



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

Date: **December 2nd, 2015**

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

- I. Call to Order 6:03 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
  - b. Approval of minutes
    - i. Steck/Garcia
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Smit Owen- Speaking on behalf of Global Brigades. This is a student ran, self-profit bringing medical supplies and assistance to Honduras. Info meeting Thursday at 7:30.
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
  - a. President: Kaylee Otterbacher
    - i. Reps meets next Saturday. Looking for students to attend Leadershape over spring break.
  - b. Vice President: Molly Davies
    - i. Lots on the agenda tonight! Try to be concise and to the point so we can move the meeting along.
  - c. Chief of Staff: John Becker
  - d. Chief of Staff to the Vice President: Kate Laird
    - i. Thanks for all of you who came to Slices with the Senators, let me know if there's any feedback to make it run smoother or be more effective. Student feedback, as far as things we can do on campus, was very helpful! I'll let you know what things we can possibly work on. Also, you need to show up to your office hours. It is *not* OK to skip.
  - e. State Affairs Coordinator: Jacob Schimmel
    - i. Legislative Affairs convened again and it sounds like next semester we're going to try to find some legislators to come and talk. Look for reports regarding that next semester.
  - f. Local Affairs Coordinator: Brady Gross
    - i. Goosetown has money to spend, and we need to decide what to do with that. Meetings tomorrow and next Wednesday in Centennial Conference Rooms to work that out. All neighborhood association meeting on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:45-? In Myrick Center. Free pizza! Let me know if you want to come with me.
  - g. Inclusivity Coordinator: Ayush Shrestha
    - i. Absent
- VIII. RHAC Reports
  - a. Friday is winter formal! Tickets can be bought at the door or in your res hall.
- IX. Advisor Reports
- X. Committee Reports
  - a. Schimmel: ADAC met on Tuesday to approve budget. It passed unanimously, as it was presented to the Student Senate last week.

- b. Garcias: SS & B met and discussed games to go into new student enter. Foosball & air hockey? Ping-pong table maybe? Also discussed volleyball club team and their usage of the rec on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> to host a tournament.
- c. Ames: SUFAC met last Monday to approve Green Fund request that we will discuss later tonight, regarding replacing football stadium lights with lower wattage bulbs. JCS didn't find it appropriate, because the bulbs were too expensive to replace and they wouldn't save enough for us in the long run. Tonight we'll also be discussing Segregated Fees. Over the years, it has generally been increasing. This year SUFAC is proposing the rate comes from the reserves for SUFAC funded entities to control the rate. Because we did this, it will only increase rates by around \$1.70. (Continued to discuss the process SUFAC goes through while forming/passing a budget for entities funded by them for the fiscal year.)

#### XI. Organizational Reports

- a. Sonder, writing group on campus. If you're a writer, let me know if you want to help out. Also, fashion show next semester. If you want to help set up or be in it, also let me know!

#### XII. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1516-023: Resolution Proposing an Extended Drop Date for Fall and Spring Semester Classes
  - i. Eidenschink/Mans
  - ii. *We're looking to move the date that students can drop out of classes to 10-14 days to give them more time to make a final decision.*
  - iii. Approved unanimously, no abstentions
- b. SA1516-025: Resolution Recommending Larger Cereal Bowls at Whitney Center
  - i. Garcia/Ames
  - ii. Ames: There was talk of tabling this indefinitely. Is there a point to this resolution?
    - 1. Yes, I called to question
  - iii. Rudolph: *Motion to table this indefinitely. I see no valid reason to pass this.*
    - a. Mason: Why would we table this indefinitely? Why not just call to question and vote it down.
    - b. Ames: I don't see why we would vote on this, it would make us look bad.
    - c. Voted: motion to table indefinitely failed
  - iv. Bennett: I move to refer to service & buildings committee
    - 1. Steck: Weren't the author's questions answered last time we met? Author, hasn't the concerns of this resolution already been addressed?
      - a. Brever: Yes, the concerns were addressed, however they weren't resolved. I don't see the harm in still asking for larger bowls.
      - b. Voted on: failed
    - v. Voted on: Resolution passes
- c. SA1516-026: Resolution Approving Fall 2015 Green Fund Request, Zimride Rideshare Program.
- d. SA1516-027: Resolution Approving Fall 2015 Green Fund Request, Vermicomposting Program.

- e. SA1516-028: Resolution Approving Fall 2015 Green Fund Request, Recreational Sports Department Solar Light Towers.
  - f. SA1516-029: Resolution Approving Fall 2015 Green Fund Request, Recreational Eagle Center Low Flow Showerheads
    - i. Move to package
    - ii. Voting as a package: all resolutions pass, 1 abstention
- XIII. New Business
- a. SA1516-030: Resolution Approving the Student Organizations Committee Adviser Limit Policy
    - i. *This is a revised version of the resolution that was previously presented last time we met. We welcome any and all questions.*
    - ii. Razidlo: Author, did you or any committee talk to advisors that are involved with overseeing more than one committee?
      - 1. Purath: I believe our co-chair did, yes.
    - iii. Razdilo: I was speaking with NASA's advisor this week. They oversee 1-2 committees currently and they said they had to talk to someone to do just that, and if they already need to be approved to do more than one, then I feel this might be just an additional hoop to jump through. If that's the case I don't feel that this is necessary.
    - iv. Brever: Author, what is "exhausting all other options" entail? When will you hear that appealed?
      - 1. Purath: The committee agreed to putting it at a limit of 2 because we do understand that that would take a lot of time out of their day to do more.
    - v. Bhatoya: This seems like a time for us to say no on behalf of the advisors. It's a backup plan for them to fallback on. This resolution seems silly for us to approve if its just that.
    - vi. Steck: I understand the idea behind this, that every student organization wants their own advisor to be specific to them, however I feel this policy punishes advisors & students involved in multiple organizations at their expense. It also entails that the other faculty members aren't taking on responsibilities that maybe they should be considering.
    - vii. Rudolpoh: I think this is possibly going to limit students from creating new student orgs. If anything limits students from creating a voice on campus, then I don't think it should be implemented. I don't think more rules should be created that aren't necessary.
    - viii. *The intent behind this resolution is to maintain that all orgs follow the rules. The problem has been aroused by advisors not following the rules, and having to be dissolved as a result.*
    - ix. Brever: I see good merit to this, and even the Provost said she was too nice to say no. It could help faculty members like her in the future.
  - b. SA1516-031: Resolution Supporting the Indigenous Land Recognition Policy
    - i. Sparks/Schultz
    - ii. *Razidlo: This regards a resolution that NASA and others have been working on all semester. The reason to have this in place is to bring more visibility to indigenous peoples and to bring more recognition. To start larger conversation; this is very important to NASA. If our campus is all about diversity & inclusion, then recognition for indigenous people is important and a great way to reinforce values we have on campus*

- iii. *Steck: We want to see this read before large events because it's respectful and a larger part of our commitment to diversity. Subgroups of JMAC work on this together and we think this is a no-brainer; a solid & good thing to do.*
- iv. Mason: I like the intent behind this resolution. Author, what is "a UW-L sponsored event?"
  - 1. Steck: JMAC & I are working on that right now. We're going to discuss those details. The big ones would be sporting events, and possibly tournaments. We're not going to make your student org president say this before their meetings, but rather largely publicized events.
- v. Mason: I wouldn't be comfortable passing this until that is stated in this resolution, because that could be interpreted many different ways.
- c. SA1516-032: Resolution Approving FY16 Allocated Budget Amount and Segregated Fee Rate
  - i. Tashner/Gustafson
  - ii. *Ames: This is the general resolution to approve the fiscal year 2017 budget. I presented on it already, so let me know about concerns on individual lines, and committee recommendations.*
  - iii. Purath: I don't see why the rate is going up. I don't understand the requirement for increase.
    - 1. Ames: There were specific reasons for increase, such as sports teams that had variable fees that go up yearly, and those all seemed justified.
  - iv. Floerke: Looking at the previous years there is always an increase; is there ever going to be a time there's not going to be an increase.
    - 1. Ames: If you look at inflation rising around 2.5% per year, then yes, I would say that it would go up every year.
  - v. Garcia: What is LGBT's 40% increase for?
    - 1. Ames: That is a typo- it is more around 20% increase. They said they needed increases for increased popularity throughout the year. When they presented to us, they had proved that they had worked to decrease budgets in previous years and have done a lot of self-fundraising, and felt that they were really indeed need of an increase.
  - vi. Purath: Is the amount here the same one in the presentaiton?
    - 1. Ames: That is a typo as well. I just received these numbers today, and didn't have time to fully look over. It should read \$95.39.
- d. SA1516-033: Resolution Recognizing the Confederate Flag as a Symbol of Hate
  - i. Schultz/Brever
  - ii. *Gunaratnam: This resolution talks about the confederate flag and how it represents hate. We do want to acknowledge that it is a symbol of hate in multiple ways. We want to affirm that we don't condone showing of the flag on campus.*
  - iii. Steck: We should be talking about this, and we are allowed to voice our concerns about representations that affect us on campus.
  - iv. Bhatoya: Was the symbol directed at a person, organization or group?
  - v. Purath: I have concerns with the first THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED clause because I don't see how we can approve that UW-L doesn't condone it, because it's not our place to take that stance.
    - 1. Steck: That is a typo. It should read UW-L Student Association.
- e. SA1516-034: Resolution to Amend the UW-L Student Association Constitution with Gender Inclusive Language
  - i. *Brever: This is to amend the constitution to remove he/she him/her and replace with them/their. This year we've spoken a lot about inclusivity and this would*

*assist progress of that. RHAC amended their constitution 3-4 years ago already to do this and we should catch up.*

- f. SA1516-035: Resolution Approving Fall 2015 Green Fund Request, Veterans Memorial Stadium transition from 32W to 25W halogen lamps
  - i. Garcia/Tashner
  - ii. Ames: *This is regarding the resolution replacing the lamps. This is interesting because the bulbs don't need to be replaced right now, so we'd be wasting the money on something that eventually will be done anyways. Also it conflicts with green fund's intents because we're replacing mercury bulbs with more mercury bulbs, which are not ecofriendly.*

XIV. Announcements

XV. Adjournment

## STUDENT SENATE ATTENDANCE 12/02/15

<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Almazrou	Yousef	
Ames	Jeremy	
Anderson	Allison	x
Banker	Blaine	
Bennett	James	
Bentdahl	Madison	
Bhatoya	Aaron	
Brever	Patrick	
Eidenschink	Matthew	
Faust	Alexander	
Floerke	Weston	
Garcia	Spenser	
Gunaratnam	Alfonso	
Gustafson (gustifsin)	Allison	
Hackett	Kayley	
Hayward	Paige	
Hungness	Dana	/
Johnson	Zackariah	
Mason	Lauren	
Mans	Emily	
McAdory	Serina	
McLoughlin	William	
Nicholson	Matthew	
Purath	Anicka	
Quaschnick	Andrew	
Razidlo	Anna	
Rudolph	Chris	
Schultz	Thomas	
Sparks	Jacob	
Steck	Rebecca	
Tashner	Brittany	
Tatum	Jasmin	x
Yakes	Alissa	x
Yang	Gaozie Vang	