



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:00pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
  - a. Absent:4
  - b. Present: 32
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
  - b. Approval of minutes
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
  - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
    - i. Schimmel- Welcome back everyone. This year wasn't as productive as it could've been but it was good to show our faces in DC and hopefully next year it'll be better
  - b. Vice President: Lauren Mason
    - i. Lauren- I'm going to take a moment to say thank you and good bye, at the end of last semester I got sick and it was a difficult decision but my family and I thought it was the best decision. I want to focus on my health and I'm stable and want to focus on my health but I'm excited to see where you all go. If you don't have any more questions I will yield.
  - c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
    - i. Weston- Okay so I hope you had a good break I've been working with the dean of CSH. I kinda want a pilot program with the CSH senators and if your available I'm making 3 meetings with him and its your opportunity to meet with him and bring up question or concerns. If you do see issues in classes, or with professors come prepared to that meeting he's the one that can do the most about it. With Lauren leaving, her and Schimmel have decided to appoint me as me as the new Vice President so if you have any questions I'm open.
  - d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
    - i. Ben- We went on the DC trop, there were several things that hindered it from being as productive. The logistics were poorly planed in my opinion and from others. When we got there we didn't know when to get up or what meetings to go to, we were left off the mailing list and some weren't including on the lobbying team. It could've been more productive if we meet with more people but we focused on Wisconsin legislators, who would be in favor of a lot of the same things. It doesn't do much good to say something to someone who thinks the same as you. We need more student reps to make sure it runs as well as it could be. When Schimmel ran it, it was filled with lots of meetings and it's frustrating because in the future we need to make sure reps is planning how it should be done.



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- e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
    - i. Steph- going off the same, I think going forward we should be evaluating how the trip is done, if we are spending money for students to go. The food and housing security meeting is this Monday, shoot me a email if you have any ideas. Schimmel and I met with people form the bus system and another one on Monday to talk about ridership pad and potential different ways to go about that.
  - f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
    - i. Aaron- I'm sending out emails and waiting for people to respond, I'll have more for you guys next week
  - g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
    - i. Brittany- Getting the ball rolling on the volleyball tournament
- VIII. Advisor Reports
- a. Larry- Welcome back, spring semester is always a fast and furious time so hang in there. I have a confession, so you know I was gone in December, two things- February 22 from 4:30 -6 we will be holding a reception for Barb and the diversity director to welcome and thank you and show we are all going to be close with the new diversity division and we will all be working together. Sometimes you think things never happen, its only taken a year and we are ready to open up study rooms in this building after 4pm. If you're doing a class presentation you can use the technology and there will be rooms we will open. Its one step but we will keep going. We will get you the official list and I want students to use it. That's all I have
  - b. Barb- Welcome back this will be a couple weeks on February 13<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm (will be official soon) we will be hosting a meeting with him and will be in the bluffs room and focused on welcoming students and is good opportunity to chat with him. Also want to let you know that the campus climate survey will be able to see and it's a process to give you all the information from the survey. It should be done in the beginning of March. The last time we did this was 2013 and we are looking for student feedback and celebrate what we've done.
  - c. Angie- hello I'm the dean of students for another week and I hope you will take the time to meet and great with him in regard to the student body. I want to thank you for the work you do. Good luck and carry on.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Lucas- CAPS met over break last Wednesday for student appeals, we had 6. Also we talked about the grading scale and voted on it and it did not go through to go to faculty senate. They say they don't see an immediate need to change. They also said they didn't want to see it come up again unless new evidence came up on it. They felt that they were the ones who looked for the evidence.
  - b. Abby- we are working on designing a t-shirt for marketing to get a solid design and hopefully get it out by next week
  - c. Lauren- did you like the new provision proposal?
    - i. Dani- can you explain it
      - 1. Lauren- yeah so we are doing it in two pieces for the campus to swallow- 1<sup>st</sup> piece, reduce the credit load, currently its 48 and change to 39. If you take all the required classes you still need 9 extra credits and want to also add back in a first year seminar which is a small discussion based class. General education would loose 6 credits.



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2. Weston- that first year experience class – part of the curriculum is goal setting and in HPR we had a unit on goal setting, is this going to change HPR, sometimes you don't need to learn things
    - a. Len- gen ed needs to be expanded- it doesn't cover the whole spectrum of health, so down the road we would moderate
  3. Jillian- not everyone takes HPR then?
  4. Lucas- are transfer students going to have to take the first year seminar before also
    - a. Yeas anyone as a first year or semester student on campus
  5. Dani- for transfer students there is going to be a separate class students will take and they will have a different program that will hopefully be for all first years
    - ii. Lauren- can I get a thumbs up or thumbs down
- X. Organizational Reports
- a. Dani- spring is a super fun time in the pride center. We have finalized the group going, but its not going to be until February and we are having the drag show and I'm super excited. I don't know more but ill tell you about it.
  - b. Malik- it's almost February which is black history month and this year it will be Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> in the bluffs, doors open a 5:30pm, dinner is at 6pm and the guest speaker will be from Milwaukee and putting on a performative piece and will have a dinner
    - i. Aaron-Cost
      1. \$17 for students, 18 general public, children under 5 free
  - c. Vu- so op also has a conference on the 10<sup>th</sup> about critically themed mong individuals and our language and how do we institutionalized our language and culture and how to not die out. From 8:45am to 5pm and is free
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New Business
- a. SA1718-025: Resolution to Appoint UWL SA Vice President
    - i. Lauren – Schimmel and Larry and I are all comfortable if I leave this discussion
      1. Lang- I think it would be more appropriate if Colin was at the gavel
    - ii. Jacob- so this is one of the procedural duties that I have and I will miss Lauren. I would like to say Lauren has been a rock for this institution and I knew her well before senate and she's been someone who has been involved in student senate and an advisor of mine so she's been absolutely wonderful and has meant a lot to me in this positon and I wish her the best and I'm really going to miss her. So with the resolution this is something Lauren and I talked about and I believe Weston is the best fit and prepared of the position, he has been involved since day one and has always asked questions since day one and wants to get involved in student government and get involve. He knows that process and combined with leadership, Weston has prepared himself well and is familiar with the process and you know him in his role in chief of staff and helping out in each area. I am extremely confident in him filling this role, I would recommend that we suspend that two week rule. For the most efficient process it would be best to get him confirmed tonight, but it is up to you.
    - iii. Weston- if you can think of any questions about by experience in senate, outside senate I'd be glad to talk about it. Since day one here on campus I originally



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come here to play football and my head coach suggest I apply for senate and I had an interview and I was accepted as an senator and I was impressed by the senators had to say about campus, I fell in love with what we do here. It was an amazing experience and has opened a lot of doors for me I'd be glad to reach a helping hand.

1. Jillian- do you think you want to be involved in senate next year and if so what would you do?
  - a. Weston- I haven't make a decision yet but I feel if I am right for the duty with that said I want the senate behind me and if you don't then I don't want to do it. For next year, I can't say anything just yet I'm trying to get into grad school and I hold my academics at top.
2. Weaver- who is taking your spot
  - a. Weston- we discussed that as a cabinet and we talked about dissolving that be we are open to having a application process. I would just be in house beacuse it is a lot better to have someone who knows our process and what we do. We would start the application process sometime this week.
3. Colin- If there is anymore discussion on this resolution
4. Luna- move to suspend the two week rule
5. Weaver- object- we just found this out a day ago and we should prepare more
6. Kallis- I don't want to suspend the two week rule. Lauren has done a great job but personally I want to talk to my constituents about this
7. Luna- move to close discussion
  - a. Seconded by Kettenger
- b. SA1718-026: Resolution to Amend Student Senate Bylaws
  - i. Alex- this is pretty straight forward we don't have a process when one of the other senators. Charging the student org committee and application process and who ever is best will get it. That org will hold the seat until one of the other senators can be put in a seat.
  - ii. Lang- One time thing of setting up a process in case it didn't get billed
  - iii. Lauren- is there any discussion
    1. Lang- in the fifth whereas there is a period could you put a semicolon
    2. Colin- added as a sponsor
  - iv. Close discussion for today
    1. If there is a resolution or link please read it when we send it out in a day ahead. So we don't have to take time out of our meeting to read them.
- c. SA1718-027: Resolution Requesting Informative Statement About \$75 Administrative Services Fee
  - i. Aaron- so if you remember, we talked about the 75 dollar late fee for students for those who didn't pay and came with the demographics of the people charged with the late fee. We wrote this in a way that isn't demanding- we used request- want more transparency and reminders on d2l and that basically the just of it
    1. Colin- question- there was no notification to these students right
      - a. Barb- there was several points of notification from what we are



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being told and in my opinion they were very last minute and we talked about other ways that students can get it. We are trying to get what was done and how it was done because there are administrators that didn't know about it

2. Colin- I like this, if there is no notification I find it ridiculous and they are taking advantage and targeting students that are already disadvantaged
3. Jillian- add something that if they are charged the first time maybe someone from financial aid can help them plan for the next semester
4. Lang- considering that the student bill is due in February, I would suggest you sent the information out soon
5. Dani- as a person who was charged I wasn't emailed and no one told me about it until it was already in my bill so I like this. The bill is due next week and there is a lot of misinformation out there that I find it sketchy and I move to suspend the two week rule
  - a. Seconded by Becker
    - i. All I
    - ii. One abstentions
    - iii. Yer- added as a sponsor
  - ii. Colin- call to question
    1. Vu- object- who are we requesting this information from
      - a. Barb- Sandy
  - iii. Vote
    1. All I's
    2. Passes

### XIII. Discussion

- a. Colin- something that I noticed last semester that is a disconcerting feeling. There was a time when Lauren had to break a tie and there are times when we need a 2/3. A simple majority isn't a lot and I don't know how many of you know but in the real US state you need a 60% majority and we are working on the constitution and bylaws, but what were you thinking about having a 60% in there to pass
  - i. Justice- I feel like the big issues we are on the same page
    1. Colin- If we are all on the same page then it shouldn't matter
  - ii. Hawn- I'd be in favor because then it wouldn't be a 50/50
- b. Dani- last semester In HPR 105 professors required students to buy a \$150 fitbit so Bob Hetzel mentioned that they can't require student to buy it. They are doing it again and its not required by recommended. Not only is this awful he said they have been promoting student to get one. Rob emailed me back and told me that according to a tag it says recommended not required but a professor put a slide up that said something different
  - i. Lasse- I have friends that were in it last semester and they were like why do I have to have it and my other friend complained of getting one too. If you're never going to use it again why buy it.
  - ii. Lang- considering students can't pay their bill why are we having them buy \$150 Fitbits and not have it available to returned
  - iii. Ethan- I took HPR last semester and it sucked I'm not really an athlete guy and they required me to buy one and then I didn't so returned it. And my friends asked for my Fitbit the professor said we needed one.



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- iv. Colin- this is going to price kids out of this school, is there a system put in place where you could rent it from the university instead because it puts them into problems
  - v. Dani- I'm glad that you're mad with me. The book stores rental program isn't run by the school. The book store is funded by seg frees and run by a committee so there is no way to rent Fitbits. They want to track your heart rate not just steps like HPR use to. Tell your friends that they don't need to buy a Fitbit
  - vi. Claire- I was wondering why we can check out laptops and IPada but we cant rent Fitbits. If a teacher assigns something online we can rent iPads, is there we could rent Fitbits
    - 1. Lauren- we cant leave the library with them so I don't know
  - vii. Sabah- could we get this information out as soon as possible if the teachers are telling the students they have to buy one
    - 1. Lauren- it's not our place to go above their heads, but the fact that Dani talked to robin is good, so maybe she can talk to her and they could get to the teachers
    - 2. Sabah- so are the ones who bought Fitbits not at the book store just unlucky
  - viii. Dani- would anyone want to work on this with me
  - ix. Aaron- there was people that mentioned that to me that if they didn't buy it from the bookstore they were out of luck
  - x. Jillian- are they collecting the data?
    - 1. Lauren- they made you send them the online report so they want you to workout a certain amount and you sent them your report
  - xi. Ethan- the only reason I could return it was because my wrist was too small
  - c. Lauren- Schimmel and I talked about Bob coming in next week
  - d. Weston- So I think your decision to not suspend the two week rule was a good idea and I respect your decision and if you would like me to meet with your constituents I will and I'm happy to meet this week. It's an important decision but I have the confidence and I want to be the guy, but this is your decision and this is our organization
  - e. Lauren- just in case you decide to not vote on the resolution I am only allowed to continue until next Friday and if there is no decision Colin will take over
- XIV. Announcements
- a. Jillian- there is a ted even on campus and I'm buying a ticket so consider it
    - i. Aaron- sometimes ted does ted x
      - 1. Jillian- One is a student and three others are professors, one is a professor that got a heart transplant
  - b. Aaron- I can't serve on SUFAC so SUFAC needs a senator, they meet Mondays at 5pm.
    - i. Lauren- I'm going to email Jenna Morgan and see what seats are available I believe it is Jennas discretion on who will take a position
    - ii. Lauren If any one knows you can't make a committee just send me an email saying you won't be a part of this committee
  - c. Lucas- for office hours, if we need to do a change do we email you?
    - i. Lauren- It's all on share point you can all go in and change your office hours
    - ii. Brandon- there is a business forum being hosted and its invite only and all the student leaders of various clubs have been given invitations, its semi-formal, you





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get dinner, networking, life after college and its going to be cool.

- d. Schimmel- if you do go on there to change office hours highlight what was changed so we know what to change on the website
- e. Jillian- could we maybe do it another way because I don't understand it.
  - i. Lauren- we will do a new list next week
- f. Brandon- I can send out an email with more information
- g. Larry- over break we came down to this meeting room and pulled up the voting program that was uninstalled and so its now back on and we were going to instruct Lauren on how to use this and who ever becomes the VP we can get this back up and running and your votes will be recorded by individual

## XV. Adjournment

- a. Seconded by Hahn and Kettering
- b. 7:10pm

## XVI.