



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE  
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**Student Senate Agenda**

Date: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:02 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Ruplinger/Turtenwald
    - i. Agenda approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Klotz/Vang
    - i. Minutes approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
  - a. Eric Schmidt – Candidate for 5<sup>th</sup> La Crosse City County District
    - i. Thanks for having me tonight I know campaigns can get pretty long. Despite what O'Hare might have told you I am not Creed's number one fan. I want to share with you my passion for city issues. We have always complained about tickets and rent, but the answers have not always been the first concern for the city. It is time to fix the problems that exist. I will utilize the advantages we have in this district. The city sees us as students that only live here for a limited amount of time. We should focus on the innovations that students bring. This is a place where ideas can be here in the utmost in there quality. We need a student in this position. We need someone that will be here. I know the issues, I am from Sparta. I want to push my knowledge on these issues. I have been going to meetings since November. I think we are on a different front today. We hear candidates that talk about taxes. We need fresh ideas. I want you to push the rent prices farther than your senate positions. I am not asking for you to vote for me, I am asking you to vote for your districts. I am asking you to vote for La Crosse.
  - b. Sonya Newenhouse – founder of Community Car in Madison
    - i. Introduction by Jeremy Gragert: there are a lot of questions about the car sharing program. I invited Sonya to speak on that and Tim is the city planner and he has been involved in the specifics of this.
    - ii. I am a grad of UW Madison. I got my graduate in environmental studies. This started in Madison in 2003. Everything is online with technology. Driving less is the most effective way to reduce pollution. I am personally motivated by global warming. We can make an

impact. For every mile you drive you emit one pound of CO2. Car share organizations are the missing link to your transportation options. You would go to the community car website; you would get half off on the application. Once you are a member then you can reserve the car. You reserve it online. You can rent the car by every fifteen minute increment. There is a one hour minimum. When you swipe your card on the car it alerts the company. It starts the car. It is tied to the reservation system and the billing system. You pay by credit card by the miles you drive. You aren't locked in to any program. Our rates range from \$9.75 to \$9.25 an hour. That includes the insurance and gas. You have to have a good driving record. In Madison we have grown and we partnered with organizations to have a win win situation. The idea is after three to five years it should be self sustaining. After the commitment is over it is an investment in forever. Faculty, staff, and students use the car in Madison. Mostly students use it for grocery shopping. In Madison 40% of the members are students. The first reason people join is to save money. The car is the second most expensive thing you own in your budget. When you graduate from here, where do you want to spend your money? 57% of the members avoid the purchase of a car. In Madison we foster community spirit. We have picnics and parties just to have some fun.

iii. Discussion

1. Would there be a certain place where the cars would be dropped off and picked up.
  - a. Each car has its own home spot. In La Crosse hopefully we would have 3 to 5 locations.
2. Is a speeding ticket ok?
  - a. I think it is no more than 2 moving violations in two years and of course no drunk driving.
3. How does this usually increase bus usage?
  - a. I find car pool rides and I really think about how I am going to get around because using the car still costs money. So if I don't want to spend \$8 an hour then it forces me to really think about how I am going to get around.
4. if I were to become a member do I have to pay upfront?
  - a. We have different payment plans. The \$7.50 is the cheapest rate. To have the simple hourly rate we are going to do a \$35 a year charge. You don't have to pay upfront. Some people might only use it once a month so they don't want a pre payment.
5. If I had to fill up when I use the car, do I have to pay for that?
  - a. About every fifth time people have to fill up the car. There is a credit card in the glove box. This system is based on trust, and believe me no one cheats.
6. So this is based on trust?

- a. Yes, I love people.
- 7. Who cleans the vehicles?
  - a. The cars are cleaned every two weeks. We have a 24/7 call center and live staff member. You will always be able to reach someone live.
- 8. When do you get new cars?
  - a. We try to keep the cars as long as possible. We have to have nice enough cars. Most of our cars are under two years old. We can trade cars if the one you got doesn't work for you. We are very flexible. We are also very transparent.
  - b. We pick cars based on their gas mileage and environmental factors.
- 9. Is there is a certain condition where you wont take them as a member? What about international students?
  - a. We have so many international student members. You don't need your social security number, you need a credit card. Age is 19. We do need your record from you home country.
- 10. Do these have a GPS?
  - a. They have a capacity to, but it would be an extra cost.
- iv. I am so impressed with you all. I am honored to be among you.
- c. Tim Kabat – City Planner for City of La Crosse for Car Share Program
  - i. Thank you for the opportunity. I just want to be here to answer questions. The city of La Crosse is a supporter of the program. We are looking for other partners. UWL would be a great partner for this program. We are trying to understand from an institutional and geographical standpoint what would make the most sense for locations fro this program. Some of you may know that we are working to study the bus system to improve the frequency of service and maybe implement a campus circulator. This is the missing link, like Sonya said. You wouldn't need to have a car; you could have a car only when you need it. We are continuing to talk with the partners. Sonya will be back to talk to WTC in April. Our goal is to try to get 4 or 5 partners to try to get as many cars. We want to locate those strategically.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. If this takes off, how long would it be before we could get another car on campus?
      - a. In Madison I believe it was three years for the business to get the cash flow to expand. I think that if we are able to get some strong partnerships I could see a period of time of 3 to 4 years to expand and get more cars. The initial goal is to get the cars used. We need to make sure we get the word out and get people to use them because that would define whether or not it grows.
    - 2. Do you anticipate other private companies joining?

- a. Any business out there that sees this as a potential way to be an entrepreneur and make money, the city would support that. We are looking to try to do some city funding through our block grant program because we do see this as a benefit to the city. Ultimately it is the idea of providing the missing link to the transportation network.
- 3. Have you talked to Franciscan Skemp?
  - a. We have not had conversations with them yet. There is a group of staff and our next round of people to talk with includes Viterbo and Franciscan Skemp.

## VII. Officer Reports

### a. Derek

- i. The joint finance committee meeting was a thrilling way to spend a day of our spring break. We sat in the same chair for 7 or 8 hours. It was interesting to see the committee grill different people coming in. I did want to articulate that the UW System is really concerned about the budget. But the interesting thing is that the way students are going about it and what students want to see changes is very different from what System is concerned with. We might not be necessarily working in tandem with them.
- ii. I got the faculty senate agenda and the D2L issue is on there. To get Joe Hymen on board with this is awesome. He is very interested in it and he wants to take it to faculty. He wants to write a letter to encourage faculty. I thank you all for your support.
- iii. Leg Con was an awesome trip. We represented well. We marched to the capital and made our spin on the chants.
- iv. We should all have our eyes on the CBS March Madness bracket. John O'Hare is currently in the lead.
- v. I encourage everyone to maintain the highest level of respect as the elections go on.

### b. Kyle

- i. Our president and vice president elections are underway. Please make sure that your paperwork is in. please look for candidates; I am sure there are lots of students that are looking for this opportunity.
- ii. A lot of people on the committee realize the problems with the auxiliary sweep.
- iii. I won't be here next week.

### c. Others

- i. City Affairs
  - 1. We have sign ups for tabling next week.
- ii. Environmental
  - 1. Trowbridge won the energy challenge
  - 2. for the water heater we are coming up with something to bring to the committee next week.
- iii. Leg Issues

1. We outlasted a lot of the students at the joint finance committee meeting. We got a shout out from Jennifer Shilling. The letters that a lot of you signed on to were sent out. Colleen Thomas said we were making a stink; I take that as a good thing.
  2. I think everyone got a lot out of Leg Con, we all went to different workshops. We experienced a lot while we were there. I went to a session on different state's issues with the budget. We don't have it that bad. Arizona has a 40% cut. We are pretty lucky to be engaged with our legislators. We got to meet with Ron Kind yesterday. We lobbied on the Dream Act. It's going to be reintroduced to Congress this week; it offers undocumented students a path to citizenship and offers in state tuition. Larry has written up a few questions that we will answer and we will put it up on the website so you can take a look at it.
- iv. Shared Gov
1. Went to Madison on Tuesday, there were some pretty fascinating statistics on the budget. One of the big reasons why people don't come to WI or stay in WI is because places like Saint Paul draws a lot of young people, and Milwaukee doesn't. I met with some legislators, I recommend people doing that. Remind them that you are from there district and get it on their radar. They were quite interested in what I had to say.

#### VIII. RHAC Report

- a. Tunnel of Oppression is this weekend. It is an interactive diversity program with a rap up session afterwards.
- b. RHAC holding a blood drive next month.

#### IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Jeremy
  - i. Sign up sheets for one on ones
  - ii. If anyone has further questions for Sonya she said I could call her so let me know if there is anything that comes up.
  - iii. Congrats to Jen and thank you for Leg Con.
- b. Larry
  - i. Welcome back. Next couple of weeks are going to be very busy. Stick to it.
- c. Paula
  - i. It has been very impressive in watching you all make a difference. Your voice is incredibly powerful when you do it together. Early today we had a conversation about the impact that you all are having in Madison, keep it up.

#### X. Committee Reports

- a. Leg Affairs

- i. Passed the constitution and halfway through the senate by laws.  
Maybe we will get it done this week.
- b. Student Services and Buildings
  - i. We have a meeting on Monday
- c. Election Commission
  - i. President and vice presidents papers were due yesterday. Any senators that want to run make sure you are not campaigning before you papers are turned in, I will catch you.
- d. Student Tech Fee
  - i. We are voting on the fee next week. We were going to have an open forum but I don't think we would get a good turn out.
- e. Academic Affairs
  - i. If you are on the committee and haven't been coming please come. We have a number of commencement speaker applications. There were four different speeches that when I copied them they didn't come out complete, please come and get them.
- f. Apportionment
  - i. Reviewing one shot documents. We will present them next week.
- g. Mission Statement
  - i. Encourage to fill out the email from the provost. It is on four possible mission statements. There has been a lot of support but I hope that students are represented on the final decision.

#### XI. New Business

- a. SA 0809-052: Resolution Granting Permission for use of Recreational Eagle Center for Use for Relay for Life.
  - i. Ruplinger/Jimenez
    - 1. For Friday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. It would be all night. Starts at 1pm on Friday and ends that Saturday morning.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. Call to question
      - a. Passed
- b. Approval of Spring 2009 CCEF Requests
  - i. Wallace/Schoonover
    - 1. We went over everything last week and it was very helpful to have Sonya come in and answer some questions.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. I am not sure if the carshare program will be very applicable for students since you have to have a 3.0. We should focus on something like the solar hot water heaters.
    - 2. I don't feel like we should be making our decision based on what might come in, I think we should make our decision based on what is on the floor right now. The carshare program is a really great thing and it could help solve some of the parking issues on campus. for a lot of students they have to have internships and for a lot of students getting there is an issue and they have to bring their cars.

3. Call to question  
 a. Passed 26:4:2

SENATORS	College/Org.	ROLL CALL VOTE Spring 2009 CCEF Requests		
		YES	NO	ABSTENTIONS
Barquero	CBA	X		
Blazek	CLS	X		
Brown	BSU	X		
Decker	RASO	X		
DeVries	RHAC			X
Gietman	SAH	X		
Haase	CBA			X
Hall	NASA		X	
Hastings	Rainbow Unity			
Hayes	Off - Campus	X		
Her	ASO			
Herro	CBA	X		
Hougen	SAH	X		
Jimenez	LASO		X	
Kahl	Greek Senator	X		
Klotz	Athletics Council	X		
Knutson	SAH	X		
Lauderdale	SOE		X	
LeFevre	At-Large	X		
Nguyen	ISO			
Palmer	SAH	X		
Ruplinger	At-Large	X		
Schmidt	Freshman		X	
Schoonover	SAPA	X		
Shervey	CLS	X		
Sweeny	GSO			
Syafitri	CBA	X		
Taylor	Arts & Comm	X		
Thiel	Off - Campus	X		
Turner	SOE	X		
Turtenwald	Arts & Comm	X		
Urbas	RHAC	X		
Vang	HOPE	X		
VanWyk	Freshman	X		
Wallace	SAH	X		
Wolf	At-Large	X		

Present	26	4	2
Total	32		

## XII. Discussion

### a. SA 0809-054: Resolution on Medical Amnesty Policy

#### i. Decker/Turner

1. The medical amnesty ad hoc committee revamped the resolution and we came up with a template medical amnesty protocol. We decided to make it a protocol because a policy would be tricky to do. We hope to set some guidelines and set precedent for how we deal with the emergencies.
2. This section is the preamble. It explains why we feel the need for the protocol. We want to remove as many barriers as possible to increase the likelihood that students would call for help when they need medical assistance.
3. The qualifications are requirements are the students must obtain medical attention. They must be taken to the hospital and seen by a doctor. After that they must meet with an individual from the campus. That person would use their discretion for any other requirements that they student would have to meet.
4. The students would qualify for amnesty if the person that they called for met the requirements.
5. If these conditions are met by the student needing the assistance or by the student calling for assistance, then formal academic misconduct will not be charged. It will always be at the discretion of the office of student life.
6. This only covers alcohol or drug related emergency, not for any other situations.

#### ii. Question and Answer

1. Have there been instances in the past, or are you trying to pass this to try to prevent it?
  - a. Anecdotal evidence is all we have. From talking to people this is something that happens once in a while, but it is important to do this for preventative reasons as well.
  - b. The faculty and staff members on the committee thought this was pretty important.
2. How much time is there for students to receive assistance?
  - a. That would be determined by the people writing the protocol if this is passed by senate.
3. Do students have to show proof that they needed the emergency, how can we make sure students don't misuse this?
  - a. I don't think students would put themselves in the situation to abuse this. You would be willingly putting

yourself in the emergency situation. And it is up to the office of student life.

4. Would there be a way to appeal the decision?
  - a. We haven't talked about that.
  - b. I guess we were hoping that wouldn't arise because we have good faith in the people in student life.
5. Would this go out to La Crosse police or just campus police?
  - a. So far it is just campus police, though we would like to enact this in the city. It will take many more steps to do that.
  - b. In other communities that have done this it started on the campus and grew from there. It is a general understanding that it is not a good idea to prosecute people that are calling for help. If it is a good idea to expand it then maybe the community will jump on board.
6. Because we are enacting a policy of our own, will this affect other campuses?
  - a. It is not a policy, it is a protocol.
  - b. This would only apply to UWL students. So if a Stout student was here they would not be able to qualify.
7. How do you plan to publicize this?
  - a. I am hoping that this would be included in handbooks, maybe the list of policy and protocols maintained by the office of student life, maybe it could be included in freshman orientation.
  - b. It could be included in the already in place educational programs on campus.
8. Doesn't this mean that you need access to medical records?
  - a. We put trust in the students.
  - b. I don't see any student calling the hospital if you didn't need it.
9. Would the person have to give the university consent to look at the records?
  - a. I don't think there would have to be any communication with the hospital at all. All the office of the student life is that they were taken away in a hospital.
  - b. We contacted other schools and they reported to us that they have not had any instances that students were trying to abuse this.
  - c. We contacted other police, health education people, etc, and consistently they said this was not abused. In Ohio 90% to 92% of students reported they would not call for medical emergency so that they would not get in trouble.

10. Does this cover just the person who is sick or does it cover the bystander as well?
  - a. If someone called the police or the ambulance for help then I suppose the other people would leave.
  - b. Knowing there was a medical emergency I think they would prioritize that rather than giving underage tickets.
  - c. The template protocol doesn't say that it necessarily has to be only one person helping would receive the amnesty.
11. Would this only be on campus?
  - a. It would be where ever campus police have jurisdiction, which means on campus.
12. Who will have the final say about this?
  - a. It would have to go through administration in order to become an active protocol. The faculty on the committee said they were very determined if this passed to keep seeing it through.
13. Is this just a recommendation to them?
  - a. It is a practice not a policy.
14. So it is just something that we hope would continue in the future?
  - a. We are trying to make the statement that it is ok to call for help. I think this just allows us to say that we are willing to help.
15. Would this be something that students would go to the RA?
  - a. I hope the first call would be to 911.
16. If you call the police, won't they give you a city ticket?
  - a. We haven't thought about that.
  - b. That would add a whole different wrinkle to the situation, we could look into that.
  - c. What we can do is enact this to make sure that the university isn't punishing them, and then maybe the city will jump on board.
17. Will you talk about how other schools have implanted the program?
  - a. Most schools that we talked we talked to were very excited about it. I would like to make a video about it so we can have an educational component to this. no schools reported that it was problematic or being abused. People are going to fake a medical emergency in order to get out of a drinking ticket.
  - b. In the Cornell study there weren't a whole lot of students who used it. They also found that the perceived barrier was far less. That is what is important, not how many students are using this.

- c. Even if someone lies about it, who cares? If it saves lives, it is worth it. they still have to go through a class.
  - d. When the ambulance is called, are the campus police notified?
    - i. Yes, if an ambulance is coming to the campus the university police are instantly notified and they are the ones that would issue the ticket.
18. What if the person that is sick refuses to go to the hospital?
- a. I assume that the student calling for help would qualify for medical amnesty. The good thing is it is always up to the discretion of the office.
  - b. If you are unable to give consent then you are also unable to give consent, so you are going to go.
19. I agree with this and I know there a lot of students on campus that agree with this.
20. I like this idea to relieve the pressure off the people who call for help. How far reaching is the amnesty concerning the drugs?
- a. As far as the punishment that the university itself can inflict is universal. They cant levy charges according to the state laws. They are pretty much uniform, there aren't a wide scope of punishments that the university can use.
21. Does this protect the caller?
- a. Yes
22. If the student had already gotten a drinking ticket or two, does this affect this? What if the student had already gotten a ticket earlier that night?
- a. Medical amnesty wouldn't apply to something that happened before you were in need of the medical attention.
  - b. You can get more than one ticket in one night.
23. We have these people here right now to answer questions about the protocol, they are not police experts. This is a discussion that needs to take place outside of this.
24. Does this cover off campus incidents?
- a. It would be city police then.
  - b. Action on the university's part is still discretionary. It wouldn't be a secondary punishment.
25. Will students be made aware of the protocol at the instance?
- a. I would assume so.
26. What if medical intervention can be done by an RA or campus police and they didn't have to go to the hospital?
- a. It would be a special circumstance.
  - b. RA's aren't allowed to touch students.

27. Are city police allowed in the dorms? I have a friend who got ticketed by city police in the dorms.
  - a. City police is not allowed in unless they are asked by the campus police.

iii. Discussion

1. Don't get side tracked by "what if" comments, let's focus on the protocol.
2. No matter who comes, or if the ambulance comes or not, the protocol would still apply on campus.
3. Thanks to those on the committee. When we looked at this last December there were a lot of questions. You guys really did your homework. I will be in favor of this.
4. I am in favor of this. I like what I see. Saving lives is more important than obeying rules. This is something we could do. Student court, student life, residence life would all work together. The way I see it is that you have to be near death to apply for this, I don't think anyone would do this on purpose. Near death experience is a harsh enough punishment already. I don't really see any abuse in this. There are a lot of hypothetical questions, but this about the protocol.
5. Thanks to the committee, you put a lot of hard work in this and it shows. When this first came up in December I was against this but you have addressed a lot of issues and I am in support of this. we can take care of the finer details later. We can put our voice into this and make this resolution what we want.
6. This hits me on a personal note. I was the bystander on this. I had to decide how drunk is too drunk? I had to make the decision on whether or not to get him help. I did call and I am glad I did it. It was tough because I had to leave so that I wouldn't get in trouble. The RA told me to. I wanted to stay because that was my friend, but I had to leave. What are our priorities? Ticketing people or saving lives?
7. I will be voting in favor. The details in this are up to the office of student life.
8. I would love to see this paired with education. I think that would help prevent having to use it.
9. I think it is awesome that we have people like Matt Vogel and my coach Sarah Burton. I think there is a negative relationship between the cops and the students, I think this would be a good way to work toward healing that relationship. I think parents sending their freshman off to school would feel better knowing we have this in place.
10. this is a poster child for why I think all resolutions should go to committee. I want to commend the committee for what they have done. As a medical worker I agree with this. but I also

hope that as a culture we move away from this abuse of alcohol.

11. Motion to close discussion

- a. Wolf/Syafitri/LeFevre

XIII. Announcements

- a. Indoor triathlon at the REC April 19<sup>th</sup>. It's for any skill level. You can take breaks. If you can't run for 15 minutes you can walk. It is \$20 for students.
- b. April 15<sup>th</sup> the Childcare Center wants to have a walk through with senate.
- c. HOPE is having a folktales session in Hmong and in English
- d. Next Saturday is the International Banquet. Tickets are \$9. I think they will be sold out by the end of this week.
- e. The average student GPA is 3.14, so the average student at UWL can use the carshare program
- f. Thursday softball plays Viterbo at 3pm.
- g. Vagina Monologues are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity.
- h. Debate next week. Vote April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- i. April 8<sup>th</sup> there is a cadaver memorial service. 7pm on Wednesday to thank the cadavers for giving their bodies to Sunday
- j. Powwow this Friday and Saturday in Mitchell Hall

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Klotz/Herro
  - i. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm



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SENATORS		College/Org.	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL 2	ROLE CALL 3	ROLE CALL 4
Barquero	Ulisses	CBA	x			
Blazek	Kelliann	CLS	x			
Brown	Micha	BSU	x			
Decker	Rourke	RASO	x			
DeVries	Jon	RHAC	x			
Gietman	Jake	SAH	x			
Haase	Chelsea	CBA	x			
Hall	Palmer	NASA	x			
Hastings	JennieLynn	Rainbow Unity				
Hayes	Laura	Off - Campus	x			
Her	Dorothy	ASO				
Herro	Nick	CBA	x			
Hougen	Carly	SAH	x			
Jimenez	Sergio	LASO	x			
Kahl	Erik	Greek Senator	x			
Klotz	Melissa	Athletics Council	x			
Knutson	Megan	SAH	x			
Lauderdale	Laura	SOE	x			
LeFevre	Kevin	At-Large	x			
Nguyen	Anh	ISO				
Palmer	Andrea	SAH	x			
Ruplinger	Missy	At-Large	x			
Schmidt	Eric	Freshman	x			
Schoonover	Sara	SAPA	x			
Shervey	Ryan	CLS	x			
Sweeny	Bonnie	GSO				
Syafitri	Sonia	CBA	x			
Taylor	DeAndre	Arts & Comm	x			
Thiel	Chuck	Off - Campus	x			
Turner	Sarah	SOE	x			
Turtenwald	Andrea	Arts & Comm	x			
Urbas	Cate	RHAC	x			
Vang	Baobai	HOPE	x			
VanWyk	Katie	Freshman	x			
Wallace	Karly	SAH	x			
Wolf	Britten	At-Large	x			

<b>Present</b>		32	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		37	37	37	37
<b>Percent Present</b>		86%	0%	0%	0%