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**Student Senate Agenda**

Date: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

Time and Location: 6:00 PM; **339 Cartwright Center**

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order
  - a. 6:02
- III. Role Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a. DeVreis/Brooks
  - b. Motion to remove line item F from the agenda
    - i. Allen/Kahl
    - ii. We had a conversation today about the routes that these things normally go to so I think we came up with an alternative.
    - iii. The budget being a part of the bylaws of the board of directors is a new thing; there are still some wrinkles in this. We are going to go ahead and go through with the changes. The conversations from last week were to complete the transparency. We are going to go ahead and make some small changes. I support this and I think we should do it to save time and we will bring it back in the spring.
      1. Passed.
  - c. Motion to include the Medical Amnesty Resolution
    - i. Cox/Schoonover
    - ii. This resolution was something I sent out to everyone on Sunday night, however I didn't think it was a good idea to do this before the semester ended. However I changed my mind after talking to other people and I am hoping we can get it on the agenda because it is a good idea to talk about and I know there is a lot of support for this and if the office of student life has time they could begin working on policy for it over the break.
    - iii. I think it is a good resolution.
      1. Passed.
  - d. Agenda approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Thiel/Taylor
    - i. Minutes approved, one abstention
- VI. Guest Speakers
  - a. Regent Brent Smith, UW System Board of Regents
    - i. We are 18 people, look at us like a board of directors for the UW system. We have two students, one traditional and one nontraditional.

We hold about 8 to 10 meetings per year. We certainly learn a lot more when we are not in Madison. We haven't been in La Crosse since 2000. I have been on the regents since 2004. We have three committees. The first is Physical Planning and Capital Budget. We vote on any new buildings on a campus. The Education Committee approves things like any new programs on the campus. The third one is Finance that is the committee I am on and I chair. We approve the tuition that goes to the regents. All of those committees will be meeting tomorrow and Friday. We start at 10am. One of the first things is an hour long Campus Climate report. We have had 13,000 respondents. Overall it was positive although I was struck by the number of assaults on our campuses. There are many that were not reported. At 11 am Chancellor Gow does a presentation on UWL. The title is "The Story Behind the Numbers". It's on the students and what they are doing in the community as well as international students. The committees start at one and two o'clock. There will be an item for the hall of honor for the veterans at the new stadium. There have been some donors who want to contribute to that, it is quite impressive. On the budget committee there will be a discussion about the state finances and how that affects the university system and the pay plan. We lag behind our peers and we had hoped to close that gap, due to the financial situation we may not be able to. On Friday we vote on the matters that came to those committees. I think it will be very interesting if you come. All I can say is that it really is important to regents to come here and see what is going on. When we have matters to vote on concerning UWL we have a face to put in our minds.

ii. Discussion

1. The discussion on UWL Campus Climate, is that open?
  - a. Yes, in Valhalla at 10am.
2. Could you speak to the impression it makes when students come to the meetings and get involved?
  - a. It is very important. The regents are very approachable. We have a breakfast on Friday morning. We are not just here to have meetings and vote; we are here to speak to the faculty and students. We stress that you come out. When I go to the campuses to have breakfasts with students that is one of the highlights for me.

b. Meagan Sullivan, New Student Orientation Assistant Program

- i. I am here to advertise a position we have had on campus for a few years. It is a stipend position and you work a lot with new students and transfers. You would work about 3 hours a week, and the you would help plan a lot of the welcome week activities. It is a great opportunity to get some experience. Right now we have applications due on December 13<sup>th</sup> in 213 Wilder Hall. By mid February we would like to have all of the new OA's on board. We are hiring 4 positions. We are in the process of hiring grad students to help head this. You can have

another job as long as you can commit 3 hours a week. We ask that you are not applying to the RA or DC position because it would be too much during welcome week.

ii. Discussion

1. Do have to be in La Crosse for the summer?
  - a. Yes.
2. What are the requirements?
  - a. Minimum GPA of 2.5 and have knowledge of the events.

VII. Officer Reports

a. Derek

- i. We have a card for Kyle; he is scheduled for back surgery for Friday. This is a pretty tough time for him right now.
- ii. It would be fantastic if at some point you could stop in on Thursday or Friday, be willing to approach the board of regents. They are here for students. It is an unpaid position, they really care about it.
- iii. Thanks to the people who worked on the Academic Initiatives committee.
- iv. We have a Legislative Issues position open. The application has been posted online. This one you have to click under the executive panel on the side, please pass it forward. The application is closed on Friday at 4pm.
- v. SA over the past has afforded the opportunity to go on a trip to Germany. It is an opportunity to find new programs and new opportunities for students. It is being postponed this year. We are still trying to ear mark some money to send two students to do a research project in Germany.
  1. None of the travel here comes from state funds, but we are going to look at the state deficit and what it means, and try to do this later in the spring. I will mention tomorrow at the regents meeting the support we have had from the student association. We are hoping to talk to the United Nations to take this, the agreement you signed last year with the university in Germany was one of the first world wide. It is really exciting that our student government is involved in helping students do this. It is a great opportunity.

b. Karly Wallace

- i. Next semester I plan on bringing the constitution up, so over break I plan sending out the resolution and as a rule every senator and director will have to write a journal entry on it over the break. If you do not do that you will have to come to an info session. If you don't come to that then you will not have voting rights at the next meeting. If a director doesn't do that then he or she will not be able to comment.
  1. Is that legal? I don't think you can take a senators voting rights away.

- a. Under parliamentary procedure this is considered a chair rule it is a legit rule.
  - 2. Next week she is not the chair, can it be overturned?
    - a. Yes.
  - 3. How long is the constitution?
    - a. It is 18 pages.
  - 4. When you say journal do you mean multiple entries?
    - a. Something to demonstrate that you actually did read it. There should be a little bit of content there.
  - 5. For those of us that have read the constitution before, would be possible to highlight the changes?
    - a. I will send out the document with all of the changes. I will send out the old version, the new version, and the version with the italics and strike throughs.
  - 6. Can you just post it on D2L?
    - a. I will send out a link, Jacque can post it on there too.
- c. Others
  - i. Social Justice
    - 1. Welcome back. Those that I have contacted continue the D2L work.
  - ii. PR
    - 1. When you get the campus wide emails, if you feel like there should be other stuff on there contact me or Derek.
  - iii. City Affairs
    - 1. MTU Board- we are doing a survey that was given to us by the city.
  - iv. Legislative Issues
    - 1. I called Regent Smith to come in today, he truly does represent that they are very approachable. In between meetings you will be able to talk to them. You learn so much by observing their meetings.
  - v. CFO
    - 1. We have been working on the pamphlets that explain where all the money goes that we pay in tuition. The final goal is to put it on the website. We will continue working on it next semester. If anyone has any ideas on it that would be good.
    - 2. Discussion
      - a. What is going on with the per diem stuff?
        - i. It will be going to Apportionment next week
  - vi. Shared Gov
    - 1. Today the university budget council met and we discussed putting the forms online. It will gain more weight because of the financial situation.
    - 2. Discussion
      - a. Why are the faculty against this?

- i. Some faculty are against putting evaluations online because they feel that the feedback will be less valuable because you are not taking 15 minutes of time in class to do it. Also they are afraid there won't be a way to mandate it. The other issue is that when you are skewing those results, it affects their pay level and tenure a great deal. There is a good deal for them to be defensive about it. Other schools are doing it, the University of Michigan is doing it.
  - b. How will it be cheaper than doing it on paper?
    - i. Each scantron sheet costs 25 cents. That all comes out of the departments budgets. And the time it takes to compile all of this.

#### VIII. RHAC Report

- a. Rioter Hall is having an ugly sweater party tomorrow night. RHAC is putting on a winter formal Friday night, \$7 for a single or \$14 for a couple. Tomorrow night we have a special meeting to elect treasurer and PR.

#### IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry- the regents are here tomorrow and Friday. Tomorrow night there is a reception and I encourage all of you to come. One caution I have is that you be on your best professional behavior and don't be insulted if you are asked to be wrist banded.
  - i. Is this a formal event?
    - 1. I would dress nicely.
  - ii. When we go to the regents meetings we wear suits, but you don't have too. Just dress nicely.
- b. Jeremy- I look forward to seeing you at the regent's stuff. I will be wearing a suit if anyone wants to see what that looks like. I have my sign up sheet as usual.

#### X. Committee Reports

- a. TEGC
  - i. Meeting on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Turns out school of education didn't do as well as they were putting off. We will be approving a lot of new standards.
- b. Name the Eagle
  - i. Name the eagle- we are forwarding on the top 6 names. We are sure when that will be online but it will be soon. Eddy, Screech, Edgar, Talon, Baldy...
- c. Athletics
  - i. We went through each sport's budget and the increase in funding. We approved it to send on to apportionment, I look forward to seeing what Apportionment does with it.
- d. Joint Minority Affairs
  - i. Goal is to keep issues of race and ethnicity on the forefront. We have come up with a student faculty program because we are really

- e. Gen Ed
  - i. Met Tuesday, they are revamping, they want it to be student friendly. They want it available for the summer and for freshman registration. I am looking for 2 to 3 people that would be interested in developing a script. It is important to keep it student focused and they agreed with me. The only thing I ask is that they are willing to be around over J term.
- f. Apportionment
  - i. We have looked over the non-allocable seg fee budgets. We don't approve those, it goes to the Chancellor. There are moderate increases, nothing set in stone but it looks like 2 or 3% increase. We are going to meet next week to review per diem. We are looking at talking a stance on finding guidelines with organizations and travel.
- g. Academic Affairs
  - i. We have the speakers for commencement.
- h. Joint Planning and Budget
  - i. We broke into a smaller group that is chaired by Bob Hetzel in order to discuss the budget cuts coming from system, we don't know how much but we are planning on 4 million. The question is how we are going to deal with a cut of 4 million? We don't want to use all of this GQA money, but we will have to use some of it. We brainstormed some ideas of where we could cut some money. For example, the university pays for some counseling and testing, it is possible the entire program is shifted to seg fees. I am asking you to think of ways the university could save money. Any ideas are welcome, please send those to me. I am trying to minimize the hit to the students as much as possible.
- i. ITS
  - i. Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> in Wing. Presenting a plan for an outside audit.
- j. Academic Initiative Assessment Taskforce
  - i. We have several members from the committee here incase you have any questions. I know I have given everyone a brief background but I want everyone to be on the same page. In 03-04 board of regents approved this to cover four areas- research, internationalization, diversity, and advising. We laid out the ground work for the oversight committee. The finding was going to be \$20 for semester and then a 3% increase per semester, at the time the university had a dollar per dollar match. We fund the academic advising center, campus climate, disability resource services, violence prevention office, and a diversity recruiter, among others. The oversight committee created a sub committee, the assessment task force, to make recommendations. They are going to send things to system. There were 12 members on the committee. We worked long and hard at 7am on Mondays. We had

subcommittees that met on regular basis. I tried to keep the body informed. The assessment areas:

1. Research- we have the symposium of undergrad research. We keep seeing a steady increase in the requests to the oversight committee. As these programs grow they also grow in their funding. Students that receive a stipend have to submit a journal. We have already seen the numbers for a semester alone; we continue to see that they are growing.
2. Diversity- we cover a diversity recruiter. The percentage of students of color increased over 20% in the last four years. This past year over 2,000 students of color sought admission.
  - a. Violence Prevention Office- the grant is about to be depleted. With the freshman orientation there is training for all students. it is also for athletics and 73 classes in the last year. It reached about 3,000 students.
  - b. Campus Climate- 11 performances of Awareness Through Performance. They do regular training with students and faculty. All freshmen receive training at registration.
  - c. Disability Resource Services- there are 52 note takers, many students that receive services.
3. Advising- one of the initial factors for academic initiatives was advising. They conduct their own survey. 95% of students agreed or strongly agreed that their advisor was affective.
4. Internationalization- this last UWL enrolled over 600 international students. This year we have around 450 international students. What helps bring these students in is a scholarship.
  - a. Study Abroad Stipends- we have seen a great increase in these. This last year over 500 students studied abroad. One of the major factors is applying for the stipend and when once they come back they have to do a presentation. 89 students received stipends last semester.
  - b. Does bringing in 450 international students reduce space for Wisconsin students?
    - i. International students pay three times what you pay to be here, they have to pay the full cost. I don't know if it necessarily affects a WI student getting in, but it does benefit UWL students with the revenue produced. If a WI does not have an international experience they aren't going to be very successful.
  - c. What about the scholarship?
    - i. A lot of them struggle to make the tuition bill; they have no access to scholarships. SA decided

to set up an international stipend. It is determined by their grades and they have to do two volunteer opportunities.

- ii. Future enhancements of the program:
  - 1. Increasing the Violence Prevention Office through GQA. That was something the students on the committee brought forward. We will increase it to \$54,000.
  - 2. Learning Center- the request is to take the writing center and the science and math tutoring center and consolidate them into one or two rooms in the library. There has been some instability for the writing center and the tutoring center, but they are trying to be more conscious of those. There is a strong component of peer to peer advising. Increased hours and availability at the Resource Center.
  - 3. Increased hours for the Library- the proposal is to increase the hours 10 to 14 hours per week with additional hours offered over j term and the summer. Also an increase in hours over final exams. Periodicals and journal fees are increasing. As the costs increase the number of journals and periodicals they will be able to fund will decrease.
- iii. University's Budget- Bob Hetzel
  - 1. We have tried to identify how we are going to adjust our budget in the 5 to 6 million dollar total budget cut. We don't want to use all of the GQA money; we don't think that serves students and the campus well. We want to figure out what we can do internally. It's more than unfortunate what the administration did in 2003 when they said they would match it dollar per dollar. That was a commitment made by individuals that are no longer here. What happened was that at the same time the state was losing money, and the base commitment was never funded. We have never been able to fund the match. That's not good practice and as administrators we should never put ourselves in a commitment that we can't keep. Last year was my first year on campus and I said to them there is no money and we are going to have to base this out and after 08-09 we won't have money. Now we are trying to plan for a budget cut.
- iv. The \$1.24 million dollars is the overall amount; it is in the hands of the oversight committee. Career services internship was zeroed out, they aren't too sure what is going on with the budget yet. Students from Science and Health are required to do internships, so that is a substantial number of students that wouldn't be benefiting from that. These numbers are not finalized yet; it is depending on the decision of the senate. We have built up a substantial reserve, the reason it was built up was because we were using conservative numbers and not accounting summer and j term. We have incorporated those to get a

more precise number. We can take out a little bit each year. We did that to offset the costs for the students. The students would take on a little over 1.1 million. We want to incorporate the enhancements we talked about and allow for 5% inflationary increases. Just recently we were told by system to put in 5% just to be safe.

- v. Examples throughout the system: Riverfalls is at \$36 per semester, Oshkosh is at \$50 per semester. We are still pretty low; it brings us to the middle of the broad range. Without the university match, it made up for a big portion of the increase.
- vi. We will submit to system on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The committee will work throughout the holidays. Creating bylaws will be the biggest goals aside from finances in the spring semester. The assessment task force has worked tirelessly to make sure all of this gets done. The assessment has showed us that the programs have not only met the recommendations but exceeded them. One of the areas we are proposing is about the student involvement. It has been student driven the entire time.
- vii. Discussion
  - 1. What percentage of the total budget is the \$45 million?
    - a. It is around less than 4%.
  - 2. With the overall fee of 118, does that go to all students?
    - a. yes to all under grad and grad students, including professional students
  - 3. Are there any exceptions to that, how does administration feel, has this turned out how you envisioned it?
    - a. It is a flat fee, students aren't exempt from it. We worked hard to get it at a reasonable amount. If we would have taken the career services internship it would have been higher. We got very thoughtful feedback that said that is probably not a good idea. The introduction of the new programs, I think the deans spent a lot of time working on the learning center. The ability to deliver stronger hours is very powerful. I feel good about what is there.
    - b. I credit the students because the student leadership with this has been incredible. This is student money and we want students to feel good about getting the services they need to be successful. Our guide here is to guide student decision. I think that is what the faculty and staff on the committee did. I think the proposals on the table are student driven. We have been following student lead on this.
    - c. I truly appreciate what the committee, but I still believe that the research isn't being funded adequately. .
      - i. Out of order, we aren't supposed to be discussing questions.

- d. International education is still doing the dollar to dollar match.

## XI. New Business

- a. SA 0809-029: Requesting Faculty Senate Support of D2L
  - i. Klotz/LeFevre
    - 1. Passed.
- b. SA 0809-030: Resolution on The Racquet Editor-in-Chief Appointment
  - i. Klotz/Wolf
    - 1. This is our recommendation for the editor and chief. Nick is back here if you want him to speak.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. My question for the author is, are we approving his appointment as a body, because that is not what the resolution says.
      - a. Senate approves it.
    - 2. Motion to amend this resolution to strike “after completing the interviewing process” say that student senate ratifies the committee’s nomination as Nicholas Nelson...
      - a. Decker/Cox
        - i. Point of info, I don’t think it makes sense
        - ii. The action of us as senate approving it already ratifies it. For us to sit here and nit pick it just complicates it.
      - b. Call to question
        - i. Objection.
      - c. Move to question.
        - i. Herro/VanWinkle
        - ii. Passed.
      - d. Voting on the amendment
        - i. One abstention
        - ii. Vote invalidated because total numbers different than quorum.
      - e. Voting on amendment
        - i. Passed 25:5:1
    - 3. Call to question
      - a. Acclimation
        - i. Resolution passed.
- c. SA 0809-031: Resolution on using the REC for Women’s Basketball Program
  - i. Thiel/Cerwin
    - 1. The women’s basketball program wants to use the REC this summer on June 27<sup>th</sup>. I worked at the REC this summer and it is not busy, and it keeps the REC open longer. Plus it is a great opportunity for people to see our campus.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. Call to question
      - a. Objection

- 2. Call to question
  - a. Acclimation
    - i. Resolution passed.
- d. SA 0809-032: Resolution Approving Organizational Status for Students For A Free Tibet
  - i. Allen/Kahl
    - 1. Typically senate doesn't deny anyone organizational status.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. Call to question
      - a. Acclimation
        - i. Objection
      - b. Resolution passed.
- e. SA 0809-033: Resolution Approving Organizational Status for Saudi Club
  - i. Allen/Thiel
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. Call to question
      - a. Resolution passed.
      - b. Point of info- do we have a means of knowing that they don't aren't exclusionary?
        - i. We review their bylaws and let them know that they can't do that.
  - iii.

~~f. SA 0809-034: Resolution on Approving the Board of Director By Laws (Amended)~~

## XII. Discussion

- a. SA 0809-036: Resolution Supporting the Reauthorization of the Academic Initiatives Program
  - i. Klotz/Allen
    - 1. I will address any questions
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. How did you get student feedback?
      - a. We had representation from the colleges; I took it to other groups. I discussed it in classes and res halls and different groups when I could. The decisions were made based on the assessment.
    - 2. You based a lot of decisions on requests; did everyone get the same percentage?
      - a. The groups that have received funding in the past, it was the same increase across the board for each of the line items. Not all of the requests have come in yet so we are basing it off of last year's requests. Each group got what they had last year plus a 2 or 3% increase.
    - 3. The major concern from grad students is that a large chunk of that money is for advising that grad students do not use. The funds are not adequately meeting the funding for research.

- a. The grad students don't receive any academic advising and the grad student portion of this is about \$38,000, they would benefit from campus climate and the other positions that are funded through the committee. In terms of the research, they receive funding aside from academic initiatives. That is something they will take into consideration.
4. I have mixed emotions about this, it funds a lot of awesome programs. It supports the library and research. However I am the non traditional students senator, I have talked to many of them and I brought these concerns to these committees. A lot of non traditional students are not in favor of this. Campus Climate asks for \$75,000 positions. As Bob Hetzel pointed out, we are being asked to tighten our belts by almost 4% in our budget, yet this resolution increases academic initiatives increases it by 5%. I don't understand how the rest of the institution has to tighten its belt and the programs funded by AI are being raised.
5. In a time like now where we are looking at a short fall, spending this money is something we need to look closely at. it is a 50% increase over what it is now. I don't know if that is the way to go when our university is looking at a shortfall, which a lot of that is going to be pushed onto our seg fees. Where does it end?
6. I want to stress how important this decision is because this one took 5 years. We need to take it seriously. Everyone along the line, they don't just rubber stamp these things. We are bypassing the traditional system of tuition and it is creating a different thing. I have been fighting because a lot is being passed on to students. No student is happy about that. All sorts of stuff is increasing. We have also been pounded into submission because if we don't do this, we will loose a lot of the programming we have. Do we get rid of this and get rid of all the programs, do we cover the university's share, or do we add in a few more things? I feel comfortable with adding what we did. This could have been more that what it is. Students may have been paying for violence prevention through other money; at least we know that it is going to be funded. We aren't sure how flexible GQA is going to be. I want to thank everyone that is working on this. I can live with this as a student; it was a tough decision that we had to make.
7. I support this document because of the continuing support for the Campus Climate office.
8. This opportunity for reauthorization only comes along once every 5 years. We didn't accept everything that came through, and we didn't accept everything that came through to the

fullest extent either. We understand where we stand now with the university, and we also have representatives on JPB. We looked at the number of students served by the resource centers and tutors and the likelihood that it would be picked up. We saw them as valuable and we have the control in these programs. We see value in them and we are the ones footing the bill for them. As far as looking at the other programs and what they have, we looked back at the data. We are ranked in the state and nationally in terms of research and international education. Those are areas that wouldn't have grown if it weren't for this program.

9. I support this; I don't see why anyone else shouldn't. It is not a long term thing, it will depend on how much money we get. This initiative is long term and it is for the greater good of the campus. In the next five years students can be helped out so much by all of these programs, I really think this is a good idea.
10. International students are a good contribution to the school. A lot of internationalization has been brought here. I support this.
11. I think BJ was trying to get to that a lot of these programs are underfunded, specifically undergrad research. The request comes in a lot higher. One thing we looked at is that undergrad research also receives funding from the provost's office, around \$70,000 a year. Next year they will receive \$100,000. I can't speak on the behalf of the oversight committee, but I believe the rationale is that they have seen an increase there so that is why no increase was made.
12. At first, I was frustrated with the university, granted this administration didn't agree to the match, I was still mad that they weren't honoring. It was difficult for me to come to grips with. I understand now that it is not possible. So I have been able to put that at ease which allows me to support this process. Then I became skeptical about the increase in funding, we are getting hit with more fees everywhere we look. I would really like to encourage everyone to scrutinize, before you vote on this understand the need for every single dollar that is going into this. I completely support this document. I have tremendous respect for the scrutiny they put this under.
13. If we don't pass this, there are so many things that we won't have in the future, we have to have some of these programs.
14. These programs are really good recruiting tools too. Hearing that they have a violence prevention office and campus climate stuff makes our campus look better.
15. BJ was mentioning that graduate council also provides additional money to graduate research. What he was

- mentioning is that there was a 50% increase; there is a much higher demand than what can be supplied right now.
16. The 5% is what system told us to include. It is just a guide.
  17. Had any discussion been done about instituting usage fees as opposed to seg fees?
    - a. There may be some of these fees already.
    - b. Most of these programs don't have a good fit with user fees. Could it be looked into? Yes. It does not exist currently.
  18. You mentioned we plan to deplete our reserve over 4 years, what would be the impact on user fees after the reserve is depleted?
    - a. The whole program would be up to reauthorization again. The reserve will be one of the bigger issues we will have to face.
  19. I am struggling with this resolution because of the budget situation that we are in now. And also because I struggle with seg fees as it is. There is a lot of value to a lot of the programs, but I struggle with two programs. Campus Climate and Violence Prevention, I am not convinced that they do a good job of making our campus better, especially when they ask for a salary of \$75,000. I think that funding those programs are kind of a waste of programs, and I fail to see how they fall under the areas of what AI is supposed to fund.
    - a. \$97,000 is for two positions.
  20. These kinds of programs have no place for usage fees. if I use the library am I going to be charged \$5 on the way out, if I am sexually assaulted am I going to be charged for that? These are programs for the whole campus to use.
  21. Do you really want students to have to pay a fee in order to use the service? I feel that we should use the taxation approach.
  22. If a girl is harassed, she is not going to pay additional money to get help. I wouldn't have paid for my math tutoring help if I had to pay for that. I use some of these things that are offered because I know that I am paying for them already.
  23. I have a lot of value investment in the idea of the violence prevention center. In know the value of a campus looking good as opposed to the value of the campus doing good. But that is more an issue of accountability.
  24. For 96 students to report having been sexually assaulted, but not having reported it, that is a big issue. Even this week there was a student that was harassed in the dorms and through the violence prevention office she was able to take it to the court process. I am thrilled to see it get the funding that it needs.
  25. I am in full support of this. We have students who care of others on this campus. We are a community that is supports

each other. I would hope that these services would be available to anyone who needs it. I am more than willing to help anyone who needs those services. These resources are meant for all of us to share.

26. My freshman year I was a victim of a hate crime and if it wasn't for Campus Climate I wouldn't have stayed at this university.
27. This improves our campus. Motion to close discussion.
  - a. I rescind my motion
28. motion to exhaust the speakers list
  - a. Deshong/Turner
    - i. Speakers list exhausted.
29. If we don't approve this, it's done, it's gone. There are positions that would be lost. A lot of the opportunities that they bring forth are dead. No more writing center, no more math and science center. Diversity would take a huge hit.
30. Discussion closed.

b. Resolution on Medical Amnesty

i. Decker/Cox

1. At the conference in DC we had an opportunity to learn about these policies. The goal is to make policy that insures that students are more likely to seek medical attention when medical attention is needed. It's asking the office of student life to give amnesty to students who need help when it is needed. The amnesty would only apply to the punishment that would be given by the university. what has happened across the country is that it began on campus and the city saw the importance of it and the community worked under the same policy. If someone is aware that they will not be punished, hesitation is not a factor.

ii. Discussion

1. I really like this, the only thing I have against it is that it says overdosing. Could it say something else that could open it up to any medical emergency? Like if someone falls down the stairs because they are drunk and they break a bone.
  - a. That is a good question, I had not thought of something like that before. We might want to consider changing the wording of that. I personally think that would fall underneath the amnesty policy, but ultimately it is up to the office of student life. For example, some universities cover only alcohol, others cover all drugs. Some don't protect the caller, which is counterproductive to me. There are a lot of variations; it is up to the office of student life who would be implementing this.

2. I think that what I would like to see is any sort of consensus behind this. It seemed to me that when we had a discussion about this before, people came out in favor of this idea. It certainly would be great if at least the school would grant some amnesty for the person that calls and the person in the situation. If we could take the sense of the senate that would be great.
3. I have spoken for this before. One of my friends were living in the dorms last year and her neighbors called the police to get a drunk guy out of their room, but they got citations also. I thought it was ridiculous that the police would do that. I want to make sure it protects the caller also. This doesn't cover the people that would help the student.
4. I would ask the chair to ask the author who exactly they asked in the administration.
  - a. I have not talked to anyone on the administration, but I have been involved in many discussions, but I do have the understanding that they think it is important.
5. I am completely against this. We talked about education programs, not finding ways for people to get out of tickets. I find it hard to believe that anyone would ever think their life is worse less than a fine or ticket that you might receive. We need to get preventative education programs so that it doesn't get to this. I think this policy would make it worse. I am frustrated that this is coming up because it is completely off the charts of what we talked about before.
6. What is the current punishment by the university?
  - a. The only alcohol related policy exists through the office of residence life. I did find another policy but it had a bunch of clauses.
  - b. There are 3 different avenues through which a student might be dealt with. One of them is sending them through a basic intervention, if it happens on campus but not through the res life then it goes through our office of residence life. We try to have an educational component to it. There can be a fine; generally speaking the fines occur more when it occurs off campus.
7. Is this against the fine or are you also against things that are not fine based?
  - a. For the caller I would say that I would want them to have complete amnesty. I do think there should be some kind of punitive action for the victim. At most some kind of a class.
8. I think we should select a couple of students to try to work to see what we could do to form new policy. Maybe it would be in our best interest to get students to write detailed policy and

then we could give it the rubber stamp. That way we are not giving it a shot in the dark.

9. We heard a lot about helping people, statistically speaking this type of policy would encourage people to call for help. I think when we look at the bigger picture and we keep students in mind, it should be an issue. I just think that some of the wording is biased.
10. If someone were to drink two beers can they claim medical amnesty? I think this is vague.
  - a. If someone drank two beers then I wonder what the medical emergency would be. Every single case would be subject to interpretation.
11. I don't think that any of our RAs could be judgmental and choose between these two. I have a problem with no collaboration with RHAC. I wish it would be clearer. If someone does drink a couple of beers and an RA knocks on the door and then claims medical amnesty...
  - a. Medical amnesty applies to someone that has called for medical assistance.
12. I do in general agree with this idea to a very limited extent. We are all adults here, if we are going to go ahead with this we need to tread carefully and there needs to be some sort of limit on it. We need to look at this more carefully and not have this so open ended. I can see the down side to this. Also if you hesitate to call for help then you are not that person's friend. This needs to have explicit and direct student input. This needs to be a collaborative effort between this body and administration. If the caller is not underage and they got someone trashed, I don't think they should be absolved from punishment.
13. I am not sure where I stand on this policy, but I don't support a vague resolution. We need to make sure some of this is explicitly stated in the policy. There are some schools that have a policy already so I would be interested in what they have. It's not that no one has enacted a medical policy. Most of the policies imply a standard of two or three calls in the academic year as habitual use.
14. Motion to recess for 5 minutes
  - a. Allen/Turner
    - i. Passed.
15. People keep saying that it is not the person's fault, I have been in situations and it is not someone else's responsibility to baby sit other people. We need to educate people as well.
16. Initially I was all for it, but clearly our information has changed. The best course of action would be to stop talking about it and come up with some sort of action. We can talk

- about specific situations all night long, but we won't get anywhere. We need to come up with specific policy.
17. When you are talking about people who are breaking the law because they are underage then that basically encourages underage drinking. When you do call for medical help there are costs associated with the help received.
  18. I feel that we are skewing the idea that this is intended for. I have been looking at some of these policies and some of them are pretty good. I think they have great outlines for something we could do here.
  19. How do we form a committee when we are in discussion?
    - a. You could say we want to appoint some students to this. You don't need to necessarily specify who is going to be on it. The president could send out the committee that we put together.
  20. If you are in favor of forming this committee raise your hand.
    - a. Because interest has been shown the president can form an ad hoc committee asking for several different members. There is clear evidence that there is some interest.
    - b. Our students are incredible, this is pretty impressive that you are willing to commit and contribute to this kind of dialogue. I want to say that if you think that someone is in physical harm you will take some action. This type of policy I am not opposed to in concept. I do hope that we work on this in partnership. We welcome the opportunity to have this dialogue.
  21. Move to exhaust the speakers list
    - a. Taylor/Herro
      - i. Speakers list exhausted.
  22. I like the idea of medical amnesty, I wish you would have looked into the policy before it got on the agenda, we could have done all of this before senate. It is kind of aggravating.
  23. Everyone has said everything so far, motion to end discussion.
    - a. Cerwin/Turner
      - i. Discussion closed.

### XIII. Announcements

- a. The Distinguished Lecture Series committee needs more members. You deal with budget, selecting, promotion, all of that sort of stuff. I hope to get a really cool speaker.
- b. Friday is the gladiator's event. You can win some cool prizes. If you are interested in playing it is free admission for a team and it is due tomorrow. I would love to see everyone there at 7pm.
- c. Reminder that the essay is due on Friday for the political science class. turn into 425 or 422 Wimberly.

- d. There is still some confusion about when people are invited to what. Breakfast is in the Ward room at 8am for the directors.
  - e. Derek sent out an email yesterday, please do the survey, we will most likely select someone from that.
  - f. Students for sensible drug policy, Just Say Know- we will be talking about ecstasy which the best treatment for post traumatic stress. Next Wednesday at noon.
  - g. If you need extra cash we are looking for a student assistant paying \$9. Need to get your resume in by next Friday in Cowley Hall.
  - h. Open forum next Monday in the Ward Room for Academic Initiatives.
- XIV. Closed Session  
Allen/Decker
- XV. Motion to open the meeting
  - i. Thiel/DeVries
    - 1. Acclimation
- XVI. Adjournment
  - a. Turner/Schoonover
    - i. Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.



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SENATORS		College/Org.	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL 2	ROLE CALL 3	ROLE CALL 4
Allen	Jeff	SOE	x	x	x	x
Barquero	Ulisses	CBA				
Blazek			x	x	x	
Brooks	Adia	BSU	x			
Cerwin	Nick	Arts & Comm	x	x	x	x
Cox	Jake	SAH	x	x	x	x
Decker	Rourke	RASO		x	x	x
DeShong	Rob	SAH		x	x	x
DeVries	Jon	RHAC	x	x	x	x
Haase	Chelsea	CBA	x	x	x	x
Hastings	JenniLynn	Rainbow Unity	x	x	x	x
Hayes	Laura	Off - Campus	x	x	x	x
Her	Dorothy	ASO				
Herro	Nick	CBA	x	x	x	x
Hougen	Carly	SAH	x	x	x	
Jimenez	Sergio	LASO				
Kahl	Erik	Greek Senator	x	x	x	x
		Athletics Council				
Klotz	Melissa	Council	x	x	x	x
Knudson	Megan	SAH	x	x	x	x
LeFevre	Kevin	At-Large	x	x	x	
Nguyen	Anh	ISO	x	x	x	
O'Neill	Jenn	CLS	x	x	x	x
Palmer			x	x	x	
Schmidt	Eric	Freshman	x	x	x	x
Schoonover	Sara	SAPA	x	x	x	x
Sweeny	Bonnie	GSO	x	x	x	x
Syafitri	Sonia	CBA				
Taylor	DeAndre	Arts & Comm	x	x	x	x
Thiel	Chuck	Off - Campus	x	x	x	x
Turner	Sarah	SOE	x	x	x	x
Urbas	Cate	RHAC	x	x	x	x
Vang	Baobai	HOPE				
VanWinkle	Joshua	At-Large		x	x	x
VanWyk	Katie	Freshman	x	x	x	x
Wolf	Britten	At-Large	x	x	x	x
		CLS				
		NASA				
<b>Present</b>			27	29	29	24
<b>Total</b>			33	34	34	34
<b>Percent Present</b>			82%	85%	85%	71%

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SENATORS	SA0809-035:Resolution on Adjusting Salaries of Directors		
	YES	NO	ABSTENTIONS
Allen	x		
Barquero			
Blazek			
Brooks			
Cerwin	x		
Cox	x		
Decker	x		
DeShong	x		
DeVries	x		
Haase	x		
Hastings	x		
Hayes	x		
Her			
Herro	x		
Hougen			
Jimenez			
Kahl	x		
Klotz	x		
Knudson			
LeFevre			
Nguyen			
O'Neill	x		
Palmer			
Schmidt	x		
Schoonover	x		
Sweeny	x		
Syafitri			
Taylor	x		
Thiel	x		
Turner	x		
Urbas	x		
Vang			
VanWinkle	x		
VanWyk	x		
Wolf	x		
<b>Present</b>	23	0	0
<b>Total</b>	33		
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<b>Percent Present</b>			