



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
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Student Senate Agenda

Date: January 28th, 2009

Time and Location: 6:00 PM; **Port O' Call; Cartwright Center**

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order
 - a. 6:02 pm
 - b. Welcome senators Hall and Brown
- III. Role Call
 - a. Senator Allen had to resign from senate, I will take nominations
 - b. Nominations
 - i. Kahl
 - ii. Motion to close nominations
 1. Nominations closed.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Klotz/Nguyen
 - i. Two additions to the agenda, one to elect a parliamentarian and to discuss election commission. I also move to strike the environmental sustainability line.
 - ii. Agenda approved.
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Klotz/O'Neill
 - i. Minutes approved.
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - a. Dorothy Lenard – Mayoral Candidate
 - i. I am currently the council member for the 8th district. I have a lot of students in my district for those of you who live north of La Crosse Street. I am the administrator in Sciences at Viterbo; I have been there for 12 years. If I do become mayor I will have to leave my job. Because I work with students all day and I love a block away from here I am familiar with the issues that you have. Alternate side parking came up earlier this year; I know that is an issue for you. Also plowing of the streets. I don't believe in ticketing people for something that doesn't make sense. If it 70 degrees out in December then it just doesn't make sense to get a ticket. Solutions would be to ticket if there is a snow storm and you are parked on the wrong side of the street. I know another issue is the residence hall coming down and where students are going to live. I think that is something we should be working with and planning for that time. I know there are developers who want to build nice student facilities. That allows the campus to

use more of their land space for educational buildings. I have been on the alcohol oversight committee for the last four years. In politics you stay away from alcohol in WI, but I was able to do that. I got to know Ryan Vanloo and Fred Ludwig very well. This year we haven't had as many issues. The goal is to teach all of you how to be safe drinkers. Those are some of the highlights of some of the issues that I know, I know that there are many more. I also have masters that I have achieved; I have also been a student myself. I am very interested in ethical government; I think it is absolutely possible.

ii. Questions

1. There is a common belief that the students are just here for a few years and they don't really care about the issues of the community. How do you address that?
 - a. When I lived in different parts of the country does that mean I didn't count? I don't think so. I contributed to my community. I didn't want to not count. The world is a big place and to say that you don't count in La Crosse is ridiculous. I am really big on the sustainability movement, without the student help on that I don't think we would have gotten as much support. I want you to be as involved as much as you could be and I think there is more we could do with that relationship.
2. What do you mean by ethical government?
 - a. I am really excited about the changes happening at the national level. We have to have enough leaders to say I am not going to play that way. You can have government that looks right but you don't know that they didn't call each other before the meeting and made deals under the table. What happens in my own community affects me the more. The more you push for honest government the more you see people rising and standing behind you.
3. What are some of your biggest goals?
 - a. To open up government and city hall, change in attitude, customer service driven. We aren't all on the same page when it comes to how we are going to do things. I am going to come in and ask "what does the community want?" I spent time with department heads and asked them what they wanted. I would bring more people in. more action, getting things done, setting goals and achieving them. I am committed to making La Crosse a sustainable city.
4. What will you do to keep students involved after election season?
 - a. I wish even at younger levels there was more of a chance for young people to come down to city hall and

see how decisions are made. Andy before he left called for having a youth government, and it just never got done. That is where I am frustrated. It is important to me. A government is for all the community. As much as you would want to be involved, it would be up to you. I have been working on pushing for more bus services so that more students won't have to bring cars. We are working on a community power program. There may be other issues that we don't know about.

5. What is your stance on the city run ambulance service?
 - a. The community spoke up really quickly and loudly that they didn't want any changes. I have had a lot of issues where I have to bring people on opposite ends together. In this case I haven't had that. I think it would have been important to listen to that before. We were never brought in on that either, so we were frustrated too. I was one of the people that voted that it should have gone to referendum.
6. What are your plans for increasing La Crosse's sustainability?
 - a. www.sustainablelacrosse.org is our website. It is two years of work for a sustainability plan. It follows the natural step. It is a very comprehensive plan. If it passes next week, we will be looking at recycling plastics. We have a contract with a waste management company, but this legislation gives us the foundation so that we can do that. Within 6 months to a year, we would be recycling plastics instead of burning them.
7. What did you do on the poverty task force?
 - a. I am the city representative for it. I grew up in a family that had a lot of financial issues. We are still in the phases of getting things together and working towards goals. Bringing jobs to the community is one way I am hoping we can keep people in good jobs that pay well.
- b. Mathias Harter – Mayoral Candidate
 - i. I am the youngest of the candidates, I am sure you are more informed than most on this campus. Open up to questions
 - ii. Questions
 1. What are your thoughts on the sustainability movement?
 - a. We need to be sustainable economically, financially. It doesn't directly affect you, but when you get out there you will definitely start picking up on that. It is tough for a lot of businesses right now. I bought my first piece of property here when I was fifteen and it has changed a lot since then. Taxes are real high and I think that is the biggest problem that the city is facing right now. My number one priority is lowering taxes. We have a lot of

- companies that are moving out of town. We are focusing on down town development a lot more.
2. I think what he meant by sustainability is the environment, so you have any plans on that?
 - a. We always have to be aware of the footprint we are leaving on the environment. It is something we need to think of in every move we make. At my company we are moving towards 100% recycling. Everything that gets put in a landfill is misdirected. It is a matter of separating those products and getting them recycled. As far as our vehicles, we have the most environmentally friendly fleet. We are doing everything we can. We need to keep that in mind as we move forward.
 3. How would you get students into an active role in government?
 - a. Talk to them, if people want to be involved, committees are important. I can't stress how important it is that we cooperate. That is why we prosper. We need to work together and respect each other because we are all in this together. Anywhere anyone wants to be involved we will work to set up cooperation. As long as we work together.
 4. What is your number one goal, first priority?
 - a. Lower taxes, getting the tax base down. The tax base is different than the tax levy. Right now there is a lot of property that isn't taxed, but there are properties out there that the city owns but they might want to do something with it in the future. We need to get those taxed to lessen the tax burden on individuals. If you set a goal to work on something you can do it as long as you keep working on it and don't give up.
 5. City council had difficulty lowering taxes, where would you cut taxes?
 - a. Everywhere, across the board. If you aren't setting a good example from the top then you are leaving it open for everyone else. I hear from everyone that there is so much waste going on, we need to set the example, we need to bring the budget down and trim the fat.
 6. What experiences have you had in government that prepares you for this job?
 - a. I started managing for my dad when I was 18; I drafted a budget proposal when I was really young. When I was 9 I had three jobs, I started my first job at age 6. I was talking to realtors when I was fourteen; I bought my first house when I was 15. I gained a lot of experience in the military. I feel ready; leadership is about being humble and appreciating the work people do for you.

7. Where do you stand on the council?
 - a. Right now I think the structure of our government is fine. But we are spending a lot; I think it is just a matter of getting the right motive in there.
8. My dad works at Trane, what are you going to do to keep jobs here?
 - a. We need to be actively soliciting companies to come here to La Crosse. That way you show them that you want to work and the community is open for them to come in here. Right now they are not going to look at the city because our taxes are so high, why would they want to come here? We need to ask them what we can do here to get them here and develop. If someone tells me no thanks, I can't give up, I need to keep going. We have to show them that we want them in here.
- c. Gary Padesky – Mayoral Candidate
 - i. I am 52 years old, a lifelong city resident. The last 17 years I have been an employee of the city of La Crosse. As a business person in La Crosse, and as a city employee, I have seen a lot of changes and I don't think they are for the better. They don't seem to want to work with the business owners. And I did go here for a semester; I have no grade point average because I didn't officially drop. It wasn't because I couldn't do the work; it is just because I was very busy. One of the things that has bothered me that last few years with the other candidates is I have a problem with the way they treat the students and business owners down town. You have had a few people make some tragic mistakes, but you shouldn't throw all of the other students in the same bottle. I believe we should have a 19 year old drinking law, I think that would solve some of the problem. I don't think you are getting a fair shake right now. I think what they have to do is sit down with your guys in town hall meetings. If we had a meeting in September you could address different questions. There were 2 nights were it was 26 below, I don't think they should have issued parking tickets. There has to be some common sense, give people a break. If people could have moved their cars, they could have moved. I would have called the police department and tell them to give them a break. One of the reasons the alternate side parking starts in November is to get the leaves off the streets. What I would like to see is commission; it would be some county people and someone from student senate. The public intoxication thing was all fluff. If they don't like someone they could give them a public intoxication ticket. I am not a fan of the alcohol oversight committee. I think it should be a case by case thing. It would be an open and transparent administration. I am not going to play the game to get votes. It is not going to be business as usual. I think with myself I am an insider put I am not a professional politician. I just want to be treated with respect; I think that is all anyone can ask

ii. Questions

1. What are your thoughts on sustainability in La Crosse?
 - a. Part of doing that is that you have to fill the businesses up; we can't have 49 empty store fronts downtown. We have to find some user fees. We have to increase the tax base.
2. What are your strategies for increasing the tax base, and how do you propose...
 - a. The council never should have passed the sign ordinance. We don't want to pit business against each other. If you aren't open and friendly then there is no reason for business to come here. There is a business owner that bought an empty lot and wants to build a fourplex there but the mayor shot him down because he wouldn't build it the way he wanted.
3. What strategy do you have to bring people in?
 - a. I think that has a lot to do with how you are treated when you are in school. They have to know they can come to La Crosse and get something done. If you are an investor and come to La Crosse and can't get anything done, they don't have to come here. There has to be incentive to come to La Crosse. La Crosse has a lot to offer, we need to do a better job at offering it.
4. What is your stance on environmental sustainability?
 - a. That is a tough one. I think the city has to take a look at that. The department heads can replace their cars with electric cars. We have to make sure our rivers stay clean, no more development on the bluffs.
5. (concerning alcohol issues)
 - a. I have a problem with two police officers dressing up an 18 year old girl to look like a 30 year old hooker to bust a liquor store instead of stopping the rape of another girl. To me you don't use trickery on business owners and students. We need to treat you like adults. The police are supposed to be there to help you. These business pay taxes provide jobs. We have drinking laws in place; I am not for weaving up and down the streets. But I am not for this tom foolery that they are playing. They busted a party, and then they busted the store because the id said brown and they had green eyes. That is way over the top. You have done a good job on the river watch.

d. Jim Bloedorn – Mayoral Candidate

- i. You are probably worn out already. I am the council member from the 7th district. I am third generation in La Crosse. I am no stranger to the university here. I go way back here. I am a disabled Vietnam veteran. I married another La Crosse native. I am a private pilot who does a lot of volunteer work. 50 years ago my dad was on the city council, I guess the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. I got frustrated by the taxes, I thought something had to be done. I opted not to go for the council seat again; I am all in the mayoral race. A couple of things that I think are important are parking, rent prices, and the friendliness of the city to the students. I know sometimes you feel you are used. I want to approach that; I will take that to heart and pay attention to that. As far as the renting is concerned, a big component to that is the taxes. The city has the highest taxes of any city in the state of WI with a population over 3,000. That weighs heavily on the tenants. The way we tax real estate is unfair because we don't use that money wisely. The other thing is parking; the city has ignored some interested parking ideas. One of them was making some streets one way with diagonal parking to increase parking space. That is another thing as mayor I will work on.
- ii. Questions
 - 1. What has been your involvement in the city becoming more sustainable, in particular the Natural Step Plan?
 - a. This is an extension to when my mother used to tell me to turn the lights off. Any time we can save money and save the environment is a positive thing.
 - 2. How do you plan on cutting taxes?
 - a. We need to go through each and every department and make sure it is being done in the best manner. Every department says we need more people. We have only had an increase in population of 4%, why do we need more government?
 - 3. I applaud you for resigning your seat, how do you plan to expand the tax base, and what would your strategies be to reverse the drain on talent with people going elsewhere?
 - a. I believe that if we can lower our taxes then people will want to live in La Crosse when they do get a job. We have so many vacancies down town; we have to start giving people more for their money.

VII. Officer Reports

a. Derek

- i. There are a few dates I would like to share: Tomorrow there are open committees with the system, they are open System nominations. If you want you can pass on your application and resume to Kyle or I. There are three finalists for the dean of DLS. Wed Feb 4th in the Cleary Center and Monday Feb 16th in Port O Call. Campus wide open

forums on technology on Feb 2nd and 3rd in Port O Call. The student only open forum is in CC 336. Please attend one of those.

- ii. Open senate applications and leg con applications are due Friday Feb 6th.
 - iii. Open application for county board in the political science department. Please pass on the word.
 - iv. Governor Doyle will be here on Friday 12:45 in Port O Call, I am not sure exactly what he is going to be talking about. We need students to be there.
- b. Kyle
- i. Thanks for all the cards and stuff. It made me get well very quickly. It is great to be back. I am in the process of compiling stuff, I know it was difficult. If there are any issues come and tell me. I have my final appointment on Monday, after that there are no excuses.
 - ii. The textbook rental issue will be explained after the meeting. I invited the campus community as well.
 - iii. Committee chairs I need to see you after the meeting.
 - iv. Tonight we are bringing up constitution changes. I recommend that when you go over these changes we don't nick pick tonight. If you have minimal changes then that is what new business is for, I encourage you to talk about it outside of the meeting and bring them next week.
 - v. Next week we have a lobbyist for System, she is very good in helping to lobby, she will be here from 6 to 7pm.
 - vi. Reminder you need to do 2 office hours. If you do one outside of senate then you need to send a report to d2l. We will be posting your office hours online.
- c. Others
- i. City Affairs
 - 1. The MTU Board meeting was Monday; we will be lowering the fee for the conference goers.
 - 2. Feb 17th go vote please. I think the last mayoral election was voted by 10,000 people.
 - ii. Environmental
 - 1. The chancellor's energy challenge is set for Feb 9th.
 - 2. The green fund is starting to accept applications. Go to uwlax.edu/sustainability. There is a link to submit your application. I will get an email saying you submitted it and you will have to send me a budget report. It will be due on or before Feb 16th. We will review the applications and forward our recommendations to apportionment.
 - 3. Recycle Mania is national, we submit the data that we receive to the website and they compare us to universities across the country. We need to get publicity out for that. we thought about doing pledges and a wall to display all of the pledges we

collect. I will have the pledges in the office so you can get them from me and distribute them.

4. Tomorrow I am going to Steven Point for a sustainability meeting; I will give you a presentation on what I find out.

iii. Gender Issues

1. I am organizing the student production of the vagina monologues. They are based on a series of interviews; it has a cast of about 5 to 20 women. It is a really neat experience. The purpose is to celebrate women but also to promote awareness and the end of violence against women and girls. We are moving pretty quickly because we need to have the production in the right time frame. Auditions are next Monday and Tuesday. On Monday 6:30 to 9pm in 306 Wimberly. On Tuesday from 5 to 9pm. It is really low key, no stress. It is really not so much about acting, it is more story telling. The theme this year they are focusing on rape in the Congo, we will have a teach in a week from when the production happens. If you are a boy and would like to participate there are lots of things you can do. Stage managing and lighting.
2. the funding that we had set for funding the violence prevention office for next year is no longer going to happen, which means that it is done unless we get money from some place else. Already there have been people coming to me and I am going to try to work with other students that are really concerned about this. we will figure out how to have it stay, there are some options but it will take a lot of student push. Talk to me after the meeting if you are interested.

iv. Shared Gov

1. the directors actually got together this last weekend. Derek put together a director retreat, there were some good times and some cold times. I think we did a good job of communicating as a board and addressing your concerns. I would like you to come to us more often. We set up specific goals and we are using a calendar in their office to make sure we stay on track.
2. Derek: it has every single day of the semester detailed out. If you know of any major meetings or anything that we should know of then please add it on there. We are going to be detailing each of the goals that the directors put forward. The level of accountability needs to be greater. The director reports will be on D2L twice a month. You can help keep us on track. It is a way to keep everyone honest and keep that accountability and transparency. Please feel free to use all of us as a resource.
3. SUFAC Summit- we will have an Apportionment summit, it will be this weekend, we are taking 6 people. There are around 70 or 80 people from around the state to discuss how we

allocate our segregated fees. We have never done this; we are excited to see how this goes. We will share ideas and hopefully we will bring back new ideas to implement at our school. If you have any ideas or questions please bring that to my attention. We will have a report on that next week.

v. Social Justice

1. Res Life has Tunnel of Oppression, it will be in Wilder.
2. I would like to see all the multicultural student orgs senators after this meeting.

VIII. RHAC Report

IX. Advisor Reports

a. Jeremy: One on one meetings.

b. Larry: goal is to get as much stuff done by spring break as possible.

i. People should be able to get their books downstairs. There were some classes that we had to order the books late. If you have a problem, email me and let me know.

ii. Career services and academic advising are now downstairs.

Unfortunately Graphics has not moved downstairs. They have stopped doing the electric work for a couple of weeks.

iii. Questions

1. Why are we having trouble with textbook rental?

a. Because we tried to accommodate everyone. There are some people that have book intensive courses. From a financial perspective I think we should be able to buy low cost books and not force people to buy expensive books. I am going to be asking for students to serve on the policy review, that will be key to how it is run in the future. I also have to say that every faculty member that I have talked to has been very cooperative and understanding.

X. Committee Reports

a. Athletics

i. We had over 700 people vote on name the Eagle.

b. Joint Planning and Budget

i. Decided to cut the funding for counseling and testing center. Now we have to find additional revenues or cut some sort of services at some point. We have been working with Dr. Bryan Allen and we are working our best to negotiate this problem and have as small of a fee increase as possible. The reason why Dr. Allen is involved with this is because they will be merged financially. We have been working with both groups. We are in the very beginning stages. If you have any input please let me know.

c. Gen Ed

i. Met over break and we are planning stages, we need to interview people who have had a good experience with a gen ed course. If you are interested please let me know.

- d. Academic Initiatives.
 - i. Everything that the assessment task force completed and everything we had to rush to get done will not be happening anymore. Because a portion is funded through the university, that portion is no longer there. The oversight committee is meeting again this Friday. We will be working hard to look for different avenues.
- e. Student Orgs
 - i. Meeting this Friday
- f. Undergrad Curriculum
 - i. We are supposed to have 3 senators; I am the only one on there. Please contact Derek or Kyle if you are interested.
 - ii. Biology department wanted to mandate that you could not take upper level without c in lower level, we approved that.
 - iii. Approved a huge list of electives that will be included in the international studies minor. If you are interested in that you can choose your focus, it is very diverse and flexible.
- g. Apportionment
 - i. We had met for budget hearings. We will do the same thing next week and make decisions the following Monday. We have the budget requests on d21. They are under the spring budget request. We will be posting a general document shortly that will help things make more sense. We have a hard copy in the office as well. it would be very valuable for all of you to look at these.
- h. Joint Planning and Budget
 - i. System told us no new differential tuition is moving forward. The house of reps passed a bill this evening with 2.14 billion worth of support for the state. That means the university will see around 100 million dollars worth of cuts. Some of it might be offset by tuition increases. We are preparing in advance. Among those are the outsourcing of the bookstore, moving counseling and testing to segregated fees. a lot of faculty are really worried about this because there might be jobs that will be lost. The more educated we can get people the less panic there will be. We will work on an email to send out to students. One of the things they are talking about is a pay for print situation. If you have any questions or comments you can talk to any of us on the committee.
 - 1. It is extremely important that we are involved in this so thank you to the people serving on the committee.
 - 2. The chancellor has charged the ITS committee to recoup all printing costs. Historically student tech fee committee has opposed this. Student input will be key in the coming weeks.

XI. New Business

- a. Motion to move line item to the ad hoc committee
 - i. Wallace/Klotz
 - 1. call to question
 - a. acclimation

- i. Passed.
 - b. SA 0809-037: Resolution on Medical Amnesty
 - i. Moved to committee

XII. Discussion

- a. SA 0809-038: Resolution Submitting the Revised UWLSA Constitution for Referendum
 - i. Klotz/Syafitri
 - ii. Power point on the revision of the constitution: the majority of the changes put us up to date with how we operate now (see power point).
 1. Why is the pro temp in there?
 - a. It is a position.
 2. Will the parliamentarian have speaking rights?
 - a. It would be defined in the bylaws.
 - b. I believe the focus of the issue was that a parliamentarian could act on something and modify a rule; the issue wasn't the speaking rights.
 - i. No part of the issue was the perceived power differential because of speaking at the front of the room.
 3. How often would we adjust the numbers for senators?
 - a. Every odd year in Feb.
 4. Do groups give up their rights if they don't have a senate seat filled?
 - a. They would lose their right for the semester if they don't have it filled in three weeks.
 5. What about diversity orgs not on that list?
 - a. We didn't address that but we can.
 6. If we define the jobs and instructions within the constitutions and change the director bylaws then every time we would have to go to referendum?
 - a. We want to leave it broad enough.
 7. With the new proportions, would that increase it by three senators?
 - a. It brings it to 40 senators.
 8. This would make this more like representatives, not senate
 - a. The original idea came from Jake Rome, when I decided to resubmit the constitution I thought it was more representative of the student body.
 - b. The point behind this is that everyone within the colleges is equally represented, the big idea behind that is the balance.
 - c. Right now our senators aren't balanced throughout the colleges; I think they were intended to be. This just gives us an opportunity to be fluid moving forward, instead of waiting every ten years.
 9. Can we cap the amount of senators?

- a. That is something we can discuss.
- 10. For ratifications of what the executive branch does, what do we need to pass that.
 - a. We will check in Robert's rules.
- 11. We shouldn't have SOE and A&C apart.
- 12. We could say that there is a flat number of 19 senators and that it can be reapportioned every two years.
- iii. In order for constitutional changes to take affect the senate must first approve them and then the student body votes on it. We have to give it to the election commission 14 days prior to the referendum. Basically we are voting on the entire document.
- iv. Discussion
 1. The impeachment process proposed doesn't make sense. I really object to our president and vice president can recommend impeachments. The constitution says this body is in charge of this. In our federal government the impeachment rises from within senate. This document makes the impeachment synonymous with removal. It is not. If the body approves impeachment then that means it goes to trial. A president and vice president should be able to be impeached by the legislative branch. It doesn't make sense to me why the board of directors, who are supposed to answer to us, would have the right to recommend impeachment.
 2. I have an issue with directors who have no voting rights being able to speak whenever they want. I think we should keep it how it is. I have a hard time with them being able to speak whenever they want.
 3. The directors are our acting body; it doesn't make sense with the removal process that says they have to remove themselves. Senate should have the right to remove them.
 4. If you get this approved now the membership doesn't change for a year.
 5. Even if we decided to hold a special referendum we wouldn't be able to make the membership changes because it is evaluated in the even years.
 6. I am concerned with increasing the number of senators because if we add to this it would be a poor direction to take.
 7. The school of Ed, their program is totally different and I am nervous to take away their representation.
 8. This is the balance we could have for the parliamentarian issue. To have a senator is the absolute last resort. I think the 4 meeting limit prevents senators from stepping down from their senate seat.
 9. Is their any way to split the resolution from the constitution? There are going to be a lot of things we have to discuss.

- a. We can think of a better process than suspending the rules.
10. Limiting people to only 2 motions with a document of this size concerns me.
- a. You can discuss this in committee.
11. We decided to keep the number of senators in colleges flexible because of the amount of students we will have coming in.
12. I disagree with some of the statements that were previously made. We don't have to compare ourselves to the federal government; we can do what works for us here at UWL. We pay directors, it seems reasonable that they can speak, they can't vote. To have people that students pay and then not have them speak is wasteful of student money. I don't think we need to be so concerned with the separation of the branches. On the topic of the parliamentarian, I requested \$500 for a parliamentarian position. We can create bylaws on whether it's paid or not. There is a small salary budget for next year. Personally I think that having a senator serving as a parliamentarian is an even greater violation than having directors speak.
13. The ratification stuff would be specific to this constitution because to accept it all you need is a simple majority and the constitution and bylaws would supersede the Roberts rules of order.
14. I support suspending the rule because this is such a long document, 2 speaking rights is not enough. I don't see any reason why we should be limited to 2 speaking rights.
15. Can you make multiple amendments on the same turn?
- a. You can make one large amendment to amend different parts of the document.
16. Can you make a motion to give more turns to speak instead of two?
- a. Yes
17. I would be against suspending the rules because there are better ways to tackle that like Kyle could make a rule to give more speaking rights. Amendments can be distributed before hand. I urge that. If anyone needs help I would be willing to discuss that.
18. There are ways to get around it suspending the rules. I believe that no matter what you think is you need to have an amendment prepared in advance. Have it prepared, distribute it to people. About the directors, I have concerns about how detailed we are in the constitution. For example if we decided to add a director it would be very difficult to do it. I think directors should have speaking rights because you are paying us to be experts in the field. It seems like we want to create this

riff between the branches, but this is a smaller group and there is a balance of power thing. We don't need to create that problem.

19. In a way we are giving them a little more power, but if they ask you to yield to them and you say yes, so in a way you are getting more power back. Right now we yield to them and they can speak more than two times.
20. What concerns me about the directors having speaking rights is directors do a lot of talking. I think that having the directors with speaking rights would discourage senators from speaking. If they want speaking rights then they should be senators. If they are so intent on speaking then they should come to committee meetings and they can give us counsel there. As it is right now they are functioning as ad hoc senators. I think that if they have speaking rights then we will have fewer senators speaking rights.
21. Each of the directors is a student as well. It is the same as yielding to a student in a galley. This would be limiting the number of times they can speak. They aren't up here to abuse the power; the power is in the body before them.
22. I think this is something we should spend more time on. Why did we get rid of all the structure impeachment rules?
 - a. The suggestion that we went with were mainly from Jake Rome. A reason I left it like that is because we talked a lot in the committee of what should go in the bylaws. The specific things should be in the bylaws in case you need to change it.
23. It confuses me that there is only two of us to be on the executive committee, we should elect our own to at least 50%
24. Would it be possible to postpone starting senate at 6:30 and having the meeting at 6:00?
 - a. I think we would need more than half an hour.
 - b. If we need to postpone it we can.
25. Motion to leave it in discussion next week and have it in new business in two weeks.
 - a. Herro/Schmidt
 - i. This will allow for another week of discussion.
 - ii. It is my hope that we will get together as a large group to talk about this.
 - iii. That's possible, just keep in mind that it would be a lot of discussion. We could have it in new business as standard and make amendments and then move that document to discussion.
 - iv. Or we could move to table until someone picked it up.

- v. When we talk about a committee as a whole it can be convened at any time, we could do it during a recess. As soon as we dissolve it then it would be the same body.
- vi. I still like the idea of putting it off for two weeks because it gives you time to get together.
- vii. In the discussion I am hoping we can clarify things and come to compromises. Through the week if we can't all get together, it is on d21 we could utilize the discussion board.
- viii. If someone uses up their 2 talking times, can someone yield to them?
 - 1. Yes, but each person can only yield twice.
- ix. So anyone one of us can yield to the directors.
- x. I support this motion, this would bring this back into discussion, we can convene the committee during the meeting. That would give us two weeks to discuss and debate.
- xi. Call to question
 - 1. Division
 - a. Passes 17:9:0

~~b. SA 0809-039: Resolution Approving the Environmental Sustainability Director~~

c. SA 0809-040: Resolution Appointing Jennifer O'Neill to Legislative Issues Director

i. Kahl/Decker

- 1. We went through a fairly extensive interview process. We asked Regent Smith to be a part of it. We had very strong candidates and I thrilled to put this resolution forward
- 2. if you want something done I would go to Jennifer O'Neill

ii. Motion to close

1. Klotz/Thiel

d. Resolution Appointing Election Commission

i. O'Neill/Kahl

- 1. The people can't be directly related to any of the campaigning going on in the spring. They have all confirmed they would be interested in doing this. Jenn would serve as the alternate since she will be resigning as senator if approved as director.

ii. Discussion

1. Wasn't there drama with Nik Nelson?

- a. The findings were that Nik Nelson violated the election bylaws when he dismissed the 2 candidate's complaints. The process never occurred, but it did not result in any further consequences.

2. With that said, I wouldn't feel comfortable putting him back on election commission.
 - a. I think that what came to our minds was that he had a lot of ideas that couldn't be addressed at that time.
3. Could we move to strike him?
 - a. Then you would have to find someone else.
4. I think that he is an excellent choice. I don't want to defend his actions, but he is a qualified candidate.
 - a. We will ask them to come in next week.
5. He put a lot more into that than any others had.
6. I feel he is an asset, he knows what went wrong last year and he has the best knowledge of how to revise the bylaws.
7. I said what I said based on the student court opinion. To say one side was dirty, that is really an opinion and it is not fair to say that.
8. Are there any current members that were on the court and could we have them as a guest speaker?
 - a. We could ask her.
9. motion to close discussion
 - a. Wallace/Decker
 - i. Closed.

XIII. Announcements

- a. Leg Con is the USSA legislative conference. They have one every year and student associations send students to the workshops and lobbying opportunity. Anyone can go; you don't have to be involved with SA. I went two years ago, if you have questions you can ask me.
- b. Basketball had a game tonight. Swimming and diving's last meet against Stevens Point.
- c. If you have any suggestions about the constitutions I would be happy to help.
- d. Formal invitation to join BSU next Saturday 5:30 pm, free for students.
- e. Tomorrow is the hypnotist in Valhalla. Next Wednesday is the one man show at the DOC at 5:30. CAB is going to be selecting the new board. If any one is interested let me know, positions won't be out until next week Wednesday. Friday the 20th is college night at the slopes. There will be lessons, a meal, a bus ride back.
- f. Vote! We are having three more in next week. Dr. Bob and Paula are here to talk about the bookstore, stick around.
- g. Postponing academic affairs.
- h. If you are interested in doing an interview for the gen ed video let me know
- i. HOPE is having the annual Valentines dance next Friday from 7 to 11:30. Will have live performance.
- j. Thanks to leg affairs for all the work on the constitution.
- k. We have a number of senate seats available on apportionment, we need people for Monday nights at 6pm.
- l. Talk to your friends about the open senate seats.
- m. Please stick around tonight.

XIV. Adjournment

a. Thiel/Herro

i. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

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SENATORS	College/Org.	ROLE	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL
Barquero	CBA	x	x		
Blazek		x			
Brown		x	x		
Cox	SAH	x	x		
Decker	RASO		x		
DeVries	RHAC	x	x		
Haase	CBA	x	x		
Hall		x	x		
Hastings	Rainbow Unity	x	x		
Hayes	Off - Campus				
Her	ASO	x	x		
Herro	CBA	x	x		
Hougen	SAH	x	x		
Jimenez	LASO				
Kahl	Greek Senator	x	x		
Klotz	Athletics Council	x	x		
Knudson	SAH	x	x		
LeFevre	At-Large	x	x		
Nguyen	ISO	x			
O'Neill	CLS	x	x		
Palmer		x	x		
Schmidt	Freshman	x	x		
Schoonover	SAPA	x	x		
Sweeny	GSO				
Syafitri	CBA	x	x		
Taylor	Arts & Comm	x			
Thiel	Off - Campus	x	x		
Turner	SOE		x		
Urbas	RHAC	x	x		
Vang	HOPE	x			
VanWyk	Freshman	x	x		
Wallace	SAH	x	x		
Wolf	At-Large	x	x		
Present		28	26	0	0
Total		33	34	34	34

Percent Present	85%	76%	0%	0%