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S Student Senate Agenda

Date: **January 31st, 2018**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Present: 36
 - b. Absent: 1
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes
 - i. Motioned by Weaver seconded by Kallis
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
 - a. Chris- Hi guys I'm Chris in from the student supreme court. This semester has given us all secondary roles and I'm the section commissioner, since we were having issues putting it together, I met with Schimmel to get the ball rolling for this semester. So there is a couple things we are looking to get, more recruitment and making changes to the by laws. I came here today to tell you we are trying to get more people on the board, 2 senators that are non seniors and aren't running to be on the commission and 4 others. So talk to your constitutions. I could come in next week too if you would like
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
 - i. Schimmel- I only have one thing this week which has to do with scholarships. I worked with Greg to make two scholarships that would go to incoming freshman. So these are \$1,000 and have to do with leadership so any student qualifies from high school with skills and extra circulars. Admissions will look through the candidates and limit it to 10 and sent it to SA to select the 2 folks who will be awarded the scholarship. I am talking to Greg to increase the values but this is the first year SA has input and here on after they will do that as well. Preference would go to one that needs financial help so the 10 finalist would hopefully be folks in need. I wanted to form a committee, we don't have to go through a formal process, it's a temporary committee with maybe 5 people. So folks who are interested, won't meet more than twice, to talk about the 10 and hammer it down to 2. Once you do that, me and who ever is VP will be calling the awardees and let them know they go the scholarship.
 - b. Vice President: Lauren Mason
 - i. Lauren- I have a sheet for you to write down your office hours, if anyone that needs to be on one or two more committees I have emailed you. I responded to most of the emails I got but once that all gets tied up we'll release the mass list if any one want to fill spots. When I was talking to Bob he's going to try to reduce the \$75 fee to \$50 and is going to keep SA leadership in the process.
 - c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
 - i. Weston- I am currently still working with people to set up the meetings. Proving



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to be more difficult than usual in a busy place and time. If you guys noticed the email we have a resolution to fill the CHS seat, he's sick but you will meet him.

- d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
 - i. Ben- Just a few smaller things going on. One that some of you may find interesting is a bill floating around which would be for students entrepreneurs to eliminate the \$130 initial filing articles of organization for a LLC so if you have great business ideas, now would be a good time to do it. another thing, is recently a bill was introduced which would be a tuition remission for foster kids so people who have been a foster kid would be available for this. Also outlines grants for those kids as well. Just today, a bill has been circulated for co-sponsorship and this bill as of now is at the base level, it would restore shared governance at colleges and the UW make it as it was pre 2015 when everything changed and we were limited to what we could do as students. If you have any questions let me know.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
 - i. Steph- The food and housing security got reschedule to February 4 pm. I met with Larry and the U-Pass people with the MTU and the router ship in the past 4-5 year has been decreasing and we talked about making more awareness about the bus system on campus. In the city council there is a vacancy for the district 5 campus and you should apply
- f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
 - i. Aaron- I mentioned a diversity scholarship last semester and we are trying to find business of color or diversity. There is no listing but I called the chamber of commerce and there isn't anything so they weren't helpful. I talked to Jodi Vanderburg-Davis who posted a list with businesses and I'm going to talk to her and see if there are any businesses I can talk to. Can you raise your hand if you're interested in the white privilege conference. With a full bus per student it is \$80.39 for bus, registration fee \$212.50 per student and the hotel which includes breakfast \$152.29. So what will end up happening is that student senate will cover the bus fee and registration so the \$300 you won't have to cover. Most likely you'll have to cover the hotel fee. Thomas has 46 people listed. With the new info, email me with your definite interest you I can forward that to Thomas and once that is settled we can handle cost and stuff.
- g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
 - i. Brittany- I've been working on the volleyball tournament. So last spring it was suppose to be a sand tournament but it rained. I emailed the rec and they planned the same thing on the same weekend. Figuring out what we are going to do with it. New senators will be on the screen tomorrow, I'll email you if yours will be up

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry- really some previous things. They brought in another table but it was the wrong color. About a year ago when we started negotiating with EG we made a case that we didn't have them because they weren't flexible enough with what the students needed. They did some of that, but this fall semester finally we have e and g in agreement that you can have any sandwich heated and they will do that for you. This is going to be a test case for all their sandwiches. We aren't advertising it but just so you know. They worry is



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that there could be a long line. We have been busy on the food services, I haven't had any questions or concerns.

- i. Lang- do you know how long we have contracts with food vendors and for how long? Is there any talk about bring back Red mango?
 1. Larry- The way it works is Chartwells has contracts with the other groups, we've had many conversations about red mango. We have talked about putting it in the rec after their renovation when they have more space. Not a lot of water in the strength station however, would sacrifice to get the water need. Red mango said for them excel, they would need \$200,000 in profit a year and that's a lot of smoothies. We are back in conversation and some will be comin. Couple possibilities of putting it in this building at a much reduced price than would be in the REC, it is about money and everything. At some point we will be coming back and talking to the committee. I'm frustrated with the concession stand. I see organizations leaving with 78 cents because that's all they've made and that doesn't make sense to me.
- ii. Jillian- I can never find a fork in this building,
 1. Larry- I will check on that
- iii. Ethan- E&G is always out of white bread and it's not a big deal I should be healthy
 1. Larry- I will follow up on that
- iv. Dani- I've been talking to some folks about the multicultural student offices and a lot of request students had on that. that there's a L shaped table am I'm wondering do I talk to you or who?
 1. Larry- talk to me, so I had a meeting today, I can tell you that I'm not 100% sure that the COVE is the way it should be. There are issues we need to figure out. The pride center is one of the most successful. I do want to have conversations. The whole thing is that the original concept was suppose to be a collaboration space where different organizations could come together and talk about issues. Hopefully people come together and talk about stuff.
 - a. Dani- there are white walls. The music does not get turned down at any point even when we have scheduled meetings. We feel like we get louder and louder
 - i. Larry- I'll follow up on it, sometimes we have to modify to stay up with the changing students, so we have some more work to do.
- v. Larry- This building has had a very unequal pressure in it, so if you go out this door on the east entrance and air comes flowing in because the building isn't balanced. that is also why some of the handicap buttons haven't been working. They are trying to balance things more
- vi. Lauren- Jara said no to the blankets because they were a germ thing and needed to be flame resistance
- vii. Alicia- I was directed to talk to you about this, apparently by the WINGS tech center there is a handicap door that should be powered but isn't. Also someone brought up in centennial it says it assessable but not powered.



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1. Larry- I'm still waiting on the report on the powered doors. In the past, we talked about putting sliding doors in like the credit union.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Ethan- We worked on trying to define the area and its not. It needs some work. We also tried to find a tag line to advertise the place better.
- b. Abby- I become the chair of ADAIC, we have a meeting tomorrow so if you're looking for a committee we meet at 5:30pm and we start the budgeting next week
- c. Gabrielle- The student service and building committee met and there is a commuter area for students and I guess the discrepancy was commuters were using the COVE but complaining it was too loud so were wondering if we had suggestions if it could be a little quieter. They were wondering if they could have some of the whiteboard tables brought to their area, to give them more space to spread out and work.
 - i. Jillian- Would we change a meeting area into that because otherwise its so loud.
 - ii. Larry. We don't have to put the whiteboard tables in there. Then I think about the issues for commuter students, we will try to address that more. I know that when I go to that area they aren't commuter students, they are just people that like that space. I think I just heard an age sensitive campus and I don't know what the means
- d. Haley- JCS met last Friday and one thing that applies for us is that we are missing one student senator, we meet every other Friday at 11, let me know.
- e. Isaac- SUFAC- meet, didn't do a long meeting, worked on the bylaws
- f. Lauren-talked about SUFAC having vacancies and will be filled with in with two non senators
- g. Ben- joint planning and budget committee met about strategic planning funding, updated dates on when the science center will be completed and the rec should be done by September. The big thing that outcome based metrics have come out with the governs budget. So if you want to learn more about that I can give you a link

X. Organizational Reports

- a. No report

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1718-025: Resolution to Appoint UWL SA Vice President
 - i. Jacob- Weston has been someone who has been involved, showed he can facilitate, professionally and impartial and it that is critical in being VP. Aspirations for the position after this year, couple folks have asked me about, I want to say that things like ideology should not should not matter, everyone has an ideology. The fact of the matter is knowing how to shut that ideology off. What way someone politically matters should not matter. Being able to be impartial and should not be a matter of concern, someone has to fill this position. Really everything we should be looking at has to do with how they can run meetings and so.
 - ii. Weston- I was hoping to get invited to some of your meetings to talk and answer any questions. You heard me last week, do any of you have any questions or concerns before we get to the vote tonight?
 1. Dani- My constitutions wanted to know what you see the role of diversity org in senate will be



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- a. Weston- Going to be a big role in the senate just like it has been in the time I've been in senate. We've had great leaders who have done a lot. It is based on the people here, but more can be done, relationships can grow and get better. That's something Jacob and Lauren implement. Outreach is number one I want to go to diversity meetings and that something I haven't had much experer to but with help I hope to learn more,
- iii. Weston- I am basically impartial and if I do have this seat I'm not part of any party clubs, I'm not a political science major, I don't have my own political agents. I'm just passionate about this org, school, and city. I'm grateful that I've have the opportunity
- iv. Jillian- you've said you've have helped all the directors, so how did you help and how would you continue
 1. Weston- So at the beginning of the year I asked them to list the goals and posted them, I believe in them, I write them so hopefully that is something they have seen. I have always in the exec meeting always there in a lending hand. As much of a resource as I am to you, I'm a resource to them
- v. Motion to vote- Vu
 1. Seconded by weaver
 2. Lang- secret ballet
- vi. After the vote, it was 17 for 9 against which does not pass because you need 2/3
- vii. Lauren- we are going to need to talk about this because you obviously have concerns that you aren't saying and like I said I am done Friday.
- b. SA1718-026: Resolution to Amend Student Senate Bylaws
 - i. Isaac- I don't know if I read it right, if it passes does it give the students or committee to create a committee and approve it.
 1. Becker- They are making a process, we present it to you and you approve it. The student committee creates a process. An application process, and who ever has the best application we will send it to you.
 - ii. Lauren- will need to be approved by a 2/3 vote so they will talk to you about their process.
 - iii. Becker- if this passes we will work on this next week and will present it to you way before May 2nd.
 - iv. Isaac- What seats does this fall under
 1. Becker- Rasso
 - v. Kyle- Added as a sponsor
 - vi. Lauren- Doc when they filed the seat, they didn't tell us at all about their process. Right now there is no one in their seat and it didn't te;l us what to do so that is why this discussion come up.
 - vii. Isaac- if any org in the years does not fill their seat shouldn't it be talked about whether it should be talked about
 1. Becker- people do exist and I think its important to have representation
 - viii. Justice- if no one is representing them there is still the problem
 - ix. Haley- so a student organization is any who is an approved club?
 1. Lauren- yes



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- x. Vote
 - 1. All I's
 - 2. No absentions
- XII. New Business
 - a. SA1718-028: Resolution to Support General Education Program Revision
 - i. Lauren- faculty have asked us to give our formal opinion on the general education program revision. And then the revision is on the back of the resolution, this is just to support if you like the proposal and it really affects students.
 - 1. Dani- my constituents were wondering how we got from our current requirement down to what we will be. I want to know what went into that decision
 - a. Lauren- so why they decided to reduce the credit load, if you go through the document you only hit 39 credits, but the minimum about you need to complete is 48 so it doesn't make sense because students take them in their major. Also we have the highest minimum requirement in the UW system by at lease 6 credits so we want to make it better, but also we didn't see that gap as effective. Some of the courses that you think may be effected will still be offered. They are still going to try to do things to make that relevant
 - 2. Haley- there is still substantial difference about how we have the highest credit lead and this still puts us at the tip.
 - 3. Added as a sponsor- Jillian, Justice, Weaver, Avery, Dani, Brandon, Isaac, Lang, Kyle
 - 4. Sabah- is it based on your major
 - a. Lauren- Based on the topic of the course, the 111 is something recorded and records saw that nothing else is called 111 so you know it's a first year seminar
 - i. Sabah- Do they focus on effects on that in the seminar
 - 1. Lauren- Smaller course and you can pick which one you want
 - 5. Ethan- would this be getting rid of classes
 - a. Lauren- not sure how it will end up effecting students, so a lot of the gen eds were overlapping core classes for your major and we wanted to separate them and a lot of coursees were put in gen ed to double count but that's not the purpose so this is to help that be more defined
 - i. Ethan- I would be against anything cutting the amount of courses students take.
 - 6. Amy- so like if this were to pass and would be enforced, would the current students have to take it or would they be grandfathered in?
 - a. Lauren- They still have to do the 48 credits, because when you come in you get a catalog, so it would be a transitional thing.
 - 7. Dani- for the first year seminar, what about those without a major?
 - a. Lauren- It doesn't correlate with your major



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8. Haley- by reducing this amount, you still need 120 to graduate
 - a. Lauren- yes
 9. Close discussion for today
 - b. SA1718-029: Resolution to Approve Student Senator
 - i. Lauren- I'm sure if you're comfortable doing this since you would have to wait for a new Vice president
 - ii. Lang- added as a sponsor
 - iii. Lucas- if he was here would we talk to him?
 1. Lauren- yes you could. I've talked to him and he is very fitting and is interested and has some great ideas in the college of science and health.
 - iv. Gabrielle- move to suspend the two week rule
 - v. Justice-object-I'm not comfortable with appointing someone I haven't talked to
 - vi. Close discussion for today
- XIII. Discussion
- a. Dani- on the Fitbit thing, so professors were making a non required requirement to purchase a \$150 Fitbit. It was a problem last semester and we shut it down so in a series of email between me and Bob we issued a thing where professors had to change their statement and that was a problem. I have been told that professors have changed their language to they don't have to "require but it is a strongly recommended" that's what I've been updated with.
 - i. Ethan- on the syllabus, will they remove it from the required section
 1. Dani- that was last semester, this semester, to my knowledge it says recommend course material
 - ii. Haley- Do recommended items come up on your book list
 1. Dani- Yes
 - b. Isaac- Schimmel in terms of the committee you're creating the president, under the bylaws it has to go through the vice president and be voted by a majority of the senate
 - i. Lauren- vote now or wait until next week?
 1. Isaac- now would be fine
 2. Vote
 - a. All I's- we have a committee
 - c. Colin- a student in tri sigma, Amilia Wagner, has an idea. We don't have a big homecoming event and I'm wondering your opinion on that. She says our campus have our different sex we don't intermingle, we have Oktoberfest but we don't have anything other than that.
 - i. Justice- what activities would they have
 1. Colin- Not sure yet but she just wanted to see what people thought
 - ii. Haley- I think it would be a good thing to have every committee do something
 - iii. Lucas- you always hear our homecoming isn't big is because of Oktoberfest, so my thing is we don't have a spring festival so maybe put it then so we aren't competition with Oktoberfest
 - iv. Alicia- at my friends' college for both the homing and spring jam they do a concert and they have stuff were groups set up and get to know them.
 - v. Brandon-The terms of when and where could be later but I think right now it could go a long way and bring the campus together and deal with school stuff
 - vi. Dani- I don't think we should compete with Oktoberfest also there is an



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involvement fest in the spring as well as fall. Maybe something like a mayday fair? So, if they want to do something like that I think coordinating with the COVE leadership they have an eye for planning events.

- d. Jacob- we need to have an open line of thought because we can't not have a VP I need to have a reason to why I shouldn't re-nominate Weston. What I've seen he's conducted himself and I want to hear some perspective from those who voted no. I need to know where you want to go with this. I'm graduating in the spring and I want this institution to be strong. I need feedback and I would like to hear respectively where they want this spot to go.
- e. Lauren- would you like Weston to step out
 - i. Lang-I think Weston should step out and I think some would be more comfortable
- f. Ethan- so I talked to a lot of people about this and from what I heard, people wouldn't vote because they don't know where he stands on issues. They were worried about breaking a tie and didn't know if they would vote his way and I think that is wrong.
- g. Lang- with the people that sit around this table we can't say we represent everyone I know that is an exhausting thing to do, I don't see how the VP, this individual represents the not only the students in this room and their constituents, along with the entire campus.
- h. Isaac- I have an issue with the procedure with how this works. We have the President and VP in the same, work in cohesion, but the difference is the vice president runs the show and they preside over the legislative bodies. And to me I see that as something that shouldn't be tied to our executive branch. SO I think it would be wise instead of the vice president leading the motions and the meetings, we should have someone that is outside the executive branch. If something like this happens again, in our bylaws we should have the option to call for a special election. If we had the option later on it would be easier. I think there is a lot that needs to be to be changed and the separation of power is my biggest issue.
 - i. Lauren- the VP would break a tie in the federal government
 - 1. Isaac- VP being the one who runs the executive branch I don't know, I think we should choose who does that.
 - 2. Lauren- we are talking about filling the position and restructuring the position is not why we are voting
 - 3. Schimmel- I think it's fine talking about restructuring, but I think that we need a VP to facilitate meetings and stuff like that and that is a separate issue right now and addressing it to the student body takes time. Its out of the fact that you need efficient and power and I think it's necessary to have a quick transition. I guess for me I want to her perspective about immediately going forward. I need to appoint the vice president and if you're not comfortable with Weston I would hope you would be comfortable letting me know so I can know what to do going forward.
 - 4. Lauren- I just wat to let you guys know that if I wasn't going to run with Schimmel, Weston would have been.
- i. Brandon- the fact of the matter is we do have Colin and taking on that responsible he could be okay with taking the weight of that position until we decide who will take that spot and that is why I voted no
- j. Alfanzo- they don't have enough to make a conclusive decisions, but for the past 2 terms



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I've worked for him and he's done an amazing job and I was confused why we didn't make 2/3 and if you need more information you should really be asking questions

- k. Malik- could one of us make a resolution to request and VP, what about Brittney
 - i. Lauren- She in a part of senate, has three jobs and in a sorority it's not feasible for her to do.
- l. Dani- my constituents and I had a Q and A and that's why I voted Yes. I've know Weston since I got here and I understand that our process is flawed and that's why we're editing it and I understand the concept of the role and he would have all the power. All the conversations I've had and the way he answer the question, he didn't take a side and he wants to know more and that's why I voted yes and I understand why people said no and our processes is flawed but I think he should our representative.
 - i. Jacob- I want to do an informal vote, I want to know if it was procedural or they didn't like the candidate. If it's a procedural issue ill re-nominate. If I can, can I get a hand rate for the ones that said no for a procedural no
 1. Haley- I think it was both, to ask for that reason it would be calling out the people who voted no, there was a reason we asked for a secret ballet
 2. Lauren- we need to know what to do moving forward and what you need, if it's a different candidate because we need to get someone here, so how do we move forward.
 3. Brandon- as far as moving forward, we have someone to sit in your spot while this is discussed and I would feel more comfortable utilizing the person we have for that position in this situation.
 - a. Lauren- what would you be doing while Colin is in the position, so we need to figure out what everyone needs to move forward and not just have Colin here now
 4. Ethan- I think you should re-nominate Weston. I don't see that it's our say to reject him its out job to put him through.
 - a. Lauren- yes its your job to confirm him but you also need to make sure that he is a good fit
 5. Jillian- I think someone new should be nominated, some have focused on outreach and talking to people and getting to know our campus and have build a relationship with everyone and everyone seems comfortable with that person. Personally I voted no, I would feel more comfortable with a lot of other people over them that I think should be considered I don't know if people would change their vote in the future so it would make this process longer
 - a. Schimmel- I need people to come to me behind scenes and I need people who did vote no and you need to come to me and I need people to give me thins to think about. Either talk to me in person or shoot me an email. I just need to know perspective going foward
 - ii. Isaac- I think it is a bad idea to re-nominate Weston its disrespectful to the decision that was made already.
 - iii. Colin- I will take over on Friday but I can only do this in the interim because I am really busy and I agree with the other senators that it should get a new one because I think it would be disrespectful putting forward the same candidate



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- knowing what the body voted on
- iv. Claire- This could be a personal feeling. I feel like not asking the students is bad. I know it's our job but they campus voted for you and Schimmel and them not voting on Weston isn't fair. I feel like you would get a larger vote or reaching out to more people would be fair
 - 1. Lucas- The way I see it is when the student population voted the students had a voice on that but as it is right now in this proses I don't know if it will get to that.
 - a. Claire- When I voted on the computer I liked having a say
 - v. Schimmel- no matter who the candidate is, is that going to change your vote? I don't want to be in a situation where people are voting it down because they don't like the procedure
 - vi. Lauren- I don't want this room run by three people I understand your concerns. Just because one person says no I don't want the rest to follow. I don't want to be hurtful
 - vii. Colin- I think we are going around circles and tensions are high and feeling might be hurt, so I'm going to move to end discussion
 - 1. Seconded by Malik
 - 2. Objected by Brandon
 - a. Brandon- there are people that have things they want to say and we have a right to voice them
 - viii. Haley- beside the procedural aspects I think the voices I've heard are "no I don't want Weston" its not that I don't have 100% faith in his succession. What I've heard its more so I don't see him representing senate and there's no concrete way of saying this. The conversation I've had is just it's not all the way there.
 - 1. Lauren- do you think a different candidate would be beneficial
 - a. Haley - yes
 - ix. Dani- Move to close discussion
 - 1. Colin- seconded
 - m. Discussion closed
 - XIV. Announcements
 - a. Malik- th issue we are in a new room this semester, 1403 centennial Hall
 - b. Dani- TEDx is coming to La Crosse and I think it will be a really cool event its Feb 8th at 4pm in the Bluff room with 6 different speakers. Some are activist, a student, a professor so I think it's going to be an amazing event.
 - c. Haley- JCS one of the senates before left and if anyone wants to help me with the recycling project on campus let me know
 - d. Malik- black history month program is February 17th you can buy ticks at the info center.
 - e. Brandon- if you got a invitation the deadline to RSVP is tomorrow, so if you want to go, free food, dinner, life after college tips.
 - f. Dani- reminder your bill is due by Friday, scholarships close tomorrow.
 - XV. Adjournment
 - a. 8:02pm