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Student Senate Agenda Date: **February 15, 2017** Time and Location: **6:00pm Student Senate Chamber; The U**

- I. Call to Order a. 6:03 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - i. For the new senators, if you need assistance please don't hesitate to ask.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Bancker: Motion to move unfinished and new business in front of officer reports. Second: Bhatoya
 - c. Bancker: Jenna and I have been looking through the constitution and bylaws, it doesn't make a lot of sense to come here and not talk about what we're supposed to be talking about until the end of our meetings. I'm interested in giving it a try and possibly looking at different ways to see how it works.
 - i. Garcia: Call to Question
 - a. Quaschnick: Objection
 - 1. Brever: Why would you like to do this?
 - i. Quaschnick: In the bylaws, it outlines how the agenda has to be.
 - 2. Gunaratnam: Objection is this just tonight? a. PASSED: UNANIMOUS

ii. Motion: Bhatoya- move to add the resolution of approval of court justices to the new business.

a. Bhatoya: We are in need of justices, especially with the complaint that has been sent to Student Court so passing this tonight would be ideal.

b. Quaschnick: Objection, the bylaws, Article 5 procedure 5.01, no item may be added to the agenda less than 24 hours in advance.

1. Brever: I will side with you on that.

a. Garcia: Call to question, Second: Floerke

d. PASSED: Agenda Approved

- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Patrick Barlow

i. Barlow: Thank you very much, I'd prefer to come up to the front of the room and I'm passing out the copy of what I sent out electronically. I serve on the county board, I'm here to talk about what I do here for the University. I'm the assessment coordinator and work in the office of national assessment and do research on student learning and let the faculty know that you've learned things



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throughout their classes. This is a survey we've done several times and we've collected a lot of good information about your experiences. The important things to know, it asks about the general student life experience and the general behaviors of the faculty. Several other measures, we call them client backed practices, if you look at digital signage, we are really trying to get the largest voice of the students. We had about 36, 36 senior freshmen last time. We are trying to give some maroon dollar gift card as incentive. People at the comprehensive university will also be taking this and we get comparison data, from national schools as well. It is designed for freshman and senior. It's not to discriminate against sophomore and junior, the first will go out next Tuesday and I'm scared people will just ignore it, I would love to have some backing from students. I'm happy to answer any questions about this survey and would appreciate sending.

- a. Garcia: How do you know if people are seniors or not? i. Barlow: We calculate this by credits.
 - b. Burgess: Can people who just want to take it take it through a link
 - i. Barlow: We will be sending out a link made by the University to sophomores and juniors because we also value their opinion?
 - c. Bhatoya: Is any of this related with retention rates?
 - i. Barlow: We have retention files and comparison files and we do a lot of data analysis. Last week I was looking at freshman experience data and gave that to the scholars.
 - d. Kallis: Do you know how often and regularly this survey is sent out?
 i. We started using this survey in 2000, we only participated in a 2-year cycle but since 2014, every year. At first, we didn't see much benefit in the year to year but it has been. If anyone has any questions, please let me know and good luck with your valued work here and if you go to the budget and about numbers I am one of the people who helps calculate.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

i. Chief Justice Jordan: I came to come in here to talk about what we're doing, were looking at the green fund resolution with the OC trees and we are waiting to get two more members and I thought that was going to happen tonight but the rules say otherwise but I'm just letting you know what we're up to.

VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

i. I really want to just emphasize that we have a unified effort with a University. I was talking to Joint planning committee and they don't think the legislatures fully understand. As of now I've invested about \$100 into cardstock so that people can write out what they are passionate about on campus. I am also looking out to varsity athletic teams, I want to get to more next week. I want to do a video campaign as well to get



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people from organizations to talk to the camera and bring players and org members to lobby in Madison so we can talk to legislatures. There isn't much more that is powerful than personal stories. I want to make sure that there is some way to have this 1 on 1 communication. Tomorrow I will be doing a lobbying effort with the UW system schools and the joint finance committee is the committee that puts this through to the floor

a. Arney: Does Scott Walker or anyone else know that most schools would be opposing this opt out? If it's assumed that we would be against it, how would this go through?

1. Schimmel: Their view is that anything that falls outside the academic core, they feel that state money shouldn't be going towards, although I don't think that the they know exactly what allocable means.

b. Arney: So would you say it's a lack of knowledge?

i. Schimmel: Yes, I do and if this becomes a check box next to paying tuition, people will think they are saving money but will ultimately be hurting our University.

c. Quaschnick: There was a supreme court case that did not want his student dollars going for the pride center and it was seen in Madison- the Supreme Court said that if our committees (SUFAC) doll out the money in a neutral view, you don't have a say in tuition where that goes. This is the first time that this has come up with an idea on a state level, going towards something. This could go to another court case above this and someone sued the UW system and lost. It's not a matter of a lack of knowledge but this is one of their plans and it's mentioned in our bylaws.

i. Schimmel: States have the right to mandate public institutions but it doesn't speak to the fact that there would be opt out options. There are certain provisions, students can't have a bias when choosing to fund this but I don't think that goes directly against the SC and this isn't doing that.

d. Arney: Is it possible to opt out of rec?

i. Schimmel: I'll have more info on opt outs later on and trying to get more information on this issue. I also started the president's update and I'm able to utilize the site better than last year. Also there will be a provost open forum in 3203 of the U and the candidate will be Greg Cook. Would obviously love for you folks to go. Also next week Ron Kind will be on campus, I've been working with his office to schedule a reservation for a room. I would encourage you to go. Last thing, the issue of the student court. It's not a huge issue that they aren't



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confirmed tonight but I'm confident that the chief justice can do this going forward. If you could get familiar with the candidates that would be great.

e. Schimmel: The first candidate her name is Haley, she brings a lot of perspective it is a lot of legal studies heavy, she was very well spoken of this but has a good mind with other orgs and will be well spoken. The other individual, David is really well minded in the legal studies field.

i. David: I want to dedicate my life to public service and my dream is grad school and law school and it would be best to have detailed questions for next week of why you would be a good candidate? I can give you my resume and you can get a better idea.

1. Schimmel: He has a history of being involved at the UW Madison government.

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. Brever: I'm Patrick Brever, if you all want to dress up next week because the Chancellor will be here, that would be great. Beyond that there is an open position for the school of education and the application is due by Monday at Noon. I think that tonight's agenda was great but we can bring that up again at the end of the meeting.

- c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross
- d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason

i. Mason: Hi for those of you who don't know me I'm a senior and I was originally a senator, all I have tonight is the provost and along with the open forums we have the opportunity to talk to them, you don't have to ask questions you can just sit and listen. If you aren't comfortable in a bigger setting you can come to the open forum. Betsy Morgan is the Provost right now and

- e. State Affairs Director: Tyler Halloran
- f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott
 - i. Double major in political science and public administration. We went to visit student life at their meeting and were talking about the website option. I don't know if any of you know Dr. Arney, but he is on a coalition for an ID scanner and there is a free training held at the Radisson and Chartwells only makes you do the online one but this is another option that you could work on.
- g. Inclusivity Director: Karlie Stefan

VIII. RHAC Reports

i. Burgess: The application deadline is due a week later and clarifications for eagle hall, you don't have to have 6 but you have a better chance with 6. There is a \$75 deposit but if you decide to not live on

IX. Advisor Reports

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i. Hi I'm Larry Ringgenberg the Director. Last week SSB had a good conversation about Mr. Hunt's email, but the committee will maybe give me a little clue on if we need to do more on that. The dining questions: why is there only one swipe left at mondos? That doesn't mean that is the end all and some of you may remember me going with Erberts and Gerberts. The block meals at the lower level is still something I'm looking into but I haven't checked the prices. The campus close up is on Friday. I'm still struggling with the card access for the veteran's lounge because he got sick.

a. Kallis: I've gotten a couple emails, the card swipe for the back of the cove started working for some of us.

i. Ringgenberg: It should be for every student.

 Kallis: Also, the salad bar closing at 2 has been concerning and there is a lack of people coming to the student center for lunch. There are no maps in the building or fire exit plans who don't know there are stairs. We could print out maps of the building.
 Dr. Ringgenberg: I think I would go to a different place for the maps that have been promised to me for 2 months.

Committee Reports

i. Bhatoya: SSB met Thursday at 7:45 am, we went over rec fees for j-term and summer. I'll go over the list. Financial aid asked if they could set up a stand that could showcase the scholarships for the month, but it wouldn't be a huge thing it would just be an iPad on a stand, but if we let the financial aid office do this it might lead to a problem. J-term- 18.20 to use the rec., summer- 39.50, 22., so the most important thing the handicap buttons in the bathrooms on all floors but they're not supposed to hit your wheelchair when you go in and out. The bulletin boards, the students want to post things on the bulletin boards. He mentioned very little study space. He thought it might be a good idea to leave the doors open for students after the day.

ii. Kallis: DOC met, Hate and Bias incidents 116-101 incidents, over half of them are race, sex, then sexual orientation. DOC is starting a social, were having a meet and greet to mingle with each other. The COVE should help with this but this will be Feb. 23 from 5-7. There are a lot of events. Fri- Vagina Monologues, Mumble Tech-largest LGBT workshops in the Mid-west Friday- Sunday.

X. Organizational Reports

i. Arney: SAPA is sending out an email soon so think of a couple professors.ii. Garcia: If you want to be a vanguard for next year, you should apply by next Monday.

iii. Schimmel: If anyone would like to go to Madison with me tomorrow that would be great but as of now it's just me.

XI. Unfinished Business

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



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i. Ames: This is the resolution approving the solar panel request for rec 2.0, weAt this time there are some estimates, 32000 kilowatt hours. I know a decent amount of this. For those of it's a \$100,000 project and the architect is part of the design so it's kind of like writing a check for \$100,000 not knowing how much we are going to get. The yield is based on location and its relativity to the sun. 2-4% in addition, the maintenance costs are about \$500 a year. This will be a highly visible project. They are planning on using the money they save to put back into the maintenance. Solar panels degrade every year but there is a 25-year warranty but it doesn't cover everything with the panels. The initial quote says LOOK UP. If you are curious how much 25000 kilowatts its about 2 and a half homes, so this would be 4 and a half homes. Solar gardens have been an alternative option. An Xcel rep showed up and talked about solar gardens in Wisconsin. If you start purchasing t you get the yield. The quote we have from this is \$89000, and the yield from that would be 520000 kilowatts. Xcel's the 5th largest energy provider and most of it comes from non-carbon energy 50% is non carbon. I don't have more on the solar garden. I thought it was a cool presentation. I don't have much more than what I sent out, how soon would the solar garden be up and running. Eau Claire's is already up and running. It's 7 acres of solar panels and they are making it a, they wouldn't be visible but you don't have to pay for maintenance and it's a contract for 25 years, so it's more of a. The focus tonight isn't this though.

a. Quaschnick: Is it your opinion to build these?

i. Ames: SUFAC was torn on this with a 6-4 vote. I shouldn't tell you how to vote nor am I the authority.

b. Rupert: So you said they would last 35 years?

i. Ames: They wouldn't pay themselves back in 25 years but we often approve many projects that don't pay it back.

c. Bancker: So basically if you look at the lowest estimate it would be less than half of what we would get if we got the \$89000 for the solar garden

i. Ames: 24000- Our, 42000, 39000- solar energy group 1. Bancker: We would be getting more energy with less money with the solar garden so that makes the most sense.

d. Kallis: Can you still table something if it's in this portion, I know the solar garden isn't what we are talking about is that we are really stressing visibility and I've talked to a lot of people and they are very passionate but half of them didn't know that they were on centennial. We haven't had a chance to discuss this more b/c our meeting is tomorrow but if we table this, got more information, I took this info back to constituents but how are people feeling about that?

i. Garcia: On the matter of tabling, we are already dealing with the student court issue but we probably shouldn't continue



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tabling things. If you are worries about the yield, Xcel is obviously going to tell you the highest number so let's look at the Xcel number before this. So that's one thing to take into account. Last weekend I was at UW Oshkosh and I saw solar panels and thought that was cool

e. Quaschnick: We're going to get power from them and the percentage of the building will be paid for, I don't know if we can get good metrics. I think we should just do both and I would like to see what UW Eau Claire did and maybe were not the first people to do more.

f. Floerke: I would like to reiterate; I don't see an issue of passing both. Getting more green energy for our campus, but I don't know if it's responsible of us to spend this primarily on visibility, although this is a big priority there are a lot of other ways to promote green on campus and I don't know if a big investment us the way to go about this. Economically the solar garden is a better opportunity and in the future we could go further with that.

g. Ames: Just a few points, so we would need to make a decision on this relatively soon there is pressure from operations and they are hoping this would be done this week and addition to that there is a timeline with the solar garden because there it's a lot that you purchase in to and it is a possibility for the Xcel energy rep to come in again, but be aware that putting it off might have consequences. The community felt that it wouldn't be responsible to spend \$100000, yes Xcel might mislead you but they could get sued in the end but the 24000 number is from_____h. Weyker: I know you said 51000 for the solar garden does it include degradation?

i. Ames: I never thought to ask.

i. Bhatoya: I don't want this to pass, \$100,000 is a lot to just say yes to. j. Gunaratnum: A lot of points have been made

but the whole visibility reason was why we passed the trees a couple of weeks ago, but these panels would save us energy, but I don't think we would pass it but we could get more info on specifics. I would like to see this money go towards these solar panels, if we can make one more week we should.

k. Arney: It is about \$50,000 a year for 2 years? My point is that \$50,000 sounds like a lot but there is a lot of money in the green fund. Just because they have it doesn't mean it should be spent but people have applied for the solar panels many times but it doesn't mean we should turn down this opportunity and over 25 years' technology could get better and we could improve the efficiency and 25 years is a long time 1. Bhatoya: I keep using the trees as an example but we knew exactly what we were getting but with this project we are still not sure and this is purely speculation and we could say in 5-10 years it could be great but I



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would feel more comfortable leaving this to a company that would cover maintenance

m. Floerke: I could support the trees because its 1/10 of what this is, but I also sit on the rec 2.0 committee but are we guaranteed the fact that we could see them, we aren't 100% sure and there is a lot of uncertainty. n. Roberts: You said there was a 25-year degradation warranty but within that warranty after 23 years would they come in and replace them

i. Ames: The warranty doesn't work that way. The company that gave us these quotes, I'm not sure how it compares on the market but they are looking to purchase as many panels as we can with it, it could be less it could be more we don't know.

q. Garcia: Yes, Eau Claire bought into the solar panels but they aren't' improving their rec, yes Eau Claire did it but they don't have the opportunity. Xcel Energy is a reputable company but they are based in MN and they are required by state to use solar energy. We can think that we are buying into green energy but instead of divesting we would be investing

r. Arney: To add onto that point, this is a company we don't know everything about and if we had the solar panels on campus it would be completely up to us.

s. Roberts: Another question to the author? Are there already investors? i. Ames: There are already investors,

1. Roberts: The green solar garden will happen to all the schools but if we put them on our own campus

t. Floerke: To me this is speculation about Xcel and other senators are saying its coming from burning garbage but when you buy these portions of the company you are buying into the company but they have to give you what they tell you and the company is not out to get us. w. Kallis: I put a poll on my Facebook page during this to see what they are feeling and what I am getting, they love solar panels for the rec and to make a point, the whole when the rec is completely self-contained and we are not going through big bad scary companies and other people can enjoy them here but what I'm getting from my constituents, the solar panels would be a lot better than burning trash. I'm not saying that we are burning a garbage can but that is where 50% of the company's. Call to Question

i. Giles: Objection, I'm not sure that we are burning garbage are we sure that this is not green?

y. Hilby: The way I view it, yes we don't know facts or figures but we know that we will support our campus. When people donate to our school they don't always know where that money is going but they do it anyways.

z. Rosa: As someone who is on the public works and oversight



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committee, Burning Trash calling that what xcel is, I could se tup a tour, get you facts, etc.

a. Tahiri: I am reading an email and he explains the kilowatt system but he said that the \$10000 wouldn't support the 20 kilowatt system he didn't specify so I don't know if there is any way to clarify but with that I yield.

b. Olp: At first I had a reservation about this but we will have 10000 students every year if that doesn't change, that would be about 30 cents, you won't break even but you are getting that money back a lot in savings. For me that helped me rationalize but we will see some back. c. Garcia: To address statements of previous senators, the reason MN is going to keep producing green energy because they are mandated too. This is not just dumpster, it is a combination of woodchips, pizza boxes, plastics, now this still isn't good and can produce energy. The green panels would be more but we are still getting it for the city and not just us.

d. Lee: Just for clarification, this will be a flat fee for 25 years. It would be the same for the solar green garden as well.

e. Ames: Not that the burning garbage is the discussion, when the whole burning garbage are you talking about the methane that it burns to give off? Is that what they mean when burning garbage.

i. Garcia: The Xcel energy plant burns some woodchips and pulls out metals but not the plastics. The landfill gets things that aren't suitable to burn and the landfill is also used for energy through methane.

1. Ames: Just to focus the conversation on the solar panels.

ii. Garcia: Call to question, Second: Bhatoya

1. Yes- 11, No- 8

a. PASSED

XII. New Business

a. SA1617-031: Resolution Approving Student Senate Appointments

i. Brever: For those of you are new and aren't on this we will add your names as friendly amendments if you would like to go around the room and introduce yourself you can.

ii. Kallis: Motion to suspend two-week rule, Second: Giles

a. PASSED- Unanimous

1. Call to Question-Giles, Bancker

a. PASSED

b. SA1617-032: Resolution Taking Stance on Governor Walker's Budget Proposal for UW System



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i. Schimmel: This is something we've been talking about to some degree. I think everything in here is what I covered in my report last week. This would be with the executives and it has a lot of backing already. I'll reiterate, we don't typically see the governor produce more dollars for the UW System, I think from a base level, if you give the legislature a lot of money, it would be this resolution has the support for the 35 million that the state would be funding for the tuition cut that would be coming in the second year. As long as the state is supporting it, I'm interested in it. I would still like to have this in here just to have the backing but what I keep hearing again and again but the request for the tuition cut is dead in the water right now but it would be good to promote that. The opt out option is something with the seg fees and if this is passed I think we would see some really bad damage, dozens of clubs would be gone and this is pretty uniform through the executives across the state. The governor's request for mandatory work experience before graduating, from the internship side of things, a lot of people need jobs during the year and an unpaid internship but the amount of money you have to pay for an internship in the summer is more expensive. There are other concerns about mandating people to do this with how many opportunities there actually are. We want to see this on a departmental level, but some majors would require and be more beneficial for others. I know there are people who were thinking about passing the two-week rule for this but I don't think that should happen nor do I think it's necessary. Tomorrow will be lobbying on being a cohesive UW effort and Rachel Ramthun also wanted to be able to add a few things to this.

a. Quaschnick: The couple lines in the budget, who levies the seg. fees? 1. Schimmel: SUFAC

> 1. Quaschnick: But who gives it that, it doesn't say in the budget that it had to be easy to opt out, it would be up to the board of regents to make this decision and decide the implementation. No one would fill out a separate form and bring it to the This is our money and all of it will be gone if it passes and make it a checkbox next to paying the tuition. The governor needs to know and I think everyone should help add things to this, I spoke with a lot of professors about this budget on campus and this requires them to report their hours and none of its accounted other than the actual teaching hours. I recommend all of you to talk with people about this a lot so we have the best possible reading.

b. Garcia: Was it just written that 140,0000000 unveiled i. but this would be for p

c. Garcia: Would the work related experience include research?



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i. Schimmel: I think that this needs more clarification from the governor. It really depends how many motions set forth and the implementation

d. Ames: This is a very important issue, especially with this opt out option and all of these programs could lose funding. In the top table it is broken down into three. All of this could lost partial or full funding and if you look at this list a lot of you would be connected and the potential for this to go away.

e. Kallis: There has been a lot of discussion around the Pride center about this and all of our funding is from SUFAC, we have the largest pride center in the UW system, many campuses don't have offices for their pride center or promote allies, and if this opt out happens, the people I love are at risk of losing their safe space, there are spaces around the state and we have high schoolers coming to us and it's terrifying for us and our people that we could be destroyed by one click next to a tuition bill. Please don't let this opt out happen.

f. Giles: Could I make an amendment, could you add a period to the end

i. Garcia: motion to close discussion, second: Bancker

1. Tabled until next week a. PASSED Unanimous

XIII. Discussion

i. Bancker: I was going to add onto what I said before, Jenna and I have been working on this and discussing different ways to make the SA more efficient. I just want to get your thoughts on changing up the order.

a. Giles: I liked it second-

b. Rosa: If the officer reports just went a lot quicker, you could all just cut it down to a minute.

1. Brever: You are describing my heaven.

c. Burgess: I think in RHAC this way works well because it keeps people more involved.

d. Kallis: Can we set a time keeper for reports?

e. Bancker: The reasoning behind was to give the power back to the legislative body and didn't take away from the executive's reports. f. Mason: Can we stay on topic?

1. Roberts: Really quick, time limits, I think that it sets a dangerous precedent

h. Stefan: I feel that the time limit is there for a reason, I haven't gotten contacted by anyone during office hours so if people wanted to stop by the office hours more often to talk about things then reports wouldn't have to be so long.

j. Garcia: I think this order is good because then they don't have to rush the legislative process.

k. Gunaratnam: I disagree with the time limit, no one is coming to office

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hours or asking questions, but would that put a limit on our questions. i. Kallis: I'm trying to get away from long winded office hour reports. Even if it was just 5 minutes, I'm not trying to limit the information.

1. Gunaratnam: There are going to be times that will be very important to discuss.

m. Quaschnick: This is the legislative branch meeting; the executives don't have to be. We all don't have to be here. Time limits are dangerous and I don't agree with the ideas, I love the change in the n. Schimmel: I guess I give reports and done on the issue of transparency, I've heard things about this before, most meetings are about 2 hours. Officer reports present quite a bit of info, I'm redundant on some things and I can be happy to shorten it and I try to be transparent but I don't want to get to the point of being redundant if they feel this isn't effective.

> 1. Bancker: I think this is something that we should try to do because of the high turnover rate in general, once we get over 2 hours, if we can keep our meeting more concise. This is just something

q. Mason: I think it's good to be conscious about our time talking to you but you all tend to talk in circles, it's not on one portion of the agenda it's everyone's responsibility.

XIV. Announcements

XV. Adjournment

a. Motion: Hilby, Second: Tashner b. 8:28 PM

b. 8:28 PM