



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **February 14, 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
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
  - b. Approval of minutes
    - i. Motioned by Kallis seconded by McClain
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
  - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
    - i. Schimmel-There hasn't been a whole lot at the state level on student issues. Until we hear stuff about the bill on sexual violence there's not much. If you have good ideas on what to lobby on I want to have a trip put down by the end of the year. Last year we hosted UW system reps and we are going to do it again in the Bluff this year. Everyone is set up in a hotel and I want to see our faces there. It's nice to show our faces and represent student govt.
  - b. President Pro-Tempore: Colin Giles
    - i. Giles- It's a lot of fun buddy.
  - c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
    - i. Weston- I'm meeting with Mark tomorrow and hoping it will go well. For the CHS senators I'll keep you updated. Halfway through I'm going to talk with those senators and the dean to see how it's going and then talk to other deans. For rec 2.0 they have new equipment inside by the basketball courts. They are asking you to try them out and let them know your comments and use the data to figure out what to purchase
  - d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
    - i. Ben- Keep in mind what Schimmel said. The key to lobbying is finding something you care about so we can have an effective lobby system. The assemble did pass the foster kid bill.
  - e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
    - i. Steph- City council application open until march 8<sup>th</sup> its still a thing. Helping Aaron working toward getting a scholarship. Food and housing and securing meeting is this Friday at 3pm. We've been talking about meal plans and if you don't use all your meals giving them to the food pantry and awareness. Anyone is free to come.
  - f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
    - i. Aaron- White privilege conference. All the individuals who said they might be able to go cant go. SA wants to send 3 people, I guess since no one else showed interest, if you know friends you can send them my way.
  - g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner



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- i. Brittney-A leadership insight on the 22<sup>nd</sup> where you can meet with Michael and Barb. You have to RSVP by tomorrow. You email the cove programming, I will be there
- VIII. Advisor Reports
- a. Larry- any questions?
    - i. Dani- it is still cold in the cove
      1. Larry-I asked them to check that, but ill ask again.
    - ii. Claire Why is the door locked in the stairs
      1. Larry-Seeing if we want to put a card access in, I don't know why it is locked
    - iii. Hawn- I've heard a lot of people concerned about the wait time downstairs. In Sonos I waited for 85 minutes for the wrap
      1. Larry- That's meaningful and I'll check on that
    - iv. Alicia- Is he going to be in the meetings like Barb was.
      1. Larry- He'll stop by at times or if there are things on the agenda that we want him here for. Last week there was other things he had to go to.
    - v. Weston- where did the tables go in the front of the cove go
      1. Larry- Two down in the commuter lounge and one upstairs on third floor by the outdoor patio. I'm not sure the cove is where we want it to be right now. The people in the offices aren't talking to each other. I want to challenge you to reach out to the other people in the cove and start some conversations. The philosophy is community
    - vi. Jillian- the cove doesn't feel like a community it feels like this is our space and if the goal is a "community" the dividers aren't doing that
      1. Larry- We will see how it happens, the senate doesn't have dividers, but it is a concern and I appreciate that
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Abby- marketing committee has come up with a new design, added a pocket and changed the back to something more general. If 15 orders \$20 if 20 \$18 35 \$15 which is a good deal. What do you think? I'm gong to send out a skeet and write name and size, committee and I'll be around next week too if you need time to think about it
    - i. Malik- is that going to be on the back permanently
      1. Abby- I haven't ordered it, but if you have an idea, let me know
  - b. Kallis- Leg affairs met, talked about shared governance on a state wide level. One thing we spent time talking about was by laws and how we are the inter affairs and impeachment is part of us. We don't' have a lot of power in general. We made a priority list as a committee and Jen Stillings is coming on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March to this meeting.
  - c. Aaron- faculty senate met. If you though our bylaws are bad, they referenced something that hasn't existed for decades. One of the bigger things we talked about was gen ed regulations which was controversial. They ended up passing it. And they revised it because they didn't like the wording and put in a revision date in late spring and they'll come back to it. There was a lot of conversation between how departments would create classes if they are already struggling with faculty members and if other departments would have to pick up that. but it passed through
  - d. Alicia- Multicultural affairs met and we need three student senate seats and there is a lot of sub committees making and I need other to help make up the work load. If there is



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- anyone who wants to be on JMAC let me know
- e. Kallis- violence prevention is meeting I will not be able to attend
- X. Organizational Reports
- a. No report
- XI. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1718-030: Resolution in Support of AB777 and SB729
- i. Jillian- the bill passed through the assembly- AB777. I don't believe it has gotten through the senate, basically to govt to the govt it has to go through others. It makes sure we are saying that she supported this.
1. Isaac- added as a sponsor
- ii. Motion to vote
1. Motioned by qion seconded by Hawn
- a. All I's
- b. Passes
- XII. New Business
- a. SA1718-031: Resolution to Recommend putting PGP's on Senator's nameplates
- i. Kallis- the reasoning is because we don't have them on our name plates and if you're attempting to be inclusive if someone new walks in they can see how you want to be addressed, that is a step. This is a good step to being inclusive. Tradition isn't always inclusive and I think there should be changed
1. Added as a sponsors
2. Lasse- I understand it but the way I thought about it, I don't know if the way I identify influences the way I vote.
- a. Jillian- I think when I'm in a room I don't have to think about what pronouns I identify. But if I didn't t have that privilege and they used the wrong pronouns I think it would be hurtful. I think people should feel comfortable.
3. Haley- is this possible? I'm trying to see how it would look, maybe something on the side
- a. Jacob- when we order them, we can custom make them
4. Kallis- in response to what Lasse said, I don't know how you identify but I'm cisgender and because of that privilege I don't think about how other people would identify me but I do because I respect people who do because people make assumptions about peoples appearances and that's wrong. I understand from a cisgender perspective and stop yourself. But for someone who doesn't have that privilege, this is big.
5. Close discussion for tonight
- b. SA1718-032: Resolution to Appoint the Vice President of Student Association for the Remainder of the 2017-18 Academic Year
- i. Lang, Malik, Jillian- added as a sponsor
- ii. Jacob- once again I gave a lot of thought into this, you wanted someone internal and Alfonso knows the senate well and has been here and he knows what is up. He's done a great job in ASO and I was looking at state affairs and he knows all the issues really well and its nice that he's back from studying abroad and I think he'll be a good fit for the position. I recommend to suspend the two week rule.



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- iii. Alfonso- this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year on senate. I'm passionate about this issues we have here on campus and the students. I'll try to be as responsive and I enjoy coming here. We do some good work here
  1. Hawn- you were in ASO, as a student senator did you hold any positions?
    - a. I held two chair positions including the chair of DOC
      - i. Hawn-If confirmed to VP would you be stepping back on your leadership
        1. Alfonso- Yes
  2. Kallis- what is the purpose you see in diversity orgs within senate
    - a. Alfonso- it is already underrepresented and its good to see more senators coming up. There more of us now and we are underrepresented and its good for us to hear our voices heard.
  3. Malik- motion to suspend the tow week rule
    - a. seconded by Kettinger
  4. Isaac- I think we can have a week to think about it and other senators should have a say
- iv. Jillian- vote on the suspension of the two rule
- v. Hawn- the motion is made, and has been objected
  1. Jillian- I don't know why you won't let us to vote. How an objection cancels discussion but you can keep objecting. If the majority people think to over rule the objection we should vote
- vi. Isaac- we have nothing in the bylaws on what to do. People being absent, I think we have the two week rule to think on our decisions.
  1. Larry- it would fall back on Roberts rule of orders
    - a. Colin- I think I can make the call
- vii. Jillian- would you let the majority of the group make the decision,
  1. Isaac- that is a path you don't want to go down, it's a risky path to take
- viii. Dani- move to close discussion
  1. Seconded by Isaac
- ix. Close discussion on the 2/3 vote for now
- c. Larry- I was worried Colin would be sick, and then no one would run the meeting. You should elect another Pro-Temopre
- d. Alicia- I don't get why all of us can't vote just because one person objected. I think we should be able to vote
- e. Isaac- we've had resolutions were its been objected and then they do nothing.
- f. Kallis- motion to take a 5 minutes reses
  - i. All in favor
- g. Jillian- motion to suspend the two week rule
  - i. Becker
  - ii. One opposed
  - iii. Passes, suspending the two week rule
- h. Malik, call to question
  - i. All I's
  - ii. One Abstentions
  - iii. Passes
- i. Oath of Office



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## XIII. Discussion

- a. Colin- want to talk about what just happened, who has authority and who can do what.
  - i. Dani- so idk if you know I was on leg affairs and a lot of this process stuff started to the edit of the constitution and where our process and powers is. Leg affairs isn't a closed meeting, we have procedural editing meetings and what we think needs to happen in the governing documents. I want to put it out there that there is a meeting on Friday at 6pm. There is a smaller meeting room with less people to have a discussion with
  - ii. Jacob- I don't know where the language started out with, but essentially when you don't have anything defined, you let the chair decide. What Colin would be going off of what is in Roberts rules of order and I think that is a reasonable use of the power. We have a VP in that position to make those types of positions and this is up to their call of what is right and wrong and I think it was reasonable because its based off Roberts rules. I do want to make sure we are trying to solve the problem and not breaking down the policies. Yes, we should correct it and we have a committee for that.
  - iii. Haley- the way we run the meeting is in Roberts rule and its set up by the chair and maybe we need a refresher on what the means to fix the problem and how to run the meeting. We've had a lot of new members and we could use a modified refresher
  - iv. Isaac- we should implement Roberts rules in our bylaws so it's officially in our bylaws. I think it would have been more appropriate to make that change and then have this discussion
  - v. Lang- Friday 6pm. Some members didn't think we needed to put it in there and they took it out. Do you know parliamentary procedures. You can only speak twice on a motion. Know the rules if you want to come into effect.
- b. Kallis- one of my constituents was almost hit by a car on their bike coming into campus and I guess it's a big problem. Some don't feel safe in La Crosse, I think this is a discussion we should have. Have a discussion about cars not paying attention to bikers, maybe bike lanes. It's something I'm going to start working on
  - i. Aaron- James Longhart- if you want anything to do with bikes on lacrosse.
  - ii. Jillian- where was it. On pine street there is a blink lights and they don't wait for cars
    1. Dani-It was La Crosse Street
  - iii. Jillian- I've been in email the librarians, if you lose a book you have to pay \$100 no matter how much the book cost. They said "oh we have no say and the students could bring in a copy of that book and call it even" this big paragraph talks about how students can bring in the same book
    1. Dani- did you look into the system policy
      - a. Jillian- no that's what they emailed me
      - b. Hawn- its \$100 and the late fee or bring in a copy of the book and late fees
- c. Kallis- I do a lot of things. More of my constituents are saying they are uncomfortable because professors aren't making class inclusive. I'm going to be meeting with them and see at what level we should make faculty making things more inclusive.
- d. Malik- I had a meeting with Vitaliano to talk about setting up a meet and greet of MSO



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and diversity orgs and if anyone wants to tell me what dates would be best for your orgs.

- e. Xiong- there was an assemble vote and this was about adding in hmong history and our roles in Vietnam. Ways and implement in K-12 learning. I'm currently with a non profit org to bring social justice to the hmong community.

#### XIV. Announcements

- a. Malik- Saturday and tickets will run out soon and I know we have 180 sold
- b. Haley- Large grand green fund are due March 5<sup>th</sup> anything larger than \$2000
- c. Steph- there is an election affair on Tuesday state supreme court.
- d. Alicia- fiesta is coming up march 3<sup>rd</sup>
- e. Isaac- country board- we passed the budget and there was a request to put \$500 to La Crosse county to end homelessness and there was a lot of debate but it passed and Monday we got an update and how the group has been achieving success. 110 previously homeless got into homes and we could be one of the first cities to end homelessness

#### XV. Adjournment

- a. Quinones, Ethan
- b. 7:14pm