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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **February 21, 2018**

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

- I. Call to Order
6:04pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes
- V. Guest Speakers: Chris Paul, Relay for Life
 - a. Chris- I am with students of supreme court and we've been given elections commeniors here. Last semester Schimmel and Roberts talked about the elections comminioners. The election commission over sees the elections in student association and make sure rules are being followed and the process is fair. I am here to talk about the make up of it, we need two senators not returning to senate next year to sit on this and I got no interest last time and if you want to talk we can because elections are in a couple months. These are the goals I want to work on, I know in recent years elections haven't been as competitive and we want to get the word out to students and let them know that we have elections coming up, but also to make it more known what you guys are doing here. Two big things, elections Tuesday April 10th after spring break. Deadline is Tuesday March 27th so you have two weeks to campaign. If you're interested please contact me because some of the stuff we are doing is important
 - i. Lucas- How often does this meet
 1. Chris- Not sure yet bue at least once a week most likely
 - ii. Dani- Have you been in contact with Andy Ives
 1. Chris- No
 - a. Dani- He's our school conduct officer, he is very passionate and up to date with policies, so get in contaact with him
 - b. Relay for Life
 - i. No report
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
 - i. Jacob- First, on the election thing, I have been in contact with Andy and I'll be sure that you're in that meeting. We are just going over the basics and he helps run everything. The election bylaws are different and there has to be a 2 class weeks in between so they can get signatures, something to look into. I plan to go to classrooms to talk to students about running for stuff. I will do my own campaigning to get people interested in these positions. When we have more candidates, people pay more attention. If you want to be looped in on that let me know. Secondly, I've been working with Barb Stewart on a multicultural scholarship in the division and they rely off of funding form the outside and they have ran into difficulties finding the funding. Basically on top of that there is a the way we could create scholarships that opened up and we can use that money.



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I'm looking to transfer that money over to the scholarship and looking to make it as efficient as possible. We are working on creating new scholarships with the businesses in the area and will be meeting with businesses. It will be a new women's funds scholarship, utilizing women owned businesses in the community. If I can get \$20 for each or half of those businesses you could get a \$500 scholarship in the CBA program. On top of that I was thinking if we could get it in, getting a more permanent scholarship committee, which is contingent on getting the money. Lastly, the PT program in the health center, Bob wants to eliminate the program to save money because he sees it as a luxury service. He doesn't see it as a recruiting tool for the university. I talked to the chancellor and he takes the same side but a different approach. They are looking to do it through attrition. I think we'll have to keep that in mind, eliminating positions. I want you to be aware of that for when Bob comes in. I want to put a survey into the student election asking if they value the PT program. The chancellor said can be moved by student opinion. My plan with that is working with Bob and Joe and show you guys what it looks like. The chancellor is looking for an adequate amount of information from both ends, why it would be a good idea to keep it or leave it.

1. Jillian- my constituents wanted me to look into how the health center would be moved
 - a. Jacob- Could be the same thing. The reason they haven't done this is the restructuring of the system and management at the health center.
 - i. Jillian- Do you think he would want the health center to take over some of the roles
 1. Jacob- it's a fair question, I don't have a good perspective on it. I could shoot him an email on that
2. Haley- Why is bob looking at eliminating it at a broad sense
 - a. Jacob- He wants to grow the university but find ways to save money without damaging the quality of the school. The PT proem is a luxury in comparison to what other schools provide. Bob and Joe look at the services that the university provides getting students to come here and the PT program doesn't do anything substantial to bring students here
 - i. Haley- I sat in a meeting and from their perspective, the PT program is bringing students here.
 1. Jacob- I don't know if it's on the move, but the intern director is also the PT guy, but I would say its two different perspectives. The health center isn't making money off of the PT program and you can talk to him about it when he comes in.
3. Jillian- I think we have a big masters program for PT and they are going through this program and it brings student to campus
 - a. Jacob- I'm not 100% but the people that were doing the PT



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- program were not interning. Another thing to keep in mind
4. Alicia- Bob thinks it's not going to effect the PT master's program
 - a. Not to him no, he sees it as something separate to the academic program
 - b. Vice President: Alfonso Gunaratnam
 - i. Alfonso- I'm in the process of setting up meetings with administrators. I look forward to being your VP and if you have any questions, comments or concerns let me know
 - c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
 - i. Weston- CSH senators the meeting went well and I sent out a poll so please get that response to me by tomorrow because the deans office wants a week in advance. I sent another email with a link with the poll, it has specific times and we are trying to get as many people as possible
 - d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
 - i. Ben- Not a whole lot going on regarding colleges. I've got Jen coming in March 26th working on getting Bill to come in. Like Schimmel said if you have ideas on what you want to lobby on and a lot of the senators would lobby on let me know.
 - e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
 - i. Steph- The food and hosing security got rescheduled again to tomorrow at 2. I can't make it not because I have I can class. The district 5 will be accepting applications until March
 - f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
 - i. Aaron- Been a while since I could meet with Richard, but meeting with him on Friday and hopefully we'll pick a date and find the businesses we want to contact. White privilege conference- we have no one going and senate has money to do this and essentially if anyone is physically not able to pay, we could reduce the number and fully find it. Definitely 1 maybe 2 people could go. It would be a bummer if we didn't send anyone
 - g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
 - i. Brittany- Getting the ball rolling for this is us
- VIII. Advisor Reports
- a. Larry- I did check on the Wi-Fi they are working on it and they identified that there is a problem and working on getting more boosters up there. SACP is working on getting student involved and they hired someone and I want to get them connected with senate
 - i. Weston- are we going to have patio coming here this spring
 1. Larry- it is here, the only thing that is not here is the benches
 - ii. Jillian- these seat people seem young and I'm uncomfortable with them. Before they sent misleading or false information to students
 1. Larry- I'm aware and yes
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Malik- Cultural affairs met for the first time this semester and we realized we had bylaws and went over that and the overview of organizations. This week we divided up the groups we oversee and checked in on them. Next week I'll have a better report
 - b. Abby- I'm going to send around the t-shirt order form
 - c. Sabah- Advisory committee met and more people are reporting which is good, we've see a lot of underreporting. Heads up in April they are having their race for sexual awareness



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- and it wasn't as big as I wanted it to be last time, so hopefully more can come out.
- X. Organizational Reports
- a. Kallis- I went to a conference. I made some cool connections and something that stood out to me was a work shop on LGBTQ history. I met with our archivist Paul and he is nice and I found out that senate has incomplete records and part of the reason we have archives is to make sure there is a record. In that past couple years they don't have a record on that and I feel like it is something we should work on. When you look at our governing documents we have errors. I think our documents and history should be properly archived and we should have a discussion on how we should be preserved. There is no common place or continued history at our archive on campus. It is important that our voices are documented and archived, I told Paul I'd get a group to help.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1718-031: Resolution to Recommend putting PGP's on Senator's nameplates
- i. Kallis- It's straight forward, putting PGP's on the nameplates and it shows us moving forward for excellence. It takes pressure off people when we introduce ourselves by our pronouns
1. Justice- I'm just wondering how this effects the student body. On the recordings the students can't see them. I like the premise but I don't see how it helps the study body
- a. Kallis- I understand where you're coming from, kind of. But from my experiences as a cis ally, I think if we are going to say as a university inclusively excellence we have to acknowledge everyone in that environment. Yes there are not students in here right now but your gender identify and expression can't be told just by looking at someone. It's a process for sure and this is a way to start it. People who use they and zir pronouns need somebody to step up and say this. This is taking a step forward to being allies
- i. Justice- Is this making it a requirement or a choice
1. Kallis-There is going to be a place for you to put them, you can fill it in or not fil it in
2. Jillian- I just wanted to say I think this benefits the student body and a lot of students who don't identify with the gender they were born with and they may not feel comfortable in this space.
3. Mullet- Schimmel said it wouldn't cost anything extra
4. Lucas- if we went with this. We would force people to decide and what if an identity changes. I like the idea though
- a. Kallis- One of the things I've seen made is stickers with write in options and you can layer them.
5. Silvia- you don't want it engraved, just a sticker? Because everything else is engraved
- a. Kallis- I kind of thought that would me a discussion after we say "lets make this thing"



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6. Dani- call to question
 - a. Seconded by justice
 - i. Passes
- XII. New Business
 - a. No report
- XIII. Discussion
 - a. Sabah- I was talking to my constitutions and they were concerned about how there is no diversity training for the faculty and its important because teachers need to know how to communicate with their students. One said it's not a requirement to make it mandatory because then anyone who doesn't do it gets fired. I'm just confused why it's not a requirement, maybe because there is no liability
 - i. Kallis- I think it stems from faculty not having that training and understanding, but it could be brought into a conversation with Betsy.
 - ii. Beckwith- Two or three people expressed that professors were treated like kids if we have a discussion with the faculty
 - iii. Aaron- I'm going to faculty senate and I can ask them that question
 - b. Kallis- Talking about things going on in the university and I don't know if this the best discussion to have. Talked about Ray Cross is the UW system president. In emailed him and talked about the process of shared government and why he didn't involve the other governance in the merger process. He said there were no faculty or student involvement because it would slow down the process. Within shared governance our power was stripped. He basically said there in no point to use it. UW- Stout recently passed a vote of no confidence of Ray Crosse and I think that is something we should do. I know the people who wrote that bill and he is going to send me the bill. We should have a discussion on who is in charge of the UW system we are the ones it is effecting and our voices are being minimized
 - i. Jacob- Isn't a uniform behind the no confidence there are a lot of places. I called him when this was going on and he said students would have a say in this and other students have talked to him and they haven't had success and it is more of an internal process. So I'm not happy about that but I'm cautious getting behind a no confidence. He has done a good job at mitigating that amount of funding. I don't think I can see myself signing that, I'm leaning toward vetoing something like that. Ray has been as good of an advocate as a president can be and I don't know a replacement for Cross.
- XIV. Announcements
 - a. Rely for life is this Friday at the Rec from 6pm-2am it is \$15
 - b. Brittany- Greek week starting Sunday there is a lip singing performance and its free, you just need a canned good in the Bluffs room
- XV. Adjournment
 - a. Motioned by Han, seconded by Merinick
 - b. 7:07pm