



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: 09.10.2008

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6pm
- II. Role Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Allen/Wallace
 - b. Minutes approved
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Allen/Cerwin
 - b. Agenda approved
- V. Election of Parliamentarian
 - a. Kahl
 - i. Does not accept
 - b. Allen
 - i. Accepts
 - ii. Vote
 1. Passes
- VI. Election of President Pro-Temp
 - a. Person who serves in the vp spot if he is gone or if the chair is challenged
 - b. Nominations
 - i. Thiel
 1. Does not accept
 - ii. Kahl
 1. Does not accept
 - iii. Wallace
 1. accepts
 - iv. Cerwin
 1. Accepts
 - c. Wallace
 - i. Currently a SAH senator, served last year as a freshman senator. Has experience with running meetings.
 - d. Cerwin
 - i. Arts and Comms senator, served last year, I know what is going on.
 - e. Vote
 - i. Wallace
- VII. Guest Speakers
 - a. Al Trapp and Mike Desmond – UW-L Foundation

- i. Mike Desmond- getting involved in the Academic building. We want to update you on the progress; we consider the student body a major donor. We meet with major donors to update them and for future fundraising. Al Trapp is handing out a brochure that shows the fundraising update. We have reached 13.5 million in pledges and cash, that doesn't include your 2.5 million nor the 1.5 million from the state. We reached the goal for phase one. If you have seen the site you see that a lot is happening and they are a week ahead of schedule. They have the turf down, the logo is being put in, and the yard markers are being put in. the field will be done by the end of next week. The footings are in for the stadium. Over the winter they will enclose it and work on it all winter. We have you to thank for all of it, you are a part of history. You can't believe the number of people in this community that are talking about the constructing and we have you to thank for that. The community wouldn't have bought in to this without you. I feel proud this is happening finally. Because of the pressure to raise funds for the academic building, phase two has been put on the back burner because that is a priority established by the chancellor. But we are still talking about how to get phase 2 done.

1. Discussion

- a. Is there a way to separate phase two?
 - i. It is being done. The east side seating is 2a, and 2b would be the building with the strength center. We promised to have the seats there for the state track meet.
 - b. What is the status of the strike?
 - i. A union group was hired out of Minnesota and so the WI group was striking because they had hired Minnesota people.
 - c. What is the timeline?
 - i. It should be complete by May
- ii. Al Trapp- the sheet gives you an overview of the entire campaign and the two top items are the sports complex and the academic building. the academic building will be right in the center of the campus, just as main hall was built 100 years ago, we consider the new building our centennial building. this is the biggest building outside of Mitchell hall. we will be able to add students, faculty, and improve access for people who want to join you at UWL. We need to raise as much money as soon as possible. Combined we are raising nearly 20 million dollars. We meet with the bankers on the 19th and we need to show them that they can extend to us the 6 million in credit by Nov 30th. we need to raise money for the academic building to demonstrate the credibility of the foundation. It is not a university department, it is a separate organization. This building is so important; the chancellor has made it clear that this is his number one priority because it is so

essential to this university and students. We want to make sure you are aware of the fundraising.

1. Discussion

a. How are we getting the donations that we still need?

i. This building is a different animal than the sports complex. There are many donors for the complex who are also jumping on board for the academic building. We need larger donations. We have one 1 million dollar donation. We are trying to get our friends to open doors for us. We need to find another angel who can make the 6 figure or larger gift or gifts to make this possible. We are confident that based on our track record with these banks that we will get the job done.

b. Jeff Allen – Summer Exec Chair

i. The summer execs we tried to meet as often as possible. Our agenda was set at the beginning of the summer. The big one was the resolution charging apportionment to oversee the green fund. It was very hard to find times that worked but we got a lot done.

c. Chancellor Gow

i. We are delighted to see people back here, I enjoy so much working with this group. I don't want you to feel like anyone is asking *you* for money. I would be happy to answer any questions.

1. How are the new res halls going to work out?

a. We planned to build around the campus in the neighborhoods. When I asked students about it they expressed that they liked living on campus, and I asked them if anyone ever asked them what they thought about that, and they said no. so we formed a committee and they formulated a new plan for a res hall. We had to find a place to put it. The plan is in two phases, the first one is 09-10. Even with the GQA there will be about 500 more and we are so good with retention that we will make a gain with the students we have. We are keeping an eye on the university and how it grows.

2. Any talk about solutions with retention of professors?

a. The salaries of all of us are lower than the average. This is a big issue but there is not a lot that can be done here on the campus. Your professors come from all over the world and we need to make sure we are paying them competitively. You here people say that they only work 12 hours a week, but that would be like saying that NFL players only work one hour a week during the game. We were able to get GQA, the next step is to pay them better.

d. Vice Chancellor Knutson

- i. I am excited to see you all back together. I have always enjoyed working with this group.

VIII. Officer Reports

a. Derek

- i. Welcome back, I would like to introduce our directors. There are still two positions we are hiring for, the applications are due Friday. I would like this year to have an opportunity to have our senators and directors work together. If anyone wants to check that their card works to get into the office please do, that is your space so we would like to see you there.
- ii. There is an aid station for Oktoberfest.
 1. Kahl- last year we did the Aid Station at Pearl and Third. The location will be different but we have more meetings coming up because we are working with Operation River Watch as well. The sign up will be online. I can talk more on it next meeting.
- iii. We are excited about the Student Advantage Card, it is up and running. All of the businesses on the front are one time offers and the ones on the back are unlimited. We had a few people ask us about it and hopefully this sends the message that senate does get stuff done.

b. Kyle

- i. I would like everyone to introduce themselves so that we can get to know each other.
- ii. Larry- my office is in 212, it is wonderful to have you all back. I expect this year to be better than last year because I expect we get better every year as we go along. Welcome.
- iii. Jeremy- Grad Assistant. I am coming from UW Eau Claire. I have an office in the SA office in the back room. I will be there between 10 and 3pm on Monday through Thursday. I will be meeting each of you eventually through out the semester. I am looking forward to meeting with all of you.

c. Others

- i. John OHare- if you want to go to the games, there are buses available. We set this up because we agreed to bus any spectators that wanted to go to the games.
 1. Do we have any idea how many people used the buses?
 - a. About 150 people wanted to get on the bus for the football game. Right now we are a little over budget and we can't increase it unless we find additional money. We had the buses leaving an hour before the game. we cant have the buses drive back and circulate because of the time issue.

IX. RHAC Report

- a. We've made some changes to the issues committee. Education, specific issues, and research. Education committee does a lot of things like with

diversity, alcohol alternatives. They can be another source of information for the residence.

X. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry- some of you noticed we are using paper products in the Galley and that is because the new dishwasher got delayed and the state didn't do it what it was supposed to do. The plan is it should arrive sometime around Sep 25. the other challenge has been the meal plan billing, we are working on that. It was a new system because before all freshmen had to sign up for a meal plan. There are some students who have bills that are terribly inaccurate. I expect to get many phone calls. We are trying to automatically fix it, but I want you to contact me if you have an issue. There are some students that didn't get billed at all. Some got charged way too much.
 - i. Have you considered sending out an email?
 1. I am sending one out to people that got charged too much and to those that didn't get billed.
 - ii. Is there any extra charge for not having the dishwasher
 1. There is an extra charge for the paper product.
 - iii. Also this Sunday there will not be any power from 3am to 7am to fix an electrical problem. The security will still work with the portable generators. I need to check on the electric door swipes. You probably want to bring it up at RHAC. We need to do this in a time frame that would still allow us to open Whitney and Cartwright to make food.

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Res Hall Committee, Sonia Syafitri
 - i. The new res hall meeting had 5 staff members and 2 students. We picked the builder for the construction for the new res hall. We will have over 500 beds. We talked about the rooms and having one kitchen per floor. We will be going on a road trip next Thursday and Friday to look at dorms in Milwaukee, Madison, and Chicago. Madison has recently built some new res halls and we want to figure out the best kind for UWL.
 1. will we keep the names the same?
 - a. We are not sure yet. It might be 2 separate buildings. We will not be building too high; we want to keep it at the same height as the other buildings on campus.
- b. Committee Appointments, Kyle
 - i. We will have these approved next week; I want to give you the chance to switch with some one if you can. You don't have to go through me.
 1. Can we give up our seat on one to someone else?
 - a. Yes, just let me know. But you do have to be on at least one student committee and one faculty.
 2. Are at large seats not for senators?
 - a. Preferably not, but if no one else can fill the spot then a senator can fill the spot.
 3. If we are on two student committee then do we still have to be on a faculty committee?

- a. The bylaws state that you have to be on one faculty and one student.
 - ii. Try to get those arrange for next week.
 - iii. Do we have any volunteers for an appeal committee for meal plans?
 - 1. Anh appointed.
 - c. Student Tech Fee Committee, Van Winkle
 - i. We are trying out the new process for printing to try to save paper. It came out of our committee, if anyone has any questions let me know. There is no cost to it.
 - d. Teacher Ed, Allen
 - i. We just redid our entire program and it has been a very hard beginning of the semester. We have our meeting on the 15th. if you know of anyone with any problems with the switch please tell them to contact me.
 - e. Joint Planning and Budget, Fuhrmann
 - i. I was a student rep and we met basically because there are a bunch of structural deficits and Hetzel pulled this group together. We met and looked at the different scenarios and how we are going to pay for everything. With all the budget cuts we have been getting, UWL absorbed a lot of that. The school has helped pay for things, we are paying for the vets tuition. The committee decided to take cuts within individual departments. It ended up ok, we are better than we thought we would be.
 - 1. there was a new GI Bill coming out
 - a. UW System did talk about it at the last meeting. It probably won't cover everything. At some point it will pass to the state or it will be a national government thing. Some regents were concerned that making students pay for it was the wrong way to go.
 - 2. This is another example of some great civic engagement we can get involved in.
 - f. Academic Initiatives, Kahl
 - i. There is a area on your tuition for differential tuition. It is up for it's 5 yr review, we are working on setting up a task force to do an assessment of it. You might be asked for some input to see if we want the continuation of those programs.

XII. New Business

- a. SE 2008-001: Resolution on Appointing the UW-LSA Board of Directors
 - i. Motion to package A and B Allen/Kahl
 - 1. A motion to package is taking any line items that could go together, it could make the process go smoother.
 - 2. Resolution A is to appoint the directors, the second one includes two more.
 - ii. Motion passes.
 - iii. Discussion on the packaged resolutions

1. the first resolution mentions in the last where as that the CFO and environmental issues director will be appointed at a later date.
 - a. When we first approved this we understood that the other two applications would be coming forward. I don't think it will be a problem.
2. Call to question
 - a. Resolution passes.
- b. SE 2008-002: Resolution on Appointing the UW-LSA Board of Directors
- c. SE 2008-003: Resolution Charging Apportionment to Oversee Green Fund Allocation
 - i. Decker/Cerwin
 1. The summer execs passed a resolution with our opinions on which committee would be best for allocating the funds from the Green Fund. When we were talking about this we had to have representation from RHAC and environmental council.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Fuhrmann- do you feel the apportionment committee has enough time to deal with this?
 - a. I think this year it seems appropriate because we don't know how many requests there will be. We felt it was the most appropriate because Apportionment already has experience and training with dealing with these issues.
 - b. We didn't look at very many other committees because we knew that apportionment was already trained at this.
 - iii. Call to question
 1. Vote
 - a. Motion carries

XIII. Discussion

- a. SA 0809-001: Resolution Appointing Katelyn Larsen Chief Justice of UWLSA Student Court
 - i. Wallace/Kahl
 - ii. Katelyn- I am currently a poli sci major and music minor. I am interested in law; I was on the court last year.
 - iii. Discussion
 1. I think she seems like a solid choice.
 - iv. Motion to close line item A Van Winkle/Wallace
 - v. passes
- b. USA Today Collegiate Readership Program (Non-action Item)
 - i. Kahl/Klotz
 - ii. There was a program last semester in some buildings that did a 4 week test pilot program that brought papers that students could pick up for "free". Estimated the program costing about 43,000 and we could have a student's referendum to see if students want to pay 5 dollars a year. I

want to see what senate thinks of this program and I would like to take this to a business class to get them to see if they think it is worth it.

iii. Discussion

1. I remember last year we brushed it off because the numbers weren't that impressive and because it would be another fee to add on. I think the program needed work and it was a lot of money.
2. I will get the stats and email them out to you.
3. If we signed a contract, how long will it be for?
 - a. I believe it is a yr long program. There was an issue with res life because those students would be paying twice because they have this already. We would have to take them out of the formula.
4. I don't see that as an urgent matter to have a referendum. I am not even sure if students would read it. Most students say they get there news online.
5. I disagree, I believe this is one of the best things we can do for the university. Can you read what the average was?
 - a. Total consumption would be 771 papers a day. The average was 549 and the res hall had over 200 papers consumed per day.
6. We are in a place of higher learning and not all of that learning is done in the classroom. They aren't out to charge us a lto of money, they do a good job of making it efficient. We shouldn't just pass on it.
7. We wanted to do a referendum because we do that with all student fees. This is a non action item, but if you would like to put one forward for next week you can.
8. No one takes multiple newspapers. I think it is a good thing for us to do. You read so much faster in print than you do online. It is good for us to be up to date with current events for any major. I can't see how this is a bad program overall.
9. I took advantage of the program every single day. I would rather see this directed towards getting a better internet on this campus.
10. What is our current state in the reserve?
 - a. 200,000
11. What level do we like to keep it at?
 - a. It is good to keep it at six figures. We can keep it at whatever we want.
12. Students are paying 5 dollars a year, what if faculty took paper?
 - a. Point of clarification
 - i. The faculty couldn't take it with the card reader because you have to swipe your card.
 - b. Point of info

- i. I thought there was a problem with the card reader
 - 1. There is potential that there system might not correlate with our system.
- 13. Those numbers never reflected if people in the res halls took some, or faculty. I think we need to make sure of the numbers, I think the idea of asking BUS 230 would be good. If we did this, would this be something students could opt out of?
 - a. No.
- 14. The numbers were unimpressive, less than 10% of students were using this. I imagine a high percentage of faculty and staff were using this.
- 15. if the card readers worked then that would be really cool but we have no way of monitoring it.
- 16. Didn't they give us a number of how many people actually read it?
 - a. There was estimation that 3.3 times the number of people read one copy.
- 17. Did they have any way that they actually studied that?
 - a. It was a national statistic.
- 18. Would it be possible to set it up like the weight room where only students that want it pay for it?
 - a. I could ask.
- 19. I wouldn't trust the survey numbers and also people read a lot more during the winter than in the summer.
- 20. The 45,000 would be based on consumption. If we increase the number of papers being given out a day they will stop at a certain level of consumption until we pay more money.
- 21. I have a different take. We are talking about not paying for it because some of us don't use it. It is about the benefit to the university. We pay for the child care center and many other things we don't all use. The question is if it will make us more informed. I am for it I think that the access to the information would be great and I think the pass along idea would be even more than that. We need to take a broader look at it and not this individual look.
- 22. We aren't just getting one paper, we are getting three papers. We are getting multiple sources of information.
- 23. Our goal is to think about the greater good of our community. I just wonder if this is the best way to promote the greater good.
- 24. This is a non action item so you don't need to convince everyone right now. It will be brought up in debate
- 25. Motion to close discussion Groshek/Wallace
 - a. Discussion closed.

XIV. Announcements

- a. Saturday will be our training. I need to know if you aren't going to make it. It will be in Port OCall at 10am. Goes until 5pm.
 - b. Freshmen elections- paperwork due tomorrow, can print out the document online.
 - c. Kahl- Riverwatch is well underway. It is Thursday, Friday, and Saturday people are patrolling the river. The sign up will be going on line. We are looking for volunteers for this weekend. See me if you are interested. Sunday at 6pm in Mitchell there will be a presentation on Hazing. We also spoke about looking at a new logo for SA so if you have any input let me know. Tomorrow night 7pm in Valhalla is Stomping for Awareness. The proceeds go to the Epileptic Foundation. We will talk about the stigma of it and then there will be a step show and raffle.
 - d. Thiel- next Tuesday is our first CAB lecture of the year. It is a man named Byron Hurt. Tickets are free for students. Starts at 7pm in Valhalla. We have 18 sponsoring orgs.
 - e. Tomorrow there is an OMSS picnic at 5pm at Myrick.
- XV. Adjournment
- a. Allen/Herro
 - i. Motioned closed at 8:01pm

