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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **March 8, 2017**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - i. 6:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Motion: Garcia, Second: Hodges
 - i. Approved
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Andrea Hansen
 - i. I wanted to say thank you for inviting me, I work out of the Women's Studies program. I have a great view on Tuesday nights because in centennial on the 4th floor that hall turns into a lively place with women and men learning about how to go to school. These people are daring to step out and acknowledging themselves as students. They come on Tuesday evenings with their children, they basically learn what it takes to be successful college students. This a program that is almost 30 years old. Sometimes women work and work and work and they never get ahead. This research led to the development of a program that helps single parents get to school. I grew up in a house where it was more of what kind of place where I expected to go to college. When I was growing up, my sister and I, we assumed college would be in our future and were exposed to adults that had gone to college so everything in my growing up said that I was going to go. I didn't have to learn that maybe wasn't for me. This reality isn't true for most of the United States that don't have that kind of privilege, ease or whatever you want to call it. SSP was originated out of the understanding that education opens doors. Higher Education should be available to whoever wants to go to school who have the vocabulary and ease with that. Particularly we have a lot of responsibility in our community. SSP came out of research, lived experience, foundation of feminism, and we have had this program for 30 years. It combines my passion of working on justice and empowerment. What I love about SSP is that we're kind of a boarder program. I've heard that sometimes it's hard to access the universities resources for community members that live far away. Our program sits on this boarder of the public and the university. SSP would not be possible without UWL students. 10-12 UWL



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undergrads provide child care, some do; research, marketing, evaluation, and teaching, I do a lot with undergrads to help the program and for students in the community. I have a lot of contact with undergrads as this is a precollege course. This helps ease the transition of night classes. SSP's purpose is to extend availability of higher education to single parents. We do a lot of different things; they are allowed to apply up to 4 scholarships up to \$500 for each. I wanted to show a little video that is a little dated but we don't have the resources to do this consistently, this will help people understand how SSP can change lives. My guess is that you look around and see that UWL is a fairly traditionally aged setting, people 18-22 year olds, those who don't have a lot of extra work. Your main duty here is to succeed at being a student but you're probably not thinking of the demands and a child and childcare. You may not even notice many students that are outside of this typical idea. My challenge to you is to start noticing students that might share Arianna's same profile. If you start understanding that student parents are among us, I think you might learn about some things that they have to offer the campus. The other thing I wanted you to know was that the child care center is an incredible place here. I can't tell you what leadership from student senate, childcare can sink you, as well as transportation costs but here, students get the priority to have their kids on campus. This is awesome and in my mind this stands for justice and I wanted to thank you for continuing to support this excellent childcare. Students are the priority and it does a lot that the faculty can use the childcare center too. You will realize one day what it is like to have kids close to where you want to work and I can't say thank you enough for the people that provide this in the evenings. Other than that I really would encourage you to explore the website and I'm often on the 4th floor of centennial so you are welcome to talk to me at any time, even if it's about what I'm wearing, especially today. It's international women's day, and it's cool to think that people all over are marching and showing the support for economic and the work that is noneconomic which is called reproductive work, keep life sustained, livelihoods met and what SSP does is addresses this hunger and justice and this burning desire to fulfill their potentials so when you have a chance to learn alongside a parent you have a very personal experience and desire for a future, so thank you for your leadership and inviting me here and I will issue you an invitation to our breakfast.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

- i. Antelo: Hello everyone, you may or may not know there was a hearing yesterday and you will have verdict in the next 15 hours and I want to



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remind the effected parties that our verdict is from a neutral standpoint and that everything was weighted equally and I want to thank everyone who participated and some of you here said that so thank you.

ii. Brever: We'll take a 10 minute break.

VII. Officer Reports- Back into agenda- 6:45 pm

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. Brever: You should have all gotten an email this week about running for president, vice president and senator for next year, if you are interested please get the paper work done soon.

a. Garcia: Where is Schimmel?

i. Brever: He is in Madison with a couple of other senators.

c. Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason

i. Mason: Tomorrow CAPS will bring the syllabus policy to faculty senate and so I'll be there with a couple other senate members to convince them

a. Quaschnick: With that policy you're going directly to faculty senate or did it go through any committees first?

1. Mason: It went through CAPS first.

2. Quashnick: If it doesn't pass we can try to get more committees involved with it.

d. State Affairs Director: Tyler Halloran

i. Halloran: Just a follow up on what I said last week no organizations wanted to release statements about Walker's budget and segregated fees, reach out to Schimmel if you are going to lobbying efforts in Madison over spring break.

e. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott

f. Inclusivity Director: Karlie Stefan

VIII. RHAC Reports

i. Burgess: Just to follow up with the blood drive it will be April 19-20 from noon-6, so that's super exciting, we had Mary Beth Vahala and Chartwells rep to talk about what was changed in Whitney and those things were: more dishware, salad bar, vegan options, and there will be more Asian food in Chars instead of meltdown.

IX. Advisor Reports

i. Dr. Ringgenberg: It's been a long semester already, and I think we all need spring break, enjoy spring break, relax a little bit and get revitalized to finish this year strong. Another piece of business I think you walk by the rain gardens and might question how safe they are so the state is going to make us put some fences up, so my question for all of you to ponder is would you like to have benches there or do we just put up a fence?



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- a. Floerke: Will it be a chain linked fence?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: No, the question is do you want benches, if they do benches they have to be 42 inches from the edge.
- b. Arney: Today I was sitting on the first level right below us and there are doors right over here and they are locked and people were trying to go in and out, will those be opened at one point?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: At one point they were open but that isn't supposed to be there and those are for emergency exits. People in Wimberly asked me to open those doors too and yes we could add people counters but those are expensive but those originally were designed as emergency exits.
- c. Rosa: If they are emergency exits does the alarm go off or will you put alarms up there?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: I don't really want those to have alarms because I don't want them going off all of the time.
- d. Roberts: Is there a key thing that will happen for the balconies to be open?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: There needs to be furniture there first, that's kind of the key. I didn't want to buy furniture and have it snowed on before being able to use it.
- e. Anderson: What happened with the alcohol policy?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: My goal is to have us serving alcohol by the end of spring break
- f. Rosa: Is the alcohol just beer?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: Beer and wine, we are lagging with staff to be able to be licensed bartenders and we're working on signage to make sure that everything happens right. Originally we were just confining alcohol to the rec space and lower level but I have actually added permission to go into entertainment café.
- g. Gunaratnam: There was talk to keep the salad bar open past 2, will that happen?
 1. I think that this will happen, I talked to them about it and they are happy to try it.
- i. Roberts: As far as people being in line and the traffic, is that in the contract or can chartwells not be employing people?
 1. Dr. Ringgenberg: There have been a lot of people out sick recently which has led to less people and the lines



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being backed up still.

j. Rosa: As a vegetarian we often wait about 20-25 minutes and to my knowledge veggie burgers cook shorter than regular meat.

1. Dr. Ringgenberg: I'm sorry about that and I'll talk about it with some people.

k. Bhatoya: Today I went and got a chicken sandwich and it was cold and the other day I waited about 30 minutes and it was.

1. I also hate cold food.

l. Given: The person in the dining room asked if I wanted to

ii. Dr. Knudson: I did just send you all a message about a pattern of behavior and I know that at this point in time we all need a break and I really hope that you all as student leaders can take a break. I think this resembles our society but in your leadership roles if you could reach across, we've had some bad things happen this semester with synthetic drugs and it's being marketed to young people as legal, so I hope that as you enter spring break you realize those choices will have long lasting effects.

X. Committee Reports

i. Bancker: Academic affairs is in charge of electing a commencement speaker so I need some people who would want to look at applicants, on March 23 at 2:30 pm- 4:00 pm. If you're available, please let me know.

ii. Giles: SUFAC met this week and after last week and knowing we had to pass the budget this year we came out with a new budget proposal and other than that we heard a bit about cab and it will be less than \$28,000 it will be between \$12,000- \$15,000.

iii. Tashner: It's On Us is on its way, I met with matt Schneider to talk about possible locations and we decided that sand volleyball tournaments would be better than kickball so I hope everyone is okay with that. I also need volunteers.

a. Roberts: So you said the spaces were taken so where would we do this?

1. Tashner: We can rent out the fields by the dorms, our original date was April 30th which is a Sunday we are hoping to get more people so it will either be 4/30 or 4/23

iv. Halloran: Leg. Affairs met and we discussed about the diversity seats being taken out and we were in consensus in there and we just want to keep the things that matter and make it simple. The people who originally worked on it did a great job. This won't be on the spring ballot so no rush.

XI. Organizational Reports

i. Olp: The ladies of Alpha Phi would like to say thank you for your



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support with Mr. Heartthrob.

ii. Kallis: The Pride center is doing these events: Ally workshop is after spring break. The drag show is coming and if you want to get out and go to an event this is really interesting and educational.

a. Burgess: How much are the ticket prices?

1. Kallis: I don't know yet

b. Roberts: As far as being in it, how do I do that?

1. Kallis: You can audition after break and they'll make selections then.

c. Gunaratnam: When is this?

1. Kallis: April 29

d. Tahiri: What is a drag show?

1. Kallis: What happens is that there is an MC and then they introduce the kings and queens and there are educational parts too. There is a theme and the song and the number is at the performers discretion, I encourage you to go and it will be really fun and silly but in a good way. We are raising money for different organizations and it's about giving back.

XII. Unfinished Business

a. SA1617-039: Resolution to Increase Constituency Representation

i. Roberts: I introduced it last week, it's purpose is to try to make us more accountable and reach out to all of our constituents and going to org based things and doing this every other week would be great way and the other part of this is mandating that we as senators go to 3 official diversity org events, there are a lot of events throughout the semester. As senators this is a great way to hold ourselves accountable.

ii. Rosa: I just want to agree with this document, just me last week I went to 3 events and I think that it is really important. Legally we cannot get a list of our constituents and this is a great way to interact with them.

a. Call to question: Garcia, Second: Giles

1. Motion to roll call vote: second, Bhatoya

2. Tahiri: I don't agree with this because people could get discouraged of potential backlash.

i. Arney: Change it to hand vote then

ii. Tahiri: What I was

saying before still applies with a hand vote.

a. Brever: We'll do paper ballots.

b. Rosa: What are we writing on the paper?



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- i. Brever: Yes or No
- ii. FAILED:15-15

XIII. New Business

a. SA1617-040: Resolution Appointing Election Commission

i. Brever: So the Senate is tasked with the task of the appointing the election commission and the judiciary and the exec board all have the rights I guess to appoint so we pulled together some volunteers.

a. Quashnick: So in the election commission bylaws it says that only 2 are supposed to be senators and then on the list we provided there were 5 and the executive cabinet people cannot sit on this body.

1. Brever: In response to that, the entire board were all connected to senate in some way, we tried to get volunteers last year but had a hard time so we've done it like this in the past.

a. Rosa: So with this can I remove my name from it?

1. Brever: Would you like to?

i. Rosa: Yes

ii. Gunaratnam: You can remove my name.

iii. Garcia: I can be an alternate

b. Roberts: What if we don't fill it all?

1. Brever: There are multiple meetings so people could just get caught up.

c. Westcott: You can take my name off.

1. Brever: We are down to 2

d. Kallis: So now if there are only two people are we really going to pass this if it's a 2 person list?

1. Quaschnick: The election commission bylaws are pretty rock solid and I can't in good faith violate these bylaws, you need 4 people for quorum and the dean of students.

i. Kallis: Okay so can we pass this if we don't meet quorum?

a. Brever: I believe you can still go without meeting quorum.

e. Floerke: I don't know if this goes against our constitution or bylaws but what if we say something like whereas if they don't fill all seats then they will have senators serve.

1. Garcia: Move to close discussion.

a. Garca: Move to suspend 2-week rule, Second:
Giles



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- i. Vote: 2-week rule suspended (passed)
 - ii. PASSED with 2 people listed- unanimous
 - b. SA1617-041: Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
 - i. Giles: This is the resolution from fiscal year 18, this talked about the projected shortfall of about \$6500, CAB said they are fine with a reduction from the DLS of about \$3500 and the rest would come from SUFAC reserves and with that I would like to make an amendment that would include the grammatical errors.
 - a. Schultz: What about the 28,000?
 - 1. Giles: That doesn't really apply to this.
 - 2. Move to suspend 2-week rule- olp, giles
 - a. PASSED- 2-week rule
 - ii. Kallis: Can someone clarify who was there that this is not the cut across the board to the orgs?
 - a. Giles: After last week there wasn't a good feeling about what was going to happen and knowing that this wouldn't pass if we did that we talked about different options.
 - iii. Rosa: I don't know who is in charge of the concert but for the future could you consider local people instead of beatless rappers from a long time ago but whoever's on that committee you could think about that.
 - iv. Rupert: Is that appropriate to take from the reserves in a situation like this?
 - a. Ames: This is what was sent to senate because this is what we thought would pass but the cut would happen no matter what so we wanted to come up with a different. This might change with the budget but I would expect it would get worse.
 - b. Dr. Ringgenberg: Many times in the past we took from the SUFAC reserves because we don't want to increase segregated fees and there's a general feeling that is why the reserve is there, it fits the pattern and what we've done for the last 30 years.
 - v. Tahiri: Can I direct a question to Senator Kallis, I was just wondering what your constituents said after they saw the 1% cut numbers?
 - a. Kallis: Isaac gave me the budget and I talked to a lot of people about it. There would be less movies produced and directed by the LGBTQ+ community, they happen fairly often but it would be 4 events and there would be 1 speaker and we already have that speaker lined up and they are a transgender person of color from Milwaukee, this cut would also hurt our ability to travel. It would be 4 less events, one less speaker, or 4 less rooms when traveling. That's why I and my constituents didn't want to cut from the orgs.



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1. Tahiri: Under this option 2 its about \$55 would it still effect it that way?
2. Kallis: He must have done 10% cut. I wrote down a bunch of different numbers and he might have looked at the wrong numbers.

- vi. Motion to suspend 2-week rule- Schultz, Garcia (passed)
 - a. PASSED

XIV. Discussion

- i. Roberts: In light of a discussion last week about faculty sending people to orgs, I talked to a lot of people and she offered me some advice that her opinion would be to meet with the specific faculty that are sending them and that we could meet with her to reiterate that idea. She said she was unable to reach faculty, not too productive but that's where we stand
- ii. Quaschnick: We found out they are adding clinical lab science is going with the master with microbiology in the 6-year program and apparently it's 6 ½ years right now.

- a. Spielman: When will this be approved?

1. Quashnick: I don't think we've solidified the connection but we made 2 more slash courses.

- iii. Bhatoya: This is in regards to resolution 039, I thought we covered the outline well and covered the concerning points, I guess I would like to ask someone why they thought this was a bad idea, I want to get a feeling of what we didn't communicate, I don't want a heated debate I just want some ideas.

- a. Olp: When I was thinking about this I was constantly back and forth but what I didn't like about this is that when people mandate something it's for doing it to fulfill it and not doing it for the spirit.

- b. Bancker: A concern for me was that as of right now I don't feel like we fulfill our responsibilities so clearly people are busy and even in committees they are rarely full and so I think this would need to be a bigger change of following what we outline because who are we to decide what we are going to follow and what we aren't going to follow.

- iv. Roberts: That's why we put in it that we should forward it to Vice President Brever where he can hold people accountable. We were all forced to have inclusivity training last week and I don't think anything bad came from that.

- v. Kallis: I know sometimes saying how you feel in a big body is intimidating but if anyone wants to talk feel free to contact me any time, I would really love to have a conversation in a one on one environment, If



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you're not comfortable with large groups, come talk to me.

vi. Ames: I would just like to say that if someone chose to vote against this it's not because they don't respect inclusion and diversity, it was because of the structure of this resolution. Like many senators have said, when you mandate this it is hard to do. I don't think using the stick instead of the carrot is very valuable, I also echo the sentiment about time commitment but we already have difficulties within this body with the amount of activities.

vii. Gunaratnam: I really respect your decisions, for me this wasn't the end, I'm just curious why wasn't this brought up in the discussion on the resolution, I'm genuinely just curious? We were supposed to debate to make amends to the discussion on the resolution during the discussion portion of the resolution.

viii. Arney: That's what I'm thinking, there was plenty of time to discuss their concerns with me and other authors.

xi. Rosa: I'm going to be less peacy. I want to know why some senators have opposition for going to diversity orgs, if you have 4 hours to be here I don't know why you can't have enough time to attend a diversity event.

x. Given: I thought this resolution would have been cool, people come up to me and ask how Senate is doing with diversity trainings and I thought it would be cool to have this in the bylaws so that people could see what is going on. I thought it would be cool to have something to say to them other than we go to office hours that you can talk to and that our events aren't mandatory. If you all have any ideas what we could do is have something substantial that you could say. There is a lot of hate towards senate and that were racists, bigots, and I wish I could say something to ease the people who ask me these questions. If we have any ideas of how to get our senate to look better, talk to me.

xi. Bancker: To answer a previous senator about sharing our opinion during the resolution discussion, I didn't want to go there and I didn't think that speaking was going to really do anything at that point and there has been 2 distinct sides the last couple of weeks but that is why I did not share.

xii. Bhatoya: I'm really grateful for the feedback and for the honesty.

- a. Bhatoya- move to close discussion
- b. Objection- Rosa

xiii. Rosa: I'm on the city board and we are thinking about implementing a new tax called resort tax which will include some businesses but certain businesses will have .5% tax on certain items that are tourist items, an



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example is in the WI dells that when you go to Walmart they have a .5% tax. I don't know how often you guys drive off campus but the roads are terrible and this money would go towards fixing the roads. In order to do this, we will hold a referendum in April and the reason I told you this was to ask if you would like someone from the board to come in and talk about it.

xiv. Garcia: My first question is: would the outdoor recreation stuff be taxed like that too and what roads specifically?

1. Rosa: Mainly highways out by Bangor, it's not going to be directly in the city, even on the county board we are not sure but based on the WI dells model there is still confusion.

a. Garcia: I would be opposed to this because it's not just affecting tourists.

2. Rosa: Like I said we would do a referendum first.

xv. Ames: Is the referendum binding or advisory? And are bars and restaurants included?

1. Rosa: It's an odd tax, they got this to tax a lot of materials they wanted to buy, no county in Wisconsin has done this only small municipalities, we would have to create a system for what businesses we wanted to tax, it probably wouldn't be food but mainly at places like Walgreens and Walmart. We will be discussing this more next week on the board.

a. Ames: In the past does the referendum take the response seriously?

1. Rosa: Yes, we had the idea for a wheel tax and that failed miserably.

xvi. Quaschnick: I would love for them to come in and talk, I didn't know the dells or minoqua did that and that they don't tax gas stations and places like that but I didn't think this could be done on a county level.

a. Rosa: We do have to go to the state legislature but I don't think that requires rewriting a statute.

xviii. Kallis: Would this affect the bookstore?

a. Rosa: This wouldn't be affected at the university but a lot of things we do as a board affect the whole county and not just the ones I represent, I don't know if you watch the budget but we have a huge problem with the transportation budget so this is for the state as a whole and right now we don't pay a lot of property tax, we come here but we don't



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see it as our home because we're students so I think that it is important to consider that we are citizens here and we as students don't contribute so I think this would be great.

xix. Kallis: I just wanted to ask because we work football games and there is a lot of people who come through here so I was curious how this would be enacted here and it could eventually affect students directly.

xx. Rosa: This will affect people who live off campus more, there would be a .5% on tourist things but to my knowledge this wouldn't include food. We are still not sure what this means and we will be the first county to try to attempt this, this will be on the ballot this spring.

xxii. Floerke: How many of you guys ride mopeds? I've had a lot of people ask where they can park their moped.

a. Roberts: As far as choices do you see the motorcycle spots?

1. Floerke: Dr. Larry do you know who I can talk to about getting more parking spots for mopeds?

i. Garcia: Victor Hill

xxiii. Garcia: I showered today so people can feel free to sit by me next time.

XV. Announcements

i. Stefan: If any of you want a brochure from our guest speaker, please pick one up.

ii. Olp: The student orgs committee is looking for another senator.

iii. Kallis: I just wanted to say that Lauren's hair looks really cool and I wanted that to be in the minutes. I'm going to LeaderShape this week for the pride center. Is anyone else doing anything cool?

XVI. Adjournment

i. Motion- Rosa, Second- Floerke

a. 8:11 pm