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Student Senate Agenda

Date: October 6th, 2021

Time and Location: 6:00pm

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Estrella: Motion to add discussion point about the Inclusivity Statement.

McReavy: Motion to add discussion point about faculty requiring the printing of assignments.

Motion passes unanimously
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Passes unanimously
- V. General Student Body Open Forum
 - a. None
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - a. None
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. **President:** Jared Zwettler
 - i. Zwettler: I hope you're all doing well. There's a couple of Search and Screen's going on, one for the Dean of CBA and one for the Dean of CSH. If you're interested in serving please let me know. Other than that I just need to swear in the new senators [for ASO and HOPE].
 - b. **Vice President:** K.C. Cayo
 - i. Cayo: If you have not sent me your Student ID number to get access to the offices in the COVE and your bio for the website, please do. The campus photographer, Mike, will be coming on October 20th. I am planning a Resolution Workshop tentatively Thursday the 28th, so you should start thinking about resolution ideas you have or what questions you have about making resolutions, as that would be a great space to do that. Next I want to go over some of the flashcards you all submitted last least--we are going to go over a few of the shorter ones, just to clear some things up.

Reading questions from senators off flashcards.
 - c. **Director of Staff:** Olivia Woodmansee
 - i. Cayo: No report
 - d. **State Affairs Director:** Sydney Navoichick
 - i. Navoichick: No report
 - e. **Local Affairs Director:** Amy Schweiner
 - i. The Off-Campus Housing Fair is tomorrow from 11-2 in the Bluffs, second floor of the Union. It was supposed to be on the Union Lawn but the weather is not looking good. Get your friends to come. The



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Downtown Neighborhood Association is still looking for a representative. I'm going to send you all a survey so you can tell me if you're interested. I can go to some meetings and keep up with issues, but I cannot usually go to this. It is usually one Tuesday a month, the second or third, and they talk about parking and other issues. Local redistricting is happening in La Crosse through the preliminary committees through the city, though it still needs to go through the Common Council. There are some concerns about disproportionate representation in it, so if this is something that interests you let me know and we can start researching it.

- f. **Inclusivity Director:** Paige Vang
 - i. Vang: I need people for the Women of Color Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee and a senator needs to bring the Motion to Commit form to the table. If you're interested, come find me after this meeting. There's the MSO leadership retreat this weekend, so MSO senators please make sure to get COVID tested 36 hours ahead. JMAC will be hosting a speaker this fall, Dr. Paula Houston, who is the Health Equity Director of Washington University, so keep an eye out for that. I also have a meeting with Barbara Stewart and Dina Zavala next week, so please let me know if you have anything to say.
- g. **Public Relations Director:** Jamie Henk
 - i. Henk: S'Mores with the Senators is the event we're doing this semester to reach out to students on campus. This will be October 18th from 4:30-8:30 on the Union Lawn. This will be mandatory that you go. Also, if you are on the Marketing and Special Events Committee, please let me know about scheduling times. I will send out an Outlook invite for the event.
- h. **Sustainability Director:** Sophie Byrne
 - i. Byrne: I am planning an Earth Day Festival for this April, but we will be keeping it on the smaller side. If you guys are interested or have any ideas for what it should include, please let me know. I am planning for it to not only be fun and activity-based, but also educational and intersectional. The new Director for the Center for Transformative Justice starts this week, Tara Nelson, and I'm hoping to get her involved so it can involve environmental justice and other things. Andrew Ericson and I had a meeting this week about Earth Fest and Green Fund possibilities for this semester and next semester, and we are currently in talks with the Environmental Studies faculty about the possibility of an Environmental Speaker Series in April, or even before then, too. The Green Fund Committee still needs one more senator, so if anyone is interested let President Cayo know. I had a meeting with Casey Meehan, the Sustainability Coordinator from WTC, who had a lot of ideas about environmentally friendly ideas and Green Fund grants. I attended the SFS and UW Sustainability call this week, but there weren't any updates from that. Kelly Flynn wanted me to mention that menstrual products are in the Food Pantry, and all you need to do to access them is to sign up to use the Food Pantry. I was looking into the EcoChallenge more and there



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are apparently three different types. One is the Drawdown which focuses on climate change action, one is the People’s Challenge which anyone can do, and one that’s specifically designed for college campuses that relates to sustainability in dorms or transportation. I’m going to talk with Zwettler and Cayo to get this finalized.

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Burke: The first meeting of SUFAC was held this past Monday, and AIDAC will be meeting Tuesday the 12th at 5:30pm. SUFAC was this week, in-person, and I wanted to talk about the importance of your committee work because they did not have a quorum. If we cannot get a quorum, like for instance SUFAC needs at least four senators to be in attendance to vote, then committees cannot vote or elect officers. The commitment to committee work is important to keep committees working and they rely on your participation. We will be inviting you to a Leadership Reception on either the 22nd or the 29th, and this will be a chance for all of the senators to meet with campus administration, so the Cabinet and the Deans and Directors in various areas. This will be a chance to socialize and meet with leaders in different areas. Wellness Weekend is coming up, the 16th-18th of October, and hopefully you all will take that as a time to chill. S’Mores with the Senators will be happening that Monday, but you should not have any classes that day unless you have one that meets once a week. Lastly, the vaccination campaign is going well and we are at 78%, which means we will be drawing our first round of scholarships on Friday. Make sure to report your vaccination status if you have not.

McReavy: For students in the Ed Department who are doing fieldwork, are they also exempt for that Monday?

Burke: I do not know. The Registrar’s Office would be the one to answer that.

Stewart: I do know that some schools are holding their conferences that Monday, so some Ed students will have that day off.

Xiong: If we know of professors requiring exams or homework for the Monday of Wellness Weekend, what should we do?

Burke: Tell me who they are and I will reach out to them.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Estrella: I yield to student Jake Williams.

Jake: I am the current Chair of the Student Organization Committee to talk about bylaw requirements. Student Organization Grants are open, so if you are a student organization or represent one you can submit an application to get grant money to cover events. The first round of grant requests will close this Friday, but we will not have used up all our money, so there will be opportunities to do that again. We are still looking for Commencement speakers--the nomination and application forms are open and will be closing this Friday. We only need one



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person for the fall, but coming spring when we have a larger commencement, we will need more people to apply. We are missing two committee positions, a representative from the Academic Staff Council and the Rotating Senate Seat. We will be opening up a process for organizations to apply to this and forward their names on to Senate for the final approval. In terms of long-term goals is to streamline our processes and resources. One of the biggest time wasters is that people don't know which documents go where. The second is that we want to improve the communication between clubs and student organizations. We have elected all our positions. We are continuing the implementation of the Inclusivity Statement and making sure all bylaws are up to date. We have approved four new organizations: the return of the Men's Rugby Club, the Multicultural Educational Student Association (MESO), the Pre-Genetic Counseling Club, and Spikeball Club. We have also approved one name change for the Physical Education Majors, the longest running organization on campus, has now changed its name.

X. Organizational Reports

- a. McReavy: Monday, October 11th is National Coming Out Day. We will be tabling at the clocktower from 11-2. We will have free candy and the frame if you want to take a picture coming out as a specific identity. We will also be having a Pronoun Crash Course on October 15th in Student Union room 3105 at noon. This weekend is our college LGBT conference and we will be leaving Friday at 2pm, so hopefully we can bring back a lot of knowledge from that.
- b. Xiong: This kind of pertains to HOPE. Widening the Circle is also happening October 11th and we are having guest speakers, and HOPE helps to fund that.

XI. Unfinished Business

a. **Resolution to Amend the UWLSA Constitution to Reflect Past Bylaw Changes**

- i. Locher: This is a resolution to change our Constitution to reflect changes to change the name Chief of Staff to Director of Staff, as we have approved in our bylaws in a prior year.

Xiong: Call to question.

Resolution passed unanimously.

b. **Resolution Formally Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day in La Crosse**

- i. McReavy: The idea behind this resolution is that when Columbus Day was changed to Indigenous Peoples' Day in La Crosse, Student Association never made a statement in support of this. This resolution is to grant that support retroactively.

Xiong: Can I be added as a sponsor?

Cayo: Yes. Would anyone else like to be added as a sponsor or contribute to discussion about the resolution?

Estrella: Call to question.



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Resolution approved unanimously.

XII. New Business

a. **Resolution Supporting the Reinstatement of Condiment Dispensers**

- i. McReavy: Our story begins two and half weeks ago when I ordered a grilled cheese sandwich from Grilled It. I was very excited and received it without any condiments, so I waited and asked for some ketchup and I was given two tiny packets and they did not last me through my entire sandwich. I talked to my constituents and they also missed Ranch, so I wrote this resolution. Originally it was calling for the return of condiments before I found out that it was already happening, so now this is a resolution supporting what a good idea this was.

Ziegler: Friendly. Spelling error.

Xiong: I support this. But since everyone will be touching this, is there a way to sanitize it?

Burke: They will be sanitizing it every fifteen minutes. There will also be gloves and sanitizing wipes by the station. We will be introducing this at the Union, hopefully by Monday, as we needed to order the product. We are wiping everything down thoroughly and sanitizing items will be available.

Ericson: In Whitney they have these plastic gloves that you put on for self-serve. Will they have these in the Union?

Burke: Yes.

Hose: Motion to end discussion.

Stewart: Second.

XIII. Discussion

a. Renaming the Union and CFA

- i. Cayo: You may have already heard, but Chancellor Gow would like to change the names of two building on this campus, the Student Union to the Lillian Smith-Davenport, who was the first African-American woman to earn a degree from UWL--she was an activist in the area and a super cool lady. The second building is the Center for Fine Arts, which would be changed to become the Truman Lowe Center for Fine Arts, and he was a really well-known indigenous artist in the area. To rename these buildings the Chancellor would need to go through the Board of Regents, but first he wants student input. This could possibly come up to a campus-wide referendum to get the student voice.

Carroll: Is he changing the name to the Student Union to strictly their



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whole name?

Cayo: Technically I believe the name change would be to “The Lillian Smith-Davenport Union” or “Center”, though nobody could force students to stop calling it the Union or something else. But it would be changing the original name of the building.

Ericson: Could you repeat those names again?

Names are repeated while senators write down names.

Burke: Just a point of clarification. I believe it would be the Lillian Smith-Davenport Student Union or Center. “Student” would stay in the name.

Ericson: I like the idea of them both, but I feel like it doesn’t flow well.

Hose: Usually whenever there’s that long of a name we usually use an acronym, and the acronym for that would be the LSD Union, and that is what it will end up getting called.

McReavy: I think with the Union, it should definitely remain the Student Union after the name, especially to clarify for new students.

Xiong: I think there should be a plaque on the buildings to explain the significance of these people.

Estrella: I have no problem with the name change of people significant to the area and the university.

Henk: I think changing the names would match the other buildings, which are primarily named after other people.

Vang: If the name change were to happen, would there be some type of part in the building, like a plaque, to explain the name and who these people are?

Cayo: As of now there are no specific plans, we are in the gaining support stages, but we could request for something like that. Especially in the Union, which is a segregated fee funded building, a building paid for by students. It would be within our purview to request a plaque specifically for this building, and hopefully for CFA too.

Stewart: Why now, and not why the Union and CFA were built?

Cayo: I don’t have a great answer because we did not ask specifically.



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After UW Madison named/re-named one of their buildings, Chancellor Gow realized that all our buildings are named after white people and did some digging in the archives. But there's no specific reason as to why this moment.

McReavy: I allegedly heard that this announcement was made before anybody had reached out to and consulted with the families of the individuals. Is that still true?

Cayo: We have reached out to the wife and daughter of the late Truman Lowe, and they are excited about it. We are attempting to make contact with Lillian Smith-Davenport's family, but we don't know if there are any living relatives and there is nothing conclusive. I do not think they are done looking, but so far it's a dead end.

Lochner: I know it was brought up that it would be nice to have all buildings on campus named after people, but I do want to point out that there are buildings not named after people like Eagle Hall, Prairie Springs, Wings Technology Center, so we do not necessarily need to name all our buildings after people.

Hose: I think the reason the Union was named the Student Union is because it is seen as the living room on campus and it holds all the campus involvement and student organizations on campus. I think changing the name now for any reason, even if it's because all the buildings now are named after white people, is not a reason I would want to support.

Johnston: Is there a name for the new Fieldhouse?

Burke: I do not know. Chancellor Gow's remarks from the Welcoming Ceremony are available online, and if you go near the end he talks more about the why and why now rationale. This is part of a few things he's doing around his commitment to diversity at the institution, so there are some new scholarships coming up and things like that. I would encourage you to listen to his remarks.

Johnston: I do support the proposed name changes, though I think it may be better to save them for newer buildings.

Stewart: I think that a greater impact would be to change the names of old buildings named after white men and change their names to POC or to a different name.

Zwettler: Prairie Springs had a donation attached with its naming. In our conversation with Chancellor Gow, there is a specific dollar amount that



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goes along with the naming of the buildings. That is one point of contention right now.

Estrella: I think we need to remember that the purpose of the building won't change with a name change and that we shouldn't uphold traditions just because they're traditions. A name change won't change the significance of the building or its purpose. Changing the name in this way may encourage other institutions to do the same.

Stryzewski: We are still keeping the name "Student Union" in there and I don't see the harm.

Vang: If students on this campus cannot be comfortable in the Student Union once it's been named after a Black woman, I think that shows a bigger problem on this campus.

Hose: Since Prairie Springs was named what it was because of a dollar amount, I don't know how other donors are going to feel if other names get changed without that amount. We are comparing white names with a dollar amount to Black names without one. I don't think naming buildings is the best way to start having conversations about diversity.

McReavy: If we did want to name a new building instead, we do have a new dorm coming down the pipeline in the next few years. There is a tradition of naming the dorms after people.

Ericson: Do we have plans to have Chancellor Gow come to a meeting to talk about this?

Cayo: Yes.

Ericson: It seems a little weird that the Chancellor is naming this building. It should be coming from us.

Lochner: Generally buildings are named with a donation attached. Is there a donation attached to every name named after white people on this campus?

Burke: I don't know. I know that the Stadium was named after a long-term coach because of his impact on campus.

Byrne: In the event that we do want a different name for the building, how much power do we have over the name? Is this even worth talking about?

Zwettler: This is at the discretion of the Board of Regents. They have the



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final say of the naming of buildings.

Schweiner: I think this would be more of a symbolic decision, but I don't think that's a reason to immediately say no seeing as this is a room of mostly white people saying "No, this isn't the best way to go about it". We could give MSO's a voice and give representation to more than white people in this room.

Henk: As an update about whether we have ever just changed a building name, Wimberly Hall used to be referred to as North Hall but was changed to Carl Wimberly Hall to honor the long-serving Vice Chancellor, and not because of a dollar amount.

Xiong: There is more to do than just the naming of buildings. I think it would be great to reach out to the MSOs.

Lochner: I am curious about the cost associated with renaming buildings, but there will probably be money connected to the rebranding, etc. Do you know how much those costs are? Will that fall on students?

Burke: This is still really early in the process. There would be costs associated with the building, but not where it would come from.

Xiong: Where can I find a recording of these remarks? And does this mean there is a new Strategic Plan?

Cayo: We can send you the remarks. The Strategic Plan was signed off on for another two years, and this does not relate to that. Would we like to bring this to referendum about the support of name changes, or would we rather bring this back to MSOs specifically?

Ziegler: News8000 has an article about renaming the buildings.

Xiong: It would benefit us to get the MSO opinions because in our history, La Crosse has the Hiawatha statue downtown, and though it had good intentions, Native Americans did not live it and had no say. It would be good to get other opinions.

Hose: I think that this was rushed and there are a lot of things that can be done.

McReavy: I think whether or not we take this to referendum, we should be taking this to MSO leaders and membership first. It should be part of a meaningful and holistic effort for diversity on campus and not just some very public thing that the Chancellor can pat himself on the back about. When I first heard about this I thought that if we just did the name change, and that's all we do, it would be very token-y and like "okay,



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that’s all we do”.

Ziegler: I saw in his statement that he will be allocating \$400,000 to underrepresented students as well.

Estrella: I think we should not underestimate how much time or thought Chancellor Gow may have put into it, and that if you brought this to MSOs they would probably be in support of this.

Stewart: Regardless of MSO support, making it a collaborative effort with them would be better to represent these things on our campus.

Ericson: We should probably hold off until we talk to Chancellor Gow about this.

b. Inclusivity Statement

- i. Xiong: Last semester we passed the Inclusivity Statement to me mandated in organizational bylaws, and I think it’s important that we do that. These are exact words, verbatim, that student organizations should add. It would be helpful to send out a reminder email to all students.

Hose: The Student Organization Committee is looking through all bylaws to make sure that all organizations have it.

Estrella: I think it would be great to send an email because a lot of people are completely forgetting to do it.

Cayo: I could reach out to the Co-Chairs of the Student Organizations Committee to draft a press release or email, or I could just ask them to do it. I don’t think I can do it alone because we have a committee responsible for this, and this is how they hold us accountable and vice versa.

c. Faculty Requiring Students to Print

- i. McReavy: One of my constituents has a professor who requires them to print out all of their efforts, and to clarify the professor just wants a physical copy and that’s the only reason. It costs money to print things on campus. I have also had professors mandate that and it’s expensive. I wanted to get people’s thoughts on this. Are we in support of professors being able to do this? Should we reach out to Faculty Senate? Will this create issues with Faculty Senate?

Lochner: I am a Communications Major, so I get free printing. I know it’s not widely talked about. Maybe we could encourage other departments to do this, too.

Byrne: I have had professors highly encourage you to print things because you remember things better when it’s on paper, and you can



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highlight and make notes in the margins. I think that if we bring this to Faculty Senate or make a mandate to professors, it will not go well for us. We should get a consensus before bringing this anywhere.

Stewart: I have had professors like this and it makes turning things in more anxiety-provoking. I have had professors say that if you don't have it printed the day of, you have five minutes to go and get it printed or they will doc points. I work in the WGSS office and all the professors have to pay for the printing that they are doing, and it costs us for what we are printing. We have Canvas and Google Docs and platforms to have things online, and there's no reason for it to be printed out.

Strzyzewski: Do faculty get free printing?

Henk: There should be multiple options for students, especially since not everyone has access to a printer and may live further away from Murphy, and not everyone can afford it. I prefer that I print things out, but I think it should be a general choice. It can be a big issue for some.

Strzyzewski: I agree, I don't think it should be mandatory.

Ericson: The less printing we have, the better. Last year we had a student who was an English who was printing tons of stuff over the pandemic, but this might be a long-term problem. There should be something we can do to push professors in the right direction. The Faculty Senate Chair will listen to us if we come to them about this.

McReavy: I'm talking specifically about professors requiring students to submit a printed copy and will not accept any digital work. I had one professor who required you to print and staple it, and if it wasn't stapled she would take a point off. I think this is a sustainability issue, a money issue for students, and I wish our professors would show more flexibility in recognizing that this does place a burden on students that does not need to be there.

Navoichick: It's not only bad for the environment but it's really inconvenient. I remember the terror of waking up in my dorm and going to my speech class because everything had to be printed, even though it's really easy to highlight and edit things on campus. We can do all these things online.

Zwetter: In the past when we have tried to require faculty to do things, it has not done well. It's a little bit outside of our purview. They support professor autonomy, so this would be better to bring as a formal discussion to some Faculty Senate professors versus writing a resolution stating we don't want professors to require printing.



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Cayo: Approximately how many dollars a week do you think students were to spend a week?

McReavy: I would say my first two years I probably spent \$20 a year. I would say it's less about the money, at least for me, and more about what it represents.

- XIV. Announcements
 - a. Xiong: Halloween is a ways away, but be aware of what you are wearing so you do not appropriate anybody's culture, be safe and have fun.
- XV. Adjournment
 - a. 7:31 pm