



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: April 9th, 2008

Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

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

II. Role Call

Name	Role Call
Allen, Jeffery	1
Armstrong, Vanessa	1
Baalbaki, Ibrahim	1
Bayer, Allison	1
Cerwin, Nicholas	1
Cooper, Mitchell	excused
Csargo, Nicholas	1
Decker, Rourke	1
DeShong, Robert	1
Eck, Calie	1
Fuhrmann, Eric	1
Groshek, Matthew	1
Hammen, Derek	1
Hastings, JennieLynn	1
Hockett, Joshua	1
Holzem, Natalie	1
Kahl, Erik	late excused
Klotz, Melissa	1
Kohl-Riggs, Arthur	1
Maly, Tabetha	excused
McCaigne, Kelsey	1
Moua, Keng	1
Navarre, Stephanie	1
Rome, Jacob	1
Ruplinger, Melissa	1
Sackmann, Valentine	excused
Savaglio, Britta	1
Schooley, Jillian	1
Syafitri, Sonia	excused

Thiel, Chuck	1
Thompson, Amanda	1
Trimborn, Steven	1
Vang, Nou	1
Van Winkle, Joshua	1
Vice, Katie	1
Wallace, Karly	1
Total	31

Others: Ludwig, O'Brien, Robinson, Chapiewsky, Perez, Giltner, Singh, Cikara, Ringgenberg, Smith.

Guests: Nik Nelson, Anja, Johannes, Jow Gow, K.J. Lang

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Wallace/Hammen
- b. Minutes approved, one abstention

IV. Approval of Agenda

- a. Decker/Ruplinger
- b. Some want to have a discussion about United Council so I added that to the agenda. If we have extra time we will discuss that.
 - i. No discussion
- c. Agenda approved.

V. Guest Speakers

- a. Mr. Sunshine, Campus Climate Survey
 - i. The cloud is busy, hopefully you have all heard about the survey. You can win free things. It does take like 15 minutes, although you can do it while studying. I know you all take surveys on myspace and facebook. As of Sunday night only 861 people have taken the survey. It would be good to take it some time tonight. It ends April 18th.
- b. Erin Newell, Office of Residence Life, LDA Position
 - i. Not here.
- c. Anja and Johannes, Allgemeine Studierendenausschuss (AStA) of Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany
 - i. I am the chief executive of our student org, I do the same job as Bjorn. We are here because last November you were in Frankfurt and visited us. This is a good chance for both student orgs to get together and change the world.
 - ii. I am also involved in the student org. I hope to meet you all and exchange views.
 - iii. They will be here until the 18th and I am sure they will be willing to talk if you see them on campus.
- d. Chancellor Gow
 - i. I haven't been around and I wanted to bring you up to speed. The financial aid fees for GQA is really fascinating. Really all we are saying is we want to use this money as financial aid for new students. It did get held up. We have been letting people in Madison know how important this is to us. They are really preoccupied with the budget

repair bill. I was jokingly saying that you and your class mates will probably be the only ones not affected by this because it will probably never get done. I have been told by some people that they want to focus on the big issues, which have traumatic implications for UW. We are waiting for the other shoe to drop. I did speak to speaker Hipsh today and he said we were not going to get into ornamentation, but if the other side wants to get into it, UWL will be my number one ornament. I wanted to say I bet you say that to all the other chancellors. They may have a special session and it might get done there. It is not so much the first year; most important is the second year. I wish I could give you a more informative report but I can't.

- ii. The academic building: we need to get 6 million dollars and if we don't then the state says they are not giving us the rest. I am concerned that this is played out in the way that we have a deadline, so hopefully we can make this workout.
- iii. Stadium: the bids are due tomorrow. Hopefully the estimates are accurate.
- iv. A lot of good things are going on, if you read my emails. The scores on the physician assistant program are the best in the program. One of our students got the best score in the nation for nuclear physics.
- v. On a more tragic note, the fire at Stout, horrible. It is really bad; I got the press release and the photos of the people. It was a sad thing to see. Paula spent a lot of money on those batteries. You should thank her for that. I am told they are available down stairs. It seems like a lot of unusual things happen at the end of the year.
- vi. We have the election April 15th. It is exciting. I just hope we get leadership as talented as Fred and Bjorn. They have raised the bar pretty high so I hope whoever follows can meet that standard.

VI. Officer Reports

a. Fred

- i. I have two house warming gifts for our guests that I would like to present. It seems like yesterday that Bjorn and I arrived and we were fighting the jet lag and not even knowing where we were.
- ii. Tomorrow we will be taking them to the board of regents meeting, we have also set up a meeting with administration, and then they will be going to Building Unity.
- iii. When I was taking names for search and screen I also did it on the same one as speakers list so please raise your hand if you would like to be on the one for science and allied health, then college of liberal studies?
- iv. Urge you to go to the debate tonight. Hope that everyone will vote.

b. Bjorn

- i. The meeting will be ending at 7:45 call your friends.
- ii. Amy from RHAC is on the residence hall committee and she is interested in starting a parking committee. She has talked to some other people and they are interested. Can I see a show of hands on

people who would like to have a committee? Then hopefully next semester there will be a parking committee to deal with those issues.

- iii. Tomorrow there is another open forum for Green Fund at 7:30pm
- iv. Monday, UC open forum in the ward room.
- c. Others
 - i. Gender Issues
 - 1. Women's History Carnival, if raining it will be in Port O Call.
 - 2. Next Friday is the drag show.
 - ii. PR
 - 1. Thanks to everyone who helped hang up posters for the debate tonight.
 - iii. O'Brien
 - 1. Faculty Senate
 - a. The money that needs to be raised is very important. If we don't get this money raised we lose that money. I would like to see if SA could take some initiation.
 - 2. Nuclear science has 100% passing rate, I think that is pretty cool.
 - iv. Jill
 - 1. Met with Terry Larky, working to compile a sheet for what they need to know. They will be changing a couple of the polling place, we could help. She asked if we ever thought about a summer campaign to get early registration done. I will be talking to people and orgs to see if they would be interested in helping.

VII. RHAC Report

- a. Last week we approved several by law changes, mostly to accommodate our new vice president.
- b. Dodge ball: first game is tomorrow night at 7:30. Our team name is Team Awesome. If you want to sign up let me know.
 - i. Can you elaborate on the cost behind supplies for the green fund, if we have asked people from residence life about it?
 - 1. We haven't been involved in any of that.

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Best dressed is Vanessa Armstrong and Ibrahim Balbaki.
- b. I am still having one on ones.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Student Tech Fee
 - i. This is our final approved budget for the year. We have around \$781,000. Everything in the blue is things that are already in our budget. We expect a \$45,000 carry over. Everything in the black is requests. Most are replacements. Murphy is an entire overhaul of the computers. We ranked them based on their need and based on what we could give. We will hold some of them and send out another request in the fall and considering what carry over we have we will decide. That is to be fair to the entire campus. So right now we are approving

1. Everything below the black line is not denied, it's just on hold?
 - a. Yes. We will send out an explanation.
 - b. It will be a new request that goes to everyone on campus. Some of them can actually go away because there is some other money to use on them.
2. For ITS, do they want to augment what they already have?
 - a. There is a lot of money that goes into technology, there is also a separate IT strategic plan we work with. They try to balance all the money coming from different areas. There are some computers on here that are really related with the consulting staffing. There is some money that goes to support the computers on campus. Res Life volunteered to help with the 33 computers to phase out.
 - b. We are trying to find the best way to save money and still maximize what we can do with what we have.
- b. Hammen
 - i. Tomorrow applications for graduation are due.
- c. Kahl
 - i. Beginning a discussion on hidden prerequisites.
 - ii. Parking appeals met yesterday.
- d. Joint Budget and Planning
 - i. Passed two motions on how we plan on overseeing GQA. Student feedback is the second criteria. Will be coming back in a week or so with a resolution regarding the funds for financial aid.
- e. Academic Building
 - i. Design team decided to pursue LEED. Before we were designing the building to LEED certification, I am very happy about it.
 - ii. We found out with the amount of sq footage we are about \$1.8 million over budget. They proposed cutting five classrooms. It cut out the floor to some stairwells, so they are not doing that anymore. So we are meeting again next Monday to figure that out. I also have a timeline to completion and I will email that out.

X. New Business

- a. Resolution in Support of the Student PIRGs' New Voters Project
 - i. Hammen/Wallace
 - ii. Discussion
 1. I don't see why we wouldn't want this so I would like to yield to president.
 - a. I wasn't here last week but I support this. It is great to have another org to work along side with.
 2. call to question
 - a. Resolution passes.

XI. Discussion

- a. Funding for Korean Percussion Ensemble
 - i. Van Winkle/Ruplinger
 - 1. I think we talked about it in apportionment and it looked really good.
 - ii. This is a group that has been around for a few years and have made a good name for themselves. They do a lot of good work. They approached us in the fall for sustained funding. We didn't get around to it until now. They requested about \$5,000. we have discussed their sustainability, they have been really patient and we decided after a lot of deliberation that this would be a good thing to do. So we want to give them \$5,000 from now until they get funding next year and it also says we want to have them on the list for funding next year.
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. I think this a great idea and a great chance for this group. I think they are the only group like this in the US. Not all of them are music majors. And some of them get really great opportunities. One of them actually got to go to Korea. I think they re a great addition to this campus.
 - 2. What are seg. funds?
 - a. It is money that comes through this group and we can decide who gets what.
 - b. Groups that wouldn't get funding are groups that exclusionary in some way, groups that we don't deem benefit the campus as a whole, and groups that are already funded some where else.
 - 3. What do they need the money for?
 - a. Same idea as band equipment, travel. The members put in a lot of their own money. We still expect them to do fundraising.
 - 4. How many members? And the duration of the budget.
 - a. About 28. There numbers are increasing. They want it to be a permanent budget, just like every other group.
 - b. So is this a fixed amount?
 - i. The 5,000 is to carry them over until they get considered in the next budgeting cycle.
 - 5. Do they perform on campus a lot, and would they be willing to come into music appreciation?
 - a. Yes they do, and they have plans to perform more often.
 - 6. Is this open and anyone who is interested can come or do they have to know? Because a band is pretty secluded.
 - a. Anyone is welcome, obviously at this point everyone is welcome and they have members who have been around for years and they provide a lot to the group. Every group that we fund, there is a question of are they sustainable. They are, they are pretty strong.

7. Senator Fuhrmann seemed excited to share some info on their growing size.
 - a. Yes, they are growing and some have bought their own drums.
 8. How many years have they been an org?
 - a. I think 5 years.
 9. when we talk about are they sustainable, they started with 15 members, and a lot were off campus members. But recently there has been a rise in members and it is growing with more students.
 10. you said off campus as in community members, does UWL usually fund that?
 - a. We do fund other groups that have community members, they just have to pay their own fees and they have to pull their own weight.
 11. they do go to music appreciation classes, and they talk a lot about their instruments. I have seen them on campus a couple of times.
 12. I think we have had a good discussion, we can bring it up next week, motion to close discussion
 - a. Hammen/Wallace
 - b. Discussion closed.
- b. Resolution Funding Travel to Winona and the Field for Kids during Stadium Reconstruction
- i. Van Winkle/Schooley
 1. I think this is another very important resolution that we need to pass.
 - ii. It is funding travel to Winona for football and also to the field for kids, where the women's soccer team will be playing between here and Onalaska. For a long time we have been talking about the relocation. Specifically the marching band asked for money for it in their budget, but we said no we would do it separate. We don't want students to pay for this. We would like to partner with RHAC, the L Club, and the Alumni club. We already received word that they would support us. We would welcome funding from other sources but we do believe the majority of it should come from our reserve. We figure \$7,000 should be enough. We can talk about the money later, but we want summer execs and the city affairs director to come up with the necessary arrangements with the bus companies. The field for kids, we want to look into possibly using MTU. We already do have a contract with them.
 - iii. Discussion
 1. I have been thinking about this and I think it is great to keep us safe and for students to have access to these games.
 2. With the reconstruction of the board, if there is not a city affairs person, what would happen?

- a. We have to go with what we know as of now and things can change and the new execs can do it. We need to get this through, but if it changes we can do that.
 - b. The president is included in summer execs and no contract can be signed without the president so it would come down to that person anyway.
 - 3. Onalaska already has a system were you call them from the mall and they take you anywhere, so that is already in place.
 - 4. motion to close discussion
 - a. Hammen/Van Winkle
 - b. Discussion is closed.
- c. UC Membership
 - i. Van Winkle/Fuhrmann
 - ii. Senators wanted to have a discussion about UC before the referendum next Tuesday.
 - iii. Move to make this a closed discussion
 - 1. Fuhrmann/Bayer
 - iv. Closed discussion is where the guests leave, minutes are not taken, and it is not discussed outside this room. There isn't discussion on that.
 - 1. I don't minutes to be taken; I want people to be free to say what they want.
 - 2. Voting...Motion passes.
 - v. While in closed discussion Student Senate passed the following statement:
 - 1. Whereas, the UW-L Student Senate deems that continued membership in United Council is no longer in the best interest of the UWLSA,
Therefore be it resolved, that the UW-L Student Senate does not support being a member of United Council.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

