

Student Senate Agenda
Gustavus Adolphus College
March 19, 2018

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes 3/12/18 - Approved

III. Community Comment - none

IV. Committee Update

a. Health and Housing

Chair Ha: The menstrual products are in the bathrooms and the wristbands are being distributed! You are supposed to take a bracelet and engage in a conversation about your day and mindfully listen

O'Neil: the email went out about the constitutional amendment so please remind your constituents to check that out

V. Appointments

a. Faculty Committee

Co-President Ngabirano: there has been a student appointed to the academic operations committee and they need to be approved by student student

Vote -APPROVED

VI. Budgets

a. Gustavus Interfaith Lodge

Keeley: finance committee recommends this event in full

Oakley: we are looking for funding to pay for this elaborate ritual dinner and we need a manual to go through it. This will be helpful for all because it is a pretty elaborate cycle. The event is open to everyone, but you do need to RSVP. Two years ago it filled alumni.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions?

Allen: how is the invitation sent out?

Oakley: there are advertisements, and professors are in the loop.

Chair Harbeck: can they take the booklets?

Oakley: last year some took them, but we did try to collect them.

Chair Harbeck: what happened to the 2016?

Oakley: we had to remake them?

Chair Harbeck: Why can't them be on paper to make them cheaper?

Oakley: it fits the aesthetic of the event because it is very elaborate

Wicklund: How many? Do you expect it to be full?

Oakley: 265 and we are expecting it to be filled. People did have to share the books

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Wicklund: this is an important event to people I am close to and they had a great time and it was very educational

Young: I am in favor of passing this budget. And I encourage all to go

Keeley: This does break a bylaw because it is funding a take away item. So please keep that in mind

Wicklund: I am not worried, we do fund things that people could just take if they wanted. I am not worried and I am in favor of this budget

Young: Is it inherently considered a take away item, if it is implied and told they are not supposed to take it, does it break a bylaw?

Allen: I view the programs a part of printing, and not inherently take away items

O'Neil: to be safe we should vote $\frac{2}{3}$ because it is technically breaking a bylaw.

Vote: Passes

VII. Old Business

a. Sexual Misconduct Resolution

Chair Mir: last fall the diversity committee was charged with drafting up a zero tolerance policy for sexual assault. After talking to many we have decided that a zero tolerance policy is not the best policy. We are now presenting this resolution that encourages a change to be made regarding the changing of suspension to expulsion for non consensual sexual intercourse. This is the one I think we can all agree on that we care about the most.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions

Wicklund: when someone is suspended or expelled are they trespassed?

JoNes: yes for both but, they are prohibited from campus for the duration of their suspension. Expulsion means there are always

prohibited from campus. During ones suspension they can come to campus if it is really needed and if a professor signs off along with the dean of students than they can visit but the complainant will be notified of where the person will be and the time.

Co-President Svendsen: do you think students want this?

Patty: it is not widely accepted. Many time victims want to decide what happens, and having only one option can take away some control from the victims. I cannot find an institution that only has the one option

Wicklund: can we make it where it's explosion unless the victim wants it to be a lesser sentence.

JoNes: it is the sanctioning bodies decision on the punishment and not the victims

Wicklund: would they take into account what the survivor says

Patty: we start at expulsion and work backwards and they will definitely take into account the victims statement.

O'Neil: is the board trained differently?

Patty: they are trauma trained and the investigation process is very different. Having one sanction can be very challenging.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions - none. Discussion

Wicklund: title IX sanctions are supposed to be educational. The thought behind this is that suspending someone does not require them to received help so they will come back not any better, so that was our thought process for supporting just explosion.

Schugel: I serve on sexual misconduct board. The cases are always more complex and I disagree with this resolution. I trust Patty's advice.

JoNes: sometimes we have added educational pieces to a suspension, and could be placed on probation for when they return to campus they need to get more education. The board can suspend and implement other sanctions as well.

Tengesdal: I oppose this, cases are very complex. And we need to have survivors interests in mind

Wicklund: can they return without having educational or can we mandate that they need an educational before they can return

Patty: it is possible that they could be allowed back on campus without an educational, but I don't believe it has ever happened.

Wicklund: I think we should send this back to diversity committee to add the educational component

Chair: Mir: I advocate for changing directions here and bringing it back to re-evaluate.

Allen: I support sending this back to diversity committee.

Co-President Svendsen: Thank you Patty for being here and answering our questions, our goal is to create something that helps survivors in this situation. We want to help survivors feel like they have a voice and are safe. So thank you for being here

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Vote - fails

Wicklund: Speaker for the Senate nominations?

Co-President Ngabirano: that would be brought up in New Business. Any more Old Business?

VIII. New Business

Wicklund: I move to open a discussion about a senate speaker

Co-President Ngabirano: we are opening a discussion to receive nominations for a senate speaker

Wicklund: I nominate Senator Young

Second: Abby Anderson

Young: I accept the nomination

Wicklund: I nominate myself

Second: none

Braun: I nominate Senator Schugel

Second: Young

Concepcion: I nominate Senator Allen

Second: Pham

Co-President Ngabirano: we will now give them an opportunity to say why they would be a great speaker

Young: this is my first year serving on senate I would like to take on more responsibilities. I have good time management skills, and I want to step up in senate

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions

Chair Harbeck: Are you busy Thursdays at 8:30

Young: no

Co-President Svendsen: Do you consider yourself approachable

Young: I think so, but it's not my opinion to have

Wicklund: why should we pick you over the nominees?

Young: I don't know

Co-President Ngabirano: Senator Allen

Allen: I have come to love advocacy and political science. I am friendly, outgoing, passionate, and approachable. I would like to take a leadership role in senate.

Co-President Ngabirano: Questions?

Lang: Free thursday at 8:30pm?

Allen: Yes

Co-President Ngabirano: Schugel

Schugel: I am not scared to voice my opinion and disagree with people. I have the most experience and am the oldest. My background is in law and I am a political science major with an interest in law

Chair Harbeck: Free Thursday at 8:30pm?

Schugel: Yes

Wicklund: why would you be good

Schugel: I have to take in a lot of opinions being the only complex representative.

Co-President Svendsen: Do you think you're approachable

Schugel: I think so, but I don't think I can say yes or no

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Wicklund: I move to vote twice and then vote between the remaining candidates.

Second: Concepcion

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Wicklund: It makes sense

Concepcion: Seems good to me

Vote - Passes

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion on the nominees

Lang: I have worked with senator Allen on finance committee, and she has proven both thoughtful and wise and I support her

CHair Mir: Senator Allen shows the more outgoingness and she just became a greeter.

Wicklund: I echo previous sentiments about senator Allen. I also want to show support for Senator Young. He listens to perspectives first then talks. Schugel makes me concerned.

Toeben: Senator Young stepped up to the task when I needed him to take minutes and that shows his dedication and leadership. He is always taking notes to look things up if he doesn't know and talking to his constituents. I think he would be great. Allen would also be really great, and Schugel would be fine.

Allen: Is incredibly approachable and she is great at expressing her feelings.

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion?

Vote - Senator Young vs. Senator Allen vs. Senator Schugel

Vote: Senator Young and Senator Allen

Co-President Ngabirano: discussion

Wicklund: I support Young I like his listen approach

Keeley: They both are really great

O'Neil: I am glad I do not need to vote because they both are great

Vote: Senator Young Wins and is our new Speaker

Co-President Ngabirano: Discussion

Wicklund: They are concerned about the music volume in lund.
I charge Health and housing with taking to lund to make sure the
volume is at a safe level.

Second: none

Wicklund: there are not paper towels in the lund locker rooms
and we know that dryers spread bacteria. I move to charge
Health and housing committee to get paper towels in Lund.

Allen: there are paper towel dispenser outside the locker rooms,
so does it seem redundant

Wicklund: I am aware, and I do not find it redundant

Second: Young

Wicklund: I would really like paper towels, because people may
forgo washing their hands

O'Neil: There are paper towels upstairs

Allen: when are lund renovations taking place?

JoNes: after a donor donates

Young: I like this motion

Vote: Passes

Anderson: I had a student ask about greek life and the title IX
investigation

Chair Mir: the greek orgs were found responsible not the
individuals

JoNes: that is a great thing to understand. A greek org could not
apply to senate but all greek members can

Wicklund: Where are we on our parliamentary search.

Co-President Ngabirano: We are sending an email, so please encourage people to apply

IX. Announcements

Schugel: I sent everyone an email about the senate apparel

Concepcion: there is an orchestra concert

O'Neil: sign up to table to Monday

Wicklund: we pay for apparel individually?

Co-President Svendsen: Please explain the bracelets and encourage all the pass them on and be mindful

Chair Mir: diversity committee please see me