



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **April 27th, 2016**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Ed Scholl- Furniture
 - a. Regarding new furniture in the new student center. (refer to PowerPoint). Theater on bottom level. Seating with end tables with power hook ups, fireplace lounge. Pergola lounge & fireplace lounge with comfy couches/chairs. Tables that can be tall or short; adjustable in southwest lounges. Booth type tables with enclosed walls for privacy with studying. Thoughts about “zenergy” balls for chairs and more color in future decisions.
 - b. Mohammed Alhindi- Gmail to Outlook
 - a. Being required by UW system for unity throughout system. E-mail and calendar will no longer be usable. It will take a weekend long for transition to occur: from Friday to Monday. Transition complete by August 2016. G-drive will stay. UW system is looking to change to canvas instead of D2L starting 2017-2018 or later.
 - i. Schimmel: you can access outlook from internet still; can you do that with G-Drive?
 - ii. Yes: Microsoft has a “sky drive” with same accessibility.
 - iii. Mason: addresses stay the same?
 1. Yes.
 - iv. Emails stay?
 1. No. make sure to print important emails with the change. all existing emails will be deleted.
 - v. Schimmel: does canvas seem like a technological upgrade?
 1. From what I’ve looked at, it’s just different. I can’t say for sure upgrade.
 - vi. Quaschnick: is canvas cloud based? Or is it based from, like now, like now with D2L in Madison?
 1. [inaudible]
 - vii. Schimmel: how much is this costing UWL?
 1. Nothing; Google is free, so is Office for us.
 - viii. Mans: hasn’t office always been free, even in the past, before this year?
 1. No, previously it was cheaper for students and didn’t include outlook, but now it is completely free including

outlook.

- ix. Gross: does office cancel being free after graduating?
 - 1. After 6 months after graduating, and then a discount price for being UWL alumni.
- c. Barbara Stewart and Andy Oliver- Service Dog Policy
 - a. From ACCESS center. Service animals are not an accommodation on campus; they are a civil right afforded through the law. On campus, how we manage working with students and their service animals; we wanted to redraft the policy so that it would be enforceable and addressable if issues arise. Basically, the change brings it to say that their dog or miniature horse can go anywhere that the public can go. Restrictions would include anywhere the general public couldn't go, or places with opportune harm; such as a lab room. Problems and individual situations would be discussed with HR and that specific room director, as well as the handlers and their responsibilities. Although we recommend it, they don't need to register or talk to our offices because it is a civil right and not an accommodation. Inside the classroom, service animals are considered an extension of the student and would be dealt with in that manner, such as barking or being disruptive.
 - i. Gross: will students have to show documentation to show that it is a service animal?
 - 1. We can't require registration or proof of documentation, however there are benefits to registering with our office.
 - ii. Floerke: Can students live in a residence hall with a service animal?
 - 1. Yes; because it is a civil right. They have to go through Residence Life, in which case it is an accommodation and it's a whole separate process.
- d. Ingrid Peterson, Scott McCullough, Terry Lilley- Safety App
 - a. Ingrid: Violence Prevention Specialist on campus and Scott: Chief of University Police on campus. I would like to ask you what questions you have and to go through the resolution on the table right now. Scott: previously, there was no way to communicate with campus as a whole. There was no way to make you aware of an emergency situation. To solve that problem, this safety app is part of a larger picture in improving communication with campus. Now, we use phone calls and voicemails, and putting notifications on campus, state-owned computers. Proposed is software to put on your phone that will make you aware of an emergency, report a crime, call us, similar to a blue light however mobile. The cost is not cheap. Code red is shared with the city and Viterbo so it is fairly cheap. This safety app is a good idea, however it is important to know that it's a geofence feature, meaning it won't work in madison, Florida. It needs to be focused to our area and for a very specific function. Funding will be a challenge. Ingrid: based on previous conversations, this involves being a means of solving prevention.
 - i. Molly: will this allow police to track walking?
 - ii. Scott: Safe Walk is a specific brand of software. All the others are softwares that cover more and do more functions. SafeWalk allows you to sync with all your friends and set a time that you should be home by, and if you aren't, and you don't shut the app

off, it will call your friends for you. This app is nice, however we don't it to give you a false sense of security.

- b. It's also important to keep in mind that most sexual assault cases occur between victims and assaulters being known to each other. Most cases don't happen between complete strangers. Also, this is one more way to make victims less "rapeable", however we're not looking to solve the other end of the problem; the attacker. We can go on for a long time discussing how to protect ourselves, but we're tired of answering that question.
 - i. Molly: regarding the app itself: does it take longer to open the app than it would be to call 911?
 - ii. Scott: it would; this is more specific to campus, however it would take longer and it does not replace 911.
 - iii. Faust: how severe it would be to "butt dial" this line?
 - iv. Scott: it would be the same way we deal with "butt dials" to 911. It doesn't happen often, and when it does we have to make sure there was intent to falsely call us to prosecute.
 - v. Gross: what is the approximate cost for the app?
 - 1. For just the bare boned aspects: \$10-11K. The ones we're looking it is \$12-13K. We are an opt-in campus; meaning you need to sign up for use. I prefer us to be an opt-out campus; so that you automatically are put into the system, and you can choose to take yourselves out.
 - vi. Mason: what is the advantage to having a safety app if it's more effective to call 911.
 - 1. Scott: the other features that come with it. The safety part is just one small part of the larger package. I like being able to communicate as easily and as quickly as possible, without annoying you with multiple messages.
 - vii. Quaschnick: this specific resolution calls for safety app, however you're looking at packages that include a safety detail. Yes. In-house development or acquired?
 - 1. Scott: no, not in-house development. We don't have anyone on campus that could do it here on campus.
 - viii. Mason: what kind of student support are you looking for?
 - ix. Scott: we're looking to make sure you're interested and that this is something students would use. If you don't think you wouldn't use it, or the students your represent would use it, then we won't continue looking into it. Besides the emergency aspect; we will continue that because that is something I think is very important.
 - x. Mason: would you like to see a resolution in support, or a change to opt-put?
 - 1. Yes the opt-out I would really like to see a change in and to just see how interested students are in this upgrade.
 - xi. Floerke: is there a cheaper system available that doesn't include the cost of a glorified 911 call that may seem unnecessary?
 - 1. Scott: the current system works, it's functioning, however we're looking for better and faster and easier. We're looking to interface all media and make one press

of a button send it emails, phones, computers, etc.

- xii. Molly: I really like the package, however I'm opposed to an app that will have to download. I think it will be taken as a sexual assault app, that will be directed at first year women that may be a false sense of security. I think the code red is way more important and functioning than an app, which is very hard to get students to download.
- xiii. Steck: if there was a to make code red "opt-out" and make 911 more advertised, or make single women walking home alone more likely to call roommates before walking home, would those aspects cover the intentions of this app?
 - 1. Scott: maybe? Not sure; again, texting a friend wouldn't be much different than texting your friend. Yes, it would saving money more likely, however it wouldn't cover the other aspects of this package that I am considering.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

VII. Officer Reports

- a. President: Kaylee Otterbacher
- b. Vice President: Molly Davies
 - i. Next week I will promise to hole punch copies!
- c. Chief of Staff: John Becker
 - i. I know president and VP are about to do interviews for candidates for exec team, feel free to discuss with us about positions that we now currently hold.
- d. State Affairs Coordinator: Jacob Schimmel
- e. Local Affairs Coordinator: Brady Gross
 - i. MTU circulator survey distributed. Hopefully next year we'll have details on that for you, with SUFAC.

VIII. RHAC Reports

- a. Next exec team is handling recruiting a second senator for next year's senate.

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Most of you received emails regarding new IDs from me today.

X. Committee Reports

- a. SSB: we didn't meet quorum, however I won't be here so ask questions to Molly or Brittany. We need to approve rec usage and piano tuning for new student center.
- b. JCES: went to chancellor's cabinet about sustainability coordinator funding, and they said that's not a good idea to get funded. They also tried green fund, and got shut down, and can't go to UWL foundation w/o chancellor's approval, so they are looking for answers.
- c. SUFAC: went over bylaws and some changes are pretty important.

XI. Organizational Reports

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1516-054: Resolution Approving Spring 2016 Election Results
 - i. Voted on; passes
- b. SA1516-055: Resolution Supporting Closed Captioning in Classes
 - i. Tashner: all videos played in class are required to have CC to accommodate all types of learners.
 - i. SAPA President, Chantele: Ever had earache and not able to hear? Ever sick and not able to hear video in class? Ever watch a video and not able

to understand? Well students with hearing impairments face this everyday. Many think it will be distracting, but study shows 80% that use CC aren't hard of hearing. Research also shows that those without impairment can heighten learning. Regarding foreign language; there are always exceptions that can be made to fit this law. I would like to say that Madison and Whitewater campus already use this feature, and that I would like to see a more inclusive campus

- ii. Quaschnick: moving to add whereas clause: that reads: **The University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater already have these requirements.**
 1. Voted on; passes
 - iii. Mason: regarding foreign languages, how will it impact the courses that require learning via listening?
 1. Andy Oliver: If the course objective is to learn through listening, then there needs to be a compromise or plan that can be developed to successfully complete those courses.
 - iv. Quaschnick: move to amend therefore be it resolved to add onto the end **"without compromising the course objectives or learning outcomes"**
 1. Voted on; passes
 - v. Patnode: regarding foreign language, there are ways to make captioning in that foreign language. It requires the professor's discretion and knowledge to make the change, however it does make a difference.
 - vi. **(insert name): in favor of striking "to be required" from final clause.**
 1. Brever: I will be voting against this; it is too strongly worded and faculty are unlikely to vote in favor of it.
 2. Rudolph: I agree; I believe faculty senate will think it too strong and not approve it.
 3. Quaschnick; I think required is too strong of a word to be used and that it is going against faculty's discretion and ability, and will think it forthcoming and offensive to their teaching abilities.
 4. Gunaratnam: how do we make sure those videos can be captioned, especially if they don't come with captions.
 5. Tashner: I believe there is a software you can use. Terry?
 - a. Terry: we do caption videos for classes regularly, however sometimes there are mistakes. YouTube claims 98% accuracy, however there are always issues.
 6. Bhatoya; how does faculty usually take to resolutions as strong as this?
 - a. Davies: sometimes it can be difficult, however it always depends who you are dealing with and who it affects.
 - b. Do we get results with these types of proposals?
 - c. For example, the grading scale. It's been a process, and these aren't simple or easy proposals.
 - d. Then I would like to say that we need be more demanding since we haven't gotten what we need.
 7. Fails.
 - vii. Voted on; passes (insert numbers)
- b. SA1516-056: Resolution Supporting A UWL Student Safety Phone Application
- i. *Brever: there was a discussion already tonight, and I think from that discussion we've learned a lot. I have some amendments to the*

document.

- ii. Amendments: Brever/Quashnick
 - I. Add “safety communication package” to title, add “acquire a communication software package dedicated to student safety”
- iii. Steck: I’m a little hesitant since nothing is really solidified. Would it be worth our time to mention something making “Code Red” an opt-out system instead of an opt-in system? We already have it so it wouldn’t cost anything and it would work the same.
- iv. Rudolph: I agree, that’s what I got from Chief McCullough that he just wanted an opt-out system instead of an opt-in. Students downloading the app is not an easy thing to do.
- v. Brever: this could go further than code red and improves communication areas. It’s no longer referring to phone app, but rather just a package. Previously, the app was part of it; it is no longer.
- vi. Floerke: it now points out, this is just stating that we are supporting further research. We can let them research and find something better than code red, and then when it comes back to us in the future we can make that decision.
- vii. Quaschnick: I think it would be a better idea to make code red an opt-out option and that should research it more.
- viii. Mason: I think with these amendments, it will accomplish more of what we previously thought it would accomplish: such as research, and not making a decision.
- ix. Bancker: what is the intent of this resolution now? I’m not sure if this resolution is doing anything. We’re not asking them to do anything more than what they’re already doing, and it doesn’t do anything for us. In addition, this doesn’t have much of a different intent than it did last week.
- x. Brever: in discussions with the Chief, he would like a statement from us to see if students are interested in something like this coming to campus, and so I think this is important to put forth so that a statement is formal.
- xi. Purath: I think is entirely different than the last resolution, and I do not approve more research, but rather changing code-red to an opt-out feature.
- xii. Quaschnick: this is just giving us a seal of approval saying we want them to move forward, which is exactly what they’re looking for. So they know if they should move forward, which will eventually require us to spend money. If we don’t want that, then we don’t approve this. Or we can make Code Red “opt-out”.
- xiii. Mason: I feel like some of us interpreted his words in different ways. With these changes, we eliminate the issues that we had previously, and gives us the option to table it for future discussion. Also, I think that safety communication package; there are separate features that supplements Code Red.
- xiv. Voted on amendment; passes
- xv. Rudolph: Amendment: whereas: UWL Student Association does not believe that a phone application is a necessary part of this software package.

- xvi. Steck: UWL student association wants more constructive criticism and updates on this research.
 - xvii. Bhatoya: it seems as if we're voting on two separate things.
 - xviii. Voted on amendment; passes
 - xix. Move to table for a week. Rudolph/Bhatoya
 - I. Voted on: passes
- c. SA1516-060: Resolution Student Organizations Committee Bylaws
 - i. Mans: *this says we will here grievances as a committee and then make a decision to indulge or refer it to student court.*
 - ii. Steck: I think to make it less bureaucratic we could say that they could go just to the orgs committee instead of to the orgs committee if you want but you can also go to the Student Court.
 - iii. Mason; are we allowed to modify these bylaws, or no because it is a standing document?
 - 1. Allowed to modify.
 - iv. Call to question: Passed
- d. SA1516-061: Resolution Approving Concessions Area Policy
 - i. Mans: *they will be able to reserve the space two times per semester, just another fundraising opportunity for organizations.*
 - ii. Call to question/passed
- e. SA1516-062: Resolution Approving Storage Space Policy
 - i. Voted on: acclimation.
- f. SA1516-063: Resolution Approving the Bylaws of the Joint Sexual Violence Action Committee
 - i. Schimmel: currently committee doesn't have bylaws; this approves creation of, and also brought up in RHAC, since this is a joint committee.
 - 1. Voted on: passes
 - II. SA1415-064: Approving Amendments to Academic Initiatives Differential Allocation Committee (AIDAC) Bylaws
 - i. Voted on: passes
- III. New Business
 - a. SA1516-064: Approving Executive Cabinet Bylaw Changes
 - a. Otterbacher: *the executive cabinet was entirely revamped in the last year, and this year was a test run for those large changes. These changes are simple and minor to tie up some strings.*
 - b. Gross: so you remove interns, however is there a possibility for assistant position?
 - i. Yes; under president's discretion, so not outlined in bylaws if they don't want one as well.
 - b. Mason: do we need to make a clause in resolution to make a change from coordinator to director throughout bylaws?
 - i. Yes, we can.
 - c. SA1516-065: Resolution Approving Student Association President as an additional speaker during UW-L Commencement Ceremonies
 - a. Otterbacher: *requires student governance presence at commencement.*
 - b. Brever: request opinion of chair of _____
 - a. We were in favor of this, however questioning if this is under our jurisdiction to take care of this.
 - c. Steck: from my perspective, it would be under whoever handles the ceremony, such as administration, to contact everyone for order of

- ceremony. Just so that someone from scheduling can contact whoever would be speaking.
- d. Mason: how do you think we want to clarify that they are saying more than just saying “It was a pleasure serving you”.
 - a. Otterbacher: I was envisioning it more as “welcome to commencement on behalf of student body.” And more of a “this is what I’ve seen from my perspective, on behalf of this body” and less so than a personal experience, however it is up to the residing body.
 - e. Mason: I think the vision of the speech would be effective. I also like that it says that it also includes the involvement in second clause of academic affairs.
 - d. SA1516-066: Resolution Approving the Proposed SUFAC Bylaws Amendments
 - a. Ames: 4 areas that we changed; condensed into resolution. Historically it has switched between who has final say on seg fees package, however this one gives power to student senate. Most changes are grammatical changes. Regarding changes in per diems: ups amounts allocated per person, allowing more freedom to have events on campus through student groups.
 - b. Mason: I would say that why change something that isn’t an issue. If there is an issue, then I suggest they bring it forward before making another alteration.
 - c. Ames: per diems: every student org has this allocated somewhere in their budget. This simply raises the amount that students can bring back to be refunded for.
 - e. SA1516-067: Resolution Approving Rules of Procedure Changes
 - a. Tashner/Quaschnick
 - b. *Court Justice: recently we had a case, in which we needed more time to decide on a verdict. Also, it defines more clearly who exactly brings about a case to us, and establishing a procedure for these sort of issues and where they should go to first.*
 - c. Steck: I see vagueness and room for confusion in the wording in regards to student orgs.
 - d. Mans: Student Orgs can basically make suggestions, and so that how it refers to these changes.
 - e. Mason: I have one broad comment; I think all these changes are good, but just a starting point, and that more should be hammered out in the fall semester. For now, these are OK, but need modifications to be made more clear. In regards to the header “original complaints”: should be in regards student orgs bylaws as well as constitution.
 - f. Davies: the main reason that this doesn’t address all relationships is because student court hasn’t been active very much and so there hasn’t been reason until recently to update these bylaws.
 - g. Mason: how does it work if there isn’t a secretary in the room, or if there is just the 2 parties.
 - h. There were our advisors present, as well as it was recorded and everyone stated their name before speaking.
 - f. SA1516-068: Resolution Continuing REC Use for LEHP Program
 - a. Davies (c/a Garcia): Previously passed on a one year trial, and essentially this is to say that it worked well throughout the year.

- g. SA1516-069: Resolution Granting Advanced Approval to Relay for Life Use of the REC
 - a. Schultz/Brever
 - b. *Davies (c/a Garcia): grants early permission for Relay for Life to use rec next year. They need to set a date already. They use it all night, and is then again opened up in the morning.*
 - c. Motion to approve all in consent agenda. Quaschnick/Schultz.
 - d. Acclimation. Put into consent agenda for next week.
- h. SA1516-070: Resolution Approving the Plans for the New Student Center's Recreation Area and Commuter Lounge's Furniture and Game Choices
 - a. Mans/Tashner
 - b. Davies (c/a Garcia): Plans in new student center.
- i. SA1516-071: Resolution Regarding Timely Grading
 - a. Steck/Gunaratnam
 - b. *Mason: this is regarding long period of time between turning something in and receiving a grade on it.*
 - c. Motion to Strike first line. Let it read "there have been students experiencing.." Mason/Garcia
 - d. Voted on; passes
 - e. Bancker: after speaking with a professor on faculty, she had said it felt like a slap in the face and offensive. Although the intent is good, it may send the wrong message when in formal writing.
 - f. Floerke: in my opinion, this comes up often. If they get mad about it, they can't do much about it. Either they're going to change it or they're not.
 - g. Patnode: this is a major problem, and this is a good way to bring it to the table in a united fashion with wording that can be as nice as possible.
 - h. Bancker: not that either the previously stated professor or myself is against this proposal, however it would be much more effective to go directly to the professor or to the department head. Those professors that are taking a long time are not likely to respond to this well. It doesn't seem very effective to go about "punishing" the whole department.
 - i. Brever: I believe it is our obligation to go about this in the way that our students that we represent want, and that if this is generally a large problem, we should do our duty to do something about it.
 - j. Steck: this doesn't cost us money, or much effort, and it does make a statement, which is our job as senators.
 - k. Gietzen: I think it is our job to hold professors accountable, however we need to be careful as to not insult professors for their hard work. We should be careful not to create any bad words between us.
 - l. Mason: the point of this was to snowball some sort of discussion, and to bring to the forefront of professors minds when they see it. After talking to department heads, they seem to be some sort of issue in every department relative to this topic. This is to help those students who are not confident enough to approach a professor who isn't timely. I'm hoping to have brief discussion with faculty senate tomorrow as well.
 - m. Gunaratnam; this is a concern that I had personally, in addition to many of constituents in multiple classes. Some students don't feel comfortable going to some professors, and they may not think of it as a big enough issue.
 - n. Floerke: if we make this position now, those students need to be able to address their professors. Interpersonal skills is essential to college students.

j. SA1516-072: Resolution Approving the Bylaws of the Academic Affairs
a. *Bentdahl: regarding the stricken line from academic affairs office, because those reports never happen. Regarding academic staff, we put director of university of student centers instead of dean of students, which is questionable. It seems like Larry deals with it more. Regarding our meetings, the current time is not accurate and changes left it up to president's discretion.*

k. Committee SA1516-073: Resolution Supporting Service Animal Policy
a. *Davies: basically approves service animal policy, based on speech from guest speaker earlier.*
b. *Steck: There are some sort of guidelines, and it needs to be a service animals certified.*
c. *Mason: move to close discussion. /majority*

l. [group of policies]

a. *Quaschnick: amendment regarding alcohol policy; changing wristband requirements depending on location, size of events, etc. up to discretion to admin of student center.*

b. *Larry: alcohol makes it complicated. We have a state tax stamp. The problem is the day-to-day sales, and not so much the events. It's a part of our campus to have responsible use of alcohol, so I don't think we should eliminate it. We are going to talk to more universities to get answers.*

c. *Brever: who provides it? Chartwells?*

d. *Yes. They are designated because of liability insurance and such. We would like local places, however we need to work out those details.*

e. *Mason: I like the wristband ideas, and it doesn't seem outrageously expensive.*

f. *Mans: could this be associated with student ids? Such as a swipe. This eliminates fakes and such.*

g. *Ames: regarding the decoration policy, latex balloons?*

h. *Yes; because simply being around it could be deathly for those who have allergies.*

IV. Discussion

a. Name for room in New student Center

i. *Rise, Summit, or Cliff are on the table now. Let her know for any new suggestions.*

ii. *Template for removal of officers, etc. to be inputted into bylaws.*

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment