

18 October 2021 Student Senate Meeting
Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM
Quorum is met

Approval of the Minutes

- I. Minutes are approved.

Community Comment

- I. Alexys Guidry (aguidry@gustavus.edu)
 - A. Alexys Guidry is here on behalf of the Center for Inclusive Excellence to advocate for a new initiative the Center is working on. This will be listening sessions for various topics (sexual assault and harassment, housing insecurity, etc.) that mimic the DEI sessions from last year. She would like to invite us to this initiative as they are trying to reach all groups on campus. If you have any topics, feel free to reach out to her, Tom Flunker, or Doug Thompson (the latter two do get busy so Alexys may be best bet). There is not a set date or time yet, but they will hopefully be set by the end of this week or early next week.
 - B. Questions are asked of the speaker, and discussion is held.
- II. Jonas Doerr (Uhler Hall)
 - A. He is here on behalf of Uhler Hall, bringing the concerns from students about a ghost in Uhler Hall.
 - B. Questions are asked of the speaker, and discussion is held.

Committee Updates

- I. Public Relations
 - A. Chair Brown gathered Senate during this time to take a group photo to post on the Senate board which is near the hallway that connects the library and Campus Center.
- II. Senator Resignation
 - A. Director Bluhm announced that Senator Alexys Fuerstenberg resigned from her position as Sohre Representative. This spot will have an election during the midterm elections.

Old Business

- I. Democracy Matters Budget
 - A. Dom Flentje (President) is here on behalf of the organization. The Senate had previously tabled events 3 through 8 of the budget. Dom explains all the events for the Senate. Discussion is held.

New Business

- I. Stats Club Budget
 - A. Director Wyum introduces and explains the budget. Discussion is held and questions are asked of Director Wyum.

- B. Speaker Bailey motions to vote on the budget. Seconded by Senator Maurer.
Discussion is held. A vote is held. The budget passes.
- II. Democracy Matter Budget
 - A. Senator Carlson motions to vote on the budget. Seconded by Senator Alders.
Discussion is held. A vote is held. The budget passes.
- III. Safety in Residential Halls
 - A. Senator Barrios brings up that some students are feeling unsafe in Res Halls. She will be making a survey for Complex to get information on how safe people feel in their residence halls. She encourages other hall representatives to do the same.
Discussion is held.
 - B. Senator Barrios charges the Health and Housing Committee to look into the issues she has brought up and work on the surveys. Seconded by Senator Usmonova.
Discussion is held. A vote is held. The charge passes.

Announcements

- I. Leave your placards and cheat sheets on the tables. Also, chairs email your committee members tonight if you have not already. No exceptions. You should have met already. There is no reason Senators do not know what committees they are on at this point. If you need assistance in reaching out to your committee, please see me after the meeting or email me. (Director Bluhm)
- II. Cabinet, send committee updates to Senator Walfrid for Gavel Gazette at the end of month. (Chair Brown)
- III. Ethics Committee needs to meet real quick after the meeting. (Ombudsperson Nelson)
- IV. We are looking for chairs for the Anti-Racism and Racial Justice Committee and Indigenous Relations committees. Reach out to anyone you know that would be interested in these positions. We are also looking for students at-large for Finance, Environmental Sustainability, and Ethics Committees. (Co-President Menke)
- V. Please do not use your laptops in meetings unless something is urgent. (Co-President Olono Vidales)
- VI. The DLC Carnival is this Wednesday, and we might need some Senate members to sit there at the table. (Senator Maurer and Co-Presidents Menke and Olono Vidales)

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM