

Student Senate Agenda
Gustavus Adolphus College
March 26, 2018

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes 3/19/18

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III. Budgets

a. FCA

Chair Keeley: FCA is requesting \$1100 to host a concert this spring. The finance committee approves of this budget in full.

FCA: This will be a year end celebration of all the ministry which has happened this year between the seven christian groups on campus.

Co-President Svendsen: Questions for the org?

Young: Who will be performing at this concert?

FCA: Luke Spehar

Wicklund: How many do you expect? Is the whole campus invited?

FCA: 80-100 people and all on campus are invited.

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion of the budget.

Allen: I am in support this would be a great experience of all on campus.

Wicklund: I agree with the previous speaker

Schugel: I concur

Vote: Approved

b. Gustavus Thrift Shop

Chair Keeley: The Gustavus Thrift Shop was a new org last spring and did not have a chance to go through the spring budgeting process. They are requesting \$246.68 which the finance committee approves of.

GTS: Asking from money for 3 events this spring. In the beginning of april we will hold a pop up thrift shop. We will participate in an event in the arb at the end of the year. We don't have adequate space on campus so are asking for money to have a rental storage space for the summer.

Co-President Svendsen: Questions for the org?

Wicklund: Why did you request the \$40 for the print shop.

GTS: We were guessing at what we would need.

Wicklund:How many events per year?

GTS: We will do around 2 or 3 per year.

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion of the budget.

Schugel: I think this is a great idea to reduce waste at the end of the year.

Wicklund: I have found 2 great bookshelves at the end of the year, this is a great idea.

Seyoum: I think this is one of the best groups on campus.

Wicklund: How long do you plan to hold on to the items.

GTS: We will give any excess donations to mankato or St. Peter thrift shops.

Vote-Approved

IV. Community Comment

a. Tobacco Free Initiative

TFI: We are working with a \$15,000 grant from the American Cancer Society. According to a study of GAC students 68% of students have experienced second-hand smoke. The 2007 freedom to breathe act of minnesota made those who experience second-hand smoke a protected class. Our main goals are to make people aware of where they can smoke on campus not tell people they can't smoke.

Co-President Svendsen: Questions?

Wicklund: Where would people be able to smoke on campus if your not going to tell people not to smoke.

TFI: We would have not designated smoking area on campus currently. We have found that if we set on place it is common for protesters to gather and shame those who smoke. It would also cost money to create a specific shelter outside.

Wicklund: Would this be a ban then?

TFI: As we have written the language now, it would function as a ban.

Allen: What are you using the grant money for.

TFI: We are mostly focused on awareness right now.

Ombudsperson O'neil: If we take this photo how would it be used.

TFI: It would go on our Facebook and Instagram

Chair Mir: What other groups have you worked with.

TFI: Athletic teams, professors, health services, and the PA's.

Co-President Svendsen: The purpose of TFI coming in today was to ask us to take a photo for them. We wanted to open the floor for discussion because we represent the student body not only ourselves.

Co-President Svendsen: I open the floor to discussion?

Wicklund: If we are going to do this we should ask our constituents what they think of this issue.

Young: I move to table this discussion

Second- conception

Young: I think it is important to get the input from our constituents as they may not agree with this proposal.

Wicklund: We should also gage how strongly people feel about this issue.

Schugel: We had two new senators elected they should be able to weigh in on this issue. We should table the issue until they can join the conversation.

Allen: We should table so we can see the clearer wording on the ban.

Vote- Approved

V. Committee Update

a. Student and Academic Affairs

Chair: According to the head of the arb it may be difficult to change the policy on dogs in the arb. Dogs have a significant impact on the environment.

Wicklund: How does the dog free campus interact with ESA.

Advisor VanHecke: Dogs are not allowed in campus buildings aside from the president's home and area coordinator rooms.

With the exception of approved ESA.

Co-President Svendsen: Any other updates?

VI. Old Business

Co-President Svendsen: Any old business?

VII. New Business

Wicklund: When we table for elections does that count to the minimum tabling hours.

O'neil: Would only count if taking place during 5-7

Wicklund: I think we should include those hours.

Young: I don't think we should include those hours as our constituents may not be aware we are tabling. People should just step up and help with voting tabling.

Co-President Svendsen: I understand the merit of this having spent time as the ombudsperson.

Schugel: I agree with the previous speakers. It's not that hard. People should step up

Co-President Ngabirano: We should not change things.

Wicklund: We could also take suggestions that would not be difficult. I think they should count.

Motion to change the bylaws to reflect that.

No Second

Wicklund: We learned the chinese program is being cut. Would like to discuss the program and what we could do to help them.

Discussion

Wicklund: We should make it known that we want more student input. Students want higher level learning. China is becoming a major global power.

Concepcion: What kind of advocacy?

Wicklund: They are led by a first year who is unsure at the moment. DLC working on a statement

Allen: Why are they cutting?

Wicklund: Low enrollment, but there is not higher levels for classes.

Chair Mir: Diversity is working to help with this issue. I think it would be helpful to wait for the student to come for community comment.

Wicklund: Please keep this on your radar as it will be coming up later.

Co-President Svendsen: Further discussion?

VIII. Announcements

Chair Keeley: Can I meet with finance after the meeting.

Ombudsperson O'neil: Thanks to those who tabled

Advisor Vanhecke: Please be careful while you travel

Svendsen: We will have some new senators coming in. We have many tabled issues so we will want to get them up to date. At the first meeting in april we will be appointing the new ombudsperson.