

14 February 2022 Student Senate Meeting
Meeting Called to Order at 7:07 PM
Quorum is met

Attendance

- What is your favorite kind of candy?

Approval of the Minutes

- I. Minutes are approved

Special Order

- I. Anthony and Danny here to talk about housing for next year
- II. April is when housing selection starts
 - A. Open-gender triple/double units are new
 - B. Information available on the web page
- III. Accommodation deadline is Friday, February 18th
- IV. A discussion is held about the effect of 9th semester on housing
- V. Accommodation Forms changed this year
 - A. In the past people were allowed to room with whomever they wanted, filled Chapel View just with accommodations
 - B. To maximize space with accommodations, people with accommodations will now allowed to bring only 1 other person
 - C. Accommodations placed prior to the general room selection process
- VI. Anthony says they will continue to accept and try to find spaces for accommodations even after the deadline
- VII. A discussion is held about roommate matching as a CF who prefers an apartment
- VIII. Director Wyum asks if having an accommodation disrupts the matching process if they already have a matched group of 4 for an apartment
- IX. Advisor Ruble asks about an housing projects going on within the next year
 - A. Anthony answers that potential projects are remodeling Gibbs bathroom, renovation to Sorenson lounge, and also this summer partnership with CCS laundry service company will be getting new washers; will have monitors for when laundry is done, which ones are open, etc.
- X. Ombudsperson Nelson asks for an explanation for off-campus housing process
 - A. Anthony answers that the process is affected by the in-coming class sizes, the smaller anticipated in-coming class will affect this process
 1. If they need space, they will go through seniors, etc.
- XI. A discussion is held about ranking and the selection process
- XII. Senator Carlson asks why there is such a hold onto the 4-year residential college process when there are many houses available for students to rent, and this is something that pushes away students from Gustavus
 - A. Anthony says that the college thinks it is important to have students on campus because of evidence regarding GPA, grades, etc. if students live on campus

- B. Also, there are budgeting issues: \$13-14 million dollars is made for the college through housing, any beds that are empty is a cost for the college
- C. Financial hardships can be an accommodation request form where then ResLife talks to the Financial Aid office
- D. Controller Thompson asks Danny what a rising senior means
 - 1. Defined by class number, not amount of credits
 - 2. You can have your class year altered or changed through the Registrar Office
- XIII. A discussion is held about hockey players who are older but come in as freshman and are placed in housing other than traditional “freshman” housing
- XIV. Chair Taylor asks about students who spend a year abroad
 - A. Danny says that this is a one-on-one communication with the student and to plan for their return to found housing that is suitable and appropriate
- XV. Advisor Ruble says that for 20 years housing has been a challenge, direct constituents and questions toward ResLife

Community Comment

- I. Amy Haney here to talk about Event called Time to Listen (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Panel)
 - A. Works in the Culpeper Language Center; specifically exposes people to deaf community and culture
 - B. Thursday April 28th, 2022 6-8pm
 - C. Joel Sween (ASL prof at MSU) part of panel
 - D. Purpose is to show people that this is a diverse community
 - E. Two asks of Senate
 - 1. Looking for funding; \$1,500 still needed but anything helps
 - 2. Looking for Gustavus Students part of the deaf community
- II. Senator Barrios says that this is a very cool event that we should support for the sake of diversity
- III. Advisor Ruble asks what is the money exactly going toward
 - A. Amy Haney says 5-6 speakers, students have opportunities to ask the speakers about their life experiences as a deaf or hard of hearing person
 - B. Also advertising and payment for speakers to be there in the form of a stipend
 - C. Co-President Menke asks who is able to attend
 - 1. Amy Haney says that the hope is to open it to the community where St. Peter residents, students at high schools, or students at MSU want to attend
- IV. Anna Marie Riner
 - A. One of Senator Alders’ constituents; **represented by Senator Alders
 - B. Advocates for the Sustainability requirement and the importance of adopting it; that this would serve more than just the Gustavus community; Justice and Community Service as Gustavus Pillars

- V. Katie Lillemon
 - A. EAC representative to urge the Senate to back the curriculum
 - B. The curriculum initiative is the only movement toward sustainability in the nearby future
 - C. Intersectional Environmentalism is a part of education

Committee Updates

- I. Finance
 - A. Shovels fell through, no one can ship them because of their size and Home Depot doesn't have them in stock
 - B. Looking for alternatives, maybe local
- II. Student and Academic Affairs
 - A. COVID, level 2 masking, not required to wear masks in residential buildings
 - B. Tabling outside of the caf by Reds, AST, Eppies
 - C. Submit survey student org inventory survey due 5pm March 1st due date
- III. Technology
 - A. Zoom feedback survey sent out by tech announcements, start using Google Meets to get used to the platform; might be going away in the next year

Old Business

- I. SAD Lamps
 - A. \$25.99 per lamp; ordering 25 lamps; total \$649.75
 - B. Available for the general student body to be able to rent out
 - C. A discussion is held about the lamps
 - 1. Co-President Olono Vidales comments that they are cool
 - 2. Senator Alders motions to vote, Senator Barrios seconds
 - 3. Vote: Budget Passes
- II. Sustainability Resolution
 - A. The Resolution is displaced
 - B. Co-President Menke introduces the Resolution and explains it
 - C. A discussion is held about the Resolution
 - 1. Ombudsperson Nelson suggests that the 60% support of students for this curriculum is inaccurate and asks the ideas of the rest of Senate
 - 2. Senator Alders says that she will not be voting in favor because their constituents are not in support; talked to students in Environmental Studies major are concerned about the competitiveness of the classes for the major classes and they do not want to have students taking the class they do not have interest in
 - 3. Co-President Olono Vidales suggests that the sample size (approximately 400) is still representative of the student body
 - a) Senator Barrios agrees and says the survey was sent to everyone

4. Senator Fischer says that we could always change the wording
 5. Senator Usmonova asks to take into consideration taking out the number because it is not positively persuasive
- D. Discussion is held about what happens if the requirement is passed; and what that means for what classes that would be (maybe a more intersectional view added to current classes rather than new courses being created)
 - E. Chair Doran discusses confusion about information regarding the adoption of this Requirement for current students
 - F. Ombudsperson Nelson clarifies that they are not concerned about optics but rather accuracy with some emails containing different/missing/accurate information
 - G. Parliamentarian Falk offers including an asterisk or footnote to include “of the students sampled” to include more information and those reading can be mindful of that specification
 - H. Senator Alders offers that the survey allowed students to respond more than once and that they know people who responded more than once
 - I. Chair Wyum offers to include the nature of the survey because of the discrepancies
 - J. A discussion is held about the survey and the nature of it and the sample from the survey
 - K. Data is only included up until the 13th
 - L. Senator Carlson asks why we would put survey data on their even if those in the Senate believe it to be inaccurate
 - M. Chair White in favor of removing the 60% whereas point
 - N. A discussion is held about the data
 - O. Chair Davison motions to remove that aspect of the Resolution
 - P. A discussion is held about the survey
 - Q. Vote: Passes
 - R. Senator Maurer moves to vote to pass the Resolution
 - S. Senator Usmonova seconds
 - T. Vote: Passes
 - U. Vote is held to move to pass the Resolution
 - V. Vote is held: Passes

New Business

- I. Equestrian Team Mid-Year Budget
 - A. Includes retro-active funding, as well as previous funding in addition to the mid-year request
 - B. Ombudsperson Nelson asks what happened at NDSU where they needed the \$300
 1. Representatives say that their original hotel had bed bugs, they had to switch hotels, and was dirty so the next day they had to switch hotels
 2. Hotel would not offer full refund even after providing evidence

3. Senator Alders motions to pass the budget in full
 4. Senator Usmonova seconds
 5. Discussion is held
 6. Vote: Passes
- II. Heart Safe Champion Appointment
 - A. Chair Hailu nominates Xitlalli Lopez
 - B. Co-President Olono Vidales offers information about the nominee
 - C. Senator Alders motions to vote
 - D. Senator Davison seconds
 - E. Discussion is held
 - F. Vote: Appointment Passes

Announcements

- I. Co-President Olono Vidales
 - A. Stay after to record the video for the Sustainability Requirement
- II. Chair Hathy
 - A. Career Development Fair
 - B. February 24th, available March 1st online
- III. Chair Doran
 - A. Greeter Applications available
 - B. Is going to send it out to all of us
- IV. Co-President Menke
 - A. 5 office hours in the Gustie Den start in the next few weeks
 - B. Will work with Cabinet to figure those out, will not be in addition to the office hours Senators already have
- V. Controller Thompson
 - A. Go to The Last Days of Judas Iscariot
- VI. Co-President Olono Vidales
 - A. Cabinet Bi-Weekly Meetings start this week, this is extended out to Senators!

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM