

Student Senate Agenda
Gustavus Adolphus College
November 27, 2017

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes 11/20/17 - approved

Co-President Ngabirano - check name spelling

III. Community Comment

V. Old Business

- a. Title IX Letter to Secretary DeVos

Co-President Svendsen: 89 other schools have signed on so far, and the time line is they are sending the letter on December 1st directly to DeVos, from there they will also be sending it to different senators and offices. The other option is to discuss it in two weeks, and we would just sign the letter later and that is the letter going out to all senators and offices. I wanted to open the floor for discussion for what people think of all of that.

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion

Vierzba: I say we discuss tonight and vote tonight about signing it

Wicklund: I echo previous sentiments, we need to vote to get our name on it or not.

Co-President Svendsen: He said it was purposely kept vague to not identify with any political ideology. The point of the letter was to say that there was never a student voice considered in all of this

VanHecke: This is not a reason to vote or not, but DeVos did conduct three sessions over the summer one with the department of higher education, one with individuals who are respondents in sexual assault cases, and one with individuals who identified as complainants

Co-President Svendsen: Further Discussion

Allen: Procedure to reverse the decision made last week?

Co-President Svendsen: It needs to be rescinded by the senator who put it forward, Schugel, or by someone who voted in favor of postponing for two weeks.

VanHecke: it is a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote

Co-President Ngabirano: I think from what is said it would be helpful to hear what senators heard from their constituents

Co-President Svendsen: Further Discussion

Wicklund: If anyone who voted yes is choosing not to bring it back to the table I would like to hear why

Lang: I am choosing not to bring it back because I still do not know how my constituents feel

Schugel: I have only gotten one response so it is like the blind leading the blind

Wicklund: I didn't get an email from my hall representative, so maybe not all got emails. I think with this deadline we need to vote to sign or note. The language is weak, so I believe we should all be in favor of this

Young: I move to rescind the previous motion tabling the discussion

Second: Asghar

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion on rescinding the motion from last week

Young: given the timeline if we want to participate we need to decide tonight

O'Neil: Never hurts to discuss

Asghar: Many saw the email, but did not reply, so what if we wait but no one replies so we might as well vote

Young: We could wait and keep sending emails, and still not get a response, so I believe we should vote now and not miss this opportunity

Vierzba Ie cho previous speakers, if we do not vote today why would we vote at all

Vote: Passes

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion of the letter to DeVos

VanHecke: I think someone needs to remove this from the table and we discuss this item

Wicklund: So moved

Second: Asghar

Vote: Passes

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion of the letter to DeVos

O'Neil: You are all elected by peers so that could give you the reason to speak for them, and by this point you have all given them the opportunity to speak out about their thoughts on this letter

Allen: Did any receive an email from their constituents asking them to not sign this letter

Concepcion: None of mine did

Vierzba: None of mine voice opposition, and I feel this is just the right thing to do

J. Anderson: none of my constituents replied with opposition

Wicklund: I didn't get an email from my hall rep, so I talked with people in my hall and the ones i talked to were empathetic with this

Allen: Is anyone against signing this because of any reservations but not political party reasons

Schugel: I plan on voting no, and all keep saying there is little risk, but I feel there is little reward.

A. Anderson: I think we should sign it because they all think that students should have input and that is the purpose of the letter

Wicklund: I move to sign the letter

Second: Concepcion

Wicklund: we have discussed this thoroughly, yay democracy

Fonder: I will also be voting no I echo sentiments of Schugel

Schugel: The letter does not really say that they want student input, so it doesn't really say that, and after what JoNes said it does seem like they have student input

Lang: I echo previous speaker, it has a political stance and it expresses dissent, and the reasons are not actually expressed in the letter

Vierzba: From the consensus of the constituents that did respond about this I feel there is favor for signing this letter

Wicklund: We have heard from constituents and they have been empathetic to signing this

Schugel: I only heard from one constituent and I am also a constituent and I disagree with this letter so I am voting no

O'Neil: We are voting on this letter and if it doesn't say explicitly that they want more student input we should not take that into account

Vote: Passes

Co-President Svendsen: Hubert and I will sign the letter, Other old business - none

VI. New Business

Co-President Svendsen: New Business - none

VII. Announcements

VanHecke: Another job I'd be good at is adding capital letters to your name I could consult you

Wicklund: CinCC is this weekend you should go

Toebe: faculty reports, volunteer opportunity during CinCC

Co-President Svendsen: at 11am on saturday there is a livestream of the rugby national playoffs

O'Neil: this is hill crew giving week