

Goshen College Student Senate
Meeting Agenda
January 23, 2017
6:00 pm

14th meeting of the academic year

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

- I. Call to Order
 - A. 6:03
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Samantha, Elijah, Nat, Kyra, Jace, and Vanessa
 - B. Absent: Corie, Abby, and Kethayun
- III. Approval of minutes from Jan. 16 meeting
 - A. Assignment of minutes
 1. Samantha
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Recapping Becky's plan
 1. Where would we like to plug in?
 - a) Nat: Somewhat seems as if the plan is at an Administration level.
 - b) Elijah: One concern was the mention of a "First Year Latino Residence Halls." Would like to bring this up with Becky and bring up how he feels like this is issue.
 - c) Vanessa: Is that realistic? Because there are a lot of students that can't afford that. Maybe a better idea is to offer a meal plan to commuter students to make them feel more involved within the campus.
 - d) Nat: Yes, I agree with this. If there any way that we could offer a housing discount for students who would rather commute. Is there

a way to lower that cost of students who value living on campus.
This could be similar to the senior living discount.

- e) Elijah: We should also realize that some students could take advantage of that, if they live close.
- f) Vanessa: We could also just have a border that you have to live outside of. Or you could just move the commuter lounge closer to the dorm rooms.
- g) Nat: If we have the space, then why aren't we using that space of Miller. Nat volunteers to talk to Chad about this situation of adding something that could be similar to the similar discount.
- h) Samantha: We should make sure to mention the "Four Blocks of the House."
- i) Nat: A lot of the important information will be covered in The Record.
- j) Kyra: Becky said in the meeting that we, as Student Senate, should sit down and talk to the club leaders.
- k) Elijah: We should mention the "task force" to the student body. We have questions about what our next steps are concerning this issue, they seem very unclear.
- l) Nat: It wouldn't be a bad idea to follow up with Becky, but we want to make sure not to rush her when she has too much on her plate. We can brainstorm about how to assist Becky with all of the different places that she wants to improve.
- m) Elijah: We should think about her words with pulling the "anabaptist" parts of the mission statement. While we are affiliated with the Mennonite Church, we should also realize that that could just be a marketing tool.
- n) Nat: Mentions that Becky made a comment about how taking away that affiliation to some degree in order for better marketing.

- o) Elijah: We should do some brainstorming about reslife, seeing as how the ML position will be taken away next semester.
- p) Jace: Maybe we should have a little push back, because the ML is a huge part of the hall life. There is a chance that there will be a decrease in the amount incidences that happen.
- q) Elijah: If we would like we could gather information, without a bias, then we can get a clearer view of the situation.
- r) Nat: We should confirm this with Corie before we gather a ton of information about this subject. There is also something about the Apartment RA situation, which I will talk to Hilberto about.
- s) Jace: Is taking head on clarifying the ML situation.
- t) Nat: We could work on brainstorming ideas of how to improve the reslife.
- u) Elijah: Off of the top of my head, RA's could use more extensive training on sexual assault, drugs, and other issues like mental health. I can either talk to Kali or we can take that as a Senate. I will talk to Kali, and if we need some more weight behind that, then we can involve Senate.
- v) Nat: Two things that were jumping out to me were the personal career support and an honors program. The honors program then would include extra internships and academic rigor. There are also probably options for grants and funding that we could utilize.
- w) Nat: Becky talked about how diverse the community is. We should brainstorm about bringing resources into the college, academically, arts, and other areas of the college. How can the community have a greater impact on campus life?
- x) Jace: Maybe we should think about writing a proposal for art to be placed on campus over the summer or may term. Making the campus more beautiful. We could have a May-term class that

invites community members in to help brighten up the campus with paintings. This could increase beauty around campus.

y) Kyra: We could also have someone come in and paint an outline and have anyone be able to fill it in and put a personal touch onto it.

z) Elijah: While Becky talked about adding new majors and minors, maybe we should instead try to booster the current majors and minors that don't have enough funding. Especially in majors and minor that have a lot of interest, but not the appropriate resources.

aa) Jace: Computer Science is a huge major that is under resourced, but has high interest.

bb) Elijah will be taking these to Becky.

B. Goshen College School Spirit conversation

1. Jace: I don't have a ton of new idea, but the art around campus would be a good way to booster the pride in Goshen College.

2. Nat: We could run a communicator announcement in order to open the portal to the student body for them to offer their ideas. Nat will write it.

V. New Business

A. PIN Budget

1. Jace: PIN is asking for \$700 for there PIN Educator Weekend. That is happening February 2-4. This will all take place at the College Cabin. There are requesting money for food, materials, and t-shirts.

2. Nat: PIN is coming out of their own umbrella and into the college umbrella. How much support are they getting from the institution? This seems like a lot of money for one situation, but also it would be awesome for Goshen College to show their commitment to sexual assault bystander training.

3. Elijah: I would like to table this to figure out more details and question a couple of the funding numbers.

4. Jace will contact Hilberto to find out more details on this situation.

VI. Adjournment

- Adjournment at 6:51pm