

Goshen College Student Senate
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2017
6:00 pm

13th 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. Abby King calls meeting to order at 6:02pm
- II. Roll Call - all members present
- III. Minutes from November 28th meeting approved
 - A. Nat is taking minutes for this meeting
- IV. Elijah proposes a change in meeting time for the coming semester. It is agreed to keep meeting time at 6pm on Tuesdays. Elijah may need to leave early occasionally.
- V. President Stoltzfus enters chamber
 - A. Becky notes her desire to pay increased attention to student leadership at GC
 - B. Acknowledging that Senate is but one way students get involved and lead on campus
 - C. Wants Senate to be aware of things Becky wants to advance and vice versa
 - D. Becky notes all-employee meeting this coming Monday that will cover a series of visions and plans for the future of GC (2 year horizon)
 - E. Becky is seeking student input (especially) on her goals of:
 1. A college-wide committee centered on inclusion and equity (ASAP)
 - a) Open applications would be preferable (likely to have ~4 students on committee)
 2. Career development & professional support
 3. Having fun & celebrations, ie Prairie Burning Festival
 - a) Especially including faculty & staff

- F. Senators are invited to attend All-Employee meeting next Monday; Record coverage will also be present.
- G. Becky notes the possibility of Senate members attending a cabinet meeting in order to sync agendas and goals

VI. Old Business

- A. Communicator survey update
 - 1. Changes are coming - to be updated in the near future
 - 2. Search functionality is a longer-term update, but is coming
- B. Prevention campaigns - Oaklawn update
 - 1. Corie went with Gilberto to Oaklawn to explore opportunities for campus. Will partner with Student Life to assist with drug/alcohol dependency.
- C. Prayer room for Muslim students update
 - 1. Kyra contacted Gilberto, Gwen, Rev. Lakendra, and Nasim. Gilberto is following up with these parties, and will facilitate future conversation.
- D. Athletic recruitment
 - 1. Jace has made no progress since last meeting. Jacob G-K is also planning on meetings with AD, Adela Hufford.
- E. Following up on Org Chart website business (Grant through student life)
 - 1. Jace acknowledges helpfulness of Gilberto's presentation on organizational structure. Gilberto encouraged him to write a grant proposal, utilizing interested students to code for project.

VII. New Business

- A. New Club Application
 - 1. Mexican Dance and Culture Club - Approved
- B. Ken Newbold - Title IX
 - 1. Ken Newbold would like to meet with Senate to follow up on Title IX follow-up on OCR investigation and action steps. Senate would like to be involved with student input and awareness. Potential for Ken to attend Senate meeting after PIN meeting to discuss follow-up.

- C. "GC MLK Failure" - discussion, how we can work on this issue.
 - 1. Addressing Open Letter regarding a student's disappointment in MLK events
 - 2. MLK committee will be meeting to discuss feedback from students, ways to improve events for next year - they intend to make a statement of apology to GC community
- D. Pride in GC - continuing conversations from Saturday's exercises
 - 1. Tabled until next week's meeting
- VI. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 7:50