



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
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Student Senate Agenda

Date: February 4th, 2009

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

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order
 - a. 6:04pm
- III. Role Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Thiel/Nguyen
 - b. Add SA0809-044 Resolution Granting Original Status...Kahl/Haase
 - i. Approved
 - c. Add the resolution from Apportionment... Herro/Kahl
 - i. Approved
 - d. Move Resolution 39 to discussion... Wallace
 - i. Approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - a. Mayor Mark Johnsrud – Mayoral Candidate
 - i. I was elected the 40th mayor in 2005. I feel almost at home, I graduated in 1986 and a masters in 1987. I have nineteen years of experience in the city of La Crosse. The number one issue when I ran was growth. The tax base hopefully we will provide you with some opportunities for jobs once you graduate so that you don't have to leave. 45% of the city is in the flood plane. The city is continuing to improve and change, that has a been a appositve in the last four years. It certainly has some issues of poverty. Students typically don't have a lot of money, but that doesn't necessarily mean you are in poverty. It is important that you have good housing, that is something that we work on as well. Some of the things I see as important is continued growth to continue to create those opportunities. The city of La Crosse is only second behind Madison; I hope that it is because you want to get a great education here. That is what college is all about. I know there are some political science majors, I was a business major and I never anticipated becoming mayor but the opportunity presented itself and it happened. I want to get an understanding from you of what is important.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Do you think you will take the antiracism task force seriously?

- a. There is racism in La Crosse, the city is pretty monogamous. We have tried doing diversity training; we have tried encouraging diversity into the city. But I know it is difficult in a city that is 95% white. I am not sure that the task force has meant a lot. Instead of working with the task force we have worked with Thomas Harris from UWL to increase diversity within the community. To me it is an educational issue. It is not just even race; there are things that are different between us. We are all different. We need to increase the awareness through education in our community. I don't know if the task force is the means to do that. I think the White Privilege conference is a way to do it and with the Martin Luther King Day events. I worked to make that day a holiday because I thought it was important.
2. Was the alcohol task force implemented by the last mayor?
 - a. there was a concept of a serial killer in La Crosse because of the accidental drawings so the task force was set up to deal with the binge drinking issues.
3. I met with the former mayor he said that when he started the task force the police force was different. If you oversee to stop the drownings, why such police presence around the campus and not downtown?
 - a. The issue is an issue of the blame game after these drownings. It creates an atmosphere of the police being really defensive. We have taken it through the task force and we have dealt with the recommendations one by one and by working with various groups around La Crosse we have changed the culture. We all know there is going to be drinking because it is part of our culture. What we want to instill in people is the thought process to encourage people to drink responsibly. The most effective portion of the task force has come through peer intervention. We all know that it is not just a young person's thing, as misuse continues throughout the life; the people in their 40's are the ones dealing with alcoholism. Hopefully you don't see the police as an adversary, that is not their purpose and if that is what they are doing then we need to have conversations with the police department.
4. People would be less likely to drink more if the police didn't act the way they did, how do plan to change that?
 - a. Alcohol affects the development of the brain, so that is one of the reasons why we want to educate people. It is not only an issue of something that is socially

acceptable, the law is the law. You can't expect the police to look the other way. What we need to do is continue to educate people. Can I say we are never going to have another incident in the city? I don't think anyone can say that. What we can do is educate people. The police is willing to give you a break if a break is due. Don't take it personally that they are out to get you, because they are not. If you feel that way, please contact me and we can arrange for a ride along and you might get a different perspective.

5. What is your view of the Natural Step Plan?
 - a. It is a green movement and it is an investment in our future. It will provide overall tax savings in the long run. I think you are going to see some real changes in the future with the cost of energy. If you do it now it will be easier to make that transition. We have a plan for the reduction of fossil fuel usage. In last year's budget I included some budget money to become more self sufficient. We are going to have to wean ourselves off of fossil fuels. If we continue to work on this over the next 3 decades I think we could be completely off fossil fuels.
6. Is it realistic to see changes in the housing tax?
 - a. Some of that is because of improved housing stock. As the housing is torn down and is replaced with new housing it gives you a nicer place to live but the rents are slightly higher. It is a trade off. It gives people an opportunity to decide what they can afford. I believe we need to see more new housing for students because there are a lot of issues that we face with the old houses that many students live in. I think the demand is there and I think students deserve to live in newer housing.
7. What are your plans to protect new development?
 - a. We have tried to focus on mass transit, but mass transit isn't the catch all. Not everyone is going to use it. We have seen improvements in the roads so that we don't have to see new roads through the marsh. One of the things that we have seen in the metro area is that if people need to get from north to south, there will be a belt way and I think that will reduce the need for the south corridor. We are attempting to buy almost 3,000 acres of the bluff land and by doing that it will be a jewel in the future. These natural areas are the places where people are going to have the opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

8. Talking to business owners in the area there does seem to be a perception that La Crosse is hostile to business and there seems to be a brain drain because so many skilled people leave the area. Given that the population of La Crosse has stagnated, how do you see reversing the trend of the business leaving the area?
 - a. The city of La Crosse is a metro areas of around 130,000 people. That is not typical for a city this size. Typically cities of that size are closer to each other. The large population base creates an opportunity for business to come in. we have been trying to get retailers down town but they wont come into this marketplace because there is not enough population to support them. So we have to try to incent them to maybe lower rents on their retail space for them to come into this area. Hopefully then they will attract others. There are a lot of reasons why people don't stay, but we are trying to work on those things. The opportunities that are being created in this city are much greater than other opportunities in other cities this size. One thing I do tell people is that our top industry is health care, if you want to stay in the city you have to tailor to our industries. Most of the jobs created are in Gunderson Lutheran, LHI, etc. the cheapest jobs that they have there are \$50,000.
9. I think it is important for the students to know you have always been on the frontline of economic development. I am running for mayor because I love the city of La Crosse.
 - b. Andrea Richmond – Mayoral Candidate
 - i. I have been a resident of the city for 42 years. I love the area, I think this a beautiful community. I served nine years on city council. I enjoy working with people and I am always looking for ways to save money. I started at La Crosse Footwear and I got the opportunity to start at the ground floor. I learned there is always a better way of doing business. From there I went to the billing department. From there I was promoted to purchasing agent. In 2001 I was eliminated from my position being that they moved to China. In 2001 I was searching for a job. I decided I wanted to get back into politics for cost efficiency. My whole life I have always looked for the best savings we can have in government. I decided in December that I wanted to be mayor of La Crosse. Budgets are very difficult to put together. In city council we can look at the budgets, I felt the last one was way too high. I have tried to cut the budget to no avail. I couldn't get anyone to take money out of the budget. I decided we need to start looking at saving tax payer money. The spending continues and continues. I decided I wanted to be that mayor to make a change. We need a restructuring in

city hall; I have some real good ideas. No one wants to make those changes; we need to look at the best way of operating. I am hoping everyone will support me. Some of the things I have worked with is the flood plane relief, work with FEMA for them to come in and help, I am on the sister city committee, housing rehab, being on the county board I am also on quite a few committees there as well. I want to address the needs at the university. I want to address the needs for parking at the university. I hired a traffic engineer to do this, my recommendation was to close down some of the streets and have one way parking diagonally, the idea was to create extra parking spaces. I had a total of 15 blocks to ease the problems. My council and mayor voted it down; they didn't like the idea because it wasn't their idea. I will insist we do something about it. I have a lot of ideas on streamlining government. The biggest thing is we need to cut the budget. I am adamant about the tiffs. TIFFS were created many years ago to take care of infrastructure. It was expanded to down town buildings. Those buildings are never going to be paid for in my lifetime. I will stop the additional TIFFS. We hate to stop growth, but there are no jobs down there. We need to put money back to the tax payers and citizens of La Crosse.

ii. Discussion

1. Why did you decide to run for first district and for mayor?
 - a. I hadn't originally decided to run for mayor. My sister told me it was time to focus my interests in what I love.
2. How are you going to bring in extra employment opportunities?
 - a. With the downturn of our economy it is going to be very difficult. We need to come up with creative ideas to bring in more skilled jobs. We need to work with the development company. We have a lot of empty store fronts, over 49. I don't know what the answer is going to be, but working with the economic development people, we need to bring in business. We need more technology jobs. Trying to bring in high paying jobs is going to be very difficult.
3. What has been your involvement with the sustainability movement, what are your thoughts on the Natural Step Plan?
 - a. Some of the things that they focus on I am concerned with. I hope we don't hire a full time person at city hall, I think we can share the person we have now to look at sustainability. One of the things it says is to educate people to drive on snow covered streets. I don't know why that is in there. If we eliminate salt and sand, that is going to create more accidents. I agree with riding bikes to work and school and less emissions, that's all fine and good. I would suggest you look at the report.

4. What is the responsibility of the mayor with the air quality alerts?
 - a. In this area there are a lot more alerts going off from the Excel energy power plant. There were some fans that weren't working; they put a lot of money into it. We are trying to work with Excel energy to make it more safe. We need to work with them to make sure there are safety factors put into that and kept.
- c. Mick Lesky – Mayoral Candidate
 - i. I am a life long resident of the city of La Crosse. I have been involved with community service for 30 years. I have done a lot of volunteer work through the American Legion. I did a fundraiser for 168 soldiers before they went to Iraq. I am working with the Hunger Task Force. I delivered one ton of food around the area. I believe in community involvement.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. What has been your involvement in the city's plan towards environmental sustainability?
 - a. We are blessed with the environment that we have here. I think the city does a good job with the recycling effort at the Excel Energy Plan. There is talk of moving forward with recycling plastic. We have waited too long to do it. I never take plastic bags at the store.
 2. How do you propose to create more diversity in skilled jobs?
 - a. I would hire Don Weber. He had 6 council members eating out of his hand. I would put him on commission. In the 70's when I came back the rubber mills and Trane were staggering their work shifts so that there wouldn't be a traffic jam. Now there is no problem with that, who ever thought a food industry would be gone? Ace Hardware is a very important business. Its phenomenal the business that they do there. I think the Reinhart family has enough money to front their employees. If the businesses were family owned and the employees had stock, they wouldn't have moved. I am big into employees owning their own business. Not all union workers are good workers; there is always that 5%. I would look for people to come here, I sell real estate as a profession. I would look for people to come down here.
 3. There have been some air quality alerts, what do think the responsibility is of the mayor in informing the community?
 - a. I don't know how long it takes to do that study, by the time they get the results the air is gone. As far as

notifying the people, the DNR does the testing and the DNR would do the notifying. I don't know how long it takes for them to test, do you?

- iii. Let's talk about drinking in the park. When I was young we could drink at 18. It was all pretty safe. Our city fathers have chosen to victimize you kids. The fines are a tax, it is not a service anymore, it is prey upon. Police officers are picking on you kids because they think you are kids; they won't pick on me because I am an adult. There are three trolls controlling the police budgets. All they have to do is tell you to move on or they will pour the booze out.
- iv. Parking- I don't know what to tell you about that, buy smaller cars. Bash the police department a little bit more, they write 26,000 tickets a year.
- v. Discussion
 - 1. As a veteran myself, I want to thank you for your service to the country.
 - 2. Keep your wings level and you will do just fine, that is what I am trying to do.
- d. Vice-Chancellor Paula Knudson and Sharon Radtke – PeopleSoft
 - i. I would much rather be here talking to you than talking about budgets. The people that came in raved about our student body; I thank you for representing our student body so well.
 - ii. About a year ago the university announced they would start to charge a convenience fee when you use your credit card to pay your student bill. When you go to a store and use your credit card the owner has to pay a little less than 3% of whatever your transaction is. Several years ago when we started taking credit cards the board of regents agreed with this and had system help cover the cost. Now they have cut that and there is no help for the campuses. Now some campuses aren't accepting them, the ones that are accepting them are charging an acceptance fee. We still have a free option to pay out of your checking account. I have been approached by students that say they need to use credit cards because they don't get student loans. If that is the case then you need to talk to Financial Aid. I am here to get your input, the decision has already been made, but we would like to know your preference.
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. When is the peoplesoft software going into effect?
 - a. Middle of March.
 - 2. How are you going to educate the students?
 - a. The processor is providing marketing information on our website, we are going to RHAC.
 - b. We were hoping to kick off a dialogue with you. We are open to suggestions on how to do just that.
 - c. One suggestion is to put it into the Racquet.

3. I used to own a business; we were not allowed to charge a differential fee.
 - a. We can only charge over the web.
 4. In switching systems, will the administrators be able to learn how to manage it?
 - a. It depends on the office. The financial aid office has requested some additional staffing. They have been really carefully looked at to see if they are really necessary. We do not make a profit off of the fee.
 5. I am not happy to hear this idea; I am speaking for the international students. When we pay for bills, it comes from our VISA or checking accounts. My parents pay for it directly to not have to transfer it to my account first.
 - a. I don't think anyone is happy to do this.
 6. Were you still planning on taking VISA?
 - a. We would have to charge a large convenience fee. Most campuses don't allow VISA because it is not fair to the other students. This is not in relation to tower tender.
 7. I would be more in favor of us taking VISA, a lot of people use VISA.
 8. It will apply to debit transactions. Will we have this fee on our cards as well?
 - a. Yes. They would restrict your tower tender to so low you wouldn't be able to pay it.
 9. You said the fee would not apply if we paid at the counter. So would you accept VISA at the counter?
 - a. It doesn't affect outside the web payments.
 10. If you want us to come back again after you consult we would be happy to do that.
- e. Cory Miller – Bookstore and Textbook Rental
- i. I have managed the bookstore for 4 years. I will try to answer any questions that you might have.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. I have classes that still don't have books, when do you expect them to be here?
 - a. Within another week.
 - b. This whole outsourcing will be an expensive endeavor. The policy is going to change for rental. Books that are \$50 and under and aren't primary books will go to the bookstore. Fees will go up in textbook. The face of the bookstore will change.
 2. How do you feel about the fact that the place that you are working at right now is being outsourced?
 - a. We feel terrible. It is awful. It is very emotional. Everybody who works at university books stores, they love what they do, and it is their life.

- b. I think people should be concerned about the change that is going to happen. If you have a Barnes and Nobles coming in, they aren't going to be happy selling only a few books. I think you will see that books are going to leave rental and go into the bookstore because that is what they do. There is no way of knowing what is going to happen. I think you need to be aware of that. It is all about the money.
 - c. I am a grad from the UWL. I want to buy stuff from our bookstore, not from Barnes and Nobles or some other entity. I don't want to talk to some one who doesn't care; all they care about is the money.
- 3. How did the decision process go, is it final?
 - a. Nothing is final.
- 4. How can students get involved in the process?
 - a. They say that they are going to put together a committee. There will be involvement. At this point that is all we know.
 - b. The process is still an "if". The committee will look at it and make a decision on if we go that way. I want to make sure you recognize what the RFP process would do. Students will be involved.
 - c. RFP is a request for a proposal, it doesn't mean anything expect if you accept what is proposed. When you have an RFP and you accept a proposal, companies can't walk away and leave you without a bookstore because it would be a breach of contract. Vice chancellor Hetzel is very committed to participation with this process.
 - d. There are good things about this too; with the policy they are looking the instructors will be looking more closely at the books they are assigning.
- 5. How does this affect the books already \$50 or under?
 - a. I don't know
 - b. We are looking for 3 to 4 students to be on the committee. All primary texts would still be in rental. It is not saying that we are only looking at one dollar amount. We need to make sure this policy works for everybody. This policy would be part of the contract. There was a question about how did we get there. The deficit from the bookstore and rental is a motivating factor. If you are interested in working on the committee let us know.
- 6. Is there a way to see what textbooks professors will be asking for before we take the class?
 - a. I don't know.

7. I feel uncomfortable with a committee making this huge decision; will it go to the governing bodies?
 - a. The state has very defined rules on proposals; I have never seen it go to governing groups.
 - b. It is pretty confidential because other vendors want to know what the others have submitted. I think the other thing you need to think about is that the majority of the state universities that have done this is because it is becoming more and more difficult to run a little business. Our bookstore has to go through a lot more hoops. The board of regents is one of the motivating factors. There are board members that feel very strongly that universities probably shouldn't operate their own bookstores.
- f. Academic Initiatives & Violence Prevention Office
 - i. They met a couple of days ago and have been working on a few things. This is kind of a continuation with VPO because they are tied together.
 - ii. My name is Constance I heard about the issue of VPO because I used to volunteer there, but before that I was a client. A year ago I was in an abusive relationship. He became extremely jealous of my friends, he would argue with me for several hours day after day. Things escalated. One day I called my family, but he had already called them. I thought maybe his friends would understand, but he was never the angry person in front of them. One day he sexually assaulted me. Over the next days he began hurling things at me. One day at Cartwright I saw a poster for Safe Path. I called Safe Path, they never called me back. I called them repeatedly but I never spoke to anyone. I called New Horizons and made an appoint with them. I broke up with my fiancé. I filed a report with the local police to make sure nothing would happen. There was nothing that they could do. They suggested I go to see him and tell him to never contact me again. I asked the officer if he or anyone else could help me do this and he said they don't do that sort of thing. I received an email from a UWL staff member and told me about Ingrid Peterson. She helped me see a legal advocate. She connected me with someone from student life, notified my teachers, she gave the shelter my name so that I could come in on short notice. I saw the legal advocate and I emailed my ex fiancé. I spent the next two days in the shelter. After a few weeks he disappeared. I expected that I would be ok. But I kept having nightmares. Taking exams and quizzes changed. They induced states of panic. Little events would bring flashbacks. I began to wonder if I would ever be normal again. Ingrid gave me hope. I remember studying for my chemistry final and tears were coming, but I pressed forward. After making it through the semester I began to question what I was capable of. I volunteered at the VPO. That semester felt surreal. Over the summer my ex fiancé had a friend give me a message. I went to VPO and Ingrid told me my

options. She scheduled a meeting with the police department. We also made an appointment with New Horizons. My advisor sent this message: abuse denies individuals the opportunity to reach their goals and achieve their dreams. The VPO has given me confidence. One of these days someone else is going to experience what I experienced, but if the VPO stays they too will have someone to turn to.

- iii. Since last week when we found out that the VPO wasn't going to be funded next year, there has been a huge student response. There are a lot of people here tonight to show their support. Not only does the VPO educate students and faculty, but the numbers of individuals that seek assistance has quadrupled.
- iv. I am in favor of this resolution because the story you just heard is just one of many. We have a ways of finding funds for everything on this campus, why can't we find funding for this? We need to do it.
- v. Representing MUASA. The work that Ingrid does is amazing. The amount she aids our organization is phenomenal. To shut down VPO would be to rob this campus of a great thing.
- vi. I intern with VPO and I am here to show my support.
- vii. I have been through a domestic violence situation as well, I would never think of robbing that hope and help from anyone else.
- viii. I have seen first hand the distress that some of these students are in. it exceeds what some of the nonprofits in the community do. It provides a service that no other place could. The resolution shows that the funding is there. I hope you all support that.
- ix. I support the VPO because of stalking, domestic violence, rape that happens on a campus. As representatives of the student body you should support this.
- x. To me the idea of getting rid of VPO is ludicrous. What are students going to do when they don't have anywhere to turn?
- xi. I am here to support the VPO.
- xii. I am here in support of the VPO. I think it is necessary to have an advocate like this on campus so that students can receive the help they need.
- xiii. I had left this meeting earlier and had to come back to give full support of this office. There are things that you can't measure. The VPO is very very valuable. I have 2 young daughters and I think about a lot about these issues. I support this.

VII. Officer Reports

- a. Derek
- b. Kyle
- c. Others

- i. Karly

1. We had so many ideas on the constitution that we decided to have an open forum on February 10th at 7pm. I hope that everyone will be there to represent what they feel.
2. Applications due on Friday.

- ii. Environmental Sustainability
 - 1. I have the pledges to recycle. Pick one up. There is a list of what you can recycle on campus in the senate office. You can submit a green fund proposal online.
- iii. CFO
 - 1. SUFAC Summit was very beneficial. We learned a lot about other school's budgeting process. We are going to work on a website; we can use Platteville's as a model.
 - 2. I went to the open forum for the student tech fees. They were really interested in what students thought. If you have any suggestions you can talk to me.
- iv. Gender Issues
 - 1. Vagina Monologues were on Tuesday and Monday night. We have a really great turnout. We start rehearsing on Monday.
- v. City Affairs
 - 1. Primaries February 17th.
 - 2. MTU Board meeting. Talked about a circulator running from here to WTC to downtown and back.

VIII. RHAC Report

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. I would be glad to help with the issues this semester. I would like to meet with everyone before spring break.

X. Committee Reports

- a. Joint Info Tech
 - i. They were very intrigued with how this university doesn't have central information technology.
- b. Mission Statement
 - i. Revamping our mission statement.
- c. Legislative Affairs
 - i. If you have any questions before the open forum come to my office hours or email me. Meeting set up for Tuesday 17th at 4pm in 342 CC.
- d. Apportionment
 - i. We did our second round of budget hearings. Next week we start deliberations.
- e. Gen Ed
 - i. We will start doing the video. Let me know if interested. We will start the interviews in about two weeks. If you have ideas of classrooms please let me know.
- f. Orgs Committee
 - i. New policy for movie copyrights.
- g. Motion to recess until 8:50pm
 - i. Kahl/Taylor
 - 1. Passed.

XI. New Business

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

- i. Decker/Schoonover
 - 1. Message from Jenn: she really wishes she could be here
- ii. Call to question
 - 1. Acclimation
 - a. Approved, contragts Jenn
- b. SA 0809-041: Resolution Appointing the Election Commission for 2009
 - i. Decker/Kahl
 - ii. Based on the comments made last week, I would like to move to strike Nic Nelson from the resolution
 - 1. Decker/Haase
 - a. I feel that to respect the objections raised last week we should vote on this.
 - b. If we strike him to we have to find someone else?
 - i. Yes
 - c. Jeff Allen would interested in serving
 - d. If Nik is struck then Jenn goes in and we have to find an alternate?
 - i. We still have to find an alternate, we would decide.
 - e. Could we amend the motion to substitute Allen's name on there?
 - i. Yes.
 - 2. We read over what the court found. One of the reasons the board chose Nelson is because he had good ideas for the bylaws. If anyone is going to be more cautious about following things to a t it would be Nik. I oppose this amendment
 - 3. I oppose this amendment because the reasons we have heard aren't good enough. The student court found that he did violate a rule, but his judgment was just. He is the only person that brings experience to this team. If you are upset with how he ran it, don't elect him as the chair.
 - 4. I think one of the purposes of bringing this about was to know if someone did feel uncomfortable, there is an alternative.
 - 5. Call to question
 - a. Division
 - i. Roll call
 - 1. Fails 5:15:5
 - iii. They are all willing to serve. Call to question
 - 1. Passes, one abstention

XII. Discussion

- a. SA 0809-042: Resolution Granting Organizational Status to Computer Science Club
 - i. Motion to package and open A and C
 - 1. Klotz/Wolf
 - a. Acclimation
 - i. Passes

2. Discussion
 - a. we have gone through the right protocol
 - i. Motion to close discussion
 1. Klotz/Syafitri
 - a. Passes
 - b. SA 0809-043: Resolution Recommending the Allocation of Campus Community Enrichment Fund Dollars to Academic Initiatives
 - i. Thiel/Klotz
 1. There is a lot of information and support. They want to be able to cover a gap because it didn't go through the board of regents. With the proposal was the violence prevention office. The allocating will be the responsibility of the committee.
 2. I came to you because we need to get the VPO funded. It is something we want for our student body. This appears to be the best way to do it. I gathered information from administrators and other. The numbers are pretty supportive of funding this.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. There were other things that we were going to fund through this proposal, is there still action to fund those things?
 - a. The oversight committee is still working on the numbers. I can tell you that the first priority was the VPO.
 2. We supported the VPO before; it is obvious that the campus does support the office. If you are against this speak out so we know why.
 3. The people I have talked to support this. We have a representative on the Pepsi fund committee so they will have our support.
 4. How much reserve do we have in the fund?
 - a. Currently it is \$70,000 per year, we have 2 years built up plus interest.
 5. Originally the enrichment was supposed to be funding accessibility, etc. will this continue to be funded?
 - a. The funds have been building up and there hasn't been a use funded. The three areas are sustainability, campus climate, and accessibility. Campus Climate receives over \$170,000 and we support part of the disability position with this. Since the campus enrichment fund was established, we have since established the sustainability reserve.
 6. If we have any money we should spend it wisely. I am in support of this.
 7. It seems to me that the real drive of this resolution is to save the VPO. Right now we are going through a fiscal crises. There are all sorts of things that are vital that we are cutting right now. the VPO is important, but there are all sorts of resources

in this town. If I have to choose between the library and the VPO then I would choose the library. I think we are setting up a dangerous crises here. Instead of tightening our belts we spend the reserve. Is this intended to be a one time allocation?

- a. Yes, it is a one time allocation.
8. I know I sound like the cranky white male. I was a victim of sexual assault my first time in college. I know how awful it can be. I just think that in a time when we are fighting to provide basic things to our students, certain idealistic things need to go by wayside.
9. I think that is a really good point too. Only \$50,000 would be going to the VPO. There are a lot of other things that are going to be funded that are in the academic realm of things. The only reason we are emphasizing the VPO is because there is a lot of outcry for it. There were some problems with the Pepsi committee, what is going on with that?
 - a. I spoke with Gow on Monday; he was a little reluctant to let this go through without going through the proper channels. They haven't met yet. There was confusion on who was supposed to convene it yet. Gow asked Kyle and Derek to convene the committee.
10. The thought and the intention behind this is saying that as a student body we see this need as very important. We are looking at a time line of 16 days. We are trying to go through what channels we can. We cover two out of the three areas there. We would be leaving any where between 10 to \$20,000 in the reserve. This is a one time allocation, it is only meant to bridge the gap. This time next year we will be proposing in front of the board of regents. The first thing we are here for is an education. If you don't feel safe on campus then you can learn. This is to offer a resource for students. This falls under academic initiatives. We want the VPO to continue at the capacity that it has been. This is the last option. It is all about student safety. I don't want it to come down to cuts.
11. How much would the position cost?
 - a. \$54,000
12. That is only a small portion of this, what I can't agree with is the \$200,000 allocation with this money. I think that is irresponsible. What would you have done if this money wasn't here? I have no problem with the VPO, but \$200,000 does not sit well with me. Academic Advising doesn't fall under the enrichment fund.
13. If we give them \$54,000 they don't have to use it for the VPO. If we give them the money they can use it for accessibility. If we give them the money they get to allocate it however they want.

14. Were there any other steps taken to find the money? What are the future steps? If this does pass then what about next year?
 - a. Since we found out that there was a halt on all differential tuition, I worked until Jan 9th appealing the board of regents. In terms of the future, the plan is it is only a one year gap. The thought was that the dollars were there and it would be back before the board of regents next year. There has been discussion since last spring about consolidating channels of money.
15. I want to stress the importance of having the VPO. I think it is unfair to compare one's experience with another, it affects people differently. It is hard enough people to come out and talk about it. There are other resources but they are far away. I have good faith with this money; I don't think there is a bunch of stupids that are going to waste it. The effect of the VPO is more than the library.
16. When we were given the Pepsi money, Gow emphasized that he really wanted us to use the money for something important. He didn't want it to get chipped away here and there. I think this is perfect for the Pepsi money. We as students are saying we are going to use this money for something big. Even if this ended up being something they wanted us to use to fund VPO all the time, I wouldn't be opposed to it. it fits in line with what the intent of the money was.
17. The allocation of the dollars doesn't have to go to those three areas; it is up to the students. We aren't accountable to system or to board of regents, it is up to us. There is a portion of the proposal that is going to the library. Student safety is a huge thing, plus it has previously been funded through academic initiatives before, whereas the library has not.
18. I understand that this is a one time allocation. If we go to system next year and they again turn down our request, what then? Are we going to continue to do this?
 - a. Administration said it shouldn't be a problem next year. They wanted to get a grasp on this financial before they heard the proposals this year. The plan is for us to come back and it shouldn't be an issue next year. the VPO is under the understanding that it is for one year. Seeing that they have quadrupled in the last year with the number of students served, we didn't want to inhibit that.
19. Last year we gave \$750,000 out of the REC reserve for the stadium. By depleting the reserve over there, we will have to increase the fees for the REC. this continual sloshing around of money is going to bite us in the end. Not everyone on campus is in favor of this. Don't feel like you have to support this. By

moving these funds around we are postponing our decisions in the years to come.

20. What's the difference between what Counseling and Testing does and what VPO does?
 - a. VPO is there and open and inviting, rather than a victim having to seek out a source. If a victim has to do that, they won't get help. People don't report sexual assault. This office has done some incredible things. That is why the numbers went from 8, to 16, to 40. a victim go to campus police or counseling for support, but with Ingrid she will walk them through what they can do legally, she is there for emotional support, etc. she is all encompassing.
 - b. It is based on the level of training. Counseling and testing is already under in terms of student to counselor ratio.
 - c. Counseling and testing is remedial, fix the problem. VPO is advocacy and helping the person find the resources.
 - d. Counseling and testing is closely related to your classrooms.
21. If this doesn't pass then I think we should look into training our counselors better. I don't know if we necessarily need these two different offices.
22. Why is the grant not being renewed?
 - a. Everyone was really surprised because the VPO is so successful. The reason is because money is so tight everywhere.
23. It is very important for international students. This office adds a nice plus in looking at which school to go to.
24. I think we should take this moment to cut budgets. I think we need to take this moment to cut the fat; we need a critical review of what can and can't stay. It is worth while to keep, but what can we cut out?
25. It seems like we are just increasing programs, our solution is throwing money at problems. A recession doesn't last for a fiscal year; a state doesn't have a budget shortfall once. It is wrong to think we won't have a problem next year. It is a very slippery slope.
26. I don't care how much money has to go this. I wouldn't care if it was more money. This isn't something that has a quantitative value. We are talking about human lives. We have to deal with this; we have to set aside some kind of money. We can't say that it is too much money. It is not about the money.
27. The grant that they received money from, it was not renewed. As we found out more about it, it seemed like this type of grant

was not renewed by any groups. The plan was it would be picked up. They are already combining the counseling center with the health center, financially. In terms of trimming down elsewhere, they don't have room to fatten up. They have been eating what they have to to survive for a while. The idea of the learning center, it didn't go through. The oversight committee will decide.

28. The Pepsi money is a fund of money that hasn't been used for anything, this is our money. This is something that we need. Some people say that they can go to counseling and testing, but they haven't. People could have gone there, but they didn't. You have gotten emails from students and you are their representatives. It is embarrassing that we have to fight to keep this office open. This is the student's money; this is what they want to use it on. You are their representatives.
 29. The library can't cut on staff right now. I don't know if that should be as much of an issue right now.
 30. For SAPA our number one priority is accessibility which is why support the money going to Academic Initiatives. The Pepsi fund money would be perfect for this.
 31. Our primary job here is to learn, not just to feel safe. What is in the best interest of the students is education. If we can't maintain a budget, then that is not in the best interest of the students. Why wasn't this thought of when they got the grant? They make promises and then they pull back. Move to exhaust the speakers list.
 - a. Decker/Herro
 - i. Passed, 2 abstentions
 32. I am all for the VPO. This woman's story was very powerful, but I think that with the counseling and testing center, I wonder if they were to do some PR saying what they do and the services they offer. People don't know about the counseling and testing center. I think they would go to them if they knew.
- c. SA 0809-039: Resolution Approving the Environmental Sustainability Director
- i. Klotz/Taylor
 - ii. Discussion
 1. The funding is being allocated differently to pay for this.
 2. The money that we are using to pay for this, wasn't it from cutting other positions?
 - a. yes
 3. Are we allowed to pay someone that aren't in the constitution?
 - a. We do now.
 - b. Last year's resolution was not to pay them in the fall but to pay them in the spring. If it was agreed upon then

it is legal. The constitution shouldn't say what the positions are and if they get paid.

4. As passed May 7th 2008, it is in the board of director bylaws that the position is a member.
5. Motion to close discussion
 - a. Klotz/Thiel
 - i. Acclimation
 1. Discussion closed.

d. Per Diem

- i. Klotz/Turner
 1. This is a resolution to change the per diem amounts, it has been approved by Apportionment.
 2. Clarification on the apportionment bylaws given by CFO.
 3. Additional clarifications given for the funding sources and what state rates entail.
 4. Discussion closed by acclimation

XIII. Announcements

- a. Leg con applications due this Friday.
- b. Gymnastics on Friday
- c. Feb 20th is college night at the slopes. Bus out to Mt La Crosse, you can go skiing or snowboarding for the night. Gaelic Storm is that night too.
- d. Orientation position assistant position is reopened. It is for this summer. It is a good experience. Applications due on Monday.
- e. Relay for Life this weekend. Modern Antiques will be there. Lots of games, silent auction.
- f. Spring concert will be Augustana. Tickets go on sale march 5th.
- g. BSU reflections this Saturday at 5:30 in Valhalla. Tickets are free for students.
- h. Open forum for constitution
- i. February 17th go vote in the primary. You have no excuse.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Kahl/Herro
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 pm

