

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Gustavus Adolphus College
Monday, November 8, 2010

- I. Call to Order** by President Tessmer 7:04
- II. Attendance by Administrative Director, Alison Hoffman**
- III. Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2010**
 - a. Move to vote to approve minutes, none nay, motion passes
- IV. Appointments**
 - a. Prairie View Representative - none
 - b. Jacob Lundborg for CAPSUB (Course Approval Sub-Committee)
 - i. Lundborg: CAPSUB approves all courses that we take, hasn't ever had a student on it, he is already on curriculum committee so has an in for this sub-committee
 - ii. Gust moves to appoint Jacob Lundborg to CAPSUB, Stetson seconds
 - iii. Discussion – none
 - iv. Move to vote, motion passes
 - c. Kate Redden for Faculty Committee on Student Life
 - i. We need three senators on this faculty committee
 - ii. Gust moves to appoint Redden, Stetson seconds
 - iii. Discussion – none
 - iv. Move to vote, motion passes
 - d. Stetson McAdams for Academic Technology Committee
 - i. Martin Barnard is on this committee already
 - ii. McAdams: Joining ATC will be his eighth committee credit
 - iii. Gust moves to appoint McAdams to ATC, Prince seconds
 - iv. Discussion
 - Bryz-Gornia: People need to step up to be on committees
 - Barnard: They want to pull someone from GTS which is somewhat of a conflict of interest, wants someone in there who doesn't work for GTS
 - v. Move to vote, motion passes
- V. Community Comment**
 - a. Matt Terhark – MAPCS
 - i. One of co-presidents of MAPCS
 - ii. Day at the capital is a chance to go and lobby state legislature for scholarship grants. MAPCS is a great tool for networking, get your name out there. You can bring ideas back to your Senate that you don't know of. Great opportunity.

VI. Cabinet Concerns

- a. Parliamentarian – Jacob Lundborg
 - i. In general, Senate is doing a great job of learning and following parliamentary procedure. Senators should not address other Senators by their names, it is not very professional. Senators should not attack another person, you can attack ideas but not people. Again, it is not very professional.
- b. Senate Speaker – Clark Kampfe
 - i. The floor involvement has been frustrating, it is everyone’s fault. Poor attention spans and improper use of laptops makes Senate look bad when groups come in.
- c. Co-president – Sean Tessmer
 - i. A reminder to look at people when they are here for community comment and to keep talking out of turn to a minimum
 - ii. Ostendorf: When we know groups are coming in can we move the back row of tables out?
 - iii. Gust: There has to be a better way to present people, to stage them

VII. Old Business

a. Gusbus Discussion

- i. West: Sent out survey, 549 responses which is about as good as you’ll get survey-wise, pretty impressive, people really care about the issue. Majority of responses say people use Gusbus almost every weekend. 59% said let’s try it for a bit, 17% said let’s just do it.
- ii. Nowariak: Gusbus issue has been on the table for a long time, we’ve all made our decisions about how to vote, we should have done something already
 - Motions to accept trial of Gusbus change to set routes, Skjerping seconds
 - Discussion
 - a. West: She was hoping we would figure out many things first, is it a trial or is it permanent, maybe running a trial in December in the cold, we don’t have a lot of details figured out
 - i. Lundborg: details will have to be worked out through amendments to the motion at this point
 - b. Kampfe: We should talk about this more, give West the floor a little bit, lets vote this down to have more discussion.
 - i. Calls to question, prince seconds
 - ii. Move to vote, motion passes
 - Move to vote, all nay, motion fails
- iii. Thayer: We should let Courtney West talk about the considerations, make a list on Microsoft Word and use that to craft the motions you all would like to make. Sean and I talked to Jeff Stocco about the Gusbus and the concerns about police force going after set routes. If this happens, administration will fight to make sure

students are safe. Campus safety and St. Peter police have a good relationship, Campus safety will help people on Campus.

- iv. West: Spoke directly with Ray Thrower, have his word that it will not be an on-campus issue, nor will there be an issue with St. Peter police. We need to consider the duration of the trial, if it should be a trial or permanent, whether you like the route that West made, and when the trial should be run. She thinks it would be best to run trial in the spring after the cold of winter, and a trial basis is what the majority of students want
 - Thayer: Point of information, the Gusbus is more populated in winter months and J-term
 - Gust: When specifically would you like to see this start?
 - West: Consider that we need to have a trial basis, and then at least a week to gather opinions, and Senate would still need to be in session

- v. **Prince moves to implement a trial system proposed by the Student and Academic Affairs chair for six weekends beginning the first weekend (January 7 & 8) after classes starts in J-term, McAdams seconds**
 - *Nowariak moves to amend the dates to begin trial after Thanksgiving break (Dec 3), Stetson seconds*
 - a. Nowariak: We need to make sure we have an advertising program, advertise until Thanksgiving and implement until after Thanksgiving because upperclassmen should be involved
 - b. Fogelberg: If we advertise until the 19th, we can have it run until Christmas break, that is four weekends and then we can continue the trial the first two weekend in January
 - c. Gust: We cannot look at expediency when trying to make a decision, these are two weeks leading up to finals, these two weeks won't even really show how the upperclassmen use the Gusbus
 - d. Fogelberg: Ending a trial in the middle of the month will confuse people, the trial should be all of January or none of it, there is a bar crawl right before the break so it is a good time to do it with people who need to take a break from studying
 - e. Lundborg: Courtney has put in a lot of work, this is not expedient, 60% of students say they want this to happen
 - f. Thayer: We should consider that the numbers proposed in the past about Gusbus use were based on more people living off campus and that number has decreased. People will be open to more changes at the beginning of a semester, we will have ample time to advertise, running a trial on underclassmen during j-term could be a trial for the trial.
 - g. Helt: The end of December is always one of the busiest times for the Gusbus, he thinks it will be enough time to advertise. We don't want to over-advertise because people won't pay attention for long, people know that a change is coming.

- h. Prince calls to question, Kampfe seconds
 - i. Motion passes
 - i. Move to vote to amend, amendment passes
- *Discussion on the Motion*
 - a. Gust: We don't know exactly how long the route is, it doesn't make sense that a bus will go the entire route in 20 minutes, thinks its skewed to say that so many people want this change, it is really misleading. I don't understand why we can't push off this trial to the spring, this is going to be the coldest point of school year, what happens if we encounter a problem in the middle of the six week trial plan? You never market something at market capacity when every possible problem could happen at one time. We will end up back at the drawing board.
 - b. Bryz-Gornia: I don't feel like this is a loaded question just because it says 20-25 minutes, respondents knew what they were answering, three weeks would be enough in December and we can either end the trial or change it back during j-term. Break gives us a chance to analyze results.
 - c. West: Drove the route herself, stopped at every stop, this amount is a little longer, erred on the side of caution, entire route took 15 minutes waiting 15 seconds at every stop. Also, students will probably not respond to a survey as much if it is stopped in the middle of j-term.
 - d. Kampfe: West has taken a course in survey work, looking at calendar, trial period lines up rather perfectly ending at the end of January, there is a demographic out there that is fairly motivated to see changes in the Gusbus, there are problems with the current system, if it doesn't work so be it, we are capable to move on from there.
 - e. Prince: We need to put confidence in Courtney's committee and trust that they have picked out the best option, thinks that timing is perfect, putting off until spring doesn't fix issue of cold, might just over-saturate campus with advertising, people will stop caring, delaying for warmer weather is impossible in Minnesota, when people are back from J-term we will not have as much on our plate, perfect to evaluate results
- *Prince moves for friendly amendment to strike "lasting six weeks" and put in "until end of j-term", Flannery seconds*
 - a. Barnard: 59.5% said "let's try it for a month" not six weeks
 - b. Prince: It doesn't matter, it is a limit of the survey, people won't hold to it.
 - c. Gust: May run in to problems if people expected one month.
 - d. Helt: Supports amendment.

- e. McAdams: Focusing on details seems silly, Senate is the deciding factor, just because survey said one month, Senate still has final say, people won't remember.
 - i. Calls to question,
 - ii. Move to vote to call to question, motion passes
 - f. Move to vote on friendly amendment, motion passes
 - *Discussion on the Motion*
 - a. Flannery: Thinks we need to implement it asap, supports new route, six weeks seems like good time frame.
 - b. Gust: Classes end after the 20th, that's when upperclassmen leave, trial will end five weeks after the weekend when upperclassmen last use it. Having a survey at the end of the trial means that upperclassmen have to remember their opinions for that long. If we do this, maybe we should do a survey in the middle of the trial for upperclassmen opinions.
 - c. McAdams: We can keep picking apart this hypothetical trial, we don't know whether it will or will not work, it is a good time for a trial because then we know the problems of the worst possible situation
 - d. Helt: Keep in mind there will still be a lot of upperclassmen during J-term that WILL use the Gusbus. He is frustrated with the pessimistic view of saying we'll encounter problems or fail with the trial. We will still learn from our mistakes, we need to act and act now. This is something that has already been brought up to students, they support it, what do we have to lose?
 - *Lundborg will entertain a friendly amendment to include the text "of the Gusbus" in the motion*
 - a. Prince so moves
 - b. No objections, motion passes
 - *Prince: Friendly amendment to change the motion to "to implement the trial system of the Gusbus proposed by student and academic affairs chair beginning the weekend after thanksgiving, December 3rd to January 28th"*
 - a. No objections, motion passes
 - *Prince calls to question, Skjerping seconds*
 - a. Move to vote, motion passes
 - *Move to vote on the motion, motion passes*
- vi. Bryz-Gornia: Still not seeing participation, it is frustrating.
 - vii. Helt: Lets pass this and move on.

- viii. Barnard: Results went out last Friday, don't know how many of you actually read them, only 17% were in favor of making the change, isn't a strong survey.
- ix. Prince: This is something the Student and Academic Affairs Committee has talked about for weeks, we have questioned it every step of the way. We have gotten the feedback that we asked for.
- x. Fogelberg moves to end discussion on Gusbus, Prince seconds
 - Move to vote, requires 2/3, motion passes

b. Five Minute Recess

- i. Prince moves for five minute break, Gust seconds
- ii. Move to vote, motion passes
- iii. *Five Minute Recess*
- iv. Kampfe moves to extend meeting until the end of business, Prince seconds
 - Move to vote, motion passes

c. Gusbus Discussion – Part Two

- i. Motion to reconsider Gusbus by Schmitt, Prince seconds
 - Requires 2/3, motion passes
- ii. **Schmitt moves to reconsider route, Skjerpig seconds, motion passes**
 - *Schmitt moves to add arbor view stop between stops 4 and 5 to the route as a pick up/ drop off spot, Skjerpig seconds*
 - a. Erik: we should replace interpretive center stop
 - b. West: arbor view was never considered, would be okay with adding
 - c. Prince: lives in arbor view, doesn't matter, its two minutes from interpretive center, its more efficient to keep it the way it is
 - d. Krahulec: we're not driving it, maybe leave it to gusbus drivers to see what is efficient and how much adding this stop will affect the route
 - e. Erik: you don't only represent yourself but also your constituents
 - f. Emily: we can make route changes after the trial run
 - g. Blake: to make one dorm walk but none others, seems unfair, shouldn't leave out a stop entirely, majority are upperclassmen who live there
 - h. Prince: Don't see a problem with this, sohre and pittman have to walk a little, asking arbor view to walk two minutes is not reasonable, constituents have expressed concerns with efficiency so is acting in their interests
 - i. Move to vote, division, motion passes 10 to 6

- *Gust moves to add stop in the Rundstrom parking lot because we just agreed not to leave one dorm out, no second*
 - a. Gust: seeing no second on my motion, we are agreeing to add some stops and not others. This is not fair, we added a spot for Arbor view.
 - b. Krahulec: We are not looking at specific dorms, but the most popular spots as indicated by the Gusbus statistics and drivers' input. The more we cater to each individual dorm, the less efficient the route becomes.
 - c. Nelson: As the Rundstrom representative, the 7th and College stop is close enough that an extra stop right in front of Rundstrom is unnecessary
 - d. Kampfe: Can we try to limit discussion?
 - e. Barnard: There is a major difference in walking distance for Arbor view residents than Rundstrom residents.
- Tasha: We voted on this route weeks ago, if there were changes that should have been made it should have been addressed then, people need to give more consideration to things before we pass them, do people not care? Not making enough effort, can do better.

d. 95 Theses

- i. Phil Helt: We need a true honors program curriculum, film studies/ video curriculum, journalism curriculum. Proposes changes:
 - Line 24: tack on heating, some dorms don't have good heating
 - Line 28: move cigarette butts farther from dorms and other academic buildings
 - Line 40: already done
 - Line 43: tack on something about political ideology
 - Line 52: add ice-skate rental
 - Movie rental box
 - 93: should be higher
 - 92: should be higher
 - 88 and 89: combine them, move up (88 moved up last week)
 - 82: reword to have more vegetarian option and culturally sensitive foods
 - 83: work with bookmark on punch card award system for purchases
 - Top of the document should say "We the members of student senate, representatives of the student body"
- ii. Flannery motions to accept Helt's changes, Fogelberg seconds
 - Erik entertains a friendly amendment to change 24 to "install adequate heating and air conditioning units in the dorms",

- a. Kampfe so motions, no objection, motion passes
 - Barnard: this is a really inefficient system, let's go line by line and make changes and separate into tiers to prioritize them
 - Tessmer: I feel like this is committee work
 - Prince: Some of these things are controversial and should be addressed at length in a committee, encourage everyone to vote no
 - Move to vote, motion fails
- iii. Fogelberg moves to charge a committee to Martin Barnard, McAdams seconds
 - Discussion – none
 - Move to vote, motion passes
- iv. Discussion on 95 Theses
 - Thayer: there are so many things on this list that administration has a hard time reading through all of it, no dates, no deadlines, they are confused about it and don't know what to do about it, and are already working on commission 150, now that there is a committee, send your suggestions in to Martin
 - Krahulec: the organization needs to be improves, tier system will be better than the number system
 - Barnard: please don't flood me with emails
 - Helt: We need open communication
 - Hoffman: flood me with emails, will compile for Martin
 - Gust: also willing to take it on, also unsure if its necessary to get away from the 95 theses structure
 - Barnard: ok to email me as long as 95 theses is the subject
 - Prince: we are just creating commission 150, maybe a goal setting committee would be more efficient
 - Thayer: I served on commission 150, this is nothing like it, there was only two students on it, hardly any student input, this is a good way for us to start initially thinking about goals
 - Nowariak: we have a committee formed, leave it at that
- v. Stetson moves to end discussion, Skjerpjng seconds
 - Move to vote, motion passes

VIII. New Business

a. New Student and Academic Affairs Committee

- i. West: Nine people are interested in the first committee, have a variety of projects, can only have five senators on a committee, want to form a second

- ii. Prince moves to form a second committee, Skjerping seconds
 - Lundborg: Can we have a different title of the committee?
 - Bryz-Gornia: Ethics committee will be looking at a bylaw change regarding number of students allowed on a committee
 - Kampfe: What is Courtney’s next project?
 - a. West: Gustie ware bins in all bins, parking passes being bumper stickers, rewording things on parking pass website
 - Kampfe: Friendly amendment to call the new committee “gustieware and parking pass committee”
 - a. Gust objects
 - Krahulec motions for a friendly amendment to call it “Student Affairs Committee”, Gust seconds
 - a. Gust: If we pass this, we will make another amendment to change the name of the first one
 - b. Hirdler: Will this restrict the projects Courtney can give to each committee?
 - i. Tessmer: no
 - c. Prince: A committee by any other name would smell as sweet, does it matter?
 - i. Call to question, Kampfe seconds
 - ii. Move to vote, motion passes
 - d. Move to vote on amendment, motion passes
 - Prince calls to question, Gust seconds, motion passes
 - Move to vote to create Student Affairs Committee, motion passes
- b. Parking Passes**
- i. Juran: Off campus people have shown concern about having to pay same price for parking pass as on campus when their cars don’t stay here overnight

IX. Announcements

a. MAPCS

- i. Emily: we have a list of good ideas, will write them up and send them out, actually need to read them and discuss at next meeting, at st. johns have pub and sell alcohol at st. bens, helps our case for our dive business plans because those locations are a good source of fundraising

b. ORC – Joey Nowariak

- i. Frolf course is designed, nine holes running around campus

- c. Public Relations Committee – Kate Redden
 - i. Redden: Each dorm rep should leave with a poster, a stack of shitter chatter, and a picture of you, your constituents can see what you look like, where to find you, etc. reslife has been using our space, thanks to my committee
 - ii. Bryz-Gornia: As your friendly ethics person, I approve taking down crap that is on our property
 - iii. Fogelberg: If you have extra time can we have a sign saying not to post there because it belongs to student senate
 - iv. Redden: Many are already tagged with student senate
 - v. Emily: let us know if you don't know where your board is
- d. Barnard: If interested in 95 Theses committee, talk after the meeting
- e. Helt: Need to see all committees after meeting
- f. Bryz-Gornia: If do not have committee credits by next week, action will be taken
- g. Hoffman: Need to see Chang and Krahulec after meeting. Will send out Faculty committee information and a list of the documented committee credits
- h. Ostendorf: We want to put together a forum for discussion with DLC, they are being difficult to work with, haven't heard back from them
- i. Thayer: anyone who went to MAPCS email me questions/ comments to include in report
- j. Helt: tomorrow is Martin's birthday, lets sing

X. Motion to Adjourn by Joey Nowariak, Skjerpung seconds, 9:50