



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: October 5th, 2016

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 1. Gunaratnum, Rizzidlo
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. State Senator Jen Shilling

1. Welcome, to Student Senate and I applaud all of you for talking an active role. I was a student at La Crosse there 1987-1992. It was a four-and-a-half-year plan. I came here for PT and I changed my major to political science and public administration. When I took classes that I was interested in, I was getting better grades. I ran for county board and represented the University for 2 years. I was learning a lot of things from classes and I served in the assembly from 2011-2012 and I am now on Senate. I have two kids and live close to UW- La Crosse. I worry about the state of the University. Since 2011, UW and higher education has lost one billion in our budget. Education is the great equalizer and we have to make it affordable. I have always been the voice for campuses about what affordable tuition means and right now with these deep cuts the faculty are moving away. The last several years the University has been on the defense to deep cuts to the University system and removing the Wisconsin Idea. They've been on the defense about changing tenure and banning life research. This campus has grappled with concealed carry on La Crosse campus. There are a lot of complex things but these are things students have had to be on the defense about. I want to develop a positive agenda for the University and invest in so we can save it. Wisconsin was one of nine states in the last budget to cut higher education. I am returning to senate in January and will be advocating for these things but we need to work together to do this. We need to figure out how the university can be an economic engine and an idea generator. We have so many employees on campus that this could be a small city. We have been fortunate that building commission has afforded us new buildings. As a former member of the building commission I am still advocating. The entering class is one of the largest and we have retained more to get better enrollment. I don't know if I would get in La Crosse today with the grades I had. I just wanted to come and talk about my priorities and agendas but also as a proud alum of UW La Crosse. I have come and



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appeared regularly in Senate but these are tough times in Wisconsin. There are 11 millionaires in this state that make over \$35 million. I will close with talking about student debt. We have the third highest percentage of students that carry student debt. That should not be the gift you get when you get your diploma. I think we can do better, the governor had an idea about sending postcards to people about how much they are in debt and we've talked about internships that would be paid. Now this sounds attractive, but those who are graduated this does nothing to their student debt. While the governor has made some attempts I find them as window dressing rather than plans. I hope when I return to Madison we can continue the dialogue and discussion about these things and think about what we can do to develop stronger economies and looking at the Universities as a gem. We have had five thousand students unroll from the UW system. It has been my honor to represent this University for the last 5 years. I love when people come to the rotunda and hold up posters, it shows me that you care and you make relationships that are extremely valuable. I want to retain these people and make sure they are receiving the best quality education.

a. Mason: What do you think is the best thing we can do to encourage greater funding?

i. Schilling: I think that students that put themselves out there and go to budget committees or other meetings about budgets is valuable and it's important to show up and go to Madison to lobby. I know this campus has been very involved with contacting local legislatures. I think contacting your home districts and also encouraging people to vote is great. I think that UWL has had a fantastic voter turnout and students here are engaged and people here care about policy issues that affect them. The early vote starts on October 17th. Anything we can do to make voting easier and not harder.

a. Rizzidlo: How available are you to come in to these meetings?

i. Schilling: when the legislature is in session I'm in Madison about 2-3 days a week. Hopefully there would be a night that I would be home. I think that it's important to have a meeting when the budget is unveiled. I am happy to come in here again. Sometimes I have flexibility and sometimes I don't.

a. Rizzidlo: Do you have contacts that we can contact if you're not available?

i. Yes, I have a lot of UWL reps that work in my office and take phone calls .



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b. Campus Climate Training

1. Training on inclusivity and diversity

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

i. I will preface my statement about what we just went through with campus climate training. The events that diversity climates throw they are vital to our campus and I want to put all of those events out there for everyone to see because I want to encourage everyone I can to go to these. It's important to listen about what's going on. It's what's going on in the office or the political lingo that is being thrown around and going to these events causes you to think about it more often. It allows for a better understanding of what people really think. This gets you in the mindset. I'll just throw that out there. The voter registration drive ends tomorrow, my goal is to beat 269 and I'm confident we can beat it. It's a really great effort that we are going to voters with. We made the video with the chancellor last week and released it and if you haven't watched it yet you should check it out..

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. We do have six new senators tonight. Do your best to be inviting and helpful. Try to help them out. Remember that next week Dan Kapanki is here and please try to dress up because we will be taking pictures. I also have a sheet with committee chair names. A person from the racquet will be covering our meetings now.

c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross

i. I mentioned to you all about the table where we can outreach to people and get ideas I scheduled the table from 3-7 next Monday and try to get some discussion going on. Any ideas really help, I have a sign-up sheet and they are in hour increments. Please sign up and I think this would be a great idea to have around. Please sign up and counts as an hour of outreach and you would get free popcorn.

d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason

i. In order to help Schimmel get the voter registration registered you should be to coming to slices with the senators and be talking with the senators about what's wrong. We will also be registering voters if you are there at that time, 11-2 this will be happening.

1. Rizzidlo: Did we sign up for times for that?

i. Mason: Yes, there was a spreadsheet sent out and 12 of you haven't responded there is no pressure just conversation.

e. State Affairs Director: Haley Jurecki

f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott

VIII. RHAC Reports



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a. Burgess: Recently we have an open treasurer position on our exec team. We have a training for reps in dorms to be deputized to register people for voting.

IX. Advisor Reports

X. Committee Reports

a. Legislative affairs had a 7 minute meeting and the chair is Haley Jurecki.

b. Ames: Sufac met, as usual, we had a more in depth convo about how the budget is deficit this year \$127,000 out of a \$13,000,000 budget and your seg fee will go up. The rate this year for allocable is \$96 and will go up to \$99 next year and will continue to go up. This is primarily due to enrollment and full time and part time students and ways that we can lower the seg fee rates. The new projects on campus will directly affect your fees. We will be among the top 4 highest. We also discussed capital fund requests and if you want a snapshot, we got a request for a \$14,000 tuba. Instruments are expensive but we try to look at everything equally. Carryover funding requests will be coming. We swept \$30000 back into the reserves and this is a pot of money that we have complete control over. There are multiple ways that we can use that money.

i. Bhatoya: We talked about the one shot requests we got and we saw that wrestling asked for a clock.

c. Bancker: AIDAC met yesterday and we will have entities coming next week.

d. Olp: Student orgs met and we discussed names for the new student orgs place and we really like "The Cove."

f. Fish: Marketing and Special events met and we need a new senator to serve on that committee.

g. Garcia: JCES finally filled there own spot and we will be voting on some things so you can stop in to see it.

i. Bancker: AIDAC needs a senator we meet on Thursdays at 5.

j. Gross: Who do we go to if our committee hasn't reached out?

l. Brever: You can meet with me.

k. Fish: Academic affairs needs another person and we meet tomorrow at 2:30.

XI. Organizational Reports

a. Rizzidlo: Schimmel brought this up earlier that on Oct. 10th Greg Deal is coming in and NASA is sponsoring him. He will talk about how Native Americans discovered Columbus, a critical look at a false holiday. We like to call it indigenous peoples day. He takes a critical look at what this day really means and what it has done to society. So you will learn a lot and this will be in the hall of nations from 5:30-7:00.

b. Schimmel: Rise against rape culture met/ sexual violence, we went over our mission statement I encourage people to come it is at Tuesdays



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at 8:30 am.

- XII. Unfinished Business
- XIII. New Business-Tashner, Gunaratnum
- a. SA1617-006: Approving Fall 2016 Election Results
- i. Motion to package these: Garcia, Tashner
- b. SA1617-007: Approving Senate Appointments
- a. Call to question: Garcia
- i. Objection: Ames- Do you suspend the two week rule?
1. Brever: All in favor of packaging these together
- I. PASSED -as a package
- b. Garcia I move to suspend the two week rule on voting- second by Ames
- c. Mason: You should explain what the two qweek rule is.
- i. Brever: We leave these on the table usually for two weeks so that they can be thought about but occasionally that rule is suspended.
- d. Garcia: This should be suspended so we can get down to business.
- e. Ames: I'm on board if you clarify something about the grad positions, there was a tie with write in votes?
- i. Brever: One person got a lot of write ins and others only had one vote.
- g. Call to Question: Garcia, Rizzidlo
- i. 2 week rule suspended: Garcia, Ames
- I. PASSED`
- h. Brever: Induction New Senators- Bradley Elvaker, Colin Giles, Morgan Spielman, Danny, Isaac Tahiti
- Schimmel: Officially inducts new senators.
- i. Brever: Congrats to all and were looking forward to the year.
- XIV .Discussion:
- a. Brever: The new student union name is prevalent
- i. Fish: Driftless Commons
1. Wescott: I feel like you have to explain what that means.
- b. Bentdahl: Three Rivers Union because this would connect the model of the New Student Union
- i. Garcia: As the green fund coordinator, both of those names are great and they give knowledge about the area.
1. Rondorf: I like the name but driftless is a concern because people think college students are driftless
- I. Arney: Driftless means that we are in the Minnesota and Iowa region but a long time ago there were glaciers that clashed and missed the driftless region and this is really unique because it's pre-glacial and there are special species.



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c.Bhatoya: If the glaciers affected the area, how would it look?

i.Arney: it would be flat

d.Ames: I don't think that driftless is localized enough, what if we broadcasted the name of this to the radio to have them name it?

e.Bhatoya: We should let children decide the name and have children vote on what they think the names should be.

i. Mason: You can use that as your outreach

f.Brever: Our seg fees did contribute to this so I think it would be nice to have a say in the name. The building will be open pretty shortly and we should be ready. Does anyone have any resolution ideas?

i.Rizzidlo: I have made the title for a resolution in regards to campus/university made planners that are in the rec and we want Columbus day to be scratched and replace that with indigenous people's day.

1.Brever: If anyone is interested in this?

I.Faust: I heard that we weren't supposed to get calendars this year.

g.Schimmel: An idea I have to fill committees faster is that I think we have one grad election in the spring and one in the fall and this might fill one position early on and getting the voice out about the grad position. I don't want to do all of it in the spring because it is a two-year program and I want to be fair. I'm just throwing out the idea

h.Brever: This part of the meeting doesn't have to have things filled out, these are just ideas

i.Burgess: We are trying to revisit the fall break resolution

XIV. Announcements

a.Gunaratnum, Faust

i.Faust: The club baseball team is traveling to Minnesota

ii.Tashner: For the SA flag football I'll send a sheet around next week

Mason: In honor of Senator Tashner's birthday we will be going to Howie's tonight after the meeting.

iv. Brever: If you are new to senate you will be placed on a committee soon.

XV. Adjournment-Warner, Reinke, 8:38pm