



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

**Date: April 26, 2017**

**Time and Location: 6:00pm Student Senate Chamber; The U**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda – Approved by a majority voice vote
  - b. Motion was made to rescind the resolution on the trees. There was not discussion to this, it passed 82% to 18%
  - c. Motion was made to move the Spring Green Funds request resolution into the front of unfinished business, this passed with a majority voice vote.
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. SAPA:
    - i. In Your opinion, what would be the largest accessibility issue on campus? For physical ability, with centennial I am concerned about the weight of the doors and placement of buttons. But, there are a LOT of things that need to be changed all across campus. The sidewalks are a great example of this. When you are walking from Angell to centennial there is a slight incline but when you are in a wheel chair or have any kind of injury it is a big deal. Also, res halls in general could use a lot of improvement. There are only 3 that have elevators and in general they are not very good with wheelchairs.
    - ii. Could you go over person first language? When you are speaking make sure to put the person before the disability. Such as Carly has Autism not Autistic Carly. This is just like anything else, you want to be a person before your race, ability, etc.
    - iii. We've been talking a lot about physical disabilities but what about some of the resources about mental disabilities and resources for that? There is the counseling and testing center, but it is not very effective for our students. You only get 10 sessions per year and that's about once every 3 weeks. And that would be if they can schedule you. Also, there is the access center which can help find accommodations for test, help with extensions, or communicate with professors about health issues
    - iv. With the Rec 2.0 expansion, what do you think about the equipment we have right now in terms of accessibility and what would be good going into the next addition? Space is the number



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one issue with the REC right now, there is not a lot between machines and things of that sort. It can be hard to navigate between them. There are also special machines that persons with disabilities can use, but that is often a financial issue.

v. What have you been doing to get funding for these issues? We have a person on senate, but a lot of it is hard because everything looks accessible but it is not usable and that makes it really difficult to get people on the same page. They have the pieces that are required to be there but it is much harder to use them?

vi. What can we as senate do to help? Bring awareness to the stigma associated with disability and lack of accessibility on campus and the improvements that can be made. Understand the different disabilities and how it affects them because you cannot always see what is going on with someone.

## VI. General Student Body Open Forum

a. None

## VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

i. One thing, every year someone in the community gets a student advocacy award, and this year that is going to go to Jill Billings. She is always eager to hear us out on what we are advocating on and what she is working on. We will be having an award ceremony in the next couple weeks and I encourage you to attend

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. Committee chairs, please turn in your transition reports to me as soon as possible. Next week is our last meeting. You can still submit our ideas

c. Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason

d. State Affairs Director: Tyler Halloran

i. Not present

e. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott

i. I'm really hoping that this housing page is going to be done by the end of the summer and even though my place ends in the next weeks I want to see this through. I received a big list of names and contact information and have determined which ones are valid. I sent a Qualtrics to get all of their official information and received an interesting email from a smaller landlord wondering what exactly this is going to look like on the website. From this I have a couple meetings with them to talk about what they are looking for



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from the website and information they would like on there.

ii. Roberts: have you looked into linking the facebook page to this for housing and rental piece and having them interact?

1. Madison: We have thought about it but the hard part would be difficult to monitor what students posts and

iii. Schultz: Have we looked into moving the date of housing sign up? We have looked into it and found out that

f. Inclusivity Director: Karlie Stefan – No Report

## VIII. RHAC Reports

a. Rhac dissolved the constitution and came up with a new plan of action that does not include a governing body. There is going to be a meeting Thursday at 5:30pm in the eagle classroom to hear feedback on this. This is open to all students.

b. What stimulated this? We reviewed a lot of other school and their RHA's and decided to review our own system

c. What were the plans? 1) Keeping the governing body and becoming a problem based org than a programming body. Our programs were not getting a great turn out and thought it may be more worth our time to spend it on issues.

d. If you aren't an org anymore who gets to decide the plan moving forward? We passed a resolution that says we will form moving forward based on the plan we approved for next year and that the meeting tomorrow will determine a bit more of that.

e. What happens to the RHAC Senate seats? Right now they will sit empty, but I (Pat) will be introducing legislation to get rid of those two seats next week. So it will be based on what you do next week.

f. What will happen to the structure of communication between the halls? Lack of student voice within ORL and their Funds provided by students will happen because of this.

g. Will the RAs jobs be effected by this? No, they are not involved in RHAC.

h. Where does RHAC get its money from and how much is? Students pay an extra fee when living on campus that they get from ORL they have about 5K in programming money as well as a bit extra. Since things need to get approved through ORL now they will need to do that in the future.

i. So dissolving this would dissolve the NCC position and this would reduce a vote from UWL at conferences, so would we be sending someone to that or what is going on? We will be keeping the conference things going through the NRHH and will be hosting the 2017 GLACURH

j. What are major events put on my RHAC? NSO programming is



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the biggest with the movie on the field and tie dye and terrariums as well as the Winter Formal.

k. Does RHAC have a right to dissolve their seats if they are in our constitution? They can do as they wish since they are their own org and we can respond as we wish to what they do. Right now we would be voting on res life seats in the fall, but again I am bringing a resolution to dissolve them.

## IX. Advisor Reports

a. Tower gardens should be here by the end of the week. I met with campus people about all the things that need to be done to this building and it is a huge list. We are hoping that this will be all done by the time students get back for fall.

i. The summer meal potions are confusing. Is the bagel shop the only thing open for two weeks? We need to shut the steam off for one week and then move things downstairs, and those who weeks will also be when summer school is not in session. Everything will open again when summer school starts up

## X. Committee Reports

a. Leg Affairs met, but not enough people came so we did not meet quorum. Zander was there and we are making sure that the tasks from this year will go to next year's committee.

b. DOC: When the weather gets nice hate and bias reports increase, but that means that people are still reporting them. Jori and their NASA rep are switching orgs so we have a new NASA person.

c. Marketing and Special Events: There are 9 teams signed up for its on us! Pray it does not rain

## XI. Organizational Reports

a. ALANA is hosting the womyns dinner tomorrow. It is going to be a great networking opportunity with many terrific women from around the community

b. Active Minds is hosting their suicide awareness event next week with the help of SAPA. Send Silence Packing will be bringing 1000 backpacks to campus for it.

c. DELTA SIG DOG DAYS ON FRIDAY FOR \$5

## XII. Unfinished Business

a. SA1617-054: Resolution Approving Spring Green Fund Requests

i. A motion was made to divide the divide the question by Roberts. We don't group allocation of fees together normally and we should not do it now because they are such different projects we should



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talk about them individually. This did not need a vote to pass so it will be divided

- ii. Garcia: Green fund perspective on the resolutions. With the sensor: This it is good to try out for the money. If it works it will save money an energy in the future, if it is not then it would not have been too much of an investment. The LEDs we are always in favor of. With the fillers: We did not like that half went towards labor. Even though it may involve plumbing, it is still expensive. Just approving them based on needing new water fountains does not allow them to use green funds. If they just wanted to buy the fillers they could do that. You are supposed to provide 3 company quotes, but they did not provide anything like that or the difference between that types or what amount of money is going towards the different pieces. Also, they are funded by residence life so they should have funding for on going projects. This project would also serve only 700 students between the halls. Each hall already has one so it could just be an accessibility issue. ALSO now they could use those RHAC funds they are doing nothing with. It is not necessarily fair for students that live off campus.
- iii. Arney: There are a lot of other water bottle filling options and I don't need to have money going towards this.
- iv. Kallis: A little confused by why so much of this is going to labor since a lot of other groups may for their own labor and it is half of their cost
- v. Ames: With the talk about ongoing projects, they normally just do that for repairs, this is not necessarily true in their case. When things come from facilities with the university, they are normally locked into a contractor and cannot have multiple options to purchase them from. Also, the monetary value of the project does not normally impact the passing of the project. We passed a request to pay for lights in this building and it was much more expensive than this.
- vi. Garcia: Talk to your constituents about this project by next week. We need to be basing this off of what they want and the factors that effect them.
- vii. Roberts: Next week when we see this, they will all be in their own individual resolution next week, correct? Yes? (Pat Nods)

- b. SA1617-048: Resolution Approving Green Fund Request for Outdoor Connection Whole Trees



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- i. Spenser: I want you all to vote for the people that you represent not your own personal opinion. Please separate the two. Also there will be steal poles in place if the trees are not approved. Mining is very harmful to the environment so please consider that as well. I watched a person try to demonstrate
  - ii. There are 49k requested and 49k in the account. If you fund this, you will not be able to fund everything else that is actually green. There is nothing green about the process that needs to ship trees down to Madison and back. This has come back to us so many times because it is not green and the green fund was made for projects that help the environment and save energy. This does not do that, and we need to be spending this money elsewhere.
  - iii. Garcia: we allocated 10k by the new green fund by laws for projects promote sustainability so if you do not think that this is sustainable but agree with the bylaws, vote for it based on the fact that we can spend money on promoting sustainability.
  - iv. Arney: I am split 50/50 on this because steal is not sustainable. I do not want that to be the only reason that I vote for this. Does someone want to try to convince me one way or another?
  - v. Q: This did not come back to us because of its sustainable nature but because of a constitutional vote and the basis of an incorrect vote.
- c. SA1617-049: Resolution to Increase Student Senate Focus on Inclusivity
- i. Passed 68% in favor
- c. SA1617-050: Resolution to Reserve REC for Relay for Life
- i. Quash: Why do we keep approving this? DR Larry: This is done because students wanted a say in the rec when they agreed to fund it and approve when it would not be in typical use
  - ii. Passed 100%
- d. SA1617-051: Resolution to Install ADA Compliant Door Opening Buttons Near Centennial Hall Bathroom Doors and Parking Ramp Doors Near the Elevator
- i. Passed 100%
- e. SA1617-052: Resolution to Approve 2017 Election Results
- i. Quash: This is who won, they are all great and all accepted their position.
  - ii. Tashner: Why did I not get a call? You were already a senator s you just got an email
  - iii. Passes 95%



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## XIII. New Business

- a. SA1617-053: Resolution to Address CAB Financial Situation
  - i. Ames: Cab messed up and needs 12k so they need to pay 12k back over the next 2 years.
  - ii. Roberts: As we have talked about this people make it sound as this is necessity and they will go bankrupt but this resolution says they may?..
    1. No, this will happen, they are locked into certain contracts that they cannot get out of and they are not allowed to carry a deficit
- b. SA1617-055: Resolution to Amend Student Court Rules of Procedure
  - i. No discussion
- c. SA1617-056: Resolution Amending Executive Cabinet Bylaws
  - i. Arney: What is the difference between the board of directors and cabinet?
    - 1.

## XIV. Discussion

- a. Roberts: I have questions about filling the vacant seats? Doesn't DOC have control over filling those seats not us?
  - i. Pat: I believe this would fall under the misc org filling position piece of the bylaws not the diversity orgs. There are 9 orgs that DOC has control over. There are 5 misc seats such as returning adult, fsl, and RHAC. I believe who fills these seats will be talked about at the meeting tomorrow and I am looking to bring that resolution to get rid of them tomorrow
  - ii. Quash: This is a large issue. The bylaws do not say anything about filling those seats because they are normally filled by a different organization. That being said, since RHAC does not exist you should not exist at all. Their votes should count until the end of the semester (pat says the will count as long as he is here). These bylaws need to be changed for next year it needs to be addressed. I think for the body a section outlining these seats needs to be added.
  - iii. Arney: Do you think that we need to come up with something that needs to fill this asap before the next session convenes?
    1. Pat: there will be no one in those seats starting next session because they have not elected them, but I am bringing a resolution that will eliminate those seats and reduce the body to 33 seats.
  - iv. Quash: Is your org allowed to disband itself? Does the constitution



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allow for that?

1. Larry: There was document merger that stated there were 3 governing bodies at UWL: RHAC, FSL, and Student Life. You all are going to have to ask the questions, can they do that? I will be giving the docs to Schimmel and he will take it from there.
- b. Rosa: I was hoping to talk about the cabinet positions and how they are funded by seg fees. This is hard to see because some of the cabinet positions are not filling all of our duties and there are orgs that are struggling for funding. Can someone tell me the process of how this works and where the oversight is? I do not feel comfortable paying them when they are not doing their jobs. Have we talked about getting rid of the salary?
  - i. Schimmel: This is all on me, I am responsible for that oversight. Also, we have considered lowering that salary because it does not always get done to the potential. There is also the idea that the person in this position do not need that money and salary is not vital to their decision whether or not they take the position. Also, there is not a lot that they do not report on, there is a lot of work behind the scenes.
  - ii. Rosa: When you hire these positions do you actually go through their job descriptions and let them know what they need to do? I do not think this should be taken lightly. I am not comfortable pay them when no one else here is payed for everything that they do?
  - iii. Schimmel: It falls on me, I have not focused enough on oversight this year. Also, senate does go through the approval process of their salaries at the start of the year.
  - iv. Roberts: The constitution does not seem to say that you are in charge of the cabinet. I am happy that you are taking the responsible but I do not know if it is your responsibility to do that.
- c. Roberts: We had a student body meeting about free speech, but I don't think we were talking about the right kind of free speech. In Onalaska, a mother and daughter were penalized for chalking on the ground when I have found nothing that says they can not do that. I think this is a serious issue because if you believe in free speech you should agree that you should not be penalized, especially financially, for speaking your mind. Contact authorities if you have any feelings about this. The article is in the tribune if you have any questions. It will be posted to the fb page.





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## XV. Announcements

- a. Kallis: DRAG SHOW is Saturday! It will be a great time with many people, profs, and organizations. 7pm in the Bluffs. Get tickets at the front desk.
- b. Giles: Tomorrow there is a public lecture series with a Yale professor speaking at 5pm tomorrow. Go if you are interested
- c. Tashner: I need someone to talk for my grant video! It would just be your voice in the background. Let me know if you are interested
- d. Arney: Chartwells is doing the first food recovery program. We are taking food that isn't used and bringing it to different orgs around the area. This is going to be a trial until summer and we are going to start in full swing in fall. I will need volunteers.
- e. Mueller: the vermacomposter is looking for an intern!
- f. Garcia: The pollinator pub crawl is tomorrow dt from 4-10pm so come help raise money!
- g. Schimmel swore in Amy Webber as the new NASA senator.

## XVI. Adjournment – 3:38