



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: May 6th, 2009

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:01 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Thiel/Taylor
 - i. Move to add SA:0809-065 approval of three new student orgs into new business.
 - ii. Agenda approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Turtenwald/Schoonover
 - i. Minutes approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - a. Presentation of the Student Association Higher Education Advocate of the Year Award: Derek Kockler, Kyle O'Brien, Nik Nelson, Chancellor Gow, Rusty Cunningham
 - i. There are supporters throughout the community who are advocates for higher education throughout the state. It is important that we have those advocates in the community to be the voice of reason. This award is to recognize those advocates of higher education outside of UWL.
 - ii. Mr. Rusty Cunningham has been a real friend to UWL students. He serves on the tri-campus community council and on the Racquet Advisory Board. I talked to K.J Lang and she said it is an honor to work with someone who puts higher education in every fiber of his work. He does what is best for students regardless of the backlash.
 - iii. For us to have access to someone like Rusty is tremendous. When we first encountered some financial problems he sat down with me to help out. When it comes to higher education and journalism, his dedication to us it truly tremendous. There is no one else in the community more deserving of this award.
 - iv. We first met one another when I was a candidate for this university. When you do these things they have a big committee. We just clicked. I ran into him later in the computer room. I felt very welcomed. The thing you probably don't realize, we have the best higher ed coverage I have ever seen anywhere. You keep higher ed right at the forefront.

- v. That is no exaggeration. Not only UWL but also Western and Viterbo. He comes and talks to the Racquet staff. To have someone of your stature and success to work with our students, I thank you so much for that. He is the guy that can usually say what I would like to say but cant. Thank you for all that you do for our students and our university.
- vi. There is not a journalism program here and yet there are students here that are passionate about that and passionate about UWL. The part of not behaving is something that I am really proud of. When it comes time to advocate for students in your community you don't have to behave. We don't talk enough about the good things you do in this community. I am proud of you for the way that you advocate. I don't like seeing people play politics with your education and your opportunities. Why wouldn't I advocate for you?

VII. Officer Reports

a. Derek

- i. I want to say thank you to everybody, especially with the directors. I really appreciate the time we spent working on the student association. It shows how much we care about students.
- ii. Talked to Kenny the custodian of the second floor and he was telling me how much he loved working here. He said the people that he gets to meet here and some of the greatest students he's ever meet. Thank you for being so courteous to everyone around us. There are a lot of other people who have contributed to our success in the last year. say thank you to them because they have played an intricate role in everything that has gone on.

b. Kyle

- i. It has been a privilege working with all of you this year. I have enjoyed every second of this. To the new individuals coming in, you are going to have a lot of fun. You really are an important part of this campus, take your roles seriously.

c. Others

- i. CFO
 - 1. Thanks for a great year. it was fun to get to know everyone
- ii. City Affairs
 - 1. I had a great year. I am glad for the new incoming person. Thank you for a great year, you have no idea
- iii. Environmental
 - 1. Congrats to Missy for replacing me. Make every day Earth Day.
- iv. PR
 - 1. Thanks for a great year. Looking forward to after senate, tonight.
- v. Shared Gov
 - 1. There are going to be more cuts, there is a bigger budget deficit. We have gotten by so far with being able to not cut a lot of positions, but it is going to get even more difficult. The

- 2. Thank you for a great year.
 - vi. Leg Issues
 - 1. There is a billion dollars more in deficit than we thought so the governor will be coming out with how this is going to affect us.
 - 2. Thank you to everyone who made this a good year.
- VIII. RHAC Report
- IX. Advisor Reports
 - a. Jeremy
 - i. I want to thank everyone for the wonderful time this year. I really enjoyed the experience. We don't know who the grad assistant is going to be, but next year I will be a constituent, so you will be hearing from me on that level. I was really impressed this year; I had never experienced an extremely competent student government before. Next year I will be working on environmental sustainability for Cartwright and Whitney Center. My office is likely going to be around here, feel free to drop by. My internship will be with alternative transportation. Thanks a lot for everything.
 - b. Larry
 - i. Congrats to all for a wonderful year. This was an excellent group. Senate keeps getting better every year. The bar keeps getting set higher, I expect that to continue. I am very proud of this group. Be safe this summer, get prepared for next year. Look on this year as a real success.
- X. Committee Reports
 - a. Athletics
 - i. Independent consultant who is going to be working with athletics. If you have any ideas, please get in touch with Kim Blum.
 - b. JP&B
 - i. We tentatively approved the positions that we want to higher for the next year. We are pretty much the only school that is hiring anyone one right now, so we have a lot of talent coming in.
- XI. New Business
 - a. Approval of Proposed Changes to Election By-Laws
 - i. Turtenwald/Turner
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Motion to amend the Election Bylaws in 4.553 so that under the already existing portion it will state except for those referenda campaigns for which the Senate has taken an official stance
 - a. Ruplinger/Schmidt
 - i. I think this is really relevant with the vote no campaign that we ran last year.
 - b. I think it is a good idea

- c. Would this limit any election material encouraging people to vote for national elections?
 - i. that is why I put “referenda”
 - d. move to add “personal campaigning”
 - i. that’s not in the theme of that amendment
 - e. move to amend “except for materials pertaining to the referendum campaigns”
 - i. Decker/Herro
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Call to question
 - a. Acclimation
 - b. Passed
 - f. Call to question
 - i. Passed
2. Move to add to parts 4.421 d and e: A student may campaign and file a petition for both a Student Senator position and an executive position. An executive position will consist of a Presidential or Vice Presidential position and will require separate petitions for both senatorial and executive positions. A student winning both an executive and senatorial position may choose which position they want to serve but must resign the other position at the same meeting they are appointed. A student may not serve in both an executive and senatorial position at the same time.
- a. Thiel/Decker
 - b. I don’t like how it says a student must resign at the same meeting they are appointed. Wouldn’t that mean the former position would go unfilled because aren’t you supposed to accept it at the phone call?
 - i. Then amend it.
 - c. Move to amend to say “must choose a single position upon notification of the results” and strike the final sentence.
 - i. Herro/Klotz
 - ii. Right now this doesn’t make sense the way it is. I think we should vote it down and rewrite it. I am going to vote no.
 - iii. I understand the concern; I think we should just vote this up and make that quick change. Can’t someone amend it to make sense?
 - 1. As long as the theme is not changed.
 - iv. Call to question
 - 1. Passes
 - v. I think it is ridiculous to say that if they can’t choose, why should we let them choose? We

would be limiting the candidate pool. I don't think the amendment has any place here.

- vi. The reason why you run for two positions is because you want to serve the SA. It may turn out that the voters don't want you as president or vice president but they do want you as a senator. It doesn't limit the voting pool. However in this case it makes sense to me that the second place person would be offered the senate seat. Move to amend section e to read "upon notification of the election results a student winning both executive and senatorial positions shall notify the election commission which position they wish to fill within 24 hours of notification.
 1. Decker/Schmidt
 2. How would the 24 hours of notification work out, would that be hindrance on the process?
 - a. We don't document the times. We would need to record that. It could be, but we could make it more strict.
 3. They notify them, but if they don't accept it, they have to call the next one. So is this going to leave them in limbo for a day?
 - a. Yes, if they don't choose one and they are thinking about it.
 4. What if the 24 hours passes?
 5. I don't like this amendment because I feel it creates too many problems, and we want to fix things.
 6. This amendment doesn't make sense because it states upon notification and then within 24 hours, so it is in contradiction of itself.
 7. I think there needs to be some provision. Maybe it should be academic days instead of hours.
 8. I would vote this amendment down because I think there are so many issues that we didn't think of before. I do like the idea of having to notify, but it lacks feasibility.
 9. Move to question

- a. Herro/Turtenwald
 - b. Passes 27:0:2
- 10. Division
 - a. Fails 13:14:2
- vii. I don't like this, I think it causes confusion.
- viii. I agree, there are other venues you can get involved in if you loose.
- ix. I disagree. I agree with the amendment.
- x. If we don't include this, does that mean that you can't run for two different things?
 - 1. I don't see why not, it is not in the bylaws that you can't.
- xi. I don't agree with having someone vote for more than one position. As a senator, I can vote for more than one senate seat. I am against this.
- xii. What's the process with the city?
 - 1. They fill out both sets of paperwork.
 - 2. There is an oath night where you have to decline or accept.
- xiii. The whole thing with the city you already voted down.
- xiv. We don't have to compare ourselves to other legislators. Move to add "not" into d and strike everything after that.
 - 1. Schmidt/Turtenwald
 - a. I think it is rude to against everything that this amendment was for.
 - 2. In the past this group has lost a lot of really great minds simply because they weren't able to run for both positions. I think that by preventing people from campaigning we are blocking a lot of people out.
 - 3. If those great minds really wanted to be involved they will find other ways to do that. There are a lot of other venues.
- xv. Why not give people the opportunity that are really passionate to do this? We haven't even given this amendment a chance to stand; now we are completely changing it with a hostile amendment.
 - 1. If a person decided to run for two positions, it is up to the voters. I t don't think we should assume if the can or

cannot do that. That is why we have elections.

2. call to question
 - a. Division
 - b. Fails 17:12:1

xvi. I am going to vote no.

xvii. This fixes the problem, I call to question

1. Objection.

xviii. Move to question

1. Hero/Wallace
 - a. Passes 28:2:0
2. roll call vote
 - a. Passes 19:11:0

UW-La Crosse Student Association 2008-2009				ROLL CALL VOTE 1		
SENATORS		College/Org.		YES	NO	ABSTENTIONS
Barquero	Ulisses	CBA				
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				
Hastings	JenniLynn	Rainbow Unity		X		
Hayes	Laura	Off - Campus		X		
Her	Dorothy	ASO				
Herro	Nick	CBA		X		
Hougen	Carly	SAH		X		
Jimenez	Sergio	LASO				
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		
Present			TOTALS	19	11	0
Total			Present	30		
			%YES	0.633333333		
Percent Present						
			Total Votes	30		

d. Move to amend to say: Candidates shall immediately disclose to the Election Commission all internet resources-to include personal webpage's, social networking sites, forums, chat rooms, and email lists-with which they publicize their campaign. The Election Commission shall, for the duration of the election period, open and maintain accounts on all sites so disclosed; and shall join and monitor, without partiality or favoritism, all online groups created by candidates for the purpose of campaigning.

i. Decker/Klotz

1. We have discussed the interest of maintaining election order. This year we had a web page created too soon, it was taken care of. All candidates should disclose what they are using to campaign to make sure that no wrong tactics are being used and to make sure people aren't campaigning early. It is debatable whether or not the election commission should be policing this.
2. This makes sure that everything going on is kosher.

ii. This seems unnecessary. It's campaigning. Do I also have to tell them how much I printed, etc.

- and it is unnecessary that they have to join the group to monitor it. I think it is ridiculous.
- iii. I don't think that the general student is going to make sure that the election commission member is a member of all groups.
 - iv. We are micromanaging it. I think the election commission should address these issues when the issue arises.
 - v. This creates more work. With some complaints that are brought up, it is taken upon the commission itself. I would vote no on this. I don't agree with joining any of those pages. I like to leave it up to the election commission. It is in the rules that you can't campaign early.
 - vi. You wouldn't give election commission to option to join because they can't join.
 - vii. I think we are all mature enough to govern ourselves. We don't need to be watched.
 - viii. You can block people from receiving any messages on facebook.
 - ix. That is a valid point but that would be in violation of the rules.
 - x. Call to question
 - 1. Fails, two abstentions.
- e. Call to question
 - i. Objection
 - f. move to amend section 4.107: strike the last sentence where it says two thirds of the election commission members must be present... to say "the election commission must approve the election process and results with a two thirds affirmative vote"
 - i. Gietman/Herro
 - ii. Move to amend to say "before they are made official" in the first sentence
 - 1. This needs to be done outside this amendment.
 - iii. Then I move to add in the last sentence "before they are made official".
 - 1. Decker/Wolf
 - 2. Call to question
 - a. Passes
 - g. The word "must" implies that they have to. Move to amend it so that it states "election process and results shall be made official upon a two thirds affirmative vote of the election commission"
 - i. Ruplinger/Klotz

- 1. It makes it more clear
 - ii. Call to question
 - 1. Acclimation
 - a. Approved.
 - h. Call to question
 - i. Passes.
 - i. Move to strike the first sentence
 - i. Passes
3. In my opinion if you are involved in the web pages you are being influenced.
4. Do you think this will hinder the process?
 - a. They can still look at them, just not join them.
5. Move to amend 4.553 to strike “off limits” to say “may not be stored in the senate office”.
 - a. Herro/Turtenwald
 - b. Move to amend to say “is prohibited in the SA office.” This way it states that you cant campaign or store materials there.
 - i. Klotz/
 - 1. Rescind with a recommendation that we rescind the other one and just replace the word with “prohibited”
 - c. I recommend that the amendment is stricken and replaced with “prohibited”.
 - d. Call to question
 - i. Fails
6. Move to amend to strike “off limits” to say “prohibited”.
 - a. Wolf/Taylor
 - b. This sentence makes no sense whatsoever. How can you prohibit an office area?
 - c. Call to question
 - i. Fails
7. Call to question
 - a. Objection
8. move to strike “student senate office is off limits” and add “is prohibited in the student senate office area”
 - a. Lauderdale/Turtenwald
 - i. Call to question
 - 1. Passes.
9. Call to question
 - a. Passes 30:0:0

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SENATORS		College/Org.		YES	NO	ABSTENTIONS
Barquero	Ulisses	CBA				
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				
Hastings	JennieLynn	Rainbow Unity		X		
Hayes	Laura	Off - Campus		X		
Her	Dorothy	ASO				
Herro	Nick	CBA		X		
Hougen	Carly	SAH		X		
Jimenez	Sergio	LASO				
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		
Present			TOTALS	30	0	0
Total			Present	30		
			%YES	1		

b. Approval of Proposed Changes to Student Senate By-Laws

i. Turtenwald/LeFevre

ii. Discussion

1. Move to strike “believe they” in speaking rights for BOD in 4.207 C.
 - a. Shervey/Klotz
 - b. Call to question
 - i. Acclimation
 1. Approved
2. Move to strike section 4.206
 - a. Decker/Herro
 - i. The BOD is the executive branch, they are not members of the senate
 - ii. This is a senate; a senate is an elected group of representatives. It doesn’t make any sense. I think it is worthless.
 - b. Call to question
 - i. Passes
3. I don’t understand why we are limiting speaking rights. I don’t see any reason to limit debate because you want to get home earlier, then you shouldn’t be on senate. I think in debate all viewpoints should be heard. Move to strike “three opportunities to speak”
 - a. Decker/Lauderdale
 - b. I disagree because I think some people like to hear themselves talk, so I think you need to collect your points before you speak.
 - c. Some people do like to speak more than others so if you don’t limit them they might dominate the floor. It is kind of happening right now.
 - d. The point of discussion is it is the first time we have seen it. Lots of things come up in discussion, you shouldn’t limit it.
 - e. I think we should keep this because we could extend it if we wanted to. And it shouldn’t be the first time you see it because you should have seen it before the meeting.
 - f. I think it is good to speak as many times as you want to during discussion because the tone can change.

- g. A lot of great ideas can come up in discussion when we are brain storming.
- h. The main argument against this is that you wont have your say, but you cant blame other people for you not speaking and putting yourself on the speakers list. There are many times that I have changed my mind in the middle of a debate.
- i. Freedom of speech is all well and good, but if you are changing your mind more than three times... you should make your points concise.
- j. Call to question
 - i. Fails
- 4. Move to question
 - a. Wolf/Turner
 - i. Passes 20:10:0
 - 1. Passes 27:1:2
- c. SA:0809-065 approval of three new student orgs
 - i. Turner/Brown
 - 1. One of the loop holes is that organizations have a 60 day probitional status, but according to that, it would be over the summer and we would have to do this again in the fall. They have everything in, good to go.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. call to question
 - a. Passed

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Urbas/Taylor
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

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SENATORS		College/Org.	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL 2	ROLE CALL 3
Barquero	Ulisses	CBA			
Blazek	Kelliann	CLS	x	x	x
Brown	Micha	BSU	x	x	x
Decker	Rourke	RASO	x	x	x
DeVries	Jon	RHAC	x	x	x
Gietman	Jake	SAH	x	x	x
Haase	Chelsea	CBA	x	x	x
Hall	Palmer	NASA			
Hastings	JennieLynn	Rainbow Unity	x	x	x
Hayes	Laura	Off - Campus	x	x	x
Her	Dorothy	ASO			
Herro	Nick	CBA	x	x	x
Hougen	Carly	SAH		x	x



Jimenez	Sergio	LASO			
Kahl	Erik	Greek Senator	x	x	x
Klotz	Melissa	Athletics Council	x	x	x
Knutson	Megan	SAH		x	x
Lauderdale	Laura	SOE	x	x	x
LeFevre	Kevin	At-Large	x	x	x
Nguyen	Anh	ISO			
Palmer	Andrea	SAH	x	x	x
Ruplinger	Missy	At-Large	x	x	x
Schmidt	Eric	Freshman	x	x	x
Schoonover	Sara	SAPA	x	x	x
Shervey	Ryan	CLS	x	x	x
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Syafitri	Sonia	CBA	x	x	x
Taylor	DeAndre	Arts & Comm	x	x	x
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Urbas	Cate	RHAC	x	x	x
Vang	Baobai	HOPE	x	x	x
VanWyk	Katie	Freshman	x	x	x
Wallace	Karly	SAH	x	x	x
Wolf	Britten	At-Large	x	x	x

Present		28	30	30
Total		36	36	36
Percent Present		78%	83%	83%