



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
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Student Senate Agenda

Date: 10.08.2008

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6pm
- II. Role Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Wallace/Taylor
 - i. Minutes approved
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Allen/Urbas
 - i. Amendment- include Cox, Bobby Erickson, and Matt Vogel
 1. Cox/LeFevre
 2. Could we hear what the discussion would be about?
 - a. The three people would talk about the Amethyst Initiative Resolution
 3. Passes.
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. La Crosse Fire Chief Gregg Cleveland
 - i. I appreciate the opportunity to come to the student council because one of the things that is very important to me is college fire safety. My experience is we have a problem with campus fire safety. We have a big problem with college students being killed in fires on and off campus. My daughter wants to come to UWL and I want her to have a safe and enjoyable experience. I am in my 29th year in the fire service. In 1991 I moved to Marshfield and spent 15 years as fire chief there. I have 29 years in the business and I have seen many things that were never supposed to happen. I don't want to scare anyone, because I don't think that works. I have a bachelor's degree in business administration and a masters in public administration. I have a good background to share with you and understand the issues that you face, I have a good understanding. I think we all have a responsibility for fire safety. Has anyone here experienced a fire? I have yet to be in a group of people where that has not been the case. It is very emotional, even if there is no personal damage. I am at the point where I can make true change in the community at the policy level so that we can avert a fire on campus and at off campus housing. You need to feel comfortable coming to the fire station with any questions. We need to also be able to address you to the right place to answer your questions. That is why I want to come talk to you personally so that you feel comfortable coming to us. Someone's son that I worked with was

involved in a fire that involved alcohol, there were two people killed in the fire. It was a very tragic situation and one that could have been avoided. We need to look back and say “how could this have been prevented?” alcohol is one issue. If you profiled the people who typically die in a fire are male and usually alcohol at .9 or above. There is a pattern here; the other pattern is smoking, 85% of fire deaths occur in residential places. Education is truly the best way that we can do that. You have a student here who perished at UW Madison, very tragic. Anything that I can personally do to prevent that from happening is my mission in life. I am very passionate about campus fire safety, I believe in it very strongly. The fire department has very limited resources. As public servants they are trying to give everyone the highest possible services at the lowest possible costs. That is a balance that we do every single day. Anyone that I can look to that can be a partner and be responsible and who is willing to work with me, I am always interested. Back in June we lost a 6 year old on the south side. Very tragic situation, so anyone who wants to be a partner in fire safety I am willing to listen and provide guidance. We do have a problem with keeping people safe with fire.

1. What kind of rights do tenants have with landlords?
 - a. I don't think I have been here without that question being asked. The fire department has no jurisdiction in a family home unless someone calls us and asks us to look at it. Another situation is people have too many extension cords. The truth is the building code needs to be maintained in accordance to the year it was built. What you need to do is call us; we can come here and give you a presentation on fire safety. On our website we have inspection guidelines. A lot of people don't know what a fire hazard is. You have to keep exists clear. Having grills on combustible decks is not a good idea. Cooking- unattended stuff on the stove. Everyone thinks they are Martha Stewart when they drink. For someone reason deep fried food- they get distracted, fall asleep, and then the oil overheats. I have heard it a hundred times. I remember when I worked in Appleton, a young couple came home and put a pot of oil on the stove and left, 6 people were killed in the fire that night. The lack of understanding is what we all suffer from. Anytime I see spilt grease on the stove, I think about that. I have memory markers in my head. You have to learn to listen to yourself. My whole life has been committed to preventing injuries and fires. I am passionate about it, and that is why I come here tonight, to try to prevent it. When you see us feel free to ask.
2. Do you have any campaigns planned for this year?

- a. We do, we have been going to every preschool and middle schools and high schools. The more we drill this into these children, the more likely they are to remember. We do fire safety campaigns for nursery homes, for schools, for universities, etc. we do the best we can.
 - 3. If a person uses a fire extinguisher that has been furnished by the landlord, are they required to replace that?
 - a. That is up to renter's agreement; it is up to them to furnish it for you. If you discharge it then you should call the fire department. It is \$30 at the most. Those are the details that need to be worked out by them. We don't have any jurisdiction over one and two family dwellings.
 - 4. What is the number one tip that you give to people?
 - a. Smoke detectors, smoke alarms, and escape plans. You have to have a minimal of two ways out. That is critical; make sure your smoke alarms work. It sounds simple, but we have seen people who have lived in the same house for over 50 years yet we find them in closets and in bathrooms because they get disoriented.
- b. Amethyst Initiative, Jake Cox
 - i. Bobby, Matt, and I wanted to come and talk about the Amethyst Initiative. I just want to give you a quick little background. It is derived from Greek mythology; Amethyst was a young girl who incurred the wrath of a god, when she cried for help she was turned into a white stone. As the god cried his wine spilt on her and turned purple. It was believed the amethyst gem stone would ward off the effects of alcohol. The initiative itself is a public statement from college presidents and chancellors that acknowledges that the drinking age hasn't done much. We can agree that the drinking age hasn't had an impact and hasn't made things any better. In 2009 congress is forced to revisit the issue, the goal of the initiative is to have some serious public discussion. It would be a shame for this bill to pass without some discussion. I asked the Chancellor about this and one of the things he was worried about was the negative media attention. I think you can turn that around and look at it from the other side. Do we want to let the media warp our discussion on this? I think that a really good thing to come out of this is for the university to sign this initiative and show the media that we aren't afraid of the media and how they might silence this, and put this in the public eye. It gives us a great opportunity to say that we want to discuss this issue and how it impacts our culture here in La Crosse and we might find a better a solution.
- c. Amethyst Initiative, Bobby Erickson
 - i. I am the county board supervisor for the campus district. I got a chance to talk to some of the public officials. I asked the sheriff of the

county and he noted that a lot of the students are very apprehensive and avoid the officials; it creates an atmosphere that is not conducive to safe behavior. A lot of people who need help are too afraid to get help because they are afraid of the repercussions. One of the supervisors who is a doctor made the point that smoking is a much easier task to take on in the health services sector. Alcohol initiatives don't work. The US has one of the most strict laws about drinking and yet has one of the worst problems. We need to hear all of the information and have an intelligent debate on it. I think that is what academic institutions are here for. Look over the initiative and what is proposed. I hope you can make an informed decision about that.

d. Amethyst Initiative, Matt Vogel

- i. I know a lot of you from different things on campus. I teach in the health department. I grew up in this era of "Just say no". We are doing something on campus "just say KNOW", to learn about substances. Right now WI could pass their own drinking age, all states can determine that, but they lose 10% of their highway funding dollars. That is millions of dollars. It is not a federal law, it is a state law, but they are held at ransom. That is part of this discussion. Some things to consider- those that are in favor of the age 21 law, 25,000 lives have been saved due to the drinking age changing looking at driving fatalities. They will also say it helps keep alcohol out of the hands of younger people. They will also say that the brain is developing until the age 25. People who question the law will state: we are of 4 countries in the world who have this law, not all of the other countries have brain damaged alcoholics. The person who did all of this brain research says that his research doesn't talk about drinking and the brain, it talks about "excessive" drinking and the brain. The other thing is the 25,000 lives- actually traffic fatalities were actually going down before this. Cars were being made safer, designated driving was becoming more popular, there are some other factors involved. In the last years it has leveled off. They will also say that in institutions of higher education we shouldn't talk about the law- what is that stating about our democracy? Is the age 21 creating more problems or fewer problems? The media has created it into a sound bite issue. MADD has called for parents to pull out their kids from universities that have signed this initiative. The fall out at the PR level- if a president signs on to it they will get hundreds of calls in the first several weeks. There is a PR issue to this. I think Jake made a great point about this. Alcohol related fatalities were decreasing in every age category in the time of the statistics. It is really complex. For me the major issue is the quantity consumed, for any drug. You need to challenge people to take a proactive stance of responsibility. There are countries where it is unacceptable to be drunk. Part of this has to be an educational thing. What if drinks were free? Would you drink more or less?

1. I need you to explain the initiative

- a. It is as much about public debate and discourse as it is about lowering the drinking age. It is a one page document stating it is time to rethink this drinking age. It considers the 10% highway funding, whether it encourages or inhibits the debate. It is to support and inform the debate. There have been 130 schools that have signed it. The UW System is not taking a stance. Most of the schools are smaller schools.
2. If this gets passed, it is not a guarantee that the chancellor signs it. But if he does what would it be stating?
 - a. We just met with the chancellor and we had a good talk about this. He did say that if a resolution comes from the 3 governing bodies then he would sign it. He would have to get something from faculty and staff as well. He is open to signing it; we just have to go through the steps.
3. What would that mean?
 - a. It would mean that the school supports the open dialogue and debate on the issue. I think it is more about making a statement and saying that we are open to the dialogue. All it is saying is that the 21 age law is not conducive to curbing the drinking problem.
4. What does this bring to the university, what is the plan of action. I don't understand where this is moving forward.
 - a. The goal is to get more and more colleges to sign on to it to show support for this discussion and hopefully stimulate discussion at the national level. The media would jump on this and it would stimulate people in the community to talk about it.
 - b. We know we will get negative response, but we can take it and show how we want to discuss the impact of the policy. The point is no one has talked about it for 20 yrs now.
 - c. This initiative represents student bodies, the more signatures you get the more weight it has. If you show that the chancellor thinks this is important then it is easier to get these ideas out in the open. I think we can all agree that the city has a large problem with drinking.
 - d. I can send out a document that shows pros and cons.
5. Lets say that the chancellor signed this, when is the discussion going to take place?
 - a. It is just on going. You can go on the website and get their number to call them and see where they see this going. I don't know if it is going to be a sit down, it is just putting it out there.
 - b. It is already generating discussion. We are here talking about it. The point is to make a public statement on

behalf of the giant population of students at La Crosse. Maybe we would have a committee that could have a discussion about it.

6. Is this encouraging the law to be changed to 18?
 - a. It isn't encouraging change, it is encouraging congress to take an objective view from the outside and evaluate it.
 - b. 18 has been the default age in adulthood. One discussion is that if it were 18 and you are in high school then you still could not drink. I have never gotten into the drinking culture in college, but I have observed it and seen it. I don't think it is a war badge to say you have been there and done that. I think when you take things off of the table you limit yourself.
7. Quorum
8. Before we go into officer reports, I know this is going to be a long one, I appreciate your patience and I ask you that you keep the side chatter to a minimum.

VI. Officer Reports

a. Derek

- i. At our senate retreat we talked about 3 different goals that we have. I would like to ask that in two weeks all of the committees could have met and come back to us with some info. We also need to label a convener.
- ii. Awareness committee- add Schmidt, Allen is convener.
- iii. Engagement- LeFevre is convener.
- iv. Legislative- add Decker, Cox is convener.
- v. Regents Meeting- last Friday we went to Stevens Point, 5 UWL representatives. We had almost half of the people there that were listening. November 6th there is another meeting in Madison, if anyone is interested let me know. It would be fun to bring a lot of people. It is not overnight, it is early morning to evening. They also passed chapter 17 and 18 that deals with academic misconduct and whether or not colleges can impose consequences on students that did something off campus. Expulsion is a very rare and last case scenario. There were some changes to make sure that you couldn't take a minor offense and make a big consequence. There will be a public hearing for it.
- vi. I have 6 invitations to the Eagle Roundtable. It is recommended that you go to one as your time as a student here. It is Oct 27th at 5:30pm. You have to RSVP by the 20th.
- vii. Special Events Committee- in charge of some of the event planning for the centennial events.

b. Kyle

- i. Introduction of BSU senator.
- ii. We need to talk about office hours. I have come up with a solution, we are looking to do the one office in the office, the second hour can be in the office or in a club or some other event, but you do have to note it in

the journal that you submit in the drop box in D2L. I will pass the sheet around and you can fill in your name in the spot you want. This is just so that I know when people are going to be in there. The sheet will be in the office so that you can sign it every week. Use your judgment on the events or meetings that you go to.

- iii. We are taking names for the campus community enrichment fund, we need one more senator. Would anyone like to be a part of that committee? They haven't decided when and where it will be; I imagine they will make it work for you. (Klotz signed up)

c. Others

- i. Shared Governance- went to the board of regents meeting. I am working on student evaluations.
- ii. Social Justice- Peace week begins next week. Peace ceremony at the Clocktower next Wednesday. Next Tuesday there is a meeting at the Diversity Center and the topic is about the office space for Wilder Hall that will be going down. It concerns students because there is a possibility that student space will be taken away.
- iii. PR- Talked to the person that maintains the homepage. We are working on making it more accessible. We now have a link under current students and under student life. We are working on making it more user friendly.
- iv. GOTV- next Wednesday is the last day to pre-register people to vote. I need everyone who is deputized to please sign up to help. Will send out a sheet for sign up times. Just make sure it gets back to me by 8:30pm. If you sign up please come to your shifts.
 - 1. Did you figure out about the statewide people?
 - a. They can't help.
- v. Legislative Issues- upcoming debates for state assembly. It is the next three coming Tuesdays at 7pm. The biggest thing going on is John McCain coming on Friday. If you have any questions about the upcoming election I will look up info, it is my job.
 - 1. Mike Hepsh will be on campus, he is the 94th district. He requested to get people from that area to come to the debate. We want to let him know that there are people that live in that district (Onalaska).
- vi. Environmental Sustainability- I am working on a campaign to try to get one million youth to pledge to vote for clean energy. They are telling candidates that they care about these issues and they are voting based on these issues. I will pass the pledges out. If you are interested in helping in any way let me know. Other schools all over the nation are signing it.
 - 1. I want to make sure we are making this non partisan.

VII. RHAC Report

- a. No report

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry- there was a proposal that came to us that would move some offices over to the Diversity Center area. I have talked to DOC on Monday night and

we had a lot of anxieties expressed, we forwarded those anxieties to other people and now we have a different plan. Now we will go back to what we originally talked about and put the offices where the bowling alley used to be, there will be no infringement on the Diversity Center. I do want to point out that this is an example of people listening to the voices of the students.

- b. Jeremy- thanks Jane for mentioning the debate thing. The other thing is more one on one meetings. I will pass out a sheet, if the times I bring up don't work for you let me know. The journaling to reflect upon meetings is going to start, there are instructions on there. All of you should be logged in. I have offered some questions, I would like you to make it in a word document. We haven't found a way to restrict it so that only Larry and I have access to it, but we will have that resolved. It will start tonight, so if you would like to participate it will be available. If you have any feedback regarding it let me know.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Apportionment Training by Mr. Eric Fuhrmann
 - i. Committee chairs can expect an email with the one shot form. Your responsibility to send that out to your subcommittees. One shots are one time use items that any funded group can apply for, it is not included in your regular budget. We are also dealing with carry overs and will have a decision by next Wednesday.
 - ii. Training- (see power point presentation) this is important so that you understand how the financial aspect works. We have put this together over a number of years. Apportionment is the financial committee for this body, oversee allocation of segregated fees.
 - 1. We have two major ways of distributing seg fees- one through budgets and the other is one shots. We collect this money through segregated fees in your tuition. Apportionment doesn't control all of the fees. There are 4 subcommittees, each one has there own accounts.
 - 2. Terms- budget authority, program revenue, carry-over. Not every group makes program revenue. Fund- number attributed to programs. 128 funds are mostly student programs. Encumbrance- expenses not yet realized and pending, happens when paper work gets delayed and doesn't go through until the next fiscal year. One shots are to fund capital-related items. Supplies for the art club should be built into your permanent budget. We do this fall and spring. It is not intended for personal items, only for something that brings a lasting good to the campus. Per diem- daily allowance. We couldn't pay for a \$30 steak dinner. Our money is supposed to help the groups get by, not fully fund them. We can't give anyone more than \$30 per night for lodging.
 - 3. We don't pay for academic instructional use items, the university should pay for that. When we make decisions we have to have some sort of rational. It has to contribute something to the university.

4. Southworth- in 2000 some students in Madison weren't happy that their seg fees were being used to fund orgs that they didn't agree with. They sued the university saying it violated their first amendment rights, made it to the Supreme Court. They ruled that as long as the university funded orgs using viewpoint neutrality, then they could do it. We have to set aside our personal beliefs and see what it brings back to the university.
- iii. Questions
 1. Who sets seg fees?
 - a. The green fund is a separate idea; it isn't really a seg fee. We set our allocable seg fees. The chancellor decides the non allocable. The green fund could go through Apportionment, but it would go through senate to change it.
 - b. Undergrad
 - i. We changed a whole bunch of things in the catalog for the anthropology major. A bunch of the old 100 and 200 classes have been deleted. We have also made changes to the anthropology minor. We removed the old requirement.
 1. Were none of those changes grandfathered?
 - a. They are going into effect in the next catalog.
 - c. Athletics Committee
 - i. Meeting Wed noon to one. There are two senators who can't make that time so let me know if you want to switch.
 - d. Academic Initiative Oversight
 - i. Talked about task force. Set a deadline, once I have the list I will forward that.
 - e. Organizations
 - i. Meet in graphics
 - f. Gen Ed
 - i. Met on Monday.
 - g. Leg Affairs
 - i. Committee chairs get your bylaws by October 27th.
 - h. Academic Affairs
 - i. Will send out emails to those graduating
 - i. Joint Planning
 - i. Did new bylaws. One of them is that of the four student members be a grad student. It wasn't made a requirement because it is very difficult to do. Hetzel gave a report about fundraising for the new building. Talked about what we will do about the groups in Wilder.

X. New Business

- a. [SA 0809-005: Resolution Granting Organizational Status to UWL EMT Club](#)
 - i. Motion to package A, B and C
 1. Klotz/DeVries
 - a. They have done the necessary work and it is not our job to deny their org status.
 2. Packaged.

- ii. Approval of package A, B and C
 - 1. Allen/Klotz
 - 2. Call to question
 - a. Passed
- b. [SA 0809-006: Resolution Granting Organizational Status to the Student Nutrition Association](#)
- c. [SA 0809-007: Resolution Granting Organizational Status to Brittany Zimmerman's Global Wardrobe](#)
- d. [SA 0809-008: Resolution on Using the Recreational Eagle Center for the Centennial Celebration Concert](#)
 - i. Allen/Thiel
 - 1. The events committee would use it, there is no reason to not approve it.
 - ii. Call to question
 - 1. Passes.
- e. [SA 0809-009: Resolution on Using the Recreational Eagle Center for an AAU Basketball Tournament](#)
 - i. VanWinkle/Wolf
 - 1. This is for the basketball tournament. Good tool to showcase our great features. All of the other facilities open to use.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Should be aware that within a 12 day time period, the REC is being used 6 days. Those are a lot of days that the REC isn't available for students. Just keep that in mind.
 - 2. That is true, but that is part of the use of the REC and why it is here. They planned for it and it is expected.
 - 3. It would be a perfect opportunity for one of those subcommittees.
 - 4. Isn't it before the REC even opens?
 - a. It starts at 12pm.
 - 5. Move into vote
 - a. Passes.

XI. Discussion

- a. [SA 0809-011: Resolution Requesting that Chancellor Joe Gow Become a Signatory of the Amethyst Initiative](#)
 - i. Decker/LeFevre
 - 1. I tried to keep the resolution short. It points out the main need for this to take place is because congress is considering reauthorizing the 10% rule for states. As a governing body I hope that we discuss these issues. I request that the chancellor sign the initiative.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. I think a lot of people would not see that the only thing we are doing is asking Gow to sign something that says we should talk about something. If we get bad media, we have a PR director, that is why we have that. It is not about saying that 21 is the wrong age, it is just to sit down and talk

2. I am 100% opposed to this piece of legislation. First, the main problem that I have is that there is no plan of action whatsoever as to what this campus will do with this initiative. There is nothing behind it. There are 130 signatures, but what are they doing to move this initiative forward, it loses its value. There would have to be a plan of action. It shouldn't be put on the shoulders of the chancellor, that isn't his job. If this is something we want to do, then that is ok, but let's put something behind it. As soon as I saw this on there I did a lot of research. The reference of why the drinking age should be looked at is all about the age of 18. All of the quotes are about lowering the drinking age, not making it higher. The discussion is centered towards lowering the drinking age to 18. It doesn't make sense to me. I was pulling info from other countries and situations where the drinking age is lower, they have problems with drinking age with younger people. To call it just a discussion is misleading. You have to call it what it is, it is to lower the drinking age. We have to have a plan of action behind it.
3. The statement itself on the initiative itself says "21 is not working". I think that line says that you aren't considering that age as staying the legal age.
4. I have a few questions. Our credibility worries me. The first thing I thought of was that of course college kids want to lower the drinking age. It doesn't do anything to sign this paper, why can't we just have an open forum? They try to explore other options, but who is to say the drinking age is the problem? I don't know if this will change anything. I have a lot of questions that aren't answered in this document.
5. I did a lot of research and I talked to Matt Vogel. I think the intent and the content is good, I think we can take it into a different direction. I don't like that we are trying to force the chancellor to sign something. If it does get voted down we can rewrite it and make it into a better document.
6. I would agree with Allen, I don't think that senate wants to endorse this document because it does say that "21 is not working". I am not opposed to something that says we would have open forums or discussion. But I don't believe this document is unbiased discussion.
7. One of the first points- the questionable bias and comments were made on some info on the website and age 18. The reason that was mentioned is because that is everyone's first response to lowering the drinking age. However I don't think that is the goal of the initiative. The initiator of this movement thinks the policy shouldn't be based on the age, but rather on some kind of educational program to get a license, it bases it more on whether this person is educated and responsible. In terms of

generating discussion- the initiative is based on generating discussion amongst our elected officials. It is great if discussion takes place on campus, but the discussion that is important is with the elected officials because they are the ones that make the decisions. That is where the discussion carries the most weight. This doesn't force the chancellor to do this, he actually suggested this resolution. He said if the governing body sent this to him he would consider it because that would show what the student body thinks. He doesn't see it as something he is forced to do because the senate presented him with it.

8. If you look at the schools that back this there aren't many public schools, and the only other UW System school is Parkside that has no where near the drinking problem we have here.
9. The first reason is that is says 21 is not working. We have to decide if that is the reason or if there is some other reason. I don't have some one that is representing my school to sign this. If you feel so strongly about this, we do have politicians; you elect these people to go into these governing bodies. This piece of paper isn't a way to get change. You need to contact your representatives.
10. I think Matt Vogel coming in and talking about this has the most influence on me. He is someone who is very qualified to teach and talk about this. It think it is not as one sided as everyone is saying.
11. I think this can bring about good discussion; I would like to see older people talk about this. The main point is to try to get this to the state level. This law would change that the state would decide the drinking age. I think media attention is good. I totally agree with having this discussion.
12. My biggest issue is that I would like to see how the students feel and ask people if they do believe in this initiative. We are always being told UWL is really respected so I really think that we have to know how we feel about this as a student body. We need to know how the students feel about this.
13. I was reading some of the comments of chancellors. it doesn't solve the issue for younger people. I also don't feel we should sign something that has gotten bad press. The idea of a survey- sometimes we have to trust ourselves to make decisions for our students. How many surveys can we do?
14. This initiative is not designed to be a solution; it is more like an invitation to find a solution. Why not sit together and talk about it? We should really get back to our constituents. This is not a solutions, it is supposed to be generating thoughts and ideas.
15. It is not designed to raise discussion on this campus, then what are we doing here? We are hiding behind the chancellor. The

press isn't going to come back to us; it is going to come back to the chancellor. This university cannot afford more negative press surrounding alcohol. We are putting this on the chancellor if this goes through, not us.

16. I don't know how the chancellor likes this, because he talked about the mom who called him. I don't think that people take us seriously already; they see us as a big drinking school. We had two deaths last year.
17. I disagree with the rational people are using. I agree this is not the best worded statement out there. All it is saying is it is not working. A lot of people mentioned that we shouldn't put forward a statement that is biased, but the Talloire declaration was biased. The statement we put forward was simply for him to sign it, there is no difference. If it is the right thing to do, then it is the right thing to do. We shouldn't be making our decisions based on what the press thinks. If we are really concerned about hiding behind the chancellor. We could release our own press release. We are trying to avoid people doing wrong things under the influence of alcohol.
18. It seems one sided to me, I am hearing the same points over again; I motion to exhaust the speakers list.
 - a. Schmidt/Hayes
 - i. Passes
 - b. Division
 - i. Quorum
 1. Passes
19. Awareness- this is the opportunity to take it to the constituents and the groups you represent. Maybe we can make our own discussion going. We need to get the word out there. The campus will probably be divided on this issue. It will be different for each group that we talk to. Get the word out there on this topic.
20. I am bothered that the majority of the responses pertain to the negative media attention that we would revive. Why are we letting the media govern the actions that we take? The media is out there to create controversy. Naturally they would want to make this controversial because that is how they sell papers. That is something that is out of our control and would limit progress on this issue. Since we are such a big drinking school, we could turn the media attention around and say that this is why we are signing this initiative. We could turn this into a great opportunity and not be scared by the media. Chancellor Gow would receive a lot of phone calls, but so would Matt Vogel. He has said he would accept these calls and talk to the public and educate them. Students could also respond to these inquiries. There has been mention about getting a feel for how students feel about this. I don't think the campus would be so

divided, I think we would be united. Students for a Sensible Drug Policy have been working on this and we have a list of about 130 students. If we were to have a more wide spread sample we would find it completely overwhelming.

21. I think we should keep the press in mind because we need financial support.
22. Reread the minutes to see what Cox said to read the good points. I think exhausting the speakers list impedes discussion.
Yield to Fuhrmann
 - a. We have one opportunity to talk about this in 25 years. People talk about losing a PR war and bad press. We could fight that and say this is an institution of higher learning and we are supposed to talk about this. I don't see any harm in supporting this, I encourage people not be afraid of discussing.
23. We don't have to go through with this initiative, we can have this discussion at any time, and we can do it ourselves. We don't have to go through this initiative.
24. parliamentary procedure
 - a. If we were to want to un-exhaust the speakers list could we reconsider?
 - b. Because we did not take a roll call vote I don't have a record of who voted for against. We can't do that.
25. Chancellor Gow- I just walked in.
 - a. This is out of line to ask him to respond to something he wasn't here for.
26. I can tell you I did have a conversation with Jake and Matt and Bobby. We talked about this before. I was 18 once, I wasn't real happy about not being able to drink. That is not to say that didn't happen. I share the interest in this, however from a public relations standpoint; this has been a very unsuccessful idea. Someone told me that a lot of these people that signed the document now wish they didn't. I got a call about a mother that got killed by a 19 year old drunk driver. I respect the fact that they want to stimulate some conversation; I just don't see where this will go. I wish it were "we" signed this, but it would be "Joe Gow". But I would do it if all 3 bodies passed a resolution saying they thought I should. I personally would welcome the conversation but I think the reaction to it was so strong that I am not so enthusiastic. That would be my take on it.
27. I think this is a good idea and talking about preventative measures, I just think it is focusing on the wrong things. I don't know if it communicating it correctly.
 - b. Green Fund Allocation (Non-Action Item)
 - i. We are going to talk about the environmental sustainability fee. Summer execs were charged with determining a path for this. They

decided that the best committee to charge this with would be the Apportionment Committee. But this committee just doesn't have enough time. As a committee we decided that the best place to go with this would be the Joint Environmental Sustainability Committee. It wasn't just the Apportionment Committee, also members from the Joint Environmental Sustainability Committee. We'll meet with them for one or two weeks and go over their recommendations and then pass it on to senate. We are politely asking the Chancellor to charge them with that. The Chancellor approved it. We are working on further developing this. It isn't too late to make changes. It is still a student majority voice, but there is a group of experts on the joint committee that I think would be foolish not to use.

ii. Discussion

1. Motion to limit discussion to 15 minutes.
 - a. Wallace/DeVries
 - b. Passes.
2. Motion to close discussion
 - a. Allen/Cerwin
 - b. Passes.

c. [SA 0809-012: Resolution on Appointing UWLSA Court Justices and Appointing the Student Misconduct Hearing Panel Student Members](#)

i. VanWinkle/Klotz

1. I have invited the court justices to be here. We are filling 3 positions because the other two are returning. We went through a fairly extensive application process. I feel like we covered a lot of the university ground pretty well. We are very impressed and honored with the people we have here.
2. There is a tribunal hearing process for non-academic cases. It is like having a student be part of major policy changes. I didn't ask those members to be here today because that org is not a part of senate.

ii. Discussion

1. Can the people here give a little background info?
 - a. Ed- I am senior here, History major. Other orgs I am involved in are student alumni ambassadors. I also am involved with the rugby club.
 - b. Amanda- I am a senior double major in Poli Sci and public administration. I am also applying to law school. I am vice president of the political science organization. I am also in Big Brother Big Sisters.
2. Why is one of the individuals serving on both?
 - a. Because of qualifications and it just seemed in the best interest. We wanted to put forward the best candidate possible.
3. Are all three seniors?
 - a. Ashley is not.

4. Are we limiting ourselves as to who can be chief justice if we only have one of them returning?
 - a. When we talked about that Ashley said she would be very interested so that is something that we considered.
 5. The application form did say you could apply to both.
 6. Discussion closed.
- d. [SA 0809-013: Resolution on Appointing Vacant Senator Seats](#)
- i. Wallace/Kahl
 1. We had two empty seats. The two people we appointed were Kelliann and Andrea. They will be here next week.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Kelliann is very enthused in being involved with SA and she went to DC with us last year.
 2. She is one of the editors for the Racquet. She is very good at everything that she does.
 3. Motion to close discussion
 - a. VanWinkle/LeFevre
 - b. Discussion closed.

XII. Announcements

- a. Thank you all for doing such an awesome job.
- b. Football this Saturday at Winona.
- c. If you are interested in serving on Athletics meetings are Wednesday noon to one, not every week.
- d. Turkey Trot- if you are interested in helping out you get a free t-shirt. It is only a couple of hours of work.
- e. McCain is coming to La Crosse. Tickets are free but you have to sign up for them.
- f. Alpha Phi red dress gala starts at 5:30.
- g. Veterans association meeting tomorrow.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Allen/Herro
- b. Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm

Resources:

[Amethyst Initiative Website](#)

SENATORS Last Name	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL 2	ROLE CALL 3
Allen	x	x	x
Barquero	x	x	x
Brooks	x	x	x
Cerwin	x	x	x
Cox	x	x	x
Decker		x	x
DeShong		x	x
DeVries		x	x
Groshek	x	x	x
Haase	x	x	x
Hastings	x		x
Hayes	x	x	x
Her	x		
Herro	x	x	x
Hougen	x	x	x
Jimenez			
Kahl		x	x
Klotz	x	x	x
LeFevre	x	x	x
Nguyen		x	
O'Neill	x	x	x
Schmidt	x	x	x
Schoonover	x	x	x
Sweeny	x	x	x
Syafitri	x	x	
Taylor	x		
Thiel	x	x	x
Turner	x	x	x
Urbas	x	x	x
Vang		x	
VanWinkle		x	x
VanWyk	x	x	x
Wallace	x	x	x
Wolf	x	x	x
Members Present	26	30	28
Total Confirmed Members	34	34	34
Percentage of Members Present	76%	88%	82%

