

**Student Senate Agenda  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
November 6, 2017**

**I. Attendance**

**II. Approval of the Minutes 10/30/17 - Approved**

**III. Community Comment**

Wicklund: The faculty committee for diversity, equity, and inclusion is still figuring out what their role is. Also I would like to talk about the fondling incidents that happened last week. Campus safety reported the incidents to the community and reading these reports made me reflect on how I would feel if this happened to me. My sophomore year there were two charges of sexual assault brought against the same person. Two women were assaulted on December 13th 2013 - Most students did not hear about this incident until February 3rd. Which was not until after the Saint Peter Harold shared a story on February 2nd. The perpetrator was charged with two sexual assault felonies. The campus was not told about these incidents by campus safety until February 11th. I have been told that our campus adjudication process causes the victims to relive their experience of assault by having to repeat their story over and over again. I believe that the campus and administration are open to changing and improving this process. Last year when watching C in CC there were 4 men highlighted that I know to have committed sexual assault, and all four of these men have been reported to Gustavus. It makes me wonder how many more will be highlighted and celebrated nationally. I want and need Gustavus to be better. When I came here i wasn't afraid and now I am always afraid because we are never granted the names of these perpetrators. In my capacity as a senator I will be bringing this up for us to have a discussion about.

**IV. Committee Updates**

a. Health and Housing

Chair Ha: Potts sent a request for a cost for getting needle disposal boxes. He would also like to discuss the option of senate sponsoring them because he does not have a budget for them. For Prairie view it is unlikely a sink could be installed, but reslife can put a table in the building for food prep. Free menstrual products we are still researching how to best try to implement this.

b. MAPCS

Co-President Ngabirano: There is a monthly meeting, and in December there are 2 spots open to attend in case you are all interested.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions? - none

**V. Finance**

a. Panhellenic Society

Keeley: They are requesting \$1,100 and documentation looks great. We recommend it in full.

Olivia: We are requesting money to send people to a conference.

Edholm: Can you elaborate on what will happen at academy.

Olivia: The conference will be in indianapolis and those in attendance will go through a day and a half leadership seminar.

Edholm: Do you plan to attend every year?

Olivia: It is our first time attending. We will decide to if we want to continue attending if we find the conference useful.

Co-President Svendsen: Is it tied to greek life?

Olivia: It is not a part of the block from spring for greek life.

Asgar: You asked for \$179 for lodging but allocated 30 is that fine?

Olivia: We chose that amount to fit within the bylaws.

Discussion

Allen: I recommend passing this budget. It is useful to help improve leadership among students.

Wicklund: I am in favor of the budget I believe it will be useful to the students. It is considerate of the bylaws of the senate.

Budget - Passes

b. Women's Rugby

Keely: Women's rugby going to nationals need money to pay. Will break 2 bylaws. Exceeding yearly allowance for tournaments and retroactively paying

Team: Rugby has been here for many years we have done service outside of rugby. Just learned about being able to attend the championship. Found least expensive options for travel and lodging.

Team: we are working to fundraise however we don't have the time to raise total in this small amount of time.

Keely: They sent a few options for bus costs. They are approved for the cost of the gustavus bus.

Wicklund: what are the retroactive payments

Keeley: the finance committee can't process the payments. So that's why they have to be funded retroactively

Wicklund: How many are going

Team: 23

Wicklund: Can you talk about fundraising efforts

Team: We are doing an SNL, and we are doing a t-shirt fundraiser, and we are getting ready for our letter drive

Wicklund: How successful has the tshirt funding been.

Team: I think it's about \$500

Wicklund: what is the total cost of the bus?

Team: \$6,000

Edholm: How long has it been a club sport? How many teams are in MN? Do you see this team evolving into a sport here?

Team: We have been a club sport since 1983 and we have been waiting to make a push for a varsity sport because there are no other varsity sport rugby teams. We were playing D2 teams this year as a D3 team.

Edholm: Are the teams in Ohio club teams?

Team: We do not know, but most likely they will be clup sports.

Wicklund: How much will your members be able to contribute?

Team: We want to make sure everyone can play, and there are some who are doing payment plans for the fee. So we haven't broached this yet

Edholm: We would be breaking a bylaw, but would you consider putting the \$1,000 you won towards this and knocking down a \$1,000.

Team: we are a fall and spring sport, so we really do not want to go into our spring budget yet.

O'Neil: is this the budget we are considering?

Keeley: yes

Allen: how will this event help Gustavus

Team: this is great for recruitment, team confidence, but for sure it will help get the Gustavus name out there. We got moved into this league because the MN commissioner thought we had a good team and wanted to see how far we could go because they think we can do well in this league

Wicklund: Did you beat D2 schools?

Team: yes, we did not beat winona, but they are very good.

Eshan: hotel cost is \$1,380 how long will you be staying there?

Team: this is the cheapest we could find. 6 rooms for the players. One for the coach, and each bus driver needs their own room as well. The final national tournament will be in December.

Edholm: Will you be coming back for more funding for nationals?

Team: We would have 3 weeks to fundraise for that so we are hoping we would be able to self-fundraise and that our \$1,000 would go towards that.

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Eshan: I think we should approve it because they work hard and this is their only chance to go.

Wicklund: I think getting this team to regional playoffs is important. These are amazing women and they are representing Gustavus well. I think the retroactive funding is not that bad of a bylaw to break, but this budget is sizeable. I encourage good discussion, but it is important that we do our best to help this team.

Lang: I think they did a great job with getting things in timely, and their documentation is good. It is important that we try our best to get them to this tournament. I want us to discuss the implications of what we do here and how that looks to other clubs who come to us. We will be breaking two bylaws, but it could be seen as favoritism to women's rugby because our Co-President is a part of this org. We also need to know what we are going to say to other orgs that ask about why we do or do not fund them

Fonder: I think we should pass this budget

Controller Arshad: Contingency would be \$59,367 after we passed this, keep that in mind.

Mir: I don't think we need to worry about favoritism because no other club sport can say they are the best in MN

Kalyani: I agree with diversity chair. I think this is an issue of seeing potential not favoritism.

Steinwand: Since this breaks two bylaws are there any implications past us agreeing and going on

Co-President Ngabirano: We need a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote to pass it and it sets a precedent

O'Neil: other than the  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote there is nothing saying we can't. Also given the nature of the situation I think this is fine, as long as the finance committee says it's good

Wicklund: I motion to change the bus cost line to the full \$6,000. -Seconded. From what they are saying coming up with the difference could result in some not being able to go.

Asghar: Is this okay with finance committee

Keeley: Just keep in mind they are asking for about \$7,053.25 the bus cost would be \$5,803.25

Wicklund: I friendly to change the recommended to

Vierzba: I think given the timeframe they had I support this budget

O'Neil: I am all in for making it easy for them to get there, but please keep in mind that other clubs are going to be coming and asking for money. We are setting a precedent that we can fund more than what finance recommends and the club is asking.

Allen: I don't think that will be a problem because there is only a short amount of time for them to get a certain amount of money.

Amendment: Passes

Co-President Ngabirano: Back to Discussion on the budget which is so amended

Edholm: I am conflicted because of the bylaws being broken. What is the maximum amount of money a club sport is funded, and is there anything about playoffs?

Keeley: max amount of funding is \$4,000 and \$1,000 for a coach. They have already gone through spring budgeting and received \$5,000.

Edholm: I think we should have a conversation on this after.

Roll Call Vote: Passes

## **VI. Old Business**

### **a. Parliamentarian Rule**

Edholm: Adopting special rules of order. This is a main motion, the floor must be open in order to make a motion, and then the motion must be seconded. They can not break bylaws. They are debatable, amendable, and require previous notice and a 2/3 vote or a majority of our org. Adopting ordinary standing rules is presented as a motion, requires a second, it is amendable, debatable, rescindable, and only requires a majority vote.

O'Neil: can we go back to the first one. What does this mean?

Edholm: It could be "be it resolved under x circumstance we as an org requires a 2/3 vote instead of a majority vote"

Young: do we have any of these in our bylaws?

Edholm: No, wait

Co-President Svendsen: We have some in our bylaws for finance, and there is an order constitution is the highest then the bylaws and then Robert's Rules.

## **VII. New Business**

Asghar: First a constituent wants a german minor and wanted me to talk to Student and Academic Affairs to see if students can get a German Minor. Second, People in Uhler takes too long to get hot water so they waste a lot of water. So if Health and Housing could please look into this because people hate wasting water. I motion health and housing to look into what can be done to make the water get hot faster in Uhler.

Seconded

CHair Ha: Are there any other buildings?

Wicklund: Have any of your constituents filled a maintenance request. I think they should do this and if it doesn't work then bring it to senate

Chair Ha: I agree with a previous Senator, and Remind your constituents that if they want a change they should fill out a maintenance report.

Asghar: withdrew motion on hot water in Uhler

Asghar: I motion to have Student and Academic Affairs look into making a german minor available here

Chair Andersen: This is already being worked on here

Steinwand: I was going to say what a previous speaker has

Young: The professor has asked students to talk to senate because it has been put on a back burner and the Professor would like other avenues to getting this to happen.

Wicklund: It sounds like the problem is making it through the Professors because of budgeting cutbacks.

Schugel: with the curriculum being redone right now I can give some insight that making new majors or minors is on the back burner right now.

Vote: Passes

Wicklund: I charge Diversity committee to draft a resolution condemning sexual assault on our campus and encouraging the administration to enforce a zero tolerance policy with high stakes outcomes.

-Seconded

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Allen: I agree, I've only been here two months, and we need to do something about it if the administration is not going to do anything.

Co-President Svendsen: I think there needs to be a push from the students because the administration listens to the students.

CHair Andersen: I encourage you all to talk to your constituents about how they feel. I remember being a senator and dealing with a similar talk

Co-President Ngabirano: the discussion here will help the diversity chair to draft a resolution that accurately represents your voice.

Co-President Svendsen: I think we could get more input on this so that if we go to the administration we have a plan and exact wording.

Chair Andersen: the task force exists in some form but I do not remember their title

Wicklund: I did not put a timeline on this and I hope the diversity chair will come back in 2 to 3 weeks after consulting WAC, the task force, and the council for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Arshad: why can't the name be released when we know they committed the assault

Wicklund: It has to do with FERPA and not incriminating the person. If the clery act can trump FERPA than we should be able to know, but I will look into it further.

Motion: Passes

Wicklund: Parliamentarian brought up that we funded a club team without prior precedent about funding a team and if they should be able to move forward. I am not in favor of creating wording because I believe that Gustavus should be stepping up to help these groups when they are being recognized for being the best.

Edholm: I think it is important to have language considering we broke two bylaws to pass this, and simply for the sake of honoring the bylaws. We should have wording for when teams need additional funding past the \$5,000 so we would not be breaking bylaws if it happens again.

Keeley: I am in favor of discussing this because it is a big deal to break bylaws, even if it is just putting a limit on how much

Wicklund: Motion to move to discussion about adding language about club teams who may need additional funding. - Seconded.

Wicklund: I am personally not in favor of this

O'Neil: I suggest someone makes a proxy committee with members of finance and ethics and we revisit this

Co-President Svendsen: there is a total of 3 club teams I believe so you would be outlining it for only three groups, and one is recognized by the NCAA so someone who favors less bylaws I don't know if there is a need for playoffs for club teams. I agree with a previous speaker and think it would be nice to have support from the college.

Keeley: There are a considerable amount of club sports on campus (more than 3)

Allen: how many of those sports teams have playoffs that would require funding from Senate?

Keeley: I know the dance team goes to nationals, and we just saw rugby, but I do not know so I can look into

Wicklund: I charge SAA to look into language around supporting club sports in the future I think it should make clear that we want the school to step up.

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Young: what aspect of the college is extending this funding

Wicklund: this is abstract because I do not know who could fund this, but that's what I want SAA to look into

Schugel: I disagree, I think our school should be focused on our education and we should be funding sports and orgs.

Lang: I echo a previous speaker

Wicklund: I think it is important to ask Gustavus to step up because they will benefit with recognition and recruits.

Edholm: Is this an issue with how much money we have to give to club sports.

Wicklund:

Allen: Can you restate the charge?

Wicklund: charge SAA to look into language to have Gustavus help/support club sports in the future especially as they get more success

O'Neil: is this specifically for teams that are getting better?

Wicklund: yes

O'Neil: I am hesitant with this because I don't think we should be funding only the good teams

Wicklund: the rationale is because they are bringing the school recognition, donors, and more students. I think they deserve monetary support for that.

Motion: Fails

### **VIII. Announcements**

O'Neil: voting for COLlege View this week

Co-President Svendsen: thanks for good discussion. If you are very talkative and you cannot talk it is horrible. Thank you for women's rugby, I know we were worried about it and where we would get the funding. We really do appreciate it!

Mir: Can I see the DIversity Committee after this

Co-President Ngabirano: thanks for discussion, and if you want to come on Dec. 2nd approach me or Quinn.