



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: September 12th, 2007

Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Bergman called the meeting to order at 6pm.
- II. Role Call
 - a. Present: Allen, Armstrong, Bayer, Cerwin, Cooper, Csargo, DeShong, Frenner, Fuhrmann, Groshek, Guidote, Hammen, Holzem, Kahl, Klein, Klotz, Langhoff, Liebzeit, Lynch, McManus, Moua, Navarre, Nell, Putnam, Rome, Ruplinger, Sackmann, Savaglio, Schooley, Syafitri, Trimborn, Valdez, Vang, Van Winkle.
 - b. Absent: None.
 - c. Others: Ludwig, Perket, Chapiewsky, Wilson, Cikara, Ringgenberg
 - d. Guests: Carrie Collister, Nicole Chu, Andrew Caudill, Mariano Don Pablo, Carmen Wilson
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes by Van Winkle/Hammen.
 - i. Move to amend quest speaker's line item four.
 - ii. Passed.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda by Van Winkle/Hammen.
 - i. Passed.
 - b. Motion to add approval of Sarah Pfeifer into discussion.
 - i. Passed.
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Carmen Wilson, Faculty Senate Chair
 - i. One of things noticed was students and faculties don't do a great job attending other's committees.
 - ii. Difficult to attend meetings, sometimes faculty are intimidating
 - iii. Challenges that we have supporting each others committees. General education an example of an important committee, thinking of changing the program, needs a student voice.
 - iv. Critical for students to be at and have a voice. Need to address the barriers, make sure everyone has a voice.
 - v. Suggestions anyone has to do things differently.
 1. Accommodate student's time better, make it more student friendly.

- a. Wilson: Scheduling is a challenge, thinking of having a common hr where no classes so that students can meet in committees. Many universities have a common hr.
 - vi. People have not heard anything about committee times, joint committee, scholarship committee, academic program review (met today), international education, joint physical committee, scholarship, teacher education governing council,. People on joint committees have not gotten copies. Minority affairs.
- b. Other ways to make it easier to attend and speak:
 - i. Good idea to introduce themselves to get to know each other, go over some of the more important topics. Steve Sanger chair elected.
 - ii. Students invaluable to committees, faculty forget what is important to students. If you feel your voice isn't being heard talk to Bjorn or Wilson, will talk on your behalf.
 - iii. Office # 323 Graff, 785-8018
 - iv. Trouble having faculty attend student committees, talk to Wilson or Bjorn for workable solution.
- c. Andrew Caudill, RHAC President
 - i. Looking forward to working closely, Academic building, growth and access, working together will help to students.
 - 1. RHAC meetings Thursday 5:30 at student senate chambers.
 - 2. Contact Caudill if want to be put on agenda.
- d. Student Court Justices
 - i. Make student court more visible on campus.
 - ii. Mario Don Pablo, open minded, make things happen.
 - iii. Erin, senior Political science major, very involved, fun way to get involved.
 - iv. What do court justices do? Judicial branch is student court.
 - v. How were students selected? Who ever was on court last year, chief
 - vi. Justice needs to be someone from last year, brian only person retuning from last yr. people don't know what the court is, hard to have application process. People who showed previous interest about being involved.
 - vii. What do they hear on? Active during election time.
 - viii. Point of order: need to be addressed towards speaker.
 - ix. How often did they meet last yr? Twice, need to meet once a month.
 - x. Last yr did they do anything significant that had an impact? No, didn't make themselves available.
 - xi. Why do you think you'd be a good candidate? Served as chair and vice chair, been fairly involved in senate.
 - xii. What are your goals? Mario: address questions about procedure, duty to make sure that we follow the rules.
 - xiii. Sat on student senate for a yr, part of sorority, be beneficial to know if orgs have an issue with each other, need to know where to go, things need to be done in an orderly way.

- xiv. How do you think being a political science major will be beneficial?
Erin: worked on different public policies, students issues.
- xv. What kind of things will they deal with? Judicial branch will deal with student assoc issues.
- e. Sarah Pfeifer
 - i. Pre-physical therapy, been on senate last two yrs, chaired the athletic committee, currently on stadium planning committee, softball player.

VI. Officer Reports

- a. Fred
 - i. Had a meeting on Monday for chancellor inauguration. Committee, need for student participation.
 - 1. Looking for student to carry banners, CLS, CBA, Administration & Staff, general student, chancellors delegate
 - 2. 3 students to drive golf carts for driving guests from parking to location
 - 3. Students to usher
 - 4. Gist for Gow from Student Assoc or from student body. Fundraising, possible gift ideas. Past bought a rocking chair, guitar would be better. Put up for formal discussion next mtg.
 - 5. poster contest to recognize orgs, to get student orgs involved
 - 6. Erin and Fred attended meeting
 - 7. Erin: went with president of Viterbo, concerned with membership in the past, bringing people in from cities to talk about design, motion to take away vote from 3 student member, touched on the point that students make a lot of money, IPASS, mayor pushed for one student seat. Able to get a delay for institutions to put in there recommendation before Thursday. Drafting regulation to go to mayor appointment. Changed wording to accommodate student government, one yr terms starting in June, changed to student government recommendations. Take a few months to go into affect.
 - ii. Involvement Fest Sep 20th, need volunteers for one or two hrs. Need help for concert, passing sign up sheet
 - iii. Introduction of sec.
 - iv. Thanks to people who came to retreat, more fun than past yrs.
- b. Bjorn
 - i. Retreat huge success.
 - ii. Everyone picked up name plates, any name plates misspelled let him know.
 - iii. Senate going paperless. With more computers please make sure not checking email during mtg.
 - iv. Office hrs not complete yet.
 - v. Let him know who the chair of committee is during committee report time.

- vi. Assigned individuals to committees, if unsure of your committees talk to Bjorn.
- c. Others
 - i. Chief of Staff- Ryan Perket
 - 1. Retreat turned out well. Questionnaire for retreat.
 - 2. Applications due Fri at 3:30, six positions available.
 - 3. Board of directors been meeting weekly, 3 director positions filled. Wait to work on it.
 - ii. PR Director – Andrea Wilson
 - 1. Publicity about positions open has extra fliers.
 - iii. Gender Issues- Kristin Chapiewsky
 - 1. Women’s Issues committee missing.
 - 2. Fri Natalie and Kristin going to meeting in Madison.
 - iv. UC Board of Directors- Natalie Holzem
 - 1. GA in Oct. that sat 13th. Shared government summit. Issues coming up
 - 2. Oct 19th – 20th need people to hold session for LGBT

VII. RHAC

- a. ARC Committees, SI Committees. Poster sale tomorrow.

VIII. Advisor reports

- a. Lauren:
 - i. Need Goal Sheet, organizing mtgs. Figure where mailboxes are.
 - ii. Paula Knutson, Dean of students.
 - 1. Sat in joint budget and planning committee, important that you keep the student voice out there. Encourage to be vocal, ask questions.
- b. Larry
 - i. No Report.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Apportionment committee met, didn’t elect secretary, elected Eric Furhmann chair.
 - i. Not meeting full meeting next week, working on training next Monday.
 - ii. Meetings 6:30 in senate chambers.
- b. Joint Budget and Planning
 - i. Disagreement between senate and assembly, things they want to get done, goals.
- c. Joint Info
 - i. Working on getting chancellor in.
 - ii. Chris Dodge elected chair.
- d. Undergrad Committee
 - i. Class on global warming, ESC211.
 - ii. Chair Steve McDougall.
- e. Academic Oversight
 - i. Meeting for academic bldg, want give input come to mtg Fri. 1-4pm Port O’ Call.

- ii. Haven't consulted sustainability architects, need people there to make bldg sustainable.

X. New Business

- a. Summer Executives Report 2007
 - i. Motion to approve Summer Executive Report by Armstrong/Klein.
 - ii. Can't change it.
 - iii. Get exact dates added for freshman elections.
 - 1. Motion to amend exact dates freshman elections Schooley/Bayer
 - a. Call to question.
 - b. Motion passed.
 - iv. Motion to amend hotel and lodging to hotel and registration fee by Holzem/Hammen.
 - 1. Motion passed.
 - v. Acclimation passed on Summer Exec Report.

XI. Discussion

- a. Student Court
 - i. Motion to open discussion Furhamn/Liebzeit.
 - ii. Responsibility to interpret constitution and bylaws.
 - iii. Only act when approached someone to act.
 - iv. Why it was thought the students would be good student justices?
 - 1. Feels students had critical thinking skills.
 - v. Not a paid position.
 - vi. Positions should be more advertised, overlook students who would like to be involved. Try to get as many involved as possible.
 - vii. Motion close discussion Armstrong/Van Winkle.
 - 1. Motion Passed.
- b. Approval of Board of Directors Member
 - i. Motion to open discussion by Klien/Ruplinger
 - ii. Felt it was necessary to reestablish presence on board and place in community.
 - iii. City Affairs Director- Aron McManus
 - 1. Alcohol oversight committee, multifamily standard and design. Speak to common council; speak to liaison between police and university.
 - 2. Swell job.
 - 3. Picking up apps at 4 on Sunday, talk about other positions available. Inform other apps of other opportunities.
 - 4. Time sensitive issue
 - 5. Motion to suspend rules Hammen/Furhmann
 - a. Point of information.
 - i. Not interviewing anyone else
 - b. Candidate can wait one week. Already is on MTU board.
 - 6. No reason to suspend rules

7. What was submitted was MTU, already have student rep, can wait on suspending rules. Vote no against suspending rules and wait until next week.
8. Serving on board is big commitment and time sensitive.
9. Rescind motion by Hammen/Furhman.
- iv. Motion to close discussion Hammen/Vanwinkle
 1. Passed.
- c. Discussion of University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Campus Community Enrichment Fund Committee (non-action item)
 - i. Motion to open discussion by Vanwinkle/Holzem.
 - ii. Made amendments, too long to bring to senate floor. Kept coming up with questions of procedures for committee. Not put in new business, beneficial non-action discussion to better understand.
 1. Motion to limit discussion to 30 min McManus/Allen.
 - a. Passed.
 - iii. Changes to carry money over. Pool money together to make great programs while still focusing in sustainability. Endowment fund so that students have money to spend on issues. Changes too much to bring up.
 - iv. Explain endowment fund.
 1. Endowment fund explained, could find other ways to add to endowment, every yr spend 60,000 to campus climate.
 - v. Point of clarification- where is it coming from?
 1. Use interest from \$70,000
 - vi. Find something positive to leave a mark on campus if given more money. Hold off on using any of the money.
 - vii. Purpose to see how senate feels and then draft new bylaws and bring them to the senate.
 - viii. Government institutions can do an endowment.
 - ix. Put money back into student tech fees. Not using it for 7 yrs would be hard to convince people.
 - x. Giving up options, shouldn't be spent on students 7 yrs from now. We will not be here when stadium is done. Should consider our constituents and give them something now.
 - xi. Would endowment last longer than 7 yr?
 - xii. Money coming back to students every yr.
 - xiii. Good idea, students should see it now. Excited sustainability, accessibility.
 - xiv. Point of information- Does everyone realize we would need to sign another contract 7yrs from now.
 - xv. Our constituents vote us in for the long term too, but maybe the first few yrs we shouldn't put in all the money.
 - xvi. Students want to see something happen while they are here.
 - xvii. Being senators investing in UWL for the long term is a good idea, taking interest off yr at a time would be a good idea.

- xviii. Whatever recommendation students make to chancellor he would listen.
- xix. Many options other than endowment fund. We should look forward, our diploma is worth more by putting money into it. Need to look at everything before we decide.
- xx. Point of info- is endowment possible.
 - 1. Point of clarification- it is possible
- xxi. Concept of instant gratification is what is wrong with govt. we need to look toward the future. Shows a lot of foresight, no guarantee we will have another contract or that we will be able to say where that money goes. Need to focus on accessibility, sustainability, as said to Board of Regents. Represent the university and not just current students.
- xxii. Point of info- would it turn into sponsorship fund?
 - 1. Not known if we will get another contract
- xxiii. Point of info- will we do this again for another company?
 - 1. Up to chancellor.
- xxiv. Point of info- does it go back to bidding process?
 - 1. Yes.
 - 2. Is it possible to see bidding process?
 - a. Should be public record
- xxv. Consider that if all money is put in then wont receive interest until next yr.
- xxvi. Tax payers are helping students go to school too, it will stay help to pay for other things.
- xxvii. Standing committee could be possible to deal with the funds.
- xxviii. Agree on both sides of discussion. Would like to see committee get student input, just the endowment fund is too much.
- xxix. Can give the option to the committee.
- xxx. Point of info- does committee have to approve recommendation through senate or Gow?
 - 1. Student assoc can write the rules
- xxxi. Point of info- will it be an open forum topic?
 - 1. Yes.
- xxxii. Point of info: when do we get the first 70,000?
 - 1. Get half at the end of each semester.
- xxxiii. Concern for current constituents. Investing in the future is the best thing to do. Also good to hear what constituents want statistically.
- xxxiv. Would we be able to spend the money on housing?
 - 1. Promised to be spent on sustainability, accessibility.
- xxxv. Are we going to hold the committee to spending all the interest within the yr. Need to give them the ability to hold the money and carry it over. Pepsi might offer another contract and offer more. Leaning toward spending it every yr.
- xxxvi. Represent the students, slap in the face to students to not use the money now. With endowment fund, will other sources that could fund

us look away from us because of the money in the fund? Are we actually pushing away other sources?

xxxvii. Idea of having more money is fantastic. Even if we wanted people to see how the money was going to be spent, it would take too long.

xxxviii. Closed discussion due to time limitations.

d. Sarah Pfeifer as Associate Senator.

i. Motion to open discussion on approval of Sarah as senator.

ii. Should there have been a senator on the athletics committee?

1. All seats filled, or put freshman senators on committee.

iii. Nice to have a returned on committee.

iv. Motion to close discussion Van Winkle/Bayer.

1. Motion passed

XII. Announcements

a. Thanks to all who supported...

b. Hold name plates up for speakers list.

c. LGBTQ summit, rides available.

d. Wheelchair basketball Oct 13th. Resolution next week.

e. Oct 3rd at 8:50-9:55 going into class to speak about student senate. Need more people.

f. Any input about apportionment go to mtg mon night student chamber.

g. Cant take name tags after mtg.

h. Sep 26 and 27th, camping on field. Anyone welcome to join.

i. Sep 18th 7pm miss America coming to campus.

j. this Thursday is Cartwright night, bookstore sale. Julie Moffitt performing in cellar, free popcorn and candy.

k. Students for choice group, mtg wed at 9pm in 259.

l. Senate retreat forms collected after senate.

m. Myrick park OMSS picnic 5pm Sep 13th. Introduce advisors and student leaders.

n. Contact Fred for inauguration information.

XIII. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn meeting by Rome/Van Winkle.

b. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:09.

