

22 November 2021 Student Senate Meeting  
*Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 PM*  
Quorum is met

## **Approval of the Minutes**

- I. Minutes are approved.

## **Visit from Doug Thompson, VP of Equity and Inclusion**

- I. Doug is joining us via Zoom from the Cities. He leads 3 units: Academic Support Center, Center for International and Cultural Education, and the Center for Inclusive Excellence. He also chairs the President's Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The administration is reimagining the Bias Response Team. They will be initiating listening sessions at the end of this semester and during spring semester to better incorporate our community. He has established an Accessibility Committee which meets on a regular basis in order to better serve the community here at Gustavus.
- II. Discussion is held and questions are asked of Doug. He needs more help reaching the student body and encouraging them to engage with not only him but all of the aforementioned committees and work they do.
- III. Doug has office hours on December 2nd in Beck 144 from 2-5PM and December 7th in Vickner in the PBK room 2-5PM.

## **Community Comment**

- I. No Community Comment

## **Committee Updates**

- I. Board of Trustees Student Life Meeting (Co-President Menke, Ombudsperson Nelson, Director Bluhm)
  - A. Last Friday, Co-President Menke, Ombudsperson Nelson, and Director Bluhm [presented](#) to the Board of Trustees Student Life Committee about issues students have been having with dining services. Prior to the meeting, Co-President Menke met with Steve Kjellgren (who will be here next week) about dining services, in which he expressed concerns about systemic issues in dining services. It was suggested to the Board about possibly doing a survey from Senate about dining services satisfaction among students as well as doing a campaign to inform the student body on how they can advocate for themselves in dining services with any issues that arise.
- II. Health and Housing
  - A. Garbage Cans and Shower Heads
    1. Some students have asked about updates on these previous charges. Chair Hailu has contacted physical plant and ResLife, and they are working on both issues. **Gustieware bins are not garbage cans.**

## **Old Business**

- I. No Old Business

## **New Business**

- I. No New Business.

## **Announcements**

- I. Please check out the email from Megan Ruble about Nobel Student Hosts. The applications are due December 4th. (Advisor Ruble)
- II. Thank you for showing up, travel safe, have a fun break! (Director Bluhm)
- III. Steve Kjellgren is coming to the next meeting; please prepare questions (Co-President Menke).

*Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM*