



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **May 3, 2017**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:06 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Motion: Burgess, Second: Ames
 - i. Garcia: Can we move C and D items until after E and F items.
 - a. Motion: Kallis, Second: Ames
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
 - i. Aaron Bartz: Thanks for having me back, I've been here two or three times. I see your voting on the cab resolution and we appreciate the help. I think there are three main points- payback, meet with senate, and implement a treasurer. I wanted to talk about the concerns we have with adding the treasurer position. We did as a board have a treasurer position and he himself voted to take it out because Drea does all of those things too, and I'll list what they do, we would have to shave off about \$800 for his position. Next year since we have over 70 plus events they would have to track venue, prizes, catering, graphics, facebook boosts, late charge backs for catering and we get that later than we like and I know a lot of other orgs do that and were not better than anyone but we have 70 + events so I as a president have been trying to take on this role and after T-pain I didn't choose that but decided to go with it and in the last 5 years we haven't been in this position before. We do our finances through this system and it's called wisdom and it's extremely complicated and these were some ideas I wanted to share with you. Thank you very much.
 - ii. Bridget Fish: Hello everyone I use she/her pronouns I'm here to advocate Res. Life issues and there is still a population of 3500 students that live on campus and I hope you all choose to maintain positions for those students so they can have their voices heard on campus.
 - iii. Brever: I would just like to point out that although I don't agree with what the previous person said, I still called on them.
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
 - i. Schimmel: Thank you sir for the last time. I don't have too much I went



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to reps in Appleton and we had a good amount of things to talk about. We passed a resolution that calls for a comprehensive review for food and housing insecurities on campus. There are some students that are homeless and they often times can't afford to have a food plan and we wanted to call for a comprehensive review and they will be doing a review so I will be working with the chancellor and vice chancellor and hopefully we can address that next year. We brought in Dave Murphy and he has recently authored a bill called the free speech bill and he got a pretty good grilling from us and what should constitute punishment and us at reps were not at favor of that bill and I am not in favor of expelling students that don't speak in the way they want us too. I will be presenting Jill Billings with the Higher education of Excellence award. It would be great to have representation there. I might have a final at that time but if the final needs to be delayed than that's okay. I want to thank everyone on the cabinet for all of the support they have given me and thank you to all of you who have geared through this year and student gov. is a fragile thing and I know all of you value our voices greatly.

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. Brever: I would first say that I'm sure some of you saw my article, despite that there are things we should be proud of: \$500 for New Horizons- more inclusivity training, saved thousands, had a higher voter turnout, cut the SA budget by 10%, opened name of student center, advocated for seg. fees, advocating for violence prevention specialist, increased motor cycle parking. You all accomplished a lot, to those of you coming back the work is not done. Make sure to stay informed and come as often as you like to share your feelings. If you are a senior or won't be around, thank you and I hope you learned a lot. You are all great individuals and you have great futures.

c. Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason

i. Mason: I'm assuming some of you read the article and I stand by what he said and if you want to talk about it with me please talk to me. I've loved this year and learned something from everyone. I think that's what we should take away at the end of the day. Thank you all for a wonderful year. I also wanted to tell you about Pat, when I was on the exec board of RHAC, Pat and Schimmel were both there and he took RHAC senator seat and now I'm taking his spot and it means a lot for me to follow in his shoes. I think he will do so well and I have met few people like him. So down the line I know Pat can run for President in 2032 and we both have a favorite show and so I got him a sweatshirt with that on it.

d. State Affairs Director: Tyler Halloran



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- XI. Organizational Reports
- i. Kallis: I don't know if you were there but the Drag Show was fabulous and we raised a lot of money for the aids resource center and we raised over \$1000. We are wrapping up all of our meetings for transform and we had our rainbow graduation and you get a honey roast and a tassel. That's it for the pride center and I hope to see you there in the fall.
- XII. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1617-053: Resolution to Address CAB Financial Situation
 - i. Ames: As we've discussed, it's an attempt to get cab to repay for the around \$12000 and they can divide it however they wish and we want it back and not forgotten by SUFAC. As for the treasurer, we thought that would be a good idea for a student to keep an eye on.
 - ii. Quashnick: So organizations that have this much money that don't have a treasurer. So every organization here has a treasurer.
 - a. Kallis: Why don't they want a treasurer?
 1. Quashnick: If every organization has that, I like SUFACs interpretation.
 - b. Kallis: I didn't know that there were no students involved with the funds but I think they should have a treasurer.
 1. Arney: Call to Question, Second: Giles
 - a. Yes- 96% , No- 4%
 - i. PASSED
 - b. SA1617-054: Resolution to Approve Spring Green Fund Requests
 - i. Ames: This one was about \$37,000 for drinking fountains which is 19 of them that will go into 2 separate Res. Halls, they save energy and filter the water. The fountains in the other buildings are getting old and this reduces waste.
 - ii. Roberts: It was mentioned that this was a long distance plan, is this the only plan they have, more so is this an all or nothing type of request? Is this the only option to do the two halls instead of doing them in everyone?
 - a. Ames: That was a concern that was brought up in SUFAC but after discussing it more, if it was possible to do that then we would have but right now that isn't viable. What I was told, it's difficult for the summer staff to do multiple buildings because they have to shut off the water, so it's easier to shut down one hall at a time.
 - b. Roberts: Did anyone in SUFAC say that it makes more sense to buy them all at one time?
 - i. Ames: It said in the request to do any amount but if we remove more than they won't be able to finish those buildings off.



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- c. Arney: Are they replacing the water fountains anyways?
 - i. Ames: It would take 11 years from there budget in order to do that so if you look at it that way it makes sense. We are still allowed to fund it.
- d. Kallis: We had a discussion about the green fund projects and my constituents had a lot of concerns, is there way to solidify that they do it widespread? I understand it's hard to shut water off but why is it not widespread.
 - i. Ames: The answer we received was that they want to do this over the summer and they can't shut all water off. They want to be able to do more halls in the future but as structured now.
- e. Rubert: The current halls, most not if all have them on each floor but those who can't use stairs, I would like to see it campus wide.
- f. Rosa: Why are we doing just Res. Halls and not other buildings?
 - 1. Brever: The request came from ORL.
- g. Arney: What if we put one on the 4th floor? Then we could use the other money for other things.
- h. Garcia: Let's do an informal poll, keep your hand up if you went to the first floor every day, I lived on the 4th floor of the dorm and I would bring a glass with me. I think this is more of a convenience fee and it says we can't fund ongoing process. Res. Life is funded through Res. Hall fees and they can close the halls down during the summer as well.
 - i. Ames: Any GPR funded buildings it cannot be used on, this building, Res. Halls, Whitney, beyond that there is a significant benefit for the energy saving costs of that. I think this is a matter of convenience if you choose to fund some of them your giving up the amount of waste it would save.
- a. Call to question: Rubert, Second: Burgess
 - 1. Hand Vote: Yes- 15, No- 12
 - i. FAILED

- c. SA1617-055: Resolution to Amend Student Court Rules of Procedure
 - i. Brever: I sent you all an updated document of this, I will yield to any court folks.
 - ii. Jordan: I have one more amendment- cross out res. Life orgs and line D- Friendly
 - iii. Garcia: Call to question, Second: Tashner



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- a. PASSED-unanimous
- d. SA1617-056: Resolution Amending Executive Cabinet Bylaws
 - i. Mason: So this is just to clean some stuff up and make them align more with what we do. There are interns so I took that out and also the parliamentarian is a role in there and that has not been filled. All of the other directors looked over it and made adjustments.
 - ii. Call to question: Kallis, Second: Olp
 - a. PASSED- unanimous
 - e. SA1617-057: Resolution to Approve Spring Green Fund Requests
 - i. Ames: This is the LED project in eagle hall and this would replace the fluorescent lights. This would save with the mercury.
 - a. Call to question: Garcia, Second: Giles
 - i. PASSED- unanimous
 - f. SA1617-058: Resolution to Approve Spring Green Fund Requests
 - i. Ames: This is \$9200 for occupancy sensor lights and essentially the lights will turn on and off when you walk in and out. This is a pilot project with the potential to expand. The expectation to save money but possibility of not. This could save a lot of money for the campus.
 - ii. Rosa: So were spending money on something that might work?
 - a. Ames: So the expectation is that it will save money but since the halls are set up in a cube format we don't know how that will turn out. The expectation is that energy will be saved and a lot of times the lights at night aren't off but this would ensure that they would be turned off.
 - b. Rosa: That didn't answer my question you keep saying might why can't you just give an answer?
 - 1. Brever: It sounds like it might work and might not.
 - 2. Ames: There is a slight chance it might not but we are doing it to see how it will turn out.
 - c. Rosa: So we're investing money but has any engineer looked at this, what if this just doesn't work, why are we approving this if it might not work?
 - iii. Floerke: I don't like this idea at all. It's just spending money on a piece of technology or just tell people to turn off a light switch. We could always write a resolution so that they turn off the lights.
 - iv. Kallis: I had a discussion, some of my constituents are RA's and they really like this idea and the lights staying on all night is a big issue and they are not supposed to turn off the lights. A pilot project, would they be able to request money for this at any time? If it's just in drake hall but



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meant to go across campus will they have to fund it themselves. Because it's a pilot project could this be made into an ongoing project.

- a. Ames: The whole ongoing project means that we can't fund a line item in someone's budget.
- v. Schultz: I was just wondering if we knew the setup, if they would have to go in opposite corners if there's only one then it's not going to light up?
 - a. Garcia: I believe the request is for like 40 sensors so there would be 4 in each cube.
- vi. Rubert: Earlier this semester we passed solar panels and that wasn't about saving money it was about saving energy and we are doing this to test it right now and we have automatic lights not these.
- vii. Mueller: So this is going on every floor?
 - a. Schultz: Would we get enough data with just one floor or do we have to do the whole building?
 - b. I think that its testing the whole building in all of the cubes.
- viii. Giles: If this ends up working well then we can implement it in every dorm and that is like the primary purpose of the green fund, it could not work but that's the whole point of having a pilot program and this would be a great example to see how great the Green Fund is a good pilot program.
- xi. Roberts: How did SUFAC vote on this?
 - a. Ames: We did an omnibus vote on this and in general this was view positively. I believe it was unanimous.
 - b. Roberts: I live in eagle and if they weren't getting turned on and off it takes about 30 minutes. I know eagle hall is different.
- x. Garcia: For the people concerned so the lights work where you can turn them off but every other one is on because if you lived all the way on the other side you would have to find it and in eagle all of them go off. In the summer, the lights are always on so that's a huge energy issue and you can't just turn the other half off without cutting the breakers. For the people concerned about convenience, we just voted against the water fountains.
- xi. Arney: I would say this is more realistic, not everyone turns off the lights and as we've heard there are special instances but I would also like to ask SUFAC how they've expected to work or not. We have those lights in the bathrooms I just can't imagine it not working in any space. Also phantom energy is a concern if there is a glowing light on the system or light that's extra light. If these don't have glowing motion detector lights it wouldn't be an issue.



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- xii. Tahiri: When you're studying really late all if the lights will be on and RAs don't turn the lights off so I think it would be good for drake to test this out and I'm concerned with the amount of lights always on.
- xiii. Hodges: I live in Drake and if it's that big of a deal, people are always out of their dorms and do late night rounds so people can just turn the lights off. People are accountable if they want them off they'll turn them off.
- xiv. Floerke: With this plan, will there be a sensor in the basement?
- a. Ames: I believe it's the entire hall.
 - b. Floerke: RAs do rounds and people are coming in and out so they can be turned off manually.
- xv. Roberts: The people turn off the lights are you going to go around asking people, how are you going to switch everyone's habits, does the budget roll over?
- xvi. Garcia: I really want to reiterate you cannot turn off all of the lights in the Res. Hall. When I would go on my rounds, you can turn off half of the lights. It is not possible to turn all of the lights off instead of switching all of the breakers off. So it's not a convenience thing. So the sensors would allow the lights to go all the way off.
1. Garcia: Call to question, Second: Giles
 - a. PASSED

XIII. New Business

- a. SA1617-059: Resolution to Remove RHAC Senate Seats from Student Association Constitution and Student Senate Bylaws
 - i. Brever: I wrote this and I think this is the best way to address it, 2/3 of the population live off campus but I don't think this is an issue to solve tonight. The incoming senate will have more time.
 - a. Motion to close discussion: Giles
 1. Roberts: Objection- I thought it would be productive to at least discuss these and some of you have opinions but if I am in the complete minority I will accept the motion.
 - b. Motion to close discussion- Ames
 1. Gunaratnam: Objection- What happened?
 - i. Rubert: We had a massive debate where student interns are hired as ambassadors, one is for marketing and one is for sig programming, conferences part of that plan was to have senators but that was our final plan.
 - c. Gunaratnam: Motion to close discussion, Second: Arney
 1. CLOSED DISCUSSION –



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b. SA1617-060: Resolution to Change RHAC Senate Seats to Residence Life Senate Seats and Remove RHAC Reports from the Student Senate Agenda in the Student Senate Bylaws

i. Burgess: This is basically a counter resolution to the previous, we can't call them RHAC in the current structure, I just wanted to reiterate that the sole purpose is that all though we have a lot of off campus housing, Trent and I do represent people who live on campus but they are still a very set community and it's important to representatives to have that voice especially when we have legislation when affecting res. Life. That is our thinking, we still have to change the names, I think that as ORL uses residence fees and designates them to this group, this organization should know whats going on.

a. Rubert: move to close discussion

1. Ames: Objection

ii. Garcia: Close discussion, Second: Gunaratnam

a. CLOSED DISCUSSION

XIV. Discussion

i. Quashnick: This is a little strange because with the next senate, your seats don't exist.

a. Brever: this issue will be taking care of over the summer.

ii. Roberts: I've asked so many people, I'm under the impression that we have the last Friday off before finals.

a. Bhatoya: The only time we have study days is when the semester doesn't end on a Friday.

iii. Bhatoya: The professors also like to call the semester over on Fridays.

iv. Kallis: Saturday exams are the worst and you would still have exams and if it doesn't you get a day.

v. Burgess: As you know we got results from the survey, since I will not be on senate or at this university or anyone else please let me know and I wanted to introduce it but if anyone wants to continue I yield.

XV. Announcements

i. Brever: I am planning to go to Howie's after the meeting and I would like to go with everyone so I am going around 8:30.

ii. Tashner: It's on Us raised over \$500.

iii. Olp: It's been a pleasure and you all rock.

iv. Given: If you all weren't aware about the NASA recognition resolution, so ya'll know what it is, so we got it passed through all 4 governing bodies and Joe Gow doesn't want it to become a policy so maybe you'll hear about it next year.



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a. Burgess: Can you elaborate?

1. Given: Through a lot of emails, we've been working for 17 months and originally he said they don't want to do it because it's not from 4 different bodies. He didn't want to go behind the universities back, so we did it and once we brought it to him he said actually psych were not going to make it a policy. Occupies is the word he has a problem and I guess it is too ambiguous and it signifies that the Hochunk people want it back and it's not the correct white word to use. Our thing wasn't historically accurate.

2. Hodges: He wasn't prepared for it to come back and if we were to change it for him it would be his policy and we want to keep it the way it is. He wanted to use the word located instead of occupies and he compared it to the occupy Wall Street movement.

v. Rosa: So for a senator said what we meant when we said that UWL is racist, this is what we are talking about.

vi. Given: NASA has done a lot of shit behind the scenes, write this policy and we've been working on it for 17 months, we even had the president of the Hochunk nation sign a document saying that they didn't want their land back but there is still a lot to do.

vii. Schultz: Is the Chancellor the final say?

a. Given: My knowledge, he can go around it he just needs his leadership council and that's it. They already wrote an acceptable statement that we could say but were not accepting that.

1. Brever: He has the final say.

viii. Quashnick: Is there anything other than the word occupies that changes?

a. Given: It says located on and historically now and so if you look at the lack of representation they are considered in the past and that's not the case. When you say that it's historically you are erasing their entire existence. You can look at it like it's one word but it's not.

xi. Kallis: The original policy is: We would like to recognize that the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse occupies the land of the Ho Chunk people. Please take a moment to celebrate and honor this ancestral Ho Chunk land, and the sacred lands of all indigenous peoples. Every single word of this was weighed so carefully and now that he wants to change it is frustrating.

x. Floerke: Maybe next semester we could go to different departments and



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we can ask Athletics and see if they would mandate that and maybe going about it in a different way would help.

a. Arney: Shouldn't they know about this and voicing their opinions already and it's Gow's decision so next semester this can be a top priority? What is the point to any of it then?

xi. Given: At this moment in time NASA is saying it's fine without you but if you want to send an email and say that you can send it. Well I have a letter I can send around too. So just talk to me.

xii. Quashnick: This is my seventh year on senate and I've seen a lot of changes through the UW system. What I've seen is that it started in 2011 it was the Act 10 bill and they lost that and that was the first step in us losing our power and we used to be able to tell him no but now we can't do that anymore. When we passed something we had power and when we all worked together we had a lot more power, Scott Walker was a big instrument with that. He took our ability away to send people to board of regents and working together across campuses and so as it stands the chancellor does have all power but that was not always the case. You may be able to go to every department but they can't go against the chancellor. Whoever is staying on here you have to understand that we lost that power but you can fight to get it back and if enough people fight and complain. We got a lot of things taken out and I was in the capital for 5 days and I slept in the press room but the faculty lost rights and they can't strike. It's not even a question. It's not just saying that he's shutting it down it's a set of things but it is unfair to say the institution is racist. Also, the constitution is shit.

a. Brever: Quashnick that's enough you are removed from quorum.

b. Burgess: I know we talked about this but I just want everyone to know that if any of you feel passionate about this I would like to see people demand from ORL that we have a governing body within Res. Life. I really care about that.

ii. Ames: I don't believe that Roberts rule of order is in place either due to the constitution or bylaws.

a. Motion to close: Floerke, Second: Tashner

XVI. Swearing in of 2017-2018 Executives

i. Oath

ii. Schimmel: I just have to say that this is a great human being right here

XVII. Adjournment

i. Motion- Olp, Second: Tashner

ii. 7:52 pm