



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: November 9th, 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. Amend: Addition of guest speaker after other guest speakers and change date to Nov. 9th instead of Nov. 2nd.
 - c. Motion: Tashner; Second: Gunaratnam
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Caity Palomba
 - i. Hi everyone my name is Caity and I am from tri sigma which is a social sorority. We are really looking for a leader to start this sorority at campus so I am here until November 13th to talk to anyone interested in becoming involved. Please just send me an email to set up a time to talk.
 - b. Green Fund
 - i. Hi my name is Rachel Stefan and I am the green fund coordinator. I am just going to tell you a little about the green fund. So everyone pays a seg. fee to the green fund which goes towards sustainability which is roughly about \$6.20 – the process is: it goes to JCES and if it passes there then it goes into SUFAC and then last year when it got to SUFAC some of them were not approved because we cannot have any landscaping applications. Right now we do have \$123,000 and the reason for that is last year we only had a few large projects happen but we were able to get a lot of funding and a lot of people were allowed to keep their jobs but last year the reason we have so much is that last year not all projects got approved from SUFAC. So we did actually finish up paying for the lighting in the new student union and we are putting a plaque in there.
 - ii. So we are really excited about the new projects going on campus. One project not listed is when the green fund was first initiated there was a vermicomposter made and it is a large compost processing center that has saved a lot of money and is a huge sustainability on campus. Right now we cannot have it at campus. Previously it was at TC but now it is at the Mayo. People think that this doesn't affect them but it does huge things for people and we were also able to create 2 new internships from this. Even though you don't see a lot of this happen there really is a lot of things



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going on in campus. We got new shower heads a couple of years ago which has saved a lot of money but these things do affect students directly.

a. Gross: You said that there were 2 smaller projects, what are they?

1. We have a project at the rec and with new solar panels.

b. What would the new solar panels be used for

1. For the rec addition, for more sustainable lighting.

iii. Fish: Hello every one, in case. What I am going to talk about today is talk about student staff. I wanted to talk to all of you today there are info nights on Nov. 14 and 15. I have a timeline with me and if you want more information about this you can contact me. We are trying to get more diverse students in the res halls. People have been talking about tokenism and we are working hard to have a more diverse staff to help the students. We are looking at issues that happen that make students who are diverse not apply

a. Gross: Are you having problems recruiting?

1. Fish: Kind of but not too bad.

b. Bhatoya: What steps are you taking to make it more diverse?

1. Fish: We are going to organizations and we have been talking to people about tokenism and how to prevent it.

c. Gunaratnam: How much do RAs get paid?

1. Fish: They get paid with stipends for housing and food.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

i. Ben Jordan: Next week we will bring the new rule of procedure and we are looking forward to present this to all of you and that we can vote on it.

VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

i. Hello, So I'll just say that the election is over and I think everyone is happy about that. Regardless of who was elected there was going to be some tension, so as a result of this there has definitely been some tension so in my nonpartisan role I think it is very important to try to be civil in everything we do. I know this disheartens me and everyone else. We should just try to support the president that was elected, regardless of who. We'll see what are president chooses when choosing rhetoric. Let's just make sure that we take steps to make the campus as safe as possible.

1. Bhatoya: What other steps have been taken other than emails?

a. Schimmel: Regarding the hate crime that happened,



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police and administrators are currently on this. It is obviously a hate crime. As a role in SA we don't have a ton of say in what happens. But it shouldn't take instances that just happened to get people to start talking about this. Pat and I are looking at creating another statement. Stevens Point sent out a great letter with where and what they want to see done. At the beginning of the year with the banner, we have learned that the power of words is very powerful. Pat and I have had discussions with campus climate about how disgusting

1. Bhatoya: What are the policies regarding hate crimes?
 - a. Schimmel: I don't have that information right now but Dr. Larry do you?
 - b. Ringgenberg: We will prosecute if at all possible but we have multiple people working on this. I've been having discussions about what students need and how we can help and we are focusing on getting students opinions on what they want to happen.
 - c. Schimmel: Right now a lot of students of color don't feel safe but right now I feel I can work on helping to make the campus feel safer.

2. Arney: I just want to say that other means should be used to handle this situation. We shouldn't just fix this issue and go back to the way things used to be I think that it should be addressed in a different way. I don't know if that means an inclusive training with everyone on campus.

- a. Schimmel: I think that we would have to do an open forum but the sad thing is that most the people there it's like preaching to the choir. I know a lot of people aren't feeling safe but we are exploring a variety of options. Should we work on getting services to escort people to campus to feel safer? I'm open to anything and Pat and I are working on statements of what I want to see in general. I want to reiterate that people can say what they want but this was a hate crime and we just have to make sure that the rhetoric that we say is addressing that in the best way possible. Feel free to talk to me at any point and I am open to talking to anyone. I'll just say that I plan on having a resolution next week about our budget going forward. I would also like to thank the SRDs that signed up and really helped out. The line was not that long at all and I cannot thank you enough. Last thing, search and screen policy that we had been going over, we have defined "diversity" in a more specific way so that it is clear. I am always open to people coming to talk to me about what is 'sufficiently diverse'

- b. Vice President: Patrick Brever



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i. I'll just echo what was said regarding the incident today and I am also willing to talk. I also wanted to ask people about ideas about cutting down meeting times, please keep in mind that there are some things that we have to do. People have been talking about guest speakers as well. Other than that are there any ideas to cut down on time, this meeting is for your benefit and what you want to get out of it.

a. Bancker: Last week I left the meeting pissed off because we had a 2-hour meeting but didn't get it done. We need to think about being more concise. Last week the meeting probably could have been done in an hour but it took 2.

b. Gunaratnam: I understand a lot of people are new here but we just need to keep in mind that repeating the same thing over and over again because there have been instances about this and it took a long time.

c. Mason: We also talked in the cabinet meeting about keeping officer reports shorter.

ii. Brever: I want to say again that this meeting here is for your benefit, if you have other ideas feel free to contact me but we are not here to waste anyone's time. We want to get a lot of work done in the shortest amount of time. I also just wanted to know if people enjoy coming to this meeting?

a. Floerke: More jokes.

b. Burgess: Sometimes in RHAC we do themes and it makes things more interesting and we have an icebreaker

c. Tashner: I think that's a good idea but I have classes leading up to this

d. Tahiri: I don't think the first priority is to be fun. I knew that this might not always be fun but I wanted to have a voice.

e. Lenz: echo

f. Quaschnick: I echo what both previous senators said, this is not something that is supposed to be fun but there are other universities that have way longer meetings.

g. Kallis: I just wanted to say that all 3 of you just repeated yourselves. But maybe we could have snacks or something like that

h. Mason: Obviously the meetings don't have to be fun but I think it's more about community. I just want to try to get everyone together to do fun things.

iii. Brever: Lastly I'll just say that I still hope that people enjoy their time here. Also, Rachel from SUFAC will be coming to the next meeting.

c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross

i. I emailed Samantha White, she works with 360 and I will let you know



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what happens with that. I am also working on the change in grading scale. CAPS is creating a subcommittee to deal with the grading change.

d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason

i. I don't know how many of you go to the health center that often but I was wondering how long all of you get billed after. I talked to Bob Hetzel about this and there was a health center director who left recently and so he is going to look more into it. A couple weeks ago faculty senate was talking about SEIs and only about 70-80% of SEIs have comment sections.

e. State Affairs Director: Haley Jurecki

i. I know yesterday was kind of a crazy day but only one person signed up for the lobbying in Madison. If you guys could get there next Tuesday that would be great. If you're not going to be there, please talk to me later about it. Please going to committees. Cultural Affairs you also have to meet. T-shirts are done.

f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott

i. Westcott: So the list of landlords exists but I don't have it, I guess it is only in hard copy format. The neighborhood association got together and have been working on things. They want college students to become more friendly with people who are not in college. We are going to develop an action plan

VIII. RHAC Reports

i. Burgess: We have a new Senator, Hello my name is Binh and I hope to get to know everyone more.

IX. Advisor Reports

i. Dr. Ringgenberg: Yes, I do exist. I feel like I have been gone for all of October. So those of you who have been in the student union? Talk to Patrick if you haven't been in. I also have a situation- the news is going to do a story about the New Student Union, with pictures so if people want to be in the photographs that would be okay too. We are still in the process of getting all the furniture. The neighborhood association is also working on an open house for the new student union. How are other things going? I haven't heard about these things for a while? One other thing I had a conversation with Eric Pool who is the owner of Erberts and Gerberts. We told them that we wanted a change and that the students wanted wraps and he was willing to change. If there is interest in changing this, we could get a group together to talk about this.

X. Committee Reports

i. Reinke: Student Services and Buildings just met and we just listened to other orgs that came in to talk about the budget. They asked some good questions and we talked

ii. Tashner: Cultural Affairs meets tomorrow at 8:30, I am vice chair and I want to be able to meet quorum and elect a chair.

iii. Bancker: AIDAC, we are looking at coming up with \$100000. We got 8



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commencement speaker applications, which is awesome. We are also looking into changing the constitution and writing amendments to amend the bylaws and constitution

iv. Jurecki: Legislative Affairs met yesterday and we did not meet quorum and this is a big problem. We meet on Tuesdays at 8:30

v. Fish: JCES met last week and we had a conversation about the budget and taking the \$25000 out of the green fund. We also talked about getting some interns for initiatives for earth week. We are working on keeping people updated with the green fund.

vi. Ames: SUFAC met again on Monday and we did approve two more one shot requests and we also reviewed budgets and ways to cut 2-3% in the budget. We also talked to Athletics about their budget and we also talked to Student Association and they did a 10% cut to their budget and we also discussed MTU and green fund. We cannot do anything with MTU that we know of know but there is a meeting coming up with MTU that will happen and we will know if we can cut the route or not.

a. Jurecki: Did the solar panels not get approved last year?

1. Ames: No it did not maybe this year.

vi. Kallis: DOC met and we were able to get our inclusivity director so that was really exciting.

XI. Organizational Reports

i. Olp: Fraternity and Sorority life is having a Monte Carlo night in a week and it is \$10 to get in, there will be prizes and drinks if you are of age.

ii. Gunaratnam: Students for a Free Tibet will be having a bake sale to raise money for a movie coming up on second semester

iii. Schimmel: NASA met and we finally have things more finalized with the plaque so that's really exciting. Now we are just in the process of planning an event.

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

a.SA1617-010: Resolution Naming the Second Floor of the New Student Union

i. Olp: I helped write this on behalf of the Student Orgs committee. Last semester they were tasked with naming the central part of the 2nd floor which makes up the student orgs area. We came up with "The Cove" which stands for Center for Organizations, Values, and Engagement."

a. Brever: Any other discussion on this? Okay we will talk about this next week then.

b.SA1617-011: Resolution Approving Senate Appointment

i. Brever: So a couple weeks ago a senator from the college of business administration resigned so today we have a new one, Emily.

a. Ames: Motion to suspend the 2 week rule.

1. Secoond: Tashner

i. APPROVED



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c.SA1617-012: Resolution Approving Inclusivity Director Appointment

i. Schimmel: DOC got to us their recommendations and Pat, DOC, and I have decided to appoint Karlie. She came in with a lot of ideas with the inclusivity director position and especially with what happened today it will be great to have someone take charge of this issue on campus.

a. Stefan: Hello my name is Karlie Stefan and my goal here is that every student here on campus feels safe on campus and that people are included.

1. Gunaratnam: What are some of your ideas on for on campus?

i. Stefan: I have a lot of ideas. I think that there should be safe spaces on campus, I think that Campus Climate needs to be more well known. I think that Student Association can be a great tool to do this.

b. Fish: Suspend 2 week rule

1. Bhatoya: Call to Question

i. Ames: Object- I would like to be a sponsor on this due to Article 6 in the bylaws one senator must be a sponsor on a resolution.

1. Kallis: Call to Question

i. Approved

XIV. Discussion

a. Student Center name

i. Schimmel: Tomorrow we will be getting all of the Qualtrics responses to the New Student Union names and a lot of the names that we got were good but redundant. I don't know how much more insight we will get from it. I know we discussed a timeline but I would like to have 4-5 names down so that we can talk about it next week. Pretty soon we are going to have to vote on this so I wanted to make sure that the student body as a whole could have a say as well and then we could give it to the students for the final name. I want to have a name by December, 7th. I'm open to any ideas.

1. Floerke: Why haven't we made a committee to deal with this and they could bring this to the rest of us?

a. Brever: I would say that's a good idea but we just want to make sure that it gets a name.

b. Reinke: We went over names in Student Services and Buildings and we are okay with doing that.

ii. Schimmel: I'm all in favor of that idea, as long as we can get it done by December 7th.

1. Bhatoya: SSB has been in charge of it but today we narrowed it down a little bit. We added a couple names. We talked about the name being "The Union" whether people like it or not because people are going to look to call it something shorter.

a. Ames: I think it is difficult to have a productive meeting with



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so many people so let's just refer it to Student Services and Buildings committee.

1. Second: Faust

i. Approved

b. Res Life

XV. Announcements

i. Brever: As always, we are going to Howie's after the meeting if anyone would like to join.

XVI. Adjournment

a. Motion: Gunaratnam, Second: Elvaker