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Student Senate Agenda

Date: December 10th, 2008

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

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
 - II. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:01pm
 - b. I will be rescinding the motion I made last week about having to post a comment about the constitution on D2L.
 - III. Role Call
 - IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Kahl/Turner
 - i. Approved
 - V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Turner/Brooks
 - i. Approved
 - VI. Guest Speakers
 - a. Academic Initiative Assessment Taskforce:
 - i. I want to allow this time if any students or directors want to speak on behalf of the initiative.
 1. Anita Evans- I would happily entertain any questions.
 2. Barbara Stewart
 3. Ingrid Peterson
 - ii. Kahl: "Academic Initiatives are a source that is invaluable to the UWL experience. It adds to the well rounded students UWL provides. I attended two White Privileges conferences through AI. I would not be as effective in my career if it would not have been for this conference." That is just one of the statements I received regarding AI.
- VII. New Business
 - a. SA 0809-036: Resolution Supporting the Reauthorization of the Academic Initiatives Program
 - i. Klotz/O'Neill
 1. System has suggested us to bring it to a flat number to 119 for example. They don't want to deal with pennies; they would round it themselves anyway.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Move to make an amendment that we increase the fee to \$1 a year to provide more funding to undergrad and grad research.
 - a. Sweeny/LeFevre

- i. If it is one dollar per year, is that for the five years?
 1. Yes, stick with the 5% increases.
- ii. There has been a high demand to increase research funds. Our research funding is low across the board, extra funding is just that much more they can put towards research.
- iii. Research on this campus is becoming a lot more frequent, especially the undergrad research. We also want to give more money for the grad students here. It is a privilege for us to have grad students here.
- iv. Discussion
 1. I feel like this a good compromise for grad students. It is a good way to let them know that we recognize that they may not get as much.
 2. I understand where this is coming from, but I heed on the side of caution and I don't think it is appropriate to tell the body where to allocate the body. I think when you start breaking it down then everyone and their mother starts to bring their own recommendations on where they think their money should go. I would recommend you just trust that they will put the money where it should go with your recommendation.
 3. From what I understood the 5% is not a fixed amount.
 - a. It is a fixed amount for their standards.
 4. If you were to adjust a number I would adjust the total.
 5. If we are going to adjust the funds lets adjust it to be a flat rate.
 6. Wouldn't it make more sense to make it a whole dollar amount in the total for research? If it is a dollar every year then it is not a 5% increase every year.
 - a. I was told we can't tell them to put it directly into research, we can just recommend it.
 7. Couldn't you just add it to the total?

- a. These numbers up here are not set in stone. It doesn't mean the committee would have to do that.
- 8. The object of it was instead of pulling money from other funds, this would give \$10,000 extra to put into research.
- 9. The only thing we are approving is the final there for be it resolved. The question is do you want to give a dollar extra; it wouldn't be accounted for in what they projected so we could recommend where it goes. Don't focus on the future outlook. I don't know if we want to get into the business of how to spend the money because then why do we have an AI committee?
- 10. How does this fit into your plan, if we added something here would it make problems for other groups?
 - a. The committee looked at all of the funds out there and made our recommendations accordingly.
- 11. This was looked at already? The research problem has been looked at?
 - a. We looked at future outcomes and current outcomes. They were all looked at and the future outcomes was the library, the learning center and the internship.
 - b. The overall picture was also kept in mind.
- 12. For the research, isn't that also funded by some money by the provost office? And aren't they increasing what they are putting in it?
 - a. From \$70,000 to \$100,000
- 13. This last fall semester there were requests for 32,000 for just one semester for grad research. This year it will be projected more that 50% will have to be rejected. It is the same for undergrads as well. The provost has tried to help, but it is still lacking in funds.

14. It unfair to look at this with out knowing how many students apply for both undergrad and graduate.
 - a. Fall 08 was 60 proposals for undergrad.
15. This one dollar increase would change the total to what?
 - a. \$119.62
16. Then I would move to change it to \$120 to account for what systems is asking for a rounded number. And to ask about grad and undergrad applications is skewing what this body can do. We are going to get caught up in the details about where it should go. (Change the therefore be it resolved to \$60.00)
 - a. Allen/Turner
 - i. Call to question
 - ii. The only thing that actually matters is the there for be it resolved, the other numbers don't matter. The ultimate handling of these dollars is through the oversight committee.
 - iii. Passed.
2. What kind of accountability does the committee have when allocating this money? What's to stop them from cutting out some money from research and putting it somewhere else?
 - a. The committee presents an agenda to us so that we are aware of what is happening. We can't make any changes.
3. Can we forward recommendations for the additional dollar?
 - a. Yes, it is an open meeting.
4. Thank you to the committee, you all put in ton of work this semester. Call to question
 - a. Quorum
 - i. Out of order. Quorum should have been called before voting on the document.
 - b. Division- so that the regents can see the numbers to the vote.
 - c. Passed 30:1:0

VIII. Announcements

- a. I decided not to challenge the chair because I don't want to waste time, but I think it is very important that everyone read the constitution, you need to

know why changes are made and I don't want you wasting this body's time when it comes up for review and you didn't read it. Do what you were elected to do and read the constitution.

- b. If you want to work on mayor campaigns talk to OHare.
- c. Thanks to assessment task force for all the work they did, as well as to all of the senators that came to the open forum.
- d. Today was the university's budget council's second meeting. I asked for ideas to cut money out of the budget to save money. The committee put together a website for submitting ideas at uwlax.edu/af/ideas/htm. I recommend that you do it because we need ideas to do this. If you aren't sure how things work just ask. Basically what the committee approved was to pass on the costs to different things, and that is not there fault it's just that that was the easiest thing to do. We are going to have to pay more in user fees or have more seg fees. We need ideas, hopefully we will see some. Joint planning and budget meets next week.
- e. Paula Knudson- I am extremely impressed with Eric Fuhrmann and I think students are well represented.
- f. Email about the Name the Eagle contest, make sure you vote
- g. Have a safe and happy break.
- h. For those of you who are still interested in the amethyst initiative the presentation is this Friday at noon in Morris Hall. Other schools are still thinking about it. It is still a relevant issue nationally.
- i. I have been here for over a year now, I was on a lot of committees and I have learned a lot. Thanks for all of you doing a good job and good luck next year.
- j. I wish you all well on your finals. This was an outstanding semester, you should be very proud of your selves. Relax and come back ready for next semester.
- k. The constitution is on D2L. I will send out an email as a reminder and if you have any questions contact me. Kyle will be contacting me over break about the spring retreat.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Allen/Herro
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.



SENATORS	College/Org.	ROLE CALL
Allen	SOE	x
Barquero	CBA	x
Blazek		x
Brooks	BSU	x
Cerwin	Arts & Comm	x
Cox	SAH	x
Decker	RASO	
DeShong	SAH	
DeVries	RHAC	x
Haase	CBA	x
Hastings	Rainbow Unity	x
Hayes	Off - Campus	x
Her	ASO	x
Herro	CBA	x
Hougen	SAH	x
Jimenez	LASO	
Kahl	Greek Senator	x
Klotz	Athletics Council	x
Knudson	SAH	x
LeFevre	At-Large	x
Nguyen	ISO	
O'Neill	CLS	x
Palmer		x
Schmidt	Freshman	x
Schoonover	SAPA	x
Sweeny	GSO	x
Syafitri	CBA	x
Taylor	Arts & Comm	x
Thiel	Off - Campus	x
Turner	SOE	x
Urbas	RHAC	x
Vang	HOPE	x
VanWinkle	At-Large	x
VanWyk	Freshman	x
Wolf	At-Large	x
Present		31
Total		33
Percent Present		94%