

Student Senate Agenda

Gustavus Adolphus College

April 30, 2018

I. Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes from 4/23/2018 - approved

III. Community Comment - none

IV. Committee Update

a. Diversity

Mir: for title IX educational next thursday we wanted senators to ask constituents for any questions they have. I have created a google form if you could submit them there

Co-President Ngabirano : Where and when is this

Mir Thursday May 10th 7:30-8:30pm in Alumni

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

a. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

Rosenthal: I am a special assistant to the President for diversity equity and inclusion. I a a liaison between the president and various other orgs on campus. One question was brought up about what happened in charlottesville we drafted a statement of principles that summarizes where the college is coming from in regards to an inclusive community. Once we agree on those principles than we can look at those to help us proceed. It has gone to the board of trustees for a discussion and it will be going

to the faculty senate for endorsement soon. We are bringing it here to you for the endorsement from Student Senate.

Co-President Svendsen: Questions?

Allen: if we endorse this would we get a say in the policies that may be constructed out of these principles

Rosenthal: Yes, we want a framework that helps us figure out how to respond.

Co-President Svendsen: what is the reasoning behind the line regarding the community members right to express themselves.

Rosenthal: we know community members have a right to express themselves, but we know there is a way they can do that in a constructive way.

Co-President Svendsen: If we do endorse this will it change before it goes to any other meetings for endorsement?

Rosenthal: No substantial changes would be made without us bringing it back to the floor here.

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion

O'Neil: will this change how we deal with issues of free speech or does it just address how the college feels about free speech.

Rosenthal: We wanted to say that as a college we would work form here, but I don't think it would change our response. I think it would come into play when people want to bring a controversial speaker to Gustavus. The policy statement of students being allowed to bring whoever they want would stay it would just add a conversation so we all understand where we are coming from

Wicklund: I think this is a great idea given our current times. I move to endorse this.

Second: Bakken

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion on Motion to Endorse

Concepcion: I am in favor of this. We have heard that students have felt uninvolved here on campus and I think this promotes inclusion

Vote: So endorsed

b. Spring Finance process

Keeley: We have been meeting and receiving budgets from ~60 budgets. We will be sending you all the budgets to review.

There are different bylaws and rules we put on block budgets and we have a meeting where the orgs will come in and discuss their budget. I encourage you all to look through the budgets and bring up any concerns Monday. The omnibus allows us to group budgets together and we can pass them all or we pass none of them.

Arshad: If you have a concern you can pull a budget and request to discuss it further.

Co-President Svendsen: when should they be pulled by?

Keeley: 7pm next Monday

Co-President Svendsen: if you feel a budget needs to be pulled you need to let Keeley know so we can still pass the omnibus and then review the other budgets separately. If a budget gets pulled we will be reviewing them for the month of May and we can discuss the concerns regarding the budget

Adviser VanHecke: there was a year when a senator pulled almost every budget because they thought the printing allocation was too low, and I just caution against pulling for those reasons. You have set amounts for how much money people can use to send people places or for printing because you have those set for a reasons and it is one place we go down a rabbit hole. Have a reason that is bigger than they were given the minimum amount. The orgs also have a an opportunity to have senate discuss their budget so if they don't want to pull it please also think about that.

Co-President Svendsen: we have a breakdown of the amounts that we use - Keeley

Keeley: Senate gets 15% Block budgets get 45% and orgs get 40%. We will be finalizing those amounts this week. We have ~ \$256,000 and if we allocate all we will be leaving ~ \$50,000 contingency

Co-President Svendsen: When talking about budgets please take into account precedence, but also make sure that you are giving them your full attention

Adviser VanHecke: All of these are based on estimates of what enrollment will be next year and we are off on guessing what enrollment is than we will create a problem. So please don't get too excited about over allocating on the front end.

c. Dinner at JoNes's

Co-President Ngabirano : Food, we are thinking of having a social at JoNes' house for the end of the year. May 20th at 5pm

we want to open the logistics for food. We can do hot dogs, drinks, chips, and have that come from the caf. But some of us do not have caf accounts and we want to know how we should go about that?

Co-President Svendsen: Discussion about funding food for JoNes'

Allen: what do you want?

Co-President Svendsen: We can order food from the caf and have everyone chip in a little using their caf account

Co-President Ngabirano : We can't use senate money to fund our food because of bylaws

Allen: I am in favor of that

Wicklund: How does the chipping in work?

Co-President Ngabirano : We tell the caf how many are coming and they estimate and do the charging

Wicklund: Is it an opt out event?

Co-President Ngabirano : Yes

Co-President Svendsen: Further Discussion?

Co-President Ngabirano : we are in agreement so we will move forward with that.

Toebe: Is there a vegetarian option

Co-President Ngabirano : Yes, I will send out a spreadsheet so please fill it out as soon as possible

VII. Announcements

Harbeck: If you want to order apparel please fill out the spreadsheet!

Toebe: Events this week. Mayday is this Wednesday the 2nd, and the documentary Praying the Devil Back to Hell is being shown Tuesday at 7pm in the Dive and Wednesday at 1:15pm in Alumni. There are also discussions starting at 2:30 in Alumni you all can attend. Thursday May 3rd. Building Bridges is having a student storytelling event in the Multifaith center at 7pm. Monday May 7th at 4pm there are the Peace Talks where I will be presenting on the Gustavus Peace Culture regarding international students. There will be a German Culture event on Monday May 7th at 5:30pm I believe it will be in the Confer 230 (Humanities Resource Room) but it is not solidified yet. There is also an ASL event Tuesday the 8th at 7pm in the Courtyard!