

Full Student Senate Meeting Minutes
May 5th, 2008

- I. Call meeting to order by Chair Kim Braun at 7:09 p.m.
- II. Attendance by VPA Shawn Grygo
 - a. Excused Absences- Jericho Westendorf, Ryan Dobbs
 - b. Unexcused Absences- Anthony Spain, James Ebeling, Nick Zorn
- III. Approval of Minutes from April 21st –All in favor
- IV. Administrative Conference Committee 7:45 p.m.
 - a. Senate Resolution- The goal of the council is to make a recommendation and asked for a vote of support. If we cannot come to a resolution then any member of the Gustavus community can file a complaint based on the violations of the constitution. Christine asks if we have to vote on the entire resolution Andrew asks about the broadcast portion of the resolution. Kyle adds it will help the educational process. Shawn asks about the make up of the committee and the only make up of the committee is secured for voting. Emily asks if someone will be keeping track of what happens with the Senate. Joel asks about the different amendments. Harry asks about the section of 2d, which mentions the paying of the room fee for the early arrival. Connor motions to vote to adopt this resolution and Anna seconds. Motion carries. Maari suggests making table tents to promote the mistake and something on gacspot.com
- V. Community Comment
 - a. Jim Dontje- working on environmental stewardship part of the strategic plan. Working on environmental mission. The second part of the document works on five ways to work towards the environmental mission. People may have been expecting some specific goals. Some appear such as energy and water. We are reducing our energy use and green house emissions. Some of the tactics are a conversation that needs to begin including the students, faculty and staff. Also work on promoting and working with the curriculum. Looking at partnerships that can be made and Jim will be working on this himself. Discussion will be happening at this point and then will continue in the fall. There is a website that has more information and will be available for more questions and discussions.
 - b. Jordan Walker- Hammocks and the Gustavus Community. Feeling happy when in hammocks and there is a need for more stress relieving items such as hammocks. There were pictures of things that can represent hammocks. Hammocks are a great chance to relax and they would be an addition to the wooden chairs on campus. They would hope the hammocks would be made in the United States and would want to avoid the idea of child

labor and is a serious part of the movement. Other campuses have made stands for hammocks.

c. Jenny-Local grown food in the caf. Students get most of their meals from the cafeteria. If Gustavus could implement more local grown food within the caf. Obesity among youth has tripled in these current years alone. In 2006, Gustavus was ranked one of the healthiest colleges. Gustavus received a C plus.

VI. Finance Committee

a. Gustavus Dance Company requested 4,499.68 to fund the trip to go to New York City to represent Gustavus to the American College Dance Festival. Britta Peterson introduced the members of the cast of Vigorous Incubation and began to rehearse in August. They began fundraising to attend the conference in Madison, Wisconsin. The dance is very physically challenging. When they got to the conference they were over 49 colleges in attendance. They performed with University of Minnesota and other large schools as well. Out of 49 colleges only 11 were brought to the gala. Out of eleven only three were chosen to go to the national conference. The nomination of best performance by a student and all seven were nominated for the best performance. Ashley met with Michele Rusinko and she explained these costs in details. They have looked everywhere for this money and we are a last resort. The finance committee has money to spend for this. The competition will be June 3rd through the June 9th. They have been asked to open the conference and they will get to watch all the different works from the different parts of the country. Connor motions to recommend the full amount and Sean seconds. Sean adds that we can go against the guidelines because this is a unique experience. Ashley adds that this will give Gustavus a name. If they are not given the money some dancers may not be able to go. Amber adds that if we do not fund this we are not representing Gustavus. Nick seconds what Amber says. Christine asks what other things they will have to pay for and Britta adds that they only pay for classes. Christine calls the question and Sean seconds. We are voting to change the line items all in favor motion carries to line items to be in full. Jordan called the question and Andrew seconds. Motion carries to vote. Motion carries and Gustavus Dance Company is allocated 4, 449.68

b. Operation Smile

c. Proclaim

d. Women's Ultimate has requested 500.00 for a disk purchase. Someone made a purchase and came to the finance after that fact. Finance states that groups cannot do this. Maari says there is a difference between having an ok to buy something and not just going out to buy something. They are looking to sell these disks and finance does not fund things that will be sold to the campus. Vote to allocate 0.00 carries.

e. Model UN has requested 168.00 for the end of the year banquet. Finance has recommended 0.00. According to the guidelines they have not fulfilled the allocation guidelines. Amber mentions that they may have filled the guidelines and Ashley states that they have not had an open

event to campus. 0.00 is allocated to the group.

f. Men's Volleyball has requested 220.00 dollars to a banquet at Buffalo Wild Wings. Finance has recommended 120 due to the item of 10 dollars per person and there will be 12 people there. Amber asks if the beverage cost is included. Motion carries and 120 dollars is allocated to Men's Volleyball.

g. 21+ Dive Night needs 265.00 to pay for an s & s officer, wristbands and the SAO employee. Finance has recommended 265.00. Anne asks about the food and alcohol and Kim mentions that these items will be coming from the Marketplace. This will be coming from the Capitol Project money. Motion carries.

V. Officer Reports

a. Vice President for Administration- Shawn Grygo

Reads the letters that will be sent to President Peterson and Ohle. Reminds that constituency and faculty reports are due.

b. Director of Communications- Jon Kidd

Thanks everyone for tabling and passes around the sheet. Schitter chatters will be happening and dorm reps watch.

c. Floor Leader/Parliamentarian-Scott Broady

Wants senators to fill up the committee for the constitution.

d. Vice President for Finance- Ashley Melville

Mentions that spring budgeting will still be going on and groups that can still be recognized.

e. Controller-Maari Hanson

Would like students to attend President Peterson's going away party. Dim Light Shining will play at the event. We discussed ice cream at the event. Maari mentions that Macalester is re-looking at all their student groups.

f. Webmasters- Derek Holm and Matt Olson

They had an idea to incorporate overhead at Gustavus. They have been talking to GACTV and KGSM trying to get them incorporated. The Senate website has been updated and please email them if you like it or not.

g. Co-Presidents- Kim Braun & Lucas Neher

The community bikes are in the works and they are trying to get a partnership with the Spoke. Spoke with Charlie Strey and he said that Senate has the power to change things for example the visitation policy. The back to school bash will be used to kick off the global insights program. Jake asks about liability and Bill asks what if the

bikes are stolen. We will need a group to maintain the bikes. Andrew asks how many bikes and Kim and Lucas say about 20 or 30. Holly mentions the wellness and fitness club. Emily mentions during Senate weekend it is a way to implement the program and Kim mentions that it will be helpful to have many senators. Matt says that the spoke would be helpful for rebuilding. Shawn mentions the Wellness ILS program

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Residential Life- Ryan Dobbs
Michelle contacted Physical Plant about moving the butt stops away from the dorms.
- b. Student Affairs- Connor Bennett
21 plus dive night will happen and some things need to be worked out. Red Box will not work and hammocks are being researched. The Library Audio Visual has movies that they can rent. Steve mentions that the Dean of Students office needs to approve the dive night.
- c. Academic Affairs-Jericho Westendorf
Jericho will be making signs to advertise about putting the newspapers back. Asking about meat advisors and credit payments.
- d. Food and Health-Chris Ditlevson
Senate will be funding the hand dryers for next year along with to go boxes and the engraving of the to go boxes.
- e. Public Relations-Emily Thayer
Senate Weekend is coming up on the 16th and 17th. The finance committee will be busy! An advertisement will be done for Senate Weekend. Any ideas for senate weekend will be taken. James is on the t-shirts and advertising student senate to the first year students.
- f. Diversity – Rachel Schmitt
Pangea day will be happening on Saturday and Diversity Ball will be on Saturday as well.

Charlie Strey stopped by! He states that five different voices will be heard for the gender-neutral housing. Uhler would make sense to have gender neutral and since Uhler has more than one more bathroom per floor.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

a. Constitution Amendments

1. Lets make the Webmaster's real!
Scott made some adjustments to the statement. Scott said that there was a question of making the position and an advisory spot on senate. Scott mentions it would be like the controller and floor leader/parliamentarian. Derek brings up if we have to include to the title "co-webmasters." Holly would like to include a line f about the position being split into two. Vote of consideration carries.

2. Qualifications for elected officer amendment talks about changing the words from two to one. Motion carries for consideration of amendment.

b. Academic Operations Committee

1. Steve Palmer is not coming so we need a new person. Emily volunteered, but maybe it will wait till the fall.

XII. Announcements

There are old minutes up and Jon will provide copies of minutes!

21st plus dive night!

Senate Weekend!

Lets volunteer for 21 plus dive night!

Forensics showcase is on April 15th at 7:30!

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

Nick motions to adjourn and Sean seconds.

Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shawn Grygo