



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: September 23rd, 2009

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:01pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Lauderdale/Brown
 - i. Agenda approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Zweig/Radke
 - i. Minutes approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - a. Joe Gow, Chancellor
 - i. Welcome back. I want to have a dialogue about any issues that might be on your mind.
 - ii. Questions
 1. I'd like to bring up the fact that I feel like a lot of access points on campus are restricted. Specifically buttons on doors, I feel like there needs to be more, essentially all of them I would like to see accessible. In Wimberly there are no accessible bathrooms so I have to run across the campus to go to the bathroom. That is an issue for me, personally.
 - a. I would love for you to compile these problematic areas and send them to me. I have heard that there are some doors that aren't working.
 2. I would like to mention that some of the international students are segregated due to the housing issues. I know it is temporary but I was wondering if we could have more Americans in the housing area.
 - a. Some people really liked having international students together; others want to be in with the American students so it is always a little tricky to get that blend.
 - i. It can be a real problem for international students who live off campus and barely speak English.
 - b. We have international students in off campus housing that the university has rented. The challenge that we

- have right now is that we have a lot of crowded conditions. I think the feeling was that it was better to do that than to put international students in overflow.
- c. We have more international students this year, so we had a lot of overflow.
 - d. We were trying to do the best we could. I wish I would have been here when the planning was done. We are trying to work through that. I am sorry; it is hard to get it perfect.
3. Why weren't the changes that were made with the soda machines and the parking lot fee changes brought to students?
 - a. I wasn't aware of the changes to the soda machines. That was Pepsi and that is part of the contract.
 - b. I am sorry about the parking situation. We are going to build a parking ramp in the future. To build that ramp we need to get the money to make that happen. This is coming from the parking fees. We could have raised the fees for the day time people dramatically. But we decided to change the time for the evening people. What was not foreseen was the people that come to park, not for classes but for other events. So right now parking people are trying to fix that. It would not be good to anger people that come to support our theatre events and sporting events. I will send out an email.
 - iii. I know that people aren't entirely happy about pay for print. You have always paid for print; it is just that we were always paying the same thing no matter how much you printed. Under the new system, you are paying for just what you are using. And the sustainability part to this is incredible.
 1. I had someone approach me and tell me about a different system at Stevens Point. They give you an allotted amount and if you go over that then you are charged.
 - a. We will probably adjust this. And right now I am told you can't do double sided printing. That was not our intention, it will get fixed. On your point, we can do that. It is kind of like textbook rental, where you have to buy it if it is under a certain amount. It is kind of like a tax. My wife and I don't have any kids, but we pay several thousand dollars in tax for education. We are a non profit entity, but we have to find that sweet spot where students are willing to pay a certain amount.
 - b. I was dean at Winona State, everyone got a free laptop. That just meant tuition was raised by \$12,000. You are still paying for it. We are having a committee for the bookstore to adjust the policies; we will do the same for the pay for print.

2. What is the money for pay for printing being used for?
 - a. For advancements in technology on campus.
 - i. Because I think that is the problem, students don't know what the money is used for.
 1. There is a computer lab in Wimberly, and half of the computers have moved out to create a "laptop" area, a lot of students don't like that and don't see where the money is going.
3. For the people that were double charged for printing. Where they given their money back?
 - a. I don't know.
 - i. I wasn't given my money back.
 1. We were all allotted 60 cents for this.
 - b. Talk to ITS. We will get it right. One problem that arose is that if you have two or three people sending print jobs at the same time and one of them is real long one, they have to wait around.
4. What was the committee that put this together and why weren't these things foreseen? It seems like they threw this together and didn't think things through.
 - a. Trying to get all faculty on board, it won't happen. I hear you, and I will take this back to the IT people.
5. Was there any type of testing procedure before this was implemented?
 - a. When this idea was discussed with me, I said "Is it going to work?" I was told we were ok. I did ask all these questions. The textbook rental was not perfect. But when you are ordering a huge number of books you won't get that right. I still think it is the right thing to do for the future, and we will get it right.
6. What is the plan for Inclusive Excellence?
 - a. We are having an open forum in 337 CC on Tuesday September 29th. The first one is 9:30 to 11:00; the second one is noon to 3:00. It is about expanding our notion of diversity to include all kinds of diversity. We know there are a group of people here very committed to diversity. There are probably more people that are ambivalent and not involved. So the challenge is to reach out to those people.
 - b. We want to try to empower everyone. All of us have learning we can do. So we are trying to get not those people who have been working on this for so many years, but all of us to grow and learn with this.
7. There was a guy that had summer classes and had intramural fees but there weren't any intramurals going on.

- a. I don't have the info on that. But typically what happens is that a percentage of the fees that are charged during the semester are also charged during the summer. Let me look into that.
 - 8. Is the new res hall only going to be for upper classmen?
 - a. It will be open for all students.
 - 9. I was told that the new res hall would be the international hall
 - a. We could have a language house, an international house... those are the type of conversations that we will have to engage in.
 - 10. So Angel will be the international dorm then?
 - a. We have expanded our halls; Coate is a first year hall. So we are entering those conversations now.
- iv. I thank you again. If you do have issues, please contact me. This is a time of challenge for the university. The people that teach you and advise you, their pay is getting cut. When the gubernatorial candidates come, ask them what they think about furloughs to solve the budget problems. Even in light of that, there are so many good things that are happening on this campus. We will have over 100 million dollars in improvements. We started the year with 47 new faculty on campus. Senate and the students made that happen. Finally, our numbers at this university are fantastic. Our retention rate is 89%. That is why in US News we are the only campus in WI that held their ground. We are 17. We are the top comprehensive in the state. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. And I am very proud of our tradition of shared governance. Thank you for all that you do.
- b. Chris Bakkum, Sue Knudson, Student Grade Audit
 - i. I am the registrar here. We have spent a significant amount of time rebuilding our degree audits. SNAP has gone away and we in the process of building a new one. We will release a draft form next week. I will send out an email to all students early next week. I thought you as student senators would like to get a sneak peak. We are going to be able to email one final copy of the SNAP report before it goes away. I ask that students save a copy of that so that you can compare it to the new ones. We know that there are some things that aren't working in the new degree audit, but we don't want to wait too long to release it to students and for students to help us see what needs to be fixed. The new audit is completely different from the SNAP report. It is interactive. You will be able to access it any time. It is delivered through your student center, so it is easy to access. We don't have all of the minors coded yet, so sometimes you might get a "under construction". The dean's offices will be instrumental in helping us answer questions for the new audit.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. What are you calling it?

- a. Advisement Report. The reason we did not continue to call it call it SNAP is because with our new student info system, people who applied to La Crosse got access to the new system right away. Everything in the system calls it advising report. The new freshmen wouldn't know what is it is.
2. What were the problems with the SNAP reports that made you switch?
 - a. Because of budget issues we had not maintained our enhancements of the software. When we went to the new WINGS system, this was delivered with WINGS. We had to make a choice, either invest additional dollars into our old system or rebuild the audit and work with what came with the new system.
3. Do you have any training system for this?
 - a. We hope to have a tutorial on the transition page when we release the audit.
4. Are you pushing the RA's to learn the program?
 - a. We are working on that. The Academic Advising center and some of the other student support areas have been trained on how to use it and how to help students with it.
5. WTC has a system exactly like this and it is very easy to read and it works great, it is wonderful.
6. Is there any way to print this out like a SNAP report?
 - a. There is. At this point it is not very printer friendly. You could print it from your browser. We are still doing some exploration. We have been learning as we go along. I do think there is a way to make this more printer friendly. It will take a while to do that. We won't have that done this fall. Hopefully by spring we will have it done.
7. Will we use this new way to request transcripts?
 - a. Talon is going away very soon. You can still get your transcript through the new student center very soon.
8. Are the motives financial for why this is being launched before it is completed?
 - a. Sue and I are the only ones that are working on this because of lack of staff. We have run out of time with the fact that the SNAP report is going away. We have reached a point where your fall and summer classes aren't on your SNAP report, and we didn't want to delay any longer getting it out. Registration starts in November so we would like to get this cleaned up before then. We wished we had more staff and time before we released it, but we really need the tool.

9. Do you know when the sample one will be out?
 - a. That is the “what if?”. We would like to test and pilot that this semester. We want to bring it up as fast as we can.
 10. How will this program reflect programs that no longer exist?
 - a. It will still reflect those classes. Each class has an id number.
 11. Is this going to be interactive when you are signing up for classes?
 - a. Yes. You can click on the course; see when it is offered and what the prerequisites are. You can click on a link that takes you to the time table.
- c. Derek Kockler, Germany Scholarship Opportunity
- i. I am here to talk about a really cool opportunity that I put together last year. Two years ago SA passed a resolution setting up a partnership with a university in Germany. We have sent the president or the vice president that build relationships with their student government. They sent two students as well. They spent 10 days here and toured our student association and got a feel for what our issues are. We want to send two students to Germany for 3 weeks or so. They will be engaged with their student association and issues that they face. They will compare them to our SA as well. There is a \$2,000 grant that will cover your travel and lodging. All of that will be taken care of. We want to foster more relationships and build new relationships. There aren't actually international partnerships between universities; it has never been done before. You have to have served for a year already, this one doesn't count. That counts on the exec branch or as a senator. The other student seat is going to be for someone with proficient German language. So in tandem the two of them should be able to handle Germany. You have to present at the undergrad research symposium and you would have to present to this body. There are some other great opportunities for this trip, it comes from undergraduate research. You would have to apply by the 25 of October. All the requirements are the same. You can get a \$300 bonus from the study abroad stipend. So you can get up to \$4,400 for this trip. If you do get the international stipend you have to help out with some event they might have. The applications will be available in the office of international education. There will be an informational meeting tomorrow night in 228 Graff. Applications due on Oct 2. Students will be notified on Tuesday the 6th. You can get credits for this. You can get up to 3 credits, depending on the amount of work you want to put into it. They would do a little bit of briefing with that. Undergraduate research is a lot of work, but it is certainly doable in this time frame and that is why we want to get the ball rolling as soon as we can. Applications are in 116 Graff Main Hall.
- d. Brad Konkel, District 5 Supervisor

- i. District 5 encompasses between 15th and 17th street and the campus. I would like to talk about the Strategic Plan for Sustainability. There is a link to it on the city website. It shows that we have taken steps to preserve our future and promote sustainability at all local levels of government. We would like to get a county wide organization going here. We have started a Sustainable La Crosse Commission. This is going to be a remarkable commission because we are going to be working with different departments to promote sustainable projects and purchases. The budget is going to be an ongoing process from now until December. How many of you think you pay taxes to La Crosse County? Most people think you don't pay taxes because you don't pay property taxes. But you all pay sales tax. It is important because there have been a lot of issues with this county board seat in particular. We want to establish credibility for students, we are a big part of the economy here, it is important that you have a voice in what we say and what we do.
- ii. Questions
 - 1. What are some of your goals for the upcoming year?
 - a. One of my biggest goals is to work with the sustainable La Crosse Commission. I want to make sure they are making intelligent green purchases. If we build new buildings I want to make sure we go for LEAD Certification.
- iii. If you have any questions or concerns I am a student here, you can send me an email. I will be stopping in once or twice a month just to give you an update.

VII. Officer Reports

a. President

- i. If you have ideas for the set up, please let us know.
- ii. OMSS Retreat- I left a form for the students that are going to be going to that. Please leave it in my mailbox.
- iii. We are starting "lessons on leasing". Students on campus are looking for off campus housing pretty early in the year. We are trying to inform students for some things to watch out for; there are way too many issues. We want to make sure that is not happening too often anymore. We have a student working with a team and we will be doing a presentation to the res halls and we will be having presentations open to all students as well.
- iv. We are working on making the office accessible; we are working on getting a button on the office door.
- v. We have the Oktoberfest Aid station. We have wristbands for it. There are many times that there are friends visiting that may get lost and don't know where they are going. We have wrist bands where you can write your address so that your friend can know where to go.

- vi. October 5th is an open forum for pay for print. Every two or three weeks we will have an open forum. This first one is here in Port O'Call at 6pm I think.
- vii. Inclusive Excellence next Tuesday.
- viii. We have only 4 senators enrolled in political science 250. You get credit for being a senator.
- ix. Questions
 - 1. Are we still doing the student advantage card?
 - a. I have been focused elsewhere right now. As soon as I can I will continue with that. That is an on going project.
 - 2. If you have taken Poli Sci 250 before you can take it again.
- b. Vice-President
 - i. Please take the Campus Climate Survey.
 - ii. I will address some of the comments on the retreat survey. Just so that you are aware for the future, any of the things that are emailed out before the meetings, you are expected to read those before the meeting. Another thing that was requested was a little bit more of a parliamentary procedure. I tried to place you near an experienced senator, if you have a question please ask someone near you.
 - iii. Office hours did start this week; if you need to change it tell me. If you can't make it during your scheduled time please make it up some other time.
- c. Chief Financial Officer
- d. Shared Governance Director
- e. Legislative Issues Director
 - i. Last Thursday SAFRA passed the house. 6 of the 8 voted yes from the Wisconsin delegation.
- f. Others
 - i. PR
 - 1. I uploaded all the pictures we took onto facebook. I wanted your ok to use that picture. Check on their and make sure you are ok. Anything you need help with let me know.
 - ii. Environmental Sustainability
 - 1. We will have a rally in front of the coal plant next Tuesday. Matt Harder will be speaking there, I am sure that will be a riot.
 - 2. Green Fund applications will be out shortly.
 - iii. City Affairs
 - 1. Common Council meeting at 7:30,
 - 2. I met with the police chief and the UWL liaison and we went over some stuff. Please let me know if you have any ideas.

VIII. RHAC Report

- a. We have finished our board. We elected a new secretary. This past weekend we attended the training with all of the hall execs.

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry
 - i. My office is in 212 Cartwright.
- X. Committee Reports
 - a. Academic Affairs - Starting commencement speaker process. Every year a student gets to speak at fall commencement and two at spring commencement. Applications will be available online. You have until the 21st to apply.
 - b. SUFAC – October 16th is the deadline for submissions.
 - c. JPB – we Okayed 6 and a half positions.
 - d. CAPS – we had another closed session. There was a policy breach so we had to end early. We will meet in October.
 - e. General Education – finishing student learning outcomes. Will be coming to senate to get approved.
 - f. Environmental Sustainability meeting on Friday, always welcome students.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New Business
 - a. Student, Faculty, and Staff Committee Appointments
 - i. Hemmer/Grabanski
 - 1. The initial approval is what is necessary. There are vacancies and those will be filled later. I have updated as we have gone along. It is as updated as possible.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Committees that have vacancies, are they still going to meet?
 - a. They will still be meeting.
 - 2. Call to question
 - a. Passes.
- XIII. Discussion
 - a. SA 0910-004: Academic Affairs Committee Recommendations for AIOC Membership
 - i. Lauderdale/Callaway
 - 1. We approved it unanimously as a committee.
 - 2. Members of the Academic Initiatives committee must be first approved by the Academic Affairs committee.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Motion to close discussion
 - a. Brown/Heying
 - i. Discussion closed
 - b. SA 0910-005: Resolution Urging the DOA and Governor Jim Doyle to Explore Converting the UW-L Power Plant to Biomass
 - i. Arends/Pop
 - 1. There are three power plants in Madison owned by the state. There was a law suit by the Sierra Club that was successful because the power plant was in violation of the clean air act and will be converted to bio mass. Ours is state owned, not owned by UWL. It is run by coal and natural gas. One of their main methods of coal extraction is by mountain top removal. That has some pretty obvious environmental repercussions.

This coal plant is one of the four in the state that is also in violation of the clean air act. We are asking the state to study the feasibility to switching over to biomass.

ii. Discussion

1. I think this is a fiscally responsible move just because of the law suit by the Sierra Club.
2. What is biomass?
 - a. It is burning natural materials.
3. Where do the statistics come from for how many tons of coals we burn here?
 - a. It is public information.
4. UWL isn't paying for the power plant?
 - a. The energy costs come from the state.
5. What would be the cost for the bio-fuel to be transferred over?
 - a. I think that would be determined by the feasibility study. At UW Madison it was 450 million to convert 4 power plants. Here we would keep the natural gas.
6. Who pays for that?
 - a. The Department of Administration, not the local government or the university.
7. How fast could we get this moving?
 - a. I am not sure. It depends on student pressure.
 - b. Madison responded quickly because there was a lawsuit.
8. motion to close discussion
 - a. Nell/Heying
 - i. Discussion closed.

XIV. Announcements

- a. Wheelchair basketball. Contact Senator Nell
- b. I Heart Female Orgasms at 7pm on the 8th.
- c. Thursday night Saving Jane, free for students. They are really good live.
- d. Vanessa Roberts October 6th its \$1.
- e. Ask to make an announcement for freshman elections in class.
- f. RECToberfest is this Friday. Good alcohol alternatives.
- g. Service learning trip to Ecuador during J-term info session on Tuesday in room 331 at 5:30.
- h. BSU Bash October 9th at 8pm in Port O'Call. Pairing up with LASO.
- i. LASO is hosting the Hispanic Heritage Month. We have events all month. Monday we have a free film series. They are at 6:30 to 7:30.
- j. Everyone welcome to carry a flag for ISO. Meeting at 8:30 in Rioter hall. You can sign up at OIE.
- k. ISO is organizing a trip to Mall of America next Saturday.
- l. The 27th RHAC has a fundraising sale at Festival.
- m. If you want to learn more about the coal plant come to Wittich field on Tuesday.

XV. Adjournment

- a. Nell/Radke
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

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SENATORS		College/Org.	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL 2	ROLE CALL 3
Arends	Kristen	CBA	x		
Bradley	Adam	SAH	x		
Brown	Micah	BSU	x		
Callaway	Chris	Off-Campus	x		
Cruz	Sonia	LASO	x		
Dill	Kyle	At-Large	x		
Grabanski	Kaitie	SAH	x		
Hall	Palmer	NASA	x		
Hastings	JennieLynn	RU	x		
Heimerl	Jeremy	CBA	excused		
Hemmer	Mike	SAH	x		
Her	Dorothy	ASO	x		
Heying	Drew	RHAC	x		
Koplin	Tim	SOE	x		
Lauderdale	Laura	SOE	x		
Lieder	Josh	At-Large	x		
Lodahl	Lynn	CLS	x		
Mattson	Sarah	SAH	x		
Moore	Riley	RHAC	x		
Morris	Samantha	Off-Campus	x		
Nell	Ryan	SAPA	x		
Nelson	Kristi	CBA	x		
Popp	Brian	RASO	x		
Radke	Olivia	A/C	x		
Schauer	Andy	A/C	x		
Schmidt	Eric	CBA	excused		
Talhouarne	Gaelle	ISO	x		
Trimborn	Steve	At-Large	x		
Urbas	Cate	CLS	x		
Verhoeven	Andy	SAH	x		
Xiong	Pa Zao	HOPE	x		
Yunker	Mike	Greek	x		
Zwieg	Kara	SAH	x		
Present			27	0	0
Total			31	31	31
Percent Present			87%	0%	0%