



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: October 14th, 2009

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

- I. Call to Order 6:02pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Schmidt/Koplin
 - i. Passed
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Zweig/Hastings
 - i. Acclamation
 1. Passed
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - a. Chief Scott Rohde and Bob Hetzel, Director of Police Services & Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance
 - i. Few things to talk about, parking enforcement and yield signs.
 - ii. Bob talked about his cold Pepsi one and was here last to discuss the segregated fee schedule.
 1. Room rates increased 2.5%, dining by 4.3% all driven by budget's auxiliary cuts.
 2. Parking rates were also going to increase because of parking improvements and ramp. Rates increased to \$205 as discussed.
 3. Also discussion on the stadium maintenance fee and other misc. tuition increases.
 - iii. In May, Chief Rohde visited Bob and said that he could help mitigate the costs by going to later enforcements of the lots. Also very common across other campuses.
 - iv. Rather than assessing all current permit holders an additional \$5 we would create a way to gather funds from other ways. Parking garage cost is about \$8 million.
 - v. Joe was in earlier and discussed parking but they want the issues and feedback.
 - vi. Bob is taking ownership of the communication lapse because they were not aware of changing the enforcement policy at that time.
 - vii. Scott brought forth a large budget for the parking avenue. Average person was charged about \$19 over last year. Parking is an auxiliary entity and is funded by those that use the service. No GPR or taxpayer dollars used to support it. All heating, lighting, software, auxiliary

- chargeback's, crack fills, snow removal, buying houses for expansion, fringes, and salaries are self supported and revenue must be brought in.
- viii. 120 acre campus, more students, more classrooms, and overall increase in parking requests. Stadium brings in an additional population of users and in order to begin the parking structure that will provide relief. Additional lots are in dire need of repair. Parking rates increased an average 3-5% over the last decade until this last year. Because of other student impacts, i.e. gas, rates remained low and there was also no clear picture of what the parking would look like. Little investments made to the lots that would eventually be replaced by a structure. This was being driven by a number of decision points. We did have some auxiliary funds, but a significant portion was spent on the Cowley lot. There are a lot of definite needs; some are 40 years old and need to be brought up to state and local code which includes lighting, drainage, and additional services to the students which include call boxes, emergency services, etc...
 - ix. Guests and those with the extended hour permits have additional services. Parking services has met with CFA and Athletics to talk about suspending ticketing during certain events in certain lots. Believes that students that are taking night courses should have to pay for the service that they use. \$40,000 was saved by putting the snow removed from campus to the North parking lot. The overall cost to remove the salt, snow, sand mixture to a safe off-campus location is about \$1000/hr. Plan was to keep the cost down across the board. Few staff and faculty grumbled about the increased costs. Here tonight to be a resource for the students and address the increased services and explain the costs.
 - x. Addition of the motorist assistance program. No charge to students for car unlocks, flat tires, dead batteries, etc. If ticketer is not issuing tickets they are at least available and they have direct communication with the police in the event of an emergency situation.
 - xi. Bob is admitting that it was not a good practice by moving forward with this without the students. There is an upside to the level of service to the students. Here tonight for general and honest opinions.
 - xii. Certain days with special events are said to be unmonitored. Rhonda Smith communicated to the ticket office a list of dates that should be free parking and that has been communicated with Dean Benson and the ticket office in CFA. Same applies to athletics.
 - xiii. Do practices apply?
 - 1. Suspension of enforcement is for visitors primarily. Coaches don't do the best job covering all of the basics, including parking. There are passes available for athletes for specific sports. \$8 for the entire season of parking pass, especially with North campus. Club sports apply to this as well.
 - xiv. Have there been an increase in citations for the evening period?

1. Numbers of citations have decreased over the last couple of years. With tough economic times, there is not a proposed increase in ticket cost. In the resident lots, they sell 100%, the commuter lots are different and they over sell by 45% depending on the lot. Commuter students who do not have passes need the meter parking and when a pass holder is in meter parking, they will get a ticket. We have seen an increase primarily with 150. Students that came in and said they were uneducated and didn't know had their tickets reduced to \$2.50 - \$5. For a couple specific events there are some other ways they have been addressing tickets, such as waiving them all.
- xv. What about the other groups that host events on campus that aren't in the CFA or Athletics, such as campus organizations?
1. We cannot begin waiving for every group, there is not a way to distinguish between a night class and organizational meeting and no revenue is brought in.
 2. Special guests should be using meters. They will be willing to work with large events that get brought to campus such as the Lisa Ling program.
 3. Groups that are coming onto campus to use our facilities should pay for the services they are using including parking. C8 & C9 are some of the most unsafe lots and there are a lot of requests for facilities out there that it becomes difficult to manage it all, but they should be paying. With campus close-ups, families are paying a registration fee that includes parking for the customer.
 4. How much money is being made by people parking in lots?
 5. Cost to run parking is about \$750,000 annually.
 - a. It costs a lot to run this service and we need to figure out some way to make up the cost for the services. The costs of these programs is ever increasing. Salaries, fringes, salaries, software, etc...are all increasing and those cost concerns need to be addressed.
 6. We have parking appeals committee that could be looking at this policy change. Get some group feedback and work on it for second semester.
- xvi. How is the significant increase justified over the years? (example given \$86-\$145)
1. 2 semester purchaser is not true, one semester is true.
 2. Billing is only billed one semester at a time. Front end is paying \$145, and then \$60 for the second semester because of people claiming for the full year and then only utilizing the first semester. This leaves a void and they cannot recoup this expense.
 3. \$50,000 was being used this year for a preliminary plan.

4. F37 must have approval for building a reserve and the process has been followed for the new garage and the process began in May.
- xvii. Diversity orgs and many other groups bring events onto campus, but saying that Athletics, CAB, and CFA events should not be separated in who receives exemption for parking.
 - xviii. Increase the cost on tickets for non-students so that some of the cost is recouped.
 - xix. Some of the events could be held at a different time that would soften the blow of costs for programs.
 - xx. There are short term and special event passes available and have been available. Cost of passes increasing is something that needs to hold firm after changing.
 - xxi. Yield Signs
 1. This has been attempted before and the Senate at the time purchased 4 signs. All of the signs no longer exist because of being vandalized, stolen, hit with plows, etc..
 2. A temporary sign poses problems, theft being one of the largest. There may be some jurisdictional issues and as a campus a student organization can apply for the permit. Suggestions made to the parking and transportation group, progressives, etc to work together to apply for the permit and be responsible for removal. To be efficient the signs need to get up early and come down at a reasonable time. In the morning when signs should go up, there is only one officer on duty and the car doesn't have room for the signs. With one officer on, it is not common for the officer to be called upon for something. If the officer gets somewhere, he will have dirty, salty signs in the back of his car that was previously cleaned car.
 3. Union needs to be addressed and be a part of the discussion for maintaining the signs. PS is willing to work with people to find homes for the signs in buildings and then working with groups to place the signs, but it is difficult to require the officers to do this.
 4. There is a negative vibe in the parking office and customer service is a concern. It is harder to work in the office rather than being a police officer. Professionalism is always expected with a strong focus on customer service. PS has the smallest staff and they are expected to do a lot.
 5. The officers patrol all UWL property and sidewalks contiguous to campus. One concern is student enforcement; would it be possible for those individuals to take care of the signs? It is not their primary mission, but it has not been discussed. It may be challenging, but it is not a no. Scott will talk with the supervisor of the students. There is a mixture of foot, ranger, and golf cart usage by these workers.

6. Another parking concern is that students taking night courses will be more prone to walking and riding bikes.
 - a. A good solution would have been the SOS program that we no longer have.
7. The argument of dirty clothes is not as big of an issue of general campus and student safety. We have had students hit and this is a legitimate issue.
8. There have been near misses on La Crosse St. East Ave, and State Street. There is a 100% rate of misuse of crosswalks when it was monitored during a 15 minute period. There are community concerns for j-walking, especially when it comes to crosswalks.
9. If the signs are put out, will students use them?
 - a. A change in attitude is needed for the campus community to use crosswalk.
10. Another item that we will discuss is, do we need more crosswalks?
11. East Ave is City of La Crosse Street, so we need to be mindful of whom we put this task onto. The uniformed officers are official officers and not crossing guards. Scott's union will most likely have an issue with this.
12. Sanford to Cleary is the only crosswalk and more are needed.
 - a. The sign is only valid at an intersection that has a crosswalk and on city streets; it needs to be taken up to them.
13. Has the city of La Crosse been talked to about this ordinance? They will not paint a cross walk at the diagonal.
14. Due to large turnover, we do not know if the range truck will be reutilized in the future. Student workers may be going to strict foot/golf cart patrol. I would like to see organizations come to the table to talk about this and take ownership in an endeavor like this.
15. It is strongly encouraged to talk about getting more crosswalks in the area for students, especially for those students who do not have the ability not to use the crosswalks. Snow removal is a big issue as well for those students with mobility needs.
16. Let's look to see what other avenues we can go through with this item.
 - b. Paula Knudson, Assistant Chancellor and Dean of Students with Kaye
 - i. Hazing in the parking lots, just kidding. But seriously, hazing.
 - ii. At 4:17pm you all received a newly proposed hazing policy. Spring of 2008 there were some concerns of hazing on campus and it got the ball rolling on hazing prevention. Our policy is from the mid 80s. Kaye chaired a policy to look at hazing and collaborate across the campus. There were faculty, staff, and students involved in the process for the policy revisions.

- iii. The policy really reflects the states policy (948.51) on hazing. It is made available on a containment sight. This poses the question of what is hazing? It has been redefined and examples have been given in the new program. Jim Baker attended the national hazing symposium and collaborated with many others to develop our policy here at UWL. Kaye and Paula met with System Legal to verify the information. Hazing is defined as *forced activity means any activity which is a condition of initiation or admission into or affiliation with an organization regardless of a student's willingness to participate in the activity.*
- iv. The goal is to get some feedback on the policy and understood. We should not hold peoples responsible to an outdated policy and expect them to understand what it is. There are lesser forms of hazing that need to be addressed and looked at.
- v. The first sentence is from hazingprevention.org and then there is a line from that in the state statute. The hazingprevention.org group has become a large avenue of support for defining hazing and navigates hazing on campuses.
- vi. Hazing is really about a power imbalance. If there are dues collected and one chooses not to pay, they aren't a member, but if there is a condition of membership and one must complete a forced activity, that would be hazing. Even as the committee looks at groups that deal with hazing there is a large sense of unknowingness amongst them.
- vii. Could specific examples be given? Please refer to the *Is it Hazing?* This section contains some examples of hazing that has occurred in organizations throughout. The old policy was old and very brief. The committee really focused on detailing and identifying. There are cases where witnesses to hazing have been held responsible because they didn't do anything?
- viii. Because somebody says that they were hazed, an investigation must be done and looked at 360 and the severity and the intentions, and any harm done would be looked at.
- ix. Baking cookies, if you are late for class and it is required, that should be a conversation for your professor and can be looked at as academic misconduct.
- x. If you have questions please direct them to Kaye or Paula. It would be suggested to bring a resolution forward.

VII. Officer Reports

- a. President
 - i. Brief, retreat was fun, more updates to come.
- b. Vice-President
 - i. Good news or bad news?
 - 1. Bad news first, don't use Facebook®, if you must talk with a fellow member please use D2L Chat.
 - 2. If you need food, take a recess or personal priv.
 - 3. Good, we are attending Board of Regents.

- 4. Zac received a casting call for Real World on MTV.
 - c. Chief Financial Officer
 - d. Shared Governance Director
 - i. Presentation on Inclusive Excellence and other items, please join if you would like to.
 - e. Legislative Issues Director
 - i. Working on getting Jennifer Shilling into Student Senate and also some gubernatorial candidates
 - f. Environmental Sustainability Director
 - i. Global warming still exists even though it snowed on Sunday.
 - g. Social Justice
 - i. There is a brochure that is available for when there are protestors on campus to offer assistance and make available campus services.
 - ii. If you are interested in working on a petition for the immigration reform, please let Shaundel know.
 - iii. Is working to bring students and staff closer together.
 - h. City Affairs
 - i. Josh went to the Thursday meeting and has his name in the Burk challenge.
 - ii. Officer Flatten is ill and didn't make it, but if you have questions, please speak with Tyler.
 - iii. Mayor may be coming in within the next month.
 - iv. Lessons in Leasing has been going on and is a success. One more presentation in Cartwright will be tomorrow
 - i. Public Relations
 - i. Interviews for newer senators on UWLSA and compiling them with ambitions and doing follow-up videos.
 - ii. Update on UWLSA fan Page – 44% currently, so keep it up.
 - iii. Those that do not have pictures should get them taken ASAP
 - iv. Biography is needed for Senator Hall.
- VIII. RHAC Report
- a. Blood Drive is being held from 10-3 in the Hutch Hall basement on Friday
 - b. One donation saves 3 lives, so let's save more than three lives.
 - c. White Hall won Craze Days this year barely.
- IX. Advisor Reports
- X. Committee Reports
- a. SUFAC has a new document that will be discussed tonight.
 - b. Academic Affairs applications for speakers are due on Wednesday
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New Business
- a. SA 0910-008: Resolution Urging the University Wisconsin-La Crosse Police Department to Request and Maintain a Permit for Five Pedestrian Yield Signs
 - i. Brown/Bradley
 - 1. Crosswalks were looked at. There can be some looked at, but there is currently a crosswalk at every intersection. The plan was to get 5 signs, but the city engineer suggested 3 signs and

have them move around. Julie Dahls is the custodial supervisor at WTC and the services puts signs up at 6am and removes them at 10pm. In the last 5 years, they had one sign stolen and vandalism has not been a problem.

2. Some signs have been hit and they are only removed when they are in bad shape. One sign was removed in the last 10 years because of its condition.
3. Additional clarification on locations, 16th/Main and State near the Newman Center.
4. We shouldn't drop this because of negative take on this item
5. Issues on cleanliness at WTC? Putting up a sign for a crosswalk vs. attending a call because of a hit pedestrian should be an easy decision.
6. Busses were a concern in the past and signs can be put up within 50 feet of a crosswalk.
7. It was a thought to have this return back to committee to work on a couple of things before finalizing. This would allow them to offer their input and we could work with them on making this a reality.
8. The idea is really good, but it seemed more of a lazy issue.
9. The idea is good, but we need to get the opinion of the police and chief Rhode and the city and that shows we know what we are all working with. It would be good to have one powerful message and a goal for five signs vs. just having several signs.
10. This is an item that is very important to us. How long is it going to take to get these signs?
11. Do these signs help give students any more legal protection? Not anything additional, but pedestrian movement into traffic and other violations may come about. There is never mandatory enforcement and a lot is officer discretion.
12. When will the signs be here if we passed this tonight? We would have them after
13. Don't want to put the horse before the carriage so make sure that all is included first.
14. Student body took on the initiative like River watch and an organization has to do it, so be it.
15. Can we start with 2 signs now and start smaller because we don't know of what we are exactly doing yet? We can always purchase more at a later date.
16. In terms of implementation we can add a therefore be it resolved to go to a specific committee and they could work with the groups to make it more sustainable.
17. Amendment: (End) Therefore, bit it resolved; that student services and buildings review pedestrian yield sign proposals to determine best implementation. Remove original 2 ending therefore be it resolved and all whereas clauses.

- a. There is enough support that this wouldn't get dropped and it is something that we will have a plan in place for by the time that the signs arrive.
- b. How many signs does this request?
 - i. There is no set number of signs.
- c. Why are we removing all for the whereas clauses?
 - i. SS&B Chair understands the senate sentiments.
 - ii. There is wide support here but we need to not present this backwards even if it does take a little more time. Until we know, it would be irresponsible to purchase signs.
 - iii. Without the whereas clauses there is no rationale for our action and there should be facts stated in the resolution.
 - iv. One shots are due on Friday but we are not tied to that and can submit a request to SUFAC for funding at anytime.
 - v. Lets vote this down and rearrange some of or amendments. How would procedure go?
 - 1. Amend the amendment:
 - a. To reinsert the 1, 4, and 5th whereas back into the resolution.
 - b. Question on procedure, referring to committee. Preferably SS&B. We are going about this the wrong way. SS&B can look into some other services in and bring it in next week.
 - c. By referring it to committee we are buying two signs, but what happens in a couple of years and there are signs sitting in the office and little support for something like this. They will have long term standing plan in place.
 - d. We haven't had the signs and it is not horrible now. Going about this the correct way is more appropriate even if it takes an additional couple weeks.
 - e. Let's have a great resolution and a great plan to go about this. Senate's time shouldn't be to manipulate this item and completely change it.

- Consistency is the best rationale for an item like this and a strong foundation needs to be built first.
- f. The original document is given to the committee to work on. In addition, a topic and safety concern like this becomes habitual.
 - g. The point of tonight is to get signs on campus. Rohde's message was to me, if we want it, let's do it. The process was difficult yes, but the point would be that we would have signs on campus and then we could do it and do what we think should be done!
 - h. If we have the signs, I will wake up early for a workout.
 - i. Call to question
 - i. Passes 21, 12, 0 – REFERED

UW-La Crosse Student Association 2009-2010				Refer SA 0910-008 to SSBC ROLL CALL VOTE 1		
SENATORS		College/Org.		YES	NO	ABSTENTIONS
Arends	Kristen	CBA			X	
Bennett	Brock	Freshman		X		
Bradley	Adam	SAH		X		
Brown	Micah	BSU		X		
Callaway	Chris	Off-Campus		X		
Cruz	Sonia	LASO				
Dill	Kyle	At-Large		X		
Grabanski	Kaitie	SAH		X		
Hall	Palmer	NASA			X	
Hastings	JennieLynn	RU			X	
Heimerl	Jeremy	CBA			X	
Hemmer	Mike	SAH			X	
Her	Dorothy	ASO		X		
Heying	Drew	RHAC		X		
Kedrowski	Erin	Greek		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			x	
Talhouarne	Gaelle	ISO			x	
Trimborn	Steve	At-Large		x		
Urbas	Cate	CLS		x		
Verhoeven	Andy	SAH		x		
Wermedal	David	Freshman			x	
Xiong	Pa Zao	HOPE		x		
Zwieg	Kara	SAH		x		
		Athletics				
		GSO				
Present	TOTALS			21	12	1
Total	Members Present			34		
	PERCENT YES			0.618		
Percent Present						
Total Votes				34		

XIII. Discussion

a. SA 0910-007: Resolution Approving 2008-2009 Carryover Decisions

i. Heying/Hemmer

1. The date has been updated; otherwise, the same resolution is being presented with a different attachment.
2. Budget authority less spending authority,
3. 7.5% was decided on, the holding accounts have been zeroed out
4. Any groups with negatives, they would have to pay that back in their current year's budget.
5. Negatives affected would be the racquet and art exhibitions. We would be taking back \$36, 457.41
6. If there are funds remaining, 7.5% would be returned and all negatives would be taken back with two exceptions. There is no formal system of appeals in place, but as of the next

meeting or the meeting we will have account audits and a better idea. All accounts were treated the same.

7. During SUFAC there was some discussion about the process, could you elaborate? This is coming before the new formal policy is in place so that it could be different. This is a mixture of the old way and the soon to be proposed way. Groups with negatives will be asked to keep their deficit.
8. Likes to see the cash available be referred to, not the end of the year balances and the actual budget being requested that would reflect a deficit. There is no adjustment for within the 7.5% and is based on budget, not on carryover.
9. Next year, let's keep using the Racquet, if they cannot recoup all \$13,000 they would get their \$8,600 annually and it would be removed over time?
 - a. There is no formal rule on pay-offs. Ideally one year would be the timeframe not multiple.
 - b. Why don't we have a timeframe set for those groups with deficits?
 - c. No increases could be requested for their budget if they are in the red.
 - d. What stops a group from racking up a negative balance annually?
 - i. Currently, nothing, but it can be looked at.
 - e. Is there a process to talking to groups that run deficits and coming to an agreement? For example, the racquet, have they explained themselves? Sometimes things come up that are unforeseen.
 - f. The Racquet is now working on revising policies but is already almost in the black again. A strong reason for this was issues in advertising.
 - g. Clarification on a timeline as to when it should be paid off.
 - i. There is currently a policy being developed and a draft is available on the SUFAC website.
 - h. This is more understood and more have a liking after going back to committee.
 - i. The idea that SUFAC was unanimous on this shows the time and effort into it. The fact that groups get a reward is also encouraging.
 - j. Motion to close discussion: Popp/Lodahl, Passed

XIV. Announcements

- a. Cellar 7pm Rob O'Reilly
- b. Nearly Naked Mile, please register online. Race begins at 7:30pm and shirts are available for \$10
- c. SAPA, wheelchair basketball at the REC

- d. ASO-UWL Dance-off, if you want an application for performing please see Senator Her or visit OMSS Office in GMH 223.
- e. October 28th, Matt Vogel and Amanda Goodenough will be watching the movie beyond Beats and Rhymes.
- f. ISO cooking. Sign-up sheet is available for the first Saturday in November and volunteers are being sought.

XV. Adjournment –Heying/Schmidt, Passed – 9:16pm

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SENATORS		College/Org.	ROLE CALL
Arends	Kristen	CBA	x
Bennett	Brock	Freshman	x
Bradley	Adam	SAH	x
Brown	Micah	BSU	x
Callaway	Chris	Off-Campus	x
Cruz	Sonia	LASO	excused
Dill	Kyle	At-Large	x
Grabanski	Kaitie	SAH	x
Hall	Palmer	NASA	x
Hastings	JennieLynn	RU	x
Heimerl	Jeremy	CBA	x
Hemmer	Mike	SAH	x
Her	Dorothy	ASO	x
Heying	Drew	RHAC	x
Kedrowski	Erin	Greek	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	x
Talhouarne	Gaelle	ISO	x
Trimborn	Steve	At-Large	x
Urbas	Cate	CLS	x
Verhoeven	Andy	SAH	x
Wermedal	David	Freshman	x
Xiong	Pa Zao	HOPE	x

Zwieg	Kara	SAH	x
		Athletics	
		GSO	

Present	34
Total	35
Percent Present	97%