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ABSTRACT:

The Gustavus Adolphus College Student Senate collection contains minutes, financial information, administrative documents, correspondence, and others materials. The bulk of the collection is made up of minutes and financial information, such as budget proposals and ledger sheets. There is also administrative information including constitutions, committee reports and member lists. The collection also holds correspondence, surveys, questionnaires, and conference information among many other materials.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Gustavus Adolphus College Student Senate began in 1942. It was preceded by The Forum (1919-1942) and before that the Students' Council (1914-1919.) According to the first constitution, its object was "to provide a means by which the student body may regulate student activities in conformity with college rules, give occasion for the practice amongst the student body of democratic self-government, and take potent and actual measures toward the elevation of the moral standard among students." Over the years, the purpose has changed slightly and now states that "The Senate exists to represent the will of the student body. The Senate values community and strives to promote communication and collaboration between students, faculty, staff, and administrators while furthering policy interests of the student body."

Currently membership consists of a Cabinet, Co-Presidents, Co-Presidents Elect, Administrative Director, Technology Director, Parliamentarian, Controller, Public Relations Chair, Finance Chair, Housing & Health Chair, Academic & Student Affairs Chair, Diversity Development Chair, Ombudsperson, Senate Speaker, one Senator from each residence hall (two from Norelius, Complex, and Off-Campus,) one Class Senator from each class, and an International Senator.

*Information obtains from collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is divided into five sections: Minutes, Financial, Administrative, Correspondence and Miscellaneous.

Administrative contains committee reports, constitutions, member lists, and appointment calendars, arranged alphabetically.

Correspondence holds correspondence to and from the Student Senate, arranged chronologically by year.

Financial is made up of budget proposals, budget requests, ledgers sheets, and Budget and Appropriation Committee reports, arranged chronologically.

Minutes contains minutes of the Student Senate, arranged chronologically, with some gaps.

Miscellaneous includes surveys, questionnaires, outside committee reports, and conference information, among others, arranged alphabetically.

RESTRICTIONS:

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ACQUISITION:

The Student Senate transferred parts of this collection during 1990 and 1996.

PROCESSED BY:

Adrianna Darden processed this collection and developed the finding aid during November 2009.

RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:

Students' Council. Records of the Students' Council, 1914-1915. GACA Collection 256.

Forum. Records of the Forum, 1919-1941. GACA Collection 257.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

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