



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Minutes

Date: October 10th, 2007

Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:00pm
- II. Role Call
 - a. Present: Allen, Armstrong, Bayer, Cerwin, Cooper, Csargo, DeShong, Frenner, Fuhrmann, Grosheck, Guidote, Holzem, Kahl, Klein, Klotz, Kohl-Riggs, Langhoff, Liebzeit, Lynch, McCaigue, McManus, Moua, Navarre, Nell, Putnam, Rome, Ruplinger, Sackmann, Savaglio, Schooley, Syafitri, Trimborn, Vang, VanWinkle, Wallace.
 - b. Absent: Valdez, Hammen (excused)
 - c. Others: Bergman, Cikara, Ludwig, Wilson, O' Brien, Kutz, Knudson
 - d. Guests: Jill Pintz, Mike Desmond, Stephanie Klupinski, Nicole Juan
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - Armstrong/Kahl
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - Ruplinger/Cerwin
 - Amendment by Fuhrmann-Statement of Principles for the Merging SUF Policy Documents FAP 20 and 37 and UWLSA Support for Continued Autonomy Regarding Segregated Fee Allocation into Discussion
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Stephanie Klupinski, Teach for America
 - b. Nicole Juan, United Council
 - New executive director from UC, UWL campus buddy, here for the GA this weekend, willing to meet with students while here, LGBTQ Empowerment summit Oct. 19th, UW Parkside, Women's Leadership at UW Oshkosh
 - Board of Regents Contingency plan, Nov. 1st, if budget is not approved 10-12% class cuts, faculty cuts, double digit percentage tuition increase, UC is organizing call-in days and lobbying to get budget passed
 - c. Mike Desmond, UW-L Foundation
 - Stadium Project, in regards to article published, "Stadium Project in Jeopardy," not the case, have raised over \$7 million towards stadium, looking to raise at least \$13 million, total cost quoted \$17.1 million, collecting both private donations as well as corporate sponsorships, worst case scenario project will get delayed one year, looking for positive support from students
 - d. Bob Hetzel, Vice Chancellor of Administration
 - Impressed with involvement of student body, level of engagement with student government

-Looking to meet students and get accustomed to campus

VI. Officer Reports

- a. Fred
 - i. Guitar for Gow update, found an artist to work on guitar
- b. Bjorn
 - i. Natural Step Circles, building sustainable communities, Monday Nights 7pm-8:30pm in the Ward Room, sustainable living, voted on by County Board and City Council
 - ii. Distinguished Lecture Series next week, Paul Rusesabagina, next week, Senate will adjourn at 6:40pm
 - iii. Office hours, need single hour from DeShong, Nell, and Kohl-Riggs
- c. Others
 - i. PR- Date/Service Auction
 - ii. Gender Issues- No Report
 - iii. USSA/Federal- Dream Act, access to higher education for undocumented students
 - iv. Shared Gov- Board of Regents, 2008 in La Crosse, Budget not passed by Nov. 1st there will be serious consequences concerning students, Segregated Fees issue in discussion, Faculty Senate tomorrow
 - v. UC- Women's Leadership sign-up, will work as your mandatory UC event, Jim Doyle will be in La Crosse talking about State Budget tomorrow at 10am at American Legion Post #52, 711 S. 6th St.
 - vi. Grassroots- mobilizing voter registration in Freshman Orientation
 - vii. City Affairs- MTU Board on Monday, looked at budget for next year, possible fare increases, breaking ground for new transit center in Dec. or January, done in March of 2009, will act as MTU and Jefferson Lines home base

VII. RHAC Report

- a. Kraze Daze 8th-11th, closing ceremonies tomorrow night between Baird and Trow
- b. Next mtg. Oct 23rd

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Scrapbooks for students to write messages in for Chancellor for his Inauguration, card for Larry is downstairs sign it tonight, five open invitation for Eagle Round Table, 5:30pm Tuesday October 23rd

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Apportionment- carry-over hearings start Monday at 6:30pm
- b. Undergrad Curr. Comm.- Introduction to Organic Chemistry course, 3 credits
- c. Parking Appeals- 30 appeals
- d. Joint Budget and Planning-
- e. Student Services and buildings- SAPA wheelchair B-ball tournament passes, message book for students in Port O'Call for Gow's Inauguration
- f. Cultural Affairs- met Monday, elected chair, Armstrong
- g. New Academic Building- concerns and feedback with latest academic building floor plan, pertaining to utilization of courtyard
 - i. concerns with courtyard, but believe it will be used

- ii. few people utilize Wimberly courtyard, can't see this courtyard being used very much
- iii. there is little utilization of Wimberly courtyard, this won't be different
 - 1. states the new academic building courtyard will not be completely enclosed, will be more accessible to students
- iv. if there is equipment in the courtyard, it will be utilized, similar to residence hall courtyards
- v. cannot compare this with Wimberly, design is fine
- vi. size compared to Wimberly, style
 - 1. 60' Wide, patio style
- vii. Moua yields to Director Wilson
 - 1. open atmosphere will be more welcoming and easier to utilize, suggestion of lots of windows, likes idea of courtyard, even if it just becomes another exit
- viii. doesn't like idea of courtyard, weather stand point waste of space with only a few months of use each year
- ix. difference in price between courtyard and no courtyard?
 - 1. unknown price difference, to change would require re-designing of whole building
- x. would prefer an L-shaped building to courtyard
- xi. questions difference in heating with different shaped building
 - 1. square building is most energy efficient, less surface area
- xii. recommends a design with less of a traffic bottleneck and lots of windows, big study area
- xiii. we want a building with character, not a square prison
- xiv. talk about doing an L?
 - 1. specific building footprint, L shape would not be that big of a space
- xv. spatial concerns, this is probably the best design
- xvi. more green space than a paved area
- xvii. Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 6pm Valhalla, Environmental Specs meeting on building

X. New Business

- a. SAPA Wheelchair Basketball Tournament Resolution
 - i. Motion to approve by Klein/Armstrong
 - ii. Bayer calls to question, no objection, passes, Nell abstains
- b. Formation of the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Campus Community Enrichment Fund Ad Hoc Committee Resolution
 - i. Motion to approve by McManus/Liebzeit
 - ii. McManus amends to add "Therefore be it resolved these monies shall be used towards sustainability, accessibility and campus climate"
 - 1. with or without this amendment don't we have to spend it on those items? Bergman- No we don't, not if it is not in the resolution

2. with the precedent we set with Board of Regents, we should spend the money on what we told them we would, the three aforementioned programs
3. Allen calls to question, no objection, passes
- iii. Liebzeit amends to “on or before March 26th, 2008” seconded by Bayer
 1. Van Winkle moves to close discussion, calls to question, no objection, acclamation called, no objection, amendment passes
- iv. in bylaws under student membership, concerns with membership selection, yields to Fuhrman, Fuhrman suggests an amendment, Bayer amends to remove the stipulations of appointment to the committee, seconded by Van Winkle
 1. do we need to remove the stipulation regarding Student Association appointment?
 - a. Vice President appoints all committee members, open to discussion
- v. this would leave the selection of these committee members up to each organization at their own discretion
- vi. this is a Student Association committee, and maybe the document is now too vague and Student Association has no say over the approval of committee members, friendly amends to add “each member of the committee shall be appointed by their respective organizations.” Accepted, question called, amendment passes
- vii. Holzem amends to say “one member from SAPA” and “one member from Campus Climate” and changes to the total number of committee members to eleven. Seconded by Bayer, question called and objected
 1. Schooley friendly amends under student membership to add 2 At-Large members, amendment is not accepted
 2. Allen calls to question, no objection, passes
- viii. why is DOC representative on committee? Amends to remove DOC representative, lowering committee membership to ten, seconded by Csargo
 1. against amendment, believes that DOC and Campus Climate do not entirely overlap and would both benefit the organization
 2. Wallace friendly amends to replace DOC member with At-Large member of Committee, accepted by Klein and Csargo
 3. how would At-Large member be appointed?
 - a. interpretation, Student Association would appoint non-Senator
 4. DOC, how many total members are there?
 - a. A lot, over 100 members
 5. more students than those only in DOC at-large
 6. would rather see it kept DOC, already plenty of Student Association influence
 7. apportionment has three at-large student members, this should be used as a guide for this appointment

8. DOC is more in touch with the issues regarding their needs than the average at-large member, committee must have specialty members to get an informed viewpoint
9. at-large member could be a DOC organization member
10. while other committee members have expertise, an at-large member would be concerned just with the at-large community, a DOC member would have the best interest of their community as well as the at-large community
11. at-large is necessary, but no at the expense of the DOC member
12. Campus Climate will be looking out for the DOC's best interest, one or the other but not both
13. at-large member would be on committee without a specific agenda
14. questions the legitimacy of people using an excuse of an personal agenda as an objection to having a DOC member
15. Holzem, calls to question, roll call has been called, fails 6-29-0

Senator	vote	Senator	vote
Allen	y	lynch	n
Armstorg	n	McCaigue	n
Bayer	n	McManus	n
Cerwin	y	Moua	n
Cooper	y	Navarre	n
Csargo	y	Nell	n
Deshong	n	Putnam	n
Frenner	n	Rome	n
Fuhrmann	n	Ruplinger	n
Groshek	n	Sackmann	y
Guidote	n	Savaglio	n
Holzem	n	Schooley	n
Kahl	n	Syafitri	n
Klein	n	Trimborn	n
Klotz	n	Vang	n
Kohl-Riggs	n	Van Winkle	n
Langhoff	n	Wallace	y
Libzeit	n	Total=	6-26-0, fails

- ix. Langhoff, amendment to change campus climate to campus climate council, seconded by Bayer
 1. called to question by McManus, acclamation, passes
- x. Bayer calls to question, objection
- xi. McManus moves to amend one at-large student member, seconded by Schooley
 1. who would vote in case of a tie?
 2. believes there should be two at-large members so there is no risk of a tie
 3. not a necessary need for an at-large committee member

4. members of committee will be representing students as a whole, no need for at-large member
 5. committee will propose a couple projects?
 - a. no recommendation of projects in this resolution
 6. no real risk of a tie
 7. all committee members are at-large members
 8. Roberts Rules of Order state there must be a committee chair, so we don't need two at-large so there's no tie, at-large committee members bring a different perspective, that's why they are included on other committees
 9. Van Winkle calls to question, objection
 10. while this committee is setting a precedent, wouldn't this committee also serve as the working committee for this fund later on?
 - a. committee reports to Student Association and isn't necessarily a permanent body
 11. appointment of chair, it is assumed the chair doesn't have voting rights, in less there is a tie
 12. Langhoff calls to question, no objections, passes
- xii. Fuhrman amends Purpose to state "to carry out the charges given to it by Student Association by the Formation of the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Campus Community Enrichment Fund Ad Hoc Committee Resolution, seconded Bayer
1. Question called and objected
 2. this committee only meets until their report is filed to the Student Association, then it no longer meets
 - a. we have the right to renew this committee and its recommendations
 - b. one of the charges of the committee is to amend bylaws to conform with recommendations
 - c. Moved to question by Allen, seconded McManus, passes
 - d. Amendment passes
- c. Resolution Granting Organizational Status to the Pro-Life Students of La Crosse
- i. Motion to package items c through e by Armstrong/Van Winkle, question called by Bayer, no objection, motion passes
- d. Resolution Granting Organizational Status to CHE Peer Mentors Club
- e. Resolution Granting Organizational Status to Big Brothers Big Sisters UW-L Student Chapter
- i. no need to spend lots of time on these, Student Association cannot refuse the right to assemble, Allen calls to question, no objection, acclamation called, passes

XI. Discussion

- a. Approval of the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar

- i. Armstrong/Sackmann
 - ii. Ludwig, received from Academic Office, approved by Office of Records and Registration
 - iii. no study day in Semester 1 on calendar, confusion on closure period in Semester 2, needs revisions
 - iv. point of clarification, is there a certain number of days class must be in session?
 - v. may not be able to move exams back as they will not be done until Dec. 23rd, holiday rush
 - vi. Point of Info, this only the undergraduate calendar? Yes
 - vii. is this calendar formatted to the exact 15 week specifications? Yes
 - viii. Motion to close discussion by Csargo/Schooley, passes
- b. Statement of Principles for the Merging SUF Policy Documents FAP 20 and 37 and UWLSA Support for Continued Autonomy Regarding Segregated Fee Allocation
- i. motion to open discussion by Klein/Schooley
 - ii. this is time sensitive issue, Chancellor of UW- Madison has ignored the segregated fee policy put in place by negating the student influence on the process, Board of Regents have upheld his decision
 - iii. attempting to merge FAP 20 and 37, resolution states we support this merger, but some restrictions must be put in place, original draft is not very favorable towards students, proposes that allocable fees for travel would now have to follow another code of state law and students would be under further scrutinization to prove they are acting on behalf of the university, says segregated fees cannot be used for non-university staff, language prohibits various items such as phones, computers, office supplies, etc., items that are not necessarily vital to keeping organizational status
 - iv. language is vital in this document, it can be very good or very bad, committee formed meets on Tuesday and will be making their decisions by then
 - v. biggest impact would be on campus climate, would take away many of the positive things we've worked to fund, this is the student's money,
 - vi. Mc Manus motions to suspend rules and move to New Business, seconded by Klein
 - 1. time sensitive, crucial to be voted upon tonight
 - 2. Bayer calls to question, acclamation called, rules are suspended and moved into New Business
 - vii. what was the Chancellor's rationale?
 - 1. segregated fee costs are high, he felt the need to cap these costs
 - 2. based on Pat Brady's recommendation on legal stand point to cap segregated fees
 - viii. Langhoff yields to Paula Knudson, Dean of Students
 - 1. issues with moving forward tonight, blaring contradictions in report received from UW- Madison, worries decision would be based on in-accuracies and bad information

- a. obvious issues that effect Madison and not other schools, but a precedent must be set, don't mess with student input on allocable segregated fees
2. understands students should have primary say in allocable segregated fees, but under approval of administration
 - a. have only put forth factual evidence, all information put forth has been researched
3. McManus moves to re-instate rules, seconded by Bayer, called to question, passes, rules re-instated
4. Langhoff, yields to Paula Knudson
 - a. students suggestions for segregated fees are only suggestions to Chancellor, you don't want the Chancellor to be able to come in and delete something
 - b. Langhoff yields to Fred Ludwig
 - c. not meant to be an insult to the Chancellor, it is meant to set a precedent and get more student voice on the matter
 - d. Langhoff moves for five minute recess, second Holzem, passes at 8:35pm
5. Meeting called back to order at 8:40pm, Role is called
6. believes this is a good resolution
7. we don't want free reign
8. Allen calls to question, objection by Fuhrmann
9. Chancellor has general good of university in mind, we need resolution to be strong but not accusatory
10. Show support of system, can't turn our backs on other UW campuses
11. May have best interest in mind but not approached correctly
12. Focus conversation, other campuses have passed similar resolutions
13. Fuhrmann moves to amend to include "or extraordinary circumstances in following or as laid out by Wisconsin state Statute 36.09" seconded by Cerwin
 - a. Sackmann calls to question, passes
14. Fuhrmann moves to amend to include "in a way that clearly preserves current policies, practices and procedures." Seconded by McManus
 - a. Allen calls to question, no objection, passes
15. Talk about changes made in policy?
 - a. Changes found in new draft of what may be proposed
16. Nell calls to question, no objection, passes

XII. Announcements

- a. SAPA showing A Beautiful Mind on the 15th at 7pm in Valhalla, Wheelchair Basketball on 27th in the REC, teams due on the 25th
- b. UWSA WHEG Committee, interested contact Kyle O'Brien by Oct. 18th
- c. HOPE, Oct. 20th Egg Roll Sale

- d. Tuesday, 16th Diversity Center Celebration
 - e. ISO, Thursday Oct. 18th, games and dance night in Ward room, 6-8
 - f. National Coming Out Day, Thurs. 11th
 - g. Date Auction tomorrow night, 7:30 Valhalla
 - h. Theatre Dept. Production, Arabian Nights Thursday-Sunday this week,
Friday-Sunday next week
 - i. GA this weekend, Shared Government Summit Saturday
 - j. Ghoulies in the Coulees, volunteer meeting in Rec. at 7pm
 - k. Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament Friday Night in Chars
- XIII. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Allen/Syafitri, passes
 - b. 9:12pm

