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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **September 8th, 2021**

Time and Location: **6:00pm in the Union**

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:02pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of minutes
 - i. Ericson: Motion to add the Resolution Approving the Eagle Open Volleyball Tournament Recreational Volleyball
Johnston: Seconded
Ericson: I move to fix the date of the agenda
 - b. Approved unanimously
- IV. Guest Speakers
 - a. None
- V. Officer Reports
 - b. **President:** Jared Zwettler
 - i. My name is president Zwettler. The only thing I have to report is on the 70/70 campaign which Olivia has been doing some great work on as well at the system level. If you can get this information out to your constituents, the 70/70 campaign. All students that get vaccinated at UWL now are eligible to win a few \$7000 scholarships from the UW system once we hit the 70 percent mark. So make sure that information is getting out to your constituents. There will also be some scholarships from UWL along with some sweatshirts and other gear. Make sure to tell your constituents to get vaccinated and hopefully they'll win some really cool prizes.
 - ii. There is a vaccine clinic going on at the Cartwright Center every day available until September 10th. I don't know if that is going to get extended or not. Outside of that just know you can use me as a resource for anything you need, if you want help setting up meetings or working to get connected with others on campus. I'd be more than happy to find those resources for you.
 1. Cayo: Did you want me to talk about the election commission then?



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2. Zwettler: Yes.
3. Cayo: Okay. Senator Sperling, comment?
4. Sperling: I was just wondering if they are offering booster shots?
5. Zwettler: That's a good question, I am not too sure. Vice president Cayo is shaking their head.
6. Cayo: They are not right now, but if they do, we will let you know. Any other questions for President Zwettler at this time?

VI. Vice President: K.C. Cayo

- i. My name is K.C. Cayo, I am the President of the Senate, Vice President of the Student Association, and I use they/them pronouns. Coming up this Friday from 4-9 is Eagle Fest. We have a booth, and we will be serving cotton candy, and we will also be giving out information about Student Association and open positions. We would love if you would help us tend the booth. If y'all are interested, please come see me after this meeting and I can get y'all on our list. We would love to see you this weekend.
- ii. Vice Chancellor Figueroa wants us to take a walk through the new Field House at the end of the month. We are still looking at dates, but if anyone's interested in having a walkthrough through the field house, please let me know if you are interested so we can get a date planned after this meeting. I will reach out to him.
- iii. Next Wednesday, September 15th at 9am there will be a Listening Session for the new President of UW System. There will be a Webex link. This president will be replacing Tommy Thompson who is our interim president for the Board of Regents and our UW System for the last couple years. It is very important that students are in that space, and it is important that students are there asking questions, being engaged.
- iv. There are a couple of additional committees that did not make the committee list that I would like to speak about. There's the Green Fund Committee, there is the Title IX Advisory Board which goes over policies and how they affect us, especially with a new federal-level president. Those policies will be changing a lot in the next year or two. There's also the Ad Hoc Work-Life Task Force which is a continuation of the Caregiver Task Force from last year. We need one student to be there. Last year the Advisory Board met on Friday mornings at 9AM. We will be passing around a sheet for those who have not picked out a committee yet.
- v. We will also be passing around notecards pretty soon. Please put your name, pronouns, committees, and food allergies.



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- vi. In addition, to just finish off the report of the Election Commission. Every fall we have fall elections for graduate students and first year senate seats, and we need at least two non-returning senators to be in that position to serve on the Election Commission. They ensure rules are followed and oversee the elections. There may be some bylaw updates this fall too. If any senators are interested in that position, please let me or Jared know.

VII. Director of Staff: Olivia Woodmansee

- i. My name is Olivia Woodmansee. My pronouns are she/her/hers, I'll be serving as the Director of Staff this year, which is just a mirage of different responsibilities. The biggest thing is if you have questions come to me as a resource. But also, K.C. is a fantastic resource. I'll mostly be in charge of roll call this year. This year we are going to do roll call slightly differently. Every day I will ask you a question. It's not going to be a hard question, I promise you. You will just put your name on a notecard. If you want to put your name, your pronouns, and why you chose to be here. That's my question of the day for you. Also add if you are interested in touring the new fieldhouse. Feel free to come to me with any questions about the UW System President Listening Session.

VIII. State Affairs Director: Sydney Navoichick

- i. I'll be the State Affairs Director this year. My job will be interacting with our state legislatures and giving you all updates on that. You can come to me as a resource.

IX. Local Affairs Director: Amy Schweiner

- i. My name is Amy, and my job is anything that has to do with the community or the country level. So, if we have issues with landlords or campus housing, I'll organize the Off-Campus Housing Fair, and I might work on some projects with a MTU bus line. If you want any issues brought up to a City Council member or at the county level or neighborhood associations, let me know so I can get your information to them or communicate what you're thinking to them.

X. Inclusivity Director: Paige Vang

- i. I am Paige, my pronouns are she/her and I will be serving as the Inclusivity Director, so I work with MSOs in the senate. If you guys have any questions and I do not know the answers I will make sure to give it to somebody who will know the answer. I am really excited to serve on the Executive Cabinet.

XI. Public Relations Director: Jamie Henk

- i. My name is Jamie and I use he/him and xe/xem pronouns, I will be serving as your Public Relations Director, I manage the social media accounts and I plan events for senate. Most of the things and



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interactions you may have with me may be me asking you what you want to do. I will do my best.

XII. Sustainability Director: Sophie Byrne

- i. I am the Sustainability Director, meaning that in my role this year it is my responsibility to sit on JCES and chair the Green Fund Committee, secondhand with Senator Ericson as he is the Green Fund Coordinator. And in general, just deal with environmental sustainability. I am a resource for you guys on sustainability and let me know if you need anything.

XIII. Advisor Reports

- i. Burke: I am Kyle, I use he/him pronouns and I am the Director of University Centers since March 1st, so for about six months. I am really excited that this is my first semester of my first academic year. This is an amazing group, and I can't wait to work with you. My role here is to truly just advise and be your advocate. I serve on a lot of administrative committees and have a lot of direct access to the Vice Chancellor Figueroa. He will be here next week; he apologizes that he cannot be here today. But he will be here next week to meet you all. But I am your advocate, I am your go to, and I am here to provide you with all the information that you need pertaining to each issue going forward. If you need anything please don't hesitate to contact me, I am an open door all the time, I am always here. The only thing I was going to follow up with on my report is the vaccine clinic, they have been running the Pfizer vaccine. They will be back in two more weeks for another two weeks to get the second doses. They are not giving boosters right now. But the Health Center will be doing vaccines every Thursday. So, check that website or that resource. I believe that's all I have for now. It's great to have students back and not on a screen.

1. Cayo: Kyle, will the vaccines at the Student Health Center also be Pfizer?
2. Burke: They don't know officially yet. It's what they can get when they place an order.
3. Fitzgerald: Where is your office?
4. Burke: My office is 3200, third floor, and you can stop by anytime.

XIV. Committee Reports

- a. Byrne: A lot of committees do not have a scheduled time yet, Green Fund is one of those committees, so if you are placed on it, please reach out to me so that we can schedule a time.

XV. Organizational Reports

XVI. Unfinished Business



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XVII. New Business

a. **Resolution to Approve Executive Cabinet Nominees**

- i. Zwettler: This resolution is to appoint the Executive Cabinet needs 2/3 approval. Eager to get to work. Would like two week rule suspended so that they can get to work. Feel free to ask any questions.
- ii. Questions for the author: None
- iii. Sperling: Is this an exception to the two-week rule, or is this final?
- iv. Cayo: Specific resolution is time sensitive. In this situation, this is an exception to the two-week rule.
- v. Woodmansee: It is just for this resolution.
- vi. Fleegal: Motion to Approve
 1. Lochner: Second
- vii. Fitzgerald: I move to suspend this two-week rule.
 1. Strzyzewski: Second
- viii. Cayo: We will suspend the two week rule.
- ix. Fitzgerald: Call a question.
 1. Hose: Second

b. **Resolution to Approve CASSH Senate Appointment**

- i. Cayo: President and VP can appoint Senators to open seats. Decided to appoint Jenasea Hameister after numerous interviews.
- ii. Cayo: I will take a motion to approve the resolution.
- iii. Johnston: Motion
 1. Sperling: Second
- iv. Johnston: My name is spelled wrong.
- v. Fitzgerald: Motion to suspend two week rule.
 1. Weber: Second
 2. Passes unanimously.
- vi. Cayo: The two-week rule for this has been suspended. Any further discussion on the resolution as a whole.
- vii. Fitzgerald: Call to question
 1. Passes unanimously.

c. **Resolution to Appoint Student Court Justices**

- i. Zwettler: This resolution is to reappoint Student Court Justices from spring of last year. There is no need to suspend the two-week rule at this point. This is just to reappoint folks who sat on the court last year.
- ii. Cayo: Any questions for the author?
- iii. Fleegal: Motion to approve
 1. Fitzgerald: Second



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2. Motion passes unanimously.
- iv. McReavy: Motion to end discussion
 1. Hose: Second
 2. Passes unanimously.
- d. **Resolution in Support of the Victims of the Copeland Park Hate Crime**
 - i. McReavy: This is something that happened over the summer. Basically, two transgender teenagers were victims of a hate crime. The District Attorney and the City took a long time to classify this as a hate attack. I think it's important for Student Association that we stand against acts like this, and we support [trans and nonbinary students] on this campus.
 - ii. Fitzgerald: Move to approve.
 1. Weber: Second
 2. Motion passes unanimously.
 - iii. Cayo: Any questions or comments on this resolution? We can take a moment to read it.
 - iv. Ericson: I am curious about sending it to the DA since they seemed to be the one that was slow to act.
 - v. Cayo: Would you like to add them?
 - vi. Ericson: Motion to amend
 1. Fitzgerald: Second
 - vii. McReavy: I think it's a good idea, I didn't think of them.
 - viii. Fitzgerald: I echo their thoughts.
 - ix. Hameister: So, we are sending this to the Mayor, City Council, Faculty Senate, and District Attorney to educate them?
 - x. McReavy: They spoke out against this. The La Crosse City Council, the idea with those two parties is the students' voices that we are speaking out in solidarity. Making it known that students care about these issues and making it wider reach.
 - xi. Hameister: That was perfect, I was just wondering.
 - xii. McReavy: It can take two weeks on this.
 - xiii. Ericson: I do not know how it's mentioned in there, but can we add La Crosse District Attorney to the whereas?
 - xiv. Cayo: Any other additions to make to this amendment? Any other critiques or questions as a whole? Moves into vote on amendment.
 1. Passes unanimously.
 - xv. Johnston: Motion to end discussion
 1. Lochner: Second



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e. Resolution to Approve REC Usage for the Eagle Open Volleyball Tournament

- i. Zwtzler: November 13th Eagle Volleyball tournament, we received an email from Michael Slevin and Student Services and Buildings Committee. This serves as a fundraiser for them to have this tournament. I would appreciate it if we suspended the two-week rule for this resolution, as this is time sensitive.
- ii. Strzyzewski: Motion to approve
 1. Fitzgerald: Second
 2. Passes unanimously.
- iii. Cayo: Any questions, comments, or critiques?
- iv. Sperling: I yield to President Zwtzler.
- v. Zwtzler: The REC is paid for by Student Fees, and this is why it comes to us today. So, we get to say what goes on there. I yield.
- vi. Sperling: I yield.
- vii. Ericson: I am a big fan of club sports. I am a part of one. I think it is weird to have this volleyball tournament. I think it's weird that people from other schools are coming here. Could potentially have different COVID restrictions.
- viii. Hameister: I have a question. So, will other people from other schools be here? Are there COVID precautions?
- ix. Zwtzler: Yes, I believe so. I do not know the specifics.
- x. Cayo: I can look it up.
- xi. Peters: I think most colleges have similar protocols to us. I do not think it is that much of a worry.
- xii. Sperling: I think it would be nice to know if masks are going to be required. I think it should be relatively safe if everyone is wearing their mask personally.
- xiii. Fleegal: Can I amend the resolution that teams wear masks in the REC?
- xiv. Hameister: I don't think it would be a problem if masks are being worn. Echoing what Peters said, a lot of systems have similar protocol. I am in full support of this resolution.
- xv. Fitzgerald: Volleyball is considered a lower risk for transmission. Masks would be beneficial and would not be as high of a risk. I yield to Director Woodmansee.
- xvi. Woodmansee: Currently there is a mask mandate on campus. No matter who you are, you must follow our protocols. I admire Fleegal's amendment. I would wait on



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- that because I don't believe this body can institutionalize a policy in buildings. I yield to Director Burke.
- xvii. Burke: I would agree that this body cannot establish policies in buildings. I would add a "whereas" that all UWL policies are being followed at the event.
- xviii. Woodmansee: I yield back to Senator Fitzgerald.
- xix. Fitzgerald: I yield.
- xx. Fleegal: I would like to amend my resolution. I yield to Senator Hameister.
- xxi. Hameister: So long as UWL protocols are being followed, we are in support of this resolution. I yield back to Senator Fleegal.
- xxii. Fleegal: I yield. Motion to amend resolution.
1. Johnston: Second
- xxiii. Fitzgerald: I yield to President Zwettler.
- xxiv. Zwettler: UWL protocols, not UW system protocols. I yield.
- xxv. Fitzgerald: I yield.
- xxvi. McReavy: Motion to amend.
1. Peters: Second
 2. Motion passes unanimously.
- xxvii. McReavy: Can I suggest that this amendment to the amendment? I am wondering if it would be easier to read if these two parts were flipped. Motions to amend.
1. Fitzgerald: Second
- xxviii. Cayo: I am flipping these sentences around. All those in favor of the highlighted portion of this amendment?
1. Motion passes unanimously.
- xxix. Sperling: motion to amend the resolution to add that all participants follow COVID restrictions.
1. McReavy: Second
- xxx. Cayo: All in favor of amending the highlighted portion?
1. Amendment passes unanimously.
- xxxi. Ericson: I move to suspend the two week rule.
1. McReavy: Second
 2. Motion to suspend two-week rule passes unanimously.
- xxxii. Strzyzewski: I am curious how many other participants will be in this?
- xxxiii. Cayo: 24 possible teams, 12 men's, 12 women's. There could be a lot of people in attendance. I yield back to Senator Strzyzewski.
- xxxiv. Strzyzewski: This is just something to keep in mind.



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- xxxv. Estrella: Do we know the rules or policies to accommodate like parents or something?
- xxxvi. Ericson: They have probably seen all of this.
- xxxvii. Hameister: My roommate had to be tested in track, and I know this year that football will be going on too. We must remember that inside classes are still going on. We need to remember transmission. I am still in approval.
- xxxviii. McReavy: Are we aware that they are still testing athletics teams?
- xxxix. Fitzgerald: If you are not vaccinated you must test 3 days a week. If you are vaccinated, you do not have to be tested.
- xl. Johnston: They are advising all club teams to be tested but they are not tracking it. Also, are students still going to have access to the REC while this tournament is going on?
- xli. Cayo: Students will be able to use the facility, like in the past year.
- xlii. Sperling: Are clubs required to be tested or not?
- xliii. Johnston: Clubs are required to be tested, but proof of test results is not required.
- xliv. Sperling: The Delta variant is so different to what we have dealt with before. Part of me worries that unvaccinated people could be transferring it to other people.
- xlv. Hameister: I want to echo what Senator Sperling said. There are statistics that we do not know about the original COVID variant and the Delta. I yield to Director Burke.
- xlvi. Peters: I think if we can follow what the NCAA are doing, we will be fine.
- xlvii. Hameister: I yield to Burke.
- xlviii. Burke: This event is being planned within protocols of UWL. Athletics has their own process; however, REC sports are doing their own. It is not required to test weekly, but it is recommended. Any guests or attendees are required to follow those protocols.
- xlix. Hameister: I agree and still support this.
1. Weber: Wisconsin will get colder in November, and I just want to keep this in mind and the Delta variant is different from what we have been dealing with.
 - li. Strzyzewski: I am wondering if our protocols were to change, then this would also change. There is still room to change based on what campus is doing.
 - lii. Sperling: Does Student Senate have to power to recommend changes to campus COVID protocols?



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- liii. Cayo: We can make recommendations for what we want to see, but not within the context of this resolution. That would be a different resolution.
- liv. Sperling: It is our power to approve the use of this fee for the courts, but I am confused as to why we can't add these conditions about more COVID protocols. Does that make sense?
- lv. Burke: This is being brought to you because it is taking away from student's time on the courts. Typically, the courts would be open to students. We need your approval because this is a Seg Fee funded building. Since those courts will not be available for that time, this is what this approval is about.
 - 1. Resolution passes unanimously.

XVIII. Discussion

- a. Suspending the 25 signature Requirement
 - i. Cayo: Last spring we did virtual signatures, and it was very confusing. We are wondering if we should suspend the requirement for this election. Should we suspend them permanently? Is it just another barrier for students to participate? Does it give us more exposure? Is it necessary? Is it safe in the context of COVID? I do not feel comfortable making a decision without your input.
 - ii. Fleegal: I think that signatures are not needed to run for senate officer. It's 25 signatures I believe, and it does not make a student realize what they are doing. It is just another hoop for students to jump through.
 - iii. Lochner: Does anyone know why the signature requirement is required in the first place?
 - iv. Cayo: Possibly to closely emulate what a run for office would look like. May be off campus students running, traditionally it is to resemble what a real run for office may be like.
 - v. Hose: I would agree with Fleegal. It is unnecessary.
 - vi. McReavy: Purpose of collecting election in a mayoral race the signature requirement is in place to show that it is the will of the people for you to be on the ballot. One I don't necessarily think we will have an issue for that, and I don't believe there is enough interest in student elections. 25 people doesn't really define the will of the people.
 - vii. Ericson: Is this for Vice-President and President?



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- viii. Cayo: We are going to be amending bylaws this year as they need updating. We are starting the conversation a little early.
- ix. Ericson: We have some problems getting people to run for senator. I think that putting the extra effort in to get those signatures is important for the President and Vice President though.
- x. Fitzgerald: I want to argue in favor of signatures. Senate is separate from the student body, and it is important to connect with students through bonding. I think that it is visible, and it shows that students can go to you with any questions or issues.
- xi. Hose: Even if you were to get those 25 signatures in a school of 10000, it is not representative of the demographics. I don't feel it would make or break.
- xii. Johnston: I think it is important for VP and President to get their names out, however not for regular senators.
- xiii. Ericson: I think Senator Fitzgerald said some important things. UW-Madison has a bunch of people. It's important to get the students in the senate meetings and they are talking to their senators. I yield to Director Henk.
- xiv. Henk: I wanted to make points and shoehorn in a bit. If there are ideas or concepts that you would like, I do think it is a valid concern and something that is important. I think student involvement could get better this upcoming year when we do events with senators and those kinds of things.
- xv. Hameister: I do want to echo what all the senators have been saying. I think signatures are a good idea, but campaigning is a way better idea and is a ripple effect.
- xvi. Sperling: I wonder if there are other ways of getting people involved in this like shortening it down to 5 personal endorsements or paragraphs of why they support that candidate.
- xvii. Hose: We must take it upon ourselves to connect with students. I do think social media and connecting one and one is important for getting students to come to us and being engaged.
- xviii. Fitzgerald: I am in basketball, and I wear gear and people see it, Maybe having Senate gear? I yield to Director Henk.
- xix. Cayo: We have had Senate T-Shirts in the past.
- xx. Fitzgerald: I yield to Director Henk



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- xxi. Henk: If you want to have a conversation specifically with me, I will be on outlook.
- xxii. Fitzgerald: I yield.
- xxiii. McReavy: We do not have a signature requirement. Those who are interested give a proposal and then they can vote on that. I understand the point of signatures, I wonder if we can make it tailored to more specifically like what a seat is? Is there a way we can get students to act with specific organizations or professors? I don't know if there's a way to make it less random.
- xxiv. Hose: If you guys haven't chosen a committee there is a marketing committee. I yield to Woodmansee.
- xxv. Olivia: These are the signatures before you are campaigning. Less signatures means more people running which means more competitive campaigning. It is a precursor to campaigning. Chalking etc.
- xxvi. Fleegal: Are we originally talking about suspending the fall signatures?
- xxvii. Cayo: A little of both. Should we have it for this election and is it necessary? Does it have a function in today's UWL?
- xxviii. Fleegal: I am wondering since we have suspended the signatures that we should just follow the precedent?
- xxix. Cayo: This is not something that we need to decide tonight. I can bring this back to Charissa. We will close the discussion for tonight.

I. Announcements

- a. Woodmansee: If you could put your names, why did you join senate, pronouns, major, and committees on your notecard.
- b. Cayo: Please send me your committee assignments. Eagle Fest is Friday from 3-9 PM. Please stay after to help us chalk.
- c. Fitzgerald: Saturday is the first football game and there may be a tailgate.

II. Adjournment

- a. 8:03 PM