

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Gustavus Adolphus College
Monday, November 15, 2010

- I. Call to Order** by President Thayer 7:05
- II. Attendance by Administrative Director, Alison Hoffman**
- III. Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2010**
 - a. Move to vote to approve minutes, none nay, motion passes
- IV. Community Comment**
 - a. Flannery moves to table community comment, Sande seconds
 - b. Move to vote, motion passes
- V. Appointments**
 - a. Prairie View Representative - none
 - b. Faculty committee nominations
 - i. Courtney West for Faculty Committee on Student Life
 - Prince moves to appoint West, Gust seconds
 - Discussion – none
 - Move to vote, motion passes
 - ii. Martin Barnard for Technology Advisory group
 - McAdams moves to appoint Barnard, Gust seconds
 - Discussion – none
 - Move to vote, motion passes
- VI. Finance**
 - a. **Eta Sigma Phi**
 - i. Brandon Hirdler – Finance Committee Chair
 - Going to theater performance in Mankato, reached out to classics department and classics class, four people responded, group is asking for half of the \$14 tickets, finance committee recommend funding in full
 - ii. Jacob Lundborg – Eta Sigma Phi Representative
 - One more person is interested in going, request total \$35
 - iii. Prince moves to change recommendation from \$28 to \$35, Gust seconds
 - iv. Discussion - none
 - v. Vote to approve budget as it stands, motion passes

VII. Old Business

a. Alcohol Policy - Deirdre Rosenfeld

- i. Tessmer: Kunkel previously brought up concerns about 21 year olds and alcohol violations on campus, Deirdre is here to discuss the alcohol policy
 - Dierdre - distributes alcohol guidelines
- ii. Gust: Why are 21 year olds being punished for alcohol use?
- iii. Kunkel: We need this to change, I understand the current policy, but ideally I would like to see campus safety to not give yellow card violations to 21 year olds
 - Deirdre – they are conversation cards that have no judicial significance, you have to cloak your alcohol if you are 21, that is something that we can change pretty easily
- iv. Gust: Do yellow cards go on your record?
 - Deirdre - Nothing goes on your record unless you are expelled
- v. Tessmer: Why are 21 year olds getting conversation cards despite being 21, I talked to Jeff about it and he said this will never change, why is this the case?
- vi. Nowariak: As a CF, we give everyone who is present a conversation card regardless of being 21 because this gives more perspectives on the story by having everyone come in for conversation, whether they get punished is a completely separate question
- vii. Thayer: Reading the policy, staggering is considering a more serious offense than under-age consumption, this is where a lot of people are confused, as a 21 year old why is that not acceptable?
 - Deirdre – When you were accepted at Gustavus you signed an agreement saying you will uphold Gustavus policy, and the fourth one says that you will refrain from using illegal substances and will use legal ones responsibly. It's the same type of policy as not allowing candles, yes they are legal but they are also dangerous.
- viii. Gust: Can you even get a level one offense if you are of age?
 - Deirdre - When you are 21, if you have alcohol in an area where you are not supposed to, that is a citation. That is lower than a consumption violation. We don't test BAC unless they fail a series of sobriety tests.
- ix. Nowariak: Motions to form alcohol policy committee, Stetson seconds
 - Nowariak: Wouldn't be opposed to chairing, knows people in Res Life
 - Move to vote, motion passes
- x. Thayer: Clarification, do yellow cards stay on your record?
 - Dierdre: Not the conversation cards, but the punishment that may result from the conversation may. Committee should look into how to clean a record for good behavior.
- xi. Nowariak: Do we have an amnesty committee?
 - Yes

VIII. New Business

a. Ethics Committee Bylaws

- i. Bryz-Gornia: With bylaws, the Ethics chair presents a change, senators discuss whether to consider it, sit on it for a week and come back and vote to pass it. Today, we are voting on whether or not to consider.
- ii. Article VIII line three
 - Currently states:

“This USB drive may only be removed from Archives by the Ombudsperson with the Senate Adviser acting as witness, or by the Senate Adviser alone.”
 - Amend to say:

“This USB drive may only be removed from Archives by the Ombudsperson with another Ethics Committee member acting as witness, or by the Senate Adviser alone.”
 - Prince moves to consider, Kampfe seconds
 - Discussion – none
 - Move to vote, motion passes

IX. Community Comment

- a. Kunkel moves to take Community Comment off the table, Prince seconds
 - i. Move to vote, motion passes
- b. Antonio Herbert – Transportation to Mankato
 - i. Sophomore, music performance major, prospective education double major
 - ii. Passionate about the lack of transportation for students, gac is becoming more a regional college, many students don't have cars, there is not that much to do in st. peter, not many stores.
 - iii. Entertains motion to provide students transportation to Mankato, possibly using vans or Gusbus
 - iv. St. Olaf and Carleton do something like this for students, talked to director of student activities at St. Olaf, students use tokens to get on bus. They have weekend bowling, etc.
 - v. I'm from florida, don't have a car. Last year, bike was in Mankato and ride was supposed to take him didn't show up, had to take cab and had to pay \$55 round trip. Its hard to get rides with friends because then you are always on other people's watch.
 - vi. A fellow student from Jamaica was here all summer long. When students are here during summer months and have no way to get off the hill, poses potential psychological harm.

- vii. Can we incorporate student activities dollars for transportation? Help me brainstorm further on this topic proposal.
- viii. Not all students use the Gusbus at all, not proposing removing Gusbus at all, but maybe look at the money we are spending on it and look at the possibility to use funds to get students to Mankato.
- ix. We are in rural Minnesota, may be a deterrent for prospective students.

c. Discussion about Student Transportation to Mankato

- i. Gust: Are you doing all the research for your class and just looking for Senate to be your voice?
 - Herbert: Dean of students is behind me, as far as figures go, its hard to do on my own, would like a committee to back me up
- ii. Tessmer: Gusbus is operated by St. Peter transit during the day and only goes to St. Peter and Kasota, this would have to be outside the Gusbus.
- iii. Gust motions to form a Mankato transportation committee, Stetson seconds
 - Kunkel: Are there senators interested in being on that committee?
 - Gust: What we need is a little bit more information, I am personally hesitant to join because would like to know more that this could be done instead of just a research thing, there needs to be some starting motion, more people will be interested with more background information
 - Herbert: primarily, idea was to ask to re-allocate student activities dollars
 - Tessmer: Committees exist to gather information for senate then formulate a policy that is proposed to senate, voted on and given to dean of students. Laying all that burden on Antonio is not fair. Administrative director says committee credits are still needed by some senators. Advocating for finding out how to do this, what method is best for GAC, get creative, can't use St. Peter transit. This would be a great resume builder, this is what senate exists to do.
 - Thayer: Students at large can serve on it, and one may very well chair the committee, students can get more involved
 - Lundborg: Is Herbert willing to chair?
 - Herbert: Yes, willing to chair, but need help, in the future would like to hand it over and just serve on it
 - Lundborg: this is one of the best ways for Senate to do what Senate it supposed to do
 - Blake: I will chair this committee, we can do this, we can look at other schools and what they are doing
- iv. Move to vote, none nay, motion passed

X. New Business Resumes

a. Ethics Committee Bylaws

i. Article IV Applications

- Currently States:

- 1) *Any candidate seeking an office and campaigning in any manner must complete an election application and submit it to the Election Committee before engaging in any campaigning activities.*

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- 3) *Candidates campaigning for membership within Student Senate may only petition for candidacy and campaign for one office per election.*

- Prince moves to consider, Skjerping seconds

- Move to vote, motion passes

ii. Article I (Line 4 and 5) The co-presidents elect shall:

- Currently states:

- 4) *attend all full Senate meetings;*

- 5) *attend cabinet meetings at the discretion of the Co-Presidents;*

- Amend to say:

- 4) *attend all full Senate meetings, unless studying abroad;*

- 5) *attend cabinet meetings at the discretion of the Co-Presidents, unless studying abroad;*

- Prince moves to consider, Fogelberg seconds

- Discussion:

- a. Nowariak: co-president elect needs to be here because they are dedicating a full year and half a semester to being at senate meetings, don't make sense to excuse them if they are abroad, the difficulties of fulfilling the co-president elect's duties while abroad such as creating a calendar will be really tough. As a tough you need too know what the issues that are going on in the

student body are. If you say people are relaying information, you cannot get the impression while you are abroad, not having face to face conversations. It is unfair to demand one of the co-president elects to fulfill the duties of both, it is a lot of work, especially when winding down and dealing with finance stuff, it isn't healthy for someone to be that involved. Studying abroad is not a decision that should be made lightly and all potential consequences should be considered. Sometimes you have to make decisions. Running for co-president shouldn't be a last minute decision.

- b. Gust: respectfully listened to previous comment. We just had a study abroad fair. I think we need to pass this. The prime time to study abroad is the spring of your junior year and to say that because you aren't sitting at senate meetings means you are completely cut off from Gustavus committee. You are not cut off, this is just saying they don't need to go to the senate and cabinet meetings. This is a great idea, should have to pick between studying abroad
- c. Thayer: agree with both, tried running for co-presidency as a sophomore with someone who is studying abroad, previous bylaw does allow you to study abroad, it doesn't say you have to attend senate meetings in person, can attend via skype. We had a set plan about how it will work, making a calendar, etc. Wording scares me "attend all meetings unless studying abroad", never have attend via skype or something else? Something that needs to be looked at but unsure if this bylaw is the way to do it.
- d. Prince: That's a great point, this is all stuff that should be brought up next meeting. We cannot presume that the present co-president elect will have to take on all the responsibility. Study abroad is absolutely a choice, a clarification just to get what we mean into the bylaws would be a good thing, maybe it was okay to run under the old bylaws but it doesn't hurt to clarify it. Maybe the wording is bad, but that should be discussed next week. Presumption that senate is so incredibly complex that you have to be here in this room in order to understand what is going on, there are people who joined cabinet with no previous experience and are doing a great job, not fair to say that they need experience before being co-president elect.

- i. Calls to question, Nowariak seconds

- ii. Move to vote, motion passes

- Move to vote to consider, passed

iii. Constitution, Article 1 Section 2

- Currently says:

- 2) *Student: any person taking courses at Gustavus Adolphus College, either full-time or part-time.*

- Amend to say:
 - 2) *Student: any person taking courses at Gustavus Adolphus College, either full-time or part-time, or a Gustavus Adolphus College approved study-abroad institution.*
- Kunkel motions to consider, Skjerping seconds
- Move to vote, motion passed

iv. Article 3 Section 3

- Currently reads:
 - 3) *Co-Presidents Elect: Two students shall be elected in the spring semester as Co-Presidents prior to the academic year in which they will serve. Immediately following the election, the Co-Presidents Elect begin carrying out their duties prescribed in the by-laws. The Co-Presidents-Elect have full speaking privileges but no voting privileges and must resign from any other Senate positions.*
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- Kunkel moves to consider, Nowariak seconds
- Move to vote, motion passes

XI. Announcements

- a. Sign Cards for those involved in Gusbus, St. Peter transit
 - i. Campus safety gave \$100 to help advertise, Also got \$100 from PA's
 - ii. There is Facebook event, please join and invite your friends
- b. PR is sending out approximately 60 holiday cards, dress appropriately next week
- c. Kunkel: print out huge maps to put at front doors of dorms
- d. Kampfe: the Gustavian Weekly will have section about Gusbus
- e. Ostendorf gives civil discourse committee to nick prince
- f. Hirdler: will have finance bylaws next week
- g. Tessmer: post senate convo in Caf, informal
- h. Thayer: Next meeting pizza at 6:00 before meeting

XII. Motion to Adjourn by Kampfe, Kunkel seconds, 8:27