



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: October 24th, 2007

Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03pm
- II. Role Call
 - a. Present: Allen, Armstrong, Baalbaki, Cerwin, Cooper, Csargo, DeShong (late, excused), Frenner, Fuhrmann, Grosheck, Guidote, Hammen, Holzem, Kahl, Kohl-Riggs, Klein, Klotz, Langhoff, Liebzeit, Lynch, McCaigue, McManus (excused), Moua, Navarre, Putnam, Rome, Ruplinger, Sackmann, Savaglio, Schooley, Trimborn, Valdez, Vang, VanWinkle, Wallace
 - b. Absent: Bayer, Nell, Syafitri,
 - c. Others: Bergman, Cikara, Ludwig, Perket, Ringgenberg, Wilson
 - d. Guests: Tammaya Singh, Joe Baker, Kim Blum
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Hammen/Ruplinger
 - b. approved
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Hammen/Ruplinger
 - b. approved
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Jacie Gamroth, La Crosse City Council, La Crosse County Board Member
 - i. Not present.
 - b. Bob Hetzel, UW-L Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance
 - i. Not present.
 - c. Al Thompson, Assistant to the Chancellor on Affirmative Action, Sexual Harassment Training
 - i. Not present.
 - d. Applicant for Social Justice
 - i. Focus more on harvesting interactions
 - ii. Have different approach with sealing with hate crimes on campus.
 - e. Adam
 - i. Past president, wanted to stop in and say hello.
 - ii. Group has grown.
- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. Fred
 - i. Budget passed.
 1. UW students on waiting list for aid grants are now off the waiting list.

- 2. University will function to its normal capacity.
 - ii. Thank you to everyone that attended the inauguration and fundraising efforts.
 - iii. Will be leaving on Friday, will be back November 4th.
 - 1. Forward any concerns you have for me to Bjorn or Ryan.
- b. Bjorn
 - i. Like to thank everyone for fundraising for Chancellors guitar.
 - ii. Would like to keep side chatter at a minimum at tonight's meeting.
 - 1. Please do not text message, it is very disrespectful.
 - iii. Kahle will be running the meeting next week.
 - iv. Chancellor signed Talloires Declaration.
 - v. Academic Initiatives oversight committee
 - 1. Tried to work out bylaws
 - 2. Right now we will throw together 5 students to form the committee and get the process started.
 - vi. Cant hear very well tonight.
- c. Others
 - i. Ryan
 - 1. Apologize for missing last two meetings.
 - 2. Working very hard on restructuring.
 - ii. PR
 - 1. Working on generating publicity for rally that did not happen today.
 - 2. also on publicity for meetings.
 - iii. Gender Issues
 - 1. Peace Week in full swing.
 - 2. Tonight is the peace rally.
 - iv. USSA
 - 1. Last couple weeks been working with USSA to get Dream Act passed. Provides higher education for undocumented immigrants.
 - a. Failed but there was a motion to reconsider before meeting over.
 - b. We can still call senators.
 - 2. Leg Con applications will be coming up.
 - v. Kyle
 - 1. Faculty senate this Thursday, talk about teacher evaluations.
 - vi. Natalie
 - 1. Thanks for showing up.
 - vii. Grassroots
 - 1. Last Thursday met with WISPERG. Working with UC to see if campaign can run together. Feel they would be good to have on campus, will have more to come on that.
 - viii. Aron
 - 1. Not present, at meeting.

- VII. RHAC Report
 - a. Selected members and winter formal theme this year, it will be winter enchantment.
 - b. Putting in bid for the best school of the year.
- VIII. Advisor Reports
 - a. Thank you all for participating on fundraising and inauguration.
 - b. Ask that you be mindful of apportionment committees work if you have something to say. We do trust them to make decisions that will be fair.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - a. UC
 - i. Happy with budget.
 - b. Joint Budget and Planning
 - i. Talked about new budget and how impacts Growth and Access.
 - 1. Keep trying to push Growth and Access.
 - c. Athletics Committee
 - i. Prioritized one-shots
 - d. Students Services and Buildings
 - i. One-shots
 - e. Org Grants
 - i. Meeting on Friday, working on grants and will have them next Wednesday.
 - ii. Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts, looking at core requirements, getting different opinions. Looks like believe this is a decision of the college and not of the committee.
- X. New Business
 - a. Approval of the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar, Cerwin/Fuhrmann
 - i. Found out that closure period is a term for finals.
 - ii. Recognized that there is an error in it because there is no closure period.
 - 1. Going to make the changes and send back to us.
 - iii. Speaking rights: every senator has a right to speak twice on each issue
 - 1. Discussion
 - a. Motion to approve with comment, Sackmann/Vanwinkle
 - 2. Call to question on approving with comment on academic calendar.
 - a. Passed.
 - b. Approval of Board of Directors Members
 - i. Social Justice Director-Tanmaya Singh
 - 1. Motion to package one and two, VanWinkle/Hammen
 - 2. Call to question.
 - a. No objection
 - 3. Acclimation
 - a. Packaged
 - 4. Motion to vote on passing board of directors members.
 - 5. Call to question

- a. Acclimation
 - i. No objection
 - ii. Passed.
 - ii. Chief Financial Officer- Brian Robinson
 - c. Resolution Acknowledging UW-L Student Support of the Growth and Access Agenda, Rome/Hammen
 - i. Budget passed, although not the best budget. Need to move on, bring another resolution to the table.
 - ii. Motion to move to question Rome/Hammenn
 - iii. Vote on voting on resolution.
 - 1. Failed.
 - iv. Point of personal privilege.
 - 1. Granted.
 - d. Election of Student Senate Members to the Campus Community Enrichment Fund Ad Hoc Committee, Ruplinger/Trimborn.
 - i. 2 weeks ago we approved the committee. Tonight we want to appoint individuals for committee.
 - ii. Open nominations
 - 1. Nomination of Groshek, Navarre/Hammenn
 - 2. Point of info
 - a. How often will committee meet?
 - i. Not determined yet.
 - 3. Nomination of Ruplinger
 - a. Declined
 - 4. Nomination of Kohl Riggs
 - a. Accepts.
 - 5. Klotz,
 - a. Accepts.
 - 6. Sackamnn
 - a. Declines.
 - iii. Close nominations and let each individual speak to nominations
 - 1. Groshek
 - a. Been involved, informed on what's going on.
 - 2. Kohl Riggs
 - a. Could add level headed aspect of involvement. Interested in better understanding how this process is done and think could be a useful addition.
 - 3. Klotz
 - a. Have time to be on committee.
 - iv. Questions
 - 1. What year are all of you
 - a. Junior, junior, and freshman
 - v. Voting
 - 1. Get to vote for two people.
 - 2. Point of info.
 - a. Do we do one piece or two pieces?

- i. One is fine.
- 3. Congrats to Groshek and Klotz
- 4. Can't write "all three are good".
 - a. Can't write a nickname.

XI. Discussion

- a. 2006-2007 Year End Carryovers, Hammen/Sackman
- b. Keep in mind can only speak twice.
- c. Start with showing everyone how to read handouts.
 - i. On left hand side are all individual account.
 - ii. "Beginning cash balance" is what they came to us with last fiscal year.
 - iii. "Apportionment decision 2006" is what apportionment decided to do with the money.
 - 1. Last fiscal year is their starting balance.
 - iv. Seg fee revenue is what we approve to give them
 - v. "Adjusted ending cash balance" is what they came to us at the end of the year.
 - vi. Last column is what we are leaving this group with to start this year.
 - vii. Ended up adding \$32,000 to reserve.
- d. One shots get sent back to zero, its not a group we are taking it from.
- e. Student Assoc
 - i. Large budget, budgeted well and allowed them to keep \$709.
- f. Art Exhibitions
 - i. Talked to them about it.
 - ii. Costs last year that they wont have this year.
 - iii. They will be able to make it up.
- g. Marching band
 - i. Didn't anticipate as big an expense.
- h. Choir
 - i. Large carryover.
 - ii. Had a lot of good things planned for the money and valid reasons.
 - 1. Renting Viterbo concert hall
- i. Multicultural Events
 - i. They had plans for it.
 - ii. One reason why such a big carryover is a speaker cancelled.
 - 1. didn't want to punish them for that so allowed them to keep half of the carryover.
- j. Theatre
 - i. Allowed to keep carryover every year but not allowed to ask for budget increases.
- k. Women's History
 - i. Good use for carryover, allowed them to keep carryover.
- l. Ability Awareness
 - i. Real carryover is only \$400.
 - ii. Had good ideas.
 - iii. They are a very under funded group.

- m. International Students Program
 - i. Given a portion of the carryover last year and they didn't spend it.
 - ii. Decided to take back that money.
- n. LGBT
 - i. Started the year with negative balance.
 - ii. Prom was a success but got to be a lot more expensive.
 - iii. Wanted to reward them for trying something new but didn't want to remove accountability.
- o. DLS
 - i. Agreement
- p. GSO
 - i. Under funded.
 - ii. They fund students for travel, any help that we can give them is great.
 - iii. They knew they had a neg balance coming in.
- q. Org Grants
 - i. There is always going to be a carryover because some people drop out or don't use the money they were given.
 - ii. Want them to spend over what they are budgeted.
 - iii. Decided to take it back.
 - 1. they know to spend more than what they have by about \$2,000
- r. Student Leadership Program
 - i. Want to do a program.
- s. Racquet
 - i. Their revenue is most of their budget, not fair for us to take back more than we give them.
 - ii. We used a percentage.
- t. Post Season Travel
 - i. In order for students to use account have to provide receipts for past year.
 - ii. Thought it was unlikely that it will happen.
- u. Center for Sports and Activities
 - i. If need extra money will apply for one-shots.
- v. Athletics
 - i. Took out ability to project revenues.
 - ii. Only going to spend amount that they get through student support.
 - 1. No possible way they can get into debt since they are not spending revenue.
 - iii. Now we agreed that any revenue over \$70,000 can be applied to next year.
 - iv. Also agreement to carryover uniform pool. Used to buy new uniforms by saving carryover from year to year.
 - v. Biggest other cost was the fact that if the stadium project goes forward, we will have a football team and soccer team without a home.
 - 1. Will have to end up renting practice and playing fields.
 - 2. cost will be around \$20,000.

3. in order to secure Winona State facilities will have to sign a contract.
- w. Discussion
- i. Motion to limit time of discussion to one hour, Rome/Hammen
 1. We talk about it next week as well, and apportionment has talked about it for weeks and we should trust them. We have a bad habit of talking in circles.
 2. Move into vote.
 - a. Passed.
 - b. Discussion limited until 8:09pm
 - ii. Serious issues that need to be taken into consideration.
 1. Athletics.
 - a. When they brought in their rational one of the things were speakers for the baseball field. Asking that student money replace speakers, not in support of that.
 - b. In support of athletics but also into support of equality.
 - c. Find out what funding stadium rebuilding costs entails for students.
 - d. In the past athletics has ran a deficit and apportionment has paid that back, now its time they pay that back.
 - i. One example is football team that needs money to have a full season, but there are other entities that need the money too.
 - e. Compare the money they get in carryovers to other orgs on campus.
 - iii. What the total amount of money distributed?
 1. around \$900,000
 - iv. Want to speak on reasoning of some things.
 1. Speakers were bolted down
 2. point of info
 - a. They were not bolted down.
 3. point of info
 - a. they were secure and we were told they used wire cutters to get them out
 4. Agree that there should be equality on campus, but we do have a referendum last year by students to have new stadium. Want to make sure they get that.
 5. Traveling there are one-shots that people can apply for.
 - v. Regardless of if the fees were mentioned in referendum, I think it is a required fee is needed to go through. Fair to assume it is in fair interest of the students.
 1. As far as speakers, it would be fair to let them have half the cost.
 - vi. Revenue that we see on document is their actual revenue.

- vii. Program revenue is just the revenue that comes into the budget, not the whole revenue. What they are coming forward now with is the \$40,000.
- viii. How can you have a negative expense?
 - 1. There are a lot of quirks that can't be explained in the context of the spreadsheet.
 - 2. It could be the example of an encumbrances, they prepaid for a speaker to be here.
- ix. Don't think we should be paying for the speakers; there are plenty of other groups that could use that money.
- x. Org Grants
 - 1. The timeline is a little different. We meet the week after this in discussion. Org grants was told to over spend. We did that, and we are still here. We allocate as much as we can or even more, but expenses and costs change. We gave apportionment a list of groups who didn't use all they were awarded.
 - 2. There were two groups who were awarded grants but didn't spend it last year, will spend it this year.
 - 3. This year we are dealing with about \$20,000 and have over \$40,000 in grant requests.
 - 4. Kind of like the encumbrance, they should be able to spend that.
- xi. Other orgs were given money because it wasn't properly allocated. Its not the orgs fault that the money wasn't spent. Foolish for some orgs to be given back the money and not for others.
- xii. It might sound like apportionment is enemies with org grants but that's not the case. When there is such a huge carryover it means another org didn't get that money. Even if they got the carryover they would be able to distribute it.
 - 1. Ability Awareness issue is a clerical error. They actually spent the money.
 - 2. Org grants is an issue where the money didn't get spent.
- xiii. As far as athletics, the agreement was that the money was going to be put back and spread out over all sports. I don't think we should look at he \$70,000 as extra money. And for the speakers students are going to end up paying for it either way.
- xiv. Apportionment sets an amount for one-shots in advance.
- xv. Orgs grant.
 - 1. Had a bunch of money and opened another grant over the summer to give money to student orgs.
 - 2. If they have extra they could actually open up another grant proposal over the summer.
 - 3. If they knew they had the money could do more good with it instead of over budgeting.
- xvi. Why international students program did not get carryover
 - 1. Have new advisor.

2. There was some advice from faculty that the new advisor is getting used to the job.
 3. We asked people what they thought and never heard back from them. We can't give money back to people if we are not given a reason why we should give it back to them.
 4. It is not anybody's right to get the money back, it's a privilege.
 - a. If they end up with a deficit, would apportionment help them? My concern is that we try to have diversity.
 - i. Can't speak for the committee, but in the past we have shown leniency towards people that we know it wasn't completely their fault.
- xvii. Point of info
1. Need to change a number.
 2. Intramural's real balance is \$2,948.80.
 - a. For this year's year end cash balance.
 3. Something we overlooked in the committee were some org grants that were actually spent and didn't show up.
 4. Everyone will get an updated sheet.
- xviii. Point of info
1. We made the decision not knowing that the number was wrong.
 2. perhaps a new decision will be made
- xix. What was the largest deficit that athletics had?
1. \$160,000
- xx. How much money athletics themselves pay towards deficit?
1. Approximately half.
- xxi. When we do the budget we try to get it as close to zero as possible. When I think about bringing it to zero it doesn't seem right to take so much money away from orgs and give it back to one.
- xxii. Is it said somewhere that we will give \$20,000 to rent out field? Where did we get that number?
1. it is the best number we got.
 - a. Point of info
 - i. Could you read that?
 1. Baseball speakers were \$1,000
 2. Football rental expenses \$14,400
 3. Untold amount of lost revenue for not having the game here.
 4. Soccer rental expenses estimated at \$5,000
 5. Idea of computer rotation. Not factored in.
 6. Softball sound system, gender equity, the softball field has nothing.
 - ii. Point of info.

1. Why can't the girls soccer team practice for free.
 - a. Depends on the day of the week they play.
- xxiii. Don't think it's right that we look at it as "athletics get s all this money and others don't". We look at it case by case, individually and there merit of their requests. I think it's irrelevant.
- xxiv. Point of clarification
 1. Have to look at each individual case because of view point neutrality.
- xxv. Motion to close discussion
 1. Discussion closed.

XII. Announcements

- a. Sorry to leave during meeting, had to attend other meetings. Reason I came back was because I am a part of this committee and important that I am here
 - b. Larry is back in the office but not full time.
 - c. Thursday Nov. 1st, CAB is having event. Posters in Senate office so please grab one to put up for us. Have four buttons left.
 - d. This weekend is Halloween weekend. If looking for something to do we are going door to door to ask for non-perishable food items. Items donated to Wafer, Salvation Army, UWL.
 - e. If you get a survey from Business 230 please fill it out.
 - i. Thanks for preparing the rally for today.
 - f. Remind everyone that this Sat is wheelchair basketball.
 - i. Need org committee members to stick around after meeting.
 - g. Alternative office hours log due.
- ## XIII. Adjournment Armstrong/Kahle
- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

