

**Student Senate Agenda
Gustavus Adolphus College
November 13, 2017**

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes 11/6/17 - approved

III. Community Comment

IV. Committee Updates

a. Health and Housing

Chair Nguyen: We are receiving responses on how other colleges provide free menstrual products to students. We are also working with reslife in order to get compost in the res halls

b. Student and Academic Affairs

Pham: Provost said it is impossible to add a German minor now. The program prioritization does not allow for the addition for a minor right now, and until this is solved we cannot do anything. Second the only German prof is retiring next year.

c. Administrative Director

Toeben: faculty reports are due November 20th, and tabling supplies will be stored in temporary storage from now on for Monday tabling

d. Connections Chair

Chair Andersen: Friday the 17th we are going to JoNes's house so please fill out the links I have sent you, I will be sending it out again tonight

Allen: Dietary restrictions

Chair Andersen: it's on the link

V. Finance

a. Tri Beta

Keeley: The budget is \$696.30, it is for lodging and registration for a ASCB Cell biology conference. The finance has approved the budget in full

Edholm: Tri Beta is the honor society for biology on campus and is inclusion for all. This proposal is to send students to this important conference and students have been working on independent research for this semester and last. The provost is covering the travel and membership for the ASCB which is the conference. Our bio department and school will highly benefit through the networking.

Toeben: How many students will this send to the conference?

Edholm: this proposal is for four tri-beta members to go and stay in two (one) hotel rooms. Two have already paid for their registration fee.

Toeben: Was the conference open to all tri-beta members

Edholm: it was open to all, and it was promoted to all of Tri-beta. It is for anyone who has done research

Toeben: So it was promoted to all members? Or was it specifically targeted to some members?

Edholm: We presented to the board and I believe they shared the information with the members

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion on the Budget

O'Neil: Seems like a great budget, I am for it.

Young: they have support from the Provost, so I am in favor

Wicklund: I am hesitant to support this because we are unsure if all the members were aware. It's kinda weird that some majors can get funding from senate and other majors who do not have as large as a following cannot.

Toeben: I am in Tri-Beta, and I have done independent research, yet I have never heard of this conference.

VanHecke: you don't need to be a biology major to be a part of Tri Beta, so you could form a group of people who love geology but aren't necessarily geology majors.

Wicklund: I think we should discuss this further because the whole members were not notified. I don't think we should just be funding executive boards.

Edholm (as organization): I presented this proposal to the e-board of tri-beta, so it originated from me, but I have not attended the meetings to know this. The four people this budget would cover have already paid for travel and paying for abstracts.

Wicklund: I am still hearing the e-board as the only people involved and the funding you listed I thought came from the Provost

Edholm: Some of it came from the Provost, and I proposed we get additional support from the senate.

Wicklund: I feel obligated that it should have been open to all members, so I don't feel comfortable supporting this.

Co-President Ngabirano: When is the conference

Edholm: Dec. 2nd

Co-President Ngabirano: I am in support of tabling this and being transparent with the students.

O'Neil: I don't think there is a bylaw that says the event needs to be open to all members

Co-President Ngabirano: Since the conference is Dec. 2nd there is time to table this

Toeben: I'm not salty about not getting to go to this conference, but I feel that out of transparency I wanted to highlight that this opportunity was not available for all of Tri-Beta, and that needs to be taken into consideration when reviewing this budget.

Edholm (as organization): the four members had to submit abstracts by september 15th, and for that reason if members of Tri-Beta hadn't known about it then that's why maybe not all were aware. We are not asking for all expenses be paid.

Mir: No one as a part of the Tri-Beta e-board is going. It was four members of a class that decided we're going to this conference

Allen: were these students coming as individuals for the conference or was it the club or the class that signed up for this conference?

Toeben: Are you a part of Tri-Beta?

Edholm: Yes

Toeben: So you are doing this as TriBeta?

Edholm: Yes

Toeben: But you have never attended a Tri Beta meeting

Edholm: I attended my first one this month.

Toeben: So are you considered an active member of Tri Beta because you need to attend all the meetings to be considered an active member?

Edholm: Yes I am.

Vierzba: I move to suspend speaking limits for this discussion

Second: Wicklund

Vote: Passes

Wicklund: I would like to hear from more people, and I am really hesitant about this because it seems like a group of people are just trying to use this organization to get funding. There are other students going to this event that do not know they can go to Tri-Beta to get funding for this event

Schugel: I think we should table this until next Monday and have a member of the Tri-Beta E board join us

Scoded: Asghar

JoNes: I just ask if you table the motion, will it preclude the org from seeking other options for funding? Like they may want to go to the Dean of Students office, or the biology Department

Edholm: we went to those

JoNes: nevermind

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion on the motion

Allen: I support this, I do not think we should speculate what the e-board did, and should have a member come in.

Co-President Svendsen: how does the money timeline look

Keely: good, it needs to be approved by next monday in order for them to get the money in time for the conference.

Vierzba: I think it is a good idea to table, and it would be helpful if someone from the e-board could come

Wicklund: I am also interested in proof from members as well as e-board

Keeley: I like the idea of tabling this and having a more informed discussion. Bylaws do not say that something needs to be given to all members of an org.

Wicklund: I know we get talking about the bylaws and how there is nothing in the bylaws against it, but it has to do with ethics, and it is not ethical if this was not open to all members. We do not have bylaws that say what is ethical and what is not in every situation.

Vote to table the budget for a week - Passes

b. Men's Ultimate Frisbee

Keeley: they are asking for \$3,937.28 this will go towards, jerseys, 2 tournaments, lodging, and travel

Org: Each tournament will include the bit fee, gas for the vans, and lodging, the jerseys will be re used over the years.

Co-President Svendsen: Questions

Wicklund: Did they go through the spring budgeting.

Keeley: No

Wicklund: How many do you expect to send?

Org: we have 50 members and we anticipate 21 going to the tournament

Young: reasoning for not going through spring budgeting

Org: I was abroad so things were up in the air when I got back

Wicklund: you talked about low membership last. How many regularly attend this year

Org: we merge with the women's team so we have made it coed and our attendance has been great. At the involvement fair we got a lot to join

Wicklund: what was the membership like last spring when you mentioned it being a struggle to get people to show up

Org: we had like 10 people show up regularly

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion

Wicklund: I support the budget and it does not break any bylaws

Vierzba: I support the budget, and it doesn't seem that much for like 20 people going

Vote - Passes

VI. Old Business

a. Parliamentary Rule

Edholm: adopting parliamentary standing rules in a convention. An example is speaking out of order in a typical meeting. The rules can be standing rules to allow a member who is not in order to speak. It is a main motion and requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote and a discussion. The second rule is adopting an agenda, which we do every week. The cabinet approves the agenda every week, the agenda is changeable and requires a majority vote.

Co-President Ngabirano: can you explain out of order

Edholm: if there is a speaker list and someone speaks out of order

Co-President Svendsen: Old Business? - none

VII. New Business

Co-President Svendsen: New Business? - none

VIII. Announcements

Schugel: cross country did amazing and one made it to nationals.

Ngabirano: I'd like to welcome our new senator from college view

Co-President Svendsen: Women's rugby thanks you for the budget, we won both of our games and we are now 4th in the nation and we thank you soooooo much