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SGA Student Senate Agenda  
Sunday, February 17, 2019, 7:00pm  
Noyce Science Center - Room 1023



**Lana Katai**  
*President of the Senate*

**Dylan Welch**  
*Administrative Coordinator*

**Rev. Myles Becker**  
*President*

**Riley Murphy**  
*VP of Academic Affairs*

**Khadijah Toumbou**  
*VP of Student Affairs*

**Quinn Ercolani**  
*Treasurer*

**Amanda Weber**  
*Assistant Treasurer*

**Selah Mystic**  
*ACE Chair*

**Joshua Tibatemwa**  
*Services Coordinator*

**Cassidy Christiansen**  
*Concerts Chair*

**Regina Logan**  
*Diversity & Outreach  
Coordinator*

**Carrie Stallings**  
*Senator – OCCO/OCNCO*

**June Christian**  
*Senator – OCCO/OCNCO*

**Sophie Doddimeade**  
*Senator – OCCO/OCNCO*

**Mary DaVega**  
*Senator – Jamaland*

**Luca Nelson**  
*Senator – Jamaland*

**Syamala Gumidyala**  
*Senator – Loosehead*

**Declan Jones**  
*Senator – Loosehead*

**Lukas Mendel**  
*Senator – Loosehead*

**Amelia Zoernig**  
*Senator - LaKeRoJe*

**Rande Nieto**  
*Senator – LaKeRoJe*

**Patrick Goldammer**  
*Senator – LaKeRoJe*

**Steven McDowell**  
*Senator - CaNaDa*

**Tali Tesar**  
*Senator – CaNaDa*

**Carlos Piedrasanta**  
*Senator – CaNaDa*

**Elizabeth Collinger**  
*Senator – Clangrala*

**Julian Ashton Aveling**  
*Senator – Clangrala*

**Prerana Adhikari**  
*Senator - Smounker*

**Vidush Goswami**  
*Senator- Smounker*

**Gabby DeRoche**  
*ACCESS Co-Director*

**DJ Coleman**  
*ACCESS Co-Director*

**Jamal Preston**  
ACCESS Outreach Coordinator

**Rachel Snodgrass**  
Green Fund Co-Chair

**Addison Gould**  
*Technical Advisor*

**Vivian Cheslack**  
*SHIC Delegate*

(1) Roll Call

**Absent:** President of the Senate Katai, VPSA Toumbou, Services Chair Tibatemwa, Concerts Chair Christiansen, ACCESS DeRoche, ACCESS Coleman.

(2) Approval of the Minutes

Seconded by **Senator Goldammer**

Name	Response
Nelson, Luca	A
Goldammer, Patrick	A
Jones, Declan	A
DaVega, Mary	A
Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Nieto, Rande	A
Christian, June	A
Gumidyala, Syamala	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Cab, Cab	A
Adhikari, Prerana	A
Goswami, Vidush	A
McDowell, Steven	A
Zoernig, Amelia	A
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	A
Mendel, Lukas	A

**Vote: 19-0-0; Passes.**

(3) Public Comment, Announcements, & Additional Events

Anyone can address Campus Council for one minute about concerns they have about the college, SGA, or anything else they believe should be brought to the attention of SGA.

Announcements

**President of the Senate Katai**

Hi all, my apologies for being absent. It's swimming conference championships this weekend and I'll be in the natatorium literally from Friday-Sunday eve. See y'all next week! Go Pioneers!!!

**Senator Gumidyala**

The results are in, we're gonna have our first Reform meeting next Thursday (Feb. 21) at 7pm!

**President-Elect Logan**

Cabinet applications will go out this week. Look out for them.

**VPSA-Elect Anand**

Applications for Free Sound will be out soon, and Tiny Dorm applications are already out.

**Senator Zoernig**

Does anyone know when free STI testing was moved to?

**SHIC Delegate Cheslack**

Monday from 10am-2pm.

Events

(4) Budgets - ACE  
[ACE Budgets](#)

**Treasurer Ercolani**

ACE considered one budget today for food and snacks for the ISO Cabinet Candidate debate. It was passed in full with a slight addition. If you're interested in what films SGA will screen this semester, come to JRC 226 at 2:30pm next Sunday.

(5) Budgets - SPC and Services  
[SPC and Services Budgets](#)

(6) Vote on the Approval of the Budget for Washers and Dryers at Davis Elementary School

### **Assistant Treasurer Weber**

We had a budget over \$1,000. It was \$1,106 for Connecting Grinnellians. They asked for funding for washers and dryers at the local elementary school. It was approved in committee by Quinn and me, who were the only people there.

### **Senator DaVega**

Can you clarify what the budget is for?

### **Senator Piedrasanta**

We are developing a resources closet at Davis Elementary School. The school asked for a washer and dryer so that they could wash the clothes. We're asking for a \$1,100 washer and dryer in the hope that they will last longer than a cheaper one.

### **Senator Stallings**

Should this money be coming from this budget? Should the College itself be paying for that? I'm not sure that this should come from student fees.

### **Senator Piedrasanta**

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Services budget?

### **Senator Stallings**

I understand that it improves the College's relationship with the community. I wonder if there was any attempt to get the College to pay for it.

### **Senator Piedrasanta**

There's a grant for thousands of dollars coming soon to the CLS for service projects in the community. The school requested the washers and dryers, so we thought we would be able to get it through Services in a timely manner. I would like to talk to the CLS more about it.

**Senator Stallings**

So this is just the most accessible money. We could reach out to CLS in the future to get more money for service projects, but I support this budget.

**Senator Zoernig**

Does the entire SGA budget from the student activity fee?

**Treasurer Ercolani**

Yes.

**Senator Zoernig**

Then I support this. Some of the activities that Grinnell students participate in are service projects in the community. It's a good opportunity to use our privilege to give back to the community to that gives us so much.

**Senator Goldammer**

Can we see the itemized budget?

**Senator Ercolani**

Yes.

**Senator Davega**

What's the Services budget for this semester

**Senator Ercolani**

\$6,050.

**Senator Collinger**

Did you ask other funding sources for money?

**Senator Piedrasanta**

No.

**VPSA-Elect Anand**

Would it be possible to get funding for students residences to purchase washers and dryers?

**Senator Ercolani**

On or off campus?

**VPSA-Elect Anand**

On campus.

**Treasurer Ercolani**

SGA has given money to ResLife for purposes such as this before, but we can't dictate the changes we want to be made. They do what they want.

**Senator Gumidyala**

I thought I remembered Joshua saying that there was money left over in the Services budget last semester. I think this is a great opportunity to spend our Services fund.

**Senator Nieto**

Where is this going to be installed? How? Will students provide their own detergent?

**Senator Zoernig**

There's a washer and dryer already set up in Davis, but it broke. The nurse and social worker who work there help do laundry there. Connecting Grinnellians also helps with that. The system is already set up. We're just replacing an old, broken washer and dryer.

**Senator Nieto**

I'm looking at the buying options for the washer and dryer. How will they be bought and shipped?

**Senator Piedrasanta**

The school sent us the link for the dryer. We want them to have the washer and dryer that they want. The cost of the washer and dryer doesn't matter to me, I just want them to have one. If the problem is the price, we can lower it and try to find another washer and dryers. The detergent comes through the Invisible Closet.

**Senator Stallings**

Is the shipping covered?

**Senator Piedrasanta**

Yes.

Motion to previous question by **Senator Stallings**  
Seconded by **Senator DaVega**.

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Goldammer, Patrick	B
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Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Nieto, Rande	A
Christian, June	A
Gumidyala, Syamala	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Cab, Cab	B
Adhikari, Prerana	A
Goswami, Vidush	A
McDowell, Steven	A
Zoernig, Amelia	B
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	A
Mendel, Lukas	A

**Vote to proceed to voting on the budget: 16-3-0; Passes.**

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Goldammer, Patrick	B
Jones, Declan	A
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Collinger, Elizabeth	A
Nieto, Rande	A
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Gumidyala, Syamala	A
Stallings, Carrie	A
Cab, Cab	A
Adhikari, Prerana	B
Goswami, Vidush	C
McDowell, Steven	A
Zoernig, Amelia	C
Doddimeade, Sophie	A
Tesar, Tali	A
Aveling, Julian Ashton	A
Piedrasanta, Carlos	C
Mendel, Lukas	A

**Vote on the approval of the \$1,106 budget: 14-2-3; Passes.**

(7) Updates from the SGA Technical Advisor

**Technical Advisor Gould**

Here's what I've been up to so far this semester:

- form for Stifund now open
- website updated for this semester, except for bios and pics. send me those! if you notice mistakes lmk, i noticed a few today that i fixed.
- SGA webcheckout must happen this semester
- Getting SGA better Wifi

- getting Class Ambs emails fixed - second year ca email working?
- waiting on student group wordpress sites under SGA
- pronouns, CAs, prof office hours on DB
- cluster list serves
- getting Adobe Creative Cloud suite (student initiative)
- looking into SSO for Qualtrics
- Getting SGA own clicker set + camera + tripod
- Getting Tech Committee under way - members indicating availability, starting next month
- reopen investigation into Flatscreen TVs

### **Senator Zoernig**

I think you're doing a great job Addi, and we appreciate everything you do in the position to make students' lives better.

#### (8) Cabinet Reports

##### **Administrative Coordinator Welch**

- Attended Friday Voos and Kington meeting. Ask us about the meeting!
- Arranged lunch for Friday Voos and Kington meeting.
- Emails
- Building GCSS agenda.
- Building agendas for Monday and Friday meetings.
- Cabinet meeting.
- Held office hours
  - **10am-11am, Monday through Thursday in the Grill**
- Tried to reserve a room in the HSSC for Student Senate. They aren't accepting any recurring reservations due to construction! :(
- Trained Tali and Vidush.

### **Senator Collinger**

Could you tell us about your Friday meeting with Angela Voos and Raynard Kington?

##### **Administrative Coordinator Welch**

I'd love to. Raynard spent much of the second half of the meeting talking at us about the College's investment policy, which was pretty interesting. We learned that the Peace Rock is allegedly buried under the snow by the Commencement Stage.

**VPAA Murphy**

It was not there when I last checked.

**Administrative Coordinator Welch**

Michael Sims is also feverishly working to get the radio repairman out to Grinnell to repair KDIC's antenna. He's doing everything he can to get that done, but he's running into difficulties with Iowa's radio repairman trust. We also debriefed a bit about the Board of Trustees' visit. Does anyone else want to add anything?

**Senator Jones**

What did he say about the College's investment practices?

**Administrative Coordinator Welch**

It was kind of confusing. Can anyone else answer this?

**President Becker**

In the past, the only way that experts could consult on the College's investment policy was by making them Trustees.

**Treasurer Ercolani**

Grinnell College created a shell corporation so that advisors could be on the board of this company without being on the Board of Trustees itself. It makes investment easier.

**Senator Nelson**

Does that circumvent the system of financial managers that the College currently has?

**Treasurer Ercolani**

It works with that system.

**Treasurer Ercolani**

- Preparing Spring 2019 Budget for Accounting
- Project brainstorming w/ Kilometers
- Resolved Credit Card Issue
- Purchases
- Meetings

- Relish

### **Assistant Treasurer Weber**

- Meetings (wow)!
- Met with people about Inventory -- if you're interested in helping out, hmu! When we actually get around to the logging and organizing the items, it's going to be such a party.
- Started planning the SGA Money workshop -- if you want funding for your group, you'd best be there
- Miscellaneous office hours stuff (i.e. receipts, surprise surprise)
- Generally trying to catch up on homework, wish me luck in digging myself out of this huge pile of assignments

### **Senator Collinger**

How are you doing with outreach to student groups about the money workshop?

### **Assistant Treasurer Weber**

We're going to do more outreach on Facebook and send out an all campus email soon. This event is going to be mandatory for student groups to receive funding.

### **Senator Nelson**

Thank you for holding this workshop.

### **Senator DaVega**

How will student groups receive funding if they don't attend this workshop?

### **Assistant Treasurer Weber**

We're not asking much, primarily that they keep records of spending and make responsible purchases.

### **Senator Zoernig**

Was the credit card issue from last semester resolved?

### **Treasurer Ercolani**

It was. There is a new credit card issue this week. Everyone that works with Grinnell College credit cards was out of the office, and it caused some purchases to be delayed. The issue has now been resolved.

**VPSA-Elect Anand**

I think that work is very important because many student groups are very disorganized. SGA kind of spends the money for student groups, as they choose what gets approved. What happens after we submit receipts? If that process is organized, why does the workshop need to happen?

**Assistant Treasurer Weber**

After you submit a receipt, I put it in a spreadsheet where we keep track of all expenses. That process is organized. I get a lot of receipts that are stapled with many staples to a paper, and I have to take those out. Student groups also don't always submit budgets clearly or calculate money accurately.

**DOC Logan**

I see this is a small move to make SGA closer and more available to students. I think we'll use our resources better if we work more in partnership with students.

**Senator Goldammer**

What if representatives of a group can't make the meeting?

**Assistant Treasurer Weber**

Please schedule a meeting with us then. We have office hours everyday as well. I'm happy to make time to meet with people.

**Diversity and Outreach Coordinator Logan**

- Same stuff as last week honestly, working on this survey
- -I've been sick with like 3.5 different things in the first 3 weeks of school
- -I'm trying to collect stories of students who have had a classroom experience that has either affirmed their identity/made them feel good in a classroom/academic setting, or made them feel bad in their identity in a classroom setting. IF YOU HAVE HAD ONE OF THESE EXPERIENCES PLEASE TELL ME!!! It will be anonymous! It will help for faculty DEI training :0
- -social media manager position closed (hopefully by the time you all see this I'll have interviews set up)

- -On the prez elect side of things, cab appointment applications will go out soon
- -Apply for my job
- -Planning on buying + making a tabling kit (table skirt, pamphlets) so SGA looks all fancy at org fair and the like

**Senator Gumidyala**

When will Outreach Committee start meeting?

**DOC Logan**

As soon as I get my Outreach senators.

**Administrative Coordinator Welch**

You'll get them tomorrow.

**Senator Gumidyala**

Is the survey asking about classroom experiences for all students?

**DOC Logan**

Yes, and links for the survey will hopefully go out tomorrow.

**VPAA Murphy**

- GURJ meetings
- GURJ applications! Open until Wednesday night!
- Bubble Day (for new survey) ideas
- research conference ideas and early planning
- SCC scheduling (I want to have it in the HSSC!! Working on it!)
- Reaching to profs for SGA involvement
- Meetings with execs, student affairs, deans office

**Senator Collinger**

What is Bubble Day?

**VPAA Murphy**

That was the survey about academic thriving. The reward is Bubble Day. If a certain number of people do this survey, then there will be an event with a bunch of free stuff, food trucks, and more. The budget they sent us was actually just for bubbles and bubble gum. I sent them some other bubble item links on Amazon that I thought students might enjoy more.

**Senator Zoernig**

Can you say Bubble Day one more time?

**VPAA Murphy**

Bubble Day.

**Senator Goldammer**

Can you speak more about the GURJ?

**VPAA Murphy**

The application is in your inbox right now. You can also get involved in the GURJ by submitting your work or by being an anonymous reader of papers.

**Senator Gumidyala**

What is reaching out to profs for SGA involvement?

**VPAA Murphy**

We need professors to be a part of a couple of things if necessary. I had to find someone who was willing to do that.

**Senator Adhikari**

What do their roles look like?

**VPAA Murphy**

The Judicial Review and Oversight Committee is the big one. It's required that a professor is on the committee. I needed to find a professor that would be willing to do that, which was fairly difficult. Their job is not constitutionally defined, which also made it hard.

**Senator Doddmeade**

Will the SCC scheduling be sent out soon?

**VPAA Murphy**

Yes. I'm trying to convince Conference Ops to let me hold it in the HSSC.

**VPSA-Elect Anand**

What is SCC?

**VPAA Murphy**

Student Curriculum Committee. SEPC, SGA, and other students come together to talk about changes that the College makes to the curriculum. I'm hoping to have more outreach events this semester. I want SCC students to be able to help change academics at Grinnell without the VPAA's help.

**Senator Collinger**

How long will there be construction, painting, etc. in the HSSC?

**VPAA Murphy**

Some things are up in there. I don't know when DASIL is getting its wall, e.g. The loud things that bother you in class should largely be done by Spring Break. I also hope that the new furniture is made and installed by Spring Break. There's a chair called the Swoop that you can sit on in anyway.

**Senator Mendel**

Can you explain the idea of the research conference?

**VPAA Murphy**

Before the GURJ's release, we want to have students submit their work to a conference that we can hold in the HSSC or JRC. Unless students do MAPs, they typically can't have that experience, so it gives them that opportunity. It's a small undergraduate research conference that we hope to start this year.

**Senator Mendel**

Who's working on that?

**VPAA Murphy**

It's part of the GURJ. I don't know necessarily if it can happen, but it will most likely be a mix of planning by GURJ staff and the Student Curriculum Committee.

**Senator Piedrasanta**

At Posse Plus Retreat, students said that they were concerned about the mural that depicts slavery in the HSSC. They were asking about ways to get that taken down because they were uncomfortable.

**VPAA Murphy**

Maybe talk to Leslie Gregg Jolly. I can contact you about that.

**Senator Doddmeade**

That was part of my tutorial. We did some of the blocks in it. You can look at the names on there and talk to the profs that made them maybe.

**Treasurer Ercolani**

Regarding the furniture, is that made by prison labor like the dorm furniture?

**VPAA Murphy**

It's not made by prison labor. They did use prison labor for moving the furniture into the building. If you have thoughts on that, you should definitely email President Kington and Dean Latham. I think they would consider using prison labor again.

**Senator Stallings**

So the college pays the prison industry to move the furniture into the building?

**VPAA Murphy**

Yes.

**President Becker**

- Senate
- Monday Cab Meeting
- Stifund Meeting
- Big Meeting with Addi About Tech Stuff
- Council on Diversity and Inclusion
- Speaking of Which, **how do you feel** about our mascot being the Pioneers? Is that problematic?
- Meeting w/ Maure about staff appreciation and inclusion
- Friday V&K Meeting

**Senator Gumidyala**

The first synonym for pioneer on Google is colonizer, which makes me uncomfortable. I don't know how often the mascot is even used though.

**Senator DaVega**

I've always wondered why there isn't more movement to changing the mascot.

**President Becker**

We're working on a land apology with the Meskwaki Tribe. Someone asked how everyone felt about the Pioneer mascot. The discussion has come up before. And it quickly turns into a memey discussion about changing the mascot into the squirrels. We should keep the conversation going and try to keep it focused.

**Senator Nelson**

Does the land apology involve monetary reparations?

**President Becker**

As far as I know, it's just a document. I can get more details and then report back here.

**VPSA Toumbou**

- Meeting with Ben and GPD
- 3:2 weekly meeting
- committee meetings: parking/ dining
- SGA Exec meetings (multiple times this week)
- Meet with FM
- Meet with Sims
- Meet with Joe
- Meet with other admins
- Meet with student reps
- Sex week work
- Meet with SGA faculty advisor
- Meet Voos and Kington
- (by the end of the week I am dead its so hard for me to remember)

**Senator Collinger**

I wanted to follow up from last weekend. Is there an update on drink testing kits?

### **President Becker**

Harm Reduction will meet this week 11am-12pm on Thursday, so we'll have an update on that next week.

### **Senator Gumidyala**

Does anyone know what Khadijah's meeting with GPD was about?

### **President Becker**

I don't know. You can email [vpsa] about it.

#### **Concerts Chair Christiansen**

- No concert this week, but we're getting prepared for Curtis Roach!
- In the process of ordering posters and stickers!!! Be on the lookout!
- I'm so tired of winter
- Reviewed different concerts job's tasks and expectations with Committee, also worked more on the Chair's tasks and expectations document
- Maybe adding a few more ppl to our lineup?? OOoooOOohhHh
- Public events committee met to continue discussing events for next school year (we're hoping to finalize things within the next few weeks)
- Interested in being interviewed for an awesome project called "LGBT Oral Histories of Central Iowa"?? Send me an email at [christia3]! Help contribute to general LGBT history+knowledge!!

#### **Services Chair Tibatemwa**

- Cabinet meeting
- Org fair was this week. Spent a lot of time prepping. Printed out name cards, planned placements helped with setup
- Approved new student organizations
- Cleaned out inactive organizations on the website.
- Contacted Samantha Bayne to prepare for setup of election engagement committee
- Started planning for ExCo after Spring Break

### **Treasurer Ercolani**

Grinnell College is part of a consortium of colleges that shares student election engagement data. SGA will be working on creating an election engagement program with Barb Trish in the future.

**ACE Chair Mystic**

- Not present to give oral report.

(9) Adjourning Motion

Seconded by **DOC Logan**

Time - 8:07 pm.