



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: September 5th, 2007

Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order by Bergman at 6:00pm.
- II. Role Call
 - a. Present: Allen, Armstrong, Bayer, Cerwin, Cooper, Csargo, DeShong (late), Frenner, Fhurmann, Groshek, Guidote, Hammen, Holzem, Kahl, Klein, Klotz, Langhoff, Liebzeit, Lynch, McManus, Mousa, Navarre, Nell, Putnam, Rome (late), Ruplinger, Sackmann, Savaglio, Schooley (late), Syafitri (late), Trimorn, Valdez, Vang, Van Winkle (late)
 - b. Absent: None
 - c. Others: Ludwig, Bergman, Perket, Cikara, Ringgenberg
 - d. Guests: Nick Cerwin, Matthew Carper, Jacie Gamroth, Andrea Wilson, Kristin Chapiewsky, Amanda Thompson, Kelsey Burkett, Graham Clumpner, Maria Pint.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to Approve.
 - b. Passed.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to Approve.
 - b. Motion to strike Reuter from Officer reports and add in Joe Gow and Bill Cocolough to guest speakers.
 - c. Approved.
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Joe Gow and Bill Cocolough: Pepsi Contract.
 - i. Here to talk about the Pepsi contract.
 - ii. Talked about how Pepsi wanted complete exclusivity, they originally wanted to pay \$90,000/year for 10 years. Actual contract is \$70,000/year for 7 years.
 - iii. Gow said no to first one, 10 years is too long and we don't want complete exclusivity. Money should be used for something different each year. Make a campus community enrichment fund. Fred and Breanna were at the Board of Regents meeting which was a big help in getting approval.
 - iv. There needs to be a revision to the by-laws made by Bjorn.
 - v. 2.20. A recommendation
 - vi. Gow wants students to have the say on this, and he would carry out the recommendations. Joe hopes that this money will be used to do great things for this campus. Honoring the pact they made with the students.

- b. Jacie Gamroth- City Council and County Board Member
 - a. County boards are more influenced by students, not necessarily only when Jacie shows up
 - b. Resolution by an elder person to reduce dept. budgets. If reduced by 5% would get rid of a person, less efficient work and more expensive.
 - c. Traffic engineer is looking at Main and 16th hopefully. Lots of congestion at those lights.
 - d. Underage serving issues. Made some changes, but basic and just updated.
 - e. Off-campus housing ordinance proposing ¼ parking space per bedroom for off street parking. Was postponed all summer.
 - f. Going to upcoming conferences in the near future.
 - g. Next Tuesday – MTU board: wants to make student reps non-voting members due to lack of attendance in past. Goes next Tuesday to the public hearing. Show up and voice your opinion.
 - h. Gerrard Heschler is putting up a new apartment. Wanted to put up 26 parking spaces for 69 bedrooms. Chagnes were made, now have 65 spaces.
 - i. County Board:
 - 1. New District Attorney. Time Gherke
 - 2. Domestic partnership benefits passed by county board.
 - 3. County trying to make emergency response shorter
 - 4. County Jail project is \$49million budget. Current bidder is being very inflexible to County needs. We just had a new jail not too long ago, but we do need something more.
 - j. Gamroth's Goals:
 - i. Get houses out of flood plain.
 - ii. Alternatives to alternate side parking. One idea would be to have it only occur when certain amount of snow on the ground.
 - iii. Anyone we want to meet in the city of the county, let Jacie know and she will do what she can to get them here to talk to us.
 - iv. Questioned if district 5 could not be the only tested district for parking. Yes, there can be.
- c. Anh Nguyen, Lauren Cikara, and Matthew Carper- UW-L's USSA Congress Participants
 - a. Road trip to Pittsburgh. Met other students all over the country and were able to network. All information is on the USSA website. Anh and Lauren are USSA board members – voted on down in Pittsburgh.
 - b. New experience. Learned a lot on student loans in sessions and has brought it back to campus on a small level. Would like to teach people and let them know of issues that are out there.
 - c. Dream Act – effects undocumented students. Immigrants who have done there schooling here are having trouble going to college here and paying in state tuition. Dream Act helps make this possible. Dream Act effects mostly Spanish speaking people – want to make people

aware of this. USSA believes higher education is a right and a must if you so desire.

- d. Thanked Senate for the opportunity to go to the conference.
- e. Campaign against Sally Mae – major lending institution.
- f. For individuals who are here without government permission - no immigration documentation.

VI. Officer Reports

a. Fred

- i. Nice to see everyone back.
- ii. Safe LAX campaign – effort to promote responsible drinking-
- iii. Rob Gonzallez concer at Viterbo on the 14th – free but asking for donations for safe lax campaign and riverwatch.
- iv. McManus sent around sign up sheets for anyone who wants to help out with either of these organizations. Looking to cut down to 2 people per night for Riverwatch – only cover the levee.
 - 1. Will they patrol heavier for Oktoberfest? Yes, then and Halloween
- v. Poli sci 250 – 1 credit class.
- vi. New Provost/Vice Chancellor Search and Screen Committee Student Senate representative- Neal Nettesheim –
 - 1. Bjorn had stepped down to commit more to VP position.
- vii. Was very active with Board of Regents this summer.
- viii. SIS people soft committee. Currently sitting on it and looking for someone to take his place. Preferably someone who has computer knowledge.
- ix. People Soft is more friendly system. Looking for student input to see what they would like. This system is being used in many corporations so a great learning opportunity
 - 1. Meeting times? 24th September, but not all exact. Would accommodate student schedule.
- x. Trimunal for student conduct. – Need a couple of students to sit on this

b. Bjorn

- i. Please come visit Fred and Him in the office – feels it is going to be a very productive year.
- ii. Expectations:
 - 1. Un-excused Absences. 2 or more = meeting, 3 = dismissal
 - a. Excused – at least 8 hours, good excuses
 - 2. Resolutions to him by Monday to get agenda out – by 5pm
 - 3. New set-up? Comment cards coming around in the future
 - 4. Senate is paperless this year. Print out on your own.
 - 5. Website: Feedback on the website please.
 - 6. Meeting with the Deans:
 - a. SAH – Dean met monthly with students
 - b. Has contacted Bruce May and Ruth-Ann Benson.
Looking into having monthly meetings with Senators –

- c. Name plates – getting them this year
 - d. Freshman elections: Online with by-laws. Papers due September 11th to GMH 149. 2 seats open. Encourage people to run.
 - iii. Student Association and Faculty Committee Appointments
 - 1. Appointed everyone to one student and faculty committee.
 - 2. AIO – cannot find by-laws for committee. Appointed by applications last year – will update next week. If assigned to that committee, wait to hear further word.
 - 3. Committee reports: report on them, let us know what is going on with your committees
 - iv. Meal Plan Wavier Committee Appointment
 - 1. SA senator, RHAC rep, university centers compose committee: can be waived for specific reasons; we need a representative to help determine waivers on this committee.
 - c. Others
 - 1. No Reports pending approval of Directors.
- VII. RHAC Report
- a. New reps. 1st event was Mystery dinner last Friday.
 - b. 1st meeting was last Friday in Senate chambers.
 - c. Tomorrow is normal meeting time: 5:30pm, Senate Chambers.
 - d. Some open spots available.
- VIII. Advisor Reports
- a. Larry & Lauren
 - i. Going to be a wonderful year for Senate.
 - ii. Larry's office in in room 212, feel free to stop by.
 - iii. Retreat: little bit different this year. "Learning Outcomes."
 - iv. Student government has many different aspects – empowering student. voice has been looked at, now want to look at what we get out of this.
 - v. Retreat begins 9am-7pm here (339 CC) – wear comfortable clothes – going to be moving around. Bring meeting attire for afternoon.
 - vi. After retreat, Clocktower dance.
 - vii. Lauren is in the Senate office, come check it out.
 - viii. Lauren will be scheduling 1:1 meetings to get to know senators.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. New Academic Building Steering Committee:
 - i. Getting possible floor plans for building.
 - ii. If you want to give input, Sept. 14 from 1-4pm in Port O' Call.
 - b. Chancellor Inauguration Committee
 - i. October 19th weekend.
 - c. Vice Chancellor for Finance:
 - i. Bob Hetzel – Started Tuesday.
- X. New Business
- a. Approval of new Arts and Comm. Senator- Nick Cerwin

- i. Motion to approve, and second.
 - ii. Elected person decided not to fulfill roles, emailed those who had run and asked if interested with a list of questions.
 - iii. Picked who he thought would be best for the position.
 - iv. Call to Question: Van Winkle/Furhman
 - 1. Vote: Passed
- b. Election of Senate Board of Directors Members-
 - i. Motion to Approve.
 - 1. Passed.
 - 2. Senate Parliamentarian.
 - a. Explanation of position.
 - b. Motion by Vanwinkle/Kahl
 - c. Nominations: Jeff Allen, Eric Kahl (declined), Aaron McManus (decline).
 - d. Only one person, no vote: Jeff Allen.
 - 3. Senate President Pro Tempore
 - a. Explanation of position.
 - b. Motion Konrad, Mcmanus.
 - c. Nominations: Eric Kahl, Natalie Holzem (declined).
 - d. Motion to close, Vanwinkly, Liebzeit.
 - e. Only one person,, no vote: Eric Kahl.
 - 4. Two (2) Senate General Executives
 - a. Explanation of position.
 - b. Motion to Open Discussion by Liebzeit/Kahl.
 - c. Nominations: Derek Hammen, Alli Bayer, Josh Vanwinkle.
 - d. Motion to Close Discussion by McManus/Kahl.
 - e. Each spoke as to why they would serve well in the position.
 - f. Paper Vote:
 - Hammen-28
 - Bayer-27
 - Vanwinkle-13

XI. Discussion

- a. Approval of Board of Directors Members-
 - i. Motion to Open by Nell/Schooley.
 - ii. Motion to Suspend Rules Bayer/Klein.
 - 1. Should vote this week because school is starting this week – get them in right away.
 - 2. Vote: passed – into New Business.
 - 3. Motion to Package by Bayer/Hammen.
 - a. Vote: Passed.
 - 4. Discussion: None.
 - 5. Call the question Bayer.
 - a. Passed.
 - 6. Motion to Reinstate the Rules by Bayer/Hammen.

- a. Suspending rules should not be used as a shortcut – touchy thing.
 - b. Vote: acclimation – no objections.
 - iii. Opened up elections last spring, interviews and decisions early summer.
 - 1. Gender Issues Director- Kristin Chapiewsky.
 - 2. PR Director- Andrea Wilson.
 - 3. United Council Representative- Natalie Holzem.
- b. Summer Executives Report 2007.
 - i. Motion to open discussion: Van Winkle/Sackmann.
 - 1. 4 main topics:
 - a. USSA Congress – approved funds for hotel/registration, Gow donated traveling funds – selected participants through committee.
 - b. Spirituality resource center - \$55,590 to get this going.
 - c. Pepsi Contract – Money to go into community enrichment program – resolution coming up later in discussion.
 - d. Freshman elections – approved papers and dates.
 - 2. Discussion:
 - a. Needs to be approved by Senate – summer execs “half” approve it.
 - b. What if we didn’t approve it? – Would have to go back and figure some things out. USSA trip and election papers are the two only ‘real’ things needing approval
 - c. You approved execs, hope you would trust decisions they made.
 - d. Where did USSA money come from? – USSA account – Don’t pay all that to USSA money, can use it to go to USSA events – money does not necessarily need Senate approval.
 - 3. Motion to Close Discussion by Liebzeit/Kahl.
- c. By-Laws for the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Campus Community Enrichment Fund Committee.
 - i. Motion to Open Discussion by Van Winkle/DeShong.
 - ii. Getting \$70,000 from Pepsi over next 7 years. Bjorn wrote by-laws for committee. Any changes can be amended next week.
 - iii. Discussion:
 - 1. Last Therefore statement: within resolution, asking to make constitutional amendment. Needs student referenda. Can make it an ad-hawk committee that gets made each year if that’s the way they want to go.
 - 2. Would be better to go Ad-Hawk if only for 7 years. They stay as long as needed, not necessarily year by year.

3. If was made a standing committee, would this have to be gone over in 7 years? – Yes, probably. Constitution is generally amended every 2-3 years.
 4. What if money isn't all spent at end of 7 years?
 5. If we don't put this in constitution, chance committee won't be there next year? Leaves it open for change next year if not put in constitution.
 6. Makes it more concrete if put it in constitution. Makes it a solid concrete place for it.
 7. Agrees with point 2. A recommendation will be made either way the committee is set up.
 8. Having whole student body vote on it is another PR way to let everyone know what is going on.
- iv. Motion to Close Discussion Van Winkle.
1. Passed.

XII. Announcements

- a. SAPA first meeting Monday CC 2nd floor. Will let you know when it is. Very important meetings.
- b. Season tickets for theatre dept. \$15 for all season.
- c. Check out new Frederick Theatre.
- d. Thank you everyone for a good first meeting. Read through by-laws to look through what you want changed.
- e. Next Wednesday is sample the city near clocktower. Free food, music, area vendors, 10:30-1:00pm.
- f. Mark calendars, September 18th. Miss America will be here. 7:00pm
- g. Racquet: Want to expand what they write on at the Racquet – let them know if you have any story ideas.
- h. CAB: comedian on Thursday- 1st meeting is Tuesday, 5pm, 257 CC.
MayTales – Grandfather of Reggae, fall concert possibility. Let them know if we want to bring them to campus.
- i. Friday night – between Hutch and Angell. Louau, annual event – come hang out.
- j. Looking for volunteers for next weeks' concert. Set up or clean up afterwards (At Viterbo).
- k. Wheelchair basketball. Oct. 13th – more info. To come!
- l. Please come and talk with Jeff Allen, he needs to know your names to put you on the speakers list.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by VanWinkle/Fuhrman at 8:05pm.
- b. Passed – 7:59pm

