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**Student Senate Agenda**

Date: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order.
- III. Role Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Wallace/Nguyen
    - i. Add the Academic Initiative Assessment Task Force
    - ii. Agenda approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Thiel/Brooks
    - i. Minutes approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
  - a. Andrea Wilson, Editor-in-Chief *The Racquet*
    - i. This is my third year as editor in chief. We are going through the process of interviewing for the future editor and chief. The Student Services and Buildings committee makes a recommendation to this body. Next week there will be a resolution to approve the next editor in chief.
  - b. Megan Knutson, Science and Health Senator Candidate
    - i. I am a junior in the fitness program. I play soccer and track and I am looking forward to meeting you all and working with you.
  - c. Academic Initiative Assessment Task Force
    - i. Senator Eric Kahl- I want to update everyone on the committee. Academic Initiatives was a program started to look at funds that go towards four areas. That program is up for review this year. The assessment task force looks at the program and what modifications we might want to make to it. It was originally set up to be a dollar for dollar match with the university. The plan is for the university to back out entirely. The task force has been meeting for a couple of weeks and they are charged with looking at the program and what we want to do with it from here on out. we are looking at different survey results, usage, rates, quality, etc. the other one we have is looking at future programs that can possible be funded through academic initiatives. There will be a resolution on the table in the next month and a half. We are looking for some input into what types of additional programs should be funded. Maybe there is something entirely new we should incorporate.

- ii. Paula Knudsen- we have some proposals out there. One of those has been talked about in Joint Budget and Planning to extend internships for undergrad and grad students. The other area is for a learning center for students which would provide tutoring for students. We are looking at creating a new center in a very visible and accessible area. The third one is the library. The library is an area that has requested funding in the last two years. Those are the three that are up for potential funding.
- iii. Discussion
  - 1. I think the career services internship is a cool one. The one I would like to see more of is the national student exchange program. You have that experience to bring back with you and I think that would be valuable. I think many schools in Wisconsin do have it except us and Madison.
    - a. One of the things we are doing is trying to not open the flood gates. At the same time we are supposed to be crafting a message that we are looking for comments and suggestions. That might be something we can bring up as long as it is something students want.
  - 2. Where is the money going to come from if the money might be cut of?
    - a. They are looking at the program as a whole and what arrangements can be made to fund it. If we want those programs to continue and the university can't support it, it might fall back on the students. Right now students pay about \$60 per year. It could be a little over \$100.
    - b. We aren't unique in terms of this tuition. Other institutions include: Madison, Milwaukee, La Crosse, EC, Stout...some fund many other things like the library. Stated we would fund international education research.
  - 3. How will the University raise its fees?
    - a. Task Force needs to review the program and make recommendations for it. Cut, stagnate or extend it. As the Task Force moves ahead their role was to address SA about this issue. Is this something SS will move forward to the BOR? Laying the groundwork...these decisions will need to be made.
    - b. Will go before the BOR in February or March. Dealing with current outcomes and what programs have to offer students. Look at possibilities of future programs.
  - 4. Philosophically, should the campus fund these initiatives? If the campus does better then students should not have to pay for it. It benefits both the students and the campus. Some of these programs need to be funded by campus.
    - a. I don't disagree with that and I wish the university was in a place where we could fund more of these services.

With the economy we are not in a place to do that. If we can't offer it, what do students want to do? Those are really tough decisions.

5. What is the anticipated reaction from the regents when it is brought forth that the university hasn't held up their end of the bargain?
  - a. UWL is the only one with the matching component.
6. I understand that but do any of the universities promise that they would match?
  - a. Not that I am aware of.
  - b. This is the last year where we can do any type of match. We acknowledge that we don't have the resources to do this, I wish we did. We are going to be honest about things. They are great programs but we don't have the resources. We are trying to get out ahead of this and be upfront with people.
  - c. We are in terms of cost per semester, one of the cheaper universities.
  - d. Whitewater is at \$178, Eau Claire at \$165, Riverfalls is \$142, and Platteville is at \$100.
7. I hesitate to look for more programs to add on to this. Even if we maintain the programs that we have, the cost is going to go up for students. Today I spoke about funding some of the programs through GQA. The tax payers in WI stopped seeing the values of these programs a long time ago.
  - a. We have to take into consideration the overall cost. This only comes around every five years. I think we won't be doing justice to this if we didn't put everything on the table.
  - b. We have a responsibility to look at the five year window. The state is short about 5 billion dollars. We don't reduce a budget without reducing programming. We are not going to be doing some of the things tomorrow that we were doing today. We are going to work with you about what the budget adjustments mean. Right now students pay just about under 55% of the costs. That is not the way it should be but the tax payers aren't willing to say that they have the ability to pay. Students to have to pay more in tuition and more in fees. It sucks. We aren't going to be giving all the services that we used to. We are going to be open and honest about it to you. Eric is representing you with the utmost integrity in this process.
8. Is the \$6 million cut back permanent?
  - a. That's what happened in 2003. The cuts coming our way are going to be permanent.

9. I wanted to second the suggestion about the national student exchange. It is a pretty valuable program. It is a really valuable option that a lot of people would take advantage of if it was offered here.
- iv. If you have any more comments send it to Karly or I.
- d. Matt Groshek, Jenn O'Neill and Vice-Chancellor Bob Hetzel
  - i. Bob Hetzel- The residence hall will be coming in about a month with a program statement. We are thinking about Coate Field, we will get to you before you go on break. The stadium is on schedule. It will be a jewel for the university. The academic building committee met about two weeks ago. On Jan 8<sup>th</sup> we are going out to bid for this project of \$44 million. We will start construction in early June. This will be LEED certified. The architects have been working to make sure we get LEED certification at the silver level. The hall of nations will be house seating capacity of just under 300 for special events. There will be different types of classrooms. This new building is about the size of Mitchell Hall. We would open in Fall 2011.
    1. I always wanted to see exits at the bottom, just to help the flow and for emergency purposes. I thought that was a really big deal and it bothers me that they brushed that off.
      - a. We had some code problems with that and we couldn't work it out. The solution we came up with was making exists that lead into adjoining class areas. It was viewed as the most workable compromise.
    2. How handicapped accessible are these?
      - a. These are fully accessible. Every classroom and bathroom is fully accessible. Every floor will have a gender neutral bathroom. We put in more women's stalls at the meeting about 3 months ago because that is important on a campus with about 60% women.
    3. What are the logistical challenges of not having residence halls during construction?
      - a. We will limit the students living on campus and increase the beds in res halls. We will have to do our best. If you have thought on how to do either, I would love to hear them.
    4. Last year we talked about helping students and landlord negotiations because I was afraid they would be taken advantage of.
      - a. We were working with landlords this summer and they were trying to pass on prices that were on the verge of price gauging. They understand we don't want them to take advantage, how they choose to make their business decisions is up to them.

- b. One of the actions we are looking at is if there is housing off campus we can lease for international students and do staffing for those locations.
- 5. My landlord said that the taxes went up 15%, so I think every landlord is charging a lot more.
- 6. Where will the new res halls be located?
  - a. On Coate field. We are making it so that we can save as much of that green space as possible.
- 7. We are working closely with UW System for renovation to Cowley.
- 8. How are you going to handle freshman that want to live in the new dorms and not the old dorms?
  - a. The new res halls will not just be upper classmen. The other dorms will get renovations. Some students might say they like living in traditional res halls. We are trying to provide options for students.
- 9. It seems like the classrooms are pretty big, isn't the goal of the university to make classes smaller?
  - a. Our biggest shortage of space right now is for 40 seat classrooms. The small classrooms are still there in other buildings. But the for the general education classes we will have these bigger classrooms.
- 10. There is never a full classroom so how are we short on classrooms?
  - a. Between 10 to 2 in the afternoon we don't have enough classrooms. It is not accommodating student demand. During the peak time it is hard to get the classrooms that you need. My guess is that you wouldn't choose a 7:30 am class.

## VII. Officer Reports

### a. Derek

- i. Name tags should be here next week.
- ii. Jacque was able to compile the comments from last week. Some pretty interesting overlap, so it is good to know we are all on the same page. With that, I want to ask if there is any interest in starting a mission statement, goal, or vision statement for what senate stands for. We know we are here to represent students, but we don't really have a sense for what that means. If anyone is interested in starting a committee please raise your hand. I leave them up in the office if you are interested in looking at the comments. One thing that kept coming up is that we are here to help students if they have a problem. But I think we need to take a proactive approach instead of just reacting to whatever comes our way.
- iii. I will be having meetings about D2L usage and possibly mandating D2L usage for professors. I will be drafting a resolution on that this Friday from 12 to 2pm in the office. Please stop by.

- b. Kyle
  - i. I sent out an email about the online learning committee, thank you for volunteering.
  - ii. We did paint the office this last weekend. I talked to Fred Ludwig and he is pretty upset, we are having him do the ribbon cutting. If anyone has any input on how to change the office please let us know.
  - iii. We went to the board of regents meeting last week and had a good time. There is a lot of interesting things going on. They just picked a representative from Jamesville for assembly speaker.
- c. Others
  - i. City Affairs
    - 1. MTU meeting- we didn't raise all of the fares. We are having a new route established in Onalaska
    - 2. City Council meeting tomorrow at 7:30pm
    - 3. Parking tickets- those haven't been raised yet, it got referred for 60 days.
      - a. Did they just refuse to make any decisions?
        - i. It's not my place to judge them, just my place to work with them.
  - ii. Leg Affairs
    - 1. Planning a trip to Madison. It might not be until next semester.
    - 2. Regent's meeting- December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Going to a regents meeting is a really fast tutorial on how they do their thing. All you have to do is come out.
  - iii. Gender Issues
    - 1. Been meeting with Ingrid Peterson to create a peer education course. The details are all still up in the air, could be a one credit course.
  - iv. Environmental Issues
    - 1. Website is not up yet. When it is up there will be the Green Fund Application form.
    - 2. Moving forward with the dorm energy challenge, meeting this Friday at 10am in CC. I would like one person for each dorm.
  - v. Public Relations
    - 1. Please respond with bios. If anyone has something they find news worthy, we can throw it up on the news site.
  - vi. Shared Gov
    - 1. Faculty senate was last week, it was an interesting meeting. The economics department proposed to put the student evals online to save the university \$130,000 a year. There was a lot of resistance. I want to consult students and we want to see the raw scores. Apparently that was new info to them because they said students didn't have the rights to see that. I informed them that we do. They will be discussing it further tomorrow. They wont make a decision on the Amethyst Initiative until we do. They were pleased to hear about our discussion.

- a. Is faculty senate aware of ratemyprofessor.com?
  - i. I think they are aware of that site more than we are, and I think they look at that site more than we do. But they don't the evaluations to become that. The evaluations are extremely important to them so I understand why they are so defensive.
  - ii. The econ department is sending it to a committee to determine how it would be done. The way I envision it is that before you get your grades you have to fill out the evals. They aren't talking about anything specifically now.
- 2. Board of regent's meeting- they talked about how the pay is falling further and further behind and how that is hurting us in attracting new people. It was eye opening and a bit disheartening. We can't get more funding right now so we need other ways to attract faculty, like partner benefits. It was an interesting presentation.
  - a. They said that some of the responses they got were things like "is that salary a typo?" and "are you joking?" We aren't attracting people.
  - b. I am wondering if all of these places are having problems, why not pressure the government more?
    - i. I think the biggest reality is that if the state is looking at a \$5 billion deficit, it would be unwise for students to ask the state to pay it. It should be a shared burden. We could say we are willing to shoulder some of this if the state would pick it up. Really this is a business and in order to stay competitive we need to use that as a bargaining chip with the state.
    - ii. We have been behind for years. Everyone knows that, it is a long term thing that we have to fix. It is not just the money from the state. We need to look at the benefits to attract more.
  - c. There seems to be a systemic poor planning in terms of poor planning.
    - i. System has done a lot belt tightening. I think the administration has been taking proactive steps to do their best.
    - ii. We do need to change that the only stories that make news are the really bad ones. That's we have a really bad reputation among tax payers.
- 3. Make sure you are communicating with faculty on the committee you are on. Really try to involve them. remind them to come if they are not coming to the meetings.
- vii. Social Justice

1. I ask that you are aware that I have a discussion blog on a committee we have. It is not for everyone, just a select few. I have added members that are not part of senate on the website. I want your respect with this discussion as we are trying to plan this committee.
  - a. Right now the committee dissipated. Jacque brought it to our attention.
  - b. Years ago senate approved this committee and the idea was to increase the discussion of diversity issues. It didn't meet for many years. Keng is trying to bring it back and see what it can do.

viii. GOTV

1. The numbers are very skewed right now because the city clerk didn't take out the numbers of people who moved away. We have to go at national levels of voting percentage. It says that District 5 had more voters than the campus has. There is an article in the Racquet that explains that. 19% of 18 to 25 yr olds voted nationally. Thanks to everyone who helped me.
2. When I do get the real numbers I will pass that on.
  - a. She did an incredible job; thank you again because the voter turn out was pretty impressive. Thank you, that was awesome.

VIII. RHAC Report

- a. The treasurer resigned, if you are interested the applications are due December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. We have Drako going on with cool prizes.
- c. Leadership conference is this weekend in Indiana. We will be voted on. We will have news on that next week.

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Jeremy- I have a sign up sheet for anyone that wants to meet with me. I am available a lot next week.
- b. Larry- plates return tomorrow! They are still dealing with issues. They are paying some bills for me and they will be fixing stuff in Jan.

X. Committee Reports

- a. Awareness Committee Presentation
  - i. We talked about getting a SA display outside the room. Maybe have the graphics department make something.
- b. Constituent Engagement Committee Presentation
  - i. Talked about doing stuff with the web pages. Any input would be great. Putting a SA link on the front page would be hard right now because it is really cluttered. They set the resolution size for older computers so that everyone can use it. They are planning on making a drop down box on current students. I hope they can put a link for SA.
  - ii. I had an idea of making a form on our website so that students can ask questions. We can make a link and set it up like an open text box, I just

- don't know how we would get back to them. I would like to it to be anonymous.
- iii. We talked about having a template for resolutions, or maybe ways to write it. So if students think of things they can meet with a senator to write.
  - iv. Talked about the clipboards. It is not too hard to do that. it takes 5 or 10 minutes. Talk to 3 or 4 students and ask them what they think about the campus, it is an easy way to communicate with students. I encourage everyone to do that.
  - v. We came up with some good suggestions for CC. Bike racks came up a lot. I will meet with Larry about implementing some of them.
- c. Legislative Involvement Committee Presentation
- i. We had a meeting last week and we spoke about how the host institutions for the regents meetings, the students don't get very involved in planning. I thought it would be cool if we got really involved in it. When we have the meeting there will be students from other student governments, I thought it would be cool to welcome them and have a lunch for them. It is cool to be able to represent your school.
    - 1. Was there a specific thing you would like us to do?
      - a. I need to get more info but if anyone is interested in that talk to me.
    - ii. We talked about taking a trip to Madison.
- d. Athletics
- i. Working on budget
- e. ITS
- i. Talked about printing charges. If you have any input on that let the ITS committee know soon.
    - 1. Is this a per semester allotment?
      - a. Yes. The current allotment is 230 prints per semester.
    - 2. Have we always been charged?
      - a. Not now, but they are monitoring to get the average of prints per student.
      - b. The ITS committee is charged not with whether we should do this, but rather how much they should charge.
    - 3. If this goes through and after 350 pages we get charged, we should get updates so that people are aware that they will get charged.
      - a. They are taking that into consideration, we don't know if that is feasible.
    - 4. When you got to the print release station it does say how much it is costing the university.
    - 5. A lot professors are making students print documents to save their departments money.
    - 6. Would it be less if it was double sided?
      - a. It is per side.



- a. SA 0809-011a: Resolution Requesting that Chancellor Joe Gow Become a Signatory of the Amethyst Initiative (Amended)
  - i. Wallace/Turner
  - ii. Thank you for your patience and commitment. Gow said he was delighted in the manner we approaching this issue. This is the vision I had for the resolution a couple of weeks. We improved the flow of the logic and clarity. It makes it much more readable and easier to comprehend. It also cuts out a lot of the philosophical tangent. The other issues are irrelevant to the initiative. It has bothered me that no one has proposed any amendments to this resolution. If there is anything you would like to change about it you have the right to do so.
  - iii. John O'Hare is a sponsor.
  - iv. Discussion
    - 1. I was exited because we teamed up and talked to some SOE students, we had some good discussion. What I found is that the sense didn't change among school of ed students. they agree with the concept of the discussion, but not with the signing of the initiative. We took polls and one class was 1 yes, 25 no, and 3 undecided. It was clear where they were coming from; they want to see us do something, not just sign a piece of paper.
    - 2. Move to limit debate to half an hour (limit to 8:32pm)
      - a. Wolf/Turner
        - i. Passes
    - 3. I am glad they changed it, it does make more sense. Move to amend to add at the end "upon approval from UWL academic staff council and faculty senate".
      - a. Thiel/Herro
      - b. I think that was the Chancellor was saying when he talked to us. He intended it to be all 3 of the bodies
      - c. Even if you disagree with the document, and it does pass, I think we can all agree on this.
      - d. Discussion
        - i. I am worried about the wording because to me now that means that this body would be submitting their request "pending" the approval of the other two bodies because they are waiting for us to approves it. It makes us circle, chasing each other around. Gow did say the other two bodies are needed for him to sign it.
        - ii. I think that maybe we should consider amending this so that we can forward this document to those bodies. Move to amend the amendment to say "request that a copy of this document be forwarded to academic staff council and faculty senate"

1. Wallace/Decker
2. Discussion
  - a. Call to question
    - i. Passes
  - iii. What it's now doing is we have to pass it first and then forward a copy. It has to be up to us, and I don't know if I agree with that. I think all 3 bodies have to agree on this.
  - iv. I liked what we were trying to do before. This doesn't do anything other than what they were going to hear about anyway. It is just fluff verbiage.
  - v. I think this body needs to figure what do they intend with this. Do you intend to say that we want to encourage the other two bodies to sign this, or do we want to just forward this to the other two groups? We have numerous intents.
  - vi. Gow has already told us he is not going to sign it unless the other bodies pass it.
  - vii. I don't think this amendment is necessary because we are here to speak on our own behalf.
  - viii. This changes the intent I had.
  - ix. Call to question
    1. Fails.
4. I think we can agree that there is a problem that this resolution is trying to address. Motion to add a clause before the final clause "therefore be it resolved that the UWLSA establish an ad-hoc committee with membership and charge to be determined by the President and Vice President of SA, to pursue the goals of discussion and development of strategies and potential solutions to issues specific to La Crosse's drinking culture" the reason I bring this is because I still feel that even though we are asking Gow to sign this, this still ties some action to this resolution.
  - a. O'Neill/Taylor
  - b. Discussion
  - c. That's what we do, that is how we have gotten here.
  - d. The discretion is up to the president and VP and they will assign those roles. It is open to the whole campus.
  - e. I don't question the intention, but I do question the feasibility. When are we going to have the ad hoc committee? What if the chancellor doesn't sign it?
    - i. We would be required by this to still do a committee.

- f. I talked to Senator Cox when I was writing this amendment and the reason we have this resolution is because of Students for A Sensible Drug Policy.
- g. I like this amendment because it holds SA accountable because too often in this body we pass stuff that we never look at again.
- h. I do support this amendment, but if this resolution fails would it be possible to put forth another resolution for this purpose?
  - i. My particular take is that if the resolution was voted down, so would the amendment, so you cant make another resolution with the same purpose.
  - ii. I am sure something could come about to get what you want out of it. I think it would be a different document if it had nothing to do with the Amethyst Initiative.
- i. I like the idea behind the amendment. We originally had a clause similar to this but we decided to take it out because if this got voted down then we could never make a committee. I oppose it because I don't want to hamstring ourselves.
- j. What are the chances we can pursue a committee if this is voted down.
  - i. I would say there is a good possibility if it wasn't related to the initiative.
  - ii. then I support this amendment
- k. I don't know what this body can charge to this said committee to do anything. as politicians we don't change people's behavior, we are a governing body. We have student orgs on campus that do alcohol awareness kind of stuff. Those are the kinds of groups that get new ideas going. What would this committee accomplish that a student org wouldn't be able to accomplish?
- l. I think that these are two different things that need to be addressed.
- m. Motion to extend discussion until 9pm.
  - i. Klotz/Wallace
    - 1. Passes, discussion extended.
- n. Why an ad hoc committee?
  - i. I felt that since this is addressing an upcoming event, we only need an ad hoc committee.
- o. So this would dissolve following the 2009 review?
  - i. It will exist as long as we want it to.

- p. I looked up the meaning of ad hoc committee and it says it only exists until the issue is resolved. So I don't think that is a good choice of words.
- q. I think that it is a good point that there are already a number of orgs on campus that address this. This is not the right verbiage. I think just the fact that we are talking about this, it should have brought people to action.
- r. I would like to amend the amendment to say therefore be it further resolved that the UWLSA charge the Cultural Affairs committee to pursue the goals of discussion..."
  - i. Herro/Lefevre
  - ii. I think this address the concerns and gives this to a committee that is already standing.
  - iii. Discussion
    - 1. This committee is already dealing with issues that affect the campus. Why cultural affairs?
      - a. It seemed to be the committee best fit to addressing this.
    - 2. I don't agree with sending it to cultural affairs because they oversee 12 orgs and work with issues concerning those orgs. We could revise their bylaws to incorporate this.
    - 3. I oppose this because it is torturing the meaning of the word cultural. If we are going to charge a committee we should create a new one.
    - 4. We have standing committees to do work. If we decide that drinking is a problem, then we should come up with action steps and a student assoc. committee could deal with it. Even if we went with the ad hoc it could be charged with looking for the best place to send this. We are splitting a lot of hairs. I don't understand why we are going so far down this road.
    - 5. If anyone has a suggestion I am willing to second that amendment.
    - 6. The ad hoc committee could find a place to put it.
    - 7. call to question
      - a. Amendment fails.

- iv. I think the ad hoc committee is the way to go.
  - v. I don't see the point of the discussion right now.
  - vi. Overall I think the amendment detracts from the purpose of the resolution. Throwing the extra clause in there confuses it. We could come back with another resolution that has a complete charge.
  - vii. Move to question
    - 1. Wolf/Brooks
    - 2. Passes, one abstention
  - viii. Division (on amendment)
    - 1. Amendment fails 11:21:1
5. My constituents and I are ready to support the initiative therefore my vote will be yes. I think this is a two pronged effort on the drinking issue. I totally agree we need to do some grass roots work. I think the initiative is a good coupling effort with that, it address this at a national effort. It will enable other people across the nation to discuss the drinking problem in their own communities.
  6. I agree that other things are being set in motion. However, I am not convinced that 21 is the reason is not working. I think education is the reason this is not working. I would rather see something start here first; I think grassroots is the best way tto start. The amethyst initiative can take a chill pill.
  7. This doesn't change the outcome; I have an issue with the initiative, no matter how polished we make the resolution.
  8. Keep in mind that we are trying to create an open forum, I agree that it is about education. I think we have spending too much time on this, call to question
    - a. Objection
  9. I went back to my constituents and we voted. I will be supporting this resolution.
  10. I like the point that is in an educational issue, not just 21. But how has 21 impacted the education situation? The age has made it taboo to talk about responsible alcohol behavior with anyone. It has made education abstinence only. I would like you to consider that point a little bit. Also, students for sensible drug policy member gathered petitions from school of ed students.
  11. You need to remember that we have been trying to educate. The most people that get drinking tickets are college students, and we get the most education on alcohol. That is why 21 is effecting education.
  12. We would like to see something done, but this isn't the way to do it. It is just passing the buck.

13. This whole time I had no idea what to vote. I will vote no on behalf of my constituents. They were forced to sign it. They had no idea what they were signing.
14. The students from the school of ed were forced to sign it. They weren't educated. As stated by the resolution, we would be the first student body to support the initiative. Every single individual who votes yes for it has to support everything this says. When you are voting on this it is not just the chancellor Gow issue.
15. You don't have to agree with every single line that this says to vote yes for it.
16. Is there any way to get this to a referendum to the students? Is there any way the whole student body can vote on this?
  - a. There is a way to make an advisory referendum. That is an option.
17. There would have to be a lot of education because they might vote without proper knowledge.
18. We are here representing our students. We are educated; we are supposed to make a decision based on that.
19. I am still not convinced of the connection between 21 and education, maybe we are not educating them right. I am not convinced that 21 is the reason that education doesn't work.
20. I want to touch on the culture and the age. Our culture affects how the age is such a big deal. If you go to any other country a lot of people don't even know what their drinking age is because that is not a big deal.
21. Move to extend discussion to 15 minutes.
  - a. Hayes/Decker
    - i. Division
      1. Failed 13:19:01
      2. Discussion closed.
22. Resolution fails 14:19:0

UW - La Crosse Student  
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SENATORS		College/Org	ROLL CALL VOTE: Amethyst Initiative Resolution		
Last Name	First Name		YES	NO	ABSTENTIONS
Allen	Jeff	SOE		x	
Barquero	Ulisses	CBA			
Blazek			x		
Brooks	Adia	BSU	x		
Cerwin	Nick	Arts & Comm		x	
Cox	Jake	SAH	x		

Decker	Rourke	RASO	x		
DeShong	Rob	SAH	x		
DeVries	Jon	RHAC	x		
Haase	Chelsea	CBA	x		
Hastings	JennieLynn	Rainbow Unity		x	
Hayes	Laura	Off - Campus		x	
Her	Dorothy	ASO		x	
Herro	Nick	CBA		x	
Hougen	Carly	SAH		x	
Jimenez	Sergio	LASO	x		
Kahl	Erik	Greek Senator		x	
Klotz	Melissa	Athletics Council		x	
LeFevre	Kevin	At-Large	x		
Nguyen	Anh	ISO		x	
O'Neill	Jenn	CLS		x	
Palmer			x		
Schmidt	Eric	Freshman		x	
Schoonover	Sara	SAPA	x		
Sweeny	Bonnie	GSO			
Syafitri	Sonia	CBA	x		
Taylor	DeAndre	Arts & Comm		x	
Thiel	Chuck	Off - Campus	x		
Turner	Sarah	SOE		x	
Urbas	Cate	RHAC		x	
Vang	Baobai	HOPE		x	
VanWinkle	Joshua	At-Large		x	
VanWyk	Katie	Freshman		x	
Wallace	Karly	SAH	x		
Wolf	Britten	At-Large		x	
		CLS			
		NASA			
		SAH			
<b>Members Present</b>			14	19	0
<b>Total Confirmed Members</b>			33		

- b. SA 0809-023: Resolution Commending Regent Colleene P. Thomas on Her Work Promoting Shared Governance in the University of Wisconsin System
  - i. Brooks/Decker
  - ii. Discussion
    1. call to question
      - a. Passes.

## XII. Discussion

- a. SA 0809-024: Resolution Regarding Vending Machine in Library
  - i. Klotz/Schmidt
    1. There was students that asked presented this to me. I spoke to Anita Evans from the library. I wrote it in favor of this. Murphy's Mug has really bad hours, etc.
  - ii. Discussion
    1. How many people did the author speak with?
      - a. Probably 10 or 15 people.
    2. I am weary on this because every time I am in Murphy's Mug it is really busy and they could shut down if they lost business.
    3. We could work with the vending company to not include messy food items. Anita has no plan to remove food from the library.
    4. Based on the data I would have to oppose this resolution because putting more competition against Murphy's Mug would make it go under.
    5. This whole resolution struck me as weird because it is in conflict with the memorandum. There is a problem with Murphy's Mug and I would hate to add to it. I think we should put forth resolutions to make Murphy's Mug more accessible to students.
    6. I don't think vending machines is going to force Murphy's Mug to go under. I think the fact that they have the worst hours ever is the reason they will go under. Does the library have funds for this?
      - a. They don't pay for this. The company pays for the machine. The university receives profit through the contract we have.
    7. This helps students out.
    8. The main reason students go to Murphy's Mug is to get coffee, so I don't see why the vending machine would pose a threat. I have heard a lot of students say they wish there was a vending machine in the library.
    9. When most new restaurants open, it takes them about 11 months for them to make profit. They haven't been open for 9 month. That is to be expected. I don't know if that is a pertinent point.
    10. I don't think a vending machine is going to compromise the bottom line of Murphy's Mug
    11. A lot people are out there studying and want caffeine, so a lot of people want this and need it and we should support it.
    12. I support the idea, but I don't understand the resolution. The wording in confusing. I think it should be better phrased.
    13. Is it possible to make it only work when Murphy's Mug isn't open?

14. It looks like students just want a little more variety. Why not suggest that Murphy's Mug add more variety?
  15. I think a lot of people made good points. Murphy's Mug isn't related to this. I think that if the director of the library says it is ok then it is ok.
  16. Can we request Murphy's Mug to have soda?
    - a. Sure.
  17. We can request it, but it doesn't mean the hours of availability are going to change. Motion to exhaust the speakers list.
    - a. Kahl/Wallace.
      - i. Passes.
  18. Anita says she doesn't suspect that it will suppress sales.
- b. SA 0809-025: Resolution on Campus Activities Board and Student Association Shared Office Space
- i. Thiel/Hayes
    1. The senate office is being restructured and Jeremy is being moved to the president's office. CAB has a door there. This is saying to use that space jointly. Senate would have first priority. we would use it for meetings. There is a sunset clause on it so that if there is a major problem then we could change it. Kyle and Derek said they went to Platteville and their student center was a big student center. This is a good way to build collaboration. It would be a good way to get to know our fellow students. This is no way CAB trying to take over senate space.
    2. The CAB office is really small. You can fit three people and a squirrel. It is the university's space.
  - ii. Discussion
    1. Would CAB only use it when they need it? Or all the time?
      - a. I would encourage them to keep the door open to open up flow.
    2. How much free space can you get in your office if you store the stuff somewhere else?
      - a. We could move some stuff and utilize our space better. Using this would alleviate some of the clutter in our office.
      - b. Throughout the whole year people send us stuff to prepare for next year. 95% of the stuff in there we use or are going to use.
    3. I understand the intent, but I wonder if it needs to be a resolution. We can share. My issue is that if we go through a formal process, a lot of offices on campus are short for space. So where do we draw the line? I don't know if we need to formally draw out contracts. It could get us into a cycle and it could become a general room for conferences. The resolution is

just funny to me. It is stating something that is obvious to me. It is very weird.

4. I hope that if this is passed that the area doesn't become a storage area.
  5. The resolution clearly states that the area is only for meetings. They aren't looking for storage space.
  6. The danger of this is to turn it into a storage room for CAB and that would not be in our best interest because we are working hard to make this into a good meeting area. But I don't think that is CAB is trying to do.
  7. I don't think CAB is going to use the conference room into a storage room.
  8. Maybe there should be a sign up sheet for what hours of the day to use it.
  9. I said that we have no intention in using this as a storage space. We would be able to take a couch out and utilize that space. Members of SA would have first priority. I talked to Larry about this and he suggested writing a resolution.
  10. This is kind of like allowing Canada to use Maine. I see the value in this. Move to exhaust the speakers list.
    - a. Kahl/Wallace
      - i. Passes, speakers list exhausted
  11. A four month trial is good to see if it works.
  12. We have one more week to think about this.
- c. SA 0809-026: Resolution on Approving the Academic Calendar
- i. Schoonover/Kahl
    1. The Provost sent this to us. I drafted a resolution in support of this.
    2. This is approving what they did a couple of years ago.
  - ii. Discussion
    1. Last year I remember there were questions about the holiday season, we really cant make changes
    2. Motion to close discussion
      - a. Cerwin/Turner
        - i. Discussion closed.
- d. SA 0809-027: Resolution Approving Apportionment One-Shots
- i. Wolf/Brooks
    1. You were all sent this document. We have been working on this for a while and made our final decisions. They are ordered by the priority that the committees made. For each proposal they are asked to submit three different bids. Subcommittees approved them and forwarded them on to us. Finally it comes to senate approval; you have final say on this. The state of WI has said in the past that seg fees are state fees, and they can take the reserve money. They haven't done it, but in times of drastic budgetary shortfall they could. Initially we said we

would allocate around \$20,000 for fall, but in light of the recent budgetary shortfalls we decided to allocate more.

Changes from what the sub committees approved:

2. Racquet Computer-
  - a. The committee voted to fund a new computer but we wanted them to get a better computer because if the students are going to make an investment then we want a higher quality computer.
3. Women's Volleyball-
  - a. When they went to nationals they said they were told that if they came back next year without uniforms they wouldn't be allowed to play. That is true and we found out it was actually because of the size of the lettering and the color contrast. So there is no rule that they need uniforms. So we felt there was deception. We also found out that the jerseys were already ordered and they were going to be getting them next week. This meant that they sent in three bids, but what would have happened if we gave them the money for a different bid? We didn't appreciate that they already ordered. They spent their entire seg fee budget on that. That means that they will have to fundraise or pay out of pocket for the rest of their season. We don't want that to be held over our heads, that was their decision. Another factor is, do we want to buy uniforms for club sports? We have denied rugby when they have asked us.
  - b. I thought it was disheartening for them to kind of lie to us, especially since they have had problems with the one shot process in the past. it was a disregard for the process as a whole. Something needs to be said about that.
4. Men's Lacrosse-
  - a. They didn't give us any definite amount that they wanted. They requested 25 helmets because that is a price break. We didn't understand some of the rationales and we sent it back to them. Because it is helmets, we asked them if they all had helmets and they all said that they did.
  - b. We weren't told that everyone had helmets. We understood that some people did and others didn't. What separated this from volleyball is that this is a safety issue. No one doubted the fact that it was a lot of helmets, but you are actually getting 7 free because of the price break. This year we do have the money, and

this might prevent them from asking for 6 helmets every year.

5. WPBC-

- a. They were asking for a leg press. They wanted to get a piece of machinery that would be in the strength center. We think that is something is going to be put in the strength center, then they should buy it. It was a strange situation.

6. CAB-

- a. We said we think they could get the best one (stereo) for less than what the bid is. CAB needs it for promoting events.
- b. It saves CC from a lot of pain because it has an ipod input and it is something we can carry with us. We can take outside during the carnival and involvement fest. We have one right now but it doesn't work.
- c. All three of the estimates were from Best Buy. They are pretty expensive. You can get them for less from other places. We wanted to encourage CAB to shop around more.

7. Orgs Committee-

- a. Another strange situation. Anytime a student org wants to show a movie, they can't just rent it and show it. A school in the UW system was already sued for that. They have to pay a licensing fee that can be around \$350. Many of the orgs can't pay that and so then can't show the film. We decided to give them \$1,000 and then look at it as a budget issue and work to incorporate it in the budget.
- b. We want more of a collaboration on the campus between different orgs.

8. Orchestra-

- a. The orchestra director found better bids. So we saved about \$500.

ii. Discussion

1. How many members does the lacrosse team have?
  - a. 22 or 23.
  - b. I received an email from Jim Baker that says they had 24 people this fall, last year it was 27. They want to use these helmets only for competition.
2. It seems like if the subcommittee didn't approve it, and they all have helmets, we shouldn't spend money on it.
  - a. It makes sense in the long run for us to invest in these helmets because they do need helmets and we would spending a lot more in the long run than if we were to just give them the 25. Also, we want to give students an

opportunity to participate, we want to expand it to people who don't own a helmet themselves.

3. I think it is a good idea that we fund the helmets for men's lacrosse. There might be people who are discouraged from participating just because they don't have a helmet.
  4. With men's lacrosse, student services and buildings not giving them any money wasn't us not approving them, it was just saying we wanted something better. Also, you need to provide yourself certain things in order to play. With the women's volleyball, they spent \$50 more dollars than they had. They wanted that so bad that they spent their entire budget on it. The reason CAB went with best buy was because we just went online.
  5. The theory of what we want to provide to sports- we want to provide a minimal amount of support for people who want to experience it are able to do so. For each sport we try to provide a minimal level at least to provide a way in.
  6. I support Apportionment's decision not to fund the women's volleyball team.
  7. I think it is a little much to spend on the men's lacrosse helmets since they are the best they could find. Only 12 of them could be on the field on at a time. We as a committee thought it was a lot to ask and would have rather granted them 6.
  8. Those were the two hardest decisions for the Apportionment committee. I found other types of helmets that were cheaper.
  9. How long are they keeping these helmets for?
    - a. It is anticipated that they ask for them because it is a safety issue.
  10. The reason why they requested these specific helmets is because they are very protective and reduces the potential for concussion. They are the safest possible. I know they are expensive, but in the realm of safety they are very good at protecting them.
  11. If this is extremely controversial, we have options. I received updated bids from Jim Baker. I speak on behalf of Apportionment saying we support this, but you can present other options.
    - a. If you do disagree and you want to propose an amendment, just keep in mind that there is a drastic price different below 25 helmets.
  12. motion to close discussion
    - a. Klotz/Wallace
- e. SA 0809-028: Resolution on Appointing Megan Knutson to Science and Allied Health Senator Seat
- i. Brooks/Schoonover
    1. She was included in the applicants that applied previously.

ii. Discussion

1. I have worked with her before and she is a hard worker and well spoken.

iii. Motion to close

1. Thiel/Turner

XIII. Announcements

- a. Thanks to Cox and Decker for all of your work on the resolution
- b. Next week Thursday is transgender day of remembrance.
- c. Remind you of the winter formal on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Nguyen/Herro
- b. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.



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<b>SENATORS</b>		<b>ROLE CALL</b>	<b>ROLE CALL 2</b>
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>College/Org</b>		
Allen	SOE	x	x
Barquero	CBA		
Blazek		x	x
Brooks	BSU	x	x
Cerwin	Arts & Comm	x	x
Cox	SAH	x	x
Decker	RASO		x
DeShong	SAH		x
DeVries	RHAC	x	x
Haase	CBA	x	x
Hastings	Rainbow Unity	x	x
Hayes	Off - Campus	x	x
Her	ASO	x	x
Herro	CBA	x	x
Hougen	SAH	x	x
Jimenez	LASO	x	x
Kahl	Greek Senator	x	x
Klotz	Athletics Council	x	x
LeFevre	At-Large	x	x
Nguyen	ISO	x	x
O'Neill	CLS	x	x
Palmer		x	x
Schmidt	Freshman	x	x
Schoonover	SAPA	x	x
Sweeny	GSO		
Syafitri	CBA	x	x
Taylor	Arts & Comm	x	x
Thiel	Off - Campus	x	x
Turner	SOE	x	x
Urbas	RHAC	x	x
Vang	HOPE	x	x
VanWinkle	At-Large		x
VanWyk	Freshman	x	x
Wallace	SAH	x	x
Wolf	At-Large	x	x
	CLS		
	NASA		
	SAH		
<b>Members Present</b>		30	33
<b>Total Confirmed Members</b>		33	34
<b>Percentage of Members Present</b>		91%	97%

