



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: November 18th, 2015

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:04 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - i. Steck/ Eidenshinck
 - b. Approval of minutes
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Joe Klinge- Vermicompost
 - i. Joe is from Hillview Mission, which is a nonprofit organization working endorse a healthy food-accessible community. Works to prevent food from going into landfills, and converting it into fertilizer through the use of a “vermicompost”- a large composting bin with tons of worms inside working to break down the scraps inside. Recently began working with Mayo Health System, and continuing to work with UW-L campus by working with students as interns a well as decomposing waste from Whitney Hall. Looking for \$13,500 for both 2016 & 2017.
 - b. Jacob Schiammas- GENA
 - i. If you live on campus or west, you live in Goosetown. Anything east & south of campus, is Grandview-Emerson. These Neighborhood Associations are the ones we live in, and focus to improve our living environments. Opportunities include creating safer pedestrian crosswalks, improve trails in Myrick, and several parks within the neighborhood.
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Kaylee Otterbacher
 - i. Joint planning & budget meeting this afternoon, 4.5% increase in tuition for grad students & non-residents. SUFAC approved the Student Association budget. We're going to talk about using referendums or if they're needed and alternatives. Reps took place this past weekend where we had a lot of discussion, and elected two officers. Students were impressed with our survey on concealed carry, and want to do similar things in their own campuses. We're also looking for students to attend Leadership, preferably freshmen or sophomores. Let Kaylee know!
 - b. Vice President: Molly Davies
 - i. We need students to attend the event with Michael Sam as well as the lunch with UW System Learning Technology Development and OPID units on Nov. 30th. Also would like to have a discussion about how we can make this body more welcoming & inclusive. We will have the inclusivity training in December. I'm also happy to see students using their voice on campus.
 - c. Chief of Staff: John Becker

- d. Chief of Staff to the Vice President: Kate Laird
 - i. Slices with the Senators is on Monday from 11-2pm in Hall of Nations of Centennial. If anyone has office hours during that time, you can use this event in place.
- e. State Affairs Coordinator: Jacob Schimmel
 - i. I would like to see one more committee hearing before we go out and lobby for Concealed Carry. We met with Legislative affairs, where we elected chair, vice chair, and secretary, and we're going to be meeting hopefully twice a month. Regarding, AIDAC budget:
- 1. AIDAC is a committee that funds 10 different departments at UWL. Students have agreed to fund some additional programs and services thru the academic initiative program that felt were needed on campus for things such as advising, research, internationalization, diversity, that can be funded through this budget. Criteria for funding includes accessibility, responsibility, participation, contribution to diversity, fees/volunteering, value, quality of services, uniqueness, history of stability. In August AIDAC receives Annual Reports from entities. In September committee is trained, and in October budgets and budget narrative sent to committee for review, which then for 3 weeks are presented. In November there are deliberated by committees for 3 weeks, and then in December the final budget is due to the Chancellor. AIDAC has access to around \$1.3 million that comes from differential tuition. Currently, it has been frozen at its current rate by the Board of Regents, which comes out to about \$500 per student.

The way that this budget is used, compared to larger bodies of government, is that we need to balance this budget every year no matter what; there is not way around it. This year, we have about \$1.38 to spend, and about \$1.483 million was requested; this means we are forced to make cuts in some ways. Some entities have fringe benefits that are for paid positions that AIDAC has absolutely no control over, so that's why you might see an increase for some.

- To begin with: the Learning Center. They have been growing immensely over the years, by the far the most out of all the entities. They have requested \$190K, roughly, and have been approved for \$159K.
- The ACCESS center increased their funding because of other budget cuts, and their testing coordinator position's pay was cut, so our budget picked it up because that position is so crucial. This isn't a new position; just covering for a would-be lost position. It was approved for \$45,791.
- The Academic Advising Center was approved for \$360K, \$5K less than what they asked for, where 2 out of the 5 student-advising positions were cut. AIDAC's concern was for their productivity and was a little uncomfortable allocating other students to be a part of the advising process.
- Campus Climate had to reduce the \$253K proposed to \$228K. They cut the position there because it isn't essential, but rather a place for growth that simply can't be accommodated for this year. The allocated amount increased from last year because of the increase in fringe benefits.
- Admissions allocation was increased, again, because of fringe benefits, where they increased to \$73K from \$72K. We didn't make any cuts here because we thought it was essential to bring in students from other places and attract them to the UWL campus.
- The Violence Prevention Office asked for less, so that's something that's always nice to see. They were allocated for \$24K rather than \$25K.
- The Office of International Education was approved for \$170K rather than the \$184K they asked for. This was allocated by making the Scholarships more

competitive. On a positive note, they improved their productivity this year by increasing the amount of Int'l students brought here onto campus.

- The library increased roughly \$10K because of a new database mainly intended for research. There wasn't much room to work with on this, so we had no choice but to fund them now \$153K.
- Undergraduate Research was cut by \$25K with hopes that the money allocated by the SA would make up for it.
- Graduate Research was cut a little to make it a little more competitive in terms of grants, so \$4K was cut putting them at \$51K.

This is our final idea, however this is not our final vote. That isn't until after Thanksgiving.

Now, we are asking your thoughts and for your feedback.

- a. Gross: \$198K roughly was allocated to MLC in total through SA & AIDAC, which sums up about \$6K over what they asked for. Maybe that's something to look into?
- b. Almazrou: How much of the money from IE goes to scholarships?
 - i. Schimmel: (thinking...) \$110,000 goes toward scholarships for Int'l students to come here and \$70K goes for scholarships for study abroad.
- c. Almazrou: I think, as the SA, we should look at what IE spends this year and how that can be altered for next year, because I've been hearing that there haven't even been applicants for some scholarships.

f. Local Affairs Coordinator: Brady Gross

- i. More cuts and improvements are being looked into for the Transit System. Currently finding more info from other universities. Also looking into what else we can do to improve Goosetown.

g. Inclusivity Coordinator: Ayush Shrestha

VIII. RHAC Reports

- a. Brever: We've divided the legislators and executives in WI to the senators so that they have 4-5 each to give their feedback to and ask their opinions to get as much input as possible.

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry comes back next week! And sadly, John is leaving us for UW-Oshkosh. We appreciate everything he has done for us!

X. Committee Reports

- a. Multicultural Affairs: Steck: We'll be coming to senate next week looking for support on a statement that will be read before any large student-led events. We're looking at payment plans for students so that problems are reduced regarding minimum fees that are blocking int'l students from registering.
- b. SUFAC: Ames: We discussed the budget and will make a decision within 2 weeks. We went over Green Fund requests applications. In addition to the vermicomposter, there are showerheads for the REC, and the Zimride program.
 - i. The Zimride program is comparable to the Facebook Rideshare page. SUFAC chose not to fund it, because FB works so efficiently already.
 - ii. The REC is requesting the implementation of showerheads that have already been in place in the Res Halls that reduces usage of water by 40%. SUFAC approved this request in full.
 - iii. The Green Fund submits applications to SUFAC, and works to promote ideas of environmental sustainability. This year, Green Fund is able to be allocated \$110K. What that cannot fund includes staff positions, which is what the Vermicomposter proposal is mainly asking for. We did approve the request for the line items that did not include staffing positions, which includes material costs & Student Stipends (\$2,150).

- iv. Two solar light towers for REC sports were approved for a total of \$37,600. The space for sports clubs to practice is limited because of available light. 4 total have been paid for, but only 2 will be sponsored through Green Fund. These are essential because permanent lighting is not feasible due to the practice field being located on a floodplain. Facilities will be working with facilitating the usage and upkeep of the solar light towers.

XI. Organizational Reports

- a. McAdory: IOPA is having a fundraiser tomorrow at the clock tower selling Caramel Apples!

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1516-019: Resolution Supporting AB 430 and Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Advocates

- i. Gustafason/Bhatoya
- ii. *Brever: Assembly Bill 430 addresses sexual assault, and would allow victims of sexual assault to have an advocate throughout the entire process, versus just in specific parts.*

- 1. Voted: Passes, no abstention

- b. SA1516-020: Resolution to Limit Faculty Involvement in Organizations

- i. Ames/Faust
- ii. Purath: *A resolution that seeks to revise the terms of Student Org advisors.*
- iii. Steck: Are organizations required to have advisors, and if they can't find one, does that restrict them to function?
 - 1. Yes, it is required they have one. If they don't have an advisor, they cannot achieve student org advisors.
- iv. Steck: I think that this could possibly turn current or future faculty members away from wanting to advise.
- v. Floerke: Let's say 1 advisor is advising 2 committees, this is stating that that member isn't allowed to do that?
 - 1. No, it's saying the faculty member can oversee 2 committees.
- vi. Purath: Hired and paid advising positions are exempt from this resolution.
- vii. Bennett: So if you're starting a new student org, and you can't find a new available advisor, then what happens?
 - 1. Purath: We would help them with that process, or possibly setting something up so that they can get an override. We don't want students to not be able to assemble on campus.
- viii. Bennett: I'm a little unsure because I think this may limit students from wanting to create new student orgs.
- ix. Yakes: I think that we should be looking at the broader issue here, which may be the steps to starting a new student organization, and looking at the common issue here, which may be what happens next when it's not possible?
- x. John: I just want to mention that we have 180 student orgs and 1000 faculty staff members.
- xi. Almazrou: Can you have a staff advisor or does it have to be a faculty advisor?
 - 1. John: It's faculty or staff.
- xii. Almazrou: In my org, we have 2 faculty overseers, and they oversee *everything*, and in many different student orgs. I think this is very good and could be quite beneficial to put a limit on faculty members.
- xiii. Razidlo: I want to bring up an issue brought up by other senators as well, regarding cultural & minority student organizations. They need advisors that, if not share the identity of the org, at least have passion and knowledge for the purposes of the organization. These orgs can't just have *any* advising member, so

- I would like to see an exception for these types of groups or an override opportunity.
- xiv. Quaschnick: So this would affect 8 current orgs, have they been warned they need a new advisor?
 - 1. Purath: This is only for here on out, not for current groups.
 - xv. Garcia: Is this something that could be brought up in Student Court?
 - 1. Otterbacher: Probably not, unless a student felt that it needed to be. I don't think that it would necessarily question its constitutionality.
 - xvi. Mans: They are going to create paperwork that faculty members would have to fill out in order to oversee more than two organizations.
 - xvii. Steck: If the paperwork is then allowed, then I think that undermines the focus of the resolution.
 - xviii. Davies: Motion to refer back to committee
 - 1. Voted: Passes, no abstentions

XIII. New Business

- a. SA1516-022: Resolution Requesting REC Use for LEHP Program
 - i. Garcia/Tashner
 - ii. Garcia: *“La Crosse Exercise Help Program” which helps students to gain relevant experience in the therapy programs. Often times they have to change locations, up to 8 times per year. Many elderly participants, many with Alzheimer’s and Dementia, and they may be get as little as 1 day notice to changing of locations due to varying issues around campus. We would like to approve them a semester, for Spring 2016, because they already use it for a few months of that time. If that goes well, they will be allowed more time in the future.*
 - iii. Brever: Move to suspend two-week rule. *They’re hoping to let this be implanted by January 1, so whether or not we approve or not, we want to give them the time to figure out another option based on what we decide.*
 - 1. Voted on: passes, 2 abstentions
 - iv. Eidenshinck: Giving a student athlete perspective that uses the field house as the same time as LEHP, it can sometimes be dangerous because there’s so much activity through various orgs. It can get to be a mess especially due to scheduling. Moving them to a less-busy time in the Rec can be very beneficial to all programs.
 - v. Almazrou: Given the time they are requesting, from 9-11am, is not a busy time, so I shouldn’t see that being an issue
 - 1. Voted On: Passes: no abstentions
- b. SA1516-023: Resolution Proposing an Extended Drop Date for Fall and Spring Semester Classes
 - i. Tashner/Schultz
 - ii. Bentdahl: *Academic Affairs has done some research and seeing that students have 5 days to drop a class without seeing a “W” on their transcript. The biggest issue comes for night classes, where some students only have the one class to decide if they want to stay. Although a “W” may not be the biggest issue, however it can be an issue.*
 - iii. Steck: I’ve seen this issue with friends who have to take a placement test, and they have to wait a week to get the results and that affects if they can drop or not.

- c. SA1516-024: Resolution Urging the State of Wisconsin to Ban Private Contracting Firms and their Employees from Bringing or Displaying the Confederate Flag on UW Campuses
- i. Garcia/Eidenschinck
 - ii. Brever: *As I'm sure you've heard about, there was a confederate flag on the truck of the contractor's construction worker. From my understanding, we don't have the authority to force them to remove the flag, however we may ask them to. We must go through the state who must talk to the contractor.*
 - iii. Gunaratnam: *I just want to clarify that this is just a suggestion to the state, and they will make the final decision. It doesn't hurt to suggest*
 - iv. Steck: This is technically displayed on a state worksite, and technically the workers are contracted as state employees. In one of my classes, we discussed that since it is a public work place, it follows the State's employment guidelines, who has different guidelines regarding rights versus other employees. The state has every right to tell the contractors that they may not display symbols of discrimination.
 - v. Ames: I printed out the policy on discrimination [refers to Policy 14-6] To sum it all up, I like the intent of the resolution, however there are already structures in place to prevent the presence of this flag.
 - vi. Anderson: I think if that this is such a controversial topic, I think it is our job as senators to make our voices heard to represent the student body, and it wouldn't hurt to pass this along.
 - vii. Floerke: Even though a previous senator has said that they are structures are in place, I think that we should pass this along anyway, so that students can see that we as a senate are making an opinion.
 - viii. Rudolph: I don't think the previous senator thinks that we shouldn't pass anything along, I think that that senator is suggesting that we change it so it more accurately describes our viewpoint and message.
 - ix. Quaschnick: I agree with the statements that previous senators have made, so should we edit it this so that it better reflects that we are reaffirming the rights of students?
 1. Ames: I think it's a fantastic idea and that it should be included.
 - x. Mason: I ask that senators meet and decide their thoughts so that we next time we don't have several different amendments instead of just one clear and concise resolution.
 - xi. Bennett: I agree with the reasoning of a previous senator that this is more a reaffirming policy of current policies. I also want to remind everyone that at first glance, it has great intentions, but I urge that everyone really think about this one and dissect it themselves before you jump to specific conclusions.
 - xii. Brever: I'd like to address the concerns of a previous senator, and say that this a suggestion.
 - xiii. Yakes: So does a policy already exist and this was written with the intent to reaffirm that or get a new thing to happen?
 1. Brever: I have learned tonight that there already are policies that address this. It was originally written to create a new policy, however now we will most likely alter it to agree and reaffirm those original policies.
 - xiv. Steck: From my understanding, this was written with great intent, however after we went through the bylaws, I realized it was written a little hastily. So it would be probably better to come back and write a new policy to reaffirm the policies. I'm willing to do that, and I'm sure the authors are as well. Thumbs up or thumbs down? I move to table this indefinitely

1. Rudolph/Mason
 2. Mason: I don't understand why we would want to stable this indefinitely, when this is separate from addressing the state.
 3. Rudolph: I think asking the State legislature to do something unconstitutional with years of backup behind it would not be a smart idea.
 4. Ames: the only thing I see in approaching the state is to fix something legislative, and this would be silly to approach the state with.
 5. Quaschnick: I think tabling is a good idea. We could just do a new resolution that also defines what the UWS says as well as our university and the State Legislature. I think we could do a lot of work.
 6. Voted On: Passed; tabled indefinitely
- d. SA1516-025: Resolution Recommending Larger Cereal Bowls at Whitney Center
- i. Schultz/Tashner
 - ii. Brever: *I fully believe in this, and am ready to take on any comments you may have.*
 - iii. John: Between the two bowls being considered there is only a .5 oz difference. But one of the reasons we made the decision to use the smaller bowls, is because they kept disappearing. We didn't have enough so we needed to go buy more, and this one that is .5 oz less and costs less than half of the larger. I've asked food services to pull the larger cereal bowls from storage so they will be back in rotation. Please understand it wasn't to cut quantity of cereal that you eat, but rather to spend less on bowls.
 - iv. Gunaratnam: Personally I go to Whitney a lot, and I love my Lucky Charms, but the bowls are super small so I usually need like three.
 - v. Brever: Move to end discussion
 1. Tashner/Brever
- e. SA1516-026: Resolution Approving Fall 2015 Green Fund Request, Zimride Rideshare Program.
- i. Garcia/Bentdahl
 - ii. *Ames: all requests made by Green Fund. If there are concerns, let me know so that we can talk about it at our next SUFAC meeting.*
- f. SA1516-027: Resolution Approving Fall 2015 Green Fund Request, Vermicomposting Program.
- g. SA1516-028: Resolution Approving Fall 2015 Green Fund Request, Recreational Sports Department Solar Light Towers.
- h. SA1516-029: Resolution Approving Fall 2015 Green Fund Request, Recreational Eagle Center Low Flow Showerheads
- i. Garcia: It was brought up that the solar lights would affect the insect population immensely because of the time of the year that they will be used and the addition of light that it implements, as well as the large immense amount of maintenance it requires. In addition to that, we didn't think that the REC supplied enough reasoning to why the lights are needed.

- XIV. Discussion
 XV. Announcements
 XVI. Adjournment

STUDENT SENATE ATTENDANCE 11/18/15

Last	First	Roll Call
Almazrou	Yousef	
Ames	Jeremy	
Anderson	Allison	
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	x
Hungness	Dana	x
Johnson	Zackariah	
Mason	Lauren	
Mans	Emily	
McAdory	Serina	
Nicholson	Matthew	
Purath	Anicka	
Quaschnick	Andrew	
Razidlo	Anna	
Rudolph	Chris	
Schultz	Thomas	
Sparks	Jacob	x
Steck	Rebecca	
Tashner	Brittany	
Tatum	Jasmin	
Yakes	Alissa	
Yang	Gaozie Vang	x