



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **December 7, 2016**

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
 - i. Brever: Now, before we get going, I wanted to just say that the room was obviously contentious last week and so let's try to be as courteous to each other as possible going forward from here.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - i. Quaschnick: Motion: approve every senator that has not yet been approved that has not yet been.
 1. Call for acclimation- Burgess; Hilby
 - a. Move to consent agenda
 - i. Approved- new wording: Approve all senators who haven't been approved
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
 - i. I have a few things this week, referring back to last week, UW Eau Claire drafted a resolution in support of us for the Hmong classes and that resolution passed that night so we will be utilizing that for the reinstating of the classes. They are also facing issues with diversity and similar problems so they wanted to stand in solidarity with us. Tomorrow, 7 pm in Port O' Call, I encourage people to go and help advocate.
 - a. Bhatoya: How long will this be?
 - ii. Schimmel: I just heard that Senator Schilling's office is pushing to have more in the budget for the violence prevention office and they really were in favor of our idea so this is a really big thing for our efforts. We'll be advocating on all the things that we wanted that. I am the IGR chair in student reps so 3 of us will be going to Washington D.C. to Lobby, we will be advocating for more that will be January 3-6. We also have a meeting with the White House which will be really awesome. Getting back to the state tenure and they have a huge problem with the and \$4 million would be for performance based metrics. The UW system put this in their budget proposal and the faculty really don't like it. So by sometime next January we will be writing a proposal. I'm sure you have all seen the New Student Union Name Survey and there is a massive turnout- about 3500.
 - Giles: Which one is in first?
 1. Schimmel: Yes, there is but I don't want to say it.



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- iii. We are in the process of looking into applicants for the State Affairs Director, we will have that person very soon. Pat and I are also working on packing up the office because there are a lot of things to take care of. Dr. Larry has told me that you can potentially take things depending on what it is. If you have any questions just let me know.
- b. Vice President: Patrick Brever
- i. Brever: I will also be at the open forum tomorrow and will be advocating for the resolution passed. I sent out an email about LeaderShape and it is a great learning opportunity. If you are fairly new to senate, I probably don't have your student ID number so if you could write that down that would be great. If you are looking to step down at semester, please let me know. Office hours are still in effect until next Wednesday.
- c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross
- i. Madison can talk about Goosetown affairs.
- d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason
- i. If you have received the email that Pat sent out about the dropping a class without a W and you will have 10 academic days to drop the class instead of what we have now which is 5.
- a. Bhatoya: Is that academic days?
- i. Mason: Yes, it is.
- ii. So this is only with withdrawing but adding classes will cause confusion so students are going to have to be better at getting into the class because juggling in in the second or third week could be confusing. and faculty senate was concerned about the confusion that this would cause. A lot of them too have said that they are more hesitant to let people in later in the semester. When the higher learning commission was here they had some policies that weren't in our syllabus that some don't have and so I have a document I can send out with this but this is what the higher learning commission wanted so that students can transfer credits easily. They didn't feel comfortable adding in: timing of exams, major and they had a problem because they didn't want to commit to a day because it should be up to their discretion if they want to reveal that information in the class. I think that it's fair that students see how the class and assignments are weighed. If people want to work on a resolution with me on this, I am more than welcome but I think that this is very important.
- e. State Affairs Director: Haley Jurecki
- f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott
- i. I know I told you all a couple times that I meet with the goosetown neighborhood council and we came up with an action plan and I'm hoping that at the beginning of next semester I can bring a list of all the things that will happen and the money was approved and hopefully budgeted so we will see when we see it.
- g. Inclusivity Director: Karlie Stefan
- i. So I met with campus climate and right now I am looking at the diverse orgs to



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out a list together. I also wanted to talk to you all about blue lights on campus and it was brought to my attention that students don't know what's going on and it goes to dispatch and they talk to you during the whole conversation. The campus police want you all to know that you can push this button for whatever. I also wanted to talk to you about the resolution that makes UW Madison a Sanctuary Campus and this is when a campus is protecting illegal immigrants and they will not abide by the laws because they will not push illegal immigrants out. I will be sending this resolution out to all of you and I just want to keep you updated and educated on it.

VIII. RHAC Reports

i. Burgess: Winter formal was successful and the last meeting of the semester is tomorrow.

IX. Advisor Reports

i. Dr. Ringgenberg: We are looking at the times of the opening of the center and moving. I sent an email and we are watching a lot of pearl harbor stuff and it's important to remember this important piece of history.

X. Committee Reports

i. Reinke: SSB met today and we went over the rec and what their budgeting is looking like this year. We are also bringing two resolutions, one concerning the alcohol policy.

ii. Bhatoya: In the Grand Opening Committee Jan 21-29. 21- Tours, 23 Ribbon cutting ceremony- we still need volunteers. 24-Samples and the org suites, 25, CAB event, 26- Welcoming of Tri Sigma- Cab Event, 27- Bookstore and credit union open and the UWL top chef competition, this is just like iron chef and everything that they make will be sampled. Then there will be a hypnotist. 28- will be the movie frenzy and in the night there will be glow in the dark mini golf. There are no set times for Saturday yet but if you are generally free on Saturday just let me know. Then that Sunday it will be open to the community.

iii. Bancker: Yesterday, AIDAC took a final vote on our budget then sent it to the Chancellor and he approved it.

iv. JCES met last Friday and we talked about green fund projects and the one I remember the most is a bike share program. Also I will not be here so if someone knows anyone they can

v. Ames: We talked about the green fund requests and I remember two of the ones we discussed- grow towers and VCA engines that are go in AC and heating systems to lower the costs. We didn't approve the bike share program because there is already a rent program from the rec and they were very expensive. Even the green fund coordinators said that wasn't their favorite. There was another request about saving trees and modeling them in the rec in an artistic way. We thought it looked really cool, we didn't think that it was really green to do all of that for 4 trees that didn't have historical meaning. The largest request was solar panels and the committee didn't feel that we had sufficient information to vote on this. Hopefully their request will come back soon with more accurate and specific



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information because that's a cool idea.

XI. Organizational Reports

XII. Unfinished Business

a.SA1617-017: Resolution Recommending Updates to the Student Association Constitution and Student Senate Bylaws

i. Bancker: So basically I don't have anything to add other than what was said last week.

a. Fish: Call to Question

1. Motion: Ames ; Second: Gunaratnam

i. PASSED- unanimous

b.SA1617-018: Resolution Requesting use of the REC for the Men's and Women's Club Volleyball Playdate Tournament

i. Reinke: This is just to have two volleyball games in the rec on this weekend, like we've done for the past couple of years.

a. Motion Fish, second- Bhatoya

1. PASSED- Unanimous

c.SA1617-019: Resolution for Change in Green Fund Bylaws

i. Giles: It basically just says to change the green fund bylaws it changes from \$60,000 a semester to \$52500 a semester. We are just reducing their cap.

a. Arney: If the green fund bylaws would the MTU buses not have to take a cut?

i. Fish: We talked about this is JCES, we are cutting from a lot of different places and not just the green fund.

1. Kallis- call to question, second- Hilby

i. PASSED- unanimous

d.SA1617-020: Resolution for Acceptance of FY18 Allocable Segregated Fee Budget

i. Brever: You got this spread sheet last week but I will yield to anyone in SUFAC.

ii. Ames: We had a 0% increase this year the main discussion focused around the reduction of the budget due to the enrollment decline and explored the budget

a. Floerke: Why isn't Viterbo required to pay us?

1. Ames: What I've been told is that it's based on ridership and the last two years have been solid.

2. Dr. Ringgenberg: They are very specific about how much they want to give in but every year we wonder if they are going to drop out.

b. Schultz: How would this affect us if they didn't pay us?

1. Ames: It would come out of the reserves.

c. Arney: How much is getting cut from MTU?

1. Dr. Ringgenberg: We asked to do a 3% cut and we were going to let you talk about that but we can talk about that later.

i. Call to question- Kallis, Second- Giles

a. PASSED- unanimous



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XIII. New Business

a. SA1617-022: Resolution Graduation Regalia Policy Reform

i. Bancker: So a couple years back, the current policy that is in place, outlines that there is a special committee for regalia and that never happened and so the academic affairs committee wants to make a less rigid policy. We had a lot of discussion about this and we want students to be able to wear what they were involved in and career at UWL.

a. Lenz: It would be stuff like regarding your major or organizations or what?

1. Bancker: It wouldn't be changing what their allowed to wear it's just how much they are allowed to wear.

2. Fish: I think that it's mostly about organizational regalia and not academic

b. Floerke: So if it's less rigid will it still have to be approved by student association.

1. Bancker: It is not our intent to do formal approvals of the regalia so this was pretty much a debacle.

c. Floerke: So you're making it less rigid?

1. Bancker: Essentially, yes.

i. Giles: move to close discussion , Second-Ames

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

i. Chief Justice Jordan: So we just said that if the Chief Justice is returning, the senate can reappoint him without having to reapply.

a. Faust: I will be a sponsor on this.

1. Schimmel: So I wanted to talk about this more because last week when it was introduced the power was still all with the president and going back to the normal procedure does that and with this amendment, the senate can check the president.

ii. Bancker: So if this did happen and applied later on, what if the president already appoints someone to the open spot? Hypothetically it doesn't make sense if there isn't something that.

a. Gunaratnam: I think that if the president appointed someone then this wouldn't happen.

1. Lenz: Senate has to approve the person who gets appointed so we would know that before and it would have to come through us and there would be time in between then. (open up to Schimmel)

2. Schimmel: So if there is an open spot and someone new wants that position would they be directly appointed or go through senate?

3. Lenz: If that were to happen we could just table the voting on the new person.



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- iii. Mason: Does everyone understand the issue at hand?
 - a. Floerke: I think that since the senate already has that 2/3 majority of whoever it is, we don't have to add anything further.

XIV. Discussion

- i. Kallis: Today, Pat accompanied me and we had a meeting with the chair of the geography chair and it has come to my attention of why we don't have an environmental science major. There is a minor for it, so I decided to meet with the chair. They revised their concentrations. They modeled it after that other Environmental Science majors that schools have. I'm hopefully going to be meeting with people and we are going to try to get this rolling with environmental science becoming a major here. Pat has the write up for the concentration. Any questions?
 - a. Floerke: Will it be another concentration or a major?
 - 1. Kallis: A major
 - b. Lenz: So they were worried that the jobs wouldn't be great?
 - 1. Kallis: They haven't done research in a couple of years but if I can try to figure some numbers out, I think that would help.
 - c. Quaschnick: Has this ever been a major?
 - 1. Kallis: They have tried to make it but the board of regents weren't too keen on faculty proposing this idea.
 - d. Giles: Would it be in the geography department?
 - 1. Kallis: Yes, because that's the only place for it.
 - e. Schultz: Not to add another layer, but you said there were a lot of concentrations so what would they do with all of those?
 - 1. Kallis: They wanted to do that to expand job areas but I don't understand why they won't make it a major.
 - g. Faust: Would this be a science emphasis major?
 - 1. Kallis: Yes
 - h. Floerke: How many classes for the concentrations?
 - 1. Kallis: The geography concentration with environmental science you have to take 42. All four of the concentrations are different. The way a lot of them are structured are focusing more on the major and not the concentration, most of it would be focused in geography and a couple classes in the concentration. Some people have said that it's more beneficial to take the minor.
 - i. Arney: I used to be a bio major and environmental science concentration and I changed for this exact reason.
 - j. Burgess: I'm in the concentrations and I really don't think that there are not many differences between the concentrations.
 - k. Reinke: So if this became a major, do you think that this would be enough professors or would they have to hire more?



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1. Kallis: I researched this before I went to the chair but we have the resources and the professors so there really isn't a problem. There might be an opportunity to create more classes but with the enrollment the way it is now; it could be a major. No one knows that environmental science is a minor.

1. Fish: How many credits is the minor?

1. Kallis: 24

2. Fish: What is the number that makes the number of credits that makes it a major?

a. Kallis: I know that there are a minimum of 54 courses you could put into this major and there would be from all of the concentrations lumped together. It would just be a discussion of what courses would make them up

m. Ames: Environmental Science and environmental studies departments? How does that work?

1. Kallis: So the science is lab work and field research and studies encompasses more of it and there is a lot of in and out of class work. Environmental science is a lot of real world application to application studies. I think it's the difference between a lab and a lecture.

2. Giles: So what we want to do is get these departments all together? Will there be any difficulty for pre-requisites? Do we know yet?

a. Kallis: I've looked into it, there is a prerequisite ESC 101 but I think that the base should be the 100 level courses but I'm not sure how it would work when you get higher up in the major. The fact that you have to take prerequisites for gen eds and would be organized in the core of it and not scattered. I know for psych there are 5 pre-requisites you have to take and then you take everything else and I think it would be modeled like that. Has anyone now gotten fired up for fighting for this with me?

iv. Brever: Just to reemphasize that I am here to help with you all.

v. Schimmel: We're just going to have a little bit of discussion on the MTU and the proposals that they laid out for us. I'll let Dr. Larry take this away.

vi. Dr. Ringgenberg: Right now, I'm trying to figure out how to get about \$75,000 from MTU now that's just approximate- that would be about a 9% cut. So the way this works isn't a true 9%. We talked about decreasing bus service to the mall. We also talked about delaying the safety ride bus until 10 or 11 or not during the week days at all. We were talking about equalizing it out. Pushing it back an hour would save us a lot of money. We have to turn around and try to figure out how to keep service to the mall but if we don't want to then it's an



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easy solution, so what are our priorities?

- a. Hodges: I think that those are the two biggest priorities so we should try to find other options.
- b. Floerke: So what are the actual times?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: 10, 10, 9 on the weekends. MTU said that ½ hour wouldn't be effective and that it would have to be an hour to do anything.
 - i. Ames: If we don't come up with this then it comes out of the SUFAC reserves.
 2. Dr. Ringgenberg: We have some ridership data and other prices. Every year I raise the issue, does it make sense to have service for new year's eve? It is the night used the most out of the year for new year's eve. These big spikes are Oktoberfest and Halloween. They all have the circulator stuff in there but we are not paying for the circulator. I am getting the sense they are not in favor of this.
- c. Lenz: So you just said that the winter is most important is there any way to do it by season?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: Wouldn't that be nice?
- d. Schimmel: Any cut that we have to them will be pretty detrimental to them.
- e. Ames: SUFAC was confused if we pay for the ½ hour service on Saturdays. Is that included on something we are paying for?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: We could potentially cut Saturdays.
- f. Fish: Could someone remind me how Viterbo pays us each year?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: They decide to pay in May and they give it to MTU and then they give it back to us. Part of the safe ride they go to the Viterbo campus. I asked about Western Tech because they pay for bus service but they don't pay for safe ride.
- g. Mason: I don't think it would be a problem if it was 10-10-10, but how much and when would that happen?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: This would be something for next year but we can look into that.
- h. Hilby: I think that if it came down to it if we're forced to choose one, we should cut valley view mall rides.
 1. Bendahl: Could businesses sponsor them?
- i. Kallis: I disagree with Senator Hilby, I think that people have a lot of jobs at the valley view mall and that's a huge issue. I'm concerned with the other option. Is there anywhere else that this money could come from?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: It could be paid from SUFAC reserves but that's not sustainable.
- j. Ames: Every position that I've been in at the mall the bosses are pretty



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lenient on the employees if they ride the bus.

k. Arney: Whatever happened to charging a dollar to sports and free movie Fridays?

1. Ames: The way that would work is that it's targeting one group and we would have to make it equal across the board ultimately charging most

l. Fish: How much is the bus without the pass?

1. Ames: We don't have the numbers on that right now but we didn't feel that was the bet direction to go and we talked about a voucher system but I'm not comfortable in that balancing the budget.

iv. Dr. Ringgenberg: So after hearing from you all I hear that you're okay with making it 10 but not with cutting to valley view mall.

XV. Announcements

i. Brever: Again, we have a meeting next week. It will be laid back. If you want to wear anything holiday themed.

ii. Reinke: Keep a look out for some emails, I'm going to be writing those resolutions on the new student union and suspend the two week rule.

XVI. Adjournment

i. Motion, Schultz, Floerke
a. 7:47 pm