

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

## **Approval of the Minutes**

- I. Minutes are approved.

## **Visit from President Bergman**

- I. President Bergman visited the Senate today to answer questions and have an open discussion. Please visit the recording on the [Senate website](#) to listen to the conversation.

## **Community Comment**

- I. No Community Comment

## **Committee Updates**

- I. Student and Academic Affairs
  - A. Chair Hathy has looked into the issue of students being charged to damage in the Res Halls. It will likely not happen, but if damage continues, Res Life will have to charge to fix those damages.

## **Old Business**

- I. No Old Business

## **New Business**

- I. Indigenous Relations Chair Announcement
  - A. Katie Allard has been chosen by the Co-Presidents to be the chair of the Indigenous Relations Committee. She introduces herself to the Senate.
- II. Compost Bags
  - A. Chair White has done research on the cost of compost bags for the compost bins in residential halls. It would be \$3,800 per year, but we would do a trial run for spring semester (\$1,900) if the budget is passed. Director Wyum breaks down the budget. Senator Walfrid motions to vote on the budget. Seconded by Senator Maurer. Discussion is held. A vote is held. The budget passes.
- III. Health and Housing/Student and Academic Affairs By-Law Amendment
  - A. Speaker Bailey introduces the by-law changes: altering the definitions of each committee to balance the workload between the committees. Discussion is held. Speaker Bailey motions to vote on the amendment. Seconded by Senator Carlson. Discussion is held. A vote is held. The by-law amendment passes.
- IV. FIT Courses
  - A. Co-President Olono Vidales brings to the Senate the issue of getting into any FIT/ACT credit courses. She would like to see more FIT classes offered in the upcoming Spring semester. Senator Maurer charges the Student and Academic Affairs Committee to look at this issue. Seconded by Senator Alders. Discussion is held. A vote is held. The charge passes.

- V. Board of Trustees Student Life Committee Input
  - A. Co-Presidents Menke and Olono Vidales are a part of the Board of Trustees Student Life Committee. The Committee is looking for student input from the co-presidents; please reach out to them with anything you would like to be brought up. Discussion is held. The meeting is Friday, November 19 at 3:30.
- VI. “Ethnic” Caf Foods
  - A. Chair Brown brings to the Senate the issue of international foods in the caf being labeled as food from their culture, but the food is not good and they are concerned this is the only experience students will have with their culture. Senator Usmonova has started to take initiative on the issue. Discussion is held.
  - B. Senator Carlson charges the Inclusive Excellence Committee with addressing this issue. Seconded by Senator Alders. Discussion is held. A vote is held. The charge passes.
- VII. Ghosts of Campus
  - A. Senator Ash met with a former professor about this issue. Because it seems to be a more campus-wide issue, he believes we should bring it to the Senate to do something about it. Discussion is held. Senator Cochran motioned to table this discussion. Seconded by Senator Fischer. Discussion is held. A vote is held. The discussion is tabled.

### **Announcements**

- I. Cabinet members please stay after the meeting for a few minutes. (Director Bluhm)
- II. Send your tabling/office hours to Chair Doran and Director Bluhm and make them a little more consistent to make it easier for your constituents. Make sure to check in with your constituents. (Chair Doran)
- III. We’ll be inviting people like President Bergman to Senate meetings the rest of the semester. Read the agenda/emails to get a heads up of who will be here when. In 2020, the College had a Voter Engagement Team. 84% of Gustavus students voted. We were 3.5 points short of the national high. (Co-President Menke)
- IV. The food collected was taken to the food bank. 65 pounds of food was donated. They are very grateful. (Senator Cochran)

*Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM*