**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**September 19, 2016**

Co-President Singh calls the meeting to order at 7:04

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What’s your last name, pronoun and highlight of the summer?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 5/16/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

Pemberton: I’m here because of a class assignment.

**IV. Appointments**

1. **Senate Speaker**

Singh: The Speaker should be a senior member who already has experience with Student Senate but they don’t have to be.

**Nominations:**

Cella: If you want to speak, you raise your placard and your name will be up.

Baron: I nominate Senator Haberman. He’s been in Senate before and he’s interested in the position. I yield.

**Seconded** by Lamberty

Jeon: I recommend Senator Clark

Lamberty: I nominate Clark

**Seconded** by O’Neil

Toeben: I recommend that Lamberty gets nominated

Facendola: I nominate Lamberty

**Seconded** Clark

Singh: Each prospective Speaker will speak in order about why they want the position and then we will move on with the vote.

Haberman: I was a senator last year. I want to get more involved and I’m willing to listen to anyone.

**Questions:**

Facendola: What are the things you didn’t like last year?

Haberman: You could look back in the archived minutes but it had to do with finance issues and that some senators were given more privilege to speak than others.

Clark: This is my first year but I’ve been in DLC before. If I was elected to be speaker, I would make sure we stay on track and remain transparent.

**Questions**  
Andersen: Are you aware of the time commitment?

Clark: Yes.

Lamberty: I withdraw my nomination.

The candidates leave the room.

**Discussion:**

Lamberty: Last year, Haberman did a great job following up.

Arshad: Haberman would be good because he already has experience with Senate.

Hannan: I don’t know both really well but Clark is in one of my classes. He is very kind and approachable. I believe he would represent us well.

Schwartz: Senator Haberman would be a great speakers.

Vierzba: They would both make great speakers.

**Vote**

**Haberman Approved**

**V. Old Business**

a. **Parliamentary Procedure**

Cella: it’s something we will use consistently. Procedure elaborated: yielding, making a motion,…Sheet distributed

VanHecke: The first couple meetings are awkward but after a while you’ll get it.

1. **Meeting with President Bergman**

Shaikoski: We meet with her once a month. She wants to stay updated on what’s going on in Senate. She’s excited for the new year. We told her about the Technology program we’re working on. We got to hear about the taskforce update, we talked about endorsing what the Taskforce might come up with. And involving students per class to keep them in the loop. We talked about the Strategic Plan as well.

Singh: If you have things we should talk to her about, let us know.

**VI. New Business**

1. **Board of Trustees**

Singh: They will be on campus next week on Friday. Students can have a meal with the Board members. We will be sharing with them what Senate has been up to.

**Questions:**

Pemberton: How many times is the Board on Caampus a year?

Singh: 3

Asghar: Is this the same meeting as the Scholarship meeting?

VanHecke: Breakfast with the Board is an e-mail I send out and the first 40 to sign up are selected. Last year we did it twice but I think this year we will do it the normal usual 3 times.

Baron: What are you planning on talking about?

Shaikoski: We will ask them about what they feel about the climate on campus.

1. **Office Hours**

Shaikoski reads the proposal below.

*Note: this is not a bylaw*

1. *Student Senate shall provide a regular, publicized forum to hear student concerns in the form of a table in the Campus Center attended by at least two Senators from 5:00 to 7:00 PM every Monday on which Student Senate meets.*
2. *Each Senator shall staff the table for at least two 1-hour shifts each semester. Sign up for tabling shall be coordinated by the Administrative Director.*
3. *Any student concern aired to the table must be responded to via one of the following mechanisms:*
4. *Delivering the concern in writing to the Administrative Director to present at Cabinet meetings, where an appropriate response will be discussed;*
5. *Bringing the concern to the Senate Floor by one of the tabling Senators.*
6. *Each Senator shall alert their constituents about when they are tabling via an email sent within 72 hours of their tabling shift.*
7. *These tabling hours shall be publicized to the entire Student Body in a manner determined by the Public Relations Chair, who shall also provide tabling Senators materials/strategies to promote Community Comment and the Student Senate online suggestion box.*
8. *If a Senator is unable to attend any of the shifts, they shall develop an alternative method of hearing and responding to student concerns with the Administrative Director.*

*This proposal shall be reviewed on the Senate Floor at the first meeting of spring semester*.

**Discussion:**

Ngabirano: You will be sending the e-mail

Shaikoski: You send the e-mail to the E-mail alias of the constituency you represent.

Lamberty: It works well! Great spot for tabling!

Toeben: This helps with transparency

Haberman: I love the idea of office hours. Maybe having office hours during Chapel break?

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. **Committee Introductions (sign up at the end)**

Jeon: I’m the PR Chair. My job is to communicate Senate projects. I want to have the Facebook post run smoothly. I need 2 or 3 people.

**Questions:**

Clark: Do we have more than a Facebook message?

Asghar: Apply for a committee?

Singh: You only apply for Finance and Ethics

Toeben: I’m Liz and the Diversity Chair this year. We make sure diversity and inclusion are addressed appropriately on campus. I need at least 5 senators.

**Questions:**

Haberman: Goals?

Toeben: Sign language work, foot washing station, there is more.

Martinez: I’m Cristhian and the Health and Housing chair. I need 4 people. We will be working on Take Your Professor Lunch and Tell me about your day. I also want to focus on mental health this year and have conversations start about it.

**Questions:**

Arshad: Break Housing in the hostels?

Martinez: I’m aware of that and will be looking into it.

Schwartz: I’m the tech Director. Next Thursday we have a Tech event for first years. We have app ideas that we will be working on. I need two senators.

Robbins: I need two senators. Come see me and I’ll send you the application.

Choenyi: I’m the Finance chair. I need 4 people. We allocate funds to student orgs. Most of our job tends to be around Spring. We need committed people.

Andersen: I’m the Student and Academic Affairs. We focus on the Zip car, paying for internships and furthering discussions on Sexual Misconduct.

Robbins: What’s a charge?

Cella: A charge is expressing your request to a committee.

1. Clark: I charge Health and Housing to have more Jewish food on Fridays.

**Seconded** by Vierzba

**Discussion**:

Clark: The Caf is able.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. Hinnenkamp: I’m the Controller and I work with all the finances. All the RFPs are managed by me.
2. Baron: I charge Student and Academic Affairs to look into a potential monthly/bi-monthly meal with the President of the College.

**Seconded** by Haberman

**Discussion:**

Shaikoski: It’s a great idea. I hope President Bergman has time in her crazy schedule.

Martinez: I was approached by one person about the same thing.

**Vote**

**Approved**

Jeon:What’s an abstention?

Cella: It’s a neutral position to use when you have a bias. Try to use it as less as possible though because you aren’t representing yourselves.

Andersen: Keep your placard up anytime.

1. O’Connell: Students have approached me and want compost in the dorms. I charge Health and Housing.

**Seconded** by Haberman

**Discussion:**

Hannan: If we had a system for students to bring back compost back to the Caf, that would be helpful.

VanHecke: It would be great to look into worm composting as well.

Clark: Are there Gustiewares in Co-Ed?

Hannan: Yes and I’m not referring to those.

Pemberton: What’s the compost situation?

Martinez: It’s already done in the Caf. But moving it to the dorms is great.

Facendola: A complaint last year that compost bins weren’t large enough.

I move to amend the charge to include “large bins”

**Seconded** by Clark

**Discussion:**

Hannan; I appreciate making this broader. But I think that the Chair will make a good judgement of what the appropriate approach is.

VanHecke: This is the perfect time to amend the amendment.

Hannan: I move to amend the amendment to strike the word “larger”

**Seconded** by Vierzba

**Discussion:**

Facendola: Chapel View needs larger bins.

Robbins: Since this is an investigatory charge, it should be let to the Committee to decide.

Hinnenkamp: The more we amend an amendment, the more we lose our focus.

Antes: Is this an investigatory…he’ll look into what needs to be done.

Clark: I call into question

**Seconded** by Baron

**Called to question**

**Vote (2nd Amendment)**

**Approved**

**Discussion:**

Arshad: I yield.

Shaikoski: You can just yield when you’re on the speakers’ list and you have nothing to add.

Toeben: A concern was about bringing the compost to the Caf.

**Vote (1st Amendment)**

**Approved**

**Vote (Charge)**

**Approved**

**VII. Announcements**

Haberman: Thanks for a great first meeting. Little charges…you can simply walk to the Chair.

Ngabirano: Thanks for a great first meeting. I will be in touch with you shortly about tabling. Check if there are any typo on your placards and let me know.  
Singh: Nobel Conference next week. Next week we’re taking a team picture. Sign up for two committees. Thank you so much for a first meeting. Congrats to Haberman as the new Speaker.

Hinnekamp: Nobel Conference next week. Pas SNL next Saturday. If you have questions about finances, let us know.

Cella: Thanks for a first great meeting.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**