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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **February 1, 2017**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Motion: Garcia, Second: Olp
 - i. PASSED
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
 - i. During my report we'll get into the student regent process. The first is that some of you know that last year SA passed the indigenous land policy and the academic staff and faculty staff haven't passed it yet but those conversations will be taking place soon. The more people to show support, the better, we will be meeting again, February 13th at 10 am. Also I'll be going to student reps this weekend we'll be talking about a number of issues and the student regent is one of those. The application filled out by each applicant will be talked about. Lastly the governor will be here on February 7th at 12:15 pm in 3310. He might be unveiling somethings about the budget but I plan on being there and you are welcome to join.
 - Student Regent Voting
 - i. Brever: Does anyone have any further questions about what the student regent job would entail?
 - a. Floerke: Are they at every student reps meeting?
 1. Brever: No, not at every meeting. We will do up to 5 minutes to speak, the candidates will all read their statements and add any comments they wish and then we can ask them questions if they like. We'll vote to narrow it down to 2 and then we will do a second round on those two.
 - ii. Kallis: As a representative of the students, I would want to represent the wants and needs of the students. There are different ideologies and ideas and hearing those ideas is important. From being a member of my campus pride center. I feel that I can continue you this with even more outreach and will give listening to every topic. People who only listen to what they want aren't open to new ideas. I understand I'm coming to this position with my own bias but I feel that since I am aware of the biases I know that when making decisions I can better represent the students. To be honest I really want the



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students to have this voice on the regents. There are so many within the system who don't get a voice. I want to be able to reach out to as many people as possible. It is important to have a student voice and I would love to be that voice for people.

a. Schimmel: Would you be able to make it to the monthly meetings?

1. Kallis: I do have a vehicle, so yes I would be able to.

b. Schimmel: How would you come to agreements?

1. Kallis: I think that the best way to represent someone is to have all of the sides to the issue to try to come to a compromise.

c. Giles: Is there any issue that you are not willing to compromise on?

1. Kallis: I feel that my viewpoints are sound and that there really isn't something that I just don't agree with no matter what. As long as someone argued with facts then I think that a compromise is attainable.

d. Burgess: If you were elected in this position what issue would you choose to work on first?

1. Kallis: I think that with the board of regents in the last couple of years, the stagnation of expanding on space is a big problem. They haven't approved any buildings other than science buildings. I know there is a lack of expansion in a lot of other areas, if the board could open up, that would be great and I would be willing to talk to other campuses as well.

iii. Tahiri: First and foremost, I would like to thank Senator Bhatoya, it's a positive reinforcement to be nominated for something. Secondly, to answer the questions I would balance the needs of the students and of the system. I believe that as a student I feel that placing the needs of other students first would be best, to balance I think that I would try to go into things with an open mind. Increasing tuition is a problem. We want an education but it is expensive; I would request and encourage the exploration of these goals and act in an ethical manner at all times. In my family I was raised to believe education is liberation and that it provides hope. I have seen access and lack of access, my grandfather was denied the opportunity to go to school. Perhaps his struggles could have been skipped. My father from Macedonia was blessed to be taken in and learn English and Spanish. My father is now a teacher and helping kids go through what he went through. I think about my grandfather, and I think of what could've happened to my father if the educational system left him behind, perhaps I wouldn't be here. Education to me is too important to miss out on, it molds the future of our nation, the wellbeing of our citizens, and strengthens the community. I want the UW system to be a system that will allow anyone to get an education.

a. Schimmel: What do you think will be the number one or number one issues?

1. Tahiri: I think the topic of affordable education. In the UW system we're not getting the funding we need so finding methods



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of ways to increase tuition but that are only necessary and getting increased funding would be my focus.

b. Kallis: Do you have a plan to balance the shifting majority's?

1. Tahiri: It might be hard for me to balance others biases but I think that I can get better at putting my personal biases to the side which will allow myself to not force myself into a decision.

c. Floerke: What would you do to make it more aware of the board to ensure that they are taking measures to stay at one of the top research schools in the US?

1. Tahiri: I would try to show them that the UW system is special and being here I have felt that each of us here really cares about the progression of our education and that we need to really care about the research facilities.

d. Elvaker: It's a deciding factor about how much money you get from grants, loans, financial aid, I guess with a tuition increase, what is something that you would want to increase?

1. Tahiri: I think that increasing grants would be great, but to faculty I don't know how much power the board has. I think that affording college is extremely important.

iv. Hodges: Hey, how's everyone doing? I am a second year student and apart of BSU. Strong, caring, diligent, knowledgeable, these are just a few characteristics of a leader. We need someone who understands intersectionality and not just different groups but being born in different groups. This person has been so hard working, a first year student, she has gone above and beyond, attempting to bring another major to this campus, we are already one of the top schools. We need someone who can speak for the people, not just what's right but also what being a good person is all about. I think all of you should give your vote to Senator Kallis. She knows what it's like to be a senator. She has done so much for the Pride Center. She has done so many things and advocated for so many clubs. She understands how to really get to other people. I want you all to think about this and I'm a man and the board is mostly men, yes people like me have done all of they can for me to be here but women like Eleanor Roosevelt, without people like that and people like me they wouldn't have been able to go to school. It takes more than just one person ruling everything and it's the collective that gets things done. I want to defer my vote to Senator Kallis.

v. Smarnack: I am the RHAC nomination. To answer the question, the biggest thing I would want to do would be to increase communication. To do that I would use my communication skills and technology. I have never gotten a poll from the student regent and I think that would be a great idea to get a better idea of what the students want. I would like to use the faculty to get to know the ideas as well. I think that representing everyone is extremely important. I'm looking to communicate with everyone in hopes to represent



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all students.

a. Schimmel: What would be your top priorities?

1. Marinack: The board has total control over buildings, even including this school, we put in a bid for a new residential hall. UW Platteville used a private contractor and saved about \$1.8 million dollars. Throughout that process we can expedite that.

b. Steffan: Would you be willing to educate yourself on your privilege and being willing to educate yourself on the diversity?

1. Marinack: Absolutely, if I had to choose one word that would be it. I'm taking a cross cultural psychology class but knowing my limitations as a straight white male but now that I have it different than a lot of people here and I would need to educate myself on this more to better represent myself and others on this issue.

vi. Given: I am a sociology major minoring in ethnic and minority studies. The board of regents is very powerful and we want to make sure that we get a student who will represent all of that and hopefully it will change so we can get someone elected that we want. Especially in this day and age, it is hostile, taking a step back and realizing where I stand and how I can represent. I represent the student side of the spectrum. Will I truly get the opposite side of where I stand- no, so I would like to step down and give it to Senator Kallis.

vii. Ames: I think that the person with the majority should be the winner- at least 51%

b. Vice President: Patrick Brever

i. Has anyone not been to the COVE yet and seen our office area? We are just across the way here.

1. Given: I'm actually not on the roster.

ii. Brever: We have 4 spots open, anyone not have a single committee reach out to them? I do have a quick update from the Provost. This resolution was passed last April. The resolution was for closed captioning options and Director Morgan wanted you to know that all videos and films shown on campus have closed captioning. The board of regents voting is narrowed down to two. The top two are: Kallis and Tahiri, Again, thank you to everyone.

iii. Halloran: I'm going to read a little bit about what the board does, are these things that you feel will they actually be brought to the board with confidence and care.

1. Kallis: I have been trying to educate myself on these issues as much as possible, I am passionate about what the board of regents covers, the students are the heart of the system. I believe I have confidence when I speak, I can speak articulately with people and getting the facts and issues of these. I try to help as many people I can throughout the day and I believe I can do this



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as a regent.

2. Tahiri: I am passionate and I hope you got that from my speech. Everything the board covers I feel passionate about, I can make the right decisions, even in my small town I've worked closely with my school district with the students who are underprivileged. Education is key and I will work diligently to understand every concept in order to make a proper judgement. This would be my sole focus and I would commit to this whole heartedly.

a. Given: When dealing with problems are you more of a head type of person or heart type of person or can you mesh them together?

1. Tahiri: I think that I am more of a mind person, but you can't go into things without compassion and care, I would love to say that it's mainly both but if I had to choose one, I would say that I'm more of a head type of person.

2. Kallis: Random abstract person. I think that comes from organizing myself in that way but the way I like to come to a fight or argument is with my heart because I have that passion but I lead with my head. I like logic and facts. If it does not have facts, it has no backing. I would like to say I'm the opposite but I fight with my heart but unless the facts aren't there then I don't start the fight. The board of regents I could go in whole heartedly with facts and my heart.

c. Chief of Staff: Brady Gross

i. Cards with legislators, I am trying to get the popcorn too. Just look out for an email from me.

d. Deputy Chief of Staff: Lauren Mason

i. I have an office hour sheet I really hope you all start on Monday and the COVE is usually bumpin and a good time to hang out in.

e. State Affairs Director: Tyler Halloran

i. I've spent my weeks setting up meetings with senators, the legislative affairs committee will get going soon. To our other speaker, you are a great speaker and I encourage you to apply to the senate.

f. Local Affairs Director: Madison Wescott

i. Wescott: Next Thursday I have a meeting with Student Life, I'm excited that this is moving forward.

g. Inclusivity Director: Karlie Stefan

i. I have a meeting with Dr. Dalebert, she is the faculty senate chair and we will be talking about UW lacrosse becoming a sanctuary campus. She said I can bring 4 other senate members to participate in the process. I will take down your names and email you if you are interested.

VIII. RHAC Reports

i. Burgess: We are just having some exec voting this week.

IX. Advisor Reports



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i. Dr. Ringgenberg: I'm working on an email to students to tell students about the building and answering the comments, we have been taking pictures of the board and then erasing them. Last week went really well and on Saturday night the films were packed. We then said that we would show it on Sunday but the license had expired. Check the website for CAB. Thank you for the things that you have found wrong in the building, the men's room handles are loose, February 6-14 we will see another influx of furniture. We just about have the Veterans room card access figured out.

a. Kallis: I guess at Mondos they can't get milk with their subs?

1. Dr. Ringgenberg: I never heard this, thank you, but I will check on it.

b. Floerke: When will the computers in the Senate office work?

1. Dr. Ringgenberg: I will check on those and also at the print stations. I think that is getting to be more of a pain. I've gotten a lot of complaints about people not having room to sit. Basketball games came into the rec today.

c. Gunaratnam: Some of my constituents were wondering if the toilets are sustainable? Some of the sound equipment isn't here?

1. Dr. Ringgenberg: Yes, I was told that the toilets are sustainable. We are looking at a lot of those things. We are trying to figure out the curtains and some of that as well. Anything else?

d. Bhatoya: Was anyone at the Saturday night mini golf?

1. Marinack: Everyone I talked to really liked it and thought that it was a fun time.

ii. Dr. Knudson: Welcome back everyone, those of you who spoke tonight and put yourselves out there. Thank you, that takes a lot of courage. This is a formal atmosphere and after visiting the board of regents, they really listen to students so thank you and I really hope UWL will be represented and thank you for your leadership.

a. Floerke: Some of my constituents were worried about the email?

1. Dr. Knudson: He got a volume of emails from this, I think that he got more than he experienced and he had a lot of people say that at UWL we tried to show our values and some of the decisions made are conflicting with those values and he felt that he needed to send out an additional email.

b. Given: A lot of my constituents would like to relay a message, just as you said that what he was trying to do was state our values and taking back that email and I read through the email a lot of times but there was nothing that he said that was political or controversial, but my constituents are trying to

1. Dr. Knudson: We didn't meet today because some of us went to the board of regents. The chancellor is one of the most student



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friendly chancellors that is in our system and if they would like to meet with him, I would love to treat you to ice cream or coffee. You choose the place and I pay, I have a friend who has a and I have a picture with and if you're uncomfortable with that I can help facilitate that.

c. Brever: And who among us doesn't have a crush on Gow?

1. Dr. Knudson: Yes, we all have one.

X. Committee Reports

i. Burgess: I went to JCES and we are talking about wanting someone from SUFAC to make the communication better.

ii. Garcia: I'm not on JCES, but the representative about the bike share and I thought he would be a great fit for UWL.

iii. Tahiri: At SUFAC we talked more about the solar panels. We didn't have quotes on the panels themselves and some of the estimations seemed iffy. Everything was well rounded off numbers and we want more clarification. We approved lights for the Entertainment Café, it's green, not too pricey and hopefully that gets passed.

a. Floerke: For the rec solar panels are you working with the current architects?

1. Tahiri: I am not sure

2. Ames: There has been some communication through the rec but we will still have enough time if we can have our questions answered.

b. Floerke: I'm on the Rec 2.0 and I haven't heard any talk about solar panels in the construction process.

c. Garcia: Is Sue working with you now, or is someone isn't general?

1. Ames: There has been discussion with people between the rec. The costs would not take on that maintenance cost.

iv. Bancker: Academic affairs is in need of some people but if you are interested in listening to applicants that want to speak just shoot me an email.

XI. Organizational Reports

i. Olp: I have been talking to the Tri Sigma people and there are scholarships available, please stop by and say hi.

ii. Gunaratnam: March 1st at 7 pm there is a movie that includes extensive interview with Dali Llama called "Sun beyond the Clouds."

iii. Hilby: Vanguard's are accepting applications, so if you all would want to apply you can to learn more. Come to room 2330 at 7-8 pm.

iv. Garcia: Applications are available to work at the rec for next year, they are taking them until march 1st.

v. Given: One thing that happens within the community is the line in the circle and its talking about Act 31 and its February 10-11 and there are admissions fees but it is a two-day conference and you learn about indigenous history and teaching. If you are an education major, you can get a certificate and it is free for UWL students.



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Lee: Line in the circle is the indigenous knowledge 3-5 and high school where you have to learn about native American history, there will be a lot of well-known indigenous people and there will be a Hmong presence as well. It is free for UWL students with really good food.

vii. Arney: So this is all day?

a. Lee: Yes it will be two full days.

XII. Unfinished Business

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

1. Motion: Tashner, Second: Kallis

i. TABLED UNTIL NEXT WEEK - PASSED

XIII. New Business

a. SA1617-029: Resolution Approving Green Fund Project

i. Ames: Another green fund request, there was a weird thing going on with the email but we got it on time. This deals with LED stage lighting and 5 years prior they felt that LED stage lighting hadn't come far enough and it wasn't developed the way they wanted it to be, the request is roughly \$51,000, the entire cost is \$176,000. So, the HPL fixtures have not been purchased yet and nothing has been installed. HPL use 570 watts, LED is 120 watts. 20% energy usage. LED fixtures need to be replaced about every 10 years and bulbs in HPL – the gel cost- colored and needs to be replaced often. Essentially, this is the project and SUFAC felt it was appropriate to pass this.

1. Kallis: Do you know what type they are getting? A can is the smaller ones and the type you were talking about are different.

a. Ames: It hasn't been purchased yet so they can still make that decision.

ii. Bancker: What was the difference in cost?

1. Ames: That wasn't mentioned in the request but the initial funding for the lights will be used for training.

a. Kallis: to speak to that there is actually a huge cost, LEDs cost far less because the up keep is way less and the gels are dangerous at times.

iii. Floerke: I think that these will do well, so I motion to suspend the two-week rule.

1. Motion to suspending 2-week rule, Second: Burgess

i. Ames:

2. Dr. Ringgenberg: When I think about this process, once we actually get the paperwork, it will be about 2 months before we can push this. I will spend the next week making sure we get what we want and where the money is coming from is the last piece of the puzzle.

i. Brever: We are also working on this and it's a lot of money it's not bad to think about.

ii. Elvaker: OBJECTION- I feel like waiting 2 weeks isn't a big deal, is there anything installed right now?



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ii. Ames: no there is nothing so there will be no waste.
iv. Floerke: I think that we are all unanimously agreeing with this, Dr. Larry said that and I want to make a motion to suspend the 2-week rule.

1. Bhatoya: Object, the 2-week rule is in the bylaws and it's reserved for special things, not because to make the next meeting faster.

a. Garcia: Motion to Close discussion: Second, Elvaker

1. Close discussion- 28-1

i. PASSED

XIV. Discussion

a. Mason: I just want to show you all the syllabus policy that I have been working on and the strongly encouraged items are at the bottom and the ones passed are at the top. I don't want to put all of the provisions that they didn't pass back on there I would like to choose a little bit so that we aren't handing them the same document. If you all could just share your thoughts on this, that would be great.

1. Bhatoya: Are there no syllabus requirements right now?

i. Mason: They are only required to have a syllabus and have strong recommendations of what to put in it.

2. Bhatoya: I think that the Grad curriculum is different so why isn't it this way.

i. Mason: I will look on that.

ii. Garcia: If you're a grad student you know you're going to take more, we've been halfway through the semester and not known what was going on.

iii. Olp: What are the things?

a. Mason: this would be really helpful there is a link that they are talking about listing but there are a bunch of different provisions that need to be on a syllabus and the access center is one of them.

b. Schimmel: I don't think that mandating reporter is not required to be in there.

c. Bhatoya: SSB is meeting at 7:20 am so if anyone wants to trade that's cool.

XVI. Announcements

i. Brever: Congratulations to Senator Kallis with the nomination, both of you did a great job.

ii. Hodges: Today is the start of black history month and this weekend we are doing Reflections of Ebony, it will be a great night with great food and music.

iii. Reporter: If there is anything that you all want to put in the racquet and if Senator Kallis and President Schimmel could see me after this, that would be great.

XVII. Adjournment

a. Motion: Ames, Second: Gunaratnam

1. 7:50 pm