

Student Senate Meeting Minutes  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Monday, October 18, 2010

- I. Call to Order** by President Sean Tessmer 7:03
- II. Attendance by Administrative Director, Alison Hoffman**
- III. Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2010**
  - a. Kunkel moves to approve minutes, Schmitt seconds
  - b. Move to vote, none nay, motion passes
- IV. Community Comment**
  - a. None
- V. Appointments**
  - a. Prairie View Representative nominations – none
  - b. Off-Campus Representative - none
  - c. Uhler Representative nominations
    - i. Kunkel moves to suspend rules for an election-style process, Nowariak seconds
      - Requires 2/3, move to vote, motion passes
    - ii. Nowariak moves to nominate Anthony Adams and Josh Sande, Prince seconds
      - Josh Sande: student at large on ethic committee last year, knows parliamentary procedure, has wanted to be a part of an organization on campus that makes a difference, brings a unique perspective being a varsity athlete and musician
      - Anthony Adams: impeachment previously was brought about by administrative concerns, is currently residing in Uhler Hall. Last year had an opportunity to make a difference on campus by being a Senate representative, senior this year, very active in the Gustavus community, has devoted himself fully to senate this year.
    - iii. Questions: none
    - iv. Nominees leave the room, Senator discussion proceeds
    - v. Flannery motions to do secret ballot, Chang seconds, none nay, motion passes
    - vi. Move to vote, late vote turned in, move to re-vote
    - vii. Kunkel moves to have Ombudsman collect each individual vote, passes
    - viii. Announcement of Josh Sande as Uhler Hall representative
- VI. Finance**
  - a. **History Club**
    - i. Want a trip for ten to sea dead sea scrolls in twin cities, cant fund it in full but wanted to subsidize some, will fund 50%.

- ii. Nowariak: we were told that group could get in for half price, not true. want to eventually put on a student run history conference, one GAC student presenting and another known speaker in the field
- iii. Discussion on this budget
  - Gust: who would be the ten people that would go?
  - Nowariak: anyone who stopped at the booth at involvement fair were reached out to, ten have confirmed they will go
- iv. Vote on giving history club \$130, one nay, motion passes

**b. Recondo**

- i. Recondo is a new organization to spark interest and discussion about the military, military life, ROTC and live the Army values by serving others.
- ii. Requested \$10 print services – Finance committee passed, Senate funded this for other groups in past
- iii. Transportation to Feed my Starving Children (3 cars twice to the cities) was requested, committee voted to not fund
  - Prince: Why finance committee said no?
  - Finance: Didn't feel that their specific volunteering in cities was different from service of other orgs, not army related
  - Lundborg: has a problem with not funding, who are we to say they are not a legitimate group and there for decide not to fund them. Seems ridiculous that senate is assuming power to decide which groups to recognize. Would we fund other community service orgs?
  - Gust: Are they recognized by SAO?
    - a. Yes
  - Kampfe: Did they know this was being discussed tonight and didn't show up?
    - a. Yes
  - Flannery: it was a tie vote in Finance committee that Brandon broke, agrees that we should fund the group
- iv. Flannery moves to change line item 22, transportation costs, from \$0 to \$174, Prince seconds
  - Gust: We need to be careful, other organizations do similar things, how will we explain funding one group and not others? There are other outlets for people to go to Feed my Starving Children
  - Prince: last year transportation was funded up to \$600 if organizations needed it. This is a service event, funding for them to attend a service event. Look at what we allocated for in the past and look at how consistent we are.
  - Joey: They are requesting funding for 15 people to attend a service event, but they haven't given a date, could we take it down to funding one car until we have confirmation of the need for more cars to attend?
  - Bryz-Gornia: they serve others through volunteering

- Ostendorf: don't judge others about which service events people choose to do, which event is better than others
  - Casey: you have to go to Feed My Starving Children with a required number of people. Also, there are no representatives from their organization here to defend them.
  - Prince: as far as we are concerned line item three should say simply transportation, we shouldn't question transportation funding, they meet all the requirements, discussing only allocating one car is inconsistent from last year,
  - Kampfe: will vote no until we have more information about the group, wants a little bit more of an explanation.
  - Gust: they should be here to have that conversation with us and to support their claim
  - Helt: we are questioning SAO and their recognition process and if that's the case we should do this for every group, and this will become a slippery slope. It is not our responsibility to decide if they should be recognized or not.
  - Nowariak: The red flag is that ROTC is mentioned in their statement, ROTC is a completely separate group that needs to be addressed
  - Emily: if people feel uncomfortable maybe we should table it to next week, if we want more information
- v. Move to vote to change line, motion fails, discussion continues
- Bryz-Gornia: The thought of tabling the issue was thrown out there earlier, keep in mind that's two weeks from now
- vi. Motion to table by Nowariak, Gust seconds
- vii. Move to vote, request for division, five nay, motion passes

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a. Gusbus – Courtney West**

- i. Last week we discussed altering Gusbus policy and making it a solid route. Since last week, a stop has been added at the catholic church at request of the Gusbus drivers who said that it was a popular area. Last week people questioned having both buses running from bar to campus stops after 1:45 so a change was made to have one bus still running the regular route during this time.
- ii. Mankato, St. Thomas, other schools in cities operate on a designated route
- iii. Discussion:
  - Thayer: Change NCB to "Nicollet County Bank"
  - Gust: How to get this out (PO's with new maps, posters, campus emails, do as trial basis and survey over Jterm)
  - Skjerping: Perhaps pair with PA's be a buddy advertising?

- Kunkel: Would rather spend twenty minutes sitting inside trying to get hold of the gusbus than outside waiting for it, I don't think this is something we should change and attach our name to it
- Barnard: Do we want to run it as a trial or just send it as a survey?
- Sean: We talked about in cabinet, we don't want to bombard students with surveys, just had one
- Prince: This is a great improvement for system, addresses concerns that we have gotten and there is always the option of going back to the old system at little cost, worth it to give it a try.
- Phil: Campus safety is sending out a survey soon, can we piggy back on that? We should do a lot of publicity on a trial weekend. Both would be to our advantage, good for students to experience both options.
- West: It might not work to piggyback on another organization because then we would become affiliated with them. The first weekend of trial basis is going to be rough, we need a longer trial period than only one weekend to give it a fair chance.
- Kunkel: It would be a bad idea if we didn't send out a survey before making changes to the gusbus.
- Gust: We agreed to talk to our constituents this past week, generally heard concerns about waiting on street corner, how are the police involved in this? This new arrangement is in effect putting your drinking habits in someone else's hands, large groups of people waiting around at one stop will attract cops.
- Krahulec: Constituents like the idea of set stops, most stops are close enough to locations you might be at that you can see them while sitting inside. We are scared of change, survey might be shooting selves in the foot.
- Thayer: We have operated on system with set stops before and it hasn't necessarily been a problem. We have been listening to concerns of constituents, faculty and other community members. We are listening to their feedback and trying something even if it doesn't work.
- Gust: If we had it before, why did it change?
  - a. West: The issue before (5 or 6 years ago) was that in contract it said bus would sit at stop for up to five minutes waiting for students, and there was only one bus running, whole route would take over 45 minutes.
  - b. Gust: With so few off-campus houses now the majority of people are going to the same place, buses are still going to fill up
  - c. Lundborg: we have two buses now and they're going in opposite directions
- Krahulec: Senate should be concerned with getting people to the parties they are going to. Also, we need to trust Gustavus students to be responsible and not stand on corner drinking. We can't think about them getting minors, not sure how much we can prevent them getting in trouble.

- Kunkel: We can't be so politically correct with this, we are aware what it is used for.
- iv. Kunkel motions to table, Gust seconds, division, all but four nay, motion fails
  - Kunkel: shouldn't start it on Halloween weekend. It would be worth our time to use a survey. We need to get more in touch with constituents, via survey
  - Helt: this is an important issue, people would still answer the survey especially if advertised correctly
  - Prince: Halloween isn't appropriate to start, pushing back two weeks would be beneficial to talk to constituents and evaluate what people think. Still agree with notion of trial.
- v. Prince Motions to charge Courtney with making survey, Stetson seconds
  - Courtney: a survey was thought of, but we want you guys to talk to your own constituents, most people don't know who their senator is. It isn't that we don't want a survey but we want to give senators opportunity to do it yourself.
  - Redden: people want more communication with their senators
  - Helt: not sure if one on one is a way to talk to constituents, suggest an open house with a collective audience
  - Prince: this is not the right time to try to talk more to constituents, informal communication. With centralized survey we would get more hard evidence and numbers. It would also be a bad idea to have open house because scheduling conflicts will remove people from being able to give input. Will get this input with a survey
  - Ostendorf: The open house this is a good idea, this is something that people will want to talk about. Even if we miss some people, you would miss some people if you did a survey too.
  - Kunkel: Compare the number of people (864 on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September) that ride the Gusbus with the number of people who voted in last Gustavus election
- vi. Kunkel motions to end debate, Gust seconds, none nay, motion passes
- vii. Move to vote to charge Courtney and Redden with developing a survey, division requested, one nay, motion passes
- viii. Prince moves to table Gusbus discussion, Stetson seconds until survey is done
- ix. Move to vote, none nay motion passes

## VIII. New Business

### a. DLC/ Senate Mixer – Tasha Ostendorf

- i. Open-mic event in courtyard cafe, want Senate to co-sponsor and partner with them, put our name on it, they want our name connected to it. They asked if Tasha would volunteer some of her community members to help, or if there is anyone outside her committee who wants to attend meetings and help out with planning.
  - Tessmer: great idea, more public way to hear from constituents

- ii. Kunkel motions to approve event, Stetson seconds
  - Discussion: none
- iii. Move to vote, none nay, motion passes

**b. Candlelight Vigil – Tasha Ostendorf**

- i. There is a candle light vigil on the 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 pm to 11:30 in the Shakespeare pit, for students who committed suicide because of sexual orientation. Senate has been formally invited to attend and possibly participate. If you want to help, talk to Tasha she will pass names on.

**c. Customs Committee – Jacob Lundborg**

- i. Senate operates according to parliamentary procedure but also customs that are not currently documented. Would like to form a committee to write them down.
- ii. Kunkel motions to form a committee for Lundborg to chair to look into writing them down and where they belong, Gust seconds
  - Discussion- none
- iii. Move to vote, one nay, motion passes

**IX. Announcements**

- a. Barnard: All minutes are now online, office hours are up to date on website. When we give money to groups to volunteer, we are giving money to charitable orgs. There are many times we don't agree with the mission and purpose of these charitable orgs.
- b. Helt: needs to see a list of senators after meeting
- c. Thayer: Thank you for all your hard work so far. All minutes are online, everyone can basically hear what you say. Be engaged in voting, be a voice for yourself and others.
- d. Tessmer: This is one of few settings where he has seen civil discourse work on this campus.
- e. If interested in attending MAPCS on Nov 5 and 6 email Emily
- f. Barnard: we need to start working on 95 theses, will send last year's out, start looking over them.
- g. Hirdler: Coming back November 1, it will be a busy day with 95 theses, and Finance is bringing in two big groups, be prepared.

**X. Motion to adjourn** by Blake Gust, Prince seconds, none nay, motion passes 8:36