

## Minutes 11/26/18

- Attendance
- Approval of the minutes
- Community comment
- President Bergman
  - Explains that she comes to one senate meeting each semester or year, would love to have dialog and answer any questions we have
  - Updates on nobel
  - Updates on lund
  - Updates on career center
  - Questions?
    - Public relation chair allen - how are departments working to expand courses offered?
      - Depends on specific departments, could talk to the chair, varies year to year because of sabbatical, student feedback is needed
    - Senator Leininger - this spring where are classes usually held in nobel being held?
      - Same as usual, in the current nobel
    - Senator Williamson - what are plans to increase enrollment?
      - Reputation, new buildings, success breeds success, hopeful for a large incoming class based on scholarship day, great scholarships donated, always unpredictable though
    - Senator Conroy - do you know any plans to expand campus parking?
      - "I'm not the president of parking"
      - Ramps are too expensive, trying to keep green spaces, we will see how things go with nobel, keep asking
    - Ombudsperson Doran - did not have rooms for students when supposed to assign rooms, how can we change that?
      - Estimate first year class, then give seniors choice, squeeze sophomores, rooms are available it just takes a bit of time, students many time do not read the full emails
    - Technology chair o'neil - what are some of the short term goals for the rest of this year?
      - Upgrade common spaces in residence halls, fundraising for the bubble
    - Parliamentarian barnes - long term plans to bring back mandarin program?
      - Interest would drive that, it was low enrollment and that helped make the decision, can partner with mankato for language requirements
    - Senator Hannan - possible to have a student talk to sophomores during room draw to ease stress?

- Public relations chair allen - gluten and dairy and grain free, cannot find options in caf, we need more options
  - Senator CarlsonSather - vegetarian, veggie section is very limited, need more protein, veggie section is completely gone on weekends
  - Health and housing chair bhatka - caf workers compensated more, why did that stop? Need a better incentive to work there
    - Did not know we did that
  - Senator smerillo - work in admissions office, told to promote caf a lot, great stats but should still push for improvements, increase rotations
  - Senator williamson - can we increase hours of some stations in caf?
  - Senator hannan - can we keep salad bar open later
  - Senator sullivan - should restructure meal plans, we use a lot of waste at the end of each month
  - Public relations chair allen - could we create a donation plan instead of wasting money on food you dont need, can we put up stickers indicating what is in food
  - Senator Leininger - SAAC worked on keeping health food options open later and got it, then it stopped this year
  - Senator O'Neil - inconsistency in how you get charged
  - Senator smerillo - you can move up in meal plans but you can't move down, we could change this
    - Diversity chair habib - you can move down next semester
  - Senator cook - on lowest plan and still have tons of money over each month, why dont we get it back?
    - Food service is based on accounts
  - President Bergman - explains bracelets, focus groups, plastics in caf
- Old business
  - TPUSA
    - Finance chair petros - explains TPUSA budget
      - President john - lots of speakers
    - Questions
      - Public Relation Chair - why didn't you come last week?
        - We thought it was at 8
      - Senator Hannan - how will this contribute to the Gustavus community?
        - Many speakers, eye opening, his book changed my life, will learn so much information, more educated and help lead chapter better
      - Co-president lamberty - did you open to other members?
        - Yes
      - Ombudsperson Doran - can you organize an event sharing your information?
        - Yes, next semester

- Diversity chair Habib - are you contributing yourself, did you seek funding elsewhere?
      - We wanted to go, knew other orgs would use this in a similar way and so asked senate
    - Senator Smerillo - in the past have there been groups like this with so few people to go? Are intentions similar?
      - Yes, everyone has different intentions
    - Senator Carlson Sather - networking opportunity, personal gain? Do we fund other orgs?
      - Offer internships, learning from others, depends who asks for money
    - Senator Smerillo - could we amend proposal? So include an event that will happen after?
      - Yes but later
  - Discussion
    - Ombudsperson Doran - explains bills, no reason to withhold funding
    - Senator Hannan - support budget
    - Speaker Schugel - not out of the ordinary, supports budget
    - Senator Smerillo - supports budget
  - Vote
    - Budget passed
- New business
  - Senator Boyden - explains lack of program to support people who smoke, charges health and housing to talk to health services to clarify what resources are available for those who use tobacco
    - Second to Senator King
  - Discussion
    - Senator Williamson - what are you asking health services to do?
      - Provide program
    - Senator Leininger - they do offer programs
    - Senator Smerillo - better advertise and involve PA's, orientation included
    - PR Chair Allen - just vote this right now to advertise programs
    - Ombudsperson Doran - sponsoring with health services, Q and A???
    - Senator Sullivan - tabling is what they were doing
    - Senator Williamson - people talk about why they don't like it but don't look for resources
  - Vote
    - Division
    - Not charged
- Announcements