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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **September 21st, 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
 - a. Missing:
- IV. Consent Agenda- Approved
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - i .Schultz, Rizzidlo
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Ron Sissel
 - i. I want to thank you for the invite to talk. One of the reasons I'm here is because I'm getting an award. The only reason I'm getting this award was because of being at UWL. I care a lot about the University. The experience I got here about 25 years ago still matters today. A lot of what I learned on campus and what we do here is what I still use. The leadership lessons are much more important though. When I look back, there are certain points in time when student government made a difference. When I was here, people wanted to abolish the child care center but the student government pushed to keep it here and it still is. It's interesting to look back 20 years and you have a tendency to be more progressive or liberal. But I encourage you to do what's right. I was here when we approved the first LGBT organization, some people didn't want to have it but we pushed to make it happen. The decisions you make today are what last and they are important. We changed the name of our mascot. How many times over UWL's history has SA made a long lasting change. I like how you have different students from different areas. Think about what your decisions mean for future generations. The decisions that you make that might seem minor might have a huge impact. Student government is important to me and I encourage you all to make the most of it. Thank you guys. I'll take questions if anyone has any?
 1. Burgess: What were some of the most challenging things you faced in student government?
 - a. Sissel: Keeping the REC building, there were students that were unhappy with it and we decided to keep it. When I was here there were a lot of cultural issues and I think we made the right decisions on them.
 2. Brever: In your time in our roles, is there anything you would have wished went differently?
 - a. Sissel: Sometimes I let student politics override relationships. Sometimes I was more focused on winning on a certain issues rather than the needs of the whole Senate. I worked with cultural organizations to represent and now that I look back there were other people that I also could have tried to take care of.
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports



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a. President: Jacob Schimmel:

i. Just a number of things this week. I want to focus more on orgs meeting and making sure that those relationships are doing well. Pat and I have been meeting at the orgs to see what's going on. We want to be a part of that process and help as much as possible. We're trying to schedule our meetings so they don't conflict with them. We encourage you to go to other organizations because it's a great experience. Specifically, I'll talk about the NASA meeting. We are working on the plaque and making that happen. We're looking at a circular plaque. We're working with NASA to find out where it is going. Pat and I met with OSS and talked about where they want this year to go. It was a really good meeting and very productive. As well, we both met with the sexual violence coalition. Ingrid will be sending out an email about when they meet. We want to find a coalition and the goal is to have an overarching body of people that have the same interest. If you want to be a part of it we meet at Tuesday at 8:30 am at 133 Graff. The rape Culture Teach in will be on Friday. This is a big event and please encourage people to go along. Teri Lilly, two of his events are coming this Friday so maybe if you talk to your teachers you could get excused from class. Pat and I had our first meeting with Joe Gow to talk about the future and what's going on. We'll be meeting bi-weekly with him and if you ever want us to bring things up just let us now. I've had a thought about changing up Grad Elections, maybe if we moved one Grad position to the spring it would be a better turnout. Reason I don't know if I want to do two is that Grad school is 2 years and we want new people coming in and out. We want more people to sign up for SRD's (to register voters) the training is on Friday. You don't have to commit to anything we just want people.

1. Fish: Since I'm already trained in the city of La Crosse and have friends that are, should I tell my friends that they should sign up?

a. Schimmel: Yes that would be great, since you are certified in La Crosse.

2. Gunaratnum: Kaylee told us last year that there was a cutoff date to get trained but I was wondering if I would have to get retrained. I was trained in Appleton and last spring in La Crosse. Do I still have to go to training again?

a. Schimmel: The SRDs are ending later but I might have to check on if you were trained last year if you would have to be trained again.

3. Tashner: when is training?

a. Schimmel: 326 Cartwright

b. Fish: If you're already trained you are ready to go.

4. Schimmel: For the inclusivity director, I have about 12 people interested and only 2 applications, we should soon have a new inclusivity director. I'm hoping to have an inclusivity director shortly. A lot of my duties have been in the background and doing operational work but I hope to move in to more day to day things soon.

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. Brever: My resolution template is on D2L. Committees should be starting up, they should be emailing you in a couple of days. How many people have gone to a committee meeting already? (mostly everyone)

a. Rizzidlo: If there is a schedule conflict can I email you and go to a different



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one?

b. Brever: Yes, just email me and we'll shuffle it around. Everyone's ID should be working in the office, if it doesn't work please let me know. Next week, the minutes will be sent in the email as. Another thing, I have reached out at campus climate, I have been looking at mid-October and mid-November for trainings.

c. Gross: When are they?

d. Brever: They will be during our meeting time. I have also invited some local officials. The freshman and Grad elections are coming next week and we have one application so far.

ii. Brever: Lastly, we are going to elect a president potum and we are accepting nominations and then each person will be voted on in the end

a. Bhotoya: Bancker

b. Rizzidlo: Gutnaratnum

c. Faust: Tashner

i. Bancker: Alright I guess I don't have a lot to say but a senator last year said I have a handle on how things work. If pat isn't here I would be able to cover.

ii. Tashner: Hi I'm Brittany, I was the potum last year and I think I did a good job.

iii. Gunaratnum: Yeah I think it would be a lot of fun and I got a good glimpse of what it would be like. Yeah if you ever have to leave the room I got you. I'm also good at fantasy football so if you ever need some advice, I got you.

iii. Brever: We also have thank you cards going around that I would really appreciate if you signed, they are for the speakers we've recently had.

c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross:

i. Alright so last week I had mentioned tabling in front of Port O' Call. This would count as office hours and we would bring popcorn. We know how to table and not we just need to find the day of the week that works best for others. The time is from 3-7 on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. I'll just take a hand count for who can be there. This will be a one-hour time slot rather than being in the office you can sit out at this table and let other people know what's going on. So just raise your hand on which day works best for you.

b. Rizzidlo: What is the purpose of this?

c. Gross: TO let people know what we are and what we do and fulfill office hours simultaneously.

d. Ames: Does this count as an involvement hour or an office hour?

e. Gross: It can count as either. Alright so this isn't set in stone but I'll let you know every week when everything happens and who will be going when. Yield.

d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason:

i. Speaking of office hours, people still need to sign up. Let me know in the next week which hour works best. Also slices with the Senators is on October 6th, I will be sending out another sheet with sign up for that. If you are absent for 3 times unexcused and one time excused for the semester and if you miss more, than you will be subject to a discussion with me and pat. I



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will also be chatting with Jenna about putting a question in the minutes to make sure that people are reading the minutes. Yield.

e. State Affairs Director: Haley Jurecki:

i. Okay, so, what I've been doing hasn't related too much to state affairs but I will be taking on the rotary lights project. If we want, we can get people together at the rotary lights but if we don't have enough people we can just be a sponsor. Another thing was that I'm starting a project, as it stands now the governor chooses the student reagent from recommendations or on his own but I want to change that to him having to pick from people who are on the list of recommendations.

f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott:

i. I'm still working on the off campus housing fair and the landlords decided they want to have it on October 6th from 3-6 in the ward room. That's a Thursday and it's right after slices with the senator

a. Mason: There is a week October 14th and there will be a flag football tournament against sexual violence and Marketing and Special events is helping us with that.

VIII. RHAC Reports:

i. Burgess: I said this last time but we have our first general meeting tomorrow with all of the reps. By the end of the meeting we can get a spreadsheet of what committees they can be on with SA. We are also trying to get two people from the halls to be able to vote. Also, yesterday was our last day of poster sales.

IX. Advisor Reports:

i. Larry: Update on hummus, they have moved and the sub lines are open. If you've been watching the trailers outside of the New Student Union they are starting to make a real effort. I walked through and it does. All I really care about is getting you all in there. I just got an email about using cartwright as a drop off point that will be used for standing rock. Standing rock is the Dakota access pipeline.

a. Rizzidlo: Basically this has been going on for months. People are protecting oil pipelines and it would be breaking a number of treaties and going through sacred places and burial grounds. It would be the same as digging up a graveyard. It is also possible that this pipeline could contaminate the water. It's at standing rock that this big protest is happening. NASA is in the works of getting things ready to send to them since winter is coming up. We're looking into fundraiser and that's where cartwright would come in to play.

b. Larry: I think it's a wonderful project and the Ho-chunk people would donate things and cartwright would be the drop off location so if people could donate things that would be great. Fish: As of this afternoon at 11 am the hummus bar was still in Whitney. Larry: Thank you, that is not what they told me both sub lines should be open but feel free to email me about that.

X. Committee Reports:

i. Florke: Rec 2.0 met last Thursday and we will meet in a couple weeks. The new rec will be expanding the weight room which will be on the first floor. On the second floor there will be an indoor soccer court, basketball courts, a turf track as well. I forgot to bring the images I had for you



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guys but I can bring them next week. If you have any more questions, feel free to talk to me. Yield.

ii. Schimmel: Our special committee for the opening of the new student union, there is going to be a whole week of events. We'll be moving forward every week about.

iii. Olp: The student orgs committee has been meeting and we are down one senator. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

iv. Ames: We have a new chair, co-chair, and secretary and we voted on the Racquet hybrid. They asked for equal funding as previous years although they will be online and we approved. The SUFAC sub committees will have to discuss with the chair of SUFAC what they're looking for.

XI. Organizational Reports:

i. Ames: college democrats have a pizza party next week but I'm not sure

ii. Rizzidlo: Speaking as a part of NASA we are really happy with the way things have been going this year with the new executives. Also, October 10th will be our indigenous people's day and we will have a speaker. I'm going to announce that every week.

iii. Burgess: Active minds has their first meeting next Tuesday at 7 and we will have pizza

iv. Gunaratnum: I'm a co char for students who are here to bet and last week 27 people showed up and we were way over crowded. Our next meeting is October 7th.

v. Mason: If you're taking notes on when orgs are you could go there and meet constituents

vi. Hodges: BSU we meet every Thursday in centennial at 7:30, we had a great turn out of non-black students which was great for inclusivity.

XII. Unfinished Business: Tashner, Garcia

a. SA1617-004: Approving Committee Appointments

b. Discussion: Call to question: Garcia Vote: PASSED

XIII. New Business- Fish, Rizzidlo

a. SA1617-005: Amending Word Limit for Executive Candidate Ballot Questions

1. Schimmel: In the Spring elections each person gets the opportunity to post what they are about and Pat and I having experience with this. It is really impossible to put your ideas into 40 words. It doesn't allow for candidates to express their vision and I think it allowed more of a popularity contest instead of based on ideas. Campaigning consists of chalking but not really ideas and I want for further elections for it to be about the ideas instead of knowing a name. It's important for people to know about SA and what it can do and see where they can go. I want to expand this from 40 words to 120 words. Each question currently has a 40 word response.

2. Brever: We really do have legislation this week so I encourage you to ask questions and think about it.

3. Faust: Do you think that expanding the word limit would have an effect on the presidents and vice presidents race? Do you think it would result in less campaigning?

i. Schimmel: I think that the people who run for these positions want to do everything they can to get elected. I want this to be about ideas not just campaigning. I



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think it adds to the competitiveness and increases the campaigning and I think it gives people voices.

a. Brever: I am neutral on the matter.

4. Schultz: Is this a strict 120 words per question or could it be 480 for the who document?

i. Schimmel: It would be a strict limit to each question.

5. Ames: Just to reiterate, I think it has to possibility to lessen campaigning. Some people who are better at writing might be better at this and could cause its own problems. It could just create the opportunity for a new popularity contest.

i. Gunaratnum: I think giving students the opportunity to write more is a good idea but it doesn't mean that people will vote more.

6. Floerke: I'm advocating for this resolution. I think that it's important that people know what SA is and what their getting themselves into. It's good to know who you're voting for and this gives them the opportunity to say more about themselves. If people don't want to read 120 words they can just read 40.

i. Gross: If people say they're going to do something that is unreasonable to have 40 words.

7. Bhatoya: I like the intention behind it, but I don't think students are keen on reading about the people. People will be more inclined to vote if it's not a substantial amount of words I think it'll lower voter turnout

i. Schimmel: 120 words is the length you can have for a tweet. I couldn't get my ideas across when I did it and I want something to be useful. 120 words is reasonable enough to get the ideas across.

8. Tashner: I think this is a great idea, I think putting this on political science seats would be great because those are very coveted as well.

i. Schimmel: I think it's unfair to just do the college of liberal studies. Winona can just go on and on with their elections because they don't have limits.

9. Floerke: Just in the "where as" clause I count 29 words so there is no sense in not allowing it to be 120.

10. Ames: To the author, my concern is how do you identify this as a problem, also I think there is a platform for senate. People in the past have created Facebook pages and what basis are you saying these are just popularity contests?

i. Schimmel: When I did it and would go to lectures it was okay but the chalking was when it was a problem. My feeling is that running for the positions is getting your name out there. I didn't have an opponent but I felt that I had to chalk because everyone else was when I wish I could have gone to a lecture and presented. People that are better at writing now have the opportunity to do that.

11. Ames: The root problem is that you can win by chalking, but if you can win by that that's just a problem with SA not being recognized a lot.

i. Schimmel: This is just one of the problems that I've identified and they all tie together and we can look at this in the future

12. Gunaratnum: I think this is a simple resolution. Obviously elections and campaigns can get complicated but this isn't. Why wouldn't we make it easier for the candidates running

i. Rizzidlo: I support this and agree with other senators, we need to be more



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interactive with the student body and I think there is an opportunity for other senators to draft resolutions. I agree with this resolution because in my experience, 40 words doesn't give the candidates enough room and this could give people a better understanding of what certain students want to do on campus. People who can't campaign as much would benefit from this greatly. Again, I wanted to voice my support.

13. Brever: any other discussion, we will now move on. If you want to change this, maybe bring your own amendment next week.

XIV. Discussion:

1. Jurecki: Me and Brittany talked about talking on t shirt designs and we're trying to get caught up on that. If you have suggestions just let me know.

i. Gunaratnum: Would we pay?

a. Jurecki: No

ii. Floreke: Short or long sleeves?

a. Jurecki: We could do whatever

iii. Fish: I'm a personal fan of sweatshirts

iiii. Rizidlo: We should put a doodle or facebook poll.

a. Jurecki: If we did a doodle poll would you respond?

v. Rizzidlo: For this yes

2. Garcia: With the off campus housing event happening in October, is there going to be any places left?

a. Wescott: originally I booked the 29th and I have been talking with them for about a month and now they switched the dates with me, except the ward room on October 6th. This is the soonest and best place I can get it. I tried but was not successful

b. Garcia: I don't want you to put in the time if no one is going to come

c. Wescott: I've been talking with them about the availabilities and hopefully they will stick with this date and hopefully we can get at least a couple of students.

d. Floerke: I think this is important for freshman even if they don't get an apartment this year, it's just good information to know

3. Brever: The student center name, I hope you're thinking about it, maybe bring a resolution. We are running out of time on this.

XV. Announcements- Gunaratnum, Ames

1. Schimmel: I recommend everyone go to the Facebook page and invite as many as people possible to like the page and to look at it. UWL Student Association.

2. Jurecki: Geography club meets next Tuesday and we go on really cool trips. 2401 Tuesdays @7.

3. Tashner: I'm making a movie, it's about different perspectives students on campus have and I will give you my go pro to wear. If you know anyone who wants to do this please let me know.

4. Mason: Next week after senate we are going to go to Howies where we can chat outside of senate.

5. Bhatoya: It's my 21st birthday on November 9th,

a. Mason: make sure that if you are going to student association things out of meetings there should be no underage drinking.



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6. Brever: We had 3 great candidates but if you could congratulate Senator Tashner on being Potum.

XVI. Adjournment: Motioned: Schultz, Bhatoya: 7:38