



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

Date: October 28<sup>th</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. Hastings/Hemmer
    - i. Move to package line items a and b and g,h, and i
      1. Trimborn/Verhoeven
        - a. Passes
      - ii. Approved
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Hastings/Xiong
    - i. Approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
  - a. Officer Kirk Flatten, City of La Crosse Police Liaison
    - i. My role is to help you guys if you have any questions if you live on campus. If you live off campus you have an excellent police force of your own. There's not a whole lot to it.
    - ii. Questions
      1. How do you think Oktoberfest was this year compared to other years?
        - a. It went very well through campus and overall.
      - iii. If you have any concerns or questions forward them to Tyler.
  - b. Paula Knudson, Barbara Stewart, and Kathleen Enz Finken, Inclusive Excellence
    - i. Inclusive excellence is an initiative that will allow us to represent the university and will hopefully push us forward. We are hoping to host more forums and that is what we want to find out from you today. The premise is that it is a way to celebrate and embrace diversity from all different aspects. Previously we just focused on race and ethnicity but this allows a lot of different issues to come to the table. We really want students involved with this initiative.
    - ii. The system office has asked all of the campuses to participate in this. They have left the manner up to each of us. When you don't have a lot of structure it can take a long time to figure out what you want to do. We have chosen to focus on two very specific issues on this campus in light of the campus climate survey. We want to focus on two to really

focus our efforts. They are around the retention of diverse students and the retention of diverse staff. We do a really good job of recruiting students but we lose a lot of them between their junior and senior years. We are going to set up task forces that will look at the data and report back to us. Our data has not been focused. We are going to let the task force define for themselves what is a diverse student? Inclusive excellence includes gender, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic background, even personality. The part that includes the whole campus is we want to do a broad based educational effort. One of the things our campus has been criticized for is that the leadership on this campus aren't involved in diversity. So we are asking all leaders on this campus to be leaders of this initiative. We haven't figured out how can we get you involved, what's the best way to do this? do we go through student orgs, do we go through senate? We will be asking you to serve on committees. We anticipate this will be a multiyear program. We need to define how we assess all of this.

iii. Questions

1. What has already been done in departments so far?
  - a. We always have had many initiatives on diversity. There are new ones that began last year and are being folded into the inclusive excellence program. The Mc Nair program focuses on diverse students. on the faculty side, CLS has a very good faculty mentoring program. So when new faculty come to campus they are paired with seasoned members. But they don't do that in the other colleges.
  - b. One program is when students come to visit from high schools around the area. Every group I have been involved with walks away with a very good feeling.
2. What would the committees entail?
  - a. We have done a lot of studies and there is a lot of data. The committees will be asked to look at the data that already exists and do an inventory on programs on campus. What are other campuses doing that is working? Work on their expertise. We will ask them to develop a recommendation to a larger committee as to how we should proceed. Those would be the main issues the committees would deal with. You would have work to do.
3. If you want to come to a van guard meeting and tell us what you would like us to say we would be honored for you guys to come.
4. We have a couple of websites and about six to eight months ago they created a really solid diversity based web site. Everything from campus resources to meetings, there are trainings for faculty and staff and lots of people who can make

presentations. Another piece is in order for us to get the whole campus involved and record their involvement we have created a website that includes an organizational chart of the whole university. The chair of the art department will be able to click on their and tell us what that department is going to do for educational or experiential activities. Everyone else in the university will be able to click on that and see what they have done. Some have created book clubs or invited individuals to give presentations to help them learn about inclusivity and diversity.

5. You mentioned there had been a lack of leadership, why do you feel that is/was?
  - a. I wasn't here when previous leadership was here, but there was a perception that we were lacking leadership. I venture to say there were other things taking them in another direction. Our early efforts were trying to get faculty and staff on board. Last night at academic initiatives when we talked about recruitment one of our members asked why do we need to be doing this if we get four applicants per spot here? The value added with a more diverse environment is that the more that we can make this an environment that allows for those differences the better we all will be in the work force.
6. Have you experienced any resistance?
  - a. We have gotten very good feedback and attendance.
  - b. I think most of the responses have been "ok, how do I participate?"

## VII. Officer Report

- a. President
  - i. We had our Board of directors meeting last night, it went well and we had some good discussions. There are still some things with the city we have been discussing. Some attended the gala dinner, one of the cool things Chancellor Gow talked about a resolution from the state senate. This one is from DC. We will be talking about inclusive excellence, as we progress I am sure Shaundel will keep you updated.
- b. Vice-President
  - i. I am Casper the friendly ghost. Sunday is day light savings.
- c. Chief Financial Officer
- d. Shared Governance Director
- e. Legislative Issues Director
  - i. There will be a legislative forum on campus at 1:30 in the Ward room in two weeks.
- f. Others
  - i. Social Justice

1. I am still planning our social gathering for next semester. I encourage you to look at the list upstairs for the org meeting times.
  - ii. PR
    1. We are at 845 people. Remember to use the fan page. Post on it with events, get the word out there. Use it as a tool, it a free method of publicity.
    2. One of my goals was the videos, I will set out more emails and let you know who's next.
  - iii. Gender Issues
    1. I have a copy of the Campus Climate report.
  - iv. City Affairs
    1. I want to head down town this weekend to see how police officers and students are interacting. I will be going Saturday night. We are not going in the bars; we will just be walking the streets so everyone is welcome to come. I will be heading down there around 10 pm.
- VIII. RHAC Report
- a. Dr. Nick came and spoke to RHAC last Thursday and shared a lot of the future plans for the new res hall.
  - b. A few events coming. Nightmare on Farewell Street, which is the haunted house in Coate. Winter formal in November.
- IX. Advisor Reports
- a. Breanne
    - i. The Rotary Lights sign up sheet
    - ii. City council meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>, if you want to go you can come to dinner at my house.
- X. Committee Reports
- a. Academic Affairs holding commencement speaker screenings. We will take your recommendations seriously.
  - b. Joint Minority Affairs Committee met today talking about redefining the focus as far as inclusive excellence.
  - c. CAPS met last Friday to review two different policies. One was the finals exam policy because there is nothing that relates to online courses so we encouraged faculty to put in a clause for that.
  - d. Parking Appeals, got through about 30 appeals.
  - e. Student Services and Buildings, we are discussing yield signs on Friday.
  - f. Campus Climate Council working on a way to get information from students who are transferring or leaving. The idea is to have exit interviews. There are many recruiting techniques but not for retention so we think if we did interviews and inquired why people are leaving we could get feedback for the university.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New Business
- a. SA 0910-009: Resolution Appointing Madisson Heinze to the UWLSA Board of Directors

- i. Zweig/Koplin
- ii. Discussion
  - 1. How did you arrive at Madison? Was there an interview?
    - a. We did publicize it. There was a facebook message. We mentioned it in a few classes. There wasn't a formal interview but there were two discussions with her.
    - b. We talked in a couple poli sci classes and it has been on the website.
  - 2. call to question
    - a. Acclamation
      - i. Passes
- b. SA 0910-010: Resolution in Support of the UW-L Anti-Hazing Policy
  - i. Grabanski/Lauderdale
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. Call to question
      - a. Passes, one abstention

### XIII. Discussion

- a. SA 0910-011: Resolution Requesting Approval for Closure of the Recreational Eagle Center for Screening and Sealing of Floors
- b. SA 0910-012: Resolution Supporting University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Decision by Administration to use the REC for a Mass H1N1 Vaccination Clinic
  - i. Koplin/Hemmer
    - 1. (on a) Student Services and Buildings requesting to close the REC to fix the floors. The usage numbers on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, there was 27 people there that whole day. They are really minimal numbers.
    - 2. (on b) Right now we have limited numbers. It is not set in stone, it is a flexible resolution. I want to show that we support them having this in campus.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. Who will be in charge of alerting the students?
      - a. I assume they will be putting signs up. I am assuming there won't be that many students around anyway when the REC closes.
    - 2. A lot of people I know will go and work out during finals. Is there any way it can be moved until later?
      - a. I don't believe so.
    - 3. Do you know if Mitchell is available during that time?
      - a. Yes Mitchell will be open.
    - 4. DO you think we could let students know that Mitchell will be open?
      - a. Yes.
    - 5. Motion to close
      - a. Radke/Hemmer
        - i. Discussion closed

- c. SA 0910-013: Resolution in Support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2009
  - i. Heying/Nelson
    - 1. The Employment Non Discrimination Act, I am trying to get an all together agreement that we support this bill.
    - 2. This is a really simple bill. It is 20 pages. If you want to look through it, it is pretty easy. It gives people with different gender identities and sexual orientation the same rights as others.
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. motion to close discussion
      - a. Vurhoeven/Koplin
        - i. Discussion closed
- d. SA 0910-014: Resolution Approving Fall 2009 One-Shots
  - i. Heying/Heimerl
    - 1. All the requests come in and we send them out to the chairs. The committees get together and talk, ask questions, and write recommendations to SUFAC. The subcommittees approved \$14,290.44 and SUFAC approved \$13,344.82. There were two requests submitted late and they were not heard.
  - ii. Questions
    - 1. Why didn't you fund the La Crosse Team? Student Services and Buildings approved it.
      - a. We never got a one shot request for that group. It was never submitted online to us. It was very late.
        - i. You could argue the same thing about the software for the Racquet.
          - 1. I was skeptical as well. The committee asked the Racquet if they had the proper software for the computer, and the answer was no. that was a recommendation from the subcommittee. So one was from the subcommittee and the other was from the group.
            - a. The Racquet presented the info to us.
            - b. Last year SUFAC added stuff to an existing request.
    - 2. Why are you allocating less for the wired microphone?
      - a. There are rarely three people in the studio and so it would have just been a bonus.
    - 3. What was the women's club volleyball rational for a new cart?
      - a. Currently they have two teams and increased interest and they have not been able to do things effectively without it.
    - 4. motion to close discussion

- a. Lodahl/Popp
    - i. Discussion closed.
- e. SA 0910-015: Resolution Approving SUFAC Ending Balance Policy
  - i. Hemmer/Arends
    - 1. This is the idea on paper with some modifications. When we look at ending balances we look at the previous year. All other SUFAC's do sweep the funds back at the end of the year. It was the suggestion of Bob Hetzel that we give something back; we decided to give back 5%. This is the incentive to leave their carryover in there. Accounts that have a negative balance will inherit that. If the negative balance exceeds 10% they will not be budgeted the next year. We don't want groups paying back the deficit by increasing their budget. The policy can be superseded by an agreement by SUFAC. Any org that exceeds student support with fundraising will be given the difference. It is rarely ever going to happen but if it does we think that is a fair way to handle the money.
  - ii. Questions
    - 1. Would the fundraising apply for CAB?
      - a. Right now it is not applying to CAB. They expressed their concerns with the committee. What has happened in the past is SUFAC has signed agreements with orgs that operate differently. We believe SUFAC and CAB will be able to work on an agreement. Groups are more than welcome to come to us with an agreement request if they feel this policy does not work for them.
  - iii. Discussion
    - 1. motion to close discussion
      - a. Schauer/Koplin
- f. SA 0910-016: Resolution Approving SUFAC Fiscal Accountability Policy
  - i. Hemmer/Zweig
    - 1. We have found that groups have been requesting money for one thing and spending it on something else. We want orgs to file reports so that the subcommittee can highlight any concerns so that we can address it in the middle of the year instead of the end of the year. They also have to file end of the year reports, it will be kind of like self auditing. We decided to use "substantially" in violation so that it could be at the discretion of SUFAC or the sub committees. Exceptions could include orgs like CAB when a speaker or artist cancels. That should clear up a lot of concerns.
  - ii. Questions
    - 1. How will you educate the orgs about these changes?
      - a. All of these changes will be taking effect next year. We will email the policy out.

2. Is there a way to inform the orgs right now in case they have questions?
  - a. We can email the account managers. We also want to do SUFAC training every year for groups since leadership changes every year.
- iii. Discussion
  1. I think this seems like a really good idea to increase accountability. Are there currently any processes in place that are like this?
    - a. I don't think so. Our by laws have a few things here and there.
  2. Motion to close discussion
    - a. Vurhoeven/Xiong
      - i. Discussion closed.
- g. SA 0910-017: Resolution Granting Organizational Status to the Fishing Team
- h. SA 0910-018: Resolution Granting Organizational Status to the Economics Club
- i. SA 0910-019: Resolution Granting Organizational Status to the Students Today Leaders Forever
  - i. Koplín/Arends
    1. They have gone through all of the processes we have to go through in committee.
  - ii. Questions/Discussion
    1. Do you have mission statements?
      - a. The Student Today Leaders Forever take action by encouraging member initiative
      - b. The fishing team is to encourage knowledge of fishing and nature and provide opportunities to compete in tournaments.
      - c. Econ Club purpose is to give UWL students to discuss current economic events.
    2. I am the president of the econ club so if anyone is interested please contact me.
    3. Motion to close discussion
      - a. Verhoeven/Radke
        - i. Discussion closed, one abstention

#### XIV. Announcements

- a. Lisa Ling coming next week, \$4 for students. Reception afterwards. If you are interested in helping with the event ask CAB.
- b. Alternate side parking starts Saturday night. [www.Cityoflacrosse.org](http://www.Cityoflacrosse.org)
- c. Green Fund apps due on Friday
- d. Critical Mask Friday
- e. Thanks to those of you that have brought stuff to donate to Nicaragua
- f. UW Dance talent show 7pm Valhalla November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- g. Awareness Through Performance accepting applications through November 15<sup>th</sup>.

- h. Art majors are doing a program in the Graphics Lab. If there is something you want to learn you can come in on the weekends. You can come in and ask questions about photo shop or stuff like that.
- i. Food Tasting is this Monday from 5 to 8pm in Valhalla. It's only 50 cents to taste food. If you purchase 10 tickets you get a t shirt.
- j. November 10<sup>th</sup> we have a Rethinking Thanksgiving at the Three Rivers House at 6pm.

XV. Adjournment

- a. Heying/Schmidt
  - i. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

## UW-La Crosse Student Association 2009-2010

SENATORS		College/Org.	ROLE CALL
Arends	Kristen	CBA	x
Bennett	Brock	Freshman	x
Bradley	Adam	SAH	excused
Brown	Micah	BSU	excused
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	excused
Moore	Riley	RHAC	x
Morris	Samantha	Off-Campus	x
Nell	Ryan	SAPA	excused
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
<b>Present</b>			30
<b>Total</b>			35
<b>Percent Present</b>			86%

