

Student Senate Agenda
Gustavus Adolphus College
March 12, 2018

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes 2/26/18 - Approved

III. Community Comment -none

IV. Committee Update

a. Health and Housing

Chair Ha Nguyen: Compost bins in res halls has been an effort that is going on for a while, and the problem is how to collect them. Dining services has a way to do it, but it is not something that would work in the res halls. If you have a solution please let me know, I have also contacted the head of greens saying student senate is willing to support this initiative. Bracelets will be her March 20th for the Tell me about your day! Menstrual products has been tricky, I need to have meetings to get them approved for each building. Library and Campus center are approved, I am meeting with Lund tomorrow and they should be approved. Then we will email the whole student body and collect a survey at the end

Wicklund: Was the possibility of dining services collecting the compost bins when they go the get gustie ware?

Chair Ha Nguyen: Dining services only wants to collect gustie ware and facilities collects the trash. They also suggested that

compost bins don't make sense in dorms, and we should start with apartments.

Wicklund: The togo boxes are also compostable. I recommend that we are advocating to dining services that we should be able to compost what is compostable

b. Administrative Director

Toeben: Faculty reports have been sent to you, so please start planning out when you will do that.

c. Student and Academic Affairs

Chair Tram Nguyen: Women have to buy shoes for choir that hurt their feet, and under title IX seems to be not okay. The director of choir is aware and says he is actively looking for solutions. Conversations about political issues, and there is an honor code for professors that they will need to behave accordingly to when having political conversations. There will also be a course on having healthy political conversations. Physical plant is also planning to install 7 fountains this summer and asked us to make a priority list for them. Please send me suggestions. The idea about a Last term seminar and there will be a project in place on april 26th

Wicklund: is the choir program under title IX

JoNes: we do need to uphold title IX

Wicklund: Has Dr. Dean given you any time line for a solution

JoNes: we cannot sweepingly call it a title IX violation because we do not know, and it may be but we should be careful about saying it is or it isn't a violation

Wicklund: is there a timeline and what they are planning to do

Chair Tram Nguyen: No i have no timeline

Wicklund: Can we get a timeline

Chair Tram Nguyen: Yes

Young: Are they adding water fountains or water bottle filling stations

Chair Tram Nguyen: I believe just water fountains

Co-President Ngabirano : Can you tell us about April 26th

Chair Tram Nguyen: there will be alumni and Doug Mentor coming in to talk and someone about loan refinancing and taxes. Also water fountains are already in olin and Beck are there any suggestions?

Wicklund: I recommend sending an email to departments and asking if they think they would benefit from one

Young: Old man, but that is also a great idea

Chair Ha Nguyen: water bottle filling station is only on first floor in olin and beck and if we are installing water bottle filling stations I think we should check in with them

JoNes: you could go to the registrar building and ask which building has the highest number of classes taught there and then decide which building gets two before other buildings

Co-President Svendsen: Any questions? - none

V. Old Business

a. By-law Vote

O'Neil: We are voting on the bylaw we talked about last year about the co-presidents writing a letter in the event of a student

passing. We need to do a roll call vote and we need $\frac{2}{3}$ to make it pass

Co-President Svendsen: we are going to have discussion now

Co-President Ngabirano : I am in support of this, it is always useful to document something. It not as if we are predicting someone will die, but this happen in life.

Co-President Svendsen: further discussion?

Wicklund: we had a great discussion last week and I will be voting for it

Lang: the wording is clear and concise and sends a message that future co-presidents will understand

Co-President Svendsen: further discussion

Roll call vote: passes

b. By-law Discussion

O'Neil: This is about senate eligibility, so we were charged with coming back with options. As it stands right now all members must be in good academic standing and no member can be on academic or disciplinary probation. If we leave it like this disciplinary will be a sweeping bylaw that we can implement. If you want it to just be title IX we can change it to be just that.

We can also talk about if we want it to be a current violation or probation or a past one.

Co-President Svendsen: Questions?

Schugel: is article III what it is right now?

O'Neil: yes

Wicklund: you want us to look at this first and then the next part, but I think it's hard to do that. Timeline may change depending on what they were found responsible for

Young: adding the checking mechanism approach does that include the title IX offense or just disciplinary or academic probation

O'Neil: we can do whatever is appropriate, and what the student body agrees with. If we just want title IX the whole student body needs to vote and we need a $\frac{2}{3}$ of the student body.

Young: do we need $\frac{2}{3}$ of the student body or of those who vote
Co-President Svendsen: of those who vote

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion?

Co-President Svendsen: We should consider the timeline for constitutional amendments. We should also look at where that puts us for a timeframe and that puts it at the week after spring break, and from previous years the reason why the bylaws have an easier ability to change is because those are the ones that clarify.

Wicklund: Constitutional changes may seem big and scarier, but my constituents seemed all for it, and wanted to narrow it down to only title IX violations. Timeline wise I have only heard from a few, but I am in favor of narrowing to title IX

Concepcion: how long does it take for someone to receive disciplinary or academic probation if they violated title IX.

JoNes: someone can violate title IX and not get disciplinary probation.

O'Neil: as it stands the lower level title IX violations are like peeing in public and so if the violation rises to the level that would be caught the way it stands right now. But we don't have a way to check that on a rolling basis

Schugel: I am fine with leaving it at that level.

Chair Harbeck: I think it is nicely worded

Wicklund: I caution against leaving it as it is worded right now, my constituents were concerned about a public figure having violate title IX in the past.

Co-President Svendsen: if a student harms another that is disciplinary probation?

JoNes: depends on what harm is. If it is physical in nature it's suspension an explosion and disciplinary probation. It is the one's that are not touching that are lower.

Co-President Svendsen: we could put in a line about timeframe and include if you have ever been on disciplinary probation for a title IX violation you cannot serve on senate, or say you want it on a timeframe like after two years you can serve or something. We could also include that applications will be monitored by the dean of students office, and include that if you violate title IX during your time serving on senate we could do that two

Co-President Svendsen: further discussion

Wicklund: I feel like that is hard to do that as a bylaw because it conflicts with the constitution because there is no room for interpretation. So if we clarify title IX in the bylaws is that okay?

JoNes: my gut says that if you are going to move it to any title IX violation ever you need to change your constitution

Wicklund: I move to change our constitution it to just title IX violations

Second - none the motion fails

Wicklund: senators were concerned at the last meeting about people not being able to serve because of title IX violations, and I think that should be our focus

Young: I am in favor of language that adds title IX violations to our current section in article III. I move to add who has **ever** been on disciplinary probation for title IX violation, actually I move to add a sentence that says “No member who has ever been given disciplinary probation for a title IX violation may serve on Senate.”

Concepcion: I am for this

Wicklund: This addresses my concerns

Schugel: I am still in favor of any disciplinary probation being prohibited, not just title IX

Concepcion: do you want it to be that any member who has ever been on disciplinary probation may serve?

Schugel: Yes

Co-President Svendsen: What is the breadth of disciplinary probation

JoNes: if you beat up someone, sold drugs, if you had multiple serious drug/alcohol violations, if you had three violations of college policy of just normal stuff (ie: if you were in possession

of alcohol as a minor). It is very rare for gustavus students to have any violations and even more rare to have violated it twice
Co-President Svendsen: I see the concern about anyone who has ever physically harmed a student in the past, I think it is beneficial to clarify that with title IX seeing that the charge had to do with title IX. considering our goal and how title IX violations fall within this body I think that there should be something where title IX violations will not be tolerated in our constitutions or bylaws. I think that is a necessary move for this body.

Wicklund: with what we are able to release as this body we are only able to separate out title IX violations from disciplinary probation?

JoNes: this body would not be able to do this, you can write anything in the constitution that the student body will agree with you on. We don't have a category of policy violation called physical harm so there is not a way to group those all together. It would be easier if you went off of the code of conduct. Right now you are suggesting we take a specific aspect of a violation and enforce whether they can be on senate. The dean of students office looks over the applications and would not sign if they are not eligible but we do not tell anyone onf senate that a certain person is ineligible.

Wicklund: So we could include physical harm and there could be a separate body that reviews this

JoNes: you could in theory but we use other words that get at physical harm because they are more generic and cover more than just physical harm

Co-President Svendsen: How common are violations like these that include physical harm

JoNes: even more rare than title IX violations

Wicklund: I think we should keep this wording as said.

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion?

Young: I would like to friendly my own amendment to include “or suspended”

Co-President Svendsen: Further Discussion?

Roll Call Vote: Passes

Co-President Svendsen: So this needs to be sent out in at least two weeks, so you need to decide on the date of the vote and notify us before.

O’Neil: so it says to follow the election guidelines but there are two

Co-President Svendsen: I think it is just in reference the time the election is open

O’Neil: I advocate if we can align it with the class of 2019 election in order to get people to table

Co-President Svendsen: Can we do two separate votes at the same time? With our history is there any concern with this?

JoNes: I think you also need to lay out a thoughtful discussion about your reasoning and justification for why you think this is important

Wicklund: I move that we trust that the cabinet and ethics will decide a timeline.

Second: Concepcion

O'Neil: so the notification is just the email I send out right?

JoNes: I think this should be a little more well worded.

Vote: Passes

Co-President Svendsen: Any other Old Business? -none

VI. New Business

Co-President Svendsen: New Business?

Wicklund: I have heard a concern about the Arb not having access to dogs so I charge student and academic affairs with looking into this policy and seeing why it is the way it is.

Second: Tengesdal

Concepcion: Who do we contact? Is there a specific arb department?

Toeben: Yes

JoNes: the decision was made at an institutional decision, not a decision from the arb. It exists because people let there dogs have free time in the arb and there was concern that the dogs were frightening the animals making their home in the arb

Wicklund: I friendly my motion to talk to the Arb about how to accommodate dogs in the arb without disrupting wildlife

Vote: Passes

Wicklund: Graduation timeline normally is on sunday and they have to move out that sunday. This year graduation is Saturday,

and we have to move out Saturday. I charge student and academic affairs with looking into the graduation timeline

Second: none - fails

O'Neil: we had an email about low voter turnout so we will be discussing it in cabinet and if you have any suggestions let me know

VII. Announcements

Co-President Svendsen: Congrats to our co-presidents elect, and we need a new senator for 2019 and a new speaker

Schugel: there will be a survey for student senate apparel

Asghar: we need more people on ethics

O'Neil: apply for ethics, congrats Eshan

Toebe: Parliamentarian resigned

Wicklund: Africa Night is this Friday, and Wednesday DLC is supporting the national walkout for 10am on Wednesday

JoNes: There is the idea about walking up which is there is a profile of individuals who tend to be school shooters who are people that often feel disconnected to their peers. So the idea is that you reach out a hand of friendship to check in with people that may fit that profile. Lots of snaps to Liz Toebe and her peers for a great Building Bridges