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Student Senate Agenda

Date: October 12th, 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. Motion: Olp Second: Schultz
 - c. Approved
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Chief Scott McCullough
 - i. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to talk to all of you. Thank you for taking the time to listen to what I have to say. I thought I would give you an update on the department, we are fully staffed now. 12 officers started last Wednesday Staffing wise, other things we've done this year, we are trying to make the officers more visible. One of the ways we do this is by strategically placing our officers each day. Our calls during the day are increasing year after year which requires more staff to be on. Another initiative we've reached is the officers going into Res. Halls and they are trying to meet all the students. What we'll do here is that an officer will be available for questions and will go into the res. Halls and talk with students. We are able to do this when we are fully staffed. I keep seeing the words "clowns" on pieces of paper. Unfortunately, we've had to spend a lot of time on this and we can't ignore these types of calls. Most of the people we've contacted and have suspected aren't students at UWL. 2-3 officers go out and protect you guys. I have an extra officer working on Friday nights just because of this. Like I said in the emails- it's not illegal to dress as a clown but the threat made to central high school was addressed but these are real threats and we have to treat it as that. We worked with the city very closely on the central high situation. Oktoberfest was great, we had a lot of people in the city and it was one of the quietest years of Oktoberfest that I've seen. Do I still get a lot of calls? Yes. I work every officer on that weekend of the year. We had to issue a couple citations but injuries and violent crimes were way down this year. People sent to the hospital this year by us hasn't been extreme, which is good. We had officers on bikes, cars, golf carts, and they were patrolling. I was on and off campus that whole weekend and wearing a uniform. We worked cooperatively with the city every year on Oktoberfest and that's okay because we're there to help. We've been doing this for a long time so we prepare for the worst but hope for the best. Those were the big things I wanted to talk to you about. There will be a safety council starting up and the safety emergency notification system is still on my agenda and hopefully we'll continue to move forward with that. We will also be



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looking at getting more security cameras which would be very helpful. On body cameras, we've had them about 12 years but have been very poor quality. The tech was there but they weren't applying it to what we need. We probably have the best system in our squad cars but we're hoping to do the same with the body cameras. Our officers are on foot which is vastly different from the city's officers. There is no down side to having a body camera system except if it doesn't work well. We are working with UW Milwaukee and it will be a camera that has good audio, quality, and video. An officer in a car when they turn their lights on it activates the body camera without having to touch anything- it is a camera adopted from Milwaukee, Madison, I forget the other agencies in Wisconsin that are interested and were hoping to have those in a couple months. Does anyone have any questions?

i. Garcia: How much are the body cameras?

1. They are about \$20000 for them, one of the biggest features they have is that the footage will be stored offsite and we have to be very careful with sending them out because they are used in courts. We have to secure 11600 for unlimited data storage. We do the same with the squad cameras but keep the storage on campus. We are going to have 13 body cameras out there so the footage will be a lot more. The courts agree that it

ii. Garcia: The storage will be limited? Is there an amount of time they're stored?

1. Some will never get deleted but there are regulations. I will tell you something else for that cost, the body cameras have a life expectancy of 3 years but its \$11,600 because they restore them when they go bad. You can always download the video and then store it on your own but you need special types of software to be able to store it. We can't release some things because of confidentiality but some software makes things easier than others and with these body cameras it would include the software. The records retention for these videos varies based on the crime. Any other questions? If you ever need me just feel free to call on me again.

b. Dan Kapanke

i. Thanks so much for having me and I'm very honored to be here. Thank you as a veteran, for honoring to the flag here. Today I was at a luncheon and the speaker was a veteran for 25 years. He's retired now and probably the toughest man I have ever met. I was born and raised on a dairy farm and I graduated from Luther High in Onalaska and I met my wife there. I have been married for 46 years. My wife went off to nursing school and



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was a nurse for 46 years, I have had a certain degree of success in life but I wouldn't have any of that without my wife. She went to school and I went to school here. It took me 10 years to get my undergraduate because I was in and out. I got through and got a job with agriculture and seed sales. I came back to get another degree and I got an education degree. I wanted to work with kids because I love spending time with them. In a nut shell, that is my background. I love this institution and I have fought for the University when I was a senator and there was extra room in our budget one year and I have been advocating year after year and I believe in the University. People from Wisconsin love this state and I hope that when all of you graduate that you stay here because we have jobs here for you. People look for smart, hardworking people and I really hope you consider that. On the Madison campus, there have been some cuts but the campus in Madison is consistently ranked 15, year after year, in 2011 it was ranked 4 in fortune 500 CEOs. We are turning out with some great people from Wisconsin that affect the campus. Every chance I get, I love coming back to this campus and I know good things are happening here. With that being said, there is always room to grow. In the book, you may be good but you have to keep striving to be great because you can always get better. When a business feels they've reached the summit that is when they crash. They have to strive to get better. Look at kwik trip- they have gotten so much better and the University is the same way. So, with that, in a nut shell, I would certainly love some questions if any one has any

i. Brever: Why do you want to rejoin senate?

1. Because I love this state, I have been on the sidelines for 5 years and am very involved in other things. I am very involved in this community and I'm comfortable but there is a message out here that needs to balance the other messages and that's why I'm running.

ii. Floerke: If elected do you have a plan to keep the tuition low?

1. As you know there is a tuition freeze and the governor is pushing for that again. We are looking at what's best for the student. Everyone has budgets but what it comes to is what is best for the student to keep the cost low then that's what we'll do. K12 and Higher ED have always been a top priority in this state. I met a woman from Arizona and she told me she moved here because of the school system.

Again, we must maintain top level k12 and higher ed students and schools

iii. Ames: If elected what is your top priority for the next year or 2?



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1. The cost of healthcare has really gone up and after talking to constituents I realize that this is a huge problem. Wisconsin has been at the top of having health care for people in the 90% and what Obamacare has done is that it is vastly expensive for people. We had a healthcare program in WI that helped with people who had preexisting conditions but ultimately people are my priority.

Transportation is the second priority. Third is jobs, the jobs here have expanded rapidly, but I have met people that get \$11.00 for wrapping a sandwich. There are 70-90000 jobs that are available in Wisconsin. Wjobcenters.com- we need a larger work force and people to come to Wisconsin- we have to market Wisconsin in a better way because the people here are great and people love it here

iv. Schimmel: People on the University are feeling the budget cuts from last year, people weren't allowed to get the classes they wanted and our set amount of money that we give to entities and it was cut and suffered. What would you do if there is another budget cut?

1.Kapanke: I would take a careful look at the requested budget and I would take a serious look at it and make sure that the expenditure is something that is justified and that we have the revenue. I would not expect that there would be more cuts to the budget this year, that would really surprise me.

General Student Body Open Forum

VI. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

i. Hello all again, Pat and I we are looking into ordering a flag for the Hochunk nation along with the plaque. We'll have more discussions about that in the future. In joint planning and budget, we talked about the password is a minimum of 12 characters but the upside of that is that you don't have to change the password as frequently. Another thing is the name policy, we are trying to change that for d2l and email accounts so we have been trying to work on that and we'll have to look at it more but apparently students coming in as freshman can put the name they would prefer to go by. We are working to put it on the website so that people can do this if they want and know about it. Pat and I sent over the request for the laptops for the business materials. We want this because over time, it's easier for documents to get lost. Pat, Lauren, Haley and I went to the Student Reps meeting this last weekend and we are looking in to



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going to Madison to lobby in mid-November. Lastly, I get to be a judge for the fraternities and sororities competition and I am stoked for that. I'm very happy about this.

i. Brever: You would go to the records and registration office to get this changed. We do have a couple of new senators that Schimmel will swear in tonight. Thank you both for introducing yourselves.

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. Brever: We did add new senators and we're hoping to have 2 more new people next week. We did have a senator resign- Moua, just know that another one will be coming soon. Thank you all for dressing up for this meeting I really appreciate it. If there have been any changes in committees, please let me know. We do have a resolution that is in committees. It is likely to be amended but now we know that the committee system works. We do have some legislation in the works and with that, we are also looking for new resolution ideas.

c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross

i. Not much from me tonight. I was caught flat footed for the popcorn thing, it was a long week and I realized the posters weren't ready but we will find another time to do this, any questions I'll take them but with that, I yield.

d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason

i. I just wanted to thank everyone who came to slices with the senators, we actually ran out of pizza, and there were some comments of things that could be changed so I will put those in the office. Housekeeping, I've heard that people's name plates are spelled wrong. If anyone has any ideas with partnering with other orgs just let me know.

e. State Affairs Director: Haley Jurecki

i. Student reps this last weekend was really fun and I am now on a committee. It is on financial divestment and it is about oil and gas companies. The UW system and the foundations are separate and the resolution is on divesting from these foundations and no longer supporting that. I want this resolution to be really strong and with all the information head on and so we can give this as much support as possible. The only other thing that I have is the lobbying that Schimmel talked about. We will have more on that when we know a little bit more.

f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott

VII. RHAC Reports

a. Burgess: Last Thursday after the meeting we had voter deputy training and 9 res halls had someone in there that could do it. This coming meeting we will have elections for the treasurer.

VIII. Advisor Reports

a. Dr. Ringgenberg: I don't have much to say today, but I took some



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people into the building today and that went really well and I hope they liked it. I brought in a sample of the senate table. If you've been in the room, you'll be able to see how this all fits together. They're hoping to get the table in there by thanksgiving. If people haven't been in, please let me know and I am trying to get people who are graduating this semester into there. The question I get the most from people is- what is the name of the new building, so just remember that we are getting there. I heard that the hummus line has finally moved and 2 lines are open

i. Fish: Can I use a regular swipe for the hummus bar?

1. Ringgenberg: yes, you should be able to, if not then let me know.

ii. Floerke: So is Qdoba going to be in the new student union?

1. Ringgenberg: No, it will be another Sonos, the story is that at the sampling last year they decided a week later that they didn't want to mess with the stuff downtown. We were then negotiating with the other company (Moes) and about 2 months ago they came to us and wanted to renovate the area they were in and I decided we were not going to do that. People can be upset with me with that but the building has to open first before we should do renovating. Students were telling me that they would love it if there was a Popeye's in there, other people are thinking Chick filet but I don't think we will go there but we are looking at other places as well.

iii. Ames: I think the wall in the textbook rental center, I think that the yellow wall is better than the tan,

iv. Hodges: I do like the yellow and we should keep them but a lot of the lights are low hanging.

1. Ringgenberg: That's definitely the first thing were going to have to do, it's okay to have some low ones but not that many.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Garcia: JCES met on Friday and we approved some grants. One was for bike lights and we are having an event soon and the first 30 to show up get free lights. We approved a request for Elgene water bottles (200) and we won't just give them away we'll figure out a plan soon.

b. Bancker: AIDAC met this week and talked budgets and Academic affairs met and we sent a resolution to student orgs.

c. Wescott: In marketing and special events we ordered a bunch of T-shirts this week and we are making progress

e. Ames: SUFAC met this week and we were there for 3 hours and we went very in depth, the seg fee will be going up, not an increase in the rate but not by revenue. We will request a 0% increase for all budgets



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there is an opportunity to raise that but right now we already sent out templates with a 0% increase.

X. Organizational Reports

- a. Cooper: As of family weekend, the Ultimate Frisbee club will have a tournament either on Reuter fields or by the old baseball field. If you've never been to an Ultimate Frisbee game, it is really cool it is on Friday, from 7-10pm.
- b. Kallis: Yesterday was national coming out day and we celebrated by talking at the clock tower.
- c. Olp: If you're looking for something to do on Friday you can come to Valhalla and bring a canned good to get in.
- d. Rizzidlo: This past Monday was indigenous people's day and we had a lot more people show up for the event than we expected. That was really cool to see and I was happy to be there. Thank you to anyone who came and it was a really successful event. To follow up with what Schimmel said about the flag we still have some work to do one that but we were thinking for the placement of the flag to be by the eagle by the football field. Some people in NASA would really prefer that and we're just starting to open up that dialogue. There is a fundraiser going on in the community and people will be selling fry bread and it is super delicious. It was originated because it was something that people were able to make way back when but it's really good. I will post a link to the facebook page. It is tomorrow from 11-3 and all of the donations are going to Standing Rock.
- e. Mason: Women in computer science are working with Microsoft to make your own website on Monday. If you want, I'll be in the office at 5:45, it is in 259 Cartwright.
- f. Giles: Distinguished lecturer in physics is coming on Thursday at 5:00 pm, he won the nobel prize in 2014.

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business

XIII. Discussion

a. Gunaratnum, Tashner

1. Brever: I made an excel doc with the names that we've generated so we can work on that collaboratively.
- 2.. Bhatoya: As for the three rivers union names, this isn't very unique to la crosse. In the Mongel empire, there was a sacred river
3. Bentdahl: So the reason I brought this up was that the doors are modeled after three rivers
4. Floerke: At some point we should vote on the top 4 and then send it out to the students, that way it gets out to everyone and this body does have the option to do that
5. Giles: Aquilla student center- because that stands for eagle in Spanish



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6. Bancker: Convocation center- because that is the gathering of eagles
7. Ames: I would like Grandbluff and Bluffside striken from the list because they are other companies-
 - a. Call to question- PASSED
9. Tashner: Larry talked about how the tiles were like the 3 rivers, so idk if we need to name the building that if it's already represented
 - i. Rondorf: Are the tiles in the whole building or just in one place?
 - a. Ringgenberg: No it's just the main floor
10. Garcia: Could we just send this out in a doodle poll?
 - i. Brever: I could make that and send it out. A motion has been made to vote for the top 3 we will conduct a poll just to see where people are at. This is just an informal poll to see where people are at.
11. Ames: One last comment, I understand that Driftless applies to this region but the word itself sounds a little bit funny and it sounds like aimless, that's just the way that I think about it.
 - i. Garcia: I like Driftless so I'm going to fight for it right now, there are a lot of eagle mascots in schools. If we can't pronounce Aquila, then we're not going to be able to bring that to everyone else.
 - a. Rondorf: I agree with the connotation with driftless and Aquila sounds close to Aguilera and Aquinas schools.
 - b. Tashner: There are a lot of buildings on campus that people don't know how to pronounce
12. Gunaratnum: So we have our three names but what now, will we send this out to the students now or wait more? Aquila if you say it a couple times it's not that hard to pronounce.
13. Rondorf: Is there any way with this list to send this out to the students?
 - i. Bhatoya: I think at this point we have a lot of ideas out and I think it would be better to end the discussion and see what kind of response we get from the students
14. Olp: Is there anything that says we can't have UW La Crosse Student Union as a temporary name?
15. Bancker: I thought that we sent out the student body poll a while ago so I think we should have some more time to think about it.
 - i. Ames: I agree with what Bancker said. Last time it was in options but if we just advertised it to the student body through the racquet.
16. Bhatoya: Going back to previous senator and what we've been calling it, and we do have to have a name chosen by the end of the semester. We do have to be cognizant of committees trying to advertise this and make sure that we think about that.
 - i. Bancker: Would it be possible to include this in the next mass email to students?
17. Floerke: Is there a certain timeline as a body in here to get the name out? 2



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weeks? 3 weeks? If we sent an email out tomorrow, then we could get feedback and then we could make the resolution.

XIV. Announcements

a. Jureki: I sent out a doodle poll for t-shirts today and I hope it makes sense and that you guys like it. You should all vote on it but any of this can be changed at any time. So far, only 13 of you have voted. Can you get these in to me by Friday, also we can do backs of shirts as well.

b. Schimmel: I just wanted to have a quick discussion on this that: Lifting the tuition freeze in the next biennium and the governor said that they want state funding

i. Gunaratnum: What do you mean by biennium?

1. Schimmel: We do every 2 years.

ii. Fish: Is there any for sure percentage?

1. Schimmel: No more than 1.2% I'm just curious to see how you all feel about the tuition freeze. Disinvestment from statewide funding and there has been a fundraiser for this. If you want to freeze tuition make sure that you are funding. Again, there are two faces to that

iii. Elvaker: What does the board of regents do?

1. Schimmel: They set a lot of policies for the state and the governor and state of regents are on a different page. This is just a very recent development and I'm just interested to hear more of your opinions

iv. Fish: Personally I think that there is a way to fight with fund the freeze but I think we should work towards funding

1. Giles: I also agree, I just don't want something to happen and the talent to leave (professors, research, etc.) in my opinion fund the freeze is the best option. I just don't want good professors leaving

v. Ames: While fund the freeze would be awesome, only 9 states decreased funding in the country and I don't think that this is going to reverse at any point. In particular, this is going to affect Madison and they are looking at raising the tuition for grad students again for the second time in 1 year

1. Floerke: Fund the freeze sounds like a great idea but before I get behind that I would like to know more about fund the freeze before I can formulate my own opinion

vi. Schimmel: On another note, the combined total for getting people registered for voting is 737 and I'm very excited about that. You have until Oct. 19th until 5:00 pm, before the blackout period. I also am talking to the planner company about changing Columbus day to indigenous people's day.



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vii. Brever: I hope you found the campus climate discussion good last week and I hope you're looking forward to them coming again.

XV. Adjournment
a.8:07 pm