



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

Date: **February 22, 2017**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - i. 6:05 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
  - b. Bancker: Move unfinished and new business before officer reports;  
Second: Ames
    - i. PASSED- Unanimous- no abstentions
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Chancellor Gow
    - i. Gow: This is different isn't it, wow I feel a little under dressed. Wow what a building and just thinking about the last time I spoke with you we were in Cartwright, hopeful about what was coming. I am always happy to come and talk, last time we were talking about a particular topic and didn't have time for other things. So I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.
    - a. Kallis: A lot of my constituents are concerned with the email and the redacting of it and the reasoning behind it being money.
      1. Gow: Money? I don't know if I follow you. The reason I changed my email was because when we I send something out and I say we are all feeling shocked and unsettled, I might feel that way but that doesn't mean everyone does. I talked to some Trump supporters and heard that they are willing to give it a try. Some people were shrill and rude about what I did, but what does work is when someone says that they are a student and respectful and I said I think that person is right and I think more of us should think that and I think that I should try to put in differ
      1. Kallis: A lot of my constituents felt hurt that you weren't standing in support with them because you took it back?
        - a. Gow: I can't help what people feel. I don't like what's happening in D.C but I think that, but I can't claim that I can speak for everyone at the university.
        1. Arney: So with that being said we have a resolution about the statement of solidarity, are you in support of it or



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not?

a. Gow: This is a very important issue and we have to ask ourselves what we are trying to accomplish. I don't think that a sanctuary campus is going to do that, it could draw more attention and could make people angry. Trump put out another order the other day and they didn't take the DACA out about unborn children. This is why I made a point to tell Ron Kind that today. I think that the public stance the university should take is to keep DACA.

1. ARNEY: So do you stand in solidarity?

a. Gow: The mayor did not say that we are a sanctuary city or anything like that. The other thing that sanctuary cities have said that they will risk federal funding. We get a lot of funding through student fees. I think you should come out and say if it is a sanctuary campus. Forgive me if I'm outdated with the documents. It's great to show support for Muslims and I think that it's tragic that D.C. has created a situation where we have to do this.

1. Bhatoya: The first one says that it is a sanctuary campus but we are amending that tonight to better encompass the idea. I think that the people involved in the resolution agree that the term can do more harm than good.

a. Gow: The sanctuary city part is the part that we should be careful on, I know that Mayor Kabat has talked about that but I didn't see him declare that. We are certainly not saying that the campus police will be involved but that's why I think the statement about the DACA would be great.

i. Bhatoya: The federal gov. says they can take away from sanctuary cities but not sanctuary campuses.

b. Gow: I have seen statements made by Trump saying that if campuses don't stop he might pull money, but I guess that's something that I'm not willing to risk.

i. Bhatoya: So if something were to happen at UW-La Crosse where money was in jeopardy would you protect the students over losing federal funding?

c. Gow: I don't think that's going to happen.

i. Bhatoya: Then what did you mean?

d. Gow: But if no one knows who the students are but I



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don't want to do anything that might force the federal government to do something. Governor Doyle passed a document that gave those students free tuition but maybe that happens here or it doesn't but if I get asked, I have to follow the law.

1. Rosa: So if it came down to funding students are you saying now that, these issues affect us greatly, you would choose federal funding over our students?

a. Bhatoya: We are in a situation where students are threatened by immigration policies, do you value federal funding over the students?

i. Gow: Let's say we have undocumented students, what if we get a visit from ice and they want to take someone off campus, we would try to protect them and the police wouldn't cooperate with that.

1. Arney: Some people are worth fighting for.

a. Gow: But I think that we need to support our students and we need to choose our battles wisely.

1. Halloran: Thank you for being here with us tonight, how do you feel about the budget?

a. Gow: I've been here 10 years and every year it has been cut so with the proposal it's a good idea but I don't know if that's going to happen. Maybe it's more financial aid for the neediest people. Are we going to get more money? There are a lot of other things the state is grappling with one of my biggest concerns is the highways. The average person might think that construction never gets done but there is another part to the budget which is the capital budget, like the science building we got 87 million dollars, this building we borrowed 54 million dollars from the state and the student fees will pay for it, but we have two projects that we requested- new fieldhouse and residence hall. One of those the governor did not approve and we are very disappointed in that, but that's the budget.

i. Hodges: A lot of times in conversation people with disabilities get left out of the discussion so what will you do for the students who don't have the means to access every building?

a. Gow: You're right about whitewater, they are doing a lot to make the campus accessible, they were set up to do that



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and we were set up to be the physical education school and its hard to reallocate money. I didn't mention with the budget the allocable seg. fees. Every building that we have we make sure that they are compliant and up to code for people with disabilities.

i. Ringgenberg: We have some mistakes with the accessibility but we are going to fix those but we are planning on fixing some on a later day. We have a ramp in the entertainment café that people were talking about. This building was designed to be as much ADA compatible as much as it can be. People can go into the theater and we still have signs to get. To judge the building right now is dangerous because it's not completely done.

1. Hodges: You had five years, but people are still trying to figure out the centennial doors. You say you value disabled students but the campus isn't accessible.

i. Gow: What motives would I have to do this? I'm hearing things like I'm not committed to the students or university. Ironically the older buildings were not forced to be made into accessible buildings but we did that. We have to take the buildings offline to change those and we are slowly working through that. If people are aware of specific accessibility issues, please let me know so we can work on it.

1. Given: My name is Jori Given, in your personal opinion what do you think is the biggest inclusion problem and how could we solve it?

a. Gow: We have a lot of people passionate about this and we are working but the progress is slower. We would like to mirror the demographics of the state but we are trying to get there and my biggest frustration is that in any group of people there is a smaller group that is on board with what you want to do and then you have another small group that will never agree with me no matter what I say. What's interesting is that about 80% are on the fence, so how do we engage them and get them involved in campus?

2. Given: So what's a solution?



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a. Gow: One thing that I'm working on, I care about your minds and issues. We have shared governance and sometimes the issues are so big that it's difficult. Some people want to see a cabinet level financial officer involved in that. We have Barbara Stewart right now for diversity and inclusion and she's in student affairs which is great but we would like a big position with bigger responsibilities but that would require restructuring the university.

3. Given: Is there anything we can do to help with this effort?

a. Gow: I think we're already there and we have a small group right now with some faculty staff. We are trying to do the best we can with what we have.

## VI. General Student Body Open Forum

i. Kevin Hundt: Hi yeah I mentioned that this building has problems and I made a list and talked to Sam. Basically, what I got back was that administration said no and that's kind of shitty. And this is our building, and you own something if you pay for it. Senate should assert some things now and address what people want. It's great that the buttons are getting fixed, but the bike racks closer to the entrance, someone tried to find a meeting space and there are a lot of empty rooms and they are all locked. An idea could be that if someone wants to study and leave student ID, for a meeting room they could do that. Bulletin boards are also a good idea, but let's start with some public forum.

a. Brever: Thank you for coming in and we are looking at having a discussion on some of the issues.

ii. Lindsey: I think it's really important you have an open forum are you willing to send out an email, what does the process look like?

a. Brever: We were thinking about a round table discussion, when the time comes we'll make sure to inform the Student Body.

ii. Lindsey: I think that it's important to hold Joe Gow accountable. It's important that we get students in on this diversity issue because we are the ones who have to deal with it. My name is Lindsey Zeleski.

iii. My name is Kate Shepardson, I am in support of the ONE campaign. What we do is work on policy and legislative matters. What we are asking is an open letter about the poverty of sexes and this deals with women being more at risk of poverty. I have brought the open letter with me and I also have an individual sign sheet that you could each sign even if this doesn't pass. This policy does not ask for a political agenda. We will present this to Joe Gow in a couple of weeks. We just want to show our support as a university.



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## VII. Officer Reports

### a. President: Jacob Schimmel

i. Hello, just a few short things. I enjoyed blasting music by myself in the car on my way to lobby in Madison. The allocable seg. fee discussion took about half the time. The information session went really well and I'm proud of the people who participated. Second portion, the violence prevention specialist had really good reception in some offices, Jennifer Schilling really wants to draft legislation for this. She's also interested in writing that in this session, and they already have a co-sponsor. Other than that I have some of the cards that I printed off and if people could fill some out and we could put them on the senators desks. I want to see how some people respond to the video campaign but I talked to a few teams today about that. If you want to do this it would be a great help. Are there any questions?

a. Kallis: If you need any help with lobbying, my schedule opened up.

1. Schimmel: That's awesome,

b. Garcia: Where are the cards located?

1. Schimmel: They are located in my office so if you want to pick some up please stop by. I'll let all of you know through email about lobbying over spring break.

### b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. Brever: Just real quick we saw the upcoming strategic plan that has been finalized so just look through that. If you are on the Nobacco committee that will be meeting soon. The election commission applications are available, as Spencer said you get to call the people with the results of if they win or lose. If you are interested in this please just keep that in mind. Also I'm going to read something from the bylaws, "4.205- Student Senators shall conduct themselves in a respectful fashion both within and outside of Student Senate meetings. Behavior that degrades the respect and reputation of the Student Senate will not be tolerated." I hope none of you are trashing this organization outside of these walls and I'm embarrassed we have to have this conversation. This is your one warning, trashing this organization will hurt everyone.

a. Roberts: Is there a reason you're bringing this up?

i. Brever: The people who are doing it know who they are and I'm just warning them that this needs to stop.

### c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross

i. Gross: As of Friday I found out I was admitted to Des Moines University for Grad School. Once I found this out I dropped the only class





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I was in, so technically I am a graduated student so as that person I have to resign.

- d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason
  - i. Mason: Since I got a question about office hours, I hope all of you are holding yourselves accountable and the COVE is a really cool space that a lot of people can benefit from. If it is an issue with people not going to office hours then we will have to brainstorm ways to do that.
- e. State Affairs Director: Tyler Halloran
- f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott
- g. Inclusivity Director: Karlie Stefan
  - i. Stefan: First things first, starting March 1<sup>st</sup> I have arranged for 1 person to come in every week to hold a diversity training. Intentional exclusion is a choice. I urge you to all really think about this and if I am ever in there during someone else's office hours please let me know and I can move.

## VIII. RHAC Reports

- i. Rupert: The annual blood drive is under way but the date is TBD.

## IX. Advisor Reports

- i. Dr. Ringgenberg: Just really quickly, I wanted to go back to Mr. Hundts comments, we have had conversations about a forum or roundtable, if senate wants to host it or SSB, if you want us to host it I can do that as well. I will accept any ideas on how to pull this off. Spring Break is very close so I don't know if we have time before. I agree with Kevin on some things but when I see rooms that are locked and empty it makes me concerned, I keep telling people we are not there yet but if people can be patient.

- a. Hodges: What is with the cubicles?

- 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: You don't like them? This is rough on me because I delegate and I'm trying not to micromanage but we are going to have a discussion on those, I made a comment that AMA might want one of those cubicles but apparently we're not assigning those, we are supposed to be creating an advisory council for the COVE out of students and it's the students spot so I don't want administrators making this decision.

- b. Kallis: I was talking to Jara, there is an all gender bathroom that gets locked every night at 5:00 pm. We still have to go to the bathroom after 5:00 pm.

- 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: There was a problem with the locks, none of the bathrooms should ever be locked so please keep me informed on that. I am annoyed about the furniture. I



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wanted to say a couple words about senate, I am not here to just work with Patrick or Jacob or the Executive cabinet, I am here to help all of you and if you feel like you have questions or ideas that aren't being listened to, please come see me. I am as much of a person to help you as I am to help them. I'm just saying try to contact me or if you want to talk about how senate is going, we can make senate as great as you want it to be. I'm just trying to help with that process.

## X. Committee Reports

i. Tahiri: SUFAC, we talked about the effects of the enrollment decline and we had to make the decision to find \$6000. Some people think that a cut across the board would be best because it's not a one time issue, in hopes to prepare organizations for future cuts. There was some push back on the student orgs and like I said they are still undecided on that, of course it's up to you in the end. Schimmel came in to talk about Walker's budget and with the seg fee proposal, we deal with the allocable budget and that's about one million dollars. We talked about strategies to convey a message to Scott Walker on how detrimental this could be. What would you guys think about this? That's generally what we talked about

a. Ames: Reserves are there for a reason, there is a significant impact of having the reserves higher than normal because it looks like we aren't spending all of that money and I don't think that taking a couple dollars out of each budget would be the best thing. It'll be the groups decision though.

ii. Kallis: So what I'm hearing is that this cut would be to scare them or show them something from the language you use but I don't want to bring that back to my constituents if this isn't what you meant.

a. Ames: Scare is too aggressive, I would say set the tone. Some feel that it might be valuable to set the tone going forward, this would be a very small cut. It just doesn't seem to make any sense. It's not meant to scare anyone it's just accepting the environment we are in.

iii. Kallis: So where is this \$6000 coming from?

a. Giles: Our argument that this is what the reserves are for and the other option is a small cut. International enrollment will probably continue to decrease so we have to be prepared to not be dipping into reserves every year, that's the view of some people on SUFAC.

b. Tahiri: I would like to say too that talking about cutting from





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student orgs isn't a enjoyable topic to discuss. I think that it's responsible to start preparing people for what the climate will be. Some members believe that there are better ways to combat this-one shots. Sometimes one shots go over the budget but some members would prefer to use that as an investment coming from the reserves.

- iv. Bhatoya: I've heard this talk year after year but is there an actual number?
  - a. Ames: I think that's due to the budget office and Senator Kallis made a wonderful point about how we had pulled money from MTU and Green Fund and the idea was to carry that to the other orgs as well.
- v. Bhatoya: So it's \$6000 this time for the projections is it most likely that for other years?
  - a. Tahiri: We are unsure, there were multiple ways discussed to come up with the money, it doesn't have to all come from one spot.
- vi. Lenz: I think it would be great to wait another year, how do you know it will continue year after year?
- vii. Garcia: I think that we should just use reserves, the green fund didn't like getting money taken so I'm sure other orgs wouldn't like it either.
- viii. Elvaker: I don't want to offend anyone but it just seems like common sense to me to utilize the money from reserves, we can speculate all we want but I don't think we should be making any decisions right now.
- xi. Arney: With that point I think that we should plan a bit and if we talk about it now then it could be solved but we should probably see how enrollment turns out.
- x. Gunaratnam: I support taking money out of reserves.
  - a. (informal poll- y= cuts across board- 10%, n= reserves- 90%)
- xi. Tashner: Cultural Affairs elected a new chair and I talked to Bridget about another "It's on Us" campaign, so we are going to have a kickball tournament at the end of April but if anyone wants to be a part of this.
- xii. Giles: Cultural Affairs met and elected a new chair... me. We're meeting next Monday at 3:00 in the Union.
- xiii. Reinke: SSB talked about the resolution introduced tonight and Friday is our next meeting. We are talking about clock placements.
- xiv. Kallis: DOC met and we had some great discussions. Fiesta- March 4<sup>th</sup>- \$5 at 7:00 pm, ASO is having a talent show they are looking for people to try out on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

## XI. Organizational Reports



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- i. Arney: Everyone should have gotten an email from Schimmel about the most accessible award so please fill those out.
  - ii. SFT is having their movie next Wednesday at 7:00, so prioritize, it's called 700 Clouds, he talks about preserving Tibetan culture and the Dahlia Llama explains how difficult that is and it's a really good movie. If you are interested it is in the Theater.
  - iii. Burgess: Active Minds will be tabling and we will have a couple informative things and it will be the send silence packing campaign, it will be in Wittich field.
- XII. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1617-030: Resolution Approving Solar Panel Green Fund Project
    - i. Ames: There was a lengthy discussion on this last week and I think it's best to vote on this as an individual project and not move it around to another project. I realize I contributed to this last week so I apologize.
    - ii. Floerke: Last week I wasn't sure about spending the amount of money on this I think that I can get behind more solar panels because if you think about the solar energy garden, they're still going to be in use but more solar panels equals a better earth
      - a. Lenz: What happens if the \$100,000 isn't enough?
        1. Ames: SUFAC will not give any more money
      - b. Lenz: After the 25 year life span what will happen to the panels?
        1. Ames: The predicted life span is 25 years, they might require work before this. 25 year warranty is towards degradation. The panels seem more robust.
    - iii. Rupert: Is it possible that this could be implicated in the future?
      - a. Ames: Based on what I've been told the architects would be in on the project now so I don't know if that would happen.
    - iv. Elvaker: Where would the funding with maintenance come from?
      - a. Garcia: The rec because they will be saving money, so they'll have more money
        1. Ames: More specifically about \$3000 a year.
    - v. Kallis: I talked to my constituents and the fact that there was new information left them confused. We have cleared that up. If we hit the \$100,000 and it isn't the right amount for the panels that generate solar energy for the building, would the amount of the energy saved kick in right away?



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a. Ames: I think I understand your question but in my mind it touches two different things, the warranty covers degradation, the estimation isn't provided by solar world but the amount of energy generated is a different number.

1. Kallis: So if the panels just for some reason don't supply the amount expected, will there be any way to increase the amount of solar panels? Let's say it needs 15 energy chunks to run and we get these solar panels and they can't account for 1 energy chunk, the warranty doesn't cover that so is there any safety net?

2. Ames: You mean if we spend \$100,000 and they don't come close to the yield? So with these they give a certain amount there will be a reasonable amount to based on how much sun is available so 24000 might be low but we just don't know but it will produce something between 20000 and 30000 kilowatts.

3. Kallis: Is there any other type of warranty?

4. Ames: I don't think you would need a safety net because they should work.

vi. Leek: You said that average would be about \$3000 a year?

a. Ames: Based on the newest estimate it seems to be around \$2400 and \$3100.

vii. Garcia: Call to Question, Second: Elvaker

a. PASSED: Yes: 68%, No: 32%

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

i. Schimmel: We obviously saw this last week, personally I would like to get away from writing legislation. It went to SUFAC and I think they talked about sprucing up the language but that's about it. Whatever folks are thinking.

a. Kallis: My constituents are very concerned about the opt out seg. fee, since we are supporting the money and we are opposed to the other so if we could bullet it out in 2 separate things. I would just like to make a very clear statement. They really want that to be a strong point.

Discussion on this:

a. Garcia: I think this makes it more confusing because then it doesn't clearly identify what we are trying to say. Or we



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could say something about students choice so maybe not saying or making the next clause clearer.

b. Gunaratnam: Could you please zoom in?

ii. Kallis: Call to Question, Second: Burgess

a. Kallis: Call for Roll call vote, second: Rosa

1. AMENDMENT PASSES- 19 YES

a. Garcia: Call to Question, Second: Giles

b. Arney: Objection, there is some

wording that isn't as strong. I don't think that "certainly would not" and I think that it would make it more formal if we left that wording out.

1. Olp: I think that it would make it more formal, I'm in favor of the original language because I think that it does that.

2. Floerke: This was written by Schimmel and approved by the legislative affairs committee, I think this wording is fine.

3. Garcia: Call to Question, Second: Hodges

a. PASSED: Yes- 97%, No- 3%

## XIII. New Business

a. SA1617-033: Resolution Approving Court Nominations

i. Schimmel: This is from last week, it's just the neutral nomination of the 2 new court justices, I'm sure both of them would be willing to take questions. There is a court case going on so generally what happens is suspension of the 2 week rule.

ii. Rosa: Welcome to David and Haley, what experiences do you have that will help with what you bring to the court?

Maus: I was student council president and I served on the Minneapolis board and also went to several leadership conventions. I have experienced writing the constitution at my high school and our main piece is dealing with that and the biggest thing would be being equitable to all students here.

David: Hello again, last week I introduced myself.

Hopefully you all got my resume and I've been involved in student government in both the legislative and executive and have also lobbied at the state level when we thought that the state was going to take away the sovereignty. In that context, I wanted to say that I would participate in the court at your disposal for you to use when you need it. I'm



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looking forward to more specific questions about the resume if you need me to answer them.

iii. Garcia: Call to Question- suspend 2 week rule- Second: Rosa

a. PASSED- Unanimous

1. (Vote on resolution) Yes- 100% , No- 0%

i. PASSED

b. SA1617-034: Resolution Expressing Support for the ONE Campaign

i. Schimmel: This is kind of a group effort with Kate, I know Senator Bhatoya has been involved with this so he can tell you about it.

ii. Bhatoya: I don't have extensive knowledge on this but one thing I'm wondering is the urgency of the letter?

a. Kate: There is a summit for UWL students to go to in D.C. and we have students going who will represent UWL and our organization and they will be lobbying on these issues. There is a little bit more urgency to this because we want to give it Joe Gow and so that's why there is a bit of urgency. The summit at UWL is similar to the one in D.C. but if you have any more questions please feel free to ask.

b. Kallis- Motion to suspend 2 week rule, Second: Given

i. Suspend 2 week rule: Yes- Majority, No-

iii. Tahiri: I'm curious what the specifics of this are?

a. Kate: We help develop student and we are basically charged with the job to educate and engage people with this. The events we host vary a lot but we use a lot of social media, sit ins, petitions and we host events with kids and UWL students to help teach people how to be more of a positive change.

b. Bhatoya: Call to question, Second:

i. Bancker: Objection, I'm just confused on why we are making this statement and what

ii. Kate: We wanted the approval because we want to give this to the chancellor with the 4 governing bodies backing it up

iv. Garcia: So you brought this to faculty senate?

a. Kate: We have the signature of the president but they won't be meeting until the 9<sup>th</sup>.

b. Garcia: Call to Question, Second: Giles

i. PASSED- Unanimous



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- c. SA1617-035: Resolution Requesting a Raise in Prices for REC non-UW-L Student J-Term and Summer Session Memberships
- i. Reinke: This resolution is requesting a raise in prices for summer and j term, a couple years back you couldn't use the rec if you didn't take classes but that's changed last year, so originally the prices were set and now we're looking to change that. That would bring the rec about \$9000 in revenue.
  - ii. Roberts: Have you spoken to anyone at the rec and what they would use the extra revenue? Is there pressure to do this?
    - a. Reinke: They didn't say anything regarding that but it would just give them more money. No there is no pressure we just wanted to do this.
  - iii. Given: Who are the non-UWL students that are using it over the summer?
    - a. Reinke: It's usually just students who stay up here and aren't taking classes.
  - iv. Arney: Do you think this could deter students from getting a membership, because I could see it as a possibility?
    - a. Reinke: As I said before, we thought it would be irresponsible to charge students who are taking classes \$67 and they weren't being charged the same.
  - v. Rupert: Could there be any unplanned consequences?
    - a. Reinke: They were thinking about non students not using it
  - vi. Giles: I know some things aren't open during that time, could this increase in money increase the amount of things available?
    - a. Reinke: This is a way to bring money in to absorb the budget cut.
    - a. Dr. Knudson: Thank you for letting me join you, the rec center was approved by students and part of that is that if changes are to be made it comes to the students. The increase in fee would be more equitable for all students. We're not charging them more we're charging them the same and the increase in seg. fees they've had to make cuts and this was one way that we could help balance this out.
    - b. Dr. Ringgenberg: I think that the policy aspects would be brought to us at some point and I believe they would do the same with us.
  - viii. Kallis: Move to close discussion, Second: Elvaker
    - a. Closed discussion.





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d. SA1617-036: Resolution in Solidarity with the City of La Crosse

i. Kallis: So this was brought up earlier but the first thing I would like to change is the Sponsors- add ASO, in the “last therefore” I replaced it with an exact quote from the Mayor- friendly amendments. This is the resolution of the solidarity to have La Crosse. This has been emailed to all of the diversity organizations and I talked to a lot of people about this and we feel like this is the right step forward with senate to take a voice with this moment in the climate.

ii. Rosa: I understand the point of this kind of... but I have some questions, you’re trying to make a statement supporting sanctuary cities, so what is the statement we are making with this document?

a. Bhatoya: Our goal with this is as a senate body we want to show that we will follow the administration but we want to show that we will protect the students on our campus we feel that this is step one out of many. This won’t be the only thing that we do and that we stand behind our students.

1. Rosa: There are some easy steps that people could make like attending diversity organizations, I haven’t seen most of you at the meetings but there are a lot of meetings throughout the week.

iii. Garcia: I don’t think we intended the last whereas but I would be willing to delete the 4<sup>th</sup> whereas clause and not say “intent to designate”

iv. Given: I don’t want to take the 4<sup>th</sup> whereas out because I think it adds something to the document.

v. Gunaratnam: I would like to add SFT to the sponsors. I have some people who would prefer to call it a “sanctuary campus” I can see why people might want to say solidarity but I think it’s better as sanctuary.

vi. Tahiri: I have a question for Senator Bhatoya, what is the end goal?

a. Bhatoya: I was referring to how students can better represent students and that this is a good action for the senate to take.

1. Tahiri: Also I think that we have to be careful with wording, if we say sanctuary that doesn’t mean just that, we would be forced to be a legitimate



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sanctuary city and that would be saying that our local law enforcement enforces that too. It's either you are a sanctuary city or not, there's not an in-between.

vii. Roberts: I do support this resolution but we would be undermining the federal administration and we have to keep in mind how this would financially affect us but keep this in mind.

viii. Kallis: Just to clear the air, we don't want to use "Sanctuary" because of the possible issues that come with it, there are ways for money to be redacted, we aren't using that statement because of the current political climate. We did a very detailed discussion about that specific word and at first we had that word in here a lot but we want to take that out to protect the students, not to hurt them. I just want to say this is not about money, we wanted to make sure this was us standing for our students and standing in support of the people who are terrified and as students we are saying something about it.

xi. Reinke: I wanted to propose an amendment to change we to student association- friendly

x. Steffan: When I started off with this I had mentioned the idea of this to you, I have met with professors, faculty, students, organizations, the reason I feel this is important because to me silence is consent and I don't want to have us not pass this.

xi. Elvaker: For the most part I agree with this resolution, I feel like it wouldn't hurt to mention the specific policy because there have been several policies passed by the administration. I guess I would like to see more clarification on what policy this is commenting on.

xii. Burgess: We have to remember this isn't something that we follow through with because it's easy to do, sometimes things are hard to do but we are looking to advocate for all of our students but I want you all to keep that in mind but just looking at the fact that what was one was not within our values.

xiii. Justice Satello: I just want to speak as a student, I'm an immigrant that came here in 2004 basically because there were a lot of people in my town with AK-47's but it's amazing that is no longer my situation and just this statement itself is comforting. Last night I couldn't sleep because I was reading articles about Trump's orders and I'm scared. But as a student it would be better strategically that this passes and although I am a legal immigrant,



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his policies still scare me. That’s my personal statement on that issue.

xix. Thomas Harris: I think most people know I work in the office of multicultural students and I also wanted to give a good example of why I’m on campus right now. I want to thank you for the support with the AMSLC, I’m here on campus because I’m speaking to someone who has dual citizenship in Australia and Savannah, two days ago she was so scared to come until I gave her an ultimatum. I’m speaking to her contact person at 9:00 tonight, just thinking about statements, you have to start someplace and this is really critical and very very important. Not just to people in this room but people who we are connected to, this is so real right now and it’s important to bring it up.

xx. Quaschnick: I love the contents of the bill, to go to the statements of various senators about the political connotation but it wouldn’t make sense to remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> line and we’re also saying that we don’t agree and I think it’s going against not politicizing the document, maybe we should get rid of that document?

xxi. Arney: I don’t think the goal is to make it not political at all, the goal is to shy away from that?

a. Kallis: I’ll speak for myself on this, I don’t think we can get away completely from politics with this but I think we are trying to create a context for this, yes we are inclusive at all times but in this context it is threatened and I think that the second line gives a lot of great context.

xxii. Gunaratnam: I agree with what the previous senator said but I think we should keep the second whereas clause where it is. Sanctuary campus isn’t stated in this but I still support this.

xxiii. Bhatoya: This makes sure that someone is accountable, I guess it makes administration accountable for the negative things that happen and without putting that in here it’s just more apparent. If someone looks back in 30 years and we don’t have this in here then no one will know.

xiv. Giles: I think that if we remove that statement it is taking away context. Unfortunately the current federal administration is challenging the ideals that I want to support.

a. Kallis: I just want to say that I think that this is the best first step forward for us. Last semester we had some inclusivity training and it’s going to be brought up because



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of the speakers. Since diversity and inclusion are such big parts of our campus, this is a good place to start.

xxv. Close discussion- Arney, Second: Lee

a. discussion closed.

e. SA1617-037: Resolution Approving Changes to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Association Constitution

i. Bancker: I can talk about it briefly, this is a draft that Jenna and I put together, we just tried to simplify the constitution and we eliminated a lot of things that aren't implemented. We took out committee structure, made changes to increase consistency, we also wanted to make this a document that someone not involved in the organization can understand. We tried to sort through the inconsistencies, there isn't much added but just deleting.

ii. Brever: Thank you to the both of you.

iii. Tahiri: Do you have the new document with the old document slashed?

a. Brever: Obviously over the next week you can look over this and see.

iv. Bancker: When reading through this please shoot me an email with things that could be changed, there could be things missed but getting different perspectives would be great. If this isn't well written and describing our organization I would like to know so please take a look at it because it is very important.

a. Gunaratnam: move to close discussion, Second: Giles

i. closed discussion.

## XIV. Discussion

i. Roberts: I do have the meeting with the Dean of the College of Liberal Studies at 9:00 on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

ii. Gunaratnam: Some of us have talked about food allergy resolutions and I am going to talk to the head chef about foods that are not on campus yet.

iii. Bhatoya: Like previously mentioned, we wanted to specifically see if as a body we could better ourselves with inclusivity and diversity. The idea we had was to mandate... I don't want to use that word but it would be similar but I think Senators should have to attend some type of inclusivity or diversity org weekly. This is just one idea; we know people have time constraints but if we could take away office hours and make it mandated to go to other meetings, I think that would be better.

a. Kallis: I think that as a person who has had others come in during office hours, but people fitting their schedule around mine is difficult. More people come and talk to me just because I'm around with



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diversity orgs and groups. Adding this humanizing factor; you are coming to my office to see me.. I think this sets a weird elevation tone. I want students to be able to approach me in an informal way. I think strongly suggesting that people go out and discuss what they're doing is great. I know for people who represent colleges there are a lot of ways to do that but I feel this is very important. I think it's important to let people know that we exist so if you have some suggestions please let me know.

iv. Gunaratnam: I think this would be a great idea. If Senators went to the students instead of them coming to us. I've gone to some diversity orgs but we are always trying to find new students to join our org. Personally I think it would be a great idea to do a different option. Does the College of Liberal Studies have weekly meetings?

v. Rosa: I do represent a diversity org, do you guys have access to an email list and if not is there anyway to have access?

a. Brever: A lot of colleges and majors have student orgs related to what they do.

v. Tahiri: How could you hold them accountable?

a. Bhatoya: As it is now you are supposed to go to office hours but I will be the first to say that as the Athletics Senator I could be doing a better job but right now there isn't really people holding me accountable to this. If we do it this way there is some kind of system where we meet with orgs or constituents, there should be minutes that we are present, but it's a way to make us accountable.

vi. Mason: That's my job to do this; we've talked in the past about holding each other accountable and balancing this. There has been a lot of push back but if you want me to hold you all accountable I am more than willing to do that but you have to follow through.

vii. Reinke: I'm not going to go to diversity meetings unless it peaks my interest, if you are going to say go to diversity meetings, it's not that I don't think these orgs are important but the amount of hours I have in a day is limited and I don't have the time every week to make these meetings.

a. Arney: I was going to talk about SAPA but we meet on every other Monday for about 40 minutes tops but I think that as a Senator it is important to make time to do this.

viii. Olp: In my organization we have an accountability board but we don't really have anything like that here and we do attendance every week and you announce where you went. If he says present and nothing else then it might be a good way to share accountability. If you don't have time for an org, you can say something like "I went to office hours."



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xi. Roberts: I think to everyone making time for inclusivity training should be central, I think everyone could take an hour to help advance themselves. We are talking about passing a resolution that says we support inclusion and diversity.

x. Given: So I know at the middle of the meeting we were talking about coming here to be friends, civil, and senators but this is going to be directed towards someone. Personally as a white person I am offended that you can't make time for this but before I freak the fuck out I'll yield to Hodges.

xi. Hodges: This should be part of your job to do this, if your president and vice president can do this and go to almost all of the meetings. You're not living up to your duties as senator.

xii. Garcia: I like what Senator Olp said, the time commitment of Student Association is a lot, people leave senate because this is a big time commitment. If you are not doing office hours than do something else and I'm holding myself accountable. This senator has to go to this or that. As a CLS major, I don't get to reach out to my direct constituents all the time because there isn't a specific org.

xiii. Giles: I think that diversity training is great but maybe I'm making too much of a concern out of this but I wouldn't want too many of us to go one week because I don't want to co-opt this to say we went just to go and have people think we are taking over their meeting.

xiv. Bancker: I just want to remind everyone that we all represent different people and we try to connect with them, I don't think it's practical to have all of us trying to go to all of these different meetings. I don't think this makes a lot of sense to mandate that every senator should go to certain events, we should all be able to do our job and we are all adults. We should all have respect for people here and mandating this across the board doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

xv. Stefan: I would like to point out that there are people in all of the colleges that represent people of diversity.

xvi. Rosa: I would like for you to come and sit and listen about our experiences, if you want to think about this as a mandate that's sad but it would mean a lot to our constituents but I will be disappointed if this resolution passes and when we are being hypocritical. Within my constituency I have heard a distrust of student senate, people saying they are not interested. This is why senate doesn't have the best rep and you should all think about this.

xvii. Kallis: It makes me really sad that people don't come to our meetings. It often falls on the diverse to educate everyone else and I find





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myself constantly in the role of educating. I understand schedules are busy, but I closed the bookstore before this meeting. I understand having to work and I understand we don't have a very good retention rate. I know my constituents want a change and if you are not hearing us or if you are part of the group that is not listening then we need to be louder. I want you to come to these meetings and hear us. Come to hear my people but I don't even represent a fraction of how diverse the world is. It is impossible to go to all meetings and there is so much overlap but please just go to at least one event.

xviii. Hodges: This was just an idea and just so you know your constituents are a part of our org.

xix. Gunaratnam: We are not trying to mandate that you go to every diversity org, what we would like to see is going to a diversity org maybe once a week. Schimmel has been going to ASO, BSU, LASO and more while Vice President Brever also goes to a lot of meetings, if they can do all that then you can find one to go to. If you want to take the approach that you come here to speak on the opinion of just your people than that's on you but that's not how I see my job. I represent ASO and speak on behalf of them. I don't represent them directly but I speak so they can be heard. Last week, I know I'm guilty of not going to all of those cool events but we can all find some time. Reflections of Ebony happened and I didn't see any of you at these, there are a lot of events coming up and I hope to see you all there, I want to make an effort.

xx. Tahiri: Some of the sentiment is that their voice isn't being heard, in terms of distrust?

a. Rosa: Not all diversity seats, there is a lot, getting the plaque, getting rid of diversity seats, we recognize when you push legislation through, we had voter id, concealed carry, where people were going up and erasing how students felt, senators who are sitting in this room just disagreed with supporting people of color, if you're wondering why some people criticize senate... this is why. I was not content with talking about people of color like we mean nothing. Some solutions would be attending diversity or meetings

a. Tahiri: If someone isn't willing to come to these diversity meetings how would you question their motives?

1. Rosa: That would be problematic for the senate.

b. Tahiri: I don't want to be judged based on how many groups I go to, I have 2 very diverse roommates that come from very different backgrounds and hang out with them all the time, to say



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that I'm not listening to these people though because I'm not going isn't accurate.

1. Kallis: I'm not labeling you based on not coming, but I want to know why you wouldn't want to come?

c. Tahiri: If someone doesn't want to go it's a different situation but I don't know how this matters as a means of how well people can represent their constituents? Or how this impairs me to not be able to represent my constituents.

1. Kallis: I think this is an issue because you're not seeking out all of your constituency. What I'm hearing and feeling is that since you are saying that you don't have an interest in these groups then you don't have to come. I come here because I want to represent all in the community.

d. Tahiri: This isn't an all or nothing thing, I don't know exactly what you're saying but I don't think this is measurable by attending meetings. Just because they don't go doesn't mean that we don't care. This is judging someone's character based on what meetings they attend.

e. Hodges: Coming here as a student, why not get more experience, we weren't saying you have to go to all of these but you should go to some.

xxii. Reinke: I apologize if anyone was hurt, I've brought an idea to senators that I think that we should do an outreach, I'm not opposed to diversity orgs, everyone is great people. I'm sorry if I misheard or misspoke I was just stressing that all of us have time constraints. If this isn't the case then I find it inappropriate about peoples whiteness and how that means they're not open. I was just bringing this as an idea.

xxiii. Burgess: I think that's it's important to try to go to these as often as possible. Last semester there were some bridges between students in the back and what we were trying to get through to each other. It is important to go and listen.

xxiv. Given: One, like mentioned before, if you are not there to listen then we really don't want you there so we'd rather have you go to the teach ins. Two, I think we need to take a step back and analyze what's going on. Why I am so frustrated is because there are still people getting oppressed. Silencing us is not the answer and it may not be your intent but as stated, it is the impact that actually matters. Going back to whiteness, this is a huge debate and an institutionalized thing that needs a discussion. Whiteness floods senate with multiple examples. Why is this taking so long, why does this matter to us and not you? The thing about whiteness that is



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ridiculous is that you can shut people up pretty quick with marginalized identities and people who yell when you're the one not recognizing.  
xxv. Rupert: I think we have heard enough discussion on this, it's my birthday and I would really love to go eat some cake but I think that I want to end discussion.

a. End discussion- Rupert, Second: Rosa

i. Gunaratnam: Objection, just go to one meeting.

xxvi. Floerke: This was constructive until the end so I would recommend a diversity training soon starting next week. Maybe next week at the end of the meeting we could talk about this again but I think we should move to close discussion, second: Rosa

i. Close Discussion

## XV. Announcements

i. Brever: We have 4 or 5 diversity speakers, and there is a party on Friday.

ii. Arney: If you want to bring someone go for it, I wanted it to be a senate get together and get to know each other on a personal level. We are trying to think of a theme. Friday at 8 pm.

iii. Given: I think you should ask yourself why you feel uncomfortable when whiteness comes up.

iv. Kallis: Transform meets tomorrow and I invite you to come to our meetings.

## XVI. Adjournment

i. Motion: Tashner, Second: Giles

a. 9:47 pm