# Student Senate Agenda Gustavus Adolphus College October 16, 2017

#### I. Attendance

# II. Approval of the Minutes 10/9/17 - approved

# **III. Community Comment**

a. Teach for America

Teach for America is a paid position, and you are a head teacher with a full salary and benefits. I want to share a story about my students who asked me to start a student council after school. They all felt strongly that our mascot which was a midget did not represent them well and so they presented to the school board why they wanted the mascot to change. They got down voted the first year, but they persisted and actually raised \$10,000 to change the gym floor so it no longer says midgets. I love recruiting at Gustavus because a gustavus alum actually started our twin cities office. We are looking for people like you who are saying they want to go on to do anything. The contact cards are for me to contact you about a one on one meeting not spam

# IV. Budgets

a. Fly Fishing

Keeley: They requested \$4,440.00, and we recommended \$3,410.00 that will go to three trips and equipment

Noah: There is not enough equipment for all to go on the trips, and we are asking for funding to get supplies for all that want to participate. We are asking for gustavus vehicle travel to three locations. Fly tying equipment is expensive because it is an art and there are many different things needed. A gopro is needed because we are the sole contributor to a conservation effort group in the cities and they require video of our efforts

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions?

Vierzba: how many members?

Noah: we have 19 active members, 23 on the email alias Vierzba: do you know how many are going on these trips?

Noah: I am not sure

Concepcion: what is the movie night?

Keeley: they were going to charge an entrance fee to watch this movie, and senate decided not to

recommend the movie

Wicklund: with the equipment this budget provides how many could go?

Noah: We would be up to 12 poles.

Wicklund: without the budget how many poles do you have?

Noah: we have 7 as a club, and a few have their own poles and equipment

Concepcion: can the equipment be reused in future years

Noah: yes

Kalyani: has this club continued to grow?

Noah: yes

Young: How long will the material last

Noah: upwards of a year

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion of the Budget

O'Neil: why did we recommend \$460 for the GoPro instead of \$500

Keeley: due to documentation

Allen: They worked to get documentation and it looks great

Co-President Svendsen: One aspect of this club is conservation and that reflects well on our

school and fits with our pillars

Vote - Passes

Co-President Ngabirano: Contingency Update

Keeley: Senior week was over allocated money so our contingency is \$65,921.26

#### V. Old Business

## 1. Committee Updates

a. Health and Housing

Chair Nguyen: feminine product cabinets are \$38 per cabinet, and if they have no revenue then they will open them, but they worry about having them run out of supplies. They would like to do a trial in lund, For the needle boxes, res life does not own any, we would need to put a request into the college campus budget to make it a long term project. The weird taste in the water, physical plant is sending a plumber to Pittman. Bugs in Plex, the Area Coordinator has a system in place to address these problems, so if there are a lot of people submitting complaints then they will go through the proper channels to make a change. I encourage you to fill out a maintenance request. Cost of installing water bottle stations (3 cost \$2,500) Res Life can not afford to buy any more.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions?

Young: with Feminine cabinets would only opening a few make them run out faster if they are the only ones that are free.

JoNes: thats a great question, also they are talking about the most public buildings.

Kalyani: I think it would be more beneficial to have it in the campus center and lund and on the other side of the campus.

Wicklund: I encourage you all to call menstrual products, "menstrual products". Will it be the generic tampons and pads that are available?

Chair Nguyen: Yes

Wicklund: then I encourage you all to think about what products we are requesting. Also I think the trial will be a bad idea because if they are not available everywhere for free then some may stock up

Nguyen: Physical Plant gave me the sense that it is not an efficient task if people are filling all the cabinets everyday

Allen: can the janitors take on this task?

Wicklund: I think we may need to think about a different body of people who can fill these because it does add hours to labor.

Allen: what is needed to get needle dispensing boxes?

Nguyen: we would need to buy them

Andersen: A girl on my floor has a sharps container in our bathroom

Allen: I think even if we have to buy them, it is worth pursuing. It is for the health of our custodial staff and the convenience of our students.

Wicklund: Just a reminder I am one of the people that I have a medication that is an injection. I echo a previous senators feelings, and that not all may use a sharps container, and they are somewhat hard to obtain, which may lead to people not properly disposing of them Kalyani: There are sharps boxes in academic halls, and I think this is a reasonable request

## b. Administrative Director:

Toeben: Oakley Clark and McKenzie Swenson have resigned so if you know anyone in arbor view or uhler who may want to get involved, send them our way. Also I have been refering to Fall tabeling as Spring tabeling so I apologize if I caused any confusion. Please sign up if you have not yet.

# c. Ethics

O'Neil: We will be holding two elections this week, Applications are due Wednesday and the election will be Thursday. We will be tabeling for 5 hours Thursday, so please keep a look out for the doodle poll to sign up for tabeling. The charge for bylaws - we have changed the wording to shift the fall election time to be held the second week of classes, so the application will be available for the same amount of time because it will be available the monday of the second week of classes, and allows us to table at the involvement fair.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions?

Co-President Svendsen: Do you mean monday the second week of classes? Do you want the application open longer or just shift it back?

O'Neil: yes, and either

Keeley: This would not complicate finance allocations, but we could not do any midyears until the senate was formed.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions? New Business? - none

### VI. New Business

## a. Parliamentarian

Co-President Ngabirano: Our Parliamentarian would like to update us on Robert's Rules each monday.

Edholm: I suggest taking notes because there are so many rules, so the better we know them the better we will interact as a senate. A main motion answers the what the where the why the how. It requires a second, and it is amendable, and rescindable. This requires a majority vote. The next rule: Adjourn. This means we are done with the meeting, it requires a second and a majority vote. Adjourn at a future time. The floor must be open, requires a second, a majority vote, and it is definitive.

Vierzba: Can you share this with us?

Edholm: yes

Young: how does the floor being open work

Edholm: The floor must be open so there cannot be any motions at the time one the charge.

## Co-President Ngabirano:

Wicklund: I move to discuss the charge around what we want facilities to be doing. How can we do a trial, what types of products, where should we open them

Allen: I think it needs to be well documented. If we don't want to make more work for physical plant we could partner with the WAC and see if they would take this on.

Co-President Svendsen: even with the trial, if facilities thinks they cannot fund this. We can make a budget to pay for these. And with consideration of public places. We could have a basket at lund available so anyone could stop by and pick one up and it is not specific to just one gender. There are a lot of things that need to be considered, and it will be nice to know what physical plan is thinking. If a senator wanted to create an ad hoc committee just to work on this topic that would be great

Wicklund: Coalition building will be helpful moving forward with this. Specifically the WAC and the Peer Assistants. Both would be great partners to maintain this. How big is this charge getting, do we need an ad hoc committee.

Nguyen: I would like to keep the charge with H&H

Wicklund: I move to have H&H reach out the PA's and the WAC regarding partnering around this issue.

Second - Asghar

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Young: I think it may discourage students from vandalizing the cabinets if they know their peers are the ones doing this.

Nguyen: Health Services is also a good candidate to talk to.

Wicklund: I friendly my motion to include Health Services

Allen: I echo sentiments of previous speakers

Wicklund: I think we still need to talk about what we want for where the trials will happen Schugel: CAO and Lund info desk and other central locations on campus could get products available to all.

O'Neil: maybe not such obvious places because some may feel uncomfortable

Allen: Public places may mitigate students stocking up on the products

Co-President Svendsen: Gustie Den could be a more secluded option, PA's are open I believe late into the night, or the Dive could be an option. That being said it is something that is natural and normal so if it is more private that is for students comfort and not because it is taboo.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions?

Wicklund: We have been talking about different places, but do you know if they can put supplies in these places.

Nguyen: CAO is in charge of the CAO desk facilities is only in charge of the cabinets.

Wicklund: We need to decide want we want facilities to do.

Harbeck: I think we need to wait to hear back from facilities

Wicklund: Does H&H have enough information.

Nguyen: Is it PA's and WAC will have these products available?

Wicklund: My intent was to have the supplies in the bathroom, and have those orgs help restock the products

Young: what are we discussing

Wicklund: whether we want these orgs to help us pay for these products manage these products Young: I think we need them in the bathroom, so help with managing is important.

JoNes: you all fund the PA's, so keep in mind what you are asking the chair to do, and how you want to spend your student activities fee.

Keeley: who is paying for it now, and are we asking health services, and the PA's to pay for this or just manage it and we pay for the supplies.

JoNes: the cabinets are paid for by the user, and the PA's and health services would not have the budget to pay for menstrual supplies.

Wicklund: Health services fund, PA's and WAC manage and help get student input on where to put the supplies.

Wicklund: I move to consider the motion brought forward by ethics

Second - Young

Co-President Ngabirano: discussion

Co-President Svendsen: running elections on this timeline sucks, and it happens very quickly. I think some things can be amended, but that can happen next week

Wicklund: Please be thinking about this throughout the week, and it has major implications.

Young: this is a good motion to consider. This is my first year, but it is a good idea to allow students to get to know their peers.

Schugel: this makes a lot more sense, especially for first years. I think this will not affect finance because they should have gotten it done in the spring

Wicklund: there are new orgs who may need funding, and the spring can be stressful with finals.

Young: how many budgets in the past need to be approved before the senate meeting

JoNes: This year there was one org that was rearing to go. Orgs can come straight to the floor before finance committee is put together, and this caused problems last year where they didn't have budgets for a month. I don't think you'd be any worse off that last year

Arshad: Even if a new org comes, they have to have paperwork done by september 1st and that takes 2 to 3 weeks and by then senate will be ready to go.

Co-President Svendsen: consideration process is more do we want to talk about this or not.

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion - none

Vote - Passes

Wicklund: Please talk to your constituents about this

Allen: One of my constituents approached me about being in a wheelchair or crutches when there is a fire drill where do they go?

JoNes: They should work with their Area Coordinator to develop a plan

Pham: The Prairie View Hall Kitchen has no sink or table to prep food which is very inconvenient, and causes students to go to the laundry room to clean and prep food. I motion to discus this

Second - Wicklund

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Wicklund: you mentioned kitche smell getting into people's clothes. Can you explain

Pham: there is no sink so they have to use the laundry room

Co-President Svendsen: JoNes has there been any discussion of renovating Prairie View?

JoNes: Prairie View was only temporary housing post tornado. It's hard to think of improving a building that was supposed to be rolled away. I think this would be a great conversation to have with res life and the Area Coordinator.

Pham: the Area Coordinator asked me to talk to student senate about funding

JoNes: you can strongly recommend res life to put this as a capital improvement for the 2018 year or you can fund it through senate.

Keeley: is there a ground plan for this, or even if they can put a sink there

Pham: I just know the hall council wants to put a sink there, but it's hard with the pipes, and they want a table.

Allen: I charge H&H to look into the cost of having a table or prep area and report back to senate Second- Asghar

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Concepcion: this is a great thing, so we can see if we can afford this

Co-President Svendsen: we should also consider if this is something senate should be funding, and there are potentially other places that could be funding this

Wicklund: Are there countertops

Pham: No

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Vote - Passes

Wicklund: We should consider if we want to encourage res life to get rid of Prairie View in

general or make capital improvements.

Co-President Ngabirano: New Business?

## VII. Announcements

O'Neil: please sign up for tabling on Thursday

Co-President Svendsen: thank you for discussion. Please ask questions if you have them, and review the bylaws and constitutions

Co-President Ngabirano: No cabinet this week or senate monday due to fall break. There is a folder where you all can see what senate is working on. Raising your placard is not enough to speak you need to wait for the chair to call on you.

Edholm: the slides will be on the drive

Toeben: Please all stack your placards alphabetically

Wicklund: can we switch it to a team drive?

Co-President Svendsen: We can try

Wicklund: Why do we sit alphabetically? And can we not?

Toeben: Because the Co-Presidents would like us to, so no we cannot switch it up. JoNes: Edholm's dating advice really is great because consent should be 50% +1%

Co-President Svendsen: the language is I move to, not I motion to.