else.

Choenyi: She knows what she’s doing. Great candidate.

Schwartz: Do we know if more than one person applied?

Ngabirano: Yes we know but we want anonymity.

Haberman: I appeal

Ward: I don’t think it’s germane.

Clark: I don’t support the decision, I think it’s relevant to know how many other applicants there are.

Hinnenkamp: I don’t think it’s pertinent.

Edholm: I agree, I don’t think it’s germane because we shouldn’t base our decision on whether to appoint someone if there are other options.

Ward: I don’t think it’s going to set them back because it doesn’t matter that it might set them back to find another person but that might be what’s best.

Vote

Not approved

Joen: People have said that precedent and time are problems but for me, neither of those things are relevant.

Clark: I think we just need to think about what’s best for Senate and who can do this job best. Call to question.

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Solveig: Next appointee for Health and Housing

Martinez: I haven’t met her but I fully trust our new co-presidents

Shaw: She is a very hard worker and am excited to see her on the cabinet.

Clark: Sounds great, I call to question.

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Next appointee for student academic affairs

Arshad: She a really good person and communicator and team player. Good addition to cabinet.

Andersen: She’s great, done a great job with our dorm. Amazingly articulate person.

Shaw: She has put on some awesome events, excited for what she can do.

Asghar: Hard worker. Give her the position.

Vote

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Solveig: Samantha is really interested in PR and is currently PR chair of Comm studies.

Sam: I am the PR chair, next year I will be marketing chair for the Mentoring club, both positions fit together really well.

Discussion:

Clark: strongly endorse, she has tons of experience, and even though she is doing a lot they are all connected

Asghar: she has a lot of expertise, Sam is one of the nicest people, a real team player

Ward: I yield

Vote

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Diversity Committee Chair Nomination

Shaikoski: Mickey’s work ethic just carried my butt through an evolution project. He was such a hard worker and carried us. Please accept him.

Toeben: He is very passionate and knowledgeable. Inquisitive mind. Wonderful person.

Joen: He’s one of my roommates, he won’t go to bed until he gets everything done.

Asghar: He’s very involved and is so nice.

Ward: I really like him. I have no doubts in what he can do and think he would thrive.

Andersen: Amazing and kind person. Welcoming, inclusive, kind.

Clark: He’s been a very good friend and is so kind. He comes from an Islamic background which is very important since that population is growing. We should vote him in.

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New tech director: Monika

Clark: What do you think about web advisor?

Monika: There are issues but it’s not the worst.

Clark: Can you put both names on a ballot?

Hannan: Can you spell them right?

Monika: Yes

Clark: She answered my questions correctly

Facendola: Have a class with her, she’s great with technology

Hinnenkamp: I know her well, she’s great with technology and working with people

Asghar: What does our tech chair have to say?

Schwartz: I think I’ll stay out of this one.

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Administrative Director: Liz Toeben

Grosshuesch: Do you think you’ll be prepared to serve as chair if the co-presidents aren’t there?

Toeben: Yes.

Asghar: She’s perfect. She’s done so much work.

Clark: I will not be supporting this nominee because I don’t think she should have another 40 hour a week commitment.

Ward: She’s accomplished a lot but I don’t think I can support her given the time commitment conflicts.

Choenyi: Perfect candidate. I don’t see anyone doing better than her.

Martinez: She’s one of the most hard working people I know. She does a lot of other things. Most of the events outside of this room has been coordinated by her. Genuine and enjoys being busy.

Harbeck: Time commitment is not an issue at all.

Andersen: I don’t think it’s our place to dictate how someone chooses to spend our time.

VanHecke: I appreciate that the Building Bridges co-chairs are a huge time commitment but I have seen ridiculously engaged people who have done a ton and others who haven’t done anything.

Hinnenkamp: Extraordinary feats require extraordinary people.

Ward: I used to not like when people told me how much time I had to do things. But that happened to me this year and it was one of the best things.

Haberman: I’m going to not support this for the same reason. Building Bridges is pretty important and if it were up to me the co-presidents should dedicate 100% of their time to it.

Singh: It’s a paid position and these hours…

Edholm: Her time commitment won’t be an issue. It means a lot that she’s willing to dedicate summer time to Building Bridges.

O’Neil: I’m supporting her.

Clark: She’s experienced and on the ball but we’re all human. Call to question

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Finance Director position: Jack Keeley

Barron: Great asset on finance committee.

Ward: Great asset. Good at explaining process.

Choenyi: I’ve had the opportunity to work with him on several projects. Hard worker. Good addition.

Clark: Great choice. Call to Question.

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Controller: Rafay Arshad

Hinnenkamp: Do you have the ability to tell a group that they will not be funded?

Arshad: Yes, I follow rules. If they’re breaking bylaws I will say no.

Clark: He is so passionate and excited to do this. Important that controller is committed and passionate.

Ward: He wasn’t as involved in spring budgeting meetings. I think he’d be good, just a minor concern about it.

O’Neil: Passionate, knowledgable.

Asghar: I’ve known him since 6th grade. He’s a nice guy, passionate. Sometimes he gets a bit aggressive. He can work in a team but sometimes it’s hard to work with him on a team. Other than that I think he’d be great.

Hinnenkamp: As controller I’ve spoken with him extensively. He’s passionate and has pursued this position. The fact that he can be aggressive gives me hope, it’s somewhat necessary.

Grosshuesch: I once dreamed of being controller, I think digitalizing the RFP’s is a super great idea. I really support this and think he’s a great selection.

Vote

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Parliamentarian: Dave Edholm

Clark: I’m in support, I don’t want to speak for Cella but I think they are passing the torch. The only thing is that he hasn’t attended every meeting.

Shaikoski: He’s using St. Thomas words. Illuminati.

Hannan: I believe he could fulfill his duties but I think he has some learning to do.

Hinnenkamp: He is willing to listen to anything and is very open minded. Vitally important for ethics. Wonderful individual.

O’Neil: I’ll be supporting him.

Vote

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Grosshuesch: CAB shot down the sustainability fund. More polling will be happening next year.

Ward: Let’s talk about the community comment.

Grosshuesch: I don’t know if there’s ever been a precedence or if we can even fund them.

VanHecke: I can think of examples that senate has funded non student orgs and examples where senate has funded things outside of their own budget. I can’t think of any examples that senate has funded an org that is attempting to be an org. Uncharted territory.

Grosshuesch: I think it’s important to support them.

Clark: I think this org would be great and seems like a perfect Gustie service example. They’re not recognized as a Gustie org or national org and I don’t know if her not going would hinder that. I also think it’s amazing that she’s trying to raise $500 herself. I’m concerned it’s the last senate meeting. Some things to think about.

Shaw: I have mixed feelings. What is the finance committee’s stance?

Hinnenkamp: I received a message from this group and came to the conclusion that this would break two possibly three bylaws and our contingency fund is already so low. They don’t have a ton of documentation but I’m concerned that this last senate meeting is not the time we should be talking about this.

Haberman: Concerns about what this might look like to someone who wasn’t keeping up with the organization. Looks like senate would be funding this person’s trip to New York. Move to end discussion.

Vote

Not approved

Hannan: It would be a bummer that they don’t get their money but it would be inappropriate.

Antes: Very hesitant. Seems positive, but seems very sketchy.

Hinnenkamp: Should we decide to move forward, we would have to figure out a way to come up with a budget they want. We’d need a two thirds vote since we’re breaking the bylaws. That discussion would lead into how much to give them, then another two thirds vote. In her email she already said that we’ve been breaking a lot of bylaws recently so that’s why she thought hers was okay. Good way to go broke.

Svendsen: It’s a wonderful potential org but it’s the last meeting of the year with bylaws potentially being broken. I would have preferred if there was a budget brought by finance committee rather than it just being brought up on the floor. Not enough information, feels sporadic. Given time, can’t happen tonight. If they get recognized as an organization then that would be fine with me.

Andersen: There should be some type of motion to a committee.

Edholm: I have to oppose giving them the money. We shouldn’t be an org that’s easily pushed around with rules disregarded.

Ward: Morgan said “yeah breaking a bylaw sucks but being a sick kid sucks more”. Felt wrong to me, guilted into it and manipulative.

Martinez: I’m confused on the facts. If a national org is trying to get campuses to join then why would they make that training required? Why would they make them wait so long?

VanHecke: I don’t know if it’s their timeline or hers that’s the issue.

Adebisi: The fact that she’s been working on it since February but only just came in is kind of concerning. She can take further steps next year.

Choenyi: I did not recommend breaking this bylaw or allocating this money. I had a few email exchanges and she almost tried guilting us into it. I don’t like how she approached the whole situation.

Grosshuesch: I think we’re against it but I also read the website and applications are open all year long but they’re not told until the end of May. They also need to go to New York in order to qualify. I move to end discussion.

Vote

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Andersen: I want to have a conversation of how we support people who are trying to be orgs. Important that we explore how these individuals are being supported.

Clark: I’m confused that we weren’t recognizing her until the national one did and that’s not even our domain. Fact of the matter is that you come in the last week and expect to get funds that’s not going to work out.

Ward: I would like to charge next year’s co-presidents with looking into this over the summer.

Clark: Great charge. Please don’t discuss it.

Vote

Approved

**VII. Announcements**

Grosshuesch: Thanks for the last three weeks.

Toeben: BBQ in the arb Wednesday.

Clark: Seniors, good luck with your future endeavors.

Schwartz: Goodbye. Lot of fun.

Hinnenkamp: Thank you for all these years of senate.

Adebisi: Shout out to ethics committee. Shout out to individuals.

Shaikoski: Thanks for putting up with me. Good luck. Thanks to Oakley and Emmett for setting the tone early.

Haberman: You guys were hella rad. We did lots. Peter, greatest tech director ever, awesome job.

O’Neil: Thank you everybody.

VanHecke: You all should be proud of yourselves.

Singh: Congrats to all of you. Learned lots. Students have more power and influence on campus then they think. Raise your voice. Do what fits your purpose best. Liberal arts is something we should value. JoNes is one of the coolest, most inspirational people I have met. Thank you Alex.