

Student Senate Minutes

Gustavus Adolphus College

January 29, 2018

Co-President Svendsen calls the meeting to order at 7:01

I. Attendance

Question of the day: What was your favorite thing to do this J-Term?

II. Approval of the Minutes 12/11/17

Approved

III. Community Comment

None

IV. Budgets

None

VI. Old Business

a. Parliamentary Procedure

Edholm: This happens if a senator decides that their vote won't be heard or vote by ballot. All that can be done. It requires a majority vote not by ballot. This is fun.

Questions:

O'Neil: How do we do this?

Svendsen: My first year, I kept many little torn out paper to pass out for the ballot. You write yes or no or you abstain.

Wicklund: I like the gradient neutrals on the powerpoint

b. Board of Trustees Meeting

Ngabirano: The meeting went well. I presented the very points that I emailed you a few days ago. The only question was why most of the charges were ResLife related and I clarified what that was about.

VII. New Business

1. Wicklund: I would like to have a quick discussion about the death of the student we heard earlier today. I'm not sure about the best practices for Senate or maybe wait a little bit. I move to discuss that.

Seconded by Schugel

Discussion:

Svendsen: I'm not sure about all the circumstances about it. There are programs on campus available in times like these. Offices and programs are open like these.

Ngabirano: Last year, there was a death of a student and I don't think did anything specific. I'm in support of us as a body taking action in a particular direction but this should be beyond an e-mail.

Edholm: In my time here, there has been 5 sudden deaths. I don't remember there being any specific Senate action.

Wicklund: It's our duty to do something. I charge the Co-Presidents to ask JoNes if something can be done.

Svendsen: I think that's a good idea. Something we can set up as an exploratory charge.

Wicklund: I move to charge the Co-presidents in how to look into the specifics of this or any other time in the future.

Seconded by Young

Discussion:

Young: We should be more involved in a unique way.

Vote**Approved**

2. Larson: 1. I've had many residents asking in Uhler about compost bins. 2. Under 50% have reminders to turn the lights off and under 30% have signs to turn the water off. Laminated papers, we need more of those. I charge Health and Housing to do this.

Seconded by Fonder

Discussion:

Larson: Multiple requests for different compost bins

Wicklund: The laminated signs can be pursued better in Hall Council. I would be interested the charge being extended to all residence halls.

Concepcion: A better first step to reach out to the AC about Uhler.

Wicklund: I would like to encourage the 2nd part of the charge to be removed for now.

Larson: I would like to amend and remove the charge on reminders and the maintenance requests.

Seconded by Schugel

Discussion:

Concepcion: The charge

Larson: To all the residence halls.

Vote**Amended**

Discussion:

Larson: I think it's a good idea to have compost bins in the dorms.

Solveig: An educational piece to it

Concepcion: We have compost bins in Pittman with signs of instruction

Young: How many halls? The time for Physical Plant and Dining Services.

Wicklund: Some people use gastieware bins to compost.

Vote

Approved

VIII. Announcements

Ngabirano: We have a retreat coming up the first weekend of Spring Semester. Details will be sent soon.

VanHecke: I'm excited you had a meeting in January. Our community grieves for the loss. Take care of yourselves.

Edholm: I wanted someone to make a motion to do a vote for the ballots. I'm disappointed:)

Wicklund: Lots of people with flu...stay healthy.

***Meeting Adjourned**