

Goshen College Student Senate  
Meeting Agenda  
November 14, 2017  
6:00 pm

11th meeting of the academic year

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Corie Steinke sick
- III. Approval of minutes from Nov. 7 meetings
  - A. Minutes approved
  - B. Abby taking notes
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Communicator survey update
    - 1. Survey closed
    - 2. ~295 responses
    - 3. Nat working on summarizing written responses
  - B. Open Forum Updates
    - 1. Elijah's update on BSU forum
      - a) 91.1FM only plays "really vanilla music"
      - b) Wants to get to know administration
        - (1) Go to Gilberto for everything - maybe have other resources
      - c) They want Senate to have more visibility
        - (1) Only knew that Elijah and Jace were on Senate
      - d) Really interested in the Presidential Council
        - (1) Want to meet with Becky and her team
      - e) ICC pushes POC to be the "voice" of all POC ever
        - (1) Makes them very uncomfortable

(2) Workshops that teach POC how to respond to racism

(a) Learn how to address racism correctly

(b) More personal than structural

(c) Ketha questions POC vs. Black students - would the training be POC or Black students? Because the experiences are different

(d) What if we pushed them to do something?

(i) Make it for BSU, but let it be open for all POC

(a) Prevents minorities and majorities

(ii) We should contact BSU - what can we give you? Resources?

(iii) Elijah will email BSU and ask what they need from Senate to facilitate these meetings.

f) More than a single anti-racism training

g) We need to create a channel for communication with BSU

(1) Make sure that when we're not coming to them, there is a way for them to get to us

2. ISC Open Forum

a) Ketha and Kyra will attend.

C. Prevention campaigns brainstorming

1. After meeting with Gilberto on Thursday, hopefully have a much better idea of what we need to do

D. Prayer room for Muslim students update

1. Kyra emailed Bob, Bob said Gilberto might have been contacted about it,

2. Bob suggested Prayer room in Kulp, Church-Chapel Sanctuary.

3. Kyra might try to facilitate a meeting between Muslim students and Bob/Gilberto

4. Maybe an empty dorm room in Miller
  - a) Give a limited number of students access
  - b) Concerns that Chad might be not be OK with that
  - c) If Muslim students think it's a good idea, then why not?
5. Maybe an empty room in the basement?
  - a) Are there any empty rooms?
  - b) More central than the dorms
6. What if students start requesting rooms for each religion?
  - a) Nat doesn't think it would be an issue
  - b) Elijah raises that Muslim students could reserve Kulp basement
    - (1) They could decorate Kulp
    - (2) It would make more sense to reserve a certain time instead of creating a whole room
      - (a) Nat raises the fact that the times change everyday for Muslim prayers
7. What if we just connect the students with Bob and Gilberto, give them a few ideas that we've come up with and then letting the conversation go from there.

#### E. Poster update

1. Corie has the posters, although is very sick with the flu
2. Jace made a mock-up of the administration visual chart
  - a) Going to perfect it and then bring it to Comm Mar

#### V. New Business

##### A. Security Cameras (whenever Chad arrives)

##### B. Jace: Kick Off a project to help athletic recruitment

- a. Most athletes are introduced to GC by coach
  - i. A lot of athletes don't feel like they understood exactly what Goshen is when they apply
  - ii. Gives wrong impressions

- iii. Work with admissions counselors for athletes specifically, instead of admissions counselors
  - b. Hoping to work with admissions to get statistics
    - i. Retention
    - ii. Did people feel like they “know what they’re getting into”?
  - c. Jace has plans to meet with Becky to discuss this
    - i. Looking for faculty support
    - ii. Focus group/survey
  - d. Nat brings up the fact that athletic department is already doing so
    - i. Not sure when/how those things are going to be done
      - 1. Maybe Senate should push for these goals, keep them accountable

## VI. Adjournment