



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: 10.15.2008

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:01pm
- II. Role Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Wallace/DeVries
 - b. Minutes approved
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Klotz/Thiel
 - b. Agenda approved.
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Blair, Community Health Education Major
 - i. Support of a smoke free workplace ordinance. We want to show that UWL supports. Please put name and address so that we know we are a UWL student.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. If it is approved, when it will go into effect?
 - a. It will not immediately affect La Crosse until the county approves it.
 2. So people that smoke downtown will have to go out of the bars?
 - a. Yes they will have to step outside.
 3. How far away do you have to stay?
 - a. It doesn't say how far away you have to be.
 - b. The tavern league apposes any smoking bans.
- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. Derek
 - i. The Fun Run this weekend will be 8:30am at the Clocktower with the chancellor. It is a 5k
 - ii. I spoke with John Tillman to increase the student inboxes, it wasn't going to work out as well because it is a costly procedure and it would work at a much slower pace. I know a lot of senators are concerned and he said it would be possible. How do you feel about allowing senators and directors to increase their mailbox by 50% and not allowing anyone else?
 1. I agree because it would help with our jobs.
 2. Could this be open to board members of other orgs?
 - a. It is possible. When I originally asked him I also included RHAC. The more people he has to do it for the more work it is. I could bring it up if it something they feel strongly about.

- i. A lot of board members get a lot of mail. I am in support of it, if it was the entire campus I wouldn't be in support of it because it would make it slower.
 - 3. I would recommend using outlook because I have never had a problem with it getting full.
 - 4. How big are our emails right now?
 - a. 40 megabytes.
 - 5. I like the idea but I would be interested in using D2L for committees. The fact that I can see all of last year's documents and this year's documents is great. We use it for Apportionment and I love it.
 - 6. I thought you couldn't use outlook off campus.
 - a. What I do is I take the outgoing link and use it at home.
 - i. I know we would all like to increase our size but I know that there are a lot of people that want to increase their mailboxes. We need to push the online file storage. We need to make it easier
 - 7. Sometimes we loose the idea that this does cost money. I was a big advocate and thought this was a great idea but keep in mind that it does cost money.
 - 8. There is also a way to set up a network location to access your online files from wherever. It is not that difficult, just go to the IT website.
 - 9. I didn't come to a clear consensus; I will put it into a hand vote.
 - a. Objection, this is something for new business.
 - i. This is something he can do right now.
 - ii. (People are interested in pursuing it.)
- b. Kyle
 - i. If you don't have access to the office please put your name on the sheet.
 - ii. Thanks to Larry for getting the overhead projector. I owe you the most gratitude. Thank you.
 - iii. This Friday some of us will go to system reps meeting, but I have also been asked to serve on the United Council restructuring committee. I would like to get some feedback on what you guys think about it. UC as it was intended to be is a lobbying group on behalf of all students of the UW System. From those of you that have experience, what is some feedback I should take to them?
 - 1. I think one of the main issues is that the balance shifted, there were far more 2 yr schools represented, we are in a different situation, they would be fighting for issues that didn't concern us or that we weren't in favor of. They need to address the issues of four years and two years.
 - 2. I would like to see them take stuff seriously and feasible options, last year they tried to lower tuition, which isn't going to happen.

3. I am not too much into being a very hostile person but this is a big issue and anything you want me to present I will.
 4. I would like to see them restructure and us get back into it, to learn things and to help us out. They need to take another look at what they are doing and I would like to get back into it.
 5. Did Milwaukee get out?
 - a. No they did not.
 - b. What happened was that Milwaukee used UC's online comment section to notify UC, however UC said it was illegal to do it that way and that they had to send it through the mail. They used that as a way to get out of it.
 6. Have they sent you any reports to let you know if they are making improvements?
 - a. No
 7. Did Stout drop out?
 - a. No
 - b. Nicole contacted me and told me that she would like to talk, so there has been some effort.
 8. I would like them to follow through with what they say they will do. One thing they said was that they were going to keep schools that dropped out informed so that they would know what is going on.
 9. What is the timetable for this?
 - a. I have no idea what they want to do.
 10. They need to find new leadership and it needs to be rebuilt from the ground up because it is just a mess. They need to rework everything.
 - a. We had a conversation that they need to look at the amount that they pay their employees. They aren't attracting very good people.
 11. UC has in their budget to visit each nonmember campus twice throughout the year and they haven't yet.
 12. They should act more professional because last meeting we were shunned and that was pretty ridiculous.
- iv. I would like to limit the meeting tonight to 7:45 since it is the last presidential debate.
1. Does that mean we can table things to next week?
 - a. It means I will just move things.
 2. I am thinking that some of the stuff on our agenda needs to be done tonight.
 3. I would prefer to see the org grants go through tonight.
 4. Seg Fees
 - a. I would like to see them go through tonight.
 5. Next week we are going to be here for twice as long because we wanted to leave early tonight.
 6. I will present a motion in new business.
 7. I think there are some very serious things in the agenda. If we have to be here twice as long next time then that is fine, but we

can't limit our discussion if we want to have a serious discussion.

8. If you want to bring up any resolutions at any time you can. You don't have to approve the motion I entertain. You don't have to do it in order. So I will motion to limit the meeting and we will discuss it.

c. Others

i. CFO

1. Right now per diem is really low and I will look around at different schools and if anyone has any suggestions please let me know. Per Diem is the amount allocated for when you travel. It is \$30 for food and lodging.
 - a. I don't think that's right, you get \$30 a day, \$12 of that is for food.

ii. City Affairs

1. Make sure to go to the game on Saturday. There will be a lot of buses.

iii. Shared Gov

1. Faculty Senate- talked about changing the incomplete grade policy, it used to be that if you got an incomplete you could come back after dropping out and change the letter grade. Now you have 12 months from the date that you got the incomplete.
2. Memberships on faculty committees- of you haven't been in touch with faculty let me know because it is very important to show up.

iv. GOTV

1. Today was the last day of the drive, we got 1,860 forms filled out by students, but it will be higher when I know how many other orgs got.
2. In the 20 days before the vote I want to educate voters about what is on the ballot and where to vote. That is for next week.
3. Please look at the sheet to help out at the polls. You can be deputized or not, if you aren't you could help with lines, if you are you could register people.

v. Environmental Sustainability

1. (Fuhrmann)- I brought you the resolution regarding what Apportionment will do with the reserve, there has been a question asked about the money in that account. The intent was to create an entirely separate account, not come back to student's reserve, what do people from last year think?
 - a. I think it was intended to be a separate account.
 - b. I agree.

VII. RHAC Report

- a. No report

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Jeremy- One on one sheets. I don't have very much time next week, but we are getting towards the end of this round. I especially want to meet with the directors. Journals have been very well. I will respond to a number of you that have sent them in. also I want to plug the debate for state senate. Last night it

was a packed house. I sure you will get a lot out of it if you come next Tuesday at 7pm in this room.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Library
 - i. We looked over a draft proposal, they want to increase the hours they are open especially on Friday and Saturday nights, also increase the databases.
- b. Athletics
 - i. We still need one more student
- c. Cultural Affairs
 - i. Talked about the by laws and one shots. We will be prioritizing that.
 - ii. If you have you by laws Carly needs them.
- d. Student Services & Buildings.
 - i. Set our one shot deadlines and the Racquet editor deadline since we are in charge of that.
- e. Facilities
 - i. If there is anything that senate wants us to do let us know.
- f. Under grad
 - i. Course revisions and changes being brought to us. The English department is doing an overhaul of their major.

X. New Business

- a. [SA 0809-011: Resolution Requesting that Chancellor Joe Gow Become a Signatory of the Amethyst Initiative](#)
 - i. Cox/Nguyen
 - ii. Point of info
 1. What would happen if we table or postpone an item, what is the difference?
 - a. If you postpone it to a certain date then you need to pick it up at that date. If you table it then it out there to be picked up.
 - iii. Last week we had a lot of great discussion on this resolution. I wasn't expecting there to be a lack of discussion. However it brought forth to me a few areas where we need some improvements. I think we can make a few changes. I started addressing some of the concerns like a lack of plan of action, the media, and gathering student opinions. So we've started a new position that is legit and it has everyone's info so that we can verify that they are students. I went ahead and scheduled an open forum to be held on Nov 3rd at Graff Main Hall. We want to invite students to talk about it and Vogel will present the issue with a power point and we will also present some of the arguments against changing the drinking age. We are in the process of contacting the person that started the amethyst initiative. Also on Nov 12th there is a debate about the initiative. In relation to addressing the media, I have contacted the paper and they would run an article prior to us voting on it. It would be about my view point on it. We know someone at UW Parkside and the person that signed the initiative and how it has been going on there. There are things we are doing to make it better so I motion to postpone the resolution until Nov 5th.
 1. Cox/Cerwin

2. Discussion

- a. Motion to amend the motion. I would like to make it January 28th. It would be the first meeting of the second semester.
 - i. Wallace/Urbas
 - ii. I think we should wait until the second semester so that we can hear the teleconference debate; we might miss out on a good point.
 - iii. The conversation right now is only regarding changing the date. Not on the resolution.
 - iv. I see where the senator is coming from, I think that it might be better to address this sooner than later since we had a good discussion and it is fresh in our minds. I feel like we would lose momentum.
 - v. I understand the reason but I think it is excessive because we are coordinating with the media and the campus. We would have the media on our side; if we waited we would lose the timeliness of the moment.
 - vi. Point of info
 1. If we vote this down we would go back to Nov 5th?
 - a. Correct.
 - vii. Call to question
 1. motion fails
- b. I don't think that there is any need to postpone it at all, I think the awareness should have been done before. It doesn't make sense to me if there is already a plan of action in place.
- c. I do think it needs to be postponed. I don't think all of us have gotten to our constituents. I think postponing is important.
- d. It gives more time for our constituents to be informed. More time would be good.
- e. What is the petition that these people are signing? Is it for the initiative?
 - i. It is recommending that senate votes in favor of the resolution.
 1. I think that should have been done before the resolution was brought.
- f. We are making a good faith effort to address the objections that were raised; we will get a better feel for what the student body feels at the open forum.
- g. If in postponing it they find out that the resolution needs to change, are they going to make those changes? Right now it doesn't change anything. Will they be willing to make the amendments?

to read it. Res Life thinks it will get a lot of people and if that is the case we would need the REC, if we get 900 or more tickets sold we will put it in the REC. we have around 650 people who will be provided a ticket. It is the 18th of November.

1. We don't need to vote on the change, we can just change it.

iii. Discussion

1. Have there been any thoughts about the sound system? Last year there was a problem with the sound system and it was very hard to hear. Have there been any thoughts about that?

a. I believe Slevin updated the sound system.

b. We brought in consultants that recommended what we would have to do, we bought what they said.

2. Motion to close discussion

a. Cerwin/Wolf

i. Discussion closed.

b. [SA 0809-015: Resolution Granting Organizational Status Lax Sec. Soc](#)

i. Allen/Turner

ii. Same thing, different org.

iii. Discussion

1. What is this org?

a. The purpose is to promote and practice the scientific... provide a community for free thinkers and educate the campus and community.

2. Who is starting the org?

a. Out of order. It doesn't matter who.

3. I'll look at it later.

4. motion to close discussion

a. Klotz/Brooks

i. Discussion closed.

c. [SA 0809-016: Resolution Granting Organizational Grants 08-09](#)

i. Kahl/Klotz

ii. Discussion

1. We have a lot of orgs that come through and make requests.

There are people that do events and would like org grants to do it. We had 19 organizations request, we go through the applications that we get and they can request funds for anything on campus, but we look at speakers as a high priority. The last thing we look at is orgs that request money for travel. We are dealing with a budget of around \$18,500. The total is under this but in the spring we try to offer mini grants to give an incentive for orgs to do events in the spring.

2. What is LIFE?

a. They do programs to bring the community together with international students. They requested money for things to welcome new students and to do different events.

3. When it comes for a vote, will we be given an itemized list of events?

- a. This is the document that has been historically approved. If you have questions you can ask me.
 - 4. Are the orgs bound to do that with this money?
 - a. Yes. They have to have proof that it is going to that event.
 - b. So there are supporting documents behind each line item.
 - c. We will not write the check to each org, we write it to the bills that need to be paid.
 - 5. What if the event has to be cancelled?
 - a. The money stays in the account; it would be available for the spring one shots.
 - 6. Why did Pre Med club request an amount and you gave a different amount?
 - a. We set it for \$740.
 - 7. Why the changes in Archeology Club and Campus Crusade for Christ?
 - a. Archeology requested large amounts in the past and they haven't spent it, so we didn't want those funds to just sit there again. This was for a conference in Georgia, based on what they did last year the other grant was a little more reasonable.
 - b. Campus Crusade for Christ- we had to take into consideration the whole budget, do we want most of it to go to one org? We have to look at the whole picture.
 - 8. Are we able to see what each org is requesting?
 - a. Yes, after this meeting I will put the info in my mailbox so that you can see what each request was. I would encourage you to look in mailbox and look through this to become informed about what you would be voting on next week.
 - 9. Please keep in mind that this goes through a committee, otherwise it turns into senate micromanaging.
 - 10. motion to close
 - a. Wallace/Allen
 - i. Discussion closed.
- d. [SA 0809-017: Resolution Granting Organizational Status Disc Golf Club](#)
 - i. Decker/Wolf
 - ii. Same thing, Disc Golf wants to be a club.
 - iii. Motion to close discussion
 - 1. Groshek/Thiel
 - a. Discussion closed.
- e. [SA 0809-018: 2007-2008 Allocable Segregated Fee Carryovers](#)
 - i. Allen/Cerwin
 - ii. I need to explain how the document works in order to understand what we did.
 - 1. Left side is the beginning cash balance, how much money they had left in their accounts last year. Parenthesis means negative, that is an important part. Column E is where this body

allocated each group a certain amount of money. You add that to program revenue. There is a column for total expenses, at the end of the fiscal year this is what they had left. The encumbrance is an extension of their expenses. It's like a credit card, where you purchased something but didn't get the bill until later.

2. I would like to commend everyone on the committee for working very hard on this for 3 hours. Our general rule of thumb was if they were in 10% of their allocated budget we said that it was pretty good budgeting and they can deal with it. We asked the ones that had really over spent and really under spent why that happened and if they wanted it back and why. Once we got the email responses we brought some of them in if we had more questions. Some of the ones that stick out:
 - a. Student Association had a year end balance and Derek came in and requested \$3,000 back to do some renovations in the office. We felt that it was a worthy use for the carryover money.
 - b. Marching Concert Bands and Choir presented good reasons as to why they would want them back. Marching band needed cases for some equipment and said they wouldn't need a one shot if allowed that money. Choir was saving money for a trip to Ireland which we resolved.
 - i. Are these actually specific bank accounts?
These are subdivisions of the UWL treasury so to speak?
 1. No, but they are managed by the business services.
 - c. Multicultural Events had a lot of money left over. There is some change in leadership and some struggles that they had. They didn't ask for all of the money back, they asked for 10% and we felt that was adequate.
 - d. Theatre- we have an agreement with them that they don't ask for more than inflationary amounts, they get to keep their carryover.
 - e. International Students Program- we didn't want to give all of it back because it would have been a budget issue, we did give some of it back.
 - f. Org Grants- they had a big negative balance and it was my fault, we had good reason for this. If you have any questions please ask.
 - g. Racquet- they proposed numerous ways to use their carryover, including the dramatic increase in their printing costs.
 - h. Intercollegiate Athletics- they bring in revenue but cant budget for it.
3. Discussion

- a. Did you get responses from all of the account managers?
 - i. We didn't ask all of the account managers, the ones that we did ask they all responded.
- b. I would like everyone to keep this in the back of your head; the apportionment committee has long conversations about this. If you have a huge concern please voice that, but keep that in mind.
- c. Move to close discussion
 - i. VanWinkle/LeFevre
 - 1. Passes.

XII. Announcements

- a. All those who received an email from me about the awareness committee please come see me
- b. I will have constitution or by laws for the new orgs
- c. Tomorrow is spirit day, wear UWL gear and come to the Clocktower.
- d. Gladiators postponed and moved to Dec 5th and sponsored by Best Buy and BA Burritos, if you come their will be prizes and burritos.
- e. I am coordinating volunteers for chancellor's run. See me after the meeting.
- f. Legislative involvement committee meeting tomorrow at 6pm.
- g. Asian Student Org hosting dinner Nov 8th. Tickets are \$12 for students.
- h. Academic Affairs Committee, sorry about missing the meeting. Thanks to the Apportionment Committee.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. O'Niell/Herro.
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Put "x" for attendance

SENATORS	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL 2	ROLE CALL 3	ROLE CALL 4
Last Name				
Allen	x	x	x	x
Barquero	x	x	x	x
Blazek				x
Brooks	x	x	x	x
Cerwin	x	x	x	x
Cox	x		x	x
Decker		x	x	x
DeShong		x	x	x
DeVries	x	x	x	x
Groshek	x	x	x	x
Haase	x	x	x	x
Hastings	x	x	x	x
Hayes	x	x	x	x
Her	x	x	x	x
Herro	x	x	x	x
Hougen	x	x	x	x
Jimenez				
Kahl	x	x	x	x
Klotz	x	x	x	x
LeFevre	x	x	x	x
Nguyen	x	x	x	x
O'Neill	x	x	x	x
Palmer				x
Schmidt	x	x	x	x
Schoonover	x	x	x	x
Sweeny				
Syafitri	x	x	x	x
Taylor	x	x	x	x
Thiel	x	x	x	x
Turner	x	x	x	x
Urbas	x	x	x	x
Vang				
VanWinkle	x	x	x	x
VanWyk	x	x	x	x
Wallace	x	x	x	x
Wolf	x	x	x	x
Members Present	29	30	31	33
Total Confirmed Members	34	34	34	36
Percentage of Members Present	85%	88%	91%	92%

