

Student Senate Agenda
Gustavus Adolphus College
September 25, 2017

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes 9/18/17

- Approved

III. Community Comment

V. Old Business

a. Finance: Contingency update

Chair Keeley: Thank you all that have applied for the Finance, the applications are due Sunday. Due to multiple sources and poor bookkeeping the contingency is in limbo, and I need to meet with JoNes.

Clark: what does that mean?

Chair Keeley: I have multiple numbers on what the contingency is based on what I was given from last year

Clark: Can you explain what the contingency is?

Chair Keeley: Contingency is the money left over after Senate allocated all the Senate funds to the student orgs and block budgets. The Contingency is then what we use for the mid-year budgets, or if students want to come in to ask for money to pay for stuff.

Svenden: Questions? - none

b. Health and Housing charge update

Chair Nguyen: Physical plant is moving away from the sticky mouse traps, they were mainly for bugs, but they will soon be replacing them all

Co-President Svendsen : Questions? none

c. Ethics: election update

Ombudsperson: You are all here so congrats on winning your respective elections. We still need to fill College View and Off Campus. Any thoughts on the election process please let me know. The two senators on the Ethics committee pending approval are Clark and Wicklund.

Co-President Svendsen: Questions? none

d. Cabinet charge

Co-President Ngabirano: We are moving the date to the first meeting of the Senate then our mid-years will be clear. This change has been made to the website

Clark: That sounds great, thank you all for doing that

e. Board of Trustees report

Co-President Ngabirano: We gave a report on Friday, and we updated them on the climate of the campus, and we had talked about DACA and how we have not seen any upheated responses, so it seems our campus and administration specifically is handling it smoother. We also touched on: our

goals for Senate this year, how the elections went, and we touched on bring your professors to lunch

Svenden: Questions? None

f. MAPCS report

Chair Andersen: MN private colleges have student representatives that talk about what the organization's plans are for hosting their winter and spring conference. The winter conference is December 2 at 12pm at St.Olaf, and it has to do with peers connecting with peers and how to best govern orgs.

Co-President Svendsen: Questions?

Young: Besides from these conferences what else does MAPCS do? Why do we buy into it?

Chair Andersen: The college buys into this association because they are a lobbying group. They lobby for the MN State Grant and try to make that more applicable and raise the money available. The student portion focuses on typical senate issues, such as activism, and other topics relevant.

Svenden: Questions? none

VI. New Business

a. Poster location change

Co-President Svendsen: There is concern that the billboards across from the counseling center are not being utilized, so the idea was to make the skyway a poster free zone and the

billboards become where orgs can put their posters. They would like us to have a conversation about what senate thinks.

Clark: I like opening up the boards across the counseling center, but I do not think we should take away privileges to post in the skyway.

Allen: I agree, but I do think the skyway needs to be regulated better.

Wicklund: I would echo a previous speaker, it would not be beneficial to take away that highly trafficked area. I oppose this.

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion? None

Co-President Svendsen: Any other New Business?

Schugel: I am currently serving on a committee that is redoing our liberal arts education and they would like to come and present to us on what they are doing.

Co-President Svendsen: They could come as part of our Community Comment if they let us know when they would like to come.

Co-President Svendsen: Any other New Business?

Allen: Can we discuss looking into making the feminine cabinets free on campus

Co-President Svendsen: Would you like to make a charge or a motion

Allen: I charge Health and Housing into looking into opening up the Feminine Cabinets

Seconded

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion?

Clark: I like this idea, and I support this

Wicklund: What about the effort put on last year to have free feminine products, but does anyone have any info on that?

Chair Andersen: That is an effort by the WAC

Wicklund: Let's make this systematic on our campus instead of leaving up to one org to fundraise

Vote: Passed - So charged

Co-President Svendsen: New Business?

Lang: I charge Health and Housing to look into having air conditioning in all the residential dorms

Seconded by Allen

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion

Lang: One of my friends almost fainted, and if she had not entered an air conditioned building nearby she would have had a more serious problem. I think this more than just an inconvenience.

Edholm: Was there drinking involved?

Co-President Svendsen: Germane

Ombudsperson: I talked with Physical Plant, and they seemed constrained on cash, but you can talk and see where they are at

Wicklund: I think we should discuss what we want health and housing to bring back to us. I would like to know who will shoulder the cost.

Clark: I echo previous speaker, I think air conditioning would be great but it is a huge expense. It would be nice to know what the cost would be.

Anderson: I have an air conditioner, and you need to submit a request if you have a medical need and it is 70 dollars per person

Clark: I amend the charge to ask for a report from whoever can give you a report of the cost to have air conditioning put into all dorms without air conditioning

Seconded: Fonder

Vote: Passed - So changed

Co-President Svendsen: The charge is now to have health and housing come back with a ball park estimate of how much it would cost to put air conditioning into the dorms that do not already have air conditioning.

Vote - Passed - So Charged

Co-President Svendsen: New Business? -none

VII. Announcements

Ombudsperson: There is a huge men's tennis tournament this entire weekend. Both myself and Senator Steinwand will be there.

Co-President Svendsen: Further Announcements: - none