



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **March 30<sup>th</sup> 2016**

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
  - b. Approval of minutes  
Eidenschink/Gustafson
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
  - a. Jenny: One of the co-chairs of NASA, who will be introducing indigenous land policy tonight. Has been going around to different student orgs who have been showing overwhelming support for the resolution. NASA has done a lot of work to solidify wording and making the document acceptable. This is something the school could be proud of and celebrate as it honors land and people. Puts our school at the forefront of UW system to acknowledge multicultural and indigenous people. I want you to really take a look at this tonight and appreciate all the work we've put into this.
- VII. Officer Reports
  - a. President: Kaylee Otterbacher
    - i. We need helpers for election day on Tuesday. Make sure your constituents know how to register and which documents they need; they do need photo id. Those without WI ID need to go to room 223 and get an id card.
      1. Ames: if I need to get an id card from room 223, what do I need to bring?
        - a. Otterbacher: Some official id- current student id or driver's license.
      2. Patnode: is that where you get your meal plans?
        - a. Otterbacher: Yes
      3. If I was carrying voter forms around, and I wanted to register someone to vote on Election Day, can I turn those sheets in on that day?
        - a. Otterbacher: Yes; we believe so
        - b. Steck: I don't think it wouldn't be allowed because of the black out period. If you're already registered your name will be in a giant book or in the sheets right in front of them. I would think they would need to do it at the polls.
    - ii. Molly and I met with committee of academic standards. It didn't go as well as I'd hoped; it seems like it won't get dealt with until next year. I push anyone who is in senate next year to make that a priority. I'll be forwarding you more information on the open forums for the higher accreditation committees coming to campus.
  - b. Vice President: Molly Davies
    - i. Keep getting resolutions to me! Only 5 meetings left in this senate; keep working hard in your committees. Elections are on the 12<sup>th</sup>; we met with candidates for senate seats last night, and presidential candidates the previous week. We want

everyone to be set up for next year and get everyone excited!

- c. Chief of Staff: John Becker
  - i. Doesn't look there are super contested races this year. Once elections are over, try to get as many people to apply for those appointed seats as possible, or as write-ins.
- d. State Affairs Coordinator: Jacob Schimmel
  - i. Legislative session has shut down; college affordability bill mostly passed. The only piece that didn't pass was the tax deduction part, which allowed those who accumulated more than \$2,500 in interest on student debt to receive a tax deduction. It was lobbied against by us, per what we passed in senate.
- e. Local Affairs Coordinator: Brady Gross
  - i. Just wanted to inform you that memorial pool is closing. I'm not sure if there are plans to create a new pool. There is a meeting April 21st in the case that you want to push back on the closing.
- f. Inclusivity Coordinator: Ayush Shrestha

#### VIII. RHAC Reports

#### IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry: UWL is going to start re-carding everyone on campus. Because the Mastercard logo is posing a problem with federal regulations, so around April 13<sup>th</sup> our goal is to start issuing those. The goal is to have all students and faculty re-carded before we leave in May. We'll also be working to get preferred names on those cards. The new cards will be at no cost to students or staff. The tour for the new student center is schedule for April 1<sup>st</sup> for 12:25 for a few of you in here!
  - i. Will those be compliant with the new voting laws?
    1. Yes; it will say issued in states, and an expiration date for voters.

#### X. Committee Reports

- a. CAPS: Regarding Kaylee's mentioning of the new grading policy: as a member on this committee, I know that they want more research done, and they are making a subcommittee to get that research done. Provost Morgan and Tim \_\_\_\_ is working on academic probation for students and making it less scary and more constructive to encourage students to get out of probation. One of the main duties of CAPS is to deal with appeals, and currently there is no written record of what happens after the student has a decision made against them.
- b. SSB: All the green funds were forwarded to SUFAC
- c. New Student Center Furniture Committee: In 3 weeks, after making some decisions, we're going to come to senate with a presentation and then bring it back with the committee and make decisions.
- d. SUFAC: Has been working on MTU GO circulator program. It's currently funded through December of this year, but if the city decides to cut it, which could or could not be a possibility, it will not be in circulation for spring semester. A task force has been formed for the Racquet, to implement a plan for them in the following year. We were given a briefing on the seg fee package. Would you guys interested in that? I can give a presentation next week. (Yes.) Significant increase for fees: \$258 ish. Largely because of New Student Center and other new buildings on campus.
  - i. Becker: at the meeting, our power is limited if we want to save money on the route. It's a package deal, with an unlimited fee for all the offers of the bus system. The idea to save money is to change the time it ends, but the effect on campus would be very detrimental. For the city, if they changed intervals from 10 minutes to 30 minutes, they weren't sure it would be a good route for them. Their ridership numbers seemed good, but that's with busses coming around every 10 minutes, and no 30 minutes.

- e. Park and Appeals: if you've got an on campus parking ticket, submit that soon! Also alternate street parking ends tomorrow!

XI. Organizational Reports

- a. Pride Center has Drag Show tickets on sale!
- b. April 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Autism Awareness day and the Clock Tower will be lit up blue in honor of that on March 31<sup>st</sup>. games, pizza, candy, etc. will be there to create awareness.

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

- a. SA1516-048: Resolution Reaffirming a UW-L Value

- i. Gustafson/Schultz

- ii. Almazrou: *This is a statement that the provost will say at one of the Social Justice Week events next week and that either the provost or the chancellor will say to the general body of students. We're working to get approval for all bodies to approve.*

- iii. Almazrou: I move to suspend the two week rule./ Garcia

- 1. Floerke: Are the other governance bodies suspending the 2 week rule as well?

- 2. Almazrou: Faculty Senate cancelled their meeting. Academic did approve it. University asked us to come to their next meeting, but we're not sure when that is.

- 3. Floerke: do you think they'll vote on this next week?

- 4. Almazrou: whenever their next meeting is, which is not clear right now.

- 5. Mason: Faculty senate meets tomorrow, and it doesn't have this on their agenda. Do you want me to add it on there or talk to someone?

- a. Almazrou: there seems to be some miscommunication, so I'm not sure. I don't have clear answers from the professors I've been working with.

- 6. Steck: I think we should suspend the 2 week rule for this, and normally I am not for the suspension of the 2 week rule.

- 7. Voted on: 18:1:0; passes

- iv. Steck: I printed off a few things about UWL's mission and core values, and one of them is multiculturalism. I don't think we can be whole while rejecting one of our parts, I think everyone deserves to feel welcome on this campus.

- v. Brever: I will be supporting this tonight, however I have a question for the author. How do you plan on making this known?

- 1. Almazrou: there is supposed to be an email sent to all students. The provost will also say this in front of an event next week. I'm not sure if there will be a press release, however generally those emails to students eventually get back to the press somehow.

- 2. Voted on: 18:1:0; passes

- b. SA1516-049: Resolution Supporting the Indigenous Land Recognition Policy

- i. Garcia/Brever

- ii. Steck: *This is the indigenous land recognition policy. I know we had a guest stand up and tell us why it's important. This body is picky about*

*when and where this would be read, so that has been solidified. I would like to reiterate that UWL has an emphasis on diversity and inclusivity. [reads segment from diversity page of UWL]this lends well to the statement here.*

- iii. Given: *It is important to educate ourselves on whose land this is and to acknowledge where it has come from, and honors all indigenous peoples, not just the Ho Chunk. I think if this resolution gets passed, UWL should be very proud. It puts UWL at the forefront of the UW system for recognition and honor of indigenous peoples. This is a great opportunity to respect people and respect the differences between us, and values that may not be our own.*
  - iv. Steck: I move to make an amendment: **At the beginning of events sponsored by CAB predetermined with NASA.** / Garcia
    - 1. Steck: NASA has been working hard to get sponsorship for this bill. A couple members of CAB were concerned with when and where this would fit in with their events, so they decided to sit down and figure out together which events those would be. This leaves the decision up to CAB and NASA.
    - 2. Given: Speaking on the time frame of the statement, it would be short and simple. Shorter than the pledge of allegiance and means more than what words could respect.
    - 3. Voted on; passes
  - v. Mason: Did you go to any orgs that weren't in support?
    - 1. Given: CAB was the only one who had any question of support, which we eventually discussed with exec members.
  - vi. Mason: the only concern I've heard was the word "celebrate" being used. Some students feel that being asked time to celebrate is the wrong word for a culture that isn't theirs, and is different than respect. I know it's nit-picky, but I figured I should bring it up.
    - 1. Steck: Not being a member of NASA, I don't think I have the right to determine that answer, so I would say we should hold off and let it go back to NASA to make a decision.
  - vii. Patnode: I didn't see Pride Center in the support on the resolution, but we are all behind this, as we represent around 200 students.
  - viii. Garcia: Do we want to also put the Rec on there because mostly large speakers go there to speak?
  - ix. Garcia: I move to amend document: **Add the Rec as a place where the statement should be read.**
    - 1. Voted on; passes
- c. SA1516-050: Resolution Requesting One Non-binding Referendum on the April 12 Student Election Ballot
- i. Eidenschinck/Hackett
  - ii. Brever: *This is a great way to get student opinion on the issue that was brought up in senate last semester of creating an app for student safety off and on campus. I would like this added to the april12th ballot.*

- iii. Mason: I think this is great; I'm excited to see it. I'll be voting yes for it ,  
and I'm glad we'll be getting more involved with chief of police.
- iv. Steck: this is great; where would the funding for the app coming from?

- XIV. Discussion
  - a. Student Center Furniture
  - b. Senate Goals
- XV. Announcements
- XVI. Adjournment

Student Senate Attendance  
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<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	
Almazrou	Yousef	
Ames	Jeremy	
Anderson	Allison	x
Banker	Blaine	
Bennett	James	x
Bentdahl	Madison	x
Bhatoya	Aaron	x
Brever	Patrick	
Eidenschink	Matthew	
Faust	Alexander	
Floerke	Weston	
Garcia	Spenser	
Geitzen	Max	x
Given	Jori	
Gunaratnam	Alfonso	x
Gustafson (gustifsin)	Allison	
Hackett	Kayley	
Hungness	Dana	
Humphrey-Anderson	Allison	x
Mason	Lauren	
Mans	Emily	x
McLoughlin	William	x
Nicholson	Matthew	x
Patnode	Frank (Donald)	
Pigmentel	Vania	x
Purath	Anicka	x
Quaschnick	Andrew	x
Rudolph	Chris	x
Schultz	Thomas	
Sparks	Jacob	
Steck	Rebecca	
Tashner	Brittany	x
Tatum	Jasmin	
Weyker	Ryan	
Yang	Gaozie Vang	