

Student Senate Agenda
Gustavus Adolphus College
October 2, 2017

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes 9/25/17 - Approved

III. Community Comment

IV. Appointments

a. Ethics Committee

O'Neil: First appointment, Senator Clark. He was on ethics committee last year and I think he will do a great job

Clark: I was on ethics last year and I applied again because it is an important committee and I think is important that we follow our bylaws and constitutions. Please vote for me.

Discussion:

Co-President Svendsen: The appointment makes sense, he has experience.

Vote: Passes

O'Neil: second appointment, Senator Wicklund. She has experience in ethics, has shown interest and thoughtfulness.

Wicklund: I was in senate my first year, and I worked with ethics in DLC as the parliamentarian.

Discussion:

Asghar: I have class with her and she looks like she knows what she is doing.

Co-President Svendsen: She is good at discussing and looking at things from a different perspective. It is a logical choice

Vote: Passes

O'Neil: Student at large, Emmett Habermann. He assisted in making constitutional changes last year.

Haberman: I know the bylaws pretty well, and I have been on senate for two years.

Discussion:

Clark: I highly recommend Habermann. He filled in when our Ombudsperson left last year and did a really good job

Co-President Svendsen: He has knowledge about how senate runs, and I think he would be a great addition to the ethics committee

Vote: Passes

b. Finance Committee

Keeley: Students at large: Olivia Ward, and Kysten.

Kysten: I am a senior, and I used to play football, but now I want to gain more knowledge to help me in my career. I am in international finance, so this seems like a good fit

Ward: I have been on the finance committee for three years now once as a senator and twice as a student at large. I look forward to doing it again.

Discussion:

Clark: Olivia is the finance queen. Kysten seems like a good fit.

I support both

O'Neil: Can we get Olivia to be a senator?

Co-President Svendsen: She does not have time unfortunately

Mir: I know Olivia from greeters and she is amazing

Asghar: Olivia is great and has been on senate for three years so that's great. The guy seems good too.

Allen: What is a student-at-large

Co-President Ngabirano: We need an impartial view and perspective to balance what happens in the committee.

Discussion?

Vote: Passes

Arshad: the Senators are Young, Allen, Lang, Fonder

Allen: I am a hopeful business major and I have an interest in finance. So i want a more practical application.

Young: It is one of my interests, and seems like a fun way to explore it.

Lang: I have been interested in finance for a while and I want to explore it

Fonder: I want to learn more about finances, and I want to learn about finances

Questions?

Discussion:

Clark: They all seem great. It is great they are mostly first years

Mir: Ashley is my greetee and she will be a great fit.

Co-President Svendsen: Young is a sophomore and he is very dedicated to the orgs he commits to.

Vote: Passes

V. Committee Updates

a. Administrative Director

Toebe: Faculty Reports have been emailed and it consists of having a conversation with a faculty member and writing the main points on the report. They are due November 20th. If you do not have a placard come see me. Also reminder that you need to be signed up for two committees. All senators have to do faculty reports, cabinet members do not have to do faculty reports.

b. Health and Housing

Tram: I emailed Res life and Physical Plant, and they replied that they are working on it. So I anticipate I will get a detailed budget and cost estimate this week.

Co-President Svendsen: Please restate the charges you are following up on right now

Tram: Air conditioners for all dorms except apartments, and making feminine hygiene products free campus wide

VI. Old Business

a. Contingency Update

Keeley: We are meeting with JoNes on Wednesday so we can present an exact number.

Co-President Ngabirano: Old Business? - none

VII. New Business

a. Senate Fall Elections

Co-President Ngabirano: In the fall there is not enough time for people to know about senate, and the involvement fair happens after the applications are due. We hope someone will make a motion for how we proceed about this.

Discussion:

O'Neil: I think it would be beneficial to move the elections back a week. People will know people better, we will have the involvement fair, and I hope someone charges the ethics committee to look into this

Clark: I think we should do this, but also re-word the finance section. I charge ethics to provide a draft for bylaw edits that pertain to pushing back the fall election date and look into the finance committee functionality.

Vote: Passes

Wicklund: Didn't cabinet already change wording to make finance more functional?

Co-President Svendsen: Since we have a controller and a chair we can function with that as our committee. Both are not elected so that is something to be considered. The budgets would still have to be approved by the senate

Keeley: Multifaith lodge was completely legal, but this would delay the forming of the finance committee, which is okay as long as everyone is okay with that

Clark: I think educating students about senate is important, and this gives us time for that, and for finance the student senate still has the last say. I think this will clarify language.

Arshad: Finance committee cannot be formed until 13 days after the first senate meeting

Clark: I friendly that the motion includes an exploration of decreasing the time frame for when the finance committee can be created.

Vote: Passed

Discussion:

Chair Andersen: I encourage you all to explore other options rather than just delaying the formation of the committee

Clark: I charge H&H into looking into getting needle deposit boxes in the dorms and coming back in 2 weeks.

Arshad: Let's make this happen

Wicklund: I use needles and I have never had this thought, but it is awesome. I support it.

Clark: This came from a person in complex but please explore all dorms

Co-President Svendsen: This is a great charge that makes sure everyone is safe and comfortable

Wicklund: I support the idea of Res Life paying for this, if we could friendly amend this.

Clark: I friendly this, and this is their responsibility more so than ours.

Discussion?

Vote: Passes

Wicklund: Today it is raining. I am interested in talking about coat racks in academic buildings. I charge Student and Academic Affairs to look into getting these.

Clark: I am on the fence, I don't think students will use them. It doesn't rain that much.

Mir: Theft is a big thing especially in lund, and I know that will be a huge concern for students if they are leaving their coats outside the classroom.

Asghar: Beck has areas.

Young: It snows, so they could also be used in the winter as well. I don't think they will get used alot.

Wicklund: I yield

Discussion?

Vote - Division - Charge Fails

Co-President Ngabirano: Any more New Business?

Asghar: Some of my Muslim friends noticed that in the caf there is the addition of pork in a caf dish. Last year there was no pork, so I charge Health and Housing to look into getting this back to not having pork in this dish.

Vote: Passes

Co-President Ngabirano: Any New Business?

VIII. Announcements

Clark: Sukkah will be built Wednesday at noon, and Friday at 5pm we will have a celebration. It is a good opportunity to learn about a faith that is different than yours.

Co-President Svendsen: Thank you to those by the doors for helping tonight. I also want to encourage senators to speak, anything you have to say is important. Also each person is technically allowed to speak only three times, so if we only have three senators speaking they may use up their speaking privileges. You will not sound stupid. We all value what you have to say. There is a Women's Rugby this Sunday and if we win we go into nationals.

Co-President Ngabirano: Shout out to Conception and Schugel, Happy Birthday.

Wicklund: The flu is going around so stay healthy.

Co-President Svendsen: Go to Nobel it is super cool. It talks about Reproductive Rights, and includes all different majors, so you should go, or at least listen on your laptop.

Co-President Ngabirano: Any Announcements? - none