

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Gustavus Adolphus College
Monday, November 1, 2010

- I. **Call to Order** by President Thayer 7:00
- II. **Attendance by Administrative Director, Alison Hoffman**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2010**
 - a. Move to vote to approve minutes, motion passes
- IV. **Community Comment**
 - a. None
- V. **Appointments**
 - a. Prairie View Representative nominations – none
 - b. Off-Campus Representative
 - i. John Juran
 - Senior health fitness major, brings unique approach, part of Tau Psi Omega fraternity, football player
 - Questions – none
 - Discussion about candidate
 - Move to vote to appoint John Juran to Off-Campus representative position, motion passes
- VI. **Finance**
 - a. **Building Bridges**
 - i. *Brandon Hirdler – Finance Committee Chair*
 - Speaker: Finance committee funded their speaker in full
 - Preamailers: Recommended zero funding because they were sent to people not affiliated with Gustavus
 - Posters: recommended zero because last spring \$500 was allocated for printing fees, should use that funding
 - Programs: Recommended \$170, added posters and programs funding requests together then subtracted the \$500 funded from last spring
 - Banner: Didn't feel necessary to fund
 - Tickets: Money received for tickets should help pay for tickets
 - Workshop speakers: Recommend to fund three of the six speakers because students can go to three
 - Action piece: Finance committee wants more details, asked committee to bring more info to meeting

ii. *Building Bridges Representatives Shanda Kirkeide and Elizabeth CoCo – Powerpoint Presentation*

- Conference: “I’m not for sale, Slavery Past and Present” - March 12
- Student led/initiated conference, focus on social justice issues
- Layout of Conference Day
- Speaker: Dr. Joy DeGruy – Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome
- Workshop: Joy Friedman – Ex-prostitute, “Breaking Free”
- Finance Recommendation
 - a. Requested \$12,850
 - b. Finance committee recommended \$9,345
 - c. They did not include many costs in the budget requested
- Action Piece Funds breakdown as requested by Finance: \$142.50
- Action Piece Layout
- Fundraising Efforts
 - a. C in CC Valet Parking
 - b. Cafeteria shifts during Nobel Conference/ other events
 - c. Solicitation letters to local businesses
- Why Conference Should be Funded
 - a. Commission Gustavus 150 Report
 - b. 2nd largest Gustavus conference and signature GAC event
 - c. Brings 1,200 people to the college
 - d. The money goes to a cause, not the committee

iii. *Discussion*

- Nowariak motions to fully fund the requested Action Piece \$142.50, Kampfe seconds
 - a. Gust: requests to re-look at breakdown
 - b. Kunkel: inquires about printing advertisements, what it includes
 - c. Gust: inquires about backing for photos, what it looks like
 - Building Bridges: the backing is a way to present photos to look more professional
 - d. Move to vote, none nay, motion passes
- Building Bridges: Regarding ticket sales, students don’t pay for tickets so ticket sales would not fund the printing expenses
 - a. Barnard: Doesn’t SAO cover printing expenses?
 - Building Bridges: No they do not
 - b. Prince: I think student senate should be fine funding printing, it is necessary for event to be run, seems basic

- Prince moves to change ticket funds to \$200, Fogelberg seconds
 - a. Gust: Is there some way that Gustavus students can just bring ID instead of ticket?
 - Building Bridges: We don't have manpower to have people checking ID's, only have 2 or 3 ushers, tickets are a way of keeping track of who is coming, Gustavus students/ faculty get first priority for ticket sales
 - b. Craft: how many paying people do you have paying?
 - Building Bridges: 90% are college students, meaning 100-200 paying
 - c. Bryz-Gornia: we've seen a powerpoint very well done, many members are here, tickets are professionalism and will make the event more legitimate, keeping
 - d. Nowariak calls to question, Skjerping seconds
 - e. Move to vote, none nay, motion passes
- Building Bridges: We urge Senate to think about our budget not only from a financial stand point but let emotions in, this conference has an amazing influence, the organization provides students with a chance to make a difference in the world and without Senate's support the conference can't happen
 - a. Gust: thinks we should approve the whole thing
 - b. Tasha: knows the key note is a lot of money, fully supports the full funding because she is a phenomenal speaker
- Prince: moves to change workshop funding to \$500, Flannery seconds
 - a. Gust: if we fund five speakers, students can go to all five?
 - b. Lundborg: we have cut other groups off around four speakers
 - c. Nowariak: workshop breakdown clarification
 - d. Move to vote to change line, none nay, motion passes

iv. Move to vote to fund building bridges with \$10,187.50

- roll call vote requires 2/3
- motion passes

b. Recondo Club

i. *Brandon Hirdler* – Finance Committee Chair

- Tabled this budget last time, wanted more information
- Posters allocated to every other group
- We do not fund food
- Wowzone – end of year celebration not funded

ii. *Recondo Representatives:* Kevin Peltó, Robert Minor

- Recondo is an organization to create a forum for discussion of military topics, ROTC cadets at GAC run the committee, do not adhere to DOD policy, associated with the ROTC program, people can join group from outside the ROTC program and can become leadership, so far the majority of members are members of ROTC but that's only because they are the ones who started it, but with funding and advertising this will change

iii. *Discussion on budget*

- Gust motions to fund gas \$174, Prince seconds
 - a. Gust: We withheld gas funding because we were unsure of the organizations standing
 - b. Nowariak: Are there 10-12 confirmed members actually going?
 - Recondo: Do not have a confirmed date or a confirmed number of people going because unsure of funding
 - c. Kunz: we have \$51,062 to fund groups for the rest of the year
 - d. Prince: Expecting a group to have a certain amount of members committed to an event is unreasonable, we don't require that with anyone else, not sure why we wouldn't fund this, other groups have gotten funding to go to events that were not community service events
 - e. Tessmer: If money doesn't get spent, it will be rescinded
 - f. Hagadorn: Have you asked Feed My Starving Children how many people are required in a group?
 - Recondo: Ideally need groups of four
 - g. Bryz-Gornia: There are several stations they can work at, the more people they bring, the more they get done
 - h. Thayer: We demanded a lot of other organizations regarding details of events
 - i. Lundborg: If this was any other group we would have funded them a long time ago, we fund transportation all the time
- Move to vote to fund gas, one nay, motion passes

iv. *Move to vote to allocate \$184 total to Recondo, motion passes*

c. PASO

i. *Brandon Hirdler* – Finance Committee Chair

- There was a spring allocation to PASO of \$5000+
- PASO is asking for four events, Senate will fund one event – PASO has stated that Africa Night most important event

- DJ: not recommended by Finance committee for funding, can be provided through SAO or a student
- Food: Senate cannot fund a full meal
- Hayor Bibimma Group: Senate cannot fund everything in full, this is the most expensive group requested, recommend to fully and they can fundraise for the rest

ii. PASO Representatives: Africa Night

- Encompasses many different cultures and groups and foods, only funding one group leaves out other groups, the rest of Africa is not reflected,
- The only night during school year where you have the chance to taste authentic African food, must get food from African restaurants in the cities and transport it here, food is one of biggest components
- Senate funded food last year, there wasn't enough for whole audience
- Most popular event for PASO
- St. peter community members know about committee members
- Food was funded in full even with the bylaws in place
- Estimating 300+ people coming to event, last year had no sitting space because so many people came
- This year want to bring an education aspect for food, 15-20 minutes explaining where it came from, its importance, speak about African food
 - a. Hirdler: because bylaw states cannot fund full meals, last year Senate voted to overturn the guideline, can do it this year with 2/3 vote

iii. Discussion on Africa Night:

- Tessmer: Supports funding food for this event, there is an educational aspect to this food, thinks it is really important and adds a cultural aspect, hesitant to fund entirely, we should fund up to \$300 as stated in bylaw
 - a. PASO: Last year, Senate funded \$800 and not everyone got food, which is why PASO is requesting \$1000, \$300 will not be nearly enough, cannot stress how important food is for the event
- Gust Motion to change food funding to \$1000, prince seconds
 - a. Gust: \$300 is not nearly enough, either do it or not, don't go half way, \$1000 is not unreasonable, if going to Africa night and food is the biggest part and don't get any...
 - b. Prince: That bylaw was written two years ago, they were funded \$800 the past two years, this is an event that more people are attending each year, inflation is occurring, realistic to fund this event, we are already asking them to fundraise for a lot
 - c. Tessmer: Has hesitation that decisions were made previously because of the fiscal situation senate was in, we need to draw a

line about food funding or other orgs will request the same thing saying food is integral to their event

- d. Hirdler: Senate has overruled the \$300 cap previously, we should give at least \$800
- e. PASO: Food is the last part of the event, PASO is under the DLC umbrella and PASO has been the only one to ask for food funding, Africa night is one of the biggest cultural events recognized by campus
- f. Blake: They have proven attendance, this event isn't going to die away, we don't need to worry about precedent, we can worry about that problem when other organizations approach us
- g. Chang: Last year she was at Africa night and stayed for entire thing and majority of people stayed and Alumni was full the whole time
- h. Move to vote to fund food \$1000, two nay, motion passes
- Chang: Did Senate fund DJ last year for Africa night?
 - a. Hirdler: No, but Senate did fund one for hip hop night
- PASO: Having only two performers funded will not fill the two hour event, we tried to divide it up to show both East Africa and West Africa
- Jacob: What has PASO done for fundraising?
 - a. PASO: Phoning, cafeteria shifts during Nobel Conference, Mankato's Pizza Ranch tip night
- Gust: Possible to make Africa night and Hip Hop night one big night?
 - a. PASO: No, those are two different cultures

iv. PASO Representatives: Hip Hop Night

- PASO: Mission statement of hip hop night, only asking for \$850, trying to make the night just as big as Africa night but with less money, DJ is important to hip hop and found a dj with a great discount, have some performers that will do it for free so only asked for a few groups to be funded

v. Discussion on Hip Hop Night

- Hirdler: Finance committee did not recommend anything for Hip Hop Night, PASO stated that Africa night was most important event they would like funded
- Fogelberg moves to fund DJ \$250, Stetson seconds
 - a. Fogelberg: should fund DJ because integral part of the night, maybe only fund the DJ
 - b. Nowariak: When are we going to draw the line, should another of their four events be funded?
 - c. PASO: we can only get the DJ if the first group is funded, when PASO puts on events, they are large and successful, not asking to be open to public, only for GAC students

- d. Bryz-Gornia: there needs to be a distinction between organizations who put on events and those who are ambitious with events and those who are successful
 - e. Move to vote to fund DJ, one nay, motion passes
- Prince moves to fund Triple A's performers, Gust seconds
 - a. Lundborg: we are giving this group a lot of funding, need to draw the line
 - b. Kunkel: How many people go to Hip Hop Night?
 - PASO: 200 people, but also connected with a dive
 - c. Kunkel: Thinks funding the DJ is enough
 - d. PASO: we give money back if not used
 - e. Hagadorn: they don't get DJ if the first group is not funded
 - f. Stetson: It seems unintelligent not to fund this group because we funded a DJ that won't come unless this group is funded
 - g. Nowariak: Doesn't agree with the logic of having to fund the higher cost item just because the lower cost item is funded
 - h. PASO: We scratched our dancers this year and saved \$200 from being requested, Hip Hop Night is essential to GAC's African American community
 - i. Gust: One of our pillars is diversity, Hip Hop Night will help, we made decision to fund the DJ who comes with Triple A,
 - Calls to question, Stetson seconds
 - Move to vote, motion passes
 - j. Move to vote to fund Triple A, division, motion passes
- Prince moves to change line 45 (soda soldiers) to 200, Stetson seconds
 - a. Tessmer: We can't keep giving money, Senate should not fund
 - b. Lunborg: This is rapidly becoming one of most expensive nights in Senate history, we need to draw a line
 - c. Flannery: We should draw line now, between this and last spring PASO's funding is over \$9000, this isn't fair to other groups
 - d. PASO: We accept if this group is not funded
 - e. Kampfe: Understands spirit of fiscal responsibility, but this is not Senate's money, this is a trustee organization
 - f. Fogelberg: We need to make sure every other organization can get money
 - g. Move to vote, all but one nay, motion fails

vi. *Move to vote on final line item funding PASO 4,150.00 total*

- Kunkel moves for roll call vote
- Motion Passes

- d. Prince moves to extend two hour limit until end of business, Kampfe seconds
 - i. Motion passes
- e. Prince motions to recess until 8:55, Nowariak seconds
 - i. Motion fails
- f. **MPACT budget**
 - i. Brandon Hirdler – Finance Committee Chair
 - Want to bring speaker to campus March 10, gave all details we need, finance committee recommended full
 - ii. Discussion – none
 - iii. Move to vote on allocating \$500, division, motion passes
 - iv. Move to vote on allocating \$4,650 total to DLC based on tonight’s budgeting
 - Motion passes
- g. **Q&A**
 - i. Brandon Hirdler – Finance Committee Chair
 - Q&A is requesting \$1000 for speaker, that is a lot, Finance committee requested they come to meeting to present, not present and haven’t responded, Finance committee recommends zero funding
 - ii. Discussion
 - Prince: they should bring us details
 - Ostendorf: Q&A’s budget is getting revised and should not have been sent to Finance committee, according
 - Prince calls to question, Skerping seconds
 - iii. Move to vote to allocate \$0 to Q&A, none nay, motion passes
- h. 8:54 Kampfe motions to recess until 9:00, Prince seconds, motion passes

VII. Old Business

- a. **MAPCS**
 - i. Thayer: MAPCS is this weekend, would be great to get a lot of people to go, usually have a high attendance rate, conference is in Duluth, would have to leave Friday afternoon, stay Friday night, go to business on Saturday and there is flexibility about when we would like to come back, need numbers tonight/definitive list, Emily and Kampfe are going for sure
 - McAdams, Lundborg indicate interest

VIII. New Business

a. Visitation Policy

i. Phil Helt – Health and Housing Committee Chair

- Currently the visitation policy for first years is not 24 hours for weekend, would like to change that, talked to constituents last year, Residential Life requested policy changes in the fall, Plan on piggybacking on Residential Life's upcoming survey (one of the more responded to surveys on campus) will get excellent feedback on potential changes
- Seek a change for visitation for freshman to 24 hours on Friday and Saturday (same as upperclassmen)
- Seek a consistent use implementation of roommate contracts in which roommates agree with each other with a CF present about having an overnight guest, want a consistent use of this contract

ii. Discussion

- Lundborg: Thanks to Phil and his committees, we need to recognize that freshman are in general 18 years old and can make decisions for themselves
- Tessmer: Thinks it is sad to need to have this contract, sort of babying them, the campus as a whole sucks at having difficult conversations, but maybe having this conversation will make people more comfortable with difficult topics
- Helt: people last year said that contracts made them more comfortable
- Flannery: At other colleges, a policy she liked is having to get your roommate's permission before a person of either sex can stay overnight, it is important to keep communication open, good policy to have
- Gust: Is this only a freshman thing?
 - a. Helt: Yes, we'll start there, will see what we get from survey

b. 95 Theses

i. Kunkel motions for friendly amendments

- Number 44: Three Crowns Card (spelling)
- Number 91: Three Crowns Card (spelling)

ii. Prince: We should table this and find a new way to set goals

iii. Ostendorf: Disappointed that she's the only person that has said something to this

iv. Helt: The top of the document states "we the student body of..." but this represents us, not the student body, and yes there is a more effective way to goal set, let's move on and do something else

v. Kunkel: Some of the theses are actually happening this year, this is something worth doing

- Line 15 goes in hand with 97, should both be moved higher on the list, most students want to see it happen, it is something we can try for

- Line 61: can be taken off, not a major issue on campus
 - Line 67: this is something we can make happen, remove first line to make more clear and add “for parking permits” at end
 - Line 70, 72, 73, 81: seem silly
 - Line 74: kind of ironic/ ambiguous
 - Would hope that 80 accomplishes 86, get rid of 86
 - Line 88: should be moved up, we’ve been working on it for too long
- vi.** Kunkel moves to make the following requested revisions, Stetson seconds
- Requested revisions:
 - a. Add: “Show a commitment to Gustavus 150 by adding funding to Building Bridges”
 - b. Add: “ensure that the administration make a commitment to maintain a vibrant and thriving off campus student community”
 - c. Add: “review alcohol violations for of-age students”
 - d. Move: 97 to number 1, number 88 to 3 and number 67 to 4
 - e. Remove: numbers 73, 86, 70
 - Kunkel: Friendly amendment to Remove 72 and add “institute a policy of providing all new students a re-usable water bottle to use on campus to reduce waste”, Stetson seconds
 - a. Discussion – none
 - b. Approval of a formal amendment to the motion, motion passes
 - Discussion on Kunkel’s motion and changes
 - a. Jacob – thank you Kunkel
 - Move to vote to make all revisions by Kunkel, none nay, motion passes
- vii.** Prince: Nobody did anything for the 95 theses, since this is supposed to come from representatives of the student body, we can’t claim that this comes from the student body, this document was never referenced last year that he remembers, fails to see the point of this, if we want to goal set it should not be in thesis form
- Moves to table this, no second
- viii.** Gust: I thought we already did goal setting on the retreat, just because we didn’t look at the document before this meeting as we were supposed to does not mean that it is unimportant
- ix.** Tessmer: The 95 Theses concept is a great one when used in certain situations, it was a big deal when done the first time, goal setting on a grand scale like this is important, perhaps senate as a whole is not proper place, maybe look at having another retreat for goal setting
- x.** Bryz-Gornia: Being that it is only once a year, it seems like a big enough deal
- Entertains a motion to insert “and during finals week” on item 22
 - Stetson so moved, Flannery seconds
 - Move to vote, none nay, motion passes
- xi.** Stetson: Doing this here seems uneconomical, perhaps a committee should work on suggestion, we will be here for a long time if we work on it line by line.
- Motions to form a 95 Theses Committee, Sande seconds

- Friendly amendment by Prince to charge this task to Public Relations Committee, Kampfe seconds
 - a. Discussion: none
 - b. Move to vote on amending motion, division, motion passes
 - Discussion on motion
 - a. Kunkel: Is this really something we can't talk about? If we need to table it until next week fine, but we need to address this, it doesn't matter if we post it to door of Ohle
 - b. Call to question by Kunkel, Nowariak seconds, motion passes
 - Move to vote on motion to charge PR committee, motion fails
 - xii. Kunkel: moves to table issue until next week, Stetson seconds
 - Move to vote, none nay, motion passes
- c. Dive Project**
- i. Thayer/ Tessmer: have yet to be able to meet due to scheduling, will be completed before Thanksgiving break, we want to have a business plan before finals, we are also looking at talking to business majors/ professors to see if they would like to help on this project

IX. Announcements

- a. Bryz-Gornia: His roommate is hockey player from Norway, meal plan is not sufficient for athletes who have to stay for all weekends and breaks especially
- b. Nowariak: We have a design for a Frisbee Golf course on campus
- c. Thayer: Blood drive this week

X. Motion to Adjourn by Prince, Skjerping seconds, 9:58