



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Minutes

Date: January 30th, 2008

Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:02pm
- II. Role Call

Name	Role Call	Quorum 1
Allen, Jeffery	x	x
Armstrong, Vanessa	x	x
Baalbaki, Ibrahim	x	x
Bayer, Allison	x	x
Cerwin, Nicholas	x	x
Cooper, Mitchell	x	x
Csargo, Nicholas	x	x
DeShong, Robert	x	x
Fuhrmann, Eric	x	x
Groshek, Matthew	x	x
Hammen, Derek	x	x
Holzem, Natalie	x	x
Kahl, Erik	x	x
Klotz, Melissa	x	x
Kohl-Riggs, Arthur	x	x
McCaigue, Kelsey	x	x
Moua, Keng		x
Navarre, Stephanie	x	x
Nell, Ryan		
Rome, Jacob	x	x
Ruplinger, Melissa	x	x
Sackmann, Valentine	x	x
Savaglio, Britta	x	x
Schooley, Jillian	x	x
Syafitri, Sonia	excused	
Thompson, Amanda	excused	
Trimborn, Steven	x	x
Vang, Alexandra		x

Van Winkle, Joshua	X	x
Wallace, Karly	X	x
Hastings, Jenny	X	x

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Ruplinger/Hammen
- b. Approved

IV. Approval of Agenda

- a. Hammen/Trimborn
- b. Amendments
 - i. Resolution Opposing AB 346 moved to B in discussion
- c. Approved

V. Guest Speakers

- a. Joe Gow, UW-L Chancellor
 - i. Give you an update of what happened over the break period, and answer any questions you might have. Thank you for Growth Quality and Access. Working on making recommendations to the admin for provost. In the capital for governor's address last week, it's unclear what the economic problems mean for the UWL system this year. I am feeling better that we are working towards a tuition model. We need to make sure that higher ed is not a football in economy discussions.
 - ii. The stadium project has produced some amazing results. We did break this into phases. Trying to keep an eye on the debt service and the cost of money. My wife and I made a contribution to the stadium over five yrs, but when you build the stadium the contractors want the money right away. So we have to borrow that money and the interest adds up. We want to keep an eye on that. We want to make sure with the stadium and academic building, we dont put future UWL students in that situation. We need to raise 6 million dollars to add to what we have.
 - iii. In light of GQA, we needed to make sure we have directors of fin aid and admissions. We reinstated those positions. We had received 7,156 applications to come here next year. That is more than in the history of the university. I was at a retreat the other week and they were talking about the two yr colleges and why people go where they go. Madison's chancellor said that now everyone wants to go to la crosse, they are more selective than Madison. Some said they are marketing "elitism", the rich people want to be with the rich people. That was absurd and i found that amusing. Nevertheless, people are noticing that many want to get into UWL.
 - iv. When we make decisions about the university, Paula Knutson is there and join me in congratulating not only our dean of students but also our assistant chancellor.
 - v. What has happened with the res hall?
 1. We put a committee together and came up with a plan to put the new building together. In the budget they enumerate the

money. In the mean time we will put all the documents before we have the money. The risk is that we wont be approved, but I think it's highly unlikely. It's more of a bureaucratic problem than anything else.

- vi. Provost search: I worked with the committee and they said that there wasn't anyone that was exciting, so we are putting out a new application. The search will start again and students will be involved.
- vii. Students are worried about off campus housing going up because of lack of on campus housing.
 - 1. I would hope that those people wouldn't do that, though if they do publicity is the best thing to combat that.
- viii. Has there been any conversation about UWL renting?
 - 1. There has been some conversation with landlords but nothing has been done yet.
- ix. I was surprised about the decision with the provost, what is going to be different this time?
 - 1. They did a terrific job. There were 3 very good people who applied who were taken by other universities during the process. You can never predict what is going to happen in these searches. What was disappointing was none of these people commented on GQA or even the new stadium. I know why some of them didn't do it, because they were being offered higher paying jobs somewhere else. We don't want someone like that. I have been making many phone calls and we will be having some talented people coming in. I think the students on that committee put a lot of work into it.
- b. Nicole Juan, United Council Executive Director
 - i. Want to give a couple quick updates on events.
 - ii. We have the next General Assembly in UW Stout. It's going to be 3 days long, getting students ready for the vote campaign. Every 2 yrs the system forms budget priorities, now system will ask students what the priorities should be. At the GA the students will get together and vote on what we should put forward. Last budget we had ten priorities, but usually it's more like 5.
 - iii. Queer People of Color is coming up in Madison
 - iv. Building Unity is April.
 - v. In terms of campaigns we have a few new things.
 - 1. WI higher education grants. Some reps from Madison and White Water area pushing that.
 - 2. Textbook legislation that will address the issue of book bundling. Also legislation for textbook companies to decrease the prices of their books.
 - vi. I am at UWL through Friday night. If you have any questions I'll be here.
- c. Adam Conlin, UW-L Progressives and Clean Wisconsin

- i. Apologize for being late. Thank you for accommodating my lateness. And thank you for your support in last resolution that came through senate on Xcel energy. Results came back, just under 40 million dollars, 6.2% decrease from the increase. Saves students about 70 dollars a year.
- ii. The state has recently brought up Bill 346. it is to lift the moratorium on nuclear technology. Passed in the 80's and now they think it's a good idea to lift. Ask for your support to oppose this bill. Some of the reasons to repeal moratorium is that by going into nuclear energy is taking a step away from global warming. The problem with that is that that reasoning looks specifically at the nuclear plant. What you're really looking at is mining uranium; there is a lot of waste produced and energy used. Add in more coal plants to enrich the uranium. Then there is the storing of the nuclear waste. We don't have anywhere to put our waste we have now, it wouldn't be the best choice.
- iii. Nuclear energy is extraordinarily expensive. In their past energy rate case Xcel asked for 10 million dollars for clean up. Nuclear operation costs have gone up 10 million as well. Xcel is asking for more from us instead of using the money they have.

VI. Officer Reports

a. Fred

- i. Thanks to everyone who made it to the retreat over the break.
- ii. As you can see we have many open positions. If you are interested please shoot me an email.

b. Bjorn

- i. We have a new Rainbow Unity senator. Congrats.
- ii. 2 committees that we need students for:
 - 1. Higher One and ID services- will meet 2 or 3 times this semester. Evaluate what student id company you want on the campus.
 - 2. NCUR Steering Committee- one student from senate to plan for the event. You need to be able to serve next semester as well. There are a few questions you need to answer if interested. Deadline is tonight at 11:59pm.
- iii. Made a D2L website. Hope to post all meeting documents for meetings. Will put all past and initial resolutions. If you have any ideas bring them up to me. There is hope to give all students on campus access.
- iv. Thanks to everyone who came and planned the leadership retreat.
- v. New office hours. Write down office hour on sheet tonight.
- vi. Questions
 - 1. What's going on with the college leadership program?
 - a. Will come in next week and present it.
- vii. New academic building plans will be presented next week. Please tell people.

- viii. Please let me know if committee members will not be able to be on committees this semester.
 - c. Others
 - i. Grassroots
 - 1. The GA is next week. UN has an application.
 - 2. Leg Con is over spring break. Fill out an application and we pick who will go.
 - 3. Talk to me if interested in going to either one.
- VII. RHAC Report
 - a. No report
- VIII. Advisor Reports
 - a. Welcome back, it's going to be a wonderful semester.
 - b. If I email you for one-on-one, please respond to me.
 - c. Feb 9th is the leadership conference. If you are interested you have until tomorrow to register. Would be nice to have newer senators attend.
 - d. Thank you for the retreat stuff, it went really well.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - a. CAPS is meeting Fri 3:15 in room 327. going over retake policy, we need to get student support
 - b. Teacher Edu Governing Council met over jterm, we went over program and created new program. Looking at 4 yr average to graduate now. Basically taking many courses and combining them because there is a lot of overlap.
 - c. Joint Budget and Planning met today. We passed recommendation to have 4 support staff. Also voted on recommendation for each college and how much money they will have.
 - d. Department met over break.
 - e. Apportionment- doing budget hearings. Looking good as far as not increasing student fees. Will be deliberating.
 - i. Talking about money and budgets can be confusing to some, but this is very important to us as student leaders. Be mindful that it may not affect you but maybe students that you know. If you have concerns or questions about the process please ask someone on the committee.
 - f. Student Services and Buildings meeting tomorrow at 2:15. Discussing if it's possible to make spirituality center where bowling alley used to be. Also working with a business 230 class to bring this all together.
- X. New Business
 - a. Resolution Granting Organizational Status to the Gaming Club
 - i. Cerwin/Bayer
 - ii. Point of info, did we skip the RHAC report?
 - 1. No
 - iii. The motions have been recinded
 - iv. Motion to package A and B
 - 1. Cerwin/Hammen
 - 2. passed.
 - v. Motion to approve A and B
 - 1. Hammen/Bayer

2. Call to question
 - a. Vote to pass A and B
 - i. passed
 - b. Resolution Granting Organizational Status to the History Club
 - c. UWLSA Executive Board Resolution Approving the Reallocation of One-Shot Money for the Women's Hockey Club
 - i. Bayer
 1. I trust everything the exec committee does.
 - ii. We had a conversation about this in the last meeting of the year. We reallocated the money.
 - iii. Discussion
 1. Call to question
 2. Vote
 - a. Acclimation
 - b. Item C passed

XI. Discussion

- a. UW-L Student Association Resolution Opposing AB 346
 - i. Fuhrmann/Klotz
 1. Thank you for hearing me out on this issue. It is a nasty looking resolution. The whereas clause says that the commission may not certify anything unless they find that there is a safe place to put the waste and that there are not other alternatives.
 2. We have assembly 346 and two conditions. The first being the disposal of the waste. It brings up the issue of the 70 thousand tons of waste. It also goes into it would undertake site reclamation.
 3. Not economically advantageous. The information comes from Clean Wisconsin, it's not a radical org, it's a very respected organization. Also have to look at the decommissioning costs. That is paid by us, it is not paid by the company itself. It's showing that the tail end is not economically feasible and we have to pay for it.
 4. Want to bring to attention how close to home this actually gets. There are many concerns that need to be taken into account. Transportation of nuclear waste goes through La Crosse.
 5. This bill doesn't reflect our best interests. The best way to use this resolution would be to influence our public officials and have them speak against the bill.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Do we know of any other entities that are signing on to this? Are other universities taking an interest as well?
 - a. I think we are the only university because it is such an underground thing. Some environmentalist finds that this is trying to sneak through and brings it to attention. I don't think other places are going through the student

association route. But this is the most powerful and influential network I could find.

2. I am a little hesitant of UWL being on the forefront of this alone. I would like to see this trying to get other UW schools.
 3. What would be the lowest kilowatts per hour? And what alternatives are being suggested and what are the probabilities that they would be used?
 - a. If Wisconsin lifted moratorium it would be the first state to do so. So it's more radical to not oppose it.
 - b. the numbers are all over the board depending on what is being taken into account.
 - c. Alternatives would be wind and solar. There are federal and state aid opportunities. The main thing right now are carbon emissions so you wouldn't see many coal investments. The other option is natural gas but then you have to deal with transportation which is not cheap. People are looking at wind and solar because it takes away all dependency on foreign sources.
 4. If it's not likely that WI isn't going to adopt it, why are we looking at it and why are we taking a stance against it. We should take more time to look at it.
 5. I think it would be a great opportunity for WI to look into more energy sources. I think having WI take a huge part in this would be a pro for our state.
 6. The reason why I brought this up and urge senate to take action on this is because it hits the floor the 19th. i don't want to risk it slipping through the assembly.
 7. Motion to close discussion. Hammen/Allen
 - a. Discussion closed.
- b. UWLSA Resolution on the Retake Policy Change
- i. Wallace/Bayer
 1. We took what we discussed in the last meeting and took the general consensus from that discussion and rewrote the resolution.
 2. This resolution opposes the retake policy.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. I liked a lot of what is in here. But what I would like to see happen is put more action and take a proactive stance so everyone knows we don't support this.
 2. We have to vote on this tonight.
 3. Motion to suspend the rule to put this into new business
 - a. Hammen/Ruplinger
 - b. Vote
 - i. Passed
 - iii. Discussion

1. Would like to make a friendly amendment to strike the 7th whereas clause because it just repeats a previous one.
 - a. Hammen/Rome
 - b. Discussion on the amendment
 - i. Call to question
 1. Acclimation
 2. Passed, whereas clause removed.
2. Point of info
 - a. Do we need to call quorum for late senators?
 - i. You can.
3. Quorum has been called.
4. I agree with taking a firmer stance. I don't think it would be a major update but it is an important document.
5. I am hesitant to putting too much action on this because we don't want it to come off as us telling professors what to do. We were thinking about suggesting different routes to go about this, but you are treading a line of respect with our professors. I do support taking a more active stance, but more through education of students rather than suggesting policy.
6. I think this is worded fairly neutral. I think anyone who sees this understands that we have put a lot of time into this. I would like to make an amendment and add another therefore "therefore be it further resolved, the president and vice president of student association forward this resolution on to the members of the CAPS committee, the Dean of students, the Faculty Senate Chair, and Chancellor Gow".
 - a. Allen/Klotz
 - b. Call to question
 - i. Resolution is amendment.
 - ii. Abstention.
7. I thought it was inferred that CAPS was going to take it there.
 - a. We can add that on there and make sure that everyone sees it.
8. Encourage you all to come on Friday.
9. Would like to thank all the senators that worked on this.
10. Call to question
 - a. Resolution passes.

XII. Announcements

- a. Friday at 3:15 in 327 Graff Main Hall be there to oppose retake policy
- b. Involvement fest is this Tuesday. We need volunteers at the table and to set up. This can count as office hours.
- c. You all have senate binders. Encourage you to read it.
- d. Need volunteers for River Watch this weekend. Need some for this upcoming semester as well.
- e. Directors don't forget to meet up here after meeting.

- f. Shoeless revolution at Animal House
- XIII. Adjournment
 - a. Allen/Kahl
 - b. Meeting 7:42pm

