

Student Senate Agenda

Gustavus Adolphus College

September 18, 2017

I. Attendance

Question: How to pronounce your last name?

II. Approval of the Minutes 5/15/17

- Approved

III. Community Comment

- None

IV. Appointments

a. Senate Speaker

- Vierzba nominates Senator Wicklund
 - Seconded by Senator Allen.
- Senator Anderson nominates Senator Asghar
 - Second goes to Wicklund

Co-President Ngabirano: Tell us why you want to be the Speaker

Wicklund: This is my second year in Senate. I enjoyed Senate in previous years, and I want to relay information from the cabinet back to senate. I have been on multiple committees so I feel I could relay info well. Parliamentarian of DLC last fall.

Ngabirano: Questions? None

Asghar: Second year on Senate. I would try my best to do a very good job.

Ngabirano: Questions? None

Open the floor for discussion

Clark: I was in Senate with Eshan and he was a great advocate, and personally he is very easy to talk to, and open to critiques which is important for Speaker. He is also very responsible, very important for attending cabinet.

Chair Mir: Also know Ehsan personally. He is very open and personable, he would be great representation of the senate, he wants to do more with Senate this year. He would be a great candidate.

O'Neil: He is very approachable, the Senators should feel comfortable going to with their concerns. He is very diligent

Vierzba: Both would be great and have experience, and Wicklund would be very great, I support her because she would do a good job sharing our view with Cabinet.

Arshad: I have known Asghar very long and he can relate to people which is very good for a Speaker.

Andersen: He has been a great representative in previous years, and he is great at being open and available for people to talk to him about concerns.

Placard Vote

Senator Asghar is the new Speaker.

b. Faculty Committees

Appointments to the Sustainability committee and the Finance Committee Approved.

V. Old Business

a. Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentarian Edholm: You now know how meetings begin.

Attendance, Minute Approval, and then Old Business.

New Business requires a motion, and allows for discussions. To get on the speakers list you raise your placards, and bring up the new business to Senate, and this is followed by discussion.

To formally bring up a topic for vote or to charge a committee, a senator would make a motion. I have a cheat sheet for those that need it - priority of business described and other rules.

For example, point of personal privilege does not require a second, and can be used to announce that the room is warm, and request the temperature be changed.

White placards are the cabinet members who do not have voting privileges but full speaking, and the gold placards are the senators who will be voting. Cabinet members can not make a motion, but they can entertain a motion.

b. Meeting with President Bergman

Co-President Svendsen: Welcome! We met with President Bergman and filled her in on what our goals and ideas are for creating a better system/network here at GAC for alumni.

Specifically having alumni come back and network with specific

departments and show where they are now in the world. Quinn Andersen will be leading this new committee called the Connections Committee. Bergman would also like to know what buildings here on campus need improvements or what projects do students see as a need here on our campus. She will sit in on a meeting, most likely in October, so please be ready for that interaction.

Ngabirano: Questions? none

VI. New Business

a. Finance

Chair Keeley: Presenting a budget for the Interfaith Lodge. Jared can tell you a little bit about the organization and event.

Jared Morningstar: Budget for a Jewish Celebration for Interfaith outreach, the event is a construction of a Sukkot. We have many the materials already. It will be constructed on the 30th, decorate on the 1st, and then there will be a meet and greet on the 4th with celebration and food.

Svensden: Are the materials reusable for years to come?

Morningstar: Yes, bamboo mat is reusable. Decorations are also reusable.

Svensden: with the food on the budget, do we need $\frac{2}{3}$ vote?

Edholm: No, simple majority.

Anderson: What is being insured?

Morningstar: the special fruit to make sure it is not molding.

Andersen: Is this printing on top of the printing they would have gotten last year?

Keeley: This is for their mid-year allocation.

JoNes: So do we need to go back and look at last years budgets to see if there was an allocation?

Clark: there was no allocation for this group. We did not do spring budgeting process.

Anderson: so why didn't you do spring budgeting.

JoNes: this question is irrelevant. Student org does not need to say why or why they did not do something.

Schugel: what day is this?

Morningstar: constructed on the 30th, decorate on the 1st, and then there will be a meet and greet on the 4th with celebration and food. the structure is up for a full week and a half. All public events.

Ngabirano: Question. None.

Andersen: What are the implications of doing this because online it says that we do not do mid-years until October - ombudsperson?

O'Neil: I looked at the by-laws and could not find anything that says that. It's just online.

Svensden: Our bylaws do not say mid-years need to be from October to April, but it is on the website. Finance chair and controller function as the finance committee until the committee is formed, and can see budgets.

Andersen:

Keeley it does say October to April for spring budgeting, and we can overrule this guideline, and I think should be updated on the website. My concern is that we are publicizing false information.

Keeley: It does say that online, but we can override this guideline as controller and chair.

Clark: I am a Co-President of this org and will be abstaining. Last year senate funded this when the budget was \$1,200 and this year we are just expanding on it. It was this time of year. It was a huge success. We can talk about changing the site later.

Wicklund: Why do you want to expand it?

Clark: we have the tent, but we want to get another bamboo mat, and it doesn't cover everything in the tent. We just want to get another one to cover the whole thing, which is how it is supposed to be. Future years would just be food and decorations.

Mir: I am in support of this passing because it is a religious and the rules for it should be respected.

Vote: The budget is approved

b. Board of Trustees

Ngabirano: Board meeting this Friday, myself and Solveig will be meeting with them. Any suggestions for what to talk with them?

O'Neil: what is the Board? What is their function?

Ngabirano: board of directors of the college. They come 3 times a year.

VanHecke: They govern the institution from a 30 foot perspective. Ultimate body of decision making for the college.

Ngabirano: Please feel free to come to us individually with questions and concern.

Keeley: Update on the Lund renovation?

Schugel: I am in CC and track and the architects are coming in. They are starting the process now.

Ngabirano: Questions? Please reach out before Friday morning.

c. Office Hours

Ngabirano: We have a tabling system for senators to table outside of the caf, and we can discuss and then approve the system.

Svensen: When Senators set their own office hours it did not work well, and there were problems with accessibility. So we now table outside of the caf, our bylaws say we need to approve a system for office hours. Every monday senators will table from 5-7pm outside the caf, and they will hear concerns from the students. Each senator is required to sit at the table for two hours each semester. They must also alert their constituents that they are tabling within 72 hours of your tabling shift. These Tabling hours will be public to the entire student body. If a senator cannot attend any of the shifts they must meet with the

Administrative Director to come up with a way for the Senator to still hear concerns from their constituents.

Speaker Asghar: Tabling outside the Caf is awkward, and at times the table was busy with Senators' friends, so it deterred other students of approaching. Overall I like the tabling outside the caf

Vote: Proposal is approved

Ngabirano: Administrative Director will be sending that sheet out.

Allen: are there pre-made emails we send to the constituents

Ngabirano: yes

d. Cabinet Introductions (sign up for committees at the end)

Health and Housing Committee:

Chair Nguyen: I work closely with Res Life, Dining Services. If you are passionate about these areas please join my committee. I am a junior, my hobbies are reading, traveling and talking to strangers. A goal for my committee is to have us work efficiently and creating a meaningful impact

Student and Academic Affairs:

Chair Nguyen: From Vietnam, Junior biochem major, I was President of Prairie View Hall Council. I work on issues like Gus Bus, class credit, and we are always open to suggestions feel free to email me. A goal I have is to have a comfortable and

efficient environment and I want everyone to get to know each other.

Diversity:

Mir: from Mankato, Senior, Greeter, Eppie, Writing Center. Personal Goals explore the idea of Diversity and I hope to have conversations about what it means.

Finance:

Director Keeley: We allocate student government fee to orgs and clubs on campus. I have applications due by October 1st to join finance committee.

Controller Arshad: Junior, Very involved on campus, we control all the money for all the orgs on campus. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Svensen: how many positions are available for senators

Keeley: 4 positions

Senator Allen: If we don't get on tis committee do we sign up for other committees beforehand?

Arshad: you can choose a committee after

Public Relations:

Chair Harbeck: Make sure communication is open between us and the students, and making some sick looking apparel

Connections:

Andersen: Connecting the campus with alumni and a mentoring program. Also working to connecting Senate with other leaders on campus. This is my third year on Senate, last year I was SAA Chair

Technology:

Director Pham: We will deal with everything technology

Ethics:

Ombudsperson O'Neil: Sophomore Econ and Philosophy major, the Ethics Committee deals with the constitution and bylaws. We run the elections and there are two spots on my committee, and there is an application. If you are interested please come see me.

Edholm: Senior, Bio major, I am interested in medicine. I like Reading and Game of Thrones. I am pretty good at Robert's Rules if you have questions ask me. I am also on Ethics Committee, which has two positions for senators.

Ngabirano: we have 13 members, are there any questions for the cabinet as a whole? At the end of the meeting please approach two committees to join, or apply for finance or ethics.

Questions? none

Ngabirano: Any new Business?

Wicklund: Motion to discuss finance committee updating the regulations on the website for when people can apply for mid-years

Seconded by Asghar

Wicklund: There are inconsistencies for when people can apply for a mid year budget and what is in our by laws, so we should change there on the website at least saying that there is a procedure for people to apply for a mid-year earlier if needed.

Ngabriano: Discussion?

Clark: I charge cabinet to discuss updating the website to make it consistent with our bylaws

Second: Wicklund

Svensen: Just a note on the wording right now it says to update the website to be consistent with our by laws, but our bylaws do not include set dates

Clark: I want to clarify I mean as cabinet sees fit so we are not misleading students about the budgeting process

Andersen: Clarification, do you want it to be the first day of school, or after the first senate meeting?

Clark: It should be any time that is not spring budgeting. I have come through several times early in the year and with documentation it has been smooth. I think we should be as open as possible with allocating the money

Anderson: Can we change the bylaws to include a timeframe for mid-years

Svendsen: We can change the bylaws, but any bylaw change goes through our Ethics Committee and it takes about 3 weeks, but yes they can be changed. It is a bit lengthy.

Wicklund: referring back to what we think, it should be as the cabinet sees fit.

Keeley: the first day of school is unreasonable, I think saying after the first cabinet meeting is okay, and post that date on the website

Allen: Point of Inquiry are there funds allocated to orgs that come later?

Arshad: We do full year allocations in Spring, and what is in the contingency is used to allocate mid-years

Vote: Passed

Ngabriano: Any new Business?

Clark: A constituent approached me about the mouse traps and how they are inhumane because they are the sticky ones that trap mice and make them starve and die. I charge Health and Housing to look into the possibility of making it more humane for the mice, so they don't starve to death. Mainly, I want them to look into what the policies are around mouse traps.

Wicklund: Can I friendly for the chair to bring back information or a proposal about this inquiry in three weeks

Clark: so friendlied

Vote: Passed

Ngabirano: New Business?

Clark: Pronouns on Placards? Is that something we need to charge Administrator Director to do

Edholm: I don't think we need to reprint them, you can charge to add stickers.

Toeben: One thing we did last year was to write the pronouns on the placards. If you would like them to be more uniform I am open to reprinting them. I yield

Clark: No reason to reprint them, no reason to make a charge I just wrote mine.

Ngabirano: Discussion? -none

Ngabirano: New Business? - none

VII. Announcements

Svendsen: Thank you for surviving. It gets easier moving forward, so please speak up. Please reach out to any returning senators with any questions. You are required to join two committees so please sign up for two after this meeting.

VanHecke: Please jump in and share your voice. If something gets wonky there are many that will help correct you with procedure so don't let that stop you. Also Pumpkin Pie Blizzards are back at the Saint Peter Dairy Queen

Ngabriano: We will be dressing up for our next meeting to take a professional picture with the full senate.

Keeley: how formal?

Ngabirano: business casual

Harbeck: join the mentoring program it is awesome, applications are due October 1st. Women in Leadership event next week, men are welcome

Wicklund: Homecoming weekend is this weekend, be safe please and don't die.

Toebe: Building Bridges Topic is Mental Health as a Social Justice Cause and meetings are 8pm in the Board Room

Clark: I would like to add that you should also have fun

Asgar: BPLP needs men, please join

O'Neil: there is a Volleyball game Wednesday, also join the Ethics Committee.