



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Minutes

Date: October 3rd, 2007

Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

- I. Call to Order at
- II. Role Call
 - a. Present: Allen, Armstrong, Bayer, Cerwin, Cooper, Csargo, DeShong, Frenner, Fuhrmann, Grosheck, Guidote, Hammen, Holzem, Kahl, Klein, Klotz, Langhoff, Liebzeit, Lynch, McCaigue, McManus, Moua, Navarre, Nell, Putnam, Ruplinger, Sackmann, Savaglio, Schooley, Syafitri, Trimborn, VanWinkle
 - b. Absent: Rome, Valdez, Vang (excused)
 - c. Others: Bergman, Cikara, Ludwig, Perket, Wilson, Kutz, O' Brien
 - d. Guests: Jeff Allen, Art Biggs, Kelly Heritsen, Sam Lawien, Paula Knudsen, Mick Miyamoto, Nick Nelson, Jill Pintz, Karly Wallace.
- III. Approval of Minutes Hammen/Klein
 - a. approved
- IV. Approval of Agenda Hammen/VanWinkle
 - a. approved
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Paula Knudsen, Dean of Students
 - i. Parent Guardian Notification Policy Philosophy
 1. UW-Madison is now contacting parents with every alcohol related offense.
 2. Office routinely gets calls from parents, sometimes grandparents.
 3. Need to know what is our approach with parents and families and how do we approach it?
 4. Would like to from us when do we think parents should be notified. Look at it from parents perspective, when would a parent want to be notified. When should the Dean of Students become involved?
 - a. Student's perspective- UWL should only notify in case of attempted suicide.
 5. Start of a Speakers List.
 - a. You are legally an adult and you are only accountable to the law.
 - i. As a parent you should never be in a mind set that you own your child.

- ii. Truly feel that in order for students to feel like an adult they need to be treated like an adult. UWL should not baby-sit.
- b. Legally you are an adult, but if you are dependant on your parents, especially tax write off, then law changes.
- c. Being away from my parent's makes relationship better. They are not taking care of me anymore. My parents know that this is the time they are not going to be there for me all the time. Are we going to separate students who are still financially dependant from their parents from students who are?
 - i. There are two exceptions: one is if you are financially dependent. And if we think there is harm or danger.
 - ii. We need to move you toward interdependence.
 - iii. This is not something frequently used. Not something we take lightly.
 - iv. Campus does not have the right to take action with off campus offenses, but we can do some off campus outreach.
 - v. If someone gets a drinking ticket from La Crosse police then university can't take action.
- d. I should have the personal choice to tell my parents if I screw up. I don't want my parents to be worrying about me so far away because university contacted them. There should be some sort of adult relationship boundaries.
- e. UWL is not practicing like UW-Madison is.
 - i. We would do it if a student is at risk of loosing housing, but first the student does the calling, or we get consent from the student.
 - ii. Also done when there is a grave concern for the student, like if student is harming her/himself.
 - iii. We take in the severity of issue.
- f. Do you always take into consideration if the parents are harmful to the student?
 - i. If the student is unconscious then will not hesitate to call the parents.
- g. If a parent called the resident hall we give no info out, so how does that relate to this?
 - i. Educational records are protected by UWL policy and practice.
- h. Who decides if student is endangering himself?
 - i. Right now it's bringing in whoever knows the student and that person is brought into the office.

- i. As senators, we have to think that we are student leaders so we are more mature. The people sitting in this room understand much more.
- j. Notification regardless of student's age. Lets say there is a 35 year old student, would you still call their parents.
 - i. Remember we said that this is a family issue, so it is not necessarily their parents that we would contact. We would contact someone significant in their life.
- k. Why are you bringing it to us now if it is already in practice?
 - i. Years before we didn't have a policy and not documented. I would like to see the discussion go to campus dialog.
- l. Is this draft what is in practice now?
 - i. Yes.
- m. It is kind of scary but it is very ambiguous. These are the only guidelines. Who decides if they are danger?
 - i. You want more concrete example of when that notification might occur. You are trusting the judgment of a person. This is one of the hard things that we are wrestling with. If you make it too strict then you loose the flexibility.
- n. Could this be something you sign off on at freshman registration?
 - i. I think that's one of the things we want to do, talk about it at registration. I caution you, people have wanted to give out parent consent. I wouldn't want to have any sign off at that point because it's to close yet. I want it to be the student's choice and not the parents.
- 6. At this point we will move on.
- 7. Point of clarification:
 - a. This issue will probably come back so people not able to speak will be able to speak next time.
- 8. Everyone should look over it, we will discuss this later. Talk to constituents and formulate what you think about it.
- b. Mick Miyamoto, Assistant Dean of Students- First Amendment Training
 - i. Throughout last 18 years has had to go to conference and read up on issues.
 - ii. 1st Amendment scholars
 - iii. Going to find things that are challenging and distasteful that will challenge your values. That's a good thing.
 - iv. University is to make people safe for ideas, not ideas safe for people.
 - v. People want to go onto the antiestablishment clause.

1. we are not establishing religion, but we cant prohibit it
- vi. We have to operate under the constitution since we are state funded.
- vii. Cases that have made a huge impact in the courts.
 1. Tinker v. DesMoines (1969)
 2. Papish v. the Bd. Of Curators MO (1973)
 3. Doe v. Michigan (1989)
 - a. Cases that dealt with hate speech codes.
 - b. University of Michigan developed penalties for hateful or hurtful speech and Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional.
 4. R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul (1992)
 - a. Hate crime on African American family's lawn.
 5. WI v. Mitchell (1992)
 - a. Hate crime enhancement penalty.
 6. Healy v. James (1972)
 - a. SDS- Students for a Democratic Society.
 - b. People have the right assemble on campus even if you find them offensive unless they are violating the law.
 7. Cases of LGBT groups trying to come together, universities not allowing them to but they all lost.
 8. Sellman v. Baruch
 - a. Have to have a minimum GPA for officers in group.
- viii. Regulating Speech.
 1. Time, Place, Manner
 - a. A group can assemble at Clock Tower, but it's at one in the morning, we can regulate that. We can't regulate the content.
 - b. Campus is a free marketplace of ideas.
- ix. Ability of Institutions to collect Segregated Fees.
 1. You should have the right to regulate where your money is going.
- x. Student Press.
 1. Institutions do not have the right to approve content before publication.
- xi. Contact Info.
 1. Dr. Miyamoto
 - a. Miyamoto.mich@uwlax.edu
- xii. Questions.
 1. If you have a space reserved can someone else come in when you have it reserved?
 - a. If someone comes into my face and offends me then that is not permissible and it is considered a fighting word.
 - b. Classic example is you cant yell FIRE in a crowded movie theatre.

2. Can someone outside the university come in and say whatever they want to say in a space paid for by our student's fees?
 - a. Yes.
3. What about age? Like when antiabortion groups come in with children?
 - a. As a state institution, there are arguments made that it is a free speech place.
 - b. Courts have said you cannot restrict it.
 - c. You attack speech with more speech. Rally with more people than they have and drown them out with your voice of reason.
 - d. The people that come on campus know their research and they are not fools in that sense. Then what happens is it gets in the press and there message gets spread.
- c. Jeff, United Council
 - i. Attend General Assembly next week.
 - ii. Shared governance summit next Saturday, open to all campuses in UW System.
 1. Contacted Gow about possibly being on a panel.
 - iii. Binder located in office with all agendas and committees so that you look at them, especially if you are one of the seven people that will be representing La Crosse.
 1. Don't take it out and don't take anything out of it.
 - iv. Exec. Director of UC will be here from Wed. and through GA. Let Jeff know if you would like to talk to her.
 - v. Questions
 1. Times?
 - a. Times are still sketchy, but registration will start around 5pm and meetings will go until 11:30pm on Friday.
 - b. Sat. until 8:30 and Sunday hopefully no later than 6pm.
 - vi. Give out UC info if you know of anyone who wants to talk to Jeff.

VI. Officer Reports

- a. Fred
 - i. Thank everyone who helped out at the Aid Station. It was a success except for unfortunate event of drowning.
 - ii. Gows Inauguration Committee Meeting on Monday. All students who want tickets can do it on line. We need numbers for food. Chartwell has been nice enough to donate large amount of food.
 - iii. Thursday will be faculty presentation. Would be nice to have students support them. Presentation from 4-5:30
 - iv. Special food day at Whitney day of Inauguration on Friday.
 - v. Met with Dave from Dave's Guitar yesterday and he is willing to sell to us at the price he gets from factory. Easy to paint over in collaboration with art club. Thinking maybe scenic background of bluffs with UWL somewhere in there.
 - vi. Attending board of regents meeting in River Falls.

- vii. Thank Paula for coming in tonight.
- b. Bjorn
 - i. Got message from Larry. He had emergency surgery so he's been in hospital. He wanted to send message to everyone that he is doing better and he hopes to be out by Friday. Will keep you updated, hope he heals quickly.
 - ii. Welcome Native American Student Association Senator- Kelsy
 - iii. Oct 17 meeting will be out early because of distinguished lecture series that night. Will reserve around 35 seats. Tickets are 4 dollars and can be purchased at Cartwright. Running out of tickets.
 - 1. Have 2 invitations to reception after lecture. Anyone interested in going, names drawn:
 - a. Kahl and Bjorn
 - 2. dinner before lecture around 5pm, if you would like to go names will be drawn again:
 - a. Smith and Nell
 - 3. Will send reminder email before meeting.
 - iv. Seating.
 - 1. Want people to get to know each other.
 - v. Senate Office Hours.
 - 1. Decided to revise actual policy.
 - 2. Can have second office hour in student association office.
 - 3. Can also have hours in building of constituents that you represent.
 - 4. Can run any idea past me. Not meant to be a burden, want people to get out there and learn new things. When you log your hours at the end of the year you can look back at everything you've done. Great way to branch off
 - 5. Only collected monthly and no one needs to sign off on them anymore.
 - 6. Log sheets
 - a. Still using the same ones as last week
 - b. Can find them in office.
 - 7. Please come talk about it if have any concerns or questions.
 - 8. It is new and we are trying to make it work, trial and error.
- c. Chief of Staff
 - i. Still looking for Chief Financial Officer.
 - 1. Hitting different business orgs to see if we can find someone.
 - ii. Had first directors meeting last night.
 - 1. Start hitting restructuring next week.
 - 2. Need feed back, what do you see a chief of staff doing?
 - a. We want to go along with what senators think. Any ideas email them to me, as well as ideas for rest of directors.
- d. Others
- e. PR

- i. Details about date and service auction
 - 1. working on advertising
 - ii. Eagle Connection
 - 1. Will always have meeting time and place.
 - 2.
 - iii. If any orgs want anything on eagle connection send email.
 - f. Gender Issues
 - i. Women's Leadership coming up
 - 1. going to be some amazing workshops
 - ii. Still working on freedom of information
 - iii. Still trying to get the Womens Issues Committee figured out.
 - g. Shared Gov
 - i. Faculty senate
 - 1. Chancellor talked about 3 priorities
 - a. Doesn't want to push project that he doesn't have the money for. Would rather wait off the prject and collect the funds.
 - 2. Dr. Knutson talked about parent student policy
 - 3. Under grad research conference to be held in 2009
 - h. USSA
 - i. This week will be meeting with vice pres of USSA district about duties and plans.
 - ii. Will be in office mon, wed, and Fridays.
 - i. United Council
 - i. Stevens Point GA is 25 and 26th of April.
 - ii. Building Unity is April 11-13th
 - iii. Read off names to remind you that you signed up for GA. 5pm on Friday
 - j. Grass Roots
 - i. Researching other campuses
 - ii. Big plan is to prepare campus for upcoming presidential elections.
 - k. City Affairs
 - i. MTU meeting next week about transit center.
 - l. RHAC
 - i. Finalize time and places
 - m.
- VII. Advisor Reports
- a. Donation buckets at CAB events.
 - b. Collect funds at org meetings.
 - c. Need to figure out how to get the word out a little better.
 - d. If I email you about meetings please respond.
 - e. Card for Larry will be in Senate Office tomorrow morning.
 - f. May have spent close to \$200 on fundraising.
 - g. Come to office if want to get supplies.
 - h. Going to be scrapbooks in Cartwright for Gow.
- VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Scholarship and Award Committee
 - i. Set up meeting for next semester
- b. International Edu
 - i. Run down of last yrs members.
 - ii. Working on all new group.
 - iii. Study abroad trips and interview with international students.
- c. Planning and Budget
 - i. Talked about academic fee income report.
 - 1. our tuition went up 5.5% and undergrad up 4.2%
- d. Apportionment
 - i. Reviewing carryovers.
 - ii. One shots due by Oct 15th.
- e. New Academic Building
 - i. Plan in SA office.
 - ii. Important that it is done right.

IX. New Business

- a. Freshman Senate Election Results Schooley/Ruplinger
 - i. Voting to approve freshman election process
 - ii. Any discussion?
 - 1. Were there ever any disputes?
 - a. No appeals.
 - 2. Call to question.
 - 3. Results approved.
 - 4. Welcome to senate freshman senators.

X. Discussion

- a. Motion to open Armstrong/Cerwin
- b. SAPA Wheelchair Basketball Tournament Resolution
 - i. October 27th, requesting 2 courts at REC for event from 9-4:30.
 - ii. Have done event in the past and run smoothly.
 - iii. Asking to approve use of the REC on that day.
 - iv. Motion to open up discussion.
 - 1. Do we always make resolution to use a building?
 - a. Since we are taking up 2 courts in this instance, it has to be approved through this body first.
 - v. Motion to close discussion Hammen/Bayer
 - 1. discussion closed
- c. Formation of the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Campus Community Enrichment Fund Ad Hoc Committee Resolution
 - i. Motion to open discussion Liebrecht/Klein
 - ii. Passed
 - 1. Decided to create a committee to research possibility of endowment fund and different ways to spend money. Then they would make a recommendation to senate.
 - 2. March 26, 2008 is first senate meeting after spring break.
 - a. We will not have all the money yet and thought this would be appropriate amount of time.

3. We could change date if committee gets their work done. But there are a lot of questions and we are still speculating. Smaller group of people come to a conclusion and then come to us.
4. As soon as the committee reports to us then we will give the recommendation.
5. Is resolution going to be void after the date?
 - a. Yes, it will figure out what is the best way to spend the money over the seven years.
6. The committee is not dealing with what projects we are funding, just making a way to give out the money.
7. Composition of the committee is in the bylaws. Only change is Chancellor Gow taken out of committee.
8. We will later decide if we need a standing committee.
9. Why is there someone on committee from environmental council?
 - a. Because at open forum they were some of the key stakeholders.
10. Why are there not students from the at large population? Is there a possibility to amend that?
 - a. Yes
11. Very isolated forum as far as representation on how to use money. Question the reasoning of putting that into the bylaws for that reason, many other groups would have like to have been there but maybe could not.
12. The same committee could be the one to go on after the March date. It should be the same distribution of people.
13. This isn't going to be the group to pick the budget, but do need to keep in mind options because that affects their decision.
14. Concern in the student membership. Question biasness, would like to see SA and RHAC approved by the body.
15. Point of Info
 - a. We can't tell the chancellor what he has to do.
16. Shouldn't initial ideas be in resolution?
17. Correlates directly with one main point, should correlate directly with other two main points.
18. Motion to close discussion by Csargo/Holzem
 - a. Motion passed
- d. New Student Organization: Pro-Life Students
 - i. Motion to open discussion Liebrecht/Cerwin
 - ii. Org committee approved organization
 - iii. Motion to package all three items (C through E) (d through f)
 1. Call to question
 2. Acclimation
 - a. 3 items packaged
 - iv. Open discussion on items c through e (d through f)

1. Goes back to what Myamoto said earlier. Hope you take it into account.
2. Motion to close discussion McManus/Hammen
 - a. passed
- e. New Student Organization: Community Health Education
- f. New Student Organization: Big Brothers and Big Sisters of UW-L

XI. Announcements

- a. Worked closely with Larry with New Deal Process. If you have any questions please email Bayer.
- b. The office is very clean, spent 4 hours cleaning and organizing, please keep it that way. Custodians have told us that if we don't keep clean they will take frig and microwave away.
- c. Oct 11th at 7pm will have date/service auction.
 - i. Hoping to get 20-25 people.
 - ii. Please talk to your friends.
 - iii. Please show up in support.
 - iv. Have informational meeting Sunday night; this Sunday is going to be cut off time.
- d. Apportionment questions ask Fuhmann
- e. A lot of work goes into planning GA, appreciate hard work.
- f. If interested in wheelchair b-ball sign sheet. Date is Oct. 27th at 10am.
- g. Anyone in different orgs please talk about Operation River Watch. Email riverwatch@uwlax.edu with questions
- h. Tricker Treating for cans, go house to house asking for nonperishable food items. Halloween 5-9pm
- i. Spread sheet for senate office hours in office, want to have a concrete office hour for everyone.
- j. Oct 16th 3-6pm, celebrating Diversity Center.
- k. Vallahala dance party 7pm.
- l. Oct 15th 7pm Port O Call showing A Beautiful Mind, also have discussion afterwards about mental illness.
- m. Science and Health senators- meeting tomorrow with dean at 3:30 in SAH office in Graff.
- n. Oct 19th Silver Eagles breakfast, good think to do for college of business. 11:30-1:30 at Cleary Alumni Center.'
- o. Womens Leadership Conference Nov.9th-11th

XII. Adjournment

- a. Allen/Nell
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

