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Student Government Association *St. Olaf College*

Student Senate Meeting Agenda

April 12th, 2016 – David E. Johnson Boardroom

Action Items:

1. Encourage people to apply for branches!
2. Spread the word about the It's On Us taskforce's "Beyond the IX" event.
3. Check out Senator Nyberg's recital!

I. Welcome Back to Order

II. Roll Call

- A. Proxy for Bergeland, Faldet, White

III. Special Orders

A. Transportation Discussion – *Kris Vatter*

1. Kris Vatter: I am all things transportation, mostly things transportation. I am not sure how that fits under student activities but it has always been there and that's where it is. So since I've been here we have done transportation and it has evolved. Currently the transportation things we provide for St. Olaf students is Van Go service that runs during the day and is a where you need to go and when you need to go. They'll take you to tutoring, working, doctoring, pharmacy those kind of things. Then there is the evening transporting that is part of the city public transportation which is the Hiawathaland. It is co-service meaning not only do we share it with the city but also with Carleton. And so the evening and weekend stuff is open to the public if the public would choose to pay the token and ride. That is why you get to go for free because we are paying for it with Carleton. Once we upon a time we did run school buses which would fit more people on there but they were a lot less full. So what do you do? Run an empty bus school bus or run a full bus. We also provide taxi vouchers for people that volunteer. Sometimes volunteers who volunteer at the hospital have late night shifts which Van Go might not be available for so they make take the Van Go to the hospital but we give them taxi vouchers so they can come back. The other transportation that is available is the Enterprise Share Car. That is not

under me but is also under the transportation webpage. It is managed by the business office as well as the fleet vehicles you check out through Buntrock. St. Olaf also has a fleet of minivans and one traverse that also part of the St. Olaf transportation experience. What I have is an excel form that shows a little bit of how things are shaking. Just to look at the Van Go riders we have tried a bunch of different things to make everything better all the time. Let's start with the taxi vouchers, we gave out 64 taxi vouchers in 13-14, double that and more last year, and I'm not sure where we are at this year - I don't have those numbers in yet. Van Go has clearly increased since the first year that we started it and I thought Interim was funny since we had the exact number and the second semester number is obviously an involving number. I think we are on target to hit that 10,000 number again, just with the Van Go from 7 am to 6 pm. That is a lot of people getting around town, all year long. The Hiawathaland has the numbers there from 4 to 11 during the week and the numbers vary some bit but they are fairly steady. The tokens we hand during the day - the number goes up because I think people don't want to wait around for that target bus and that is sort of managed by the info desk staff that is managed by me. It is also hard to explain to the desk staff as to how it works, so we always give away a lot more at the beginning of the year and then we try to tighten it up as we get closer to the end of the year. So that is the overview of transportation. Also senate also pays for the Friday and Saturday night evening Hiawathaland buses in collaboration with Carleton's SGA and then my budget pays for Sunday through Thursday.

2. Senator Bruer: And that budget comes out of the admin.
 - a) Kris Vatter: Yes that is a joint venture.
3. Senator Nevin: What is the potential for making the bus go later on weekends? If the bus shuts down at 11 so that really means that people will need to get on the bus by 10:30 or earlier to come back to campus. Yeah I think it would be a huge benefit for that to run later.
 - a) Kris Vatter: To benefit to what?
 - b) Senator Nevin: Us. Carleton. To have intercampus friendship.
 - c) Kris Vatter: Ohhh...friendship...Noted.
 - d) Senator Seabrook: So would that cost extra? Or..?
 - e) Kris Vatter: So do you mean every night or senator Nevin particular nights.
 - f) Senator Nevin: The weekend is where it is most desired.
 - g) Senator Seabrook: So that they can come to the ADC events.
 - h) Kris Vatter: So what I could do is investigate that and what you would have to would be to propose that to Senate because that would require a budget increase from Senate. Also Carleton would have to approve it as well.

4. Senator Heaslip: Where does safe ride fall under this?
 - a) Kris Vatter: Safe ride falls under public safety.
5. Senator Seabrook: I know for a while you and I were talking about if we could extend Safe Ride or go often during the winter months especially during the night time of winter months so we wouldn't have to walk up from campus. Senator Ishmael and I were talking about this once and I don't know if there is any possibility of this
 - a) Kris Vatter: That's like an on call basis. Right?
 - b) Senator Seabrook: Yeah like that. But I dunno if we could make it into some kind of route. But then we are taking to Pan Hoffman who is in charge of that and in charge of Public Safety.
6. Senator Bruer: My question is about the transport to the cities and could talk a little bit about that.
 - a) Kris Vatter: The Northfield metro express runs everyday. I don't know how many times but its all on the transportation website. It is under student activities which goes student activities, transportation, local and then other places. Northfield Lines runs the metro express which runs everyday and gets to the cities and airport. It runs to three to four times a day. We do not pay for that service whatsoever, it is a ticketed service. It costs around \$13 for a one way ticket to the airport and they also run the airport shuttles around break time. They can make the bus as big as it they want it to be depending on the amount of tickets they sell and is custom to both campuses.
7. Senator Nevin: Last year a community member came and spoke about the train in the community. Could speak more to that?
 - a) Kris: There was a town hall meeting last year with someone had come down from a transportation sector. They had come to focus on this sector in this part of Minnesota. It was brought up to him what to do about this train. So we are still interested in having this light rail head this way. They moved the Depot, it was right by the Quarterback Club and now its across the street. It was intended to be this transportation hub for buses to pick and go to the airport and if we could get trains to come and do all that sort of stuff.

B. It's On Us Report – *Senator Lind and Melin and It's On Us*

1. Senator Lind: Something that you might have seen on from the It's On Us campaign between Buntrock and Rolvaag, is the clothesline project. And that's where Oles have anonymously submitted their stories or words of support for survivors which are written on the shirts there. It's something that is very near and dear to us. And we have found out that often when students are walking down that hallway they are stopping and looking at the shirts as opposed to just walking along it without another glance. We started

getting submissions about 3 weeks ago and we had 7 submissions within the original time but now we have up to 37 submissions. We will hopefully be finding another place to display those shirts so if you guys have any suggestions we would love to hear from you and your ideas.

2. Senator Melin: The other project we are working on is The Title IX event. As you may or not know that Title IX is the bare minimum resource about how campuses should handle sexual assault. Students should know what Title IX is and how it can be there for them. It should become general knowledge for students and what it can do to support them. We invite members of the community to work with members, alumni, students and others to see how students can know what is available for them.
3. Senator Lind: The event will be called beyond the nine. It will look at what are the resources beyond the Title IX because there are many other outside resources that people may or may not know about at St. Olaf. Reaching out to law enforcement officials, as well as lawyers, members of the SARN, the wellness center, and other members of the community. We feel that if students know this information then they will be better equipped to help sexual assault survivors and if they end up in a situation where they have been sexually assaulted they will know what resources will be available for them. If you have any ideas for the event or would like to help out please let us know. The tentative date for the beyond the nine event will be Thursday April 28th during community time. The whole point of the event is to raise awareness and equip people with the resources that they have. We meet every Thursday night at 8 pm in the OSA. We would love more people and especially the senators since they are the leaders on campus and people who look up to them. This is a very important event and we would appreciate any support that we would receive from you.
4. Senator Seabrook: Spread the message.

C. Greater Than Report – *Senator Henquinet and Greater Than*

1. Senator Henquinet: We have a lot of things that are going right now. We are picking up leadership for next year. Few initiatives that we have with students and administration. We had a lot of conversations regarding more capacity building on campus, specifically about mental health. Giving students more capacity to deal with mental and have training and deal with everything that anything anyone is involved in Mental health training is run out of Rice County and they wish to have as many people of the community to have the training. They are more than willing to come to campus and work with Oles unfortunately this comes with a cost. But we have been working with the a lot of funding resources to allow more students to have a mental health training. So it's a 8 hour training and can be broken up into two 4 hour segments. Students in the wellness center of next year are getting this training

and people who are of the social work major. But we wanna know how students who are not under this category will be able to do this training. So we are currently working with ResLife, International Student Counselors, Athletics, and the musical ensembles to get all of their student leaders through this training. Also working with more faculty members in working on getting them trained and getting invested within this initiative and talking to students about these problems and seeing these warning signs in the class. Senator Cash and Senator Haasl are writing a student petition to get students to petition to have faculty members to get this training. We are trying to get this training offered twice for faculty members. Also, away from training we are working on Boe house collaboration to provide a more professional view on mental health. When students come in for the three most likely reasons - depression, anxiety and stress. The first conversation is not about the student it is about depression, anxiety and stress. They will be doing a series with us and this kind of like a 1 hour testing period. Not like therapy or going all the way down to Boe House.

2. Senator Howg : So we are taking a couple more initiatives we are ending the school year. We have been talking a lot with Jame the director of the Wellness Center and how to get more people involved within the conversation and involving it within Week One. We are also working with the faculty task force which came out from the Mental Health Force Summit we had a couple weeks ago but bunches of groups involved. Mental Health week is coming up in two weeks and working with the Wellness Center to get more coming to the event. Wednesday morning people in Tomson Atrium with pjs and food, to get people's morning started off right. The Wellness Center is putting on a self care fair and we are planning on having a booth there. We are talking a lot about what are some statistics on campus and what are additional resources on campus. On Friday afternoon we will have puppies and chalk so writing encouraging notes in the Quad. We are also talking with ResLife and they are having their service this week. ResLife bought 100 stickers to give to their staff. Meet on Thursdays at 7pm in Tomson in 316.
3. Senator Bruer - Question on the faculty letter and whether that is going in the form of a petition or a referendum.
 - a) Henquinet: Idea came from V.P. Kneser and the best way to reach faculty is in the form of a petition which will have students sign.
 - b) Haasl - We will have finalized petition for senate to look at and finalize and have during Senate next week.

IV. Reports and Announcements

1. Senator Bruer: Block party will be called Stochella. We are full swing there and are meeting with programmers of the various branches regarding music,

dance and electric run. Alumni board will be on campus on Friday and will be meeting them with them to present some updates as to what SGA is up to. Another conversation is about the best structure for DCC and William and I will be a task force and all that interface with DCC to talk about that and how we can forward on that.

2. Senator Nyberg - Spring Concert good turnout and encouraged a lot of conversations on campus. Spring Block party headliner confirmed.
3. Senator Stutzman - Big week for APR. In addition to the Alumni Committee and ASC we are going to the Declaration Day sign up sheet. It's pretty empty so please sign up.
4. Senator Haasl: This week is National Volunteer Week. Lots of fun events. Hallway by Boe is decorated. Yesterday was photo campaign and cookie decoration. Ton of people who stopped by. Today was the VN themed dinner in the cafe. It was sweet. Tomorrow we are unveiling our Buzz feed Quiz. What VN org best fits your personality? Thursday is VN shirt day and Friday is Volunteer Appreciation Day and First Year Event. Held in the Jungle at 7:30 p.m. We have 4 new bands that will be playing. All the donations (free-will) donation will go to Laura Baker House.
5. Senator Henquinet: Next week the PAC Tuesday night dinner is a group on civil liberties and they will be speaking on Islamaphobia. We officially released our Spring speaker so next Thursday in Tomson 280 at 7:30 we will be welcoming Zainab Salbi. She is an Iraqi American and speaks about how she is a survivor of war. A lot of her speeches focus on how we don't look at the women and children who keep everything going during wartime. Highly suggest going to our Facebook page so you can learn about her and she has an incredible TED talk.
6. Senator Kunaw: Sold out of TWINS tickets today. 150 people going to the twins game and transportation provided. Friday night at 7pm we have Nick Pike coming he is comedian and juggler. If you are looking for something more intellectual we are putting on Spotlight which is about the story of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. After the 5 pm showing there will be a discussion on it with cookies at the Catholic Women's House. At the softball game on Saturday there will be a grill out and will be putting this on put SAB. That is 1 to 3 pm this Saturday. Included is a root beer keg. Tuesday we are selling Book of Mormon tickets, for \$20 and they sell out super fast. We are prepping for Stochella and we have lot of good options.
7. Senator Fede-Johnston - BORSC and president's leadership team will be explaining The St. Olaf Budget and a brief overview of how our money is spent. It will at 5:30 pm in Vahallah.
8. Senator Macaulay - Last week in SOC we funded Feminists for Reproductive Rights and Ping Pong Club and Men's Club Hockey. We also

approved for association Oracle Cultural Association. Please sign up for Cafe Fast. A

9. Senator Nevin: Third edition of Balconi. The theme is fruit. A lot fresh delicious fruit. 10 to 12 pm on Saturday on the Balcony of the Pause. Chilled out but super fun event before the event ends. Working on the Electric Run and SWAG. Talked with Randy Clay about DJ and he wants to DJ.
10. Senator Weihe: Melby hosted an event we talked about the St. Olaf Community as a whole. It was a very interesting discussion of a lot of different aspects of St. Olaf.
11. Senator Ruiz- DCC funded Asia Week. Come to Holi this Saturday from 12 to 1 pm. DCC conference on April 30th in Trollahaugen from 10 to 12:30 p.m.
12. Senator Stephens: Lot of events in the ART Barn. On Saturday there is the Bad Advice Club with Alex Hemmer at 9pm. Fresh Faces and In Black is coming next week so get tickets for InBlack.
13. Senator Melin: Our frozen yogurt person feel through so we don't have froyo. But the birthday cake shake is coming in on April 15th.
14. Senator Gonnerman: Bylaws looking into having is a difference between SOC and DCC and how they fund things. The quarry and how the money trail for the quarry is clear. We are continuing with the Gender and Sexuality Senator and making an amendment to the constitution. We are looking at making a proposal and looking at making the Greater Than Campaign and campaigns like it to make it more official. Also, people who ran in elections to come and talk about what could be improved and amended. Thursday at 6 pm in BOE and open to the public even if you didn't run.
15. Senator Cash: Fantastic spring selfie contest going on. #springonthehill. Ole the Lion will on the quad tomorrow morning. Will win a selfie stick. Helping SAC and ADC with Stochella branding.
16. Senator Nooney: Applications live on Oleville. In the process of wrapping on for next year and putting stuff online for the MCM's for next year and other important stuff on Oleville.
17. Kris Vatter: Tomorrow night is the annual leadership awards. Excellent desserts between 6:30 pm to 7pm.
18. Senator Seabrook: We are ending soon and if you wanted to change something in ByLaws, get that in sooner rather than later. Encourage you to sign for Declaration Day.

V. Old Business

A. SAC Budget Proposal

1. Senator Kunau - Move stuff from the other allocated subunits where the full allocated budget was not used and now moved to another subunit.- Pass.

VI. New Business

A. Constitutional Referendum for the GSS Senator - *Bylaws*

1. *Senator Seabrook - To confirm on our end. We end to change the constitution. We will have a referendum and then will go to the student body to vote on it.*
2. *Sent to table.*

VII. Hill Hype

- A. Senator Cash - If you have event going on this week, please Brandon and Anna by email by tonight. Email would be great.
- B. Senator Hougen-Eitzman - Community members are driving up to protest the pipeline. Will stay there until the pipeline is stopped and will need any assistance in the form of blankets or other supplies. Let her know by email by this Sunday if you have any things that need to be taken up.
- C. Senator Lind: Branch apps still open. For branch positions and exec positions. The Tabling on Thursday during lunch and dinner.
- D. Senator Henquinet - If you are senior and like free pizza tonight is the Senior Giving Campaign Event - Come get free Pizza Day.
- E. Senator Nyberg - My recital is coming up next week Thursday. It will be screened but everyone is invited. Student National Association is selling tickets to the world premiere to *The Shining*. About 28 tickets left. Written by a Grammy nominated composer. May 7th at 7:30 pm at the Minnesota Opera. Can get the tickets if you go to the Hall of Music.
- F. Senator Bruer - Chapel choir has a concert on Sunday at 3:30 pm in BOE chapel with the St. Olaf Orchestra.

VIII. Senator of the Week

- A. Senator Hougen-Eizman —> Senator Weihe

IX. Good Times

- A. Senator Cash, Senator Kolasa

X. Adjournment