**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**September 26, 2016**

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

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What’s your favorite class this semester?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 9/19/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

Venhor: I’m on CAB. We are doing some disability accommodations about the movies we show: Vision captioning. I’m here to let you know about it in case you decide to show movies too.

Reid: Happy Birthday Rafay. I think of my student workers daily. Last week, we had black men shootings. I was affected as a black man at GAC. The other night on Facebook, it was bothering when I saw my cousin writing a letter to his child. At 1:40am on my birthday, I wrote to my students employees that they can come and talk to me if they have any concerns. I sent also an e-mail to other black men on campus who have been affected. I’m here to provide support to students of color because this is something we’re concerned about.

We will have a panel 6:30-8 next week on Thursday. It is my hope that you will encourage your constituents to attend the panel. Glen, Jasmine, Paschal, Phil Bryant and Sidonia. We will answer questions about the shootings and the climate reigning right now. It’s important that you attend this because you are representatives of others. You need to understand how to support others. Please share this information with the community around you.

**Questions:**

Clark: Student-Faculty?

Reid: Student-Faculty-Administrator.

Toeben: What day?

Reid: Thursday. DLC will wear black on the day of the panel.

**IV. Old Business**

1. **Board  of Trustees Meeting 9/30**

Singh: We will meet the board this Friday. Topics: current projects, campus climate, concerns about Black Lives Matter. We will also talk about the Building Bridges project.

Pemberton: Divestment movement?

Shaikoski: Write to us more about it.

**V. New Business**

**a. Finance Budget**

Choenyi:I haven’t heard anything about the budget yet. I t will be brought back next Monday.

1. **Dakota Pipeline Statement**

Singh: It was brought to our attention that DLC will be sending a letter in solidarity with the Indigenous population. They would like us to endorse the letter. We would like you to talk to your constituents about it and then come back next week to have a discussion about it.

Toeben: I will bring the letter on Monday for the wording review. If we agree what it says, we will sign it. We are working on Indigenous People Day naming as well. We want to bring in a speaker to talk about the Indigenous people’s rights. DLC will organize an event about the pipeline as well.

Shaikoski: We can stand in solidarity without endorsing any political stand.

Clark: Could we have more info on the issue?

Toeben: All the topics?

Clark: On the pipeline

Toeben: Great. I’ll e-mail it to Senate.

Schwartz: Do we have an option not to sign?

Toeben: When the letter comes here, we will review it and disagreements or agreements with it are welcome.

Baron: Are you sending the letter on Wednesday?

Toeben: When the letter is done, it won’t be sent before DLC meets.

Singh: We will send it along with the agenda.

O’Neil: How to start a conversation with our constituents?

Cella: Send an e-mail or when talk to them when tabling.

Martinez: Send an e-mail and keep them updated.

1. **I Am a Black Man Panel**

Singh: I would like to encourage you all to attend the Panel. We need to show that we are hearing and listening their concerns.

Clark: I would encourage everyone to go.

Shaikoski: I encourage dialogue.

Toeben: This is great opportunity for us to show support!

1. Clark: Pull the budget?

Choenyi: Next week

Clark: What does that mean?

Singh: The Finance committee is working on getting the budget ready.

Choenyi: Is this approved by Senate?

Shaikoski: Yes.

**VI. Announcements**

Shaikoski: Commitees and pictures after the meeting.

Singh: Nobel Conference this week!

VanHecke: Best behavior during nobel. I’m the dean on call this week!

Clark: Presidential debate going on now!

Jeon: I want to see the senators on my committee at the end of the meeting.

VanHecke: We started tabling for voter pre-registration. You’re welcome with any questions.

**\*Meeting adjourned**