



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **April 6th 2016**

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - a. **STECK, GIETZEN, ALMAZROU, AMES, TATUM, MANS PRESENT; didn't open on clickers, or came in late.**
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
 - a. Tracy Littlejohn: Co-advisor for NASA, alum of UWL and social justice direct/office manager. I want to come and talk about land recognition policy. I am member of Ho-Chunk nation; family has been a very long time. If you don't know the history, there are 11 tribes, all have been removed at some point or another. Lots of death during those removals, and children. This was our city; and now the university sits on this land. We are all privileged to attend this university; and for that privilege I think it is only right to recognize what our people went through. As a place of higher learning, we have the respect for my people and their history. This university can take the step forward and say "we understand what happened and what it took to get us here. With it being social justice week, it's only appropriate this senate makes decisions based on every student on this campus, and that you acknowledge what us and our families have endured and what being a student on this campus means.
 - b. Jenny VanOrder: Co-chairs of NASA; Ojibwa tribe; grandma attended the boarding schools. Our issue is that Native Americans are not seen and are not heard. This policy is a chance for us to be acknowledged on campus; will put our university at the forefront of the system for indigenous people awareness; great opportunity for the university. Ho Chunk peoples benefit from this; as well as every one who hears this. Last week the issue with the resolution was regarding the word "celebrate" in the statement; since our university is on this land and is using it, there's no reason not to celebrate it. Because we are on this land every day, I think it would be a great thing for our university to pass this resolution.
 - c. Jordan Rasumssen: when you're a child you are told really mean things if you don't look native, and are told not to take it personally, and think that it will change as you get older. I am now in college and it is starting to get personal. I urge you to vote for this.
 - d. Maddy Johns: co-chair for NASA. I want to reiterate that this policy is not intended to disrupt the events this is spoken for, but to acknowledge the land it sits on and the people of the native American tribes it represents. This policy really hits home and acknowledges that this is the land of our invisible people. It brings to the surface that we walk on, eat on, and live on the land of the Ho Chunk. I urge you to vote on this policy to pass.
 - e. AJ Kluss: other advisor to NASA; I urge you to vote yes to the land recognition policy. We wrote this to give you the words to use to honor the people's this is. We wrote these

words to honor us and to recognize us. You used to use us as a mascot, and you were smart enough to change that, now I just hope you use these words and vote yes.

VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Kaylee Otterbacher

- i. Thank you for those who worked the polls and voted yesterday! We broke the record for voter turnout, and it was just the primary election. In this year, Kaylee and Molly have very rarely given our opinions for resolutions voted on, but I think this resolution for land recognition is very important. Two mays ago we passed a resolution that said hate is not a UWL value and last week we passed a resolution in recognition of Islamic populations, and we changed our bylaws from binary to using them/they're/their instead and I hope we use those steps to vote on this resolution.

b. Vice President: Molly Davies

c. Chief of Staff: John Becker

- i. Thanks again for helping out and voting. We'll have the exact numbers next week. Next Tuesday is Student Association elections! Check your emails and make sure to vote. Check out who's running for each college, and if you still want to run you're welcome to start a write-in campaign.

d. State Affairs Coordinator: Jacob Schimmel

- i. Regarding the election in general, the turn out was awesome. If you're moving from the res halls or even moving rooms within the same hall, you're going to re-register next year too. Also want to reiterate that Walker did pass the majority of his college affordability package, except for the one piece regarding the tax reduction.

e. Local Affairs Coordinator: Brady Gross

- i. If anyone has an area in mind that needs landscaping or new trees let me know; we can get that going.

f. Inclusivity Coordinator: Ayush Shrestha

VIII. RHAC Reports

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. This is the new draft of the new ID card! Approved today. The clerk says it is a permissible form of ID for voting. Thank you for those who volunteered in the voting for election. Welcome to all those joining us tonight; I hope the process goes well. Thank you for taking the time to make it here tonight.

i. Will every student get one of the new IDs next year?

1. The idea is to Re-ID everyone by the end of the year. We are expecting the IDs to arrive within the week.

X. Committee Reports

- a. JMAC: I'll be coming next week with a resolution proposing a plan to lift the limit money students are allowed to have as a balance on their account in order to register.

- b. AIDAC: meets next week to review bylaws.

- c. Sexual Violence Action Committee will be forming bylaws as well to make sure everything can be covered.

- d. Faculty Senate: Talked for a while regarding Student Evaluations, and they're going to try a new approach. Not sure if it will be implemented this or next year. Different online format, allowable for them to put as extra credit. They will also try to do it in class as well to get the feedback. They also talked about their own shared governance resolution.

- e. SUFAC: discussed bylaws and prepare training for next year. Next week reviewing green fund requests; meeting with JCS prior to that. (See documents regarding Auxiliary & Segregated Fees)- discusses components in details.

- i. Garcia: Why did the environmental sustainability decrease \$18,000?

1. Green fund collecting too much many for what their bylaws allowed.
- ii. Steck: there was a resolution regarding new student center, correct? Is that number of increase is similar to what it was way back when.
- iii. Almazrou: question regarding the inflation rate, what inflation are you talking about and how does it reflect?
 1. Ames: due to general reflection of inflation, within the nation, generally 2.5% each year.
- f. Rec 2.0: Proposal sent to Madison and approved; onto the next step now. The improvements work to make it more inclusive and more expansive by adding more levels. Scheduled to be done fall 2018.

XI. Organizational Reports

- a. ASO: here and now performance regarding social justice issues, especially regarding Asian American issues.
- b. LIG: volunteerism week coming up; partnering with community orgs to get volunteering.

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1516-049: Resolution Supporting the Indigenous Land Recognition Policy
 - i. Eidenschink/Patnode;
 - ii. *Steck: I know a lot of senators were absent last week, so I will reread the core values of UWL from the website (reads from web page). On our general diversity page it reads "diversity excellence" (reads from site). We have made efforts to be more inclusive as a university and I think this will also contribute to that.*
 - iii. *Given: passing this resolution will not only honor the land we stand upon, and live upon, daily. We're here every day, and acknowledging that we are on this land. The ho-chunk and all indiginous people will be honored, just as Jenny who spoke earlier who is an Ojibwa. Passing this resolution would mean so much to all indiginous peoplea and should mean a lot to you, to honor shared or different identities as you. To me, Student Senate should be listening to the students and then acting upon what those students want. I'm encouraging you to listen to these students and then act upon what they want.*
 - iv. Brever: it's appreciated that all of you made it in tonight. I'm going to be in support of this, and with that call to question./Quaschnick
 1. Voted on: passes 27:0:0
- b. SA1516-050: Resolution Requesting One Non-binding Referendum on the April 12 Student Election Ballot
 - i. Sparks/Steck
 - ii. *Steck: We saw this last week too, addresses establishing safety app on campus. Vice chancellor and chief of police on campus is in favor of. Looking for more of a student senate opinion. Motion to postpone indefinitely motion.*
 1. Voted on; passes. Postpone indefinitely.

XIII. New Business

- a. SA1516-051: Resolution Supporting FY17 Segregated Fee Rate Package
 - i. Tashner/Hackett
 - ii. Quaschnick: point of grammar: fix semi-colons.
 - iii. Purath: I know that SUFAC doesn't directly deal with some of these components, but do we know that all the entities have been asked that they

are collecting what is fiscally responsible for their group?

1. Ames: Each budget director detailed outlined for us what is most important in their budget and outlined funds necessary for that.
 2. Davies; With the cuts from last year, all groups have reviewed budgets to allow those changes.
- iv. Mason: because it took so much effort on directors part to keep the rise to a minimum, I'd like to edit the document: Add: "and would like to thank the Directors for their continuous commitment to fiscal responsibility /Quaschnick.
1. *I think this is important to make clear that we are appreciative of their efforts.*
 2. Voted on: amendment passes

- XIV. Discussion
- XV. Announcements
- XVI. Adjournment