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Student Senate Agenda

Date: September 28th, 2016

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:05pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - (a) Motioned by: Fish, Bhatoya
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Dr. Enilda Delgado and Amanda Goodenough (Strategic Planning)
 - i. Hello everyone, I am the chair of the steering committee for strategic planning. We are here to present some information for all of you. Just a brief background, back a year ago, the joint planning and budget committee we started working on a strategic Ann Sansick- outside consultant to get this process off the ground. May 17th of 2016 we had a 70 person meeting and we came up with three main priorities that will guide the University for the next 3 years. They are: LOOK ON HANDOUT. Since, may 17th, the summer we came up with the goals in each of these priorities. And then as a result of having these goals we created 3 different action teams. They are made up of 10 individuals with one of them being a student and a diversity of faculty. These action teams are coming up with action steps for each of these goals. The steering committee is going around to different groups on campus and presenting what we came up with. The first meeting is tomorrow. The job of the steering committee is to find out what all of you want and your input in our plan. Again, these are specific steps but were here to get your feedback. There is a website for feedback but we wanted to go to the groups to hear in person what you like about the plan or what you don't like.
 1. Brever: Of the three focus areas is there one that is ranked above the others
 - a. Delgado: No, they are equivalent but they all work together and are intermingled. They are not separate pillars that will be ranked in any way, they are just to ensure strategy in our university.
 2. Schultz: What does increase experiential learning mean?
 - b. Delgado: When looking at this it would include having internships for example, they are activities that you are experiencing your education hands on. It's to gain experience in education that is outside the classroom
 3. Schultz: My follow up is how are you making sure that this increases?
 - c. Delgado: Each committee is coming up point person and timeline, as of this semester, the committees have until October 20th to come up with a plan and then the chancellor is the person who implements it. The rigor of the actual process is after that



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date when implemented

4.Bhatoya: With increased community engagement, how is that done? Is it through a class or for credit?

d. Delgado: I don't know the answer because I don't work with the committees but once it starts. The mission of the University is grounded in the Liberal arts and the strategic plan has to follow suit what the mission statement is.

5.Wescott: for your action teams are you thinking they will all be successful or that only a couple will achieve?

e. Delgado: I'm hoping that all will succeed

6.Wescott: who approves their plan?

f. Delgado: the chancellor, the action teams will finish by October 20th and they meet with the consultant on the 27th and then they make decisions from there and compile all the information. But how it is implemented is up to the chancellor.

7.Schultz: Reading through these goals, I'm not seeing what I was looking for like making college more affordable, were you planning on that

g. Delgado: No, we never intended for that to be a pillar because looking at affordability doesn't seem to be as strategic planning action that we are working on. The inclusive team might be working on this because of the inclusivity factor

8.Florke: I think that does fit into the inclusive. I would prefer to see that as one of the pillars or goals and to keep whoever accountable. I think everyone in here can agree and I think that ties to all of the other goals, and so I think it should be written down so that if it doesn't happen we can reference

9.Gunaratnum: As far as achieving demographic equity how do you plan to achieve that?

h. Delgado: in my time here I have seen things done successfully and not. For example look at how many students are graduating from the UW schools and look at if our percentage here matches other schools of the state and work towards creating a more diverse environment. I know the numbers are increasing, this year were at 11.6% increase of diversity in the freshman class and were looking into retention for students.

9.Bancker: How many students in the action teams?

i. Delgado: There are 3 total, one in each team

10.Bancker: I think it would be good to get a member of the committee to come in here and to talk about it and accomplishing the idea

11.Ames: Would you mind giving me an example of high end practices?

j. Delgado: writing intensive courses, undergrad research, community based learning, capstones, volunteering, there are a lot of options

12.Mason: I like under the education portion that cross disciplinary so that



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someone can show you what two different degrees put together looks like?
13. Banker: I think it's great to improve different options for civil discourse. There is a teaching coming up on civil discourse that will be coming up on October 14th.

k. Delgado: I'm very impressed by you because you have great questions. You can keep going.

14. Brever: Have any groups been highly critical of this?

l. Delgado: They are similar to you but it's been hard working with the action teams because people want to see what they're doing but that's not how it works because we divided the workloads, the biggest hang up is not knowing specifics. Faculty and staff want to have more processes in place to have professional development and that's not in the pillars right now. Even if your ideas aren't in the pillars they go to the outside consultant and get compiled into the final report.

15. Wescott: On paper it looks perfect and we have goals, action teams, and a plan, what if Joe Gow doesn't like the end product, are there multiple options?

m. Delgado: I don't know the answer to that but I was here when this plan failed in 2001 so I know how it goes but were working really hard and they wanted to see a strategic plan and we can give that to them now. People will ensure that this happens by continuing to put pressure. We still have to figure out what's feasible and the action teams are ranking things to be done based on years. They are putting names to each task in hopes that accountability is higher. What happens in terms of implementation I'm just hoping it works. This time it will not be voted on which I will think will help it pass. I have a concern that this might not work but I will do everything in my power that it continues

16. Arney: One of our main concerns is that our campus is extremely inaccessible for disabled people and we want to see the University implement new ways to make it accessible

n. Delgado: Good point, thank you

17. Gunatratnum: I want to see more goals towards affordability, the tuition is raising around the country with lower incomes and I want to see each member of the student task force for a better understanding

18. Ames: The Last goal, is it discussing gen eds?

o. Delgado: Yes everything that has to do with Gen eds.

19. Ames: So if I raised concerns someone would listen?

p. Delgado: Every year gen eds need to be tweaked and make sure that were following the best practices

20. Floerke: When I'm looking at the inclusivity goals, is this just within the



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la Crosse area?

- q. Delgado: if I recall correctly, it can be across the country, it doesn't have to be exclusive.
 - i. Floerke: I just want to see campus come closer together and be more involved and put more effort in I think it would help with retention because people will want to stay
 - ii. Delgado: That did come up in a different group, a greater connection

21. Mason: When I was a senator I sat on the gen ed committee for a year and a half and no one talked to me, all students experience it but to me I felt that I didn't have an input but I would make sure that people have more of an outlook on having this in the future. Another thing that we've talked about in this room is internships, whether the amount that people have no pay or students not getting credit from their internships but if we could put this under one of the goals. People do them sometimes because we know we have to but sometimes it's not beneficial because if you have to pay for credits but don't get paid from an internship it's difficult for the students. I think there has to be a better way for a student to be able to do this.

- r. Delgado: Through a way that's not cost prohibited. Anything else? As a stance this is all still a draft. I'll ask of you that if you think of something go to the website and you can give us feedback on this. I encourage all of you to take the time to share this and tell other people. I really value your voice.

22. Brever: Well I think we had a nice discussion, we have another presentation from Dr. Hetzel, Dr. Knudson and Dr. Riggenberg.

b. Dr. Hetzel, Dr. Knudson, Dr. Ringgenberg, Kristin Stanley (Seg Fees)

- 1. Knudson: Hello, I am your dean of students by night and vice chancellor by day. We are going to talk about budgets and we want to bring you into the loop with big picture challenges. I'm going to let my colleagues introduce myself and then at the end we'll talk about Oktoberfest
- 2. Hetzel: I always enjoy being in here with you guys. What we want to do is have a brief conversation about seg fees and were getting ready to start another budget year. Our seg fees are \$1332 a year, all of you are paying for this, fees that are not related to education. What's going to happen in the next couple years is that is going up by about \$110 so from \$1332-144, green bay is about \$1600. We're going to be in the top 4 in the state for seg fees so we have to ask if that's the level that we want. I have a responsibility to ask you and bring this to your attention. Is this the cost you want, so we wanted to start a conversation about as we begin the budget we want to look at prioritizing our needs on campus regarding seg fees, is that how much you want to be spending or should we be looking at things differently?



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3. Ringgenberg: I'm betting that some of the group doesn't understand the difference between allocable seg fees and non-allocable seg fees, allocable is what you control and non-allocable is where you advise

4. Kristen: Allocable, SUFAC works with that, athletics, organized activities, cab, along with that is U-Pass, that amounts to about \$19 a year and SUFAC has had a lot of discussion on that. The non-allocable side student affairs is on that because that has salaries and other fixed costs. Student affairs comes and talks to the students about how they can be involved and what they would like to see

a.Larry: There is an increase because of the new student union it is increased by \$230 this year.

5.Paula: Were going to have to do some prioritization this year. We're going to try to keep them as low as possible but we might have to deduct some things. We don't know the parameters but we want to talk to you because we value your opinion.

6.Schultz: With the new rec and new union, how many years will we be feeling the effect

a.Hetzel: All this debt is about 30 years, \$1400 next year no matter what and on top of that we have mandatory costs and that also increases seg fees. Another thing is enrollment, we have 10465, but there are less full time students so we will be collecting less seg fees and we have more veterans and they get cheaper tuition. 30 years is how long

7.Larry: I think it can be hard for you to think about what you do and do not use and that's what we're trying to ask but were also trying to think about ways to bring in more revenue. We have talked about that with minimal charges for some things and last time we talked about this we talked about hours of service, should buildings be closing sooner? Is there a way to make more revenue?

a. Floerke: I was talking about this with Dennis Klein and I mentioned this because I'll be transferring to Viterbo next semester and I asked him how much it would be to opening a membership at the rec? I think that would bring in revenue if we opened it to students at other universities

8.Paula: 2 years from now there will be a lot more space for that but the challenge is that we have a no- compete policy where we can't compete with other businesses because were a university but that's a good though

9.Hetzel: Is it a good idea to ask the question about affordability and then how do we do it? Do we get a group of leaders together to create ideas? What's the process. I'm going to pick the U-pass; you spend \$190,000 a



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year to have the buses. I don't see the buses overflowing with students and you each pay for that every year. I ask for them to tell me but they can't do that. We met with the city about 2 months ago and they couldn't tell us anything. That's just one example of a place where maybe were not spending our money in the right place.

10. Ames: part of the \$190,000 is somewhere else

a. Gunaratnum: Last year I asked people about U-pass and people we want to know how effective, we should bring it to the students and if the vote is below 40 or 50 %

i. Garcia: Let's say we cut MTU/ U-PASS and what about the kids that have to use it?

1. Hetzel: Some institutions give out vouchers and if we found out how many students used it then we could figure out a way to get

a. Garcia: If we cut the service that would cut a lot of their budget and then the buses might not run as frequently which

2. Hetzel: These are the conversations that we need to have, these are great ideas

11. Paula: This is why we wanted to come to you early, we can come back at any time you want. One of the things I want to offer is a budget 101 group and we can offer that if interested.

12. Wescott: You talk about cutting things out but inevitably cutting things is going to harm someone. So we should think about it as where else can we get the money from? Alternative ways of funding

a. Ames: I think one of the larger groups you should approach, you should approach SUFAC and I think it's better to work in smaller committees and that's the place that would know.

13. Olp: Is there a website that has the breakdown of the different fees?

a. Mason: its on wings and on the sufac website. I think a fun thing to do would be to get a broader student idea would be a teach in, if you're contemplating how to change this we should make an event, as an open forum or teach in

14. Larry: I think we're going to SUFAC on Monday night, all the things you said tonight makes a lot of sense and maybe sufac can help more with that.

15. Hetzel: We want to be very open about that and we appreciate all of you

16. Paula: Oktoberfest is this weekend, it gives me a pause and we lost a student in the river because of alcohol, it's okay to have fun just take care of yourself and your friends but people interpret this as excess please be good



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role models and I don't want to be back here talking about how we manage a trauma

17. Brever: Thanks to the folks that came in and helped today. We should utilize this as much as possible. Hopefully we can address what they are coming to talk about.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

1. Not too much tonight, a lot of the stuff I'm doing right now is a work in process. The inclusivity director applications came in and there are 3 total, we are talking to will in DOC and how they want to interview the candidates and doc will make a recommendation. We all want a full senate. Good news, I got access to the website, and I got some of our names on there. It's easier to work than last year. I want to do a bio of the website for all of the senators. People who have vested interest in sexual violence prevention we can get people together. We are working on a one shot request to sufac, we want people on the exec cabinet to have a computer, especially Jenna, a lot of times as people come in and out a lot of things get lost and we are going to be working on that. On a lighter note, pat and I are doing a video about getting the vote out. We are looking for people to do one liners, and we have the script we just want people there who are willing to come. Please sign up if you are interested, we are hoping to have it at a football game and it gets people engaged with the political process. 5 pm at the Whitney center. SRD training, you can still sign up for training if you are available from 10-2 on Oct. 3-6. If you are an SRD please come to this event because it will be really important. This will be the big period before the blackout period. Lastly, Paula gave me some packets about being leaders and being safe so please take these and hand them out. Other than that I don't have anything.

a. Floerke: Is the video going to be ready by Saturday?

i. Schimmel: The guy who is doing it is confident he can do it quickly so it might be but I'm not sure. yield

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

1. We do have a new senator this evening and we will let her introduce herself.

2. Arney: Hi my name is Judy Arney and I'm here from SAPA, a fun fact is that I am also the sustainability intern for chartwells.

3. Brever: Anyone else who has not been sworn in please stand up.

ii. Schimmel: Swore in Anderson and Arney

4. Brever: Onto my report, I hope committees are in full swing. Again, I've been in contact with the advisors and if you haven't heard anything I hope you do that again. I hope everyone has been up to the office.

Walking up there you'll see a bulletin of the committee minutes from each committee so make sure you print those out. There is an election today for a freshman and grad students. Hopefully they will be here next



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week and we have new senators from CBA and HSC. I have been talking with campus climate and Oct. 5th is diversity and 16th is bystander intervention. We have some incoming elected officials Jen schilling, please get dressed up. Don't go all out. We also have Dan kapanke the week after, Ron kind, Jill Billings. I'll be sure to let you know on those dates.

i.Garcia: Will the person running for integrity party be running?

5.Floerke: Maybe for the senator process open it up for 3-4 minutes. The opening is coming up in January and we have the opportunity to create it and we'll talk at the end.

6.Gunaratnum: Can we tour the new student union?

i.Brever: Yes, I know Larry is planning on taking smaller groups in a time. Student reps will be coming up in Eau Claire from 7-8 of October. We will be discussing state wide issues with other leaders for other people by Friday. Last thing, Minutes usually get sent out but technological problems happened this last week. Director gross is sick.

c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross

d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason

1.Mason: Next week is slices with the senators, 14 haven't signed up and that makes me upset. It's okay if you have scheduling conflicts it is Oct. 6 from 11-2.

e. State Affairs Director: Haley Jurecki

1.I have no report. I'm sorry.

f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott

1.Still working on the off campus housing fair Oct. 6th from 3-6, there will be refreshments.

VIII. RHAC Reports:

1.Burgess: We are trying to get our reps deputized for registration for voting. We are getting our reps on university committees including some of our sub committees.

IX. Advisor Reports

1.Larry: Trying to figure out if we should start with bad or good. Bad news is T-pain, so he cancelled, he never got out of Atlanta we are in the process of negotiating and making an offer to him to come back for less than half of what he originally wanted because it covers production costs. We are trying to do this before refunds. I'm fighting for refunds if we can't deliver a show. The tickets say no refunds. 2nd bad news: hummus, the sub line says that it's in the works and they have the venue for that but I told Nancy that I think she should come in and talk to senate. Next week you are pretty busy but get feedback to Patrick about when we can get her in. The good news is that the fence is gone around NSU, now I have to get the keys and Kristen and I were just talking about budget and turns out we stopped paying utilities in



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cartwright in July but we have to pay the electricity bill from NSU from last 2 years. The system has to give us a bill and we just don't know how much that's going to be. I will not be here next Wednesday; Paula will be here.

a. Gunaratnum: What about a concert in the spring?

i. Larry: I don't know because if we don't bring t-pain then I feel we should give refunds but that's possible. Another thing is that in the rec we sold the show out, in the NSU our largest room would be about 1250 so it would have to be at the rec. An email I got was that one of the best things about this is a concert every 2 years and CAB is trying to figure this out because they don't want you to think they failed

1. Garcia: Why was it that his travel was the reason?

a. Larry: I got the call at 5:30

ii. Brever: Let the record show that we will miss you next week

X. Committee Reports

1. Garcia: JCES yet again, we need another senator, we meet every other Friday at 11 and were looking to plan some events. We do a lot of fun things. We had cake once last year and I think everyone should sign up.

2. Fish: Marketing and special events, net last night and the football tournament is on Oct. 28th and we are doing a photo campaign and screening of hunting ground. We meet next Tuesday at 7.

3. Bancker: AIDAC met yesterday and elected the chair and next week we will start.

4. Floerke: I mentioned last year to bring the architect designs for rec 2.0 and I will pass those around

5. Olp: We are still looking for a senator. If you are the primary contact for an org, you can apply for a grant and there due Oct. 7th

6. Reinke: Grand planning committee is looking for people for the grand opening of the NSU, then you can email me, or Schimmel, or Patrick

7. Cooper: Curriculum management met on Tuesday and went over some changes to a couple different major programs. So you might see things changing in the sciences and geo department. We do meet at 3:30, the second Thursday of every month.

8. Ames: SUFAC met on Monday, org grants, please put some detail in them, so take your time with them and the sufac reserves went up this year and were trying to spend them down, they are at 130000, we want it at 70,000, we are looking for ways to spend them down the capital fund requests are out and you can get these one shots from the advisors, any durable good you're looking for. Computers we can fund, digital cameras we cannot, because the reserves are so high right now we discussed the opportunity for one time for not physical goods like getting a speaker, in addition we will be setting a rate. The \$1300 you pay we have about control over \$93 and we use the money in the reserves to offset that cost. We want your input on where we should put this money. If we try to control the rate you might just have to pay about a \$1.50 extra.

XI. Organizational Reports



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- 1.Schimmel: Senator Rizzidlo isn't here and NASA met on Monday about the plaque, also on indigenous peoples day there will be a speaker from 5:30-7 in hall of nations.
- 2.Burgess: Active minds met on Tuesday and we went over what we did in the past and what we're doing now.
 - a.Brever: has anything been put together about stigmas week?
 - i.Burgess: We have an idea with jars, I'm not exactly sure but were still figuring out details by the clock tower.
- XII. Unfinished Business
 - a. SA1617-005: Amending Word Limit for Executive Candidate Ballot Questions-Opened by: Schultz, Tashner
 - 1.Brever: We are eligible to vote on this tonight
 - 2.Schimmel: Again this is just amending the word on the ballot from 40 to 120 words so people can dictate their ideas better to the people
 - a.Garcia: Keep it simple on this resolution, think you walk into a restaurant with 120 ice-cream flavors, if you want to write 120 words you can or you can write just 40 I don't see any reason why we wouldn't pass this.
 - i.Question called- Garcia
 - ii.Objection- Ames
 - b.Ames: Does this conform to the standards before that it would go through committees?
 - i.Brever: No because not all committees have met yet, so it can still go through the floor first.
 - 1.Call to question: Garcia-PASSED
- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Discussion- Gunaratnum, Tashner
 - 1.Brever: NSU names that we could kick around would be great
 - a.Fish Driftless student union
 - b.Gunaratnum: what were the other names?
 - i.Bhatoya: Eerie was chosen
 - c.Schultz: Do we know what other schools have named them?
 - i.Larry: Eau Claire is Davie Student center, Madison is memorial union and union south,
 - d.Ames: Bluffside Student Union
 - i.Faust: Do you think people would abbreviate that as B.S.?
 - e.Brever: In addition to the main name itself we have to pick union or center
 - f.Gunaratnum: Is there a deadline?
 - i.Larry: We have until the rest of the semester
 - g.Arney: I like the idea of the driftless center because it's a unique thing to La Crosse so I think it would be a great name and cool aspect of our community
 - h.Floerke: I think we should stay away from union and center
 - i.Garcia: we should stay away from center and not union because



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it's not the center of the campus

i. Ames: Keep student union or just union?

i. Garcia: Just union.

j. Bhatoya: I like having student in the name because the building is for us.

k. Brever: Maybe take these back to constituencies and we need some sort of resolution

l. Gunaratnum: Resolution to the committees or the senate

m. Ames: If you want to apply for one shot just ask for the money back from last year

n. Tashner: I think that we should make a google drive for the name of the new student union.

o. Brever: we can do that and have another discussion next week. If anyone has a resolution idea.

2. Mason: There was a chart on the whiteboard last year of potential resolutions you could start, If you think it's a good idea let me know

a. Ames: I think it's a good idea but not all of the commentary was a good

3. Schultz: I just have some people that don't like when raisins or cherries are in their food can I create a resolution about this or?

a. Bhatoya: We could do a resolution on allergy stuff.

i. Gunaratnum: I think that's a good resolution

ii. Arney: One of the people in chartwells were wondering about somethings that we can change and I can talk to them about it.

4. Brever: Any other discussion points?

XV. Announcements- Opened by: Fish, Bhatoya

1. Brever: I did hear a call for Joe Gow to come in and waiting for a few public officials but it would be cool to have the chancellor by himself

2. Olp: Eek of Oct. 9th is Greek week and I was wondering if student association would come up with a lip syncing team?

a. Fish: I like this but I can't participate because I'm the judge

b. Tashner: When do you need commitment by?

i. Olp: hopefully next week

c. Gunaratnum: is this a dance thing too or just a singing?

i. Olp: it can be either

d. Mason: Can we still go if we don't participate

3. Fish: Tomorrow in white hall we are doing voter registration and you can interact with them and tell them what SA is, this is an outreach thing.

4. Mason: we are still going to go to Howie's after this if you would like to go?

XVI. Adjournment-

1. Motioned by: Ames, Schultz 7:58