



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Minutes

Date: March 26th, 2008

Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6pm
- II. Role Call

Name	Role Call	Quorum 1
Allen, Jeffery	x	x
Armstrong, Vanessa	x	x
Baalbaki, Ibrahim	x	
Bayer, Allison	x	x
Cerwin, Nicholas	x	x
Cooper, Mitchell	unexcused	
Csargo, Nicholas	x	x
Decker, Rourke	late	x
DeShong, Robert	late	x
Eck, Calie	unexcused	
Fuhrmann, Eric	x	x
Groshek, Matthew	x	x
Hammen, Derek	x	x
Hastings, JennieLynn	x	x
Hockett, Joshua	x	x
Holzem, Natalie	x	x
Kahl, Erik	excused late	x
Klotz, Melissa	x	x
Kohl-Riggs, Arthur	x	x
Maly, Tabetha	x	x
McCaigne, Kelsey	x	x
Moua, Keng	excused	
Navarre, Stephanie	x	x
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	late	x
Trimborn, Steven	x	x
Vang, Nou	x	
Van Winkle, Joshua	late	x
Vice, Katie	x	x
Wallace, Karly	x	x

Others: Ludwig, Perez, Bergman, O'Brien, Chapiewsky, Giltner, Smith, Robinson, Cikara

Guests: Paula Knudson, Bob Hetzel, Nick Nicholas, Cate Urbas, Jonathan DeVries, Amy Ableidinger, Katelyn Larsen, Ryan Jesberger, Leng Yang, Mariano Dompablo

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Wallace/Ruplinger
 - i. Minutes approved

IV. Approval of Agenda

- a. Klotz/Trimborn
- b. Motion to make discussion item A non action
 - i. Holzem...no objection
- c. Agenda approved

V. Guest Speakers

- a. Ryan Perket, Bob Hetzel, Paula Knudson, The Campus Housing Planning Committee
 - i. Thank you for allowing us to come in. With the start of the new building, we are going to have to take some buildings and we will be taking 400 beds down. Where are students going to live? Dr. Nick and Dr. Paula and I went to the regents last year and they were supportive of building two new residence halls.
 - ii. Dr. Nick: we appointed two new students to the group, one being Ryan Perket representing SA. We also have Matt Lewis who is a campus planner.
 - iii. Hetzel: we have 12 principles, let's be respectable to the campus master plan, talked about being sensitive to the scale of the other buildings. We also talked about where we couldn't build a res hall. We can't build by the stadium or by the softball fields. We thought about next to the Cleary Center but that is already claimed for a parking lot. The problem is if we take parking spots the students would have to pay to replace that. The bottom line is it takes us to green space. it could fit by Coate hall, drake hall. Our committee kept coming back to what the master plan already told us in 2005. We also discovered that the REC was also all green space and the same dialogue that we have been having they had in 1995. After all the dialogue the students said it was a good idea. We also discovered that because of the investment we are making we are going to be able to bring a lot of the activities into the north fields in the stadium complex. The committee has been

- grappling with it and has come to the conclusion that Coate field and Drake field are the best options.
- iv. Dr. Nick: We did want to keep in mind the cost. We are going to have to incorporate the office of residence life. Whatever we build we have to incorporate our office in that space. The student voice has been well received.
 - v. Hetzel: we have spent a lot of time on this process. We take pride in our 90% retention rate. Students that live in residence halls have higher GPAs than students that live off campus. In particular for sophomores. The sophomores who move off campus get a .4 lower GPA on average. We have talked to several other groups about these plans.
 - vi. Amy: I would say that it has been a wonderful experience. One of the big concerns is the use of green space, it is important to take those things into consideration.
 - vii. Dr. Nick: codes have changed and we can't just bump something up against an existing structure.
 - viii. Discussion
 1. Have you contacted the marching band to see how they feel?
 - a. We did have a meeting with Tammy Fisher and talked about how the band uses Coate field right now. We looked at the schedule to see how intra murals are using the fields. I think people are very willing to look at doing things differently. We are working with Tammy and Sue White and it is a very important part of the process.
 2. I remember that the parking ramp was not an option because of the cost.
 - a. Oshkosh just built there's for about 7 million; we think that is a little high. We are working on the financial modeling. There are more reasons to do it than not to do it. 75% of first year students bring a car. We are flooding the streets from here to WTC. We have 2500 parking spots and it is a problem that this institution has had for over 25. We need it but for at a reasonable price for students and faculty. Right now it is not fair to people either that we sell them a pass to hunt for a parking spot.
 3. Is there going to be any green space left over?
 - a. Yes the new res halls are going to have different space configurations. This will be a core area of green space. I think that we could have some recreational areas outside
 - b. We would want to have some space. We have talked about only impacting one green space. We could make it earthy and open with a view of the bluffs. But that

- will impact the campus as people drive along La Crosse street. Some people said they really like that openness and that says something about the institution.
4. The T shape that we are talking about, would it be possible to make it in to an L shape?
 - a. Yes it could be an L or a U shape.
 5. It could result on little traffic and more green space.
 - a. We don't know yet how it will look. It could be an H or an I
 6. Isn't H pretty much the same as I?
 - a. Yes
 7. I like the idea of parking ramps; I see many buildings that incorporate the parking ramps that are incorporated in the buildings. An idea. What about buildings that incorporate the dining area in them? And I have noticed that Whitney has a flat roof.
 - a. Whitney would not be an option. And building in a parking ramp is way too expensive and it wouldn't work out.
 8. I think you are doing a fantastic job. I think you are on the right track with the green space. I like the fact that we feel we are on a campus. In Madison you aren't sure. Coate field has a lot of room and you could have room for both, and it would feel like you are still on campus.
 - a. We will take every effort possible to understand the history of that and preserve that feeling. Part of effective planning is looking at all the possibilities. If you look at a building at the edge of Coate field it preserves a lot of the space. You still have to be mindful of the sidewalks, but I would be very hopeful of the open space. All of us are going to be aware of that and we are still going to have students on the committee when we hire the architects.
 9. Are the old fields going to be parking as well?
 - a. No they will continue to be used by athletics.
 - b. All the fields will be lit up and they are called curtain effect lights so they won't bleed into the neighborhood. They will be kept as grass for more versatility.
 10. How many levels in the parking ramp?
 - a. 3 levels plus the base.
 11. The green space by the center for the arts is gone.
 - a. That is a building addition to the center for the arts. They are future additions.
 12. Would that be an auditorium?
 - a. I would hope so.
 13. Do the meters count in the passes that are given out?

- a. I don't know the answer to that.
- 14. It could be a couple more spaces and a couple more hundred dollars.
- 15. For the green space, I know in Fall there are a lot of events held in that space. I think it would be very missed if Drake field were taken out. Also in the southeast corner, the circle is taking up a lot of space.
 - a. I don't know why it's there but anything could be done.
- 16. When you were taking about the lights, I think it would be so awesome to have games at night.
- 17. You said the addition to Drake isn't very likely?
 - a. Correct.
- 18. I noticed that the parking lots are closed for a few hours every night and I think a lot of students could bring there cars off the street.
 - a. I think they want to make sure there is space for the commuters at 7am in the morning. I don't know if anyone would like to move their cars at 7am.
- 19. La Crosse has also built a great eco park and I would think we could enjoy that space instead of keeping little patches on campus.
- 20. Is it only going to be one hall?
 - a. Initially it was one, and then we thought about breaking it into two structures. It could be two or one. The advantage to two would be we could open one sooner. We need to determine what would be the best for the institution.
- 21. I like the idea of two to open one sooner.
 - a. With the idea of opening one early, what is your opinion on taking out both Drake and Coate field?
- 22. If you could preserve more green space on Coate field by building on Drake that would be better.
- 23. I think the smaller dorms are a better experience for the resident. I think two buildings would be better.
- 24. We all have duty rounds at night; it would take a longer amount time if it was an addition.
- 25. I know that it is hard to find a space, but Drake field is pretty small. You are really squeezing something in there and it would ruin the dynamic of the area. If you tried to squeeze it in there it would be too much.
 - a. Is there value in using one space and saving another one? That is an important comment.
- 26. I think it would be plenty of space if we used just one of the fields.

- a. The student rooms will be wider and longer. They will share bathrooms, we hope to have study halls and laundry and kitchens.
 - b. Going up 5 floors will be helpful but we still need to office space.
 - c. Our intent is to come back and bring an architect and an engineer.
27. I like the idea of using the Coate field. Is there a possibility to have one building and have one wing open?
- a. My guess would be no because of the mechanicals we would have to have in place. That would also be very costly to have mechanisms to be shut off and opened later.
28. What's the cost difference between building one big hall and two small halls?
- a. There would be more costs in building two buildings, just in utility infrastructure and cost of construction. Do we sacrifice cost for one large building? What's the impact on the campus? It might be one large hall and another building for the offices. Cost will impact us and we would make design decisions based on cost. With the cost of oil it has a big impact on the cost of construction.
29. I like the idea of two dorms. I know we have this discussion about green space; it is one thing we could never get back. We discussed putting one big building, but the other dorms don't have a place to just walk out and hang out. I miss not having the ability to have an open area. We talk about how this is going to impact traffic, and how it will impact move in day.
- a. We address that and it is one of the guiding principles. We need to have vehicular access to that building and we will have to factor that in.
30. Is there any reason why we have to put the offices in there?
- a. We will not be given any money for that. We could build a separate building if we wanted to or we could build it into the building. We could have a wing where we have the office and study rooms. We could do some things to separate it a little bit.
31. I like big buildings. I am all for one big one. They have miniature Reese's and normal Reese's. The chocolate to peanut butter ratio... if I had 50 million dollars and needed to spend it on res halls, there is a big building west of the map and I think people are living there now. Could we buy it from them?
- a. It was built with federal funding and we don't have the ability to buy it.

- b. I am not going to tell the elderly that they have to move.
- 32. We have a lot of things happening on the campus, I am against having two buildings. If you build something on Drake field your going to have a lot of stuff students will have to walk around. If you are building it around other res halls it will be bothering them. How many beds are you thinking of? Will it compensate the beds we lost and also give us the ability to grow? This needs to be an investment and not just compensation.
 - a. This new facility will have up to 500 new bed spaces. We are adding 100 beds. 200 of those students are already on campus. We would still be 200 beds short. Some of those sophomores and juniors would not be able to live on campus.
- 33. Have you thought about putting it by the health science center?
 - a. I think all the other owners would not be for it.
- 34. I went to Gunderson Lutheran's new building and they started opening the building floor by floor. Is that a possibility?
 - a. We will look at that. Having an office building, they close at 6pm. You can't do that in a res hall.
- 35. Right now with 50 million you can build 500 beds. With projected cost increase, is it possible that it will only be able to cover 400 beds?
 - a. Yeah that is for 2011. The 50 million is based on a cost elevation. Right now all costs being constant and assuming cost inflation that is the cost.
 - b. We only do our jobs well when we have your input. The next several years will be incredible milestones so that thank you for allowing this time to talk to you.

VI. Officer Reports

- a. Fred
 - i. I hope everyone had a good break. I'd like to thank everyone who stopped by the fire demonstration. It meant a lot.
 - ii. I have been asked to provide nominations for the search and screen, let me know before next meeting.
- b. Bjorn
 - i. USA Today contacted me today; he will be on campus on April 1st. meet at 10:30 at Whitney. Sign up if you want to volunteer.
 - ii. Eagle Roundtable coming up. It's like an open forum with the chancellor. April 14th at 5:30 in Port OCall.
 - iii. Contacted Hetzel and Radke about the sustainability referendum, if it is approved it will go into seg fees for the 08-09 school year.
- c. Others
 - i. Faculty Senate

1. Some committees come with assessments for some departments.
 2. Talked with senator Deckers office trying to push them to push the financial aid bill through.
- ii. Gender Issues
 1. April 29th at noon is ALANA's celebration of women. Free massages and goodies to give away.
 - iii. City Affairs
 1. Election on Tuesday
 - iv. Ledge Con
 1. the participants who came will be coming in.
 2. Need applications for Building Unity by tonight.
- VII. RHAC Report
- a. No report
- VIII. Advisor Reports
- a. This is mister Sun. the forecast is coming. Stay tuned because it's going to be sweet.
 - b. Welcome back.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Joint budget and planning
 - i. We have our student survey out for GQA. 1,000 people already responded.
 - b. Pepsi committee
 - i. Two Mondays from now we will be coming in to give a report.
 - c. Apportionment
 - i. We are working on the travel fund. We will have something to bring next week.
 - d. Student Tech Fee
 - i. We finished reviewing the budgets. I don't think we will have money to spend on new things so will leave it how it was last year.
 - e. Steering committee
 - i. Got questionnaires for people who are going to conference.
 - f. Teacher Ed
 - i. Didn't meet this week. School of Ed students are in a bad place, we do plan on meeting. We didn't anticipate the problems the changes would cost for some students.
- X. New Business
- a. Approval of Student Court Justices
 - i. Cerwin/Kohl-Riggs
 - ii. Most of the students are here.
 - iii. Leng Yang
 1. Political Science major
 - iv. Mariano
 1. I have been around for a while, I figured I would get involved one last time before I left. I study philosophy, I am reasonable and open minded. I don't mind working a lot.

- v. Larsen
 - 1. Political Science major, freshman. I am interested in the judicial part of govt.
 - vi. Stephanie is still in class and will come when she is done. She applied to Ledge Con but couldn't go. She is trying to get more involved.
 - vii. Discussion
 - 1. Mariano just mentioned that he is on his way out. are we not mandating the full term?
 - a. It is in the new constitution that is not in effect right now.
 - 2. I trust in the process that has gone into this.
 - 3. Call to question
 - 4. Quorum
 - a. Student court justices are approved
- Mariano Dompablo
 - Leng Yang
 - Katelyn Larsen
 - Stephanie Martens

XI. Discussion

- a. The Constitution of the UWLSA (non-action)
 - i. Decker/Wallace
 - 1. Should start talking about it.
 - ii. We have re-changed the organizations, it has been put back. We put in sunset clauses which could be erased.
 - iii. The grad student org got acknowledged and two grad students got added.
 - iv. Discussion
 - 1. Under the eligibility of all positions, it says it would eliminate anyone who studied abroad for a semester. I saw that as an issue. The clause that contradicts the by laws is the one that says that the president must attend all ledge con and all GA's.
 - 2. If it is 600 people will that still be one senator?
 - a. 749 would still be one senator, and 750 would be two senators.
 - 3. I think it looks great, I don't want this to become a topic of discussion, but I want to plug the idea of environmental council as an org.
 - 4. When are you going to be looking at the total number of the students in those areas?
 - a. Every other year. Up to the election commission
 - 5. You have to remember that this body did vote down an environmental position on the board of directors.
 - 6. When I look at section 2: eligibility, it says a member of the exec board cannot be a member of another branch. I have an issue with that because if a person wants to take on the responsibility they should be able to.

7. There has been a lot of environmental council position talk and I want to know where that would go. Would it be in ledge affairs? I want to start facilitating discussion before the summer.
8. What's the reason behind the reason that the student has to have completed the last 12 credits as a resident?
 - a. I think they would know more about the campus. We want people that are informed and involved.
9. I wanted to comment on what was said about directors also being senators. I would be strongly opposed to that. I have been on the board for two years. I feel it is impossible to do both well. When you are on the board and putting in 20 plus hours you won't have time to be a senator. You would be serving on 4 committees, things can't be done in a quality way. I would say that it is not a good idea.
10. I would say I am opposed to the twelve credits and residency. If you are a transfer student you wouldn't be able to run.
11. Does that mean that first year students wouldn't be able to run?
 - a. There are freshman positions.
12. But it would exclude people other than those in freshman positions.
 - a. I don't know if there have ever been any freshman elected outside of the freshman positions.
13. I went back and forth between whether or not board members should be senators as well. But if a vote came up it would be hard to separate voting as a senator or as a board member. Also Aaron was not able to come to a lot of the meetings last year since they were at the same time as his city affairs meetings.
14. I understand where you are coming from, it is a time commitment. But I think it should be up to the president and the vice president whether or not they want to do that. And it is a learning process. Senators want to step up that role and that is why they become a board member. As far as the meetings, that is something that needs to be worked out before. I just don't think it is something that should be completely closed off.
15. With the whole 12 credit thing, a justice we approved is a freshman. Had we approved them in the fall when we were supposed to, she would not have been able to apply. I think that is something that needs to be looked into.
16. My feelings are that we always talk about the by laws but I haven't seen any by laws. I think it would be better to pass both documents at the same time.
17. I am a freshman this year and it would take that opportunity away from people that could do it.
18. I did vote on the 12 credit thing, but after hearing everyone I agree it should be gone.

19. I believe that there are 6 people on the board right now that haven't had experience in senate before. I believe it should be separate from the legislative branch.
20. I am against things that restrict students from participating. They shouldn't have to wait or have any circumstances that stop them from participating.
21. Move to close discussion. I think we have talked about it enough. I feel this could back to leg affairs.
 - a. Hammen/VanWinkle
 - i. Discussion closed.

XII. Announcements

- a. We approved the apportionment one shots, but I made a typo. Women's Rugby's amount was wrong, we are going to change it to the right amount and sign them again. I apologize for that.
- b. Lauren
 - i. I wanted to thank Fred for a good day today with the fire safety initiative. I have batteries from the Chancellor and Paula.
- c. Syafitri
 - i. Next Saturday April 5th we have the International Banquet. Tickets are \$9.
- d. Allen
 - i. Elections are April 1st. I encourage you to look at the La Crosse school district referendum. They need a yes or they will be cutting money. One of the schools doesn't even allow the kids to drink out of the drinking fountain because of the contamination. I encourage you all to get the vote out.
 - ii. Building Unity, I will be doing three workshops.
 - iii. If you are going to building unity fill out the sheet online.
- e. LASO is having their annual fiesta on Friday. The attire is semi formal.
- f. VanWinkle
 - i. Selling tickets for an all day concert. 19th or 26th. all the money will go to Gunderson Lutheran. Tickets are \$15 for all you can drink at Shooters.
- g. Colbie tickets are not sold out.
- h. Ludwig
 - i. We went to Europe for two weeks on some official university business and two of the university leaders from Frankfurt got funding to come to La Crosse. If any of you have any ideas let me know.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Allen/Fuhrmann

