

Goshen College Student Senate
Meeting Agenda
November 7, 2017
6:00 pm

10th meeting of the academic year

Invitees: Corie Steinke, Abby King, Elijah Lora, Jace Longenecker, Nat Dick, Kethayun Mehta, Samantha Shank, Vanessa Chavarria, Kyra Krall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Samantha, Vanessa, Elijah, Abby, Kyra, Nat, Corie, Kethayun, Jace
- III. Approval of minutes from Oct. 31 meetings
 - A. Minutes of Oct. 31 approved
 - B. Assignment of minutes
 1. Vanessa
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Communicator survey update
 1. Nat: About 290 responses to the communicator survey. He is not expecting many responses before the survey is closed.
 2. Abby: What is the percentage response rate
 3. Nat: Percentage response rate is unknown. Unsure of how many employees were sent the survey.
 - B. Open Forum Updates
 1. Elijah: Did not attend BSU meeting.
 - a) Will try to attend next meeting.
 2. Jace: Has not talk to kamr about maybe adding a hierarchy chart on GC website.
 - C. Prevention campaigns brainstorming
 1. Sexual assault prevention week starts Sunday November 12. There is nothing senate really needs to do for that.

2. Abby: Where is Gilberto on meeting with Senate.
3. Corie: Herberito can not meet on tuesdays due to scheduling conflict.
 - a) We can meet with Gilberto during lunch at noon. Kethayun and Samantha have scheduling conflicts. Kethayun cannot attend Thursday and Samantha cannot attend Friday.
 - b) Kethayun: Gilberto is the best person to meet with to have a direct tie with the administration but is there anyone else that senate can meet with.
 - c) Corie: Gilberto is be happy to meet with senate once a month, but our schedule meeting time does not work for him. Senate can change meeting time to be more convenient for Gilberto. Lunch works best for Gilberto during the day.
 - d) Will meet with Gilberto at 12:30 pm on Thursday November 16

D. Sanitary Pads/Tampons in all Academic Buildings Update

1. Kethayun: Marris is going to take on the project with Beth and will have Senate support.

E. Prayer room for Muslim students update

1. Kyra: Is drafting an email send to Bob Yoder.

F. Poster update

1. Jace: Forgot to take photos of representative for poster update.
 - a) Took pictures at 6:18.

G. Counselor complaint.

1. Kethayun: Make people aware that they can report their experience with a counselor on GC website. They should be informed that it is not only to report incidents of sexual misconduct but can report negative experience with their counselor. Reports can be anonymous.
 - a) Jace and Samantha respond about title XI incident report form and what should students be reporting.
2. Elijah: What will students filling out forms be able to do?

3. Corie: It is hard to say what can happen. Someone can lose their job, add additional job training, or hire someone new. There needs to be some kind of paper trail for administrations to look at. Best way to get thing done is to have data for administration to see.
4. Elijah: Worse case scenario no one fills out a form and we will have to come up new solution.
5. Kethayun: Clarifies a common concern from student of a incident report being traced back to them. As long as it is anonymous it cannot come back be traced back to them.
6. Abby: will get in touch with Riley to inform GSWYA of Student Senate plans for councilor complaint.

H. Elijah: Brought up Student Senates goal of being more visible on campus. He suggested setting up a time where all of senate attends an event. Suggested coffee club on Nov. 17 could be an opportunity.

1. Kethayun: Unsure if Student Senate needs to publicize itself. Senate does more behind the scene work.
2. Elijah: Putting faces together so people feel more comfortable approaching Senate with an issue.
3. Abby: Is this something we want to do?
 - a) Nov. 17 at 7 pm Coffee Club senate to attend

V. New Business

A. LSU/BSU and Mayor's office

- a. Elijah: A community engagement project for the community involving local government officials. Wants Goshen College students involvement (specifically students of color). Making ourselves visible in the community.
- b. Corie: What is the ideal date or deadline.
- c. Abby: What kind project we will be doing?

- d. Elijah: Event will take place sometime next semester when the weather is warmer and is unsure of what the project will be. Mayor will be involved in choosing the project.
- A. Corie: Dr.Stoltzfus will be meeting at lunch time with students on Thursday (leaf raker) and Wednesday (riot).
1. Corie: Increased visibility and make a connect to the executive branch.
 2. Jace: Will there be a time to meet with Senate?
 3. Corie: The president wants to meet with the big 8 on there own turf. Will meet with Senate this semester or next semester.
- B. GSWYA response
1. Abby: Students feel administration spend too much time in meetings about students and spend less time with students. Another thing is having guts and willingness to email administration to meet with them.
 - i. Samatha: Students don't want to search for specific people in administration.
 - ii. Jace: On one side they want to find someone more specific than just Corie or Herberto. Another thing is that they feel left out of things that affect their life..
 - iii. Corie: There hasn't been any major changes in the past years that affect a student's life except for the racial conduct.
 - iv. Abby: Has to talk about what GSWYA would want
 1. Samantha and Elijah comment: What are students looking and is this a social deal of creating a bridge between students and administration.
- V. Kethayun: Student needs to be as present as the administration is.
- v. Jace: Likes the idea of the hierarchy.
 - vi. Samantha: Uncertain of how big an issue really is.
 - vii. Nat: Make it known how available the administration is compared to other schools: make people aware of these things.

1. Corie: GC; it rare for school to be this active- most schools are not like this (chad-ad 14). Student leaders really need to be ambassadors for students.
 2. Nat has an idea: Faculty sit in the lunchroom closer to the entrance where they can eat lunch with administration.
They can also have conversation starters
- viii. Abby: have any concerns contact student senate on Posters.
1. Got Beef go to student senate poster- Jace will have draft next meeting (will have cows as mascot)

VI. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04 pm.