

**Student Senate Agenda**  
**Gustavus Adolphus College**  
**April 9, 2018**

**I. Attendance**

**II. Approval of the Minutes from 3/25/2018 - approved**

**III. Community Comment - none**

**IV. Budgets**

a. Proclaim

Keeley: I will turn it over to Ryan

Proclaim: Our music stands were stolen so we are asking for money to buy more music stands and a keyboard to play music

Speaker Young: Is there a lock to secure the equipment?

Proclaim: it is locked, and we did file a report with campus safety.

Co-President Ngabirano : Discussion of the budget

Ombudsperson O'Neil: sounds good to me

Allen: I agree with a previous speaker

Co-President Ngabirano : Vote- passes

b. International cultures club

Keeley: ICC they have a spring event and are asking for 310 dollars, we recommend in full

ICC: we are about bringing cultures together and in the spring we are doing the festival of colors which is a celebration and you throw colored powder at each other. We are also going to

have a water fight at the end. We are asking for funding for India Palace, and that is a big part of the event and budget.

Co-President Ngabirano : Questions?

Asghar: where will it be hosted?

ICC: in the field behind Olin and Beck

Ombudsperson O'Neil: the event is Friday April 27th?

ICC: sign up is next monday and you can sign up at the info desk

Co-President Ngabirano : Discussion

Asghar: I think we should approve this and it is relevant in Hinduism as well. It will also be fun to watch

Schugel: we should fund it, the event sounds great

Co-President Ngabirano : Vote -passes

c. Gustavus climate justice

Keeley: GCJ requested 168.61 and we recommended 146.11 due to printing.

GCJ: we are a newly recognized org and we are hosting a trivia wheel with prizes and stickers and wristbands and pencils. We are doing a write to your representatives event as well. Our budget is mainly for the prizes. We are unsure of how many letters we will receive so we were unsure of how much to request with finance.

Co-President Svendsen: What did we decide for take away items?

Keeley: we took that as take away items for members within the orgs and these are for the event and the people that come to the event

Allen: it sounds like a great event

Co-President Ngabirano : Vote - passes

d. Gustie buddies

Keeley: Gustie Buddies have a speaker coming in

Gustie Buddies: we pair two students with a student that has a disability in the community and the event will be open to the gustavus community and the saint peter community

Co-President Ngabirano : Questions

Concepcion: How many do you expect?

Gustie Buddies: like 50 but we are unsure

Co-President Ngabirano : Discussion

Speaker Young: I am in favor of this event and I think we should approve this, she is even from my old neighborhood

Ombudsperson O'Neil: I have her poster at home, so I think would be great

Co-President Ngabirano : Vote - passes

## **V. Committee Updates**

### a. Student and Academic Affairs

Chair Tram Nguyen: Two water fountains in fine arts, one in education and nursing, one in old main, one in convic, and one in anderson (maybe). I would like feedback

Co-President Ngabirano : Questions

Allen: Anderson has quite a few

Co-President Svendsen: Are they planning to put the water fountain in by kresky or by anderson theatre because I know they are old, and we have received many concerns there

Speaker Young: are these water fountains or water bottle filling stations

Chair Tram Nguyen: Both

Speaker Young: Olin only has a water bottle filling station on the first floor

Co-President Ngabirano : Questions?

Chair Tram Nguyen: Two water fountains in fine arts, one in education and nursing, one in old main, one in convic, and one in olin sounds good - yes

## **V. Nominations**

### **a. Ombudsperson '18-'19**

Schugel: I would like to nominate Evelyn Dorrin

Co-President Ngabirano : Do you accept or decline?

Evelyn: I accept

Allen: I would like to nominate Ombudsperson O'Neil

Co-President Ngabirano : Do you accept or decline?

Ombudsperson O'Neil: I decline

Co-President Ngabirano : We will proceed with our nominations

Evelyn: I would like to be involved in creating policies that benefit our community

Co-President Svendsen: when faced with an ethical dilemma what do you do?

Evelyn: I think of how to serve the whole community while taking into account how to be moral.

Co-President Svendsen: precedent is a big issue here. How would you deal with this

Evelyn: As a first year i would need to do some research into precedents and draw on my peers experience to see what the precedents are

Co-President Svendsen: do you see problems as black and white or gray

Evelyn: It's tough. It's easy to see things as black or white but then that can become a crutch and then we need to make sure that we realize when the gray is necessary

Co-President Svendsen: what are your current commitments

Evelyn: Catalyst leadership team and the wind orchestra, and the chaplains office, and a writing center tutor

Co-President Svendsen: have you read the constitution

Evelyn: No but I will

Speaker Young: do you have any experience

Evelyn: i was on student council and I also had to think ethically in a position as a captain of my speech team and editor of my school newspaper.

Co-President Ngabirano : what is your availability on Thursday?

Evelyn: I am free after 6:45pm

Lang: how do you plan to balance your school work, activities and senate?

Evelyn: I do not see senate being an issue

Co-President Ngabirano : Discussion

Concepcion: She would be great and she is very dedicated

Hill: She would be good to fill that spot, she knows many people on campus

Schugel: She is in this for the right reasons and would be great addition

Co-President Svendsen: She handled all the questions very well, and with grace and poise. She seemed organized in her thought process and her answers were great. I think she would be wonderful

Allen: I have class with her and her responses are very unbiased. Her questions show that she is trying to figure out every perspective and I think she would be great

Co-President Ngabirano : I met Eve before her senior year of high school and I agree with every comment made.

Vote -passes

## **VI. Old Business**

Co-President Ngabirano : Old Business?

Co-President Svendsen: we have a vote coming up for the amendment to our constitution and for tabling regarding that. We will also be discussing the tobacco free initiative for next monday so please talk with your constituents

## **VII. New Business**

Co-President Ngabirano : New Business?

## **VIII. Announcements**

Co-President Ngabirano: welcome to our new senators

Toebe: Building bridges will be having an event May 17th in alumni hall at 7pm about Asian Americans and mental health

VanHecke: I would like to recognize the unsung heroes which are your finance directors, and they do so much behind the scenes stuff. Also the most important position is the college president the number 2 position is the Provost. They are also in charge of the faculty which are in charge of the academic program which should be very important to the students. This afternoon at 2:30pm no students showed up and I get the way that it was advertised was the Friday of spring break, and I know that many may not have known about the opportunity. My announcement is to beg to think about three ways you can tell your peers about the fact that we are interviewing candidates at 2:30 in alumni hall this week.

Co-President Svendsen: Welcome to our new senators and our new ombudsperson. The Swenson Bunn Memorial Award is one of the only awards where all nominations are done by students and the award is given to a professor

Co-President Ngabirano Applications are out for the new cabinet and they are due on Monday

Ombudsperson O'Neil: We are voting next Monday so keep a look out for the email

