



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
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Student Senate Agenda

Date: February 27th, 2008

Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03 pm

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
Decker, Rourke	x	x
DeShong, Robert		x
Eck, Calie	x	x
Fuhrmann, Eric	x	
Groshek, Matthew	x	x
Hammen, Derek	x	x
Hastings, JennieLynn	late	x
Hockett, Joshua	x	x
Holzem, Natalie	x	x
Kahl, Erik		x
Klotz, Melissa	x	x
Kohl-Riggs, Arthur	x	x
Maly, Tabetha		x
McCaigne, Kelsey	x	x
Moua, Keng		x
Navarre, Stephanie	unexcused	
Rome, Jacob	x	x
Ruplinger, Melissa	x	x
Sackmann, Valentine	x	x
Savaglio, Britta	x	x

Schooley, Jillian	x	X
Syafitri, Sonia	x	X
Thiel, Chuck	x	X
Thompson, Amanda		X
Trimborn, Steven	x	X
Vang, Nou	x	X
Van Winkle, Joshua	x	X
Vice, Katie	x	X
Wallace, Karly	x	X

Others: Ringgenberg, Cikara, Bergman, Ludwig, Chapiewsky, Smith, Singh
 Guests: Gregg Cleveland, Anh Nguyen, Jennifer O'Neil

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Ruplinger/Wallace
 - i. one abstention
- b. Minutes approved

IV. Approval of Agenda

- a. Hammen/Fuhrmann
- b. Added Fred's letter to item B in discussion
- c. Agenda approved

V. Guest Speakers

- a. Gregg Cleveland, La Crosse Fire Chief
 - i. Fred and I have been corresponding and I was invited to come over. How many have been here before when I was here? This is going to be kind of a repeat for you because one of my things is fire safety on college campuses. I think you have seen some of the tragedies that have occurred. We have had a string of deaths on college campuses. I want to let you know a fire death can happen to you. All of the fatalities I have seen everyone has always said I didn't know this could happen to me. In the 29 yrs I've been in the fire department no one has ever called the department because they have done something smart. My goal is to make sure we never have a serious injury or fatality here, at Viterbo or at WTC. I cant prevent a fire, you have the power and the opportunity. My goal is to be your partner and tell you what you should be looking for and what you should do incase of a fire. Anyone here been involved in a fire? In just this small group, we have had 4 or 5 people raise their hands. I don't know how many of you know but my first introduction into UWL was in 1993 when a friend had a son come here. They lived in a house on State Street. They had too much to drink and they had a fire. We rescued two of the three, and the third one died. I have a history book of the department and I can tell you that there is a yellow sticky tab to that exact page. That's important UWL fire safety is to me and my office. I am pretty passionate about fire safety. I have worked with the Wisconsin Legislature. As a result of the work that I and others have done, the new building on campus

will not be built without fire safety. Sprinklers started hundreds of years ago. They were so effective, yet we cant get them to be put in to buildings to save lives and properties. But we got UWL to always have to put sprinklers in any of their properties. It is our job to prevent campus fires. I am very proud to say that Fred and I have been working and some of the leadership things he has taken. I am very encouraged by what I have seen happen here. I will be here March 10th for a forum. Alcohol is an important issue. When we look at a person who has died in a fire, if we were to build a profile of what that person would like it would be male, 19-25 with some college edu, and they would be legally drunk. I have been involved in 40-50 fatalities and everyone one of those fatalities have alcohol involved. It reinvigorates my commitment to the community. it's not my problem or your problem, it's our problem, it's a community problem and it can only be fixed at the community level. You are the future of our nation. We mandate automatic fire sprinklers in prison. These are the worst of society but yet we give them the best of our protection as far as fire safety. Yet the future of our nation in the dorms are not. I think it's something we should all think about. Anyone have any questions?

1. How close is your relationship with buildings and inspections?
I hear of buildings converted into new duplexes and with exposed wires and old things. How close do you work with these people to make sure they are up to code.
 - a. We have the authority to inspect all buildings with 3 or more families. We don't have the right to go into individuals apartments. We work closely with the inspections department because they are the ones that work with one and two family buildings. If you have problems you need to contact city inspection. They will address the problems with the landlord. We have codes that set the minimum level of fire safety and what can and cannot be done. Extension cords become overloaded very quickly. You cant use them on a permanent level
2. How many smoke alarms are supposed to be in one apartment?
 - a. One on each level of the home and outside each sleeping room. The landlords should take care of that. They are only \$7 or \$8.
3. Yesterday our house was checked and we were forced to show our private rooms.
 - a. That might be the building inspection. I'd have to check because we don't do that unless it's a common living area. But usually we don't barge through private living units.
4. I have an irresponsible landlord. I don't think they'd take of it. What is the next step?

- a. Call city inspection. Go to stateoflacrosse.org. those would be the first places to start.
 - 5. are building codes retroactive? There are very few outlets in my house. Are they forced to comply with the current ones?
 - a. If we build a building in 2006 it needs to be maintained to the standards of 2006. If it goes through major change then it has to change. They would probably hang me if I ever did anything like retroactivity in the city.
 - ii. I will leave some of my cards for you. I will direct you in the right direction; if I can't help you we have others in the office. We will try to address your issue. It's been a pleasure to be here, I always enjoy talking about fire safety. If I could get my own TV show it would be great, we'd change the world. You guys have a fire safe evening.
 - b. Derek Hammen, Polar Plunge
 - i. Please donate, really appreciate it.
 - ii. Those of you that said you were going to jump, please meet me after the meeting.

VI. Officer Reports

- a. Fred
 - i. As the chief briefly noted, I have set up an open forum on the public intoxication ordinance, March 10th 6pm in PortOCall. I have contacted the mayor, some council mayors, the chief will be presenting research on the ordinance. Hope to get some feed back.
- b. Bjorn
 - i. Join me in welcoming our new senator.
 - 1. I am a senior at UWL but I'll be here a couple more years. I did some years in Viterbo and had some years in the army. When the opportunity came to serve as the returning student senator I jumped at the opportunity.
 - ii. Right now we need people to help out for the survey that will be going on during the trial period for the papers. He is asking for help from students on March 5th and April 1st. I don't have times on that yet but I am sending around a sign up sheet. The locations for the racks are Cartwright, Library, Cowley, Wimberly and Graff.
 - iii. Jeff got name plates for all the new people. Is everyone spelled right?
- c. Others
 - i. Social Justice
 - 1. The international coffee house will start on the 12th.
 - 2. religion night on April 1st. if anyone is interested let me know
 - ii. Gender Issues
 - 1. Vagina Monologues were a huge success.
 - 2. March 5th you should try to get to Hutch Hall, pizza porn and politics. Also Students for Choice is putting on a movie called Silent Choices and it shows all the sides to abortion. Valhalla is having Isis.

3. March 10th Ellen Bravo is speaking in Graff and PortOCall
 4. March 12th movie My Home Your War.
 5. March 29th Alana is doing their celebration of women.
- iii. Grassroots
 1. Thanks for attending EAT. We came up with a plan for get out the vote.
 - iv. UC
 1. at the last GA we went over budget priorities. One was there was a resolution passed for supporting tuition decrease over the next 6 years by 6%.
 - v. Committee Reports
- VII. RHAC Report
- a. last weekend our group went to Platteville for a spring leadership retreat. Had a good time.
- VIII. Advisor Reports
- a. Best dressed: Macguire and Trimborn.
 - b. Thank you for a smooth meeting last week. I think you were very respectful, I think the discussions we had about the budgets were amazing
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. CAB is meeting for retake policy at 3:15 in faculty office
 - b. Leg Affairs
 - i. Going over bylaws before elections. Meet Tuesdays at 6pm in CC 260
 - c. ?
 - i. Talking about stopping support for Macs. They only sent out questionnaires to faculty and staff and not to students.
 1. That would be difficult for school of edu students.
 2. If we changed to PCs we could utilize the space a little better.
 3. There is graphic design and photo courses that need Macs.
 4. Most people that have Macs have their own laptops. If they need to cut back then that fine, but there should still be some.
 5. A lot of things that are easy to do on PCs are harder to do on Macs, they should relax on security.
 6. I'm a computer science major and we need to use them a lot.
 - ii. Any other comments email them.
 - d. Apportionment
 - i. We looked over one shots and got about \$15,000 worth of requests.
 - ii. With the budget shortfall, we will have budget cuts. And there a bunch of unfunded mandates. It means we have to spend 2.7 million of non public funded money. That means positions will have to be cut. That means GQA positions will just be replacing the cut positions.
 - e. Undergrad
 - i. The changes for the Dep. of Edu. Studies did go through. They are retroactive.
 - ii. There were changes made to some programs. If you are curios talk to us.
- X. New Business

- a. Executive Board Resolution: Spring 2008 Election Dates
 - i. Hammen
 - 1. Lets pass it.
 - ii. Quorum called
 - iii. Election commission last year didn't set election dates for this spring. Exec. Board met this week and set dates. Will be 3 weeks of campaigning.
 - iv. Discussion
 - 1. Call to question
 - a. Acclimation
 - i. Resolution passes.

XI. Discussion

- a. Student GQA Survey (non-action)
 - i. Hammen/Eck
 - ii. We were commissioned with the task of coming up with a survey to see what students want. We have been giving it to different committees and we want feedback from you. If you have any questions we can answer them.
 - iii. Don't focus on grammar because this is a rough draft.
 - iv. You can email them to us as well, but we really need the feed back quick.
 - v. Discussion
 - 1. Is there a spot where it asks what the students interpretation is of GQA?
 - a. There isn't but that is a good idea.
 - 2. Make sure you indicate the level of satisfaction.
 - 3. Does everyone understand what the survey is trying to get at? We are looking for how the students feel about the GQA and where they see we need it. Is it more in gen ed classes or are there certain offices where you feel there are problems. Not necessarily if they understand GQA but where they think we should improve.
 - 4. Can you put a comment at the end because they might have an idea that's not on here.
 - 5. Motion to close discussion
 - a. Allen/Wallace
 - i. Discussion closed.
- b. UWL-Student Association Letter to Senator Decker
 - i. Van Winkle/Hammen
 - ii. This has been a complicated process. It's been a question about what we are going to do with the money. We got \$600,000 from the state with some going to financial aid and some going to faculty and staff. The reason why the original one was proposed is because it was being used to fund financial aid. I was testifying at a committee to reallocate that money. Last night Senator Russ Decker referred this to the joint finance committee. It's a loop hole. Decker interpreted it as re

appropriated the money. The reason why he sent it back can be argued. He sent it to a committee that isn't supposed to convene while the legislature is still in session so we won't be able to see this until January 2009. Good idea to send out a letter to Decker and to other campuses.

iii. Discussion

1. Motion to suspend the rules

a. Rome

- i. Can we do general consent? Then we can take it away.
- ii. Is anyone opposed?
- iii. Move to new business
 1. Rome/Van Winkle
 2. Acclimation
 - a. Rules suspended and it is moved into new business.

2. Motion to approve line item

a. Hammen/Wallace

b. Discussion

- i. I am afraid this will tick them off a little more. I don't know if we need to be nice or I don't know where we need to be firm.
- ii. Please put back up on the screen.
- iii. I don't think we should look like jerks. It makes us look immature. Can someone make a friendly amendment?
- iv. Motion to remove the highlighted sentence
 1. Hammen
 2. I don't think we should strike it. We could change it.
 3. it should say something more positive rather than a negative connotation.
 4. I didn't mean for it to sound like a jack ass, but this is dealing with re appropriating \$400,000. he is ignoring a bill. That was just me not liking him playing that game.
 5. this whole idea is a political maneuver and being used because some people are mad at other people and we are caught in the middle.
 6. Point of info
 - a. Could someone make a friendly amendment?
 - i. The way it works is the motion is to cut it out

completely. My recommendation is to amend the amendment because if you vote it down it has to stay.

7. I'd like to make a friendly amendment and change it to "an area that transcends political boundaries and affiliations"
 - a. Ruplinger/Bayer
 - b. I think it still keeps the idea their.
 - c. Discussion
 - i. I don't like the fact that we are still talking about politics. I would like to steer this away from the political aspect and focus more on students. Somewhere along the lines...
 - ii. You can make a motion if you say I reserve the right before you speak.
 - iii. I feel like a couple of years ago we got rid of the whole reserving the right to make a motion.
 - iv. It's not in the constitution.
 - v. Can I say promote diversity? I just don't like this wording.
 - vi. I agree with a lot of what was said. I would like to maintain though that this does have a lot to do with politics. I know it's tough for everyone because we just got it today. I think keeping the political mindset in there is important.
 - vii. It is a political issue and you cant tiptoe around it and pretend that its not.
 - viii. I think that every once in a while all politicians

- need a little jab. If you make it to predictable it loses its effectiveness.
- ix. I saw everyone shake their heads when we talked about diversity, I'd like to know why.
 - x. I think it's a pretty objective letter and to just through in diversity at the end, it doesn't have a place in this letter.
 - xi. The diversity word is what caused problems the first time around. We got this consensus by not using the diversity word. I don't know if we want to reintroduce that word because it would inhibit others.
 - xii. I think it could be at the foundation of this, and you may want to reiterate it with the language that we have and remind these individuals that this is the whole idea.
 - xiii. I would like to move that we replace political with "partisan boundaries and affiliations and should not be sacrificed on an altar of political experience."
 - xiv. Point of info- can you explain what that means?
 - xv. The whole point of what Decker is trying to accomplish is purely for a political reason. It's saying it's convenient to him.
 - xvi. Bayer/Decker
 - xvii. We can no longer make friendly amendments, they are just amendments.

- xviii. I'm not an English major, I was looking for a way to word that. I think this nails the message, I don't think we should spend too much time on it.
- xix. Call to question
- xx. Objection
- xxi. Amendment to change the second "and" to "which"
- xxii. It wouldn't be grammatically correct.
- xxiii. It doesn't change the message we are trying to get across.
- xxiv. I think "sacrifice at an altar" is way worse.
- xxv. Call to question. We corrected it, wrap it up.
- xxvi. Point of info, what does it mean if we don't vote it through.
- xxvii. If you don't vote in favor of this we go to the previous amendment, etc.
- xxviii. If we don't pass this we lose everything?
- xxix. Just what was added.
- xxx. Then it would go back to the original amendment.
- xxxi. Call to question
- xxxii. Division
- xxxiii. Amendment fails, 14:17:3

- 8. I recommend changing it back to what Fred had. The wording is too nice for me. Call to question
 - a. Passes

- 3. Is it assumed that the student association is included as well? Also, you might want to sign it.
- 4. If there are little things to be fixed talk to us after the meeting.
- 5. I think it's good now. Call to question
 - a. Passes, 2 abstentions

XII. Announcements

- a. Polar plunge jumpers please stop by. Thank you all that donated.

- b. Next Tuesday come and support Vanessa at Awareness through Performance, it's free at 7pm
- c. UC budget priorities, I will make sure you all get a copy. If you have any questions Nicole will be here next week
- d. Friday 6:30-9pm is karaoke at PortOCall
- e. Safe spring break party is wed. from 7-10pm
- f. Student service and buildings meet with me after meeting.
- g. If you want tickets early for concert you can get it March 7th for students only. Office opens at 7am.
- h. PR positions for CAB are open.
- i. Nice job everyone for signing up for surveys.
- j. Working on making revisions on constitution. I will be sending those out to you, read them. It's very important. I recommend reading the old one just to get an idea.
 - i. Can you highlight the changes?
 - 1. There are too many. There are similarities; it's a lot of wording changes.
- k. ASO having talent show, if you have anyone in mind let me know.
- l. Any comments on the survey tell me.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Sackmann/Syaftri

