

15 February 2021 Student Senate Meeting
Meeting Called to Order at 7:05PM
Quorum is met

Approval of the Minutes

- I. Minutes are approved.

Community Comment

- I. Monali Bhakta from the Minnesota Private College Council
 - A. Virtual legislative advocacy training
 1. Minnesota State Grant is a program which provides funds for low- and middle-income Minnesota residents to pursue higher education in the state
 2. MPCC requests a \$67.5 million increase in funding for the State Grant program
 3. Speaking time elapsed, motion by Baring to continue, seconded by Hietpas, majority in favor of extending speech time
 4. Training for meetings with legislator, short videos, and thank you cards

Committee Updates

- I. Health and Housing
 - A. There is no contract binding us to the old menstrual product dispensers, and we can absolutely move forward with the new brand.
- II. Technology
 - A. Chair Doran is in contact with the New York Times to see what content is available to Gustavus entities.

Old Business

- I. Sew-Sew Embroidery Club Budget
 - A. The club is asking for \$180 for their organization's supplies. Finance recommends overriding the bylaws to fund the proposed budget in full. The added value of a manufactured product distinguishes this club from the prohibited use.
 - B. Chair Johnson recommends changing the bylaws to make this distinction more official.
 - C. Axtman - How will we go forward with this motion if we are being inconsistent?
Ruble - Advised to bring the budget forward this week in lieu of amendment process.
Baring - Transformative use doctrine applies
Chair Johnson - Amendment based on (1) transformative, value-added nature, and (2) the relevance of a purchased product to the purpose of an organization.
Chair Learned - Funding should be approved
Hietpas - Move to override the bylaws to approve the budget (Baring seconds)

- D. Motion to override
 - Chair Johnson - This motion to approve is consistent with the proposed bylaw amendment.
- E. Motion carries; the bylaws are overruled.
- F. The budget is approved.
- II. Baring - Aunt Flow budget update?
 - A. Chair CarlsonSather confirmed that the budget has been approved, and the first invoice has been paid.

New Business

- I. No new business

Announcements

- I. Chair Jeremiason - sign a card for Director Bluhm!
- II. Co-President Doran - Strongly encourage others to get involved in state grant advocacy
- III. Baring - Senate elections next week!
- IV. Chair Learned - DEI education course is required for all students. Check your email for Tom Flunker's updates on live workshops.
- V.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM