

28 February 2022 Student Senate Meeting
Meeting Called to Order at 7:06 PM
Quorum is met

Attendance

- What's your Hogwarts house?

Approval of the Minutes

- I. Minutes are approved

Community Comment

- I. No community comment

Committee Updates

- I. Indigenous Relations
 - A. Tomorrow open meeting for President's Council on Indigenous Relations
 - B. 2-3ish pm in the Interpretive Center, Zoom link available
- II. Internship Credit update
 - A. The cost and pay structure and the number of credits is unfortunately not decided
 - B. Contact cannot change the cost, but sent a message about the amount of credits that students can take
 - C. If a student needs funding or if they are underpaid they may apply for the Engaged Learning Fund
- III. Co-Presidents
 - A. AOC just voted to bring an amended class schedule (shortened, getting it off, etc.) to allow people to go vote in St. Peter

Old Business

- I. No old business

New Business

- I. PCO Bylaw Amendment
 - A. Ombudsperson Nelson, Director Wyum, and Advisor Ruble talked about the cap on organizations that go to Nationals
 - B. Picked \$1,000
 - C. A discussion is held
 1. Is the \$1,000 going to help giving that it may need to put toward flights, lodging, etc.?
 2. Senator Alders says that the \$1,000 would not totally alleviate costs, but rather help PCOs
 3. Controller Thompson notes that we will only be getting around 3-4 of these a year

4. Co-President Menke speaks in favor of this amendment because it encourages organizations to compete at the national level and it puts Gustavus on the map
 - D. Senator Fischer motions to vote, Senator Maurer seconds
 1. Senator Fischer and Senator Maurer echo the previous speakers
 - E. A Vote is Held: The Vote Passes
- II. IGS Mid-Year
- A. Request is for an additional \$2,000 for an educational DEI speaker
 - B. Previous funding at the beginning of the year went toward other speakers
 - C. Part of the cost is covered by various organizations like the CIE, CAO, etc.
 - D. A discussion is held
 1. Co-President Olono Vidales asks what the purpose of the \$9,000 is for
 - a) Representatives say that it is dispersed among chapters
 2. Senator Alders asks if the speaker is coming to speak to all fraternity and sorority members
 - a) Is required for all sorority and fraternity members to attend
 3. Speaker Bailey asks where the additional funds are coming from
 - a) Doug Thompson is covering \$1,200, Panhellenic is covering \$1,000
 4. Senator Alders motions to vote, Senator Usmanova seconds; a discussion is held
 5. A Vote is Held: The Vote Passes
- III. Women's Lacrosse Mid-Year
- A. Requesting \$3,250, Finance Committee suggests the \$1,523
 - B. Senator Fischer motions to vote on passing the suggested amount by the Finance Committee; Senator Usmonova seconds
 1. A discussion is held
 - C. A Vote is Held: The Vote Passes
- IV. Honors Board Appointment
- A. Typically we have one student serving on the Honors Board
 - B. Tatum Batchelder has agreed to step in for the spring semester
 - C. Senator Alders asks what is the Honors Board
 1. Parliamentarian clarifies that this would be a student to sit in on the Honor Board "trials" where they discuss cases of academic dishonesty
 - D. Senator Usmanova motions to vote
 - E. A Vote is Held: The Vote Passes
- V. Faculty/Admin/Board Committee Representatives
- A. Co-Presidents believe it may be beneficial to take a more active role in nominating representatives for the Faculty/Board of Trustee Committees
 - B. Finding a more active way for Senate to be involved in this process

1. Ethics Committee possibly taking on a by-law amendment
2. Speaker Bailey asks what the Co-Presidents had in mind for the change
 - a) Co-President Menke says that this could be sending out applications, etc.
3. Parliamentarian Falk works in the Dean of Students office and says that they believe it would be a great way to close to gap between students and administration
4. Chair Taylor asks if this would include current committees, or future committees
5. Co-President Menke clarifies that we can only fill vacant seats but not add more seats
6. Chair Doran says that it would be helpful for us to open up connection for student leaders, and representatives, across campus who are on some of these committees who are not on Senate; an integrative process with the Dean of Students Office; Chair Doran urges us to explore this option
7. Speaker Bailey suggests we invite boards to our meetings so that we will be “in the loop” about the happenings around campus and for what’s being voted on
8. A discussion is held about the lack of communication of the existence of these committees to the student body, accessibility to these opportunities; Co-President Olono Vidales seconds the previous two points and suggests charging the issue to the Ethics Committee; Ombudsperson Nelson seconds previously made points
9. Improving communication with student reps
10. Speaker Bailey motions to charge this issue to the Ethics Committee; Senator Fischer seconds
11. A Vote is Held: The Vote Passes

VI. Bring Back the Sauna

- A. Chair Learned offers that they are open!

VII. New Housing Protocols and Requirements

- A. Speaker Bailey says that a lot of the student body is upset at the state of housing for many years
- B. Possibly doing something with our influence; convincing administration to change or alter this; surveys etc.
- C. Co-President Olono Vidales notes that this is a problem they have seen every year since being here
- D. Chair Doran notes that this requires us to gather external research; contacting Board of Trustees, etc.
 1. Looking for effective solutions without making demands that are not backed by research

- E. A discussion is held
- F. Senator Alders motions to charge the H&H committee; Speaker Bailey seconds
- G. A Vote is Held: The Vote Passes

Announcements

- I. Parliamentarian Falk
 - A. Building Bridges week!! Available on the GAC Ticketing Website
 - B. Education Justice is the topic!!
 - C. There are multiple events throughout the week
 - D. Spirit week, new theme each day: Parliamentarian Falk will send out an email with the themes!
- II. Co-Presidents
 - A. Today is Election Day!!! Encourage others to vote, they have until 10pm tonight
 - B. Email student reps on Faculty Administration and Board of Trustees Committees
 - 1. Asking them to potentially give a speech about updates on their committee
- III. Chair Taylor
 - A. Doing a survey for a class! Pitching out to Senate :)
- IV. Chair Allard
 - A. Model UN simulation
 - B. Topic: Lead up to WWI
 - C. Anderson 104 from 10-12pm on Sunday the 6th
 - D. Reach out to Chair Allard if you're interested in going up to the cities for more simulations
- V. Chair Doran
 - A. Senators you are required to do tabling and office hours
 - B. Starting next week
 - 1. Watch out for an email from Chair Doran tonight
 - 2. Reinstating Mondays 5-7pm tabling outside of the caf
 - 3. Required to do individual office hours either outside of the Senate office in the Gustie Den or a public place of your choosing that you communicate to constituents
 - C. Also use online readership program
- VI. Co-Presidents
 - A. Senators are required to serve on committees, show up because it is required!!
 - B. Communicate with your chairs if there are any issues or conflicts
 - C. Please go to the Indigenous Relations meeting **TOMORROW! At 2pm**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM