

**Student Senate Agenda**  
**Gustavus Adolphus College**  
**February 26, 2018**

**I. Attendance**

**II. Approval of the Minutes 2/19/18**

Co-President Ngabirano: any objections?  
approved

**III. Community Comment**

none

**IV. Appointments**

a. Parliamentarian

Co-President Ngabirano: Parliamentarian Edholm resigned so we asked one of the candidates from last semester to come and be considered for the position. She will first speak then you can ask her questions.

Otero: I am a political science honors major as well as a philosophy major. I have been in model UN since high school.

Wicklund: What is your experience with parliamentary procedure?

Otero: From participating in model UN. We have to follow it for all meetings.

Wicklund: Have you looked at our constitution and bylaws and is there anything you would change or particularly like.

Otero: I have not had a chance to look at them enough to have a distinct opinion..

Ombudsperson O'neil: The parliamentarian is a part of ethics committee can you meet on Sundays? Also what is your favorite icecream flavor?

Otero: Chocolate and yes.

Co-President Ngabirano: Any further questions? Discussion?

Wicklund: I have know her for a long time. She helped to improve the model UN here at gustavus. She is very good at following through on here commitments.

Ombudsperson O'neil: I have taken many philosophy classes with her, she would be good for this position.

Co-President Ngabirano: Any more discussion?

VOTE- Passes

Co-President Ngabirano: Any more appointments?

**V. Budgets**

a. Running Club

Chair Keeley: The running club is asking for \$500 to help cover the 2 more races they have this spring semester.

RC: We have races in April and May. Many people have come back from studying abroad and are more passionate about the club.

Wicklund: How many active members do you have?

RC: 15

Wicklund: How many are going to go?

RC: Around 15 the May race is very popular

Allen: Will you want to come back for more money?

RC: No we will add a co-pay system if there is a large group of people who want to race.

Wicklund: Is there concern about the non-specified amount of runners

Co-President Ngabirano More questions? Discussion

Allen : i am in full support

Co-President Ngabirano: More questions? Discussion

VOTE- approved

b. Global China Connection

Chair Keeley: \$245 was approved last week for Global China Connection with the assumption that no by-laws were going to be broken. The restaurant did not accept payment over the phone so now we have to retroactive pay to cover the expenses of the professor who went a paid for the food.

GCC: The event was very popular. We were unaware of the issues with payment to the restaurant.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions for the org?

Allen: What would happen if we don't vote to approve breaking the by-law?

Chari Keeley: They would have to cover it themselves from their budget.

Wicklund: What are we voting on? Do we have to reopen the budget?

Parliamentarian Otera: It could be reopened to discuss. However we are already discussing the budget.

Seyoum: How would we treat this in the future.

Keeley: Looking into the accepted payments from the places people want to work with.

Allen: I am concerned about setting a precedent for orgs to receive retroactive payment based on their own inability to do adequate research.

Advisor VanHecke: We never cared in the past about retroactive payment in the sense of how it was done above.

Keeley: We assumed this would be definition

Allen: So do we vote or dismiss this issue?

Advisor VanHecke: You could affirm what retroactive mean. But you have to vote on the budget.

Chair Mir: What would we do if this went through?

Wicklund: We can go into discussion and vote if we want.

Co-President Ngabirano: Any other questions?

Lang: Since we came up here with a specific definition of retroactive we should at based on it then change the definition later if needed.

Ombudsperson O'neil: We should vote and then have a discussion.

Wicklund: We should just let them be funded.

Co-President Ngabirano: Any other discussion.

VOTE- approved

Co-President Ngabirano: Any other discussion?

Allen: I move that fiance looks into a definition to retroactive payment.

Second- Anderson

Young: This is a good idea we need to clarify.

Wicklund: They can look at precedent.

VOTE- Approved

Co-President Ngabirano: Any other discussion?

## **VI. Old Business**

### **a. By-law Discussion**

Co-President Ngabirano: Last week we discussed a by-law change about the co-presidents sending a letter to the family of the students who pass away.

O'neil- After our discussion 2 weeks ago we agreed to change the by-laws. We would add this to the list of duties of the co-presidents.

Discussion-

Wicklund: This states when a member of the gustavus community passes. Should we amend to just students.

Motion to amend to in the event of a students passing

Second Schugel

Allen: I do think community is too broad. But it should include current faculty.

Wicklund: I think it should just be students as we represent the students

Schugel: I think it should be just students.

Anderson: I think we should a faculty as students will be just as distraught with their passing.

Mir: I agree with the previous speaker

Fonder: I agree with them as well.

Wicklund: Who should we extend this definition to?

Anderson: All current faculty should be included.

Wicklund: Who do you include?

Anderson: All employees

Allen: Would you frendly to add employees?

Wicklund: Just current employees or former?

Anderson: Current employees

Wicklund: Friendlied

Lang: We should be specific about what current means.

Braun: Do we want the letter to say from student body or student senate?

Advisor VanHecke: The other note says from the president, the board and the whole gustavus community.

VOTE- passes

Oneil: We will get it how we want it then vote next week to be officially approved.

Wicklund: I move to consider this amendment next week.

Second: Young

Vote- Approved

Co-President Ngabirano- Any other old business

Wicklund: I move to reopen the discussion about banning students who have title 9 violations from serving on senate.

Second-Braun

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion?

Wicklund: Last week discussed not allowing people who have title 9 violations to serve in senate. We also talked about adding other violations to the list of banning offenses. I talked to many of my constituents any they wanted only title 9 added to the banning offences

Lang: In the constitution currently students can't run for senate who are on academic probation

Advisor Vanhecke: The issue is if someone goes on probation once they have already been elected to the senate.

Mir: We have considered a mechanism to remove people from senate who go on probation during their tenure

Allen: I motion that ethics look into specific plans to what violations would be included and the discipline.

Seconded

Wicklund: We need to hear more from all the senators about what their constituents said

Anderson: my constituents want it to just be title IX violations

Allen: should past title IX count or just current?

Young: Can we extend the rules to state that if you can't run you can't serve.

Mir: That would make sense

Young: Does title 9 not include probation?

Wicklund: I originally brought up this to discuss if it should just be title 9 or all disciplinary probation issue to bar people from senate. We could later talk about past issues.

Anderson: If they can't run while on disciplinary probation. Then they should not be able to serve on disciplinary probation.

Schugal: I agree with the previous speaker. The people I spoke with were in favor of having it be all high level offences.

Steinwand: Most people I spoke with wanted only title 9. Since probation is in the guidelines to run it could be extended.

Wicklund: Make sure to add what you're constituents wanted not just your personal opinion. We could consider removing the ban from running as it is not approved of.

Larson: The people I spoke to were in favor of just title 9. But wanted some consideration for those who made mistakes in their past and want to be helpful members of their community.

Anderson: We could add title nine to running for office and extend the academic probation bans to serving.

Chari Mir: Academic probation is pretty high up there for issues.

Vanhecke: It's a high standard not many students there.

Braun: The feeling I got from my constituents was concern about how every case is different and they only want title 9 violations.

Lang: My constituents were torn on this issue. They wanted student senate member to have a higher standard of conduct but should be allowed to run even if they had a problem in the past. I had the idea to have students release their academic probation history before running.

Chair Mir: We can't require student to release?

Advisor Vanhecke: Students are the only one who can give permission to release such records.

Allen: I think it's a violation of their privacy.

Concepcion: Could also be an issue that if only one person runs students could have someone representing them whose behavior they don't approve of.

Allen: I move that the ethics committee outline a few proposals for changes to the by-laws for us to look at.

Second-anderson

Co-President Ngabirano- discussion?

Wicklund: We should give the committees more direction. We need to hear from the rest of the senate.

Anderson: Most people are in favor of only title 9 violations

Wicklund: Can we friendly to narrow the focus to title 9 offenses.

Allen: I would be in favor of that if we heard more from the other senators.

Wicklund: Not in favor right now as it is broad a motion for the committee to handle.

Fonder: My constituents are all over the board. I personally think it's too narrow focused to just look at title 9.

Concepcion: My constituents want a focus on title 9

Pham: My constituents were mostly concerned as title 9

Seyom: My constituents are only on title 9. They would want some form of petition to run.

Vanhecke: We have a good system for those who run but not those who go on probation during their time of the senate.

Concepcion: There are title 9 violations which are not probation. I would want specific title 9 protections.

Allen: We should have ways to remove people from all probation offenses.

O'neil: This may need to be a constitutional change rather than a by-law change.

Schugel: I think there other things which should disqualify students. Some title 9 is not a big problem such as public urination.

Wicklund: I would still like to keep it to only title 9.

Ngabirano: Discussion?

Anderson: Will this have to be a constitutional change?

Advisor VanHeke: Yes

Co-President Ngabirano-discussion?

Vote on the above motion-passes

Co-President Ngabirano-Discussion? Any other old business?

## **VII. New Business**

Co-President Ngabirano- new business

Wicklund: Some of my constituents have concerns about the women's choir shoes. Men are not required to buy shoes. People can buy used shoes.

I charge student and academic affairs to look into these shoes not being required.

Second- Anderson

Concepcion- Have this been brought up to choir directors?

Wicklund: They have some concern about the choir directors not being understanding or this impacting their standing in the choir?

Ombudsperson O'neil: If they need an advocate we should advocate?

Concepcion: What they want from student and academic affairs?

Wicklund: They did not specify? In Person meetings could be the best option for advocacy.

Vote-approved

Co-President Ngabirano- Any new business?

Wicklund: I know many people who have concerns about the cost of attending college. I would like to charge finance to work with advancement and parent and alumni relations to create an emergency fund to support students who can not meet their financial needs. And to define what those emergencies would be.

No Second

Co-President Ngabirano- Any new business?

## **VIII. Announcements**

Chair Nguyen: I would like to meet with my committee

Co-President Ngabirano: Cop-presidential elections next week

Ombudsperson O'neil: I would like to see ethics

Allen: Hope everyone has a good week

Vanhecke: Building bridges is this weekend you should attend