

12 April 2021 Student Senate Meeting  
*Meeting Called to Order at 7:02PM*  
Quorum is met

## **Approval of the Minutes**

- I. Minutes are approved.

## **Community Comment**

- I. Kendra Held
  - A. Kendra Held is back again to go over some questions that were asked last time from Senators about the proposed composting program. Today's presentation starts on slide 9.
    1. [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19mG7As6JXpufRkA4bq7Spe1kxxtdrh\\_S8tN-LR\\_YQQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19mG7As6JXpufRkA4bq7Spe1kxxtdrh_S8tN-LR_YQQ/edit?usp=sharing)
  - B. Questions are asked of the speaker.

## **Committee Updates**

- I. Administrative Director
  - A. Director Bluhm announces the newest senator: Ben Forsberg for the Class of 2024. She reminds Senators to get faculty reports completed as soon as possible and to fill out their office hours for the month of April if they have not already done so.
- II. Technology Committee
  - A. There is a new resource on the Student Senate website about the Linnaeus Deliberation Circle. Chair Doran encourages Senators to reach out to their constituencies.

## **Old Business**

- I. No old business.

## **New Business**

- I. Senator Vacancies Amendment
  - A. The Ethics Committee wishes to pass a Constitutional amendment, which would need a referendum. This means the amendment would need to pass through the Senate and the student body. This amendment is to help lower Senator turnover and to give Senators and Cabinet adequate time to set up and run an election.
  - B. Senator Chheng motions to consider the amendment. Seconded by Senator Thompson, Discussion is held on the amendment. A roll call vote is held. The amendment passes.
  - C. Senator Thompson motions to set up an expedited timeline (sent out to the student body on April 19th, voted on by the student body on May 3rd) for the referendum. Seconded by Senator Chheng. A vote is held. The motion for the timeline passes.

- II. Block Budget Stipend Amendment
  - A. The Co-Presidents wish to pass a Constitutional amendment to clarify the use of block budget funds for stipends through individual referendums of the budget.
  - B. Senator Chheng motions to bring this amendment to the floor. Seconded by Senator Thompson. Discussion is held on the amendment. The amendment is friendlied to include a limit on stipends and to the type of organizations that can receive stipends.
  - C. Speaker Baring refers this amendment's motion to the Ethics Committee. Seconded by Senator Falk. A vote is held. The motion passes.
- III. Mid-Year Allocation
  - A. The Legacy A-Cappella group is coming back to Senate for some more money for their music video. A vote is held on the budget. The budget passes.
- IV. Compost
  - A. Senator Chheng charges the Health and Housing, Environmental Sustainability, and Finance Committees to look into the proposed compost project from Community Comment. Seconded by Senator Hadjiyanis. Discussion is held. A vote is held. The charge passes.

## **Announcements**

- I. The Interfaith Ambassadors and the Multifaith Leadership are recruiting for members. <https://gustavus.edu/chaplain/multifaith/leadership.php> (Chair Learned)
- II. It's Diversity Week. DLC is hosting events. D-Ball is this Saturday. (Chair Learned)
- III. If you are interested, fill out the Housing Panel application. <https://forms.gle/DY2vhyQNfstfyKK28> (Chair Learned)
- IV. Next year's Cabinet applications are due at 11:59PM tonight. [https://gustavus.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7V9ICdtceoDI75A](https://gustavus.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7V9ICdtceoDI75A) (Co-President Elect Menke)
- V. Advisor Ruble will be out of the office Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week. There will be a senior week survey and schedule sent out this week. The third part of the Derek Chauvin trial will be Wednesday. (Advisor Ruble)
- VI. If you are a senior that has not picked up your cords, pick them up in the Dean of Students Office. (Co-President Doran)

*Meeting adjourned at 8:39PM*