



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

**Date: February 8, 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 (Schulta/Bhatoya)
  - b. Guest Speakers

- a. Provost Morgan & Sandy Grunwald (Grunwald could not make it)

Morgan: Chief academic officer, slides show the number of people that are under each academic division. It says interim before my name because the search for the new one begins next weeks. This has a big impact on you so I hope to see you all at the open forums coming up.

Program dev and what makes for a major. I am here for informational purposes only to help you understand the process more fully. Academic programs are any major or minor, grad degree or certificates. UW -System plays a large part of this and determining the array of programs we have in the system and what schools have which ones.

What UW System does is that all programs come from an individual campus, submit papers of interest showing need and faculty that will be involved. This gets sent to every other UW System school. If that gets the green light, we come up with a full curriculum plan and take that to the board of regents. This can take up to 1-2 years to complete. For minors and certificates, we can create them on our own campus without getting others involved. Sometimes it can even be suggested not to bring it to the regents at the time because they are not swaying in favor of that kind of program. Currently they are very focused on employability

All programs to be developed MUST have an academic department home. It must have faculty behind it. From home department, it goes to the academic planning on the university level to system level. Faculty hold very dear that they have the power to decide on curriculum. Next to tenure it is the next big cause for faculty. We trust in our faculty to make sure curriculum is appropriate which then gets evaluated every 7 years. Departments generally have the final say in what courses transfer because that have that much power.

What can students go? Serve on UCC and GCC. Everyone is in a program that gets assessed. You can always give feedback when you are in our out of the school and how the courses flow or what you all need to learn. Another great way is to “use your feet” you decide which classes you take. To create major, you need the Department to first say we need this we have the faculty.

- i. Bhatoya: What happens if the faculty expertise is not there?



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1. Morgan: The biggest issue is where will we getting faculty from. Are we taking them away from someone else, is that okay? Otherwise it is rare we create something solely because we have the faculty to teach it. There needs to be a need and the availability in resources. Long story short the best thing to do is get a department involved. Start there.

b. Kate Ebert

a. Interim wellness coordinator. I was here the last time to talk about the alcohol policy on campus. I am here now to introduce the additions to the alcohol policy that you see before you. Anything that was added are to prevent underage and binge drinking and maintain a good campus environment. I have worked with a lot of brilliant students and done a lot of evidence based research.

i. Bahatoya: Thoughts on section 1 regarding the location, was space or seating taken into account? There just is not a lot of space in there.

b. Ebert: We inserted that alcohol was not allowed in the entertainment café, only upon special approval, because we do not really have eyes on who is drinking anymore. Additionally we want to focus on the non-alcohol related entertainment in the area because it can be a great alcohol free space. We can still define that further of necessary. We cannot have alcohol wandering the building, so we need to find ways to ensure that. If you would like, we can also revisit the wristband discussion for people in the café. It is difficult because Chartwells is no longer responsible for it when they hand it off to students.

i. Hodges: Who is responsible for it then after Chartwells hands it off?

c. Larry: This is what we are currently trying to decide. We would like it to be a student staff member to see what they are comfortable with and what can work. I think it is going to be a work in progress and see what happens when it opens up. Also signage is a possibility.

i. Reinke: For whom this applies to, should we also put in that it covers employees form Chartwells. It should be good for them to also know the rules and be well versed.

ii. Floerke: A little bit more explanation on section 4D?

1. Ebert: You can only give one drink per 21 year old person present at the time of purchase.

iii. Ames: IDs are checked by a trained bartender so do they need to be rechecked by a bartender if they have a wristband?



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1. Ebert: Those would only be used in special occasions, but no.
  - iv. Kallis: Approval of catering alcohol will be determined by how many underage people will be at the event. How is this done?
    1. Larry: This would be done on the alcohol approval form, and there actually is a line that asks for a specific number. Most of the time it is because they know who is to be invited or what the leadership is close to. I have never not seen a number there and really, we just need to trust them. I think it also asks them to think about whether alcohol needs to be a part of the event.
  - v. Kallis: Is there any way to stop a drunk student for disrupting the entertainment game area?
    1. Larry/Ebert: They should not even be giving out that much alcohol for patrons to get to that level. Also we are hoping that servers will be trained to notice those sorts of things. We could also have things in place to keep them from playing those games and getting the tools if they are too drunk.
  - vi. Kallis; Bartender training takes a long time. What are we going to do until then?
    1. Larry: That is a Chartwells issue when it comes down to it. Most are already under training if they are going to be in that place and will receive additional training if necessary
  - vii. Gunaratnam: What is the price going to be for each beer?
    1. Larry: We do not know yet.
  - viii. Gunaratnam: Section C, are we going to be hiring more people to do this and monitor who is drinking where or what is going to happen?
    1. Larry: A lot of this depends on the kind of behavior we see. Most likely we will just talk to building managers and see if they would like more hours. However, if we are seeing a high level of consumption then I would not hesitate to hire further for the positions and get some more people out there.
- V. General Student Body Open Forum
- a. Kevin Hunt: Former and current student. I was a large part of getting the green fund up and running here at UWL a long time ago. I came to speak about solar panels. That would be excellent to do. Please do that. That is exactly what the fund is for. Also please put back the money you took.



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Additionally, this building is a mess. I have a long list of complaints. We need to have an open forum to discuss this.

## VI. Officer Reports

### a. President: Jacob Schimmel

i. I have 11 student court applications that I need to interview; hopefully we will be able to get them into their seats very soon. I will be meeting with them at the start of this coming week. The overall request for the governor is 42 million dollars for the UW system. 35 million will be for the tuition cut he would like to put into place for all students in the system at a rate of 5%. This is about 360 for student here at UWL. This is what we have been asking for if a tuition cut were to happen. Most legislators would like a cut but it is a matter of the state funding it. The university cannot handle that. The 42.5-Million-dollar request does not include everything that the system would like, such as the university experience, even though it is the same monetary value. Also as expected, performance metrics will be a part of that. We will fare well with regards to metrics. There will be weird metrics such as how many people stay on the state. But other things like graduation rates we are above what they would like to see. They want to add dollars for tech schools and flex options. His number 1 focus is tech colleges and 2 years because he wants to have a heavy focus on workforce development. Also in there, there is something mandating each UW school has at least 60 credits that can be transferred between the system schools. The primary things we are opposed to deals with allocable segregated fees, things that go to SUFAC that gets delegated to the bus, green fund, clubs, etc. He would like to make this opt out. This is huge to the university experience since it is 96 per student that students could decide not to pay. WE do not want our organizations to lose funding. Additionally, he would like programs to require internships or do work experience to graduate. This could be difficult money wise because often you need to pay extra even though it seems good in theory. I do not know the legislative schedule for the budget, we would expect hearing in the coming months.

a. Quashnick: There is also a line on performance measures asking professors to only report in class hours. Professors do so much more outside of class such as tutoring. This could be something worth sponsoring and getting behind.

1. Schimmel: I do not necessarily agree with that either. It is going to be interesting to see what takes hold and what we will all have to work with in the end. There is a strong chance it will get picked apart.

### b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. Please sign up for your office hours if you haven't yet. There is now a plant for senator Arney. So things are coming alive. Chancellor Gow is



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coming on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will take pictures so please dress up if you are able. Also next week I will have a resolution with the new senators out of the 12 applications I have received. I have talked to Kate about bringing back the smoke free campus initiative we have worked on before so if you would like to be a part of the committee we are putting together please let us know. 7:00 pm in Wings there will be a strengths quest opportunity next week.

- c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross
  - i. UW System has a fund the UW System page and I will be looking to
- d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason
- e. State Affairs Director: Tyler Halloran
  - i. There's is a position open on the legislative affairs committee, if you would like to join please tell me! There is a lobby day on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February so if you can go please let us know. It is incredibly important to get in front of JFC and tell them why we need funding. Leg affairs meeting times still have not been set.
- f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott
  - i. Pat and I have a meeting with student life to talk about getting an off campus page on their website!
- g. Inclusivity Director: Karlie Stefan

## VII. RHAC Reports

- i. AEDs have officially been placed into all of the residence halls! There will be a training on the first floor of the U tomorrow from 9:30-10:30am in the first floor of the U

## VIII. Advisor Reports

- i. Bhatoya: There is a really low ceiling in one of the stairwells, also it would be great to have a stool or bar type of seating on the first floor which would be really helpful. This would be excellent. Rather than having a one person sitting at a four person table.
- ii. Floerke: It would also be really great to have more two person tables.
- iii. Larry: We know that we need more and are placing an order for them.

## IX. Committee Reports

- i. Kallis: Textbook rental finally met. We got a charge from Bob Hetzel. Part of this is making sure the transition went well and that policy is up to date. \$175 of seg fees goes to books, and we wanted to talk about ebooks but that would make the price double.
  - a. Bhatoya: Is faculty leaning towards ebooks?
    - 1. Kallis: There are a few that are, correct. And seeing your show of hands, almost everyone is against the use of ebooks. A class can get new books every three years. I would encourage you to talk to your faculty and see if any would be willing to put some of their books in the book store rather than have us buy them all



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the time. It is not always requirements.

ii. Hodges: JMAC met and Given came with! On April 5<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30 3310 in student union we are having a brown bag lunch with the inclusive negligence video. Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 million rising in the valley view mall flash mob included.

Vagina Monologues will be February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Cav downtown at 6:00 and 9:00 pm

iii. Ames: Green fund requests are due mid-march. Get them in as soon as you can.

## X. Organizational Reports

i. Burgess: dance for hope in the bluffs, and dance for suicide awareness, free! There will be raffles and prizes. Also February 27<sup>th</sup> will be eating disorder awareness week so you will see us do different events.

ii. Olp: Thanks for coming by the DSP poll on Friday!

iii. Hodges: Reflections of Ebony was terrific. We had a packed house and raised over \$600 for NODAPL.

iv. Kallis: There is an ally training event on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February

## XI. Unfinished Business

a. SA1617-026: Resolution Approving the New Student Union Alcohol Policy

i. Quashnick: in section #3, why can we just not put a pint there instead of 16 oz?

a. Reinke: I could not tell you. This is the first time I have seen it.

1. Larry: I don't see anything wrong with it being in oz form.

ii. Quashnick: Okay then I would like that as a friendly changing it to a pint

a. Brever: Upon seeing no objections that will be a friendly upon the documents passing

iii. Reinke: I would like to amend this to include Chartwells employees to state those involved in sales or consumption.

a. Brever: Upon seeing no objections that will be a friendly upon the documents passing

iv. Lenz: What does special approval mean?

a. Larry: A catering event which does generally not last beyond the 3 hours specified.

1. Floerke: please update it to the 8<sup>th</sup> instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> when it is passed.

Call to question

v. Gunaratnam: Objection, what is difference between this one and the one in spring?

a. Larry: It did not talk about catering. So, mainly section six. It only talked about sales downstairs before.

vi. Bhatoya: Since we have passed a previous version, what happens when we pass this new one? I feel like we should address it. Do we need to talk about that at all or talk about superseding? I would like to amend the document adding a Whereas " This alcohol policy shall supersede any previous alcohol policy passed by student senate" (Approved)



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vii. Weyker: Are these hours set in place by Chartwells? They are different from the previous policy now lumping Sunday in with everything else.

a. Larry: No, they are not. That was probably a miss understanding.

1. Reinke: Sunday was supposed to start at 11 like Saturday.

i. Brever: Seeing no objection I will add this as a friendly amendment.

viii. Schultz: for wine and alcohol in section 6, why would we allow this for special events?

a. Larry: If someone wanted to have a wedding reception or something and they wanted to have a bottle of wine they could. And I have never seen anything that is a bar that isn't drink by drink sales. And that is for non UWL Events.

1. Quashnick: We do not mention that you cannot carry in alcohol?

i. Everyone else: it does.

a. Garcia: Call to Question, Second: Tashner  
(Approved all-0-0)

b. SA1617-029: Resolution Approving Green Fund Project

i. Larry: Is this spread over years or paid in one lump sum?

a. Ames: I believe this is one lump sum because it does not exceed the amount allowed for a single project.

1. Garcia: Call to questions, second: Burgess (Approved all-0-0)

## XII. New Business

a. SA1617-030: Resolution Approving Solar Panel Green Fund Project

i. Ames: I was hoping to discuss this tonight but there were some errors in the information sent out. I wanted to have pat send you everything so you could see what we saw. We received an email for Doug Pearson with different numbers than the original proposal. It said 39k kwatt hours but the updated hours are 24k kwatt hours annually. This is important before we vote on it and I would like to get you all the best information before we vote next week. We do not have an exact estimate right now since a lot of it depends on market prices and specifics. What the plan is would be them taking the 100k and scaling it to how many they can afford to get. The architect is aware of the plan and has something in place if we choose to do so. It was originally quoted at 4% energy consumption but now we believe it is at 2%. It is very visible if you are at the right angle like the hot water ones on Centennial. They have a 25-year warranty that does not cover general maintained which the REC would cover. Also, they can degrade over their lifetime. Students have asked about solar gardens and different things this could go towards instead. Many students reacted negatively to the topic so it would be great to talk to your peeps about it.

a. Quash: UWSP has these and students paid for them and then the company went out of business and we cannot get them fixed nor have they created energy. We need to know everything before committing this



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kind of money. We do not get anywhere near the amount of sun they could use.

ii. Floerke: There are other alternatives to solar energy. Even the piece just going to installation could be used for way more and I believe there are many better options. Even though it could save 3,000 per year that is not enough to pay this much. If we are concerned about visibility, then we can just put up plaques or do a press release.

a. Kallis: Many of my peeps thought it was a great idea and wanted to keep going on what we did with centennial. I would like to get that updated info as soon as possible to bring to our next meeting.

iii. Garcia: SFS loves this project, and chances are slim it would go wrong. This also helps us with divestment therefore I think it would be great for us to know that we are making our own energy instead.

iv. Floerke: I'm assuming they would be covered for natural disaster? Yes? Great.

v. Ames: Also, I think it is important to make known that the green fund is not supposed to be money savings, it is supposed to make campus green. So, this may not save us money but we will be more efficient.

XIII. Discussion

XIV. Announcements

i. Olp: I started a relay for life team! It's 5 bucks right now, let's do a team!

ii. Ames: Senate soccer, let's get a team together!

iii. Mason: Senate party on Friday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>!

iv. Brever: There has been a formal complaint sent to student court regarding the trees resolution, we will keep you updated on the progress of that as it unfolds.

XV. Adjournment

i. Motion: Schultz, Second: Hilby

a. 8:11 pm