



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: September 14th, 2016

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

- I. Call to Order
a. 6:05 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
a. Approval of agenda- Rizzidlo, Tashner
- V. Guest Speakers

1. Fire Chief Cleveland:

First of all, thank you, I really appreciate it. I really don't have anything planned to say. I'm here to talk about a few things, but especially that September is fire safety month. Campus fire safety month is always in September. We have a proclamation done by the state governors that September is fire safety month. Background about me, I have been here for 11 years as the fire chief. I really enjoyed coming here and I love this community. We have 3 institutions of higher learning here and that is awesome, I have been a lifelong student and love the community. I have a taste of both public and private colleges and it's great. So, I do a lot of work in the national fire protection association. I am currently the secretary for their fire service board, made up of fire chiefs in the region. It's a lot of fun for me to be here and I enjoy coming to work every day. The fire service has been a calling for me and it's not just a job. It has been a fantastic career for me. I used The main 3 causes of fire in the world today are men, women, and children. The US has the leading fire record of any country in the world. There countries haven't had as many fires as us and the secondary things to the fire. We have had to learn how to do things and our fire safety comes from mass disasters. Sometimes it causes a tragedy for us to make simple changes in fire safety and that's unfortunate but we live in a very cost conscious society and they're not going to spend the money until something happens and there needs to be a change to better us for the future. I want to throw a pitch in, how many people remember the fire in Drake hall? We had 277 students evacuate from that hall and the fire was so significant that a foundation wanted to come in and make a video of it. They came out and made a 20-minute Drake hall fire and UWL is the center piece. When this happened there were 9 other fires that occurred. We were very fortunate that we didn't have any death. This video is now used at the national fire safety association as a fire training. It was one of the "best practices" and has helped others learn how to deal with fires on campuses. UWL gave back to other folks when it comes to fire safety and education. This was one benefit that came out of a fire. How many of you have been in a fire? The thing of it is, fire is a very traumatic issues. Hopefully none of you will ever be in one but those feelings, sensations- they never go away. It would take 15 minutes for this



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room to be completely ablaze. Today flash over occurs in less than 3 minutes and that's because everything is made out of petroleum and plastic so the fire burns more intense than ever before and that's why they burn faster and there is more smoke. People don't die from the flame; they die from the smoke. People live in a house for 35 years and we find them in the closet. The reason is because people lose all sense of where they are because they can't see through the smoke. It makes people do things that they never would have done before and it would be impossible to escape. There have been 4 deaths from fires in the city of La Crosse this year and it's because of some production. When That's how toxic fires and smoke are. We lost 2 students on state street here years ago, unfortunately they were drinking and 2 of the 3 died. The third one was rescued by the fire chief at the time. It was one of my first fires in La Crosse and the guy was my friend's son and he almost died in a fire. If you live in off campus homes, you have to take fire safety because anything we can do to prevent fires is my job and you should all take the necessary precautions. If you live in a house without fire detectors you are 85% more likely to die from a fire. 80% of fires happen at residential properties. All of the fires in lacrosse this year have happened in single family homes. Minnesota is much more proactive in fire safety than Wisconsin will ever be. Everywhere has sprinklers and all four years my daughter stayed in St. Mary's dorms and they all had sprinklers in the dorms. We need fire safety for kids but people won't get behind having sprinklers in schools. The number of fires that happen in schools in WI is astronomical. The leading causes of fires are intentionally set fires. These fires happen in the bathrooms. There is a song called smoking in the boys room. In educational institutions this is the number one place that they happen. People don't like to talk about this very often. If you're living off of campus get rid of extension cords. These old homes are made into apartments and these older homes have older outlets so you run an extension cord and when they can't dissipate the heat they spark and a fire starts. Again, things are much more flammable today. I don't recommend any extension cords but I would get a power strip. Don't plug big appliances into power strips. If it's plugged into a big device, it can't take the draw and it's going to overheat and fail. Do you have a secondary way to get out of the apartment? This is a very important thing. If you have a jump platform the trauma unit at hospitals gets called if you have to jump over 6 feet. People don't believe that this is true but it is and if you live in a jump platform, you need to think ahead of what you would do if there is a fire. You should have a fire extinguisher and one that is up to date and not outdated. If someone dies in a fire usually people are intoxicated and usually they are smokers for both men and women. You're just elevating your risks if you constantly choose to do this. Oktoberfest is terrifying for me. People are all in tight spaces, with alcohol, and cigarettes. Just think things through. This is the message I want to leave with you all and you need to talk about these things and be prepared. People are now better educated but their still not being careful. Fire is directly correlated with education



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level and income level. No fires were in homes \$350,000 and higher, fires occur in homes \$125,000 and less. My point is that people don't have good formal education and they are doing things on their own or don't have the money which leads to fires being ignited. There are a lot of things that go into this but you are all on the right track.

a. Rizzidlo: What should landlords do and provide for living off campus?

2. Chief: Provide a fire extinguisher and smoke alarms. There are a lot of other things they can do but those are two things that should for sure be there. We have a landlord agreement and have an obligation to provide smoke alarms but you should keep them up and make sure that they are working. That's why we put these things out there. If you ever need anything call the fire department and you can talk to me at any time, call me at: 7897264.

a. Ames: What's the life cycle of a smoke alarm?

3. Chief: 10 years but it has to be the 10-year lithium battery. I just believe strongly in what I do and it's not just a job I have seen a lot of things but positive things come out of them and I commit myself to preventing those things happening in the future. You're going to be future leaders but everyone needs to be educated in fire safety. I'm serious you can call me, it really doesn't matter. I can talk years on the things that I've learned. I can't tell you how fun this was for me to be out here and I love talking about the fire department. There is no better career than doing this, but when we pass a new policy I feel great because this is important to me and others. When a policy gets passed and gets in the books I know that these policies will save someone's life and that's what motivates me. Thank you for allowing me to come here and feel free to contact me at any time. We do demonstrations and will do anything that you want within reason. I didn't bring cards but you can look up the number and call and I will answer at any time. Thank you so much for your time.

4. Brever: Thank you- We all appreciate it.

b. City Councilwoman Elaine Anderson-

1. I'm a fourth year student here at UWL – I am really here this year to be a resource for you but if there is something that you want to change I will be able to help you with that. My # I 920 2854064. Give me a call and I would love to talk about issues or ideas.

i. Jureki: What do you do?

2. Anderson: I go to city council meetings, I work on budgets, I sit on heritage recognition and I look over legislation and collaborate with other board members to see if anything needs to be changed to benefit the students and community. Sometimes I just direct people in the right direction but I'm here for a resource.



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c.Brever: Thank you for Elaine. She will be a great resource this year and we hope to bring her in as often as possible. Now I will open the floor you have three minutes.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

1.Lindsey AZ: Hello everyone I am a senior here and I want to tell you about the student power summit line, we will be working on mental health issues, women's issues, policing issues. One reason I'm here is I want to ask for help. 5-7 students that could work with us and we will be getting a rental car to and from campus. I'm looking to get these students to Madison. There is a \$200 registration fee and I'm looking for fundraising ideas to come up with that. I want to ask all of you and the sub committees that I could bring students to and from training to be able to join or create after the training. Everyone here is a constituency that could be involved. I feel my calling is sexual assault prevention. I want to know how I can get students to get involved and work. I have some pledge card that you can fill out. I would like to get a hold of you and gain career development and I would be grateful to get some help with funding, and students being involved. When you are done filling out the cards feel free to talk to me.

a.Brever: Follow up questions can go to me as well.

2.Ben: Hello I'm Ben with Student Court, if anyone wants to join were trying to get a little more involved and open to students so feel free to contact me. Last year we had a dispute with the rest of their club and we worked with Dr. Ringgenberg and we worked with the student org and the member to try and smooth over.

3.Brever: We do have a student court and they are a part of our student association. Is there anyone else who would like to speak?

VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel:

1.I have another thing I want to touch on but the first is the banner incident. We've been doing things to deal with the upset. But I wanted to give you updates about what's going on in my end. We released a statement to the public. It's on our FB page. We've had IT problems but we were able to release it and so I encourage you to check it out. I've had conversations about what can be done after this with administration- Ingrid Peterson, the administration is looking at disciplinary actions that would relate to is they made comments about girls as they were walking by. There is a lot of concern about this and there is a new link on our website called sexual misconduct. It has a lot of things about what can be reported and how to report. Dr. Paula has been in continuing talks with the students involved. One of the things I talked with them is about a rape culture teach in and it will be sept. 23 @ noon in centennial and it will be an educational



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session about what rape culture is and that this topic no longer is viewed as a taboo. It sucks that this had to happen and that people don't want or know how to talk about it. I'm looking forward to the panel. Demi Dahl will be on the panel but this is involved in campus climate. Right now it seems that they have this under control. There will be some administration there: Ingrid Peterson, but again contact campus climate. We all know about the confederate flag last year and we had a teach in after that. I think we can just try to talk about this and change the culture. A little lighter topic we went to the Student Government gathering and we all came together and talked about different ideas about a lot of different topics. Our first meeting was about how to lobby at the state level and this year there will be a lot more of that. As the budget comes closer we will be working to get more lobbying groups together. The event was great and a good experience to get different ideas from people. We did a voter drive the first weekend here. It was very successful in Whitney, again in Oct. 3-6 First day is in front of port o call and the other days are in front of Whitney. League of Women voters will be continuing to work with us to get as many people registered as possible. I want to amp up the efforts that we can all do. I will be letting Mary know how many people are going and can help. Later in the day on 9/23 there is a room reserved to register students to vote. We can get registration and be official. We will sit there with league of women voters. It's a really fun thing once it gets gong and we can register our students.

i. Bancker; can anyone go to this?

2. Schimmel: Anyone can go but were targeting students. Anyone can go. There will also be SRD special registration deputies- for voting. I encourage you to go. And then, last year NASA they wanted to be recognized that this is their land. Senate was able to pass this and I will be sending out an email. We are in the works of developing a plaque that will go on the new student union. This will be a great happening and we want to have a ceremony about this. Update from Betsy- provost. Last year there was a lot of concern with professors of getting grades back in a timely fashion but they are working on that. Another thing is the time in which you can withdraw from a class being extended and this is also being worked on. This year diversity events have been huge to outreach and make sure that these events aren't going unnoticed. We are going to work on going to as many as possible. We want to talk to people and know what's going on. Last thing, the website for SA has been a disappointment but we are working on getting that back up and updating it. In the next couple of weeks, we will be taking a picture for the site. Any questions?

i. Gross: Did Betsy have a timeline?

3. Schimmel: No, but they are consistently looking into it.

i. Floreke: We are concerned with the website and every time we click there is an "oops"

4. Schimmel: there is an editing tool behind the website that is being updated so now it's about migrating the old information into the newer version and after that



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we should have things up and running again. I think that we'll have to talk at some time about getting people access to the website.

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever:

1. I hope you all enjoyed Norris Thomas last week. I hope he got everyone excited. We thought that his presentation would be more on diversity and inclusivity training but his presentation didn't really do that. So that is pushed back to October. One good take away was being engaged. Phones and technology was great. We are in an engagement meeting and everyone except Secretary Morgan should have their phones away. Committees have started up already. Advisors should be reaching out if you haven't met yet. If you have time conflicts with the committees. This year we will be doing something new, all legislation will go to committees first and then to the senate floor. Committees have 2 weeks and you should go through those first and then to the floor.

a. Ames: What deems time sensitive?

i. Brever: It goes through Lauren or I first then.

b. Floreke: What if I write a resolution but my committees don't deal with that?

i. Brever: You can write any resolution but it goes to the committee it pertains to

c. Razzidlo: So we still send the resolution to you initially and then you dictate where it goes?

i. Brever: Yes, it goes to me and I dictate where it goes.

2. Ames: So if the resolution dies in committee then we have faculty voting and putting their opinion in?

a. Brever: If there are problems the faculty shouldn't comment anyways it should be dealt with by students.

i. Gross: Can we appeal a resolution by the committee?

ii. Brever: you can take it to the higher ups. If it gets to the point where it's not working, we can change. The goal is that we want committees to have more authority and a voice. Some people can get intimidated in these senate meetings.

iii. Ames: I was on SUFAC last year and last year about one person asked a question about it, they didn't want to call in to question the committee's decision. I'm talking about having so many people in here and that can be intimidating.

b. Mason: If a committee is more divided on an issue than they should be then they can pass it on to the senate floor. It's more of deciding if the resolution is strong enough to pass to the floor.

i. Ames: were there any resolutions that wouldn't have made it out of committee?

3. Brever: Maybe the cereal bowl one. Anything else? Office hours. Put your ID number down and we will figure out office hours. You should have gotten the email about spots open on our senate. We are hosting elections at the end of the



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month. We are still missing a director. We have about 12 people interested. Hopefully we will fill that soon. There will be a resolution template on D2L. There is a template on there and about writing resolutions if you are new I encourage you to reach out and get help if you need it. Last week of making our own table tents. We need to figure out what we are going to name the New Student Union- We are looking to name it South I encourage people to think about it.

a.Bhatoya: What is the process with choosing the name? Do we actually have a say?

b.Dr. Ringgenberg: If you don't like it we don't name it that. The decision is up to the students. If you come up with something silly, then maybe that would be questioned

c.Garcia: Can we just name it new student union until something better comes along?

Dr. Ringgenberg: You have to pay about 2 million if you want something named after something.

4.Brever: If you have an idea for the name, write a resolution

a.Dr.Ringgenberg: The official name right now is: The Grand Bluff Student Union

5.Brever: Lastly, you all should have been added to the facebook group and we will take a new photo for it in a couple of weeks. Hopefully we will have new senators soon too.

c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross

1.Hey everyone, starting the work on changing the grain scale. I'm going to do a lot of data crunching for that. It will give us a good idea about what the grading difference would be. Who knows that there is free popcorn every Wednesday but not many people know. For your office hours per week we want a table out here and talk to people about SA and we can reach out to them. We want people to write card about why we don't want the budget being cut and we can get a sign up list going in the next week. It gives you a way to talk to constituents.

i.Rondorf: If the grading scale happens will old grades get applied?

a.Gross: I would advise them to do that but that's a lot of extra work for them as well. F you need any more help just let me know.

d. Deputy Chief of Staff:

1.Lauren Mason: Another thing from senate training was senate siblings. We paired older senate people with new senate people to have as a resource. I have them assigned but I will do that next week and you can converse and mingle. We want to do a get together at the end of the semester and play a newlywed game and we want you to get to know people in senate outside of senate. I'm doing pizza with the senators and we will be pairing that with the voter registration. Office hours, everyone is required to do 1 hour a week. Unless you do popcorn



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on Wednesdays. Additionally, you are also required to do one hour of outreach per week and we want to make that easier and more fun for all of you. We are working on compiling resources for you. You can talk in a classroom and get involved in other organizations. First, master list of org meetings, we can start a spreadsheet of that. The very last thing I have is, we are also trying to keep you accountable to coming to the meetings. We want to have a hidden question about the meeting in the minutes and then you all have to email Jenna. RHAC have a rep of the week so we are going to have a Senator of the week. We will commend people for doing cool things. I want this to be a peer to peer thing. If you see a senator doing something really cool just let me know and email me.

e. State Affairs Director: Haley Jurecki

1..Jurecki: So we got a lot of attention at involvement fest and it got the message out and got a lot of emails about the open seat. Super successful and we were handing out headphones and things from USA today. I contacted our local legislators and hope to hear back from them soon.

f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott

1. Wescott: 9/29-3-6 It is the off campus housing fair, Rentcollegepads has been a huge help to me in putting this together and has gotten a lot of landlords here. I'm hoping to have a ton of landlords here and will be a huge informational session. It Makes Cents will also be here and helping us. Flyers will be going up soon and you should let people know about it.

i.Bancker: That's the Thursday before Oktoberfest

a.Wescott: This is the time that works best

VIII. RHAC Reports:

1. Burgess: We had our first exec meeting and held elections. Our first official meeting in 9/22 and the retreat is shortly after that. Jordan: We did movie night and terrariums. The turnout was fantastic and ended up really well. We want to do more events.

IX. Advisor Reports:

1.Dr. Larry: One thing that came up a couple of weeks ago.. starting tomorrow or Friday the hummus bar will be incorporated into the other sub line but two sub lines will be open again.

i.Rondorf: what are the availability hours of chars/ A lot of people complain about the hours of operation

2.Dr Ringgenberg: I'm always concerned if people don't like the food and I will look at the hours

i.Reinke: The sub line will be open Thursday or Friday?

a.Dr.Ringgenberg: Hopefully tomorrow but if not then Friday. Bad news- 9/28, 2 weeks from today me, Paula will be coming in and talking about segregated fees and that they are getting high for UWL so we want ideas about what we do. The fees with the rec and fieldhouse are being brought up. Other thing is we are still on schedule for the building. The trailer will be pulling out



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sometime next week which is a huge step and really exciting. But there is no furniture and no dishwasher. It won't come until Dec. 2. We are looking for people to be in the grand opening committee.

X. Committee Reports:

1.Ames: SUFAC is looking for members. We need 5 at large students and 3 senators and we don't have that right now. It's a really interesting committee. It's a lot of fun. We discussed the racquet last week. They are becoming hybrid. Online and printed copies. It is coming a long and updated. Their social media has increased. We want to vote on this next week so we need more people. If you have anyone in mind you should contact me or pat.

a.Mason: At involvement fest we got a lot of interest so should we include SUFAC in our email to them?

i.Jureki: When do they meet?

1.Ames: Every Monday from 5:30-6:30-7

2.Garcia: I'm on JCES. We need one more student senator to be on this. We need someone from RHAC as well. We meet every Friday at 11:00.

3.Bhatoya: Student services and building- we need an environmental coordinator, also Mary Beth we really like the name Eerie- It's where an eagle. Rec 2.0 – upped student fee for rec by \$7 and it will be 2 stories eventually. It will be 3 times bigger and the top floor has a multipurpose room. They have a planning meeting tomorrow and then hopefully next year at this time we will start building.

4.Floreke: I serve on rec 2.0 meeting and I can give more info next week as well.

XI. Organizational Reports:

XII. Unfinished Business: Shultz, Garcia

a.SA1617-003: Approving Executive Cabinet Salaries

1.Brever: President Schimmel would you like to introduce this

2.Schimmel: These are the salaries for the executive cabinet. I don't like to say salaries and payments aren't like that. It gets tricky when people go over 40 hours of work per week. These operate with tuition supplements.

3.Brever: I open up discussion on this matter.

a.Hodges: How do these compare to other years?

i.Schimmel: the president and vice president have remained the same, chief of staff has gone down by hundreds, the secretary's has gone up by \$500.

b.Rondorf: how do these compare to other schools?

i.Schimmel: Overall these are pretty low.

4.Call to question- Garcia

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XIII. New Business- Schultz, Gunatratnum

a. SA1617-004: Approving Committee Appointments- Bentdahl, Tashner



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1. Brever: Committee appointments need to be approved by senate. Thank you to the people that responded in time to sponsor this.

a. Garcia: A lot of committees have grad senator positions but usually they don't fill them. In some committees can those be filled by at large members?

i. Brever: In some committees, yes, that is acceptable. Any other discussion on this?

XIV. Discussion

1. Rondorf: Last week we were talking about an intramural team I was wondering where that was at?

a. Brever: If a senator wants to create that next semester that would be awesome but for the rest of this semester er

2. Schimmel: tomorrow I will be working on a resolution about elections for president and vice president of SA so I want to get away from people just voting for the president and vice president by seeing them chalking but being elected based on ideas.

3. Brever: The discussion of this meeting is great and I'm glad you are all discussing resolution ideas

XV. Announcements- Schultz, Gunaratnum

1. Warner: I work for the outdoor connection and you should sign up to work there, positions are still available.

2. Schimmel: Please visit me in SA office, I'm always there or in class. Feel free to come and talk to me. I am always there so please come visit.

3. Reinke: We are hiring officials for intramural sports, so tell your friends.

4. Brever: President Schimmel talked about UW reps and the next one is in October, we would like to take senators with us, it is the second weekend in October. Also, elections will be next week, President Potum and this is for if I were gone then someone would fill in my place. Think about running for that.

a. Schimmel: Do senators or anyone else have to pay to go to UW reps?

i. Brever: No they do not have to pay except for other things.

XVI. Adjournment- Olp, Ames