

Student Senate Agenda
Gustavus Adolphus College
February 12, 2018

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes 1/29/18 - Approved

III. Community Comment - none

VI. Old Business

a. Co-President charge

Co-President Svendsen: We discussed if senate could do anything as a representative of the body if a student passes away and this is in response to Aaron Johnson a first year student passing away. In the past students have done a memorial, but we now have the memorial garden and the college holds a memorial. We had talked about including a budget for sending flowers on behalf of the entire student body.

Co-President Ngabirano: Any questions? Old Business?

VII. New Business

a. Tell Me About Your Day

Co-President Svendsen: They are bracelets and you intentionally start them with different groups on campus. It started from MIT after a student passed away, and a student realized more people were offering to have deeper conversations. This is about checking in with the community and foster deeper connections. We are working with finance to bring forward a budget for that.

Co-President Ngabirano: Any Questions? New Business?

Wicklund: I like the idea of having a budget for sending flowers. I move to discuss that.

Second: Asghar

Wicklund: We do represent the student body and it can be powerful for the parents to know that the students care.

O'Neil: would it be written in the finance guidelines or bylaws?

Co-President Svendsen: I am not sure, I think we would need to put it in our bylaws for some sort of memorial or condolences sent to friends and family in the case of a student dying. It would also not be a specific amount that we would set aside. JoNes?

VanHecke: It might not be something that you set aside money for every instance because senate may not have time to approve the sending of condolences. You may need to put it in the bylaws so you can send them the condolences after a conversation on the floor. You may be limited to flowers or a thing due to the rules with the college making charitable donations.

Wicklund: We should do it where the money not spend rolls in to the budget for the next year.

Keeley: Can we do it for spring budgeting, and make it designated for condolence costs. Like it could be a part of senate's budget

Co-President Svendsen: That would be up to next years co-presidents. We cannot make them add the budget, but we could wait until we have co-president elects sitting in.

Keeley: I don't know if we need to change the bylaws

VanHecke: 3 or 4 generations from now this budget may get lost, so keep that in mind if you don't change the bylaws. I just thought about making a donation to the college in the form of a scholarship in the name of that person who passed.

Allen: I like the idea of changing the bylaws.

Wicklund: This could be forgotten about, and it would be nice or needed in the future. I think we need to get it into our bylaws, but I agree the amount will change. Is there anyway to airmark that there will be money but not an amount. I like the scholarship idea, but I don't know if we would have enough money to make it a meaningful scholarship.

Co-President Svendsen: the scholarship idea is interesting, but then is it a one time scholarship, or is it a continuation. Then it's senate providing this every year. And then if another student passes do we then stop the previous scholarship or continue both? With airmarking the budget in the bylaws how do you set aside money for an unforeseeable instance. If we airmark it there needs to be a stipulation saying that any sort of donation for bereavement would have to be exempt from the finance guidelines including the specific bylaws it may break, and we would need to do something about how we do not know the specific amount of money. Yes we should airmark an amount, we should also put something in our bylaws, so we do not have to break bylaws and go back into the whole finance process.

Allen: I charge finance and ethics to look into what we discussed.

Second: Wicklund:

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion on the motion?

Wicklund: should we airmark a certain amount, or airmark a budget but not a specific amount.

Co-President Svendsen: It should say the use of the student's activity fee is not subject to finance guidelines because of the immediate nature of the request.

Keeley: x number of dollars aside, and that number would be flexible. I think we just need to work on wording but I see no problem.

Vote: Passes

Co-President Ngabirano: Any new Business?

VIII. Announcements

o'Neil: I sent out the applications today. Also we have an opening on ethics

Toeben: faculty reports will be coming out soon, and please sign up for spring semester tabling.

Also we had a resignation so Quinn our connections chair is no longer with us.

Co-President Ngabirano: Retreat is this saturday at 9am until 11am

Co-President Svendsen: there are a lot of positions open so please spread the word and encourage friends to apply. There will also be tabling coming up so please be generous with your time, and respond to emails.

Wicklund: flu is going around, so get sleep and water. Also cover your cough