

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

Attendance

- If you could fight a giant crab or a giant lizard, what would it be?

Approval of the Minutes

- I. Minutes are approved

Provost Brenda Kelly

- I. Good job on the theatre production this weekend
- II. Gateway office for the 9th semester free tuition program
 - A. 70 students this year interested
- III. Big thanks for the Environmental Sustainability Video
 - A. Motion referred back to the committee
- IV. Piloting summer academic program
 - A. Possibly 8 classes
 - B. June Term
- V. Inputting Fall 2022 schedule in MyGustavus; approximately March 15th; trying to come out with a full list for the entire year to be available
- VI. Done with tenure track hiring
 - A. 6 new faculty starting in the fall
- VII. Director Wyum asks what are the standards to being able to do the 9th semester program
 - A. have to be full time student during the 2021 academic year
 - B. Study away programs/internships etc. that are required for majors is qualified under the 9th semester
- VIII. Co-President Olono Vidales asks if we are still able to use WebAdvisor at all
 - A. No, it has been fully cut off and “sun-setted”
- IX. Co-President Menke asks about the grant we received from the National Endowment for Humanities and what the priorities are for that
 - A. Half-million dollar grant
 - B. Supported hires for the tenure track
 - C. Initiatives with Indigenous Relations
 - D. Podcast Studio associated with Nobel Conference; might be able to be available to students
 - E. Initiatives in the Library to support Summer program
 - F. Humanities Research Project
- X. Registrar change of leadership has led to possible discrepancies
- XI. Ombudsperson Nelson asks does summer term count as a full semester at Gustavus?
 - A. Summer term would be similar to a January term, possible June 6th-June 30th
 - B. There will be a cost associated with this

- XII. Controller Thompson asks if there is any truth in cutting the Three-Crowns Curriculum
 - A. Faculty owns the curriculum at Gustavus; faculty would have to formally vote to discontinue to curriculum; there have been discussions about restructuring the program; even if they discontinued the program, they must “teach out” i.e finishing teaching the group of students still in that program
- XIII. Director Wyum asks for clarification about GenEds and J-term credits
 - A. Juniors and Seniors will not receive GenEds credits from J-term courses
- XIV. Speaker Bailey says that transfer credits fall under the cracks and is a constant problem for transfer students; is the registrar aware of the way they treat transfer students; could potentially be a barrier to transfer students
 - A. Looking into Transferology System that they’re looking to shift into
- XV. Advisor Ruble asks about what is the future of online/hybrid courses
 - A. Provost Kelly does not think they’re going away; some profs/students have found online to be useful in delivery
 - B. 5% of online offerings for classes this past year, may not be higher but will not go below 1%
 - C. 12% hybrid offerings currently
 - D. In short, some online presence at Gustavus; have to submit a Distance Learning Education Level 3 HLC; critical for GAC’s masters program

Community Comment

- I. No community comment

Committee Updates

- I. Environmental Sustainability
 - A. Chair White updates that Sustainability Requirement was discussed, played our video, was not voted “no”; was sent back to the curriculum committee
- II. Co-Presidents
 - A. Co-President Menke wants to possibly invite students from the curriculum committee to get rid of this “blind-spot” we have with our representatives
- III. Elections Committee
 - A. Speaker Bailey says there are two sets of running partners (Ombusperson Nelson and former Administrative Director Bluhm) and (Senator Foresberg and Senator Alders)
 - B. Voting all day on the February 28th until 10pm, then to be reviewed for Ethics Committee
 - C. Are there any seats that don’t have candidates yet?
 - 1. Arbor View, Chapel View, IC/Swedish House, Prairie View
 - 2. Please reach out to people!

Old Business

- I. No Old Business

New Business

- I. Driver's License Project Proposal
 - A. Recent Graduate reached out with proposal for international students; most international students have a hard time getting a driver license which hinders them from get an internship, job, etc.
 - B. Getting permit or passing road test can be hard without a car
 - C. Problematic because most international students are over 18 and already have experience driving cars
 - D. Setting up program for people (faculty, staff) with cars to help international students to be a part of the project, give availability, and international students can schedule a time with them to practice driving or that person could drive them to the DMV
 - E. Discussion is held about said proposal
 1. Possibly working with the program that teaches students/faculty to drive the campus vans; possibly charging Inclusive Excellence Committee
 2. Could only be volunteered base as opposed to paid
 - F. Speaker Bailey motions to charge the I/E committee; Senator Davison seconds
 - G. A vote is held: Charge passes
- II. Internship Credit Fee
 - A. Concerns about internship requirements for the summer; full-time internship has to be taken as a credit, they have to pay Gustavus to take it as a summer credit (approximately \$3,000)
 - B. Chair Hathy offers to possible refer to Center for Career Development; Engaged Learning Fund
 - C. Ombudsperson Nelson asks can International Students just not do the internship as a credit
 1. International Students are not legally allowed to work, if the credit was lowered (.5) they could work legally, and pay less money
 - D. Speaker Bailey asks what is the best movement to solve this problem?
 1. Discussion is held
 - E. Speaker Bailey motions to charge this to Academic Affairs, Senator Maurer seconds
 1. Maybe in general the internship for credit system should be looked into
 - F. A vote is held: Charge passes

Announcements

- I. Co-President Olono Vidales
 - A. Cabinet make sure to schedule your check-ins
- II. Advisor Ruble
 - A. Encouraged to nominate yourself or others for awards; (gustavus.edu/deanofstudents/awards); be thorough in your descriptions

- B. Some of them have scholarships/cash prizes associated with them
- C. Due by March 7, 2022
- III. Chair Hathy
 - A. Dr. Stephanie Otto for FIT/ACT Credits
- IV. Co-President Menke
 - A. Received email about the MN State Grant Program
 - B. Use your voice! It's really important for us to communicate that this program continues to make college more accessible/affordable
 - C. (mnprivatecolleges.org/voices)
- V. Parliamentarian Falk
 - A. Megan's Bday on Wednesday!!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM