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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **October 26th, 2016**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:07 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - i. Motion: Gunaratnam ; Second: Kallis
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Rep. Jill Billings
 - i. I'm never quite sure where to stand when I come here. Thank you for inviting me, I was elected to the legislature 5 years ago and a couple years after that I received the Higher Ed award from UWL senate. I really value that. I was on the county board before I was elected as one of the representatives. Some of the apartments and college housing fall in my district and I was told not to confront students about voting because there is such a high turnover with apartments but I went anyways. I've always knocked on the doors of students. When I got elected, one of my first committee picks was colleges and universities. I wanted to have a voice on that committee, so I've been on it for about 4 years. We have had problems with students being in so much debt, Students came into the committee one time and gave a testimony and they were questioned very harsh when they were there but they held their own. My office is open in the capital at any time you would want to contact me in Madison. I am happy to come here at any time as well. Earlier today I was talking to students about voting and if they were going to. I always encourage people to vote early but if anyone has any questions about that they can ask me. I'm the only person running in this election but I still appreciate votes. I will be sitting on the committee of drug abuse problems in Wisconsin. I was luckily to be appointed to this committee. We will be meeting in La Crosse in December if you are interested in coming to that. I think that's about all I have to say, I will now take any questions if anyone has any questions?
 - a. Bentdahl: On the committee dealing with drug abuse are you looking at putting caps on giving people pain killers?
 1. Billings: There is pressure from people to give pain killers because the people weren't warned about how addictive opiates can be which is one of the main reasons why it is such a big problem today. For example, I was in a conference in Minnesota and someone said that they became addicted after getting injured in college playing a sport. This addiction We are working on a prescription drug monitoring program to try and get doctors to be



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more vigilant. We made narcans more accessible (antidote to heroin) so that people who do overdose can get the help that they need and not overdose. I was talking to a doctor in Madison because my daughter had her wisdom teeth out and they gave us a whole bottle of pain killers to her, but they have made drop off sites to drop off unwanted prescriptions. More medical professionals are attending conferences about this issue and changing their practices. People who are addicted to opiates usually end up turning to heroin eventually. This is one thing that I've learned about addiction is that it is a disease and that people who love an addict or

a. Floerke: Are you going to look into lessening jail sentences for people who are nonviolent drug addicts?

i. Now it's hard to undue things sometimes but I think that when someone is in prison and they have good behavior and are trying to turn their lives around, I think they should get credit for that and they should be able to shorten sentences because it provides incentive to do better. I don't think this will pass in the committee but hopefully, I'm advocating for people doing good things in prison get out on good behavior on parole so they can be with their families. We are encouraging businesses to ask if people are felons in the second interview because it will give felons who are trying to change a better opportunity. I think the committee can reach consensus on this but were looking at training for people who are in prison and cognitive therapy so they can change their way of thinking. People who are in prisons typically have harsh pasts which effect their behaviors. We just have to work on breaking cycles. I'm also on a sexual trafficking committee and the average age of a person who is trafficked at age 13. We are working on getting kids treatment, healthcare, and the people who are selling the people have so much control over the kids. I'm working on legislation about not arresting children for prostitution but now in Wisconsin, children can be arrested for prostitution. Usually though, this is through trafficking and they are not even legal to consent to sex. I am also working with owners of hotels and motels on policies. There were girls found in a hunting cabin last hunting season. We want someone to be able to train hotels and motels on what signs to look for. There is a lot of work to be done. Thank you for inviting me and again, contact my office if you need anything and anyone interested in internships in the capital you can contact my office. If you need anything else

VI. General Student Body Open Forum



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VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

i. Just while this is being pulled up I wanted to say something about the election: many of you may be feeling disenfranchised. What I've seen from this level in the La Crosse area, I have appreciated from the Republicans and Democrats and they are idea based and not personal attacks. I think what we've seen from candidates that have come to senate is that they are also making this a contest of ideas. So, Pat and I met with Madilyn who is a part of human resources. We were going over the screening process of administrators. What you'll notice about the document is that they added explanations about what positions they are talking about and a piece on diversity. Today I'm coming to you to ask about what you would like to see. I encourage you to look at this document to compare the other ones and we can talk about it next week. The one thing I was where its talking about the composition of committee members you'll notice that there is a change in the makeup. The old one has 5 members that will be reduced to 4 and for the other one, they have reduced a member on the academic council to one student on senate. They tried to do it to make it proportional. To get 12-13 people in a room to vote on something it can get pretty difficult. I want to make sure students are represented properly on it. One of the things I found interesting is that it might be possible to encourage the chancellor to pick one position as a student if it specifically relates to students. Really this is open ended I just want people to think about it

1. Garcia: Doesn't every position relate to the students?

a. Schimmel: Yes, but I think if it's something that would be beneficial to have a student in that position.

i. Knudson: The search and screen committee for chancellors is done by the board of regents.

2. Kallis: Under the diversity clause it said the affirmative action coordinator has discretion to look at the committee and make sure there is "sufficient diversity" but that isn't defined so what does that mean?

a. Schimmel: I will make note of that and bring that up. Again, speaking of search and screen, I have pushed for a video of students to be made so that we can highlight the fact that this is a student oriented campus. So I would really like people to be a part of this video. It will take about 5-10 seconds. All you say is my name is: blank and I love UWL because blank so really it's not a hard thing and there will be a link on the website for candidates to see. I'm going to pass the sheet around so people can sign up. You can just stop in within the allotted time and you can say what you want to say.



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Also, I sent out an email to all of the SRDs, make sure you sign up for poll times on election day, we need people there at all times on that day. Even if you can just do one, one hour shift that's great. If we don't have enough people manning the polls, then the lines are going to get very long. Just sign up for times when you can. As well, please email me if you are interested in just recruiting people to go out and vote. The only other thing I have is that right now I am in the process of going through the budget for next year. I was looking at increasing the salary to the executives so I was thinking about transferring over money from the transportation funds. There is about an extra \$3000. The reason I'm bringing this up now because if we were to transfer money we are looking to make a resolution with a binding option saying that pat and I weren't able to benefit off of this, so it would apply for the next executives. There are a lot of other schools that have a higher payment.

a. Faust: Why do you want the pay increase?

1. Schimmel I've talked to past presidents but I put about 40 hours in a week, on top of school, and it's just a lot of work and \$7000 isn't enough for that. So if we did this, like I said there would be a binding contract so that pat and I wouldn't get paid more if we remain here. Not every student would be able to serve in this position because they need to pay the bills. I want to avoid people not running because it's not enough money. My guess is that I won't have to be doing this but I'll be clearing up the internal budget problem.

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. If you like videos and you like Schimmel there will be another one next week and they are looking for a student to be involved in it. Our secretary has created a SharePoint where committee chairs, co- chairs, and secretaries can have access. Regarding resolutions, ideas have been better throughout the last couple of weeks but if you need help then you can ask me or Schimmel. Student reps is also coming up again, if you have interest in coming you can also contact myself or Schimmel.

a. Garcia: If we don't get laptops we should get the voting system on your computer.

1. Schimmel: I've talked to Rachel and I have been working with her to get this set up in a contingency request. There is still an opportunity to get the laptops



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though.

- c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross
 - i. Hello, we did popcorn on Monday and people came up with an idea for people to vote on the names for the New Student Union- Three Rivers Union, Aquila, driftless commons, The U, DAB (dat awesome building), another DAB, and Eagle’s Landing had the most. There is a meeting on Friday for CAPS and I will not be able to make it. They will be talking about changes in grading and they will be discussing the probation policy we have. Also they are looking at a new policy that deals with extending the one-week period to drop a class without a W to two weeks. 215 and 325 Graff.
 - d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason
 - i. You all are really great.
 - e. State Affairs Director: Haley Jurecki
 - i. Two things today, so we are doing a lobbying day in Madison either Nov. 29 or Nov. 30. We are doing it with other student reps so there will be other people there. If you’ve never been to Madison to lobby it is really interesting. The first meeting you have is a little intimidating but it’s really cool. Most people are really nice so it’s not that bad. Usually we have one point person in the room and then everyone else will give a testament. I will pass around a sign-up sheet for this. Now we have to decide on the front. So the three top choices and I want you all to just do a paper vote because the doodle didn’t get very many responses. The color will be a dark grey.
 - f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott
 - i. Regarding the off campus housing fair, a lot of stuff from last week was just sending out emails and getting people a combined list. On Friday I am going to a goosetown meeting to talk to. They want to develop the ideas and preemptive things. If you have any ideas just let me know.
- VIII. RHAC Reports
- i. Burgess: Dr. Paula will come to our meeting tomorrow and we are trying to get people to come to the screening of the inclusive negligence video. Programming this last weekend for the halls went really well.
- IX. Advisor Reports
- i. Dr. Paula: You may not know this but Halloween is coming so I am here with unhealthy snacks and I’m sending them around.
- X. Committee Reports
- i. Bancker: Academic affairs sent out the email for the commencement speaker
 - ii. Ames: SUFAC met on Monday and went through one-shots and the laptops for SA were shot down but that’s because it wasn’t through IT. The problem with IT is that the computers are really expensive. Most of our time was dedicated to one shots. We roughly approved \$33,000, and



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we budgeted about \$17,000 and the extra comes out of the reserves which is about \$118,000 and the biggest item we approved was a \$12,000 tuba, but it is actually a good deal for a long period of time. There are also new taping tables, replacement batting cage nets, jerseys, a lot of equipment for club sports. A lot of these items were safety equipment. Anything safety related we put at the top.

a. Bhatoya: Do you prioritize them or just go off of our priorities?

1. Ames: No, we go off of what the entities prioritized. Track and field mats were prioritized below the taping tables. We were also a little more biased for clubs that had no funding at all.

a. Bhatoya: Was there anything important that was denied?

1. Ames: All of the things we denied were in Athletics, these were things that we viewed more as wants than needs. We prioritized safety mainly.

a. Floerke: What was wrong with the training tables?

1. Ames: The taping tables are different than the training tables but the ones that they had here were getting really old and falling apart so we figured it would be a good time to give them then. Also, heads up to anyone who has a budget, SUFAC will be meeting with you as soon as possible.

iii. Kallis: There have been 57 hate and bias reports reported so far this year. We talked about doing interviews for the inclusivity director and we also talked about our front porches at the new student union.

iv. Mason: It's on us is happening this week and we have hit a couple of hiccups along the way but I have a sign-up sheet for tomorrow's event and I can give anyone who wants it, some information. I will send that around, stop by at any time and we will be doing a photo thing. Also there is a flag football tournament on Friday if you would also like to sign up for that.

a. Brever: Anyone who gets out gets out of office hours for the rest of October.

1. Tashner: Also if you don't want to sign up to volunteer we could also make a student association team.

XI. Organizational Reports

i. Schimmel: NASA met on Monday and we were going over final touches of the plaque being ordered. We are planning a ceremony for the plaque.

ii. Cooper: This past weekend the Ultimate Frisbee team had one of our last fall tournaments. It was a really good time but this next weekend we



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are sending one team down to Missouri to compete with D1 teams.

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

a. SA1617-009: Resolution Dissolving the Academic Affairs Committee

i. Bancker: So last year, Madi and I were on the committee and we learned that we don't do that much as a committee. We looked through the bylaws and a lot of the stuff is outdated and no longer applicable. This year we were having problems with getting on committees so if this committee dissolved it would free people up to be on other committees. The two main responsibilities would be delegated to different committees. We are saying that commencement speakers will go to marketing and special events and regalia

a. Floerke: I think that since it was approved by 2 other committees shows that we are prepared to dissolve it.

b. Garcia: I have served on many committees that have had a hard time meeting quorum so this is a good idea.

c. Quashnick: So where in the bylaws does it say that there is this committee because right now it looks like it doesn't exist.

1. Brever: It is labeled as a subcommittee in the constitution.

2. Bancker: I think it's mentioned in the constitution and in the bylaws.

i. Quaschnick: Under section 8 in the constitution it doesn't list this. So if we pass this, will we dissolve this at the end of the semester?

ii. Bancker: There would have to be a referendum to amend the constitution

a. Ames: Would it have to be a referendum?

1. Bancker: According to Dr. Larry, we would have to have a referendum.

iii. Fish: I was just going to mention that Academic Affairs is mentioned many times. Under section 8,6, and there are mentions so it

a. Olp: Are we looking at the constitution or the bylaws?

1. Brever: For the referendum it would be the constitution.

iv. Quaschnick: I do agree with this but it looks like we'll have to do a referendum and we can discuss this in the future. I think that this can't overrule the constitution regardless of what the constitution says.

a. Mason: The committee will be meeting for the rest of the academic year.

1. Garcia: Move to end discussion

v. Schimmel: One benefit would be freeing up peoples time to serve on



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other committees and one thing I would direct to the author is that I know there was an assignment to report to people that went through academic affairs, so where would that go?

a. Bancker: we talked to Larry about this in the spring and he didn't know what it was.

1. Fish: What we talked about is that there are other academic committees that could deal with it just as well.

vi. Quashnick: So this resolution won't be done until the end of the semester so why can't we just amend the constitution instead of creating a resolution. So instead of passing this resolution why don't you change the resolution to amending the constitution before this

a. Bancker: I don't think it would hurt anything to get people's opinions on this first and that's what the resolution did and now you can pass it but it does nothing until you do it.

1. Fish: This was our first idea and we wanted to do this because we didn't know how this would go over.

XIV. Discussion

i. Bhatoya: Where is the email at about New Student Union names?

a. Schimmel: It's in the sand right now and then IT told us that we could send out the email with the qualtrics and then both emails didn't work. Larry wants to send out the qualtrics because they have access too but we are still concerned with UC sending out the email and it failing.

ii. Jurecki: We are not voting on a pocket with the shirts. Just vote between the different shirts

iii. Reinke: I was thinking about making a resolution about parking tickets for people who already have parking passes on campus. I work early in the morning (6 am) before the 7 am time frame and you have to pay \$5 more dollars to park before 7:00 and I was just wondering if anyone knew more about this.

a. Elvaker: I was also looking into this, what are the actual hours?

1. Reinke: Between 2 am- 7am

a. Bhatoya: I would be happy to work on this with you. This could be interesting, I think most UW schools can park for free overnight on the weekends.

1. Garcia: The parking director is on JCES and I can talk to him about it.

iv. Jurecki: Option 1 came in third, two came in second and the third choice won!! From now on we will make sure that the money is in on time and we will be collecting it before we get the shirts. When I figure out what we're going with I can look at other t-shirt models.



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v. Garcia: Parking is only enforced from Monday-Friday but it is still not overnight parking.

a. Cooper: During the week you have to pay but on the weekends you have to use the pay station and I've had resident's friend's get tickets.

1. Westcott: Even though this is stupid that this happened I think that the best way to go about this is by writing a resolution. This hopefully will be an effective way to change this.

XV. Announcements

i. Schimmel: I'm disappointed by this video sign up. I'm going to send it around again; I can even script your line for you if you want.

ii. Moreno: LASO will be having an event next week on Wednesday.

iii. Mason: Even though I love all of you please sign up for the it's on us. Also, it was Haley's birthday and we are going to Howie's after this meeting.

a. Westcott: Only 2 people signed up for Friday and I would love it if more people signed up. It would either be from 4:30-7:00 or 7:00-10:30 on Friday night.

1. Olp: I already have team if you want to be on it come talk to me.

XVI. Adjournment

i. Motion: Schutlz, Second: Cooper

ii. 7:58pm