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Student Senate Agenda

Date: April 29th, 2009

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. DeVries/Turtenwald
 - i. Agenda approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Turner/Ruplinger
 - i. Minutes approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. Derek
 - i. Tomorrow is the constitution referendum. Please be proactive. Be do class raps and send out emails. It would be greatly appreciated.
 - ii. Immediately after this meeting we are chalking. Please do 10 or 15 minutes.
 - b. Kyle
 - i. Working on transitioning out. I feel like Bush moving to Crawford Texas.
 - c. Others
 - i. Environmental
 1. Tomorrow night 6pm in CC presenter coming to talk about mountain top removal mining. It is a particularly damaging form of coal mining and it is how we in La Crosse get our coal. Please come, especially if you are going to be a senator next year, it is going to be a big deal.
 - ii. Gender Issues
 1. The past couple of days I have been revamping the gender issues binder. It was useless before so I just updated it and added a couple of new sections. Hopefully that can set a precedent and I think it is a good tool for the next person.
 - iii. Leg Issues
 1. Front page of the Racquet has Veggies with the Leggies. Thank you to everyone who came. It was pretty interesting.
 - iv. Shared Gov

1. Congratulate Bruce Riley for his position as interim dean. Linda Menel, the chancellor from Stevens Point is going to resign at the end of the year. One of the state wide teachers unions voted in favor of using the star funds for the financial aid piece. The regents will be talking about the textbook rental. Only 2.3% of colleges have a textbook rental program.

VIII. RHAC Report

- a. Tomorrow is the last day for the blood drive. Tomorrow the new exec board is taking over for RHAC.

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Jeremy
 - i. Feel free to sign up if you have anything you would like to talk about this next week.
 - ii. I am going to do a tour of the composting in Whitney Center. if you want to come let me know. 11pm on Friday.

X. Committee Reports

- a. Athletics
 - i. Chancellors voted on the WIAC plan. The travel perimeter restrictions still exist. Indoor track championship was cut to one day. So we lost some things and won some things. It's better than it was.
- b. UC
 - i. Andi and I went to the GA and we were allowed to participate in the discussion. A lot of the comprehensives were against the structure of the board, but none of the amendments passed. In the end the restructuring plan did pass. After that nothing happened because UW Milwaukee left and broke quorum. They are working on a vote no campaign and if they get out UC might not exist.
 1. I don't appreciate when they do things like that and walk out of meetings. If you don't agree vote no.
- c. Orgs Committee
 - i. I will be bringing forth one or two orgs next week.
 1. Bills can't transfered from session to session.
 - a. It would be this year's orgs committee so it has to go through this senate.

XI. New Business

- a. SA 0809-064 Resolution Amending Article II, Section II, and Article III, Section II of the Board of Director By-Laws
 - i. Wallace/Ruplinger
 1. If you have problems with it, amend it.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Move to strike at "if no qualified candidate..." to "is qualified to fill the position". Also strike "for no longer than four meetings"
 - a. Herro/VanWyk
 - b. Discussion

- i. I thought we were all on the same page last week.
 - ii. To me it doesn't make sense not to have "if no qualified candidate can be found". Move to un-strike that.
 - 1. Klotz/Decker
 - 2. Call to question
 - a. Passed.
 - c. Call to question
 - i. Passed
- 2. Call to question
 - a. Passed 28:00

XII. Discussion

- a. Approval of Proposed Changes to Election By-Laws
 - i. Turtenwald/Lauderdale
 - 1. If you disagree I would like to know so that we can make changes to it. We took out the 4.221 in part A because I think it is implied. We no longer have 2 year seats in the new constitution so we took that out. The eligibility part makes it fit with the constitution. 4.42 added that the papers need to be turned into the office of student life. In 4.5 it is just a better definition of campaigning. 4.108 just says it has to be presented to senate to let them know what happened.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. I didn't notice a mandatory recount
 - a. I don't know how you do a mandatory recount with it being online.
 - 2. Can they identify a vote with a person's user name?
 - a. The election commission cannot but IT might be able to.
 - 3. The most they can do is get IP address and most students vote in the computer labs.
 - 4. With 4.21.1 does this mean that the election commission couldn't join a facebook group?
 - a. It is up to interpretation. When that idea was brought to me they specifically said facebook but in 10 years who knows what we will be using.
 - 5. My concern is I don't know what wrong things they can do on facebook. If an election commission member is on a group they can see if they are doing anything wrong.
 - 6. My only concern of not bringing it to senate is because of the two week process, senate could still take action on the election and I don't know how much time they would have to wait.
 - 7. It didn't go through leg affairs because we wouldn't have time and Chuck did a great job.

8. Perhaps one of the conditions for creating a facebook group is that it has to be in the election commission's account.
 9. We could amend it to say that the senate office is off limits for any personal campaigning or any other campaigning materials.
 - a. Maybe you could change the wording, I don't like the "off limits" wording.
 10. In 4.107 I need clarification on the 2/3 vote.
 - a. That was in there already I only changed that it needed to go through senate.
 11. The numbering system that is used is a little awkward. Maybe figure out a way to arrange clauses with parenthesis.
 12. What safe guard is there in place voting more than once?
 - a. I think it is the UWL anti hacking software.
 - b. I don't know if they can identify, and I don't know if that breaks laws either. So that is something we need to look into for next week.
 13. motion to close discussion
 - a. Herr/Shervy
 - i. Discussion closed.
- b. Approval of Proposed Changes to Student Senate By-Laws
- i. Wallace/Turtenwald
 1. We added a committee, the human diversity organization committee. Under membership we defined what the committee had come to us with. Otherwise it is self explanatory. There is a section here with an award that Kyle made up in Article 4, 112.
 - a. It is something that Derek and I have decided we are going to do. It is for someone in the La Crosse community who has been an advocate for us. It is meant for people to be nominated. This year it is going to Rusty Cunningham from the Tribune. It is something we wanted to institutionalize because we wanted to make sure it lasted from year to year.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. 4.206, can you clarify why the BOD needs to be a member of the senate?
 - a. It has been that way. They are resources for our senators, so we wanted to have them put into the bylaws so that they have a right to be here.
 2. How can the executive branch be a member of the legislative branch? I don't think anyone would ever question them being here.
 - a. They do give reports. I don't know what else to say.
 - b. If they weren't members some how, they would have to be in guest speakers.

3. I concur; I think they are guests of the senate. They aren't members of the senate. I think there is a way we can reword that.
4. If they don't vote, we have more power than they do. I don't see what the problem is. It says they don't vote.
5. When the president appoints justices, what does the vote of the senate need to be to approve?
 - a. I don't know
6. 4.207: based on how it is stated now, it says senators can be yielded to only for points of clarifications or information. So can they still speak if they are yielded to?
 - a. A senator can yield their time to anyone at anytime. It is essentially how it works now. If they have someone that they think is pertinent then this allows them to intervene.
7. 3.102: we would have to change our constitution right? To add any diversity seats?
 - a. Yes. Those who brought the proposal to me are aware of it.
8. What is the rationale for limiting discussion?
 - a. It was because there are times we go around in circles; we want people to be organized in their thought process. Some people get irritated. You could always suspend the rule and allow people to speak as much as they want.
 - b. You could always have another senator yield to you.
9. Make sure you look at this before next week. Motion to close discussion.
 - a. Klotz/Shervy
 - i. Discussion closed

XIII. Announcements

- a. We have system reps here on Friday, if you want to meet them we would love to have you at our meeting. If you would like to come to dinner we could make that happen.
- b. We could invite our friends to the facebook group for the referendum.
- c. Greek Life is going to be selling buttons for sexual assault awareness month. All the proceeds go towards the VPO.
- d. If you are interested in going to Board of Regents let us know today or tomorrow. We are trying to get things organized.
- e. This week is Greek Week and we have a Greek god and goddess competition tonight.
- f. Friday 7pm in Valhalla is the drag show.
- g. Happy Birthday Matt Groshek!
- h. The link to vote will be on theracquet.net
- i. We are still doing the Dream Act. Tomorrow we are meeting at 8pm in the diversity center. We are looking for volunteers to help us out.

j. HOPE culture night 7pm in Valhalla.
 XIV. Adjournment

- a. Wallace/Herro
 i. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

SENATORS		College/Org.	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL 2
Barquero	Ulisses	CBA		
Blazek	Kelliann	CLS	x	x
Brown	Micha	BSU		
Decker	Rourke	RASO	x	x
DeVries	Jon	RHAC	x	x
Gietman	Jake	SAH	x	x
Haase	Chelsea	CBA	x	x
Hall	Palmer	NASA		
Hastings	JennieLynn	Rainbow Unity		x
Hayes	Laura	Off - Campus	x	x
Her	Dorothy	ASO	x	x
Herro	Nick	CBA	x	x
Hougen	Carly	SAH	excused	
Jimenez	Sergio	LASO	x	x
Kahl	Erik	Greek Senator	x	x
Klotz	Melissa	Athletics Council	x	x
Knutson	Megan	SAH	x	x
Lauderdale	Laura	SOE	x	x
LeFevre	Kevin	At-Large	x	x
Nguyen	Anh	ISO		
Palmer	Andrea	SAH	x	x
Ruplinger	Missy	At-Large	x	x
Schmidt	Eric	Freshman		
Schoonover	Sara	SAPA	x	x
Shervey	Ryan	CLS	x	x
Sweeny	Bonnie	GSO		
Syafitri	Sonia	CBA	x	x
Taylor	DeAndre	Arts & Comm		x
Thiel	Chuck	Off - Campus	x	x
Turner	Sarah	SOE	x	x
Turtenwald	Andrea	Arts & Comm	x	x
Urbas	Cate	RHAC	x	x
Vang	Baobai	HOPE		
VanWyk	Katie	Freshman	x	x
Wallace	Karly	SAH	x	x
Wolf	Britten	At-Large	x	x
Present			26	28
Total			37	37
Percent Present			70%	76%