

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Gustavus Adolphus College
Monday, September 2, 2010

- I. **Call to Order** by President Sean Tessmer at 7:00 PM
- II. **Attendance by Administrative Director, Alison Hoffman**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2010**
 - a. Kunkel moves to approve minutes, Skjerping seconds
 - b. Move to vote, none reject or abstain, motion passes
- IV. **Community Comment**
 - a. none
- V. **Appointments**
 - a. Pitman Hall Representative Nominations
 - i. Kirsten Craft
 - Involved in forensics
 - Help dorm have a voice, be more unified
 - From Sioux falls
 - ii. Questions – none
 - iii. Discussion
 - Phil – she’s on speech with him, very excited, can get others excited
 - Sean – talked with Kate and Sean at involvement fair, very interested in Senate, interested in projects
 - iv. Vote to appoint Kirstin to pitman hall rep, none nay, motion passes
- VI. **Officer Reports**
 - a. Phil Helt – Housing and Health Chair
 - i. Introduction about self
 - ii. Three committees to work on:
 - Housing committee – visitation policy, open house
 - Limited Immunity Community – turn it into full amnesty, work w/ PA’s
 - Handicap Accessibility – especially Christ Chapel, obtain commitment by President Ohle by the end of the year
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. None
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. **Approval of Finance Committee Nominations by Brandon:**
 - i. **Joey Nowariak** – Senior Class Representative
 - Finance last year, wants to have a voice in money allocations, balance the budget coming in
 - Questions – none

- Discussion
 - a. Jacob Lundborg: was on finance committee briefly last year, Joey is very interested in numbers and money, good at finance, big proponent for keeping us honest and sticking to the laws we set ourselves
 - Move to vote – none reject or abstain, motion passes
- ii. Eric Kunkel – Southwest Hall Representative**
- Very fiscally conservative, everyone should get a fair judgment by the rules, on the committee for the past two years, no one has more experience than him
 - Discussion
 - a. Sean Tessmer – Kunkel is a great voice to have, thinks of every argument for and against increasing a budget, enjoyed having him on the committee when he himself was a chair, good at reminding peers of logic behind decisions
 - b. Joey Nowariak – he goes by the rules, by the book
 - Move to vote - none reject or abstain, motion passes
- iii. Jessye Flannery – Complex Representative**
- This is her second year on senate, wasn't on finance committee last year, enjoyed the budget process last year, wants to get to know more groups and put her opinion in on budget
 - Questions - none
 - Discussion
 - a. Brandon Hirdler – her application looks great, hard worker, will make sure the job gets done right, had class with her
 - b. Sean Tessmer- great moderate voice, will balance out the fiscal Conservatism of Kunkel and Nowariak, we need youth in this position
 - Vote to approve nomination, none abstain or reject, motion passes
- iv. Andrew Schmitt – Arbor View Apartments Representative**
- First time senator, knows finance is a big part of Senate and wants to be a part of it and have a voice, physics major
 - Questions – none
 - Discussion
 - a. Sean Tessmer– good with numbers, Kristin is a senior and we will need a new controller
 - b. Brandon Hirdler– we have the veterans, we need fresh ideas and new faces, background with numbers in physics, driven to work
 - Vote to approve nomination, none nay, motion passes
- v. Eric Huemiller - Student at Large (Senior)**
- Discussion
 - a. Brandon Hirdler – he's a senior, knows finance guidelines in and out, worked with us last two years on budget process
 - b. Clark Kampfe – he's very driven
 - c. Sean Cain Skjerping – He's a physics major, good with numbers, driven, cares about Senate issues
 - Move to approve nomination, none abstain or reject, motion passes

- vi. **Margarita Novack** – Student at Large (Freshman)
 - Discussion
 - a. Brandon Hirdler – She is a freshman (good balance with the senior student at large), ran for Senate this year and lost, was at the involvement fair, worked with several groups in high school dealing with financing
 - b. Nick Atkins – she’s motivated to do good in this world, motivated
 - c. Stetson McAdams– she has an odd obsession with work
 - d. Casey Hagadorn – she ran for two representative positions, really wants to be on Senate
 - Move to approve nomination, none reject or abstain, motion passes
- b. **General Technology Committee Formation** – Martin Barnard, Technology Director
 - i. Barnard motions to form general technologies committee, Nowariak seconds
 - ii. Discussion:
 - Martin: Mediacom, printing committee problems
 - iii. Move to create technologies committee, none nay, motion passes

IX. Announcements

- a. Spring MAPCS – Sean Tessmer
 - i. One of co-presidents of MAPCS who does most of the planning, got Concordia Moorhead to say they don’t want to have the conference so we will.
 - ii. Non-senators can come to these conferences as well
 - iii. GAC always have a great showing, other schools are impressed by the way we run things
 - iv. Phil – it will save us money in transportation,
 - v. Dates – April 9 and 10, Deirdre will reserve hostels the night of 8 and 9
- b. Board of Trustees Meeting – Sean Tessmer
 - i. Last Friday Tessmer and Thayer presented Senate agenda to Board of Trustees, positive feedback
 - ii. Board has been restructured, students can serve on sub-groups to serve as a voice for the student body, more communication
 - iii. Tessmer and Thayer will attend the business session of every Board meeting
 - iv. Two Board of Trustees members talked to him about the dive project (including Wayne Peterson, excited about potential for alcohol education), the Board is excited about the prospect of having a business plan by next semester
 - v. Anthony Adams– attended a senior leadership dinner last week, met a few board members, they are excited about having students on their committees
 - vi. Students on committees will give reports to Senate after their meetings
- c. Joey Nowariak – Outdoor Recreation Committee
 - i. Email if you have ideas
 - ii. Grills, outdoor hockey rink, frof course, ropes course
- d. Tasha Ostendorf – Diversity Chair

- i. Two spots left on diversity committee
 - e. Kate Redding – PR Committee Chair
 - i. Few spots open on PR committee
 - f. Erik Bryz-Gornia - Parliamentarian
 - i. One spot open on ethics committee – student at large position
 - g. Brandon Hirdler – Finance Director
 - i. Finance meetings start tomorrow 8 pm in Leadholm
 - h. Martin Barnard – Technologies Director
 - i. Office hours need to be set up by this weekend
 - ii. One hour per week you must be in your dorm, they should be advertized, send an email out to your building (ask CFs for emails)
 - iii. Send them to both Martin and Alison.
 - i. Alison Hoffman – Administrative Director
 - i. Review of attendance policy
 - ii. Three unexcused absences permitted per semester
 - iii. Attendance log will be posted online
 - iv. Any absence that Alison is not notified of before 12:00 PM the day of the meeting will be counted as un-excused
 - j. Nick Atkins – Uhler Hall Representative
 - i. Announcing letter of resignation
 - ii. Began list of things he would rather do, ruled out of order by chair
 - iii. Letter must be sent to the admin director prior to the meeting
 - iv. Kunkel motion to suspend the rules, Prince seconds to let him read list
 - v. Requires 2/3, 10 of 15, motion passes
 - vi. Atkins reads list
- X. Motion to adjourn – Eric Kunkel, Anthony Adams seconds, motion passes 7:40**