

10/8/18 Minutes

1. Attendance
2. Community comment
 - a. none
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. Senator young - asks to include specific numbers about budgeting
4. Committee updates
 - a. Health and housing
 - i. Complex bug issue - facilities cant do anything about it, humid weather and bugs are small enough, but it is getting colder so they should go way soon, could get candle but can not get that because of res life, also could get a bug shift, could also spray windows but would have to spray at night, they will talk to pest control, if there is a huge problem contact them directly - amy brown or larry tit, talking to res life, meeting tomorrow and thursday
 - b. Diversity
 - i. Diversity Chair Habib - Letters of goodness - this summer hate mail was sent to residents of st. peter and no one knows who sent them, it has not been addressed at GAC, want to form a letter to send to community, may table, sign a petition, or pillar of love - writing notes of love, looking for senator support and help promoting event
5. Old business
 - a. None
6. New business
 - a. Senator ruiz - water filter topic, water coolers would be cheaper and more efficient
 - b. Co-resident Ali Asghar - who would refill coolers?
 - c. Senator ruiz - janitors, let's look into it
 - d. Ombudsperson Doran - issue with water coolers they require refills from company, not every day, would it be sustainable? Throwing away huge buckets, and looking into contracting someone to come change them
 - e. Senator Smerillo - a cf wanted to work with the director of res life about getting connected to resources to make this water fountain plan move forward
 - f. Senator menke - went to hall council meeting, can bring concerns to anthony bettendorf
 - g. Co-resident Ali Asghar water bottle stations need pipes and so there would have to be a big change, they did them in pittman because they were already redoing the bathrooms, it would be hard/expensive to do it in coed
 - h. Advisor vanhecke - no one at college is opposed to idea of water filling stations, we just can't do it right away and everywhere, where is our biggest priority? Senate could take leadership they should prioritize

- i. Senator ruiz - ongoing plan, want to get some work done this year for freshman this year, maybe water cooler is a short term solution
 - j. Senator williamson - needs to be resolved, a recurring problem, will become a serious factor in people wanting or not wanting to come to gustavus, the dorms are outdated, water bottle stations and a small thing that we need to work on
 - k. Public relation chair allen - is this a problem of water bottle filling stations in or just dorms being outdated? Senate could talk to res life about dorms being outdated more than just water bottles
 - l. Senator smerillo - works in admissions office as tour guide, we show pittman because it is more up to date, only the first floor received renovations, not whole building stuff, college looks to appeal to incoming students but should pursue the whole story
 - m. Co-resident Lamberty - discussion is great and our chairs are hearing the discussion and can talk to their committees about these things
 - n. Co-resident Ali Asghar - discussion is great but you should make a charge if you want something to happen
7. Announcements
- a. Co-resident Ali Asghar only tech director and finance committee can have laptops open
 - b. Ombudsperson Doran - where is that in the bylaws?
 - c. Co-resident Ali Asghar - it is not but it is a personal preference
 - d. Administrative director Rinke - please fill out the google doc when you are going to table for your office hours