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Student Senate Agenda

Date: December 14, 2016

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:02 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Brevet: Two people who wish to be speakers- Kate from Wellness and Rachel from SUFAC.
 - i. Add to Agenda- PASSED unanimous
Consent Agenda: PASSED
- V. Guest Speakers
 - i. Ebbert: I just stepped into this role at the University in the last semester. There was talk about the New Student Union and that's really exciting. We are looking for peer health advocates in our office. We really try to advocate for the health and wellbeing of our university members. I know the Alcohol policy is on the Agenda and if you would like to talk with me about it I think this is great. After looking at the Policy I think there are some areas that can be improved and propose that we have a stronger conversation about the language used in the policy. I have Paula here to also talk about this but I really want to open up these conversations now.
 - ii. Knudson: We got in some confrontation today and the U will open up in January but I guess what I would like to say, let's do it right. We want to have a functional policy in place. I apologize to Kate for not getting her the policy sooner to look at but she got it this week and wants to weigh in on the process. If you want Kate to come back with additional information, she can.
 - iii. Dr. Ringgenberg: This policy was approved last spring but the part on the catering was the only thing that still needed to be added.
 - a. Bhatoya: Does this mean that SSB wasn't allowed to amend this?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: I would have said no but Mary Beth let you do this so that's my issue.
 - b. Bhatoya: So in the new proposal we put in that on Friday, Alcohol would be served at 11 am starting on Fridays. I guess Kate, I want to hear your opinion.
 1. Ebbert: My professional recommendation would be 2 pm and not 11 am.
 - c. Gross: You mentioned some concerns, is there anything that you specifically mean?
 1. Ebbert: There are other campuses in Wisconsin that serve alcohol and they have really great policies that are well worded



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that we can use as a case study. There wasn't a line item about alcohol being able to be carried out. We could also look into using a high quality identification scanner. Emory has a limit of one drink per hour which I think would be a good idea. I would recommend with the ounces you put what they are served in and what is being served and the percentage of alcohol concentration. In the additional training for bartenders, I would recommend adding a line that says, if it is no longer available we have to have another training that is approved by the department of revenue. Also, I don't think a student worker should be the person supervising this. We should do this right the first time and using alcohol in a safe manner.

d. Gross: So if we tabled this until the next meeting could we have some senators meet with you?

1. Ebbert: I would be open to that.

e. Lenz: If we waited what would be implemented when it opens?

1. Dr. Ringgenberg: A new one can be created but last spring this was already passed but we would not have catering until this is approved.

f. Floerke: If we made sure that this happened at the first meeting when we come back.

g. Quaschnick: I think that the amendments should be made at the first meeting and let this policy sit until then. Was this the policy that was sent last summer?

1. Brever: Yes, it is but with a couple of amendments.

a. Quaschnick: So we would have to make sure that those amendments are also formally put in here.

h. Hodges: I don't think there are any big events.

i. Knudson: We could also override from the administration.

j. Garcia: So how would you be able to know how regularly people purchase alcohol?

1. Ebbert: I'm not 100% sure right now but I'm sure there is machinery.

i. Ramthun: Hello again everyone, I want to thank all of you for your help with the budget difficulties this year. Next exciting news, we not only got data from MTU but last night we came to a decision. This year what UWL spent on the bus was \$182,496- this may seem like a lot but we have about \$220,000 in services. If we were to not change anything for next year, the approximate payment would be about \$188,000 but what you all approved for next year was \$177,644. What we came up with last night, was a payment of \$179,199. This will take about \$1555 from the SUFAC reserves. Personally, I think that this is a really good compromise for this year. We can't always depend on the reserves being there but for right now I think it's a good place.



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a. Brever: How big is the SUFAC reserve right now?

1. Ramthun: \$90,000-\$95,000

ii. Ramthun: The first changes we made were to the mall route. They won't be touched on the week days but the weekend days changed a little bit. We eliminated the bottom two buses. In the conversation with MTU, on the weekends this bus ride would impact pretty minimal because it would require a little bit of planning but that's it. The next change was to safe ride. The current hours of operations is it starts at 10 on Fri and Sat and goes to 3 am. We are now having this change at 10:30 but still going to 3:00 am. Pretty much the refrain that I heard was that they don't go downtown until 11:00. The other big rational was that you are less likely to get lost or hurt going towards downtown than coming back from downtown. So, in summary, our goal was to spend \$177,644 next year. There is a really hefty fee to even just get on the bus by just showing your ID. So ultimately this would lead to \$1555 from the reserves. I haven't heard any concern about taking this from the reserves. This is all I have and if you want to ask questions you can.

a. What time do the malls close on Sunday's

1. Ramthun: I believe that is 6:00 pm.

b. Have you thought about the times that people have to use the bus to get to work?

1. Ramthun: This is my assumption but the last bus leaves at 6:05 pm and from Target and Kohl's at 6:10. I think people have it worked out with their bosses about what times they can and cannot work.

c. Hilby: When do these changes come into effect?

1. Ramthun: This will start next fall, whenever the students get back from summer break.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

i. Hello, I'm sorry I'm not in the festive spirit. So just a few things tonight. I met with Ingrid Peterson earlier today and there is a real degree of interest to require all UW campuses to have Violent Prevention Specialist. Some type of proposal or if it's wrapped into something like the budget. I think that this is really awesome.

a. Ames: Would that be funded or no?

1. Schimmel: Well that's the question that is up in the air. I would not mind if it is unfunded because I think that it is really valuable. I think that this could be something that is thrown in on the budget. I'm going to continue to talk to Jennifer Schilling's office.

b. Garcia: So would this be all campuses in the system?

1. Schimmel: Yes



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ii. Schimmel: In student reps, we talked about the the selection of the students of the board of regents. We are talking about the traditional student coming right out of high school. It is written now in the statute that the governor “may” pick from the proposed students but we want to try to change that to “shall.” We can give the governor a list of students to pick from, but that’s never been done before. We want to nominate a bunch of people to serve as the student regent and then elect it internally and then go forth to student reps and to the governor. We want this process in place on every campus. Eventually we will have all of these candidates at student reps. It wouldn’t be a huge disappointment if the governor didn’t choose the person that we chose because it’s been done before. We are going to have a big biannual budget being revealed at the end of January and we requested as a UW system about \$42.5 million increase. The legislature doesn’t want to reveal anything until the budget is revealed. The Chancellor today said that this has been the hardest budget process to read so far. I think that this might not turn out as bad as it could be though because it’s improved already a little bit. The governor states that if performance-pay is implemented then we will have to add more money to the budget. The governor stated that he doesn’t want to increase the department of transportation’s budget. Other republicans have said that they stayed in line with the governor. It seems to me at this point that more money is going towards transportation. Another thing to consider is that the DPI asked for a \$700 million increase for the next budget. I’m still concerned but I think the governor’s proposal will be rosier than the legislatures. Next semester a lot of our lives will deal with handling the budget. Another thing, I am having provost interviews tomorrow, and this process is underway and there are a lot of good candidates. The last thing that I have is on the DC trip, I wanted to be able to fund 6 people going but after looking into it more, we only have room for about 4 people. The people going would be me, Pat, and Tyler. 3 people expressed interest in going so we will allow the people who are interested speak for one minute about going to DC and then we will vote on it. The individuals are: Jory Gibbin, Alfonso Gunaratnam, and Weston Floerke.

a. Ames: What are you advocating for?

1. Schimmel: Student loans, sexual violence on campuses, and making sure that Pell grants stay implemented

ii. Brever: These individuals will give a 2 minute speech of why they want to go to Washington D.C. and then we can vote on which one will go.

a. Floerke: You already heard my name, the reason I want to go is because going to Madison a couple weeks ago was really awesome and I want to do more things like this. I have been in positions before to advocate in students behalf. I would have to to the school board meetings once a month. I would give them reasons every month to keep funding the school as much as possible. I was also nominated once before to go to DC but I was the alternate position so I wasn’t able to go. I would love to be able to have this opportunity.



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- b. Gunaratnam: I think it would be a lot of fun and would lve to take advantage of this opportunity. I’ve been on two lobbying trips and I have a lot of fun. To lobby for the UWL campus would be really great, I’ve only missed one meeting since being here nad I h
- c. Gibbin: I am a second year majoring in sociology. I’ve never been to DC before but I would love to have the opportunity to represent a group of people. The last thing I wanted to say, we are going to talk about sexual violence and I want to make sure that I take my voice and have the opinion
 - 1. Brever: Can I just have the 3 people step out of the room.
- d. Garcia: Are all of them going to be in senate next semester?
 - 1. Brever: To my knowledge, yes.
- iii. Brever: Raise your hand for who you want. The winner is Senator Floerke. Thank you for stepping out. The person chosen was Senator Floerke.
- b. Vice President: Patrick Brever
 - i. Brever: I am on a safety committee with Paula and Bob and we are looking into the implementation of security cameras on campus.
 - a. Quaschnick: Would this be the same thing with the storage of the footage.
 - b. Kallis: Suggestion on where to put cameras: outside of the rec, by the weight room, and outside of Mitchell.
 - c. Burgess: Did you have any conversation about what it would look like in residence halls?
 - 1. Brever: It would be in stair wells and the main areas.
 - d. Garcia: There are cameras in the rec already, did those cameras go to the police department.
 - e. Reinke: They actually have caught people using the cameras before so you should report it if you have things stolen. There are no further office hours for the rest of the semester but you can still use it when you want to.
- c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross
 - i. Good luck on finals.
- d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason
- e. State Affairs Director: Haley Jurecki
 - i. So we went to reps, it was cut short because of the snow storm. In that meeting we discussed the divestment resolution. It was a request that all of our foundations disinvest from fossil fuel industries. Other than that, nothing else was voted on. This is my last meeting of the year.
 - a. Bhatoya: What money is being disinvested?
 - 1. Jurecki: We want to go away from the top 200
- f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott
 - i. Expect a presentation about what is going down in Goosetown next semester.
- g. Inclusivity Director: Karlie Stefan



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VIII. RHAC Reports

IX. Advisor Reports

i. Dr. Ringgenberg: I did a tour with channel 8 and 9 today. The senate chambers now have all the chairs we are supposed to have and the microphones are going to be installed in the new table. We have as an administrative office decided to move on Wednesday instead of Monday. Late night breakfast is tomorrow night. I will be there with the rest of my staff. I hope you all have a great break and I will see you all next semester in the new building.

X. Committee Reports

i. Elavaker: Parking tickets met a couple of weeks ago, not as many tickets have been issued this year. Permit sales are going really well. They could make more money issuing tickets but he wants. There was a situation where someone inserted their credit card into the bill dispenser. Next year, their goal is to have license plate scanning. They have two cameras on the white vans that can check the license plates. On the free parking on the weekend, there is free parking on the day but at night you have to pay \$5 to park. Going back to not many tickets being issued that's probably due to the "No Visitors Parking" commuter lots are open to the public for overnight which is 7-2 am. If there are instances where you have to park in front of a building for a little bit.

a. Schultz: Are there any penalties for parking really poorly?

1. Elvaker: They do enforce that if they see it.

XI. Organizational Reports

XII. Unfinished Business

a. SA1617-022: Resolution Graduation Regalia Policy Reform

i. Bancker: Students wear what best they want to represent the activities they are in.

a. Bancker: Call to question.

1. Kallis: Second.

i. Unanimous- PASSED

b. SA1617-023: Resolution to Update Student Court Bylaws

i. Jordan: If Schimmel doesn't approve anyone, they have to reapply.

a. Garcia: Call to question

1. Fish: Second

i. Unanimously PASSED

XIII. New Business

a. SA1617-024: Resolution Approving Name of the New Student Union

i. Schimmel: As we said this would be a binding survey that we would abide by. The students decided on the U. It was about 40% which was pretty resounding. Total survey turnout was excellent.

a. Fish: Can I make an amendment to the extra quotations in the final clause around "the U."

1. Bentdahl: I know this is a binding contract but when the survey went



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out it didn't say that it represented the actual thing and it didn't say that it represented Ho-Chunk.

2. Garcia: I move to suspend the 2 week rule – second Gunaratnam
 - i. PASSED TO SUSPEND TWO WEEK RULE

i. Floerke: Will the sign be “the U” or “Student Union?”

1. Dr. Ringgenberg: I would have to check on that.

ii. Garcia: I didn't really like “the U” name, but if people vote to change it in the future it could be easily done.

1. Call to question- Weyker, second- Kallis
 - a. PASSED

b. SA1617-025: Resolution Approving a State Affairs Director

i. Schimmel: over the past few weeks we were trying to find a state affairs director and we found someone. Tyler is an extremely qualified candidate and really great with communication skills. I think for those reasons and plenty of others I think he is the most qualified for this position.

ii. Tyler: Hi every one I'm Tyler, this last summer I had an internship in Dallas doing a lot with policy. The last semester I spent in Spain and it was a really cool experience.

a. Bhatoya: What is your favorite fast food chain?

1. Tyler: Chik fil-et

i. Garcia: Move to suspend two week rule- second Schultz

- a. 2 week rule suspended- PASSED

2. Zander: A friendly amendment- change inclusivity director to state affairs director

- i. Call to question- Garcia, second- Schultz

- a. PASSED

c. SA1617-026: Resolution Approving the New Student Union Alcohol Policy

i. Reinke: This is the policy for the alcohol in the new student union. I thought that we did not have a policy in place already but maybe people should get together to make this better.

ii. Quaschnick: I think that's a great idea, last year we put language from Madison and Stevens Point. You could make a committee for it but that would be up to you.

a. Bhatoya: What would a motion to reconsider do?

1. Brever: We would have to reevaluate this but to make the changes tonight we could say a motion to reconsider

b. Kallis: Do we actually have the power to change this as our policy? Are we even allowed to amend it?

1. Brever: I think there was a miscommunication about what to be amended.

i. Dr. Ringgenberg: I think it's best to just let it sit for a couple weeks and when you come back we can approach



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this again. We are just going to have to have more discussions with other people but the old policy will be in effect on the third.

- c. Quashnick: There are a lot of ways to change this later on.
- d. SA1617-027: Resolution Approving Spring 2017 Dining Hours
 - i. Reinke: This one I will be asking to suspend the two-week rule. This is for the hours of service for the spring semester. The only difference would be Einstein's bagels would be open until 9 M-TH.
 - ii. Schultz: I know we talked about Mondo's earlier in the year but are these the same as last year?
 - a. Dr. Ringgenberg: The second line should be open.
 - iii. Quashnick: In the alcohol policy it is stated for the ending of dining services, where is that?
 - a. Dr. Ringgenberg: It's the lower level closing time
 - 1. Floerke: I would want to see Mondos opening at 7:00 am to get breakfast burritos.
 - i. Dr. Ringgenberg: The building isn't open at 7:00 am.
 - iv. Dr. Ringgenberg: Some of these places could still be changed at some point in time but for now these will be the restaurants.
 - a. Kallis: Move to suspend two-week rule- second- Schultz
 - 1. PASSED- 2 week rule suspend
 - v. Gibbin: Deciding what to go into the new student union was there any conversation for people with different eating issues like gluten free or religious reasons.
 - a. Dr. Ringgenberg: All areas have vegetarian and gluten free options. It's much easier to make sure that everything is at each of the locations.
 - 1. Garcia: Call to question- second Olp
 - i. PASSED
- e. SA1617-028: Resolution Approving Fall 2016 Green Fund Requests
 - i. Ames: Motion to amend the document- \$3326 change to \$7326.
 - a. PASSED
 - ii. Ames: There were some concerns with some of the requests. For the bike share program it was too much for the one bike station area. It was roughly \$21,000 a year. Outdoor connection trees, there are 7 or 6 trees outside of the rec that will be cut down with the rec addition. This didn't pass because they would be sent to Madison to be preserved and we didn't think this was the best use of the funds. The VFD helps save a lot of energy and we voted to approve this at \$7326. The tower gardens will be going next to the new student union that might be used in the food served at the new student union. This is essentially a tower that has mist inside of the tower to feed the plants. We are hoping to look at the solar panels in early spring.
 - a. Garcia: You can make amendments to this so if you have questions, I urge you to talk about this. I like the project with the outdoor connection



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and the trees inside because it is so visible. The trees would really just add more and make the green fund known more.

b. Kallis: The tower gardens sound awesome but how big will these be?

1. Garcia: They are about 6 feet tall. Chef Rob is the person who had this idea and already has ideas of where to put them.

c. Kallis: How much was the request for the trees?

1. Ames: It was around \$12,000 in total with the installation costs. In the same quote there was a number that said \$12,000. We had a lot of discussion about this because it wouldn't be for the structural support.

d. Kallis: How opposed would people be to adding this? So if you want the OC trees to be here just raise your hand?

1. Ames: Before this I want to add that this could add precedent in the future to having more artistic projects rather than for sustainability.

e. Bhatoya: So the main factor was that this didn't promote sustainability?

1. Ames: We didn't think that it met the green fund bylaws in our opinion.

f. Bhatoya: It sounds really cool but I don't know what I am envisioning so if we could see pictures that would be great.

1. Quashnick: At Stevens Point, all of these are approved separately instead of lumped together. I would like more information to talk about these and seeing the actual requests to all of these would be great.

g. Floerke: I actually brought this issue up to my sociology professor this week and he would have to agree with SUFACs recommendation that it wasn't very green to ship all of those things. To be green doesn't mean pretty, I agree they are cool but I don't think the green fund should be used for this. Whoever is in charge can give us some more information about the projects.

1. Motion to close discussion – second- Hodges

i. PASSED

XIV. Discussion

a. Leadershape

i. This is a retreat that provides the opportunity to strengthen your leadership skills, this is the last call because it is due by the end of the semester.

b. COVE Speaker

i. The grand opening of this space will be on Tuesday and Student Association needs to nominate a speaker and neither Pat or Jacob and I. Jenna Morgan will be the speaker after a vote from senate

c. Kallis: I have done a lot of research on this Environmental science major but I am very busy this week. We want to have a decision by the first meeting of the next



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semester. I have picked two regents to reach out to and talk at the meeting. I want to go to the regents with valid research. I already have 6 pages of research that have a list of the possible jobs that are available with this major. I want to send out a survey to see if people are interested in it.

i. Burgess: What would you put in the survey?

1. Kallis: I want to find out if people would want to be in the actual major.

ii. Garcia: You know there is a difference between Environmental Studies and Environmental Science.

1. Kallis: Yes, I was aware.

iii. Weyker: What are costs of adding a major?

1. Kallis: We already have the resources and professors; we would just actually need to make the major so it would be an issue of paperwork. From the research, I've done, it doesn't look like it would be costly.

iv. Brever: Provost Morgan is coming in to talk about what it would actually be like to add a major.

1. Bancker: I would just be a little concerned with the money aspect because something is always going to take a hit and there will always be impacting costs and we want to make sure that this is feasible.

a. Kallis: The faculty members that I have talked to have been for it.

v. Quashnick: You're definitely going to want faculty support if you are going to take this to the board of regents. You have to make sure that everyone is on your side. I would probably encourage you not to do this in February because you might succeed and I want you to.

1. Kallis: I talked to the chair of the geography department because in the past they shot down faculty voices but I don't want them to do that again for the same reason.

vi. Olp: Time limit discussion- 5 minutes. Did anyone go to the Hmong language forum?

1. Brever: I think it was a listening opportunity for the departments.

2. Gunaratnam: It was a really good message but the professor is no longer going to be in the classroom.

a. Burgess: So the resolution we passed just advocated for what we thought was best?

i. Brever: Yes

3. Gunaratnam: So with the long distance learning, a couple of the Hmong students reached out to the long distance teacher and he said he wasn't sure if he wanted to teach it.

a. Hodges: Someone in these classes asked me to help write a resolution for faculty senate.

4. Giles: Have we gotten any more information on the professor for the long distance learning?



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a. Brever: I have not heard if this is going to be the case or not yet.

b. Mason: There is a big discrepancy between what faculty heard and what students heard.

5. Hodges: We passed that resolution and it already had an impact so people are noticing us and what we do on this campus.

a. Brever: Any other points of discussion?

XV. Announcements

i. Dr. Ringgenberg: This is the last senate meeting here. On Tuesday night at 10 am there will be cake here and on Thursday there will be cake but I would love to have a beer with some people in the cellar.

ii. President Schimmel swore in State Affairs Director

iii. Brever: for those of you not returning to Senate next semester, thank you for your service.

iv. Gibbin: Tomorrow there is a program put on by campus police, hate and bias department. There will be donuts and coffee, maybe not donuts but I'm not sure. This is happening just so people can get to know the people who are protecting us. The second thing is that someone in NASA made some cool things and the money we get we are donating to Standing Rock. Registration is open for Act 31 on December 10 and 11.

v. Hodges: At BSU we have "Reflections of Ebony" we have over 200 people every year. You can get tickets at the info counter. I would recommend you guys to come.

vi. Kallis: Tomorrow there are destressing cats and dogs in murphy and free coffee. As a person who works in textbook rental, there are new hours and they are open later.

vii. Brever: Thank you all for your work this semester

XVI. Adjournment

a. Motion: Olp, Second: Elvaker

i. 8:33 pm