



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: September 30th, 2009

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:02 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Shauer/Koplin
 - i. Motion to add SA 0910:007: Resolution Approving 2008-2009 Carryover Decisions
 1. Shauer/Radke
 - a. Approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Nell/Heying
 - i. Minutes approved, 2 abstentions
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - a. Teri Hinds, Director of Institutional Research
 - i. I am here to present to you a proposed change in policy regarding the process for how student's researchers can get access to student emails. We are seeing a lot more students who are doing email survey research and requesting emails of other students. There are some things that you need to consider when you are crafting your research without us as an institution having to get you info. If someone asks us for info then we are required to provide it, but we can restrict info to student records. We do not identify students individually by gender and race. You need to determine an appropriate response rate. There is typically a response rate of 20 to 30%. The next step is to complete the IRB approval process, that is a federal requirement. Survey research is usually exempt. Then you can complete a form to request the student emails. After you administer your survey we follow up for response rates.
 - ii. Questions
 1. How much longer will this make the response rate?
 - a. We respond within 3 to 5 days, we don't expect it to change.
 2. How much extra work will this be for the FRPA officer?
 - a. It won't be any extra work.
 3. Have we thought about creating an email list of students who are willing to take email surveys?

- a. We have not, there are some research methodologies with that because then it is no longer a random sample. But you are allowed to change your privacy settings so that you can restrict access to your email. You wouldn't get contacted by the area legislators or graduation information. So there are pros and cons to opting out. You opt out of all out of office contact that comes through email.
 - 4. Have you ever sent out an email saying this information? Because I have never heard that before. Just so that students have that information and they know they have that option.
 - a. There is information sent out every year, but it is probably not very clear. It has been suggested to be made clearer and I will follow up with them.
 - b. Nick Herro, SUFAC Presentation
 - i. We were asked to give a presentation on SUFAC because most of the subcommittee chairs are here. (Power point presentation, on D2L)
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Yesterday we were in a directors meeting and talked about salaries.
 - ii. Have been working on some PR things.
 - iii. We are assisting with some things called Lessons in Leasing to inform students about renter's rights.
 - b. Vice-President
 - i. There are a few complaints that have come up. The first one is food in the office. You are allowed to eat food in the office but you are not allowed to leave the plates and the baskets. Also some of you are not attending your committees so I have had to attend them to make quorum. Also, please do not print homework from the senate computer
 - ii. The Board of Regents meeting is Oct. 16th and 17th. They are the board that decides tuition and UW System budgets. It is a great way to learn what is going on in the system as a whole. If you would like to go contact Eric or myself.
 - iii. I created folders for all of you on the computer in the senate office. Please do not save files on the desktop, if you do they will be deleted.
 - c. Chief Financial Officer
 - i. We will be tackling a 4% travel reduction.
 - ii. Director pay.
 - iii. More riveting presentations coming soon.
 - d. Shared Governance Director
 - i. Faculty senate meets tomorrow.
 - ii. One shots still going on.
 - iii. I have received three nominations for the commencement speaker.
 - e. Legislative Issues Director
 - f. Others
 - i. Environmental Sustainability

1. Thank you to everyone who came out to the rally at the coal plant. It was awesome to see you all there. We had over 200 students in attendance. Thanks!
 2. Green Fund applications will be out at the end of the week. I will get something out in the Eagle Connection.
 3. The Green Transportation Council will be meeting next Tuesday at 7pm.
- ii. Public Relations
1. The pictures are going up on the website. If you don't have a picture up it is because we lost, you asked me not to, or I don't know your name. Please check it to make sure everything is legit. I need a mini bio for your profile.
 2. There is an open forum coming up. There is an event on our fan page.
 3. Fan page: as of last night, I am doing a challenge; this is an all inclusive challenge. I was looking at the Madison site and they have upwards of 12,000 people. My challenge is that we have 1,500 fans on our website. Right now we are at 140. that will be the challenge for the semester. If you do it I will provide some kind of reward for you.
- iii. Social Justice
1. You were all given a sheet of paper with a list of the diversity organization and their time. Befriend the senator's representing these orgs. Please go to a meeting of one of the orgs.
 2. The Hate Response Team is starting a campaign. Every year at this time we have protestors coming to campus and the Hate Response Team came up with brochures that explain what is going on and the fact that we can tell them to leave, and we give the students a better way of dealing with the hate. This gives the students another avenue other than standing at the Clocktower being angry and yelling at the protestors.
- iv. Gender Issues
1. MUASA is every other Tuesday in basement of Hutchinson.
 2. Jenn has an internship at New Horizons Shelter. There is a candle light vigil.
- v. City Affairs
1. The challenge starts next week. There are two different meetings you can attend. The first one will be Tuesday at 7:30 in the council chambers. Thursday is the city council meeting at 7:30. The more times you attend the more chances you have to win the raffle.
 2. We will be going to all the halls for the renter's rights presentations. There is a large list of landlords and a discussion portion of it on the facebook page. We will try to keep it on a rating scale so that there aren't personal attacks.

VIII. RHAC Report

- a. Successful brat sale.
 - b. Krace Days October 5th through the 8th.
 - c. Dr. Nick came in to explain what they are doing with the new res halls.
- IX. Advisor Reports
- a. No reports
 - b. Quorum called.
- X. Committee Reports
- a. Joint Committee on Environmental Sustainability
 - i. President's climate challenge.
 - ii. If you are interested in attending next meeting is Friday the 9th in 126 Wing at 10am.
 - b. Ad Hoc committee
 - i. Looking at adjusting commencement. That is the reason academic affairs doesn't have a solid number yet. One of the main areas we are looking at is the La Crosse Center. We want to get a larger campus in put first.
 - c. SUFAC
 - i. Hoping to have 2 members present on one shots to the subcommittees.
 - d. Leg Affairs
 - i. Selected officers.
 - e. Joint Minority Affairs
 - i. Inclusive excellence. We talked about whether is should be for race or whether it should include everyone. We don't know where to go with it. We want to know what you think.
 - 1. We will be having someone come in and speak about inclusive excellence to solicit those opinions.
 - f. Academic Program Review
 - i. Discussed the role of the provost.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New Business
- a. SA 0910-004: Resolution Appointing the Academic Initiative Oversight Committee Members
 - i. Lodahl/Nelson
 - 1. Nothing has changed. AIOC can choose their senator.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Call to question
 - a. Objection
 - i. There has to be a representative from each college. The freshman would ideally be a CBA rep.
 - 2. Move to amend this document to cross out "being an incoming senator" and add Senator Schmidt as the CBA senator.
 - a. Arends/Hastings
 - i. Move to amend the amendment. Remove 4 students to "five students", delete "with a fifth

student”, delete to be approved by the AIOC membership.

1. Zweig/Grabanski
 - a. Call to question
 - i. Amendment passed.
 - ii. Call to question
 1. amendment passed, one abstention
3. Move to remove to the second to last whereas clause.
 - a. Hastings/Zweig
 - b. Call to question
 - i. Amendment passed.
4. Call to question
 - a. Approved, 2 abstentions
- b. SA 0910-005: Resolution Urging the DOA and Governor Jim Doyle to Explore Converting the UW-L Power Plant to Biomass
 - i. Heying/Schmidt
 1. the rally showed that there is a significant amount of student interest in this and it would be great if this body could reflect the interests of their constituents.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Feasibility isn't too much to ask for
 2. Move to change the last whereas statement to strike “there would be no cost incurred to UWL”
 - a. Trimborn/Veerhoven
 - i. I feel that statement could be misread and be misleading. I am in support of this resolution but we don't know what could come down the line. If there was damage to the plant itself, or the grounds, who would pick up those grounds. The UWL community will partially be funding this through taxes. Directly and/or indirectly there will be some costs.
 - b. Call to question
 - i. Amendment passes.
 3. Call to question
 - a. Passes.

XIII. Discussion

- a. Approval of the Freshman Senator Election Results
 - i. Hemmer/Callaway
 1. Yesterday was Election Day for freshman senators. Last night the commission met and verified the results. Welcome Broke Bennet and David Wermedal.
 2. Senator Bennet: I am from Delevan, majoring in psychology.
 3. Senator Wermedal: Political science major. From West Salem
 - ii. Discussion

1. I will be calling those that were not elected to get them involved in committees.
 2. We have to wait two weeks to approve the results because there is a period where you can complain about the election. We have to allow for those complaints in the two week process.
 3. Motion to close discussion
 - a. Zweig/Popp
 - i. Discussion closed.
- b. SA 0910-007:
- i. Radke/Shauer
 1. This is our carry over cash position for SUFAC. These budgets are from last fiscal year. We are discussing the ending cash balances, the numbers they ended with last year. For our account we didn't change anything. There is money that was unspent from the one shots that we gave out last year. We zero that out. The decision of the committee was to let everyone keep their carryover. The yellow is what we decided, the column before that is what they are starting with. You cannot amend this document; you can vote it up or down. if you vote it down it goes back to committee and we take in your recommendations. There is \$70,000 that is going to go back to groups.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Why are you letting the Racquet keep the debt?
 - a. Whether it is a surplus or a deficit we are giving it back. It was a broad decision for everyone to keep everything.
 2. How does this decision compare to precedent?
 - a. Usually SUFAC goes through one by one and decides what is too much and what is too little. This year in the essence of expediency the committee decided to give the carryovers back.
 - b. Last year we had a group of three people who got together to review the procedures. They decided that if everyone kept their carryovers then it would encourage people to have some fiscal restraint in terms of how much they are actually spending.
 - c. It was a long discussion. That was the recommendation. This year we are also having committee chairs take on more responsibilities.
 3. What is the exact purpose of this vote?
 - a. You will be deciding what the committee does. The senate has the final approval.
 - b. One idea that was brought up was the 10/5 rule. So were under 10% we ignore it. if you over spend by 5% then you get to keep it too because you can inherit it.

The option is to go back to line by line. The committee chose this option.

4. If we were to not approve this, where would the money go?
 - a. Each of the groups has a budget for this year already. If you don't approve it the money stays in our reserve account. Or we can appropriate to one shots, give it to another group. If it goes into our reserve we take money out of that to offset the cost of our seg fee.
5. If we were to do the 10/5 rule, do you know how many orgs would be outside of that and what effect would it have?
 - a. There were 5 or 6 that were outliers.
6. What are the potential affects?
 - a. If you are outside of those budget boundaries then you would come in and tell us what you are going to do with that money.
7. What's the need for expediency?
 - a. There were a number of reasons. The committee didn't want to review every org individually. The larger budgets do this too. The problem we run into is that a lot of these orgs have new leadership every year. it wasn't just expediency.
 - b. I don't think expediency is the best word. I was looking at the recommendations made by the sub committee. One of the things was don't spend so much time looking at carryovers and more time on budgets.
8. It would encourage orgs to spend money on stuff that didn't necessarily need. You don't want to discourage them from looking for those savings. Right now, the rule for everyone is that their budgets should meet zero, and they don't meet that now. If you change it to the 10/5 rule, you will just have orgs missing that rule. We talked for a long time and we couldn't come up with a better system, and that is because this is the system that works best. This is the system that the city uses, and that the system uses.
9. People hoarding money and the time we are in right now, \$13,000 is a lot to have unaccounted for. I stress fiscal responsibility.
10. For the 10/5 rule, would the orgs not falling in that be given the option to defend themselves?
 - a. They would have to come state their case to SUFAC.
11. The Racquet did come in and had a presentation and they are being very proactive to bring themselves back up to zero. It comes back to students and making sure they are getting what they are paying for.

12. Are these orgs aware of the possible change? Is there a way to have a tax system to give the money to people that are in debt right now?
 - a. We are going to have some very unhappy organizations; we are going to have some very happy organizations.
13. Let's try this for the year, reward the people that have money left. I like the idea to try this for now.
14. I feel that there needs to be a sense of do we need this money, rather than what can we do with this money. Reevaluating what type of budget they will have next year. There could be better uses for the money.
15. Under the 5/10 plan, when you go through those, where does the money come from to get people out of debt?
 - a. The intentions were to use the reserve or groups that had left over money.
16. We are switching to this because we are worried about people being irresponsible. Was that an issue before?
 - a. Before the carryover was decided at the time. So with this we are trying to create something so that the groups new what to expect, so that there could be rules and guidelines.
17. Do you have a formalized appeal process?
 - a. We don't have an appeal system for carryovers. If we would be hearing a group it would be because of our good will and because we are rational. I think that would be beneficial.
18. I think it is important that we focus on groups that have a positive carryover as well. Good budgeting is getting as close to zero as possible.
19. I will be voting no on this because there is such a range of surplus and negatives and the committee needs to take a closer look at the outliers.
20. it is a problem if you are ending up with money left over, but you don't want to discourage people from saving money when they can save money. Like with the budget sweep last year, UWL will never work so hard to save that much money again since it was just picked out of their pocket.
21. We need to consider another option to help them out this year because of the economic problems last year.
22. I think the 5/10 rule is something to consider.
23. I don't think that it is the goal of orgs to be saving money form year to year, because every year is a new budget. The idea of saving money is not something we should be looking at or rewarding. If you need to be saving money for something, that is what one shots are for.

24. No matter what we do, everyone has to remember it all comes back to the students. We are trusting these groups to use the money for something positive for the students.

- a. Motion to close discussion
 - i. Discussion closed.

XIV. Announcements

- a. Wheelchair basketball. October 17th.
- b. Tomorrow night at the Cellar 7 pm.
- c. Candle light vigil at 5:45pm
- d. WSSA has a social in this room on Friday 7pm
- e. Next Thursday is I Heart Female Orgasm in Graff at 7pm.
- f. On October 24th there will be a dinner for Family Friends and Alumni weekend. 3 senators or directors have the opportunity to come network and meet new people and get a really good meal. If you are interested come see me after the meeting.
- g. Committee chairs come see me after
- h. Anything that wants details about SUFAC come see Herro or Shervey or anyone on SUFAC.
- i. Vanessa Roberts is coming the 6th in Graff at 7pm.
- j. LASO event Immigration Rights Activist speaker October 5th at 6:30.
- k. LASO and BSU event "BLASO". October 9th
- l. Soccer game on Sunday.
- m. Multicultural room meeting at 6:30

XV. Adjournment

- a. Nell/Shauer
 - i. 8:06 pm

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SENATORS		College/Org.	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL 2
Arends	Kristen	CBA	x	x
Bradley	Adam	SAH	x	x
Brown	Micah	BSU	x	x
Callaway	Chris	Off-Campus	x	x
Cruz	Sonia	LASO	x	x
Dill	Kyle	At-Large	late	x
Grabanski	Kaitie	SAH	x	x
Hall	Palmer	NASA	x	x
Hastings	JennieLynn	RU	x	x
Heimerl	Jeremy	CBA	x	x
Hemmer	Mike	SAH	x	x
Her	Dorothy	ASO	x	x
Heying	Drew	RHAC	x	x
Koplin	Tim	SOE	x	x
Lauderdale	Laura	SOE	excused	
Lieder	Josh	At-Large	x	x
Lodahl	Lynn	CLS	x	x
Mattson	Sarah	SAH	x	x
Moore	Riley	RHAC	x	x
Morris	Samantha	Off-Campus	x	x
Nell	Ryan	SAPA	x	x
Nelson	Kristi	CBA	x	x
Popp	Brian	RASO	x	x
Radke	Olivia	A/C	x	x
Schauer	Andy	A/C	x	x
Schmidt	Eric	CBA	x	x
Talhouarne	Gaelle	ISO	x	x
Trimborn	Steve	At-Large	x	x
Urbas	Cate	CLS	x	x
Verhoeven	Andy	SAH	x	x
Xiong	Pa Zao	HOPE	excused	
Yunker	Mike	Greek	excused	
Zwieg	Kara	SAH	x	x
Present			29	30
Total			33	33
Percent Present			88%	91%

