



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

Date: October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Callaway/Koplin
    - i. Agenda approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Heying/Zweig
    - i. Minutes approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
  - a. Nik Nelson, Editor of *The Racquet*
    - i. Last week the Racquet came up a lot in budget things and I want to let you know why we are there. The \$13,000 loss mostly came from advertising revenue. We didn't have a lot of it. The system we had set up wasn't working, and the person in that position wasn't the right fit. We changed the structure and a new person so we have cash flow coming in. we have made \$10,000. Another big expense was printing cost. The company we were going through couldn't print on newspaper paper and it was more expensive. We went through a different company that is cheaper and we have more color. Sales people are only paid through commission. The Racquet is a weird student group because we have a lot of money coming in and a lot of money going out. Using the Racquet when comparing student group budgets might not be the best idea because we are so different.
    - ii. Questions
      1. I want to compliment some of the content. I like the one about students being informed. Do you have any other ideas about changes?
        - a. We have a new website coming up that will allow us to do a lot more. The staff editorials are views of the editorial board. I have gotten complimented for the off the record section. One thing we got rid of was the health section. We found it got old after a while. I think we are pretty efficient in the content we have. Tomorrow we have a special edition for the Centennial Celebration.

2. You guys need to make the crosswords easier.

## VII. Officer Reports

### a. President

- i. Director reports due today. Please hand them in by midnight.
- ii. The meeting room in the senate office, we will be putting up a chart to reserve meeting space. If you see the door shut please be mindful of that.
- iii. I have been having discussions about parking. Talked to Joe about that as well.
- iv. We are going to be trying to have more communication with the La Crosse Police Department on some things. There are some big red flags.
- v. We are working on safety walk and safety talk to look at different issues on campus and take a walk with administration. Try to get some of these concerns and bring them forth.

### b. Vice-President

- i. Went to board of regents and it went good.
- ii. If you are sick it's ok and it will be excused. Email me and don't come and get the rest of us sick.
- iii. See me tonight if you don't have two committees already.
- iv. Last year we tried to make a mission statement for SA but we didn't finish. Would anyone be interested in working on that committee?
- v. November 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 is the Eagle Roundtable with the chancellor. I have 5 invitations.

### c. Chief Financial Officer

- i. Will be talking about carryovers. One shots were due last Friday. We will be reviewing those and doing account audits.

### d. Shared Governance Director

- i. We are trying to figure out what exactly happened with the accounts.

### e. Legislative Issues Director

- i. Next week is our theme meeting for Halloween. At least 6 people are dressing up. The best costume gets a prize.

### f. Others

#### i. PR

1. I got emails from people saying that they appreciated that we are doing this fan page.
2. Lessons in Leasing did a really good job. They wrapped up at Coate Hall and they had over 50 people there. It was pretty successful.
3. The REC has videos that they post every once in a while. I want to pick two random senators to talk to and interview to post on facebook.
4. I am looking into a Senate night at the movies; I will have more detail on that later.

#### ii. Environmental Sustainability

1. Green fund applications

2. I am writing up a marketing plan for organic food that could be offered on campus and I am doing focus groups. If you are interested they are next Tuesday at 6pm.
- iii. Social Justice
  1. Lisa Ling coming November 3<sup>rd</sup> so if you haven't gotten tickets yet you should do so.
  2. Meeting times are posted in the senate office.
  3. Possibly bringing resolution on immigration reform.
  4. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm showing of Byron Hurt video in Graff Main Hall
- iv. Gender Issues
  1. Next week is Peace Week. Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> there is a peace walk.
  2. My goal is to launch an informational campaign about the resources on campus.
- v. City Affairs
  1. The upcoming dates for meetings: November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 for the committee as a whole and Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> is the City Council meeting.
  2. Yesterday I met with the harm reductions committee and I will be working on a project that will be a youtube contest. The videos will be about healthy alcohol practices. We want to take the angle that there are a lot of students that use alcohol in a safe way. In the next month or so you will hear a lot more specifics. First place is \$500 at Best Buy.

#### VIII. RHAC Report

- a. Info meetings for halls if you are part of any diversity orgs please come.
- b. Talked about dining services.

#### IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Brianne
  - i. University Centers is going to be doing Rotary Lights on November 1<sup>st</sup>. I am going to 11:45 to 3:00pm. If you want to come sign up.
  - ii. I will not be in the office tomorrow or Friday.

#### X. Committee Reports

- a. Orgs
  - i. Met today and looking forward to seeing 3 new orgs.
- b. Academic initiatives
  - i. We had 5 presentations that were all very good.
- c. Cultural Affairs
  - i. Went through our one shots.
- d. Green Transportation Council
  - i. Talked about the car sharing program.
  - ii. Next Friday at 5pm we are all meeting at the Eagle Statue downtown for Critical Mass. This time it will be called Critical Mask.
- e. Leg Affairs

- i. Discussed how we could update the bylaws and how we could monitor attendance.
- f. Academic Affairs
  - i. Going over commencement speaker apps
- g. International Ed
  - i. Met with Bob Hetzel to talk about the international scholar program because their houses are going to be sold. We are talking about where they would live.

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business

- a. SA 0910-007: Resolution Approving 2008-2009 Carryover Decisions
  - i. Lauderdale/Koplin
  - ii. We added the Korean Percussion Ensemble. I adjusted their budget the same way we adjusted the rest of them. They just started last year. Athletics was changed as well because we have an agreement with athletics so that they could repay their debt. So they agreed that we keep everything over \$70,000 in revenue. So we adjusted it as such.
- b. Discussion
  - i. We talked about the new carryover document at CAB and one concern is revenue at the spring concert. We can end with a large income from that event. We looked at this new plan. this would limit what we do with that money. The spring concert could be in April or May and all that money would be taken away before we could do anything with it. We are concerned how that will play out in the future.
  - ii. They will have an appeals process so you will have a chance to get that money back.
    - 1. Call to question
      - a. Passes 33:1:0

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SENATORS		College/Org.	SA 0910-007		
			ROLL CALL VOTE 1		
			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	X		
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			
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		
<b>Present</b>			33	1	0
<b>Total</b>			35		

XIII. Discussion

- a. SA 0910-009: Resolution Appointing Madisson Heinze to the UWLSA Board of Directors
  - i. Hastings/Radke
  - ii. We have found our last member of the board. She was a candidate for freshman elections. So now we won't have to have a rotating director.
    - 1. I've been involved in model UN for 6 years so I am comfortable with parli pro.
  - iii. Discussion
    - 1. I think she is very qualified and I am very comfortable with this resolution. I am glad we found someone
    - 2. I have been talking to Madisson about this for a while and she seems really excited about it. She had a book that she was studying over the weekend. I would like to express my utmost confidence in Madisson.
    - 3. Motion to close discussion
      - a. Grabanski/Zweig

- b. SA 0910-010: Resolution in Support of the UW-L Anti-Hazing Policy
  - i. Hemmer/Koplin
  - ii. Last week we saw the document that was being put forth. After talking to Kaye Schendel they said they wanted to see more support in the document.
  - iii. Discussion
    - 1. I like the fact that this is being done and re-clarify to the student body what hazing is and raise awareness.
    - 2. Motion to close discussion
      - a. Lauderdale/Hemmer
- c. Academic Initiatives Discussion (non-action)
  - i. This began in 2003 and went on to the Board of Regents. It is a differential tuition. When it was first created 50% of the funds came from the university and 50% from the students. The university couldn't support that. Every 5 years it has to come up for review. It should have been reauthorized last year and it wasn't. This covers the campus climate office, the academic advising center, office of international education, study abroad, etc. this year there is a partial funding for the learning center. Many of the UW schools have a differential tuition similar to this. We are going to through the budgeting process now and looking at what is beneficial and what is not beneficial. We have to have things finalized by December 1<sup>st</sup> and sent to Madison. The oversight committee and the assessment task force want to hear feedback. We did this last year and got some really valuable feedback.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. Can you explain differential tuition more and give a broad description of academic initiatives is?
      - a. Currently we pay \$60 per year for the services listed. That we are able to support the programs mentioned.
    - 2. Has the committee set a goal for what they are hoping to charge students?
      - a. That is the outcome of tonight. The task force what they feel will be the spending limit.
    - 3. When you brought it to us last year you recommended almost doubling the programming that really irked me. Minimal increases would be beneficial. The regents didn't approve it last year because there was too much of an increase
      - a. Actually it didn't even make it to the regents because of the other budget problems they decided they weren't going to see any differential tuition.
    - 4. What sort of increases in programs are you looking at right now?
      - a. We are looking at the current program right now. Last year the increases covered the VPO, which has since found funding. There were expansion of library services

- and learning center. This year the Library and Learning Center both came in.
5. as far as the money coming from the students, is that enough to fund the programs?
    - a. This year the programs are completely funded by the students. We took from the reserve so the impact wasn't so great on the students.
  6. how much do you see that increasing?
    - a. If we look at the proposal and remove the VOP I think it would be \$120 per student. But the task force hasn't looked at it yet.
  7. The offices that it funds are very beneficial. The campus climate office had the campus climate survey that so much came from.
  8. Could you give us some perspective to what other students are paying in other UW system schools?
    - a. Right now at the \$60 we are right at the bottom of it. Whitewater pays \$180 a year with a component similar to academic initiatives but it doesn't cover as many areas. Riverfalls is \$154.
  9. When we talked about this last year, there is something in academic initiatives for everyone.
  10. Campus Climate is a huge part of Academic Initiatives and they put out programs like Awareness Through Performance that got statewide recognition. Imagine what we could do with \$120.
  11. What would happen if it were to change or not pass?
    - a. If it were to stay the same then the programs would be halved. Budget costs would force those programs to change.
  12. What was the support of students last year for that?
    - a. Last year it passed 26:4:0 I think.
  13. The full piece will come to you once again.
  14. How much money is needed to maintain the current levels of funding?
    - a. I think it would be around \$100 per student.
  15. Motion to close discussion
    - a. Nell/Schmidt
      - i. Discussion closed.

#### XIV. Announcements

- a. This Thursday Cellar 7pm
- b. Centennial Celebration Hypnotist on Saturday
- c. November 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm in Valhalla annual dance off. Prizes are 100, 150 and 200 dollars. Dinner provided
- d. This weekend was wheelchair basketball. Unfortunately I didn't see any of you there.

- e. If you continue to hear comments on Academic Initiatives please make note of that and let me know. The task force needs to hear comments from you.
  - f. Tennis team doing a fundraiser on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - g. Nov 7<sup>th</sup> is the social dance club danceathon. They are also looking for volunteers.
  - h. I had my Skype interview on Monday with Real World and I will know within the next 12 days whether or not I am going to New York
  - i. Thank you who made it to our events this last month. Day of the Dead is Nov 4<sup>th</sup> in this room.
  - j. Chancellors' run this Saturday at the Clocktower at 8:30am.
  - k. There is an alumni brunch for SA people.
  - l. Greek Life is doing canned drive next week.
  - m. Please bring stuff to donate to families in Nicaragua to Missy Ruplinger to help her host family.
  - n. If you aren't on two committees please come see me.
- XV. Adjournment
- a. Hienze/Schmidt

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SENATORS		College/Org.	ROLE CALL	ROLE CALL 2
Arends	Kristen	CBA	x	x
Bennett	Brock	Freshman	x	x
Bradley	Adam	SAH	x	x
Brown	Micah	BSU		x
Callaway	Chris	Off-Campus	x	x
Cruz	Sonia	LASO		x
Dill	Kyle	At-Large	x	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
Kedrowski	Erin	Greek	x	x
Koplin	Tim	SOE	x	x
Lauderdale	Laura	SOE	x	x
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	excused
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
Wermedal	David	Freshman	x	x
Xiong	Pa Zao	HOPE	x	x
Zwieg	Kara	SAH	x	x
<b>Present</b>			35	34
<b>Total</b>			35	35
<b>Percent Present</b>			100%	97%