



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **April 13th, 2016**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Hackett/Sparks
 - b. Approval of agenda
 - c. Approval of minutes
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Kaylee Otterbacher
 - i. Ideally, the elections will open 7am-7pm tomorrow, hopefully. Sorry for the issues, there has been issues annually. Ron Kind is receiving the Higher Education Advocate of the Year award for working on higher education in Congress. He will be coming in during an arranged time to present this award to him. If anyone is graduating, and you're interested in wearing a stole on graduation day, let me know so we can let them know a number if they'll have enough. If there's anything you to add to the shared governance policy, please let me know. On Monday, there was another fire and I was able to talk to those affected about the costs of textbooks, and we'll be looking how to do something about that cost. For those of you returning next year, and you're interested in working on a topic like that let me know so I can give you that information.
 - b. Vice President: Molly Davies
 - c. Chief of Staff: John Becker
 - d. State Affairs Coordinator: Jacob Schimmel
 - i. The chancellors of the UW system wanted to do a presentation to the board of regents of the budget cuts so far and the effects that have taken place. I have the reports from each campus that I can send to you after this email
 - e. Local Affairs Coordinator: Brady Gross
 - i. Gunderson is going to be putting in a new parking lot.
 1. Gustafson: Actually it's a new hotel.
 - ii. Also, if you want to take a stance on the closing of the memorial pool let me know.
 1. Patnode: the water is actually leaking more than regulation allows, and it is seeping into the marsh with the chemicals.
 2. Eidenschink: I don't think there's a reason for students to take a stance since they don't really want it to be a college

student thing, since they close it the week before we come and open it the week after we leave.

VIII. RHAC Reports

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Regarding the new IDs, there have been questions regarding higher one accounts. You'll be getting an email or letter giving you the option to either close the account and receive a check/or transfer funds, or receive a private account from them not associate with UWL. The issue is that our IDs can't be associated with a bank. There is talk about possibly getting a bank in the new student center.
- b. Garcia: How will refunds work?
 1. There is another option for refunds, another company to go through. You'll be getting more information on that soon.

X. Committee Reports

- a. AIDAC: met to discuss bylaws. Also discussed change in academic affairs. The school of education has a smaller advisor ratio than the national level, so there will an advisor taken from the program to add a position in the school of education. That money will be coming from academic initiatives from AIDAC. Because it's for the mission of the students, no matter what college it is through, it is still going to the students. Bringing in the provost to discuss that.
- b. SUFAC: Discussed 3 green funds requests. One for sustainability coordinator request, solar panels on rec addition, and pumps. Looked at contingency cost of choir to cover 2-day trip that was originally 1 day trip. Hopefully we'll have more info to give back to you on that by next week.
- c. JCS: Approved first committee grant of the year. Repurchased parking spots for a couple of vehicles on campus.

XI. Organizational Reports

- a. Students for free Tibet: is having free session of yoga on Friday for \$5. Hosted by professional yoga instructor.
- b. Greek Community: Sara Softball tournament. Entry \$200 per team. DSP dog-days \$5 money donated to capable canines and ARC. Tri-Sigma has extension bid on campus, and colonizing on our campus in the spring.

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1516-051: Resolution Supporting FY17 Segregated Fee Rate
 - i. Garcia/Faust
 - ii. Ames: *Discussed rate package last week in senate. Kept at 1% growth rate, which is pretty substantial, for which they deserve some recognition.*
 - iii. Voted on: passes 20:0:5

XIII. New Business

- a. SA1516-052: Resolution Approving University Shared Governance Policy
 - i. Otterbacher: This is what I talked about in my report. Just for all bodies to sign off on to be our permanent policy.
 - ii. Bhatoya: this is just an agreement between us and chancellor?
 1. Otterbacher: Basically yes, an agreement. Eventually will be linked to the chancellor's and our page online. Just a formal document. No weight as a policy.
 - iii. Faust: What happens if a new chancellor comes in? Is there a way

to secure this in case someone would want to change it?

1. O: The idea of this is to avoid that. However if they do really want to change it, they definitely could.

iv. Rudolph: this seems like a big change. The wordage here says “recommendations”. When we pass a budget now, or something similar, the chancellor didn’t need to approve, correct? That would change?

1. Otterbacher: correct, essentially, however everything we do now is already subject to approval. So a change, but very minimal.

v. Quaschnick: Why isn’t there a statement in here saying “purpose of the chancellor’s office”? it already says all the governance bodies except his office. Are we just defaulting to that? It seems like we’re not making statement regarding purpose of chancellor.

1. O: If we were to put anything in this document that was different that state statute, we wouldn’t be able to do that. We have to be careful with our wording here.

b. SA1516-053: Resolution Supporting the JMAC Proposal

i. Davies: {from email from Senator Steck}

looking to change registration fee from \$100 to higher cap

ii. Quaschnick: I don’t think the university should be in charge of debt collection. In the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that should be a summary of all the whereases and so maybe I would make that a friendly amendment to change that.

iii. Patnode: being in the National Guard I do have to wait for my tuition grant to come in, but there is a way to waive the fee until later so you can register.

iv. Mans: I would like to know what real-time calculator is and how it plays into this.

v. Schimmel: where the multicultural students and international students are being affected is how much payment they have left, in which section? Is it way more than \$100, or not by much? Is there a way to find statistics on that?

vi. Schultz: does JMAC state the \$350 mark, or where is that coming from?

1. It is in the proposal, which I

will send to you all.

XIV. Discussion

a. Grades- Lauren

i. One thing that has been an issue this semester has been the timeliness of professors and their grading. I heard of a friend that she had to wait a month and half to get a grade back on their first exam. I wanted to talk about potentially putting something together regarding how it affects us and asking them to reevaluate how they grade things. I’m not confident that it will do much of a change,

but it's a way of possibly making a small change by giving a formal document with sufficient document.

- ii. Floerke: I think this affects a lot of people, and I definitely take an interest in this. Is there something we can try to do to make sure our professors tell us where we're at in the class before those final grades are posted.
- iii. Gunaratnam: I'm interested in this as well because my friends and I have been affected by this. It's a nerve-wracking feeling not knowing your grade.
- iv. Quaschnick: D2L and WINGS are supposed to be supplementary so that D2L goes to help bridging your current grade and progress. But, that depends on if the professor has it graded. Is there a way to legislate that in faculty senate to follow these guidelines, etc. there's no problem with us making a document, and simply asking them to address an issue that quite possibly they will fix themselves just by realizing enough students are being affected by it.
- v. Mason: I want to make it something less guidelines, and more just a request to reevaluate their speed in which they give grades back.
- vi. Bancker: I am in support of doing this, but doing it in a way that doesn't tick them off, and not throwing it in their faces or irking them.
- vii. Mason: I've talked to professors about this, and they've recommended not pointing out professors or departments, and there shouldn't be much of an issue.
- viii. Garcia: Even if the professors give us the warning that it is going to take a while, and not leaving us in the dark with the impression that we're getting it back sooner than they anticipate.

XV. Announcements

XVI. Adjournment