

**Student Senate Agenda**  
**Gustavus Adolphus College**  
**April 16, 2018**

**I. Attendance**

**II. Approval of the Minutes from 4/9/2018 - approved**

**III. Community Comment - none**

**IV. Appointment**

a. Parliamentarian

Co-President Svendsen: We as co-presidents put forth our new nomination for the rest of the year it is Carter Gunnigle and he has served previously on Senate, and he has served as a Parliamentarian before

Gunnigle: I am versed in Roberts Rules and I have served on ethics committee. I have enjoyed working on ethics before

Wicklund: why now?

Gunnigle: Senate has been reaching out for a parliamentarian and I am free monday nights so I am here

Co-President Svendsen: Questions? None - Discussion

Concepcion: I am in favor of him

O'Neil: he is an aluminst from the ethics committee and that is great

Wicklund: he has served in this role before and done a great job

I support him

Vote - Passes

## **V. Budgets**

### a. LineUs

Keeley: They are asking for money for an improv workshop, the hostel they will stay at, and the tickets to a show. The finance recommends \$1,100 because it would break a bylaw to fund it in full because our limit for funding one event is \$1,100 and they asked for a little over \$1,500.

Co-President Svendsen: Is the rep from the org coming because if so we could table this.

Schugel: I move to table this until after committee updates

Vote to table the budget: so tabled

Keeley: \$1,582.86 is what they requested

LineUs: we just welcomed in new folks and to accommodate them we are taking a trip to Chicago, and we put on free shows once a month, and we rarely ask for funds from Senate

Co-President Svendsen: Questions?

Concepcion: how would you get the rest if only given \$1,100, and how many are going

LineUs: we would have to ask our members to fund the rest, right now it is 9 people

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion?

Keeley: we had no issue funding them in full but it is the bylaw to not fund them

Wicklund: I move to fund this budget in full and LineUs only takes this trip biannually. They benefit the campus and the group gets a lot out of this.

Second - Fonder

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion on Amendment

Concepcion: I echo a previous speaker they are a great group

Allen: second cities is an amazing toupe and it would be great education for LineUs

Vote - Passes

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion of Amended budget

Wicklund: It's great. I yield

Allen: I echo previous speakers

Vote - Passes

Wicklund: Contingency update?

Keeley: \$53,844.69

## **VI. Committee Update**

### **a. Diversity committee**

Chair Mir: Two events coming up in May and the first is a Title IX panel dedicated to educating the community on what title IX is. The panel will consist of two students and 3 admin, they will all share their experience with title IX and what they do. Sunday May 13th from 2-4pm there will be a critical dialogue symposium about issues at gustavus. Students faculty and admin will split into small groups and each person will share their

perspective. It is supposed to help all understand the perspectives of others

Co-President Svendsen: Questions? None

Chair Tram Nguyen: Life after the Hill is an event for seniors who are about to graduate, and we are working with career development. There will be guest speakers coming in to talk about different topics like student loan repayments, salaries, and others. There will be a taco bar so spread the word. Thursday April 26th from 5-7pm in banquet rooms.

Co-President Svendsen: wil there be an email that goes out to the senior class?

Chair Tram Nguyen: there was a flyer that went out and I will send out an email! Please RSVP on handshake

Wicklund: this sounds like a great event thank you

## **VI. Old Business**

### **a. Board of Trustees**

Co-President Ngabirano: We usually bring in the general climate of the campus and any concerns the students have. Is there anything you want us to bring up? The meeting is friday.

Allen: the language department is suffering and is not very competitive with other schools. It does not build proficiency in a language. Think about adding funding theri

O'Neil: we got an email about safety checks for buildings, which makes me wonder about if there is a budget for capital improvement

Adviser VanHecke: its for the Strategic Action Plan in order to figure out what improvements need to happen and in what order. It is a ways down

O'Neil: I would also like to hear where we are at for enrollment for next year, or what their goals are

Co-President Svendsen: I believe we are up?

Adviser VanHecke: as of last week we are up from the same time from last year. As a senate you could invite Kirk or Rich to bring you updated info about that

Wicklund: Modern Languages department was mentioned and I think it would also be helpful to inform them that the chinese clas cuts was not taken well and student input should be taken in more

Bakken: English department has been brought to my attention by a constituent that it was in free fall

O'Neil: can you tell us what the Board of Trustees does?

Adviser VanHecke: they want to hear from you about the things that are going well or are not going well and needs attention.

They look at this time as information gathering from the co-presidents. What are things that we are working on this spring, always happy to hear good things and critical things.

O'Neil: we have spent a lot of time to create changes to title IX and we will have tangible changes soon. Some are concerned with off campus housing

Co-President Svendsen: we are including the menstrual products, the TMAYD initiative, the constitutional amendment,

getting more counselors and if so we encourage them to look for more diversity - concerns regarding the fact that there is no counselor who is a person of color.

Toeben: highlight the receptiveness of the title IX network here and their willingness to work with us, also snaps for us getting an international admissions counselor this year to fill the opening

Harbeck: it is more expensive to live here on campus than it is to live in an apartment in uptown

Wicklund: counselors skilled in multicultural areas. Attempts to recruit more in terms of expanding the d-center

Allen: Explore getting a credit card system for our meal plans because I know many are upset with the system

Co-President Ngabirano: we will share all that you have shared with us

#### b. Swenson Bunn

Co-President Ngabirano: you received an email Friday, and we are encouraging students to nominate a professor. The committee that chooses consists of the class reps and myself to choose who gets the nomination. Co-President Svendsen will be removing pronouns so that the nomination is chosen without bias.

Co-President Svendsen: Questions?

Wicklund: I move to remove the photo thing from the table

Co-President Svendsen: it was tabled because our body was deciding whether or not we would take a photo with the tobacco free initiative sign. We will open the floor for Discussion

Gunnigle: I don't feel comfortable having senate take this photo and marginalize this already marginalized group on campus.

Concepcion: my constituents were split on it

Wicklund: mine were also split and of those that were okay with taking the picture did not feel very strongly one way or the other. I have not seen a cigarette in like 3-4 weeks and her statistic was that 80% of people experience second hand smoke daily. Tobacco is addictive so by banning it on campus you are not going to just get rid of it.

Young: 80% have experienced second hand smoke not daily just in general.

Arshad: many take smoke breaks and they will be forced to go off campus then.

Co-President Svendsen: Germane

Gunnigle: Are you talking about how that would marginalize an already marginalized group

Co-President Svendsen: I withdraw

Harbeck: they have already decided that smoking will be banned on campus

Concepcion: do you know when this is taking effect

Adviser VanHecke: I do not believe that it is a done deal so I am unsure

Tengesdal: I echo the opinion of many other senators. If you see all these people taking a picture and they are representing you it can be very alienating for a smoker.

Vote - Fails

## **VII. New Business**

Co-President Svendsen: New New Business? - none

## **VIII. Announcements**

Allen: the econ department has a speaker on Thursday

Co-President Svendsen: please nominate professors for the Swenson Bunn award. It is students choosing a professor that has affected them and it is very meaningful for Professors.

O'Neil: Econ department is also holding a panel tomorrow from 7-8pm in the heritage room

Gunnigle: Next week is D-Week and in the Dive from 4-6pm on Thursday there will be an event called poetry around the world!

Co-President Ngabirano: I will be performing at 4:45 in french.

Wicklund: Next week is D-Week and there are tons of events and then D-ball is Saturday.

Adviser VanHecke: 2 or 3 spots left with breakfast with the Board so shoot me an email.