



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **February 28, 2018**

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- 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. Imma have an election committee meeting tomorrow. More information to come. If you want to go over it with Andy again, it's a good idea. I can get tricky to get signatures because of spring break. I highly recommend that we need competition to fill these positions. I recommended talking to your classes a minute before the lecture starts.
 - ii. I had a conversation with the Embassy. I want to make sure we can work collaboratively with them in the future. The folks in the embassy don't know what has happened in the past years so good communication can help. We have also talked about having voting drives with the Embassy. This process could be improved. The embassy can for sure help bring more students out to vote and to facilitate the process.
 - iii. The embassy may be coming in every couple weeks to give an update on what they are working on. I think it'd be nice to hear from them so we all know what's going on and to make sure we all have good transparency.
 - iv. I am also compiling more people's perspectives on Ray Cross. We will be hosting UW Reps March 31st in the Bluff Room. I hope we have a lot of Senator turn out, and I am looking forward to a great event.
 - v. We are at the point that Rent college pads isn't working for us. We are continuing to compile our own website.
 - b. Vice President: Alfonso Gunaratnam
 - i. Still working on getting meetings set up.
 - ii. I sent you an email about the Disabilities committee. Still confirming the time of the meetings. Please email if you are interested.
 - c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
 - d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
 - i. If you have anything that you want to lobby on let me know.
 - ii. The UW Madison has said admissions for high schooler that walk out to protest will not be punished.
 - e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
 - i. Over the weekend I have the list of the landlords put on our website. Ill be contacting more landlords in the coming weeks to try and get more.
 - f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya



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- i. Taste of Diversity event: We are talking to the folks that do the Global Initiative weeks. When we know more specifics ill be sure to let you all know.
 - ii. Scholarships: We met with an individual in the Foundation. She is going to help us out with this process, contact the business for donations, etc. The woman’s scholarship has more concrete steps as of right now.
 - iii. White privilege conference is set. Thomas is confirming the logistics.
 - g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
 - i. We are getting confirming on the Sand Volleyball court. We will need volunteers so make sure to be aware with what’s going on.
- VIII. Advisor Reports
 - a. The reason we don’t have queso at Sonos is because it got too expensive.
 - b. Katherine Draper is the intern working with the voting initiative. We are working on maybe moving the voting location from the Rec to the Bluffs room.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - a. Dani: Leg Affairs met Friday and had some good discussion about no movement on the Violence Prevention since November.
 - i. We talked a little bit about Shared Governance and about lobbying instead of voting no confidence
 - ii. The full Robert’s Rules isn’t a good choice for us. We can have a good conversation with what our own Robert’s rules look like
 - b. Alicia: What else do you do Schimmel to promote your position?
 - c. Schimmel: Basically I plan on talking to classrooms about what student government does and then about senate in general.
 - d. Alicia: DOC was wondering what you thought about having a panel about what all the positions do as well.
 - i. Trying to find someone to fill DOC seat currently.
 - e. Jureki: JCES met. We started the beginning process of changing our Bylaws and have gathered testimonies about our membership in general. We are going to look at what Student Association does within the committee. Would you all think that decreasing senate seats on JCES to be lowered? Also, what if what we made it one student senator?
 - f. Collin: Would that seat be an At-Large seat?
 - g. Jureki: They want to set it up to anyone, but it is still in a building stage. Also talking about condensing the size of the committee as a whole.
 - h. Jureki: We also talked about banning water bottles on campus. Decided to instead look at banning straws on campus. Also, Green Fund grants will be coming next week.
- X. Organizational Reports
 - a. Weber: Colleges Against Cancer raised close to 30, 000 dollars at Relay for Life
 - b. Tashner: We got second in the lip sync contest.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New Business
 - a. SA1718-032: Resolution to Recommend Admissions Not to Hold Protesting Gun Violence Against an Applicant
 - b. Jillian: this resolution is having admissions to look at students differently. Currently it looks like on their website penalized student who leave class to peaceful protest. We want to recommend to look at restructuring this. UW Madison just made a statement that they will not do penalized students for this.



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- c. Tahiri: I'm not really sure how this could end up in the hands of admissions. My question is how much school would I have to miss because of protesting that I would not get into school.
- d. Jillian: this is less about amount of days missed, but more about if the student got an in school suspension due to protesting and that having an impact on their admissions.
- e. Tahiri: there are schools that do this?
- f. Jiliian: Yes, some schools may increase the penalty for missing school because they left to protest.
- g. Tahiri: I cant see how this would impact the admissions process.
- h. Kaliis: Can you add me as a sponsor? I really like this because I know of certain schools that will mark detentions for walking out of class. Admissions received your "record" and they do use that information to decide if you will be allowed acceptance at this school. I know high schoolers in the area that are currently planning protesting so this hits close to home. Its not just missing a day of school its about walking out.
- i. Giles: We have to go out side the opinions we have here because we already got in. Survivorship biases is at play. Due to the apparent mass protests this would be in admissions best interest.
- j. Khan: This is good because I don't want to normalize school shootings.
- k. Beckwith: I agree with Senator Tahiri, I believe that schools that make it aware that they will be punished they shouldn't do it. I don't support this resolution because it is politically charged.
- l. Jurecki: I'm confused on what our admissions office can actually see. I recommend that someone speaks with admissions office first before we discuss this so we can know our school's current policy.
- m. Marinack: I think it is important to make a distinction between a kid skipping and a kid being politically active. I have a problem with the words for gun violence. I believe it is a specific thing and I think that needs to become more generalized.
- n. Silva: I think this is a biased stance saying that it is just for gun violence.
- o. Jillian: I would totally be open to the changing of wording.
- p. Dickler: I think there's danger in that. I feel like this is important to protect those protesting gun violence because they may be more specifically target due to its politically charged content.
- q. Tahiri: given that you don't have a lot of detentions I am not sure that one detention will bar you from this university. Also, I don't want it to get twisted that if this doesn't get twisted that if this doesn't pass that we are enabling gun violence. Unless we know La Crosse's policy, I think you can still take the risk. Wouldn't it be better to say im not going to be at school today instead of just walking out. I believe know right is being infringed upon.
- r. Giles: I think we are getting a little a head of our selves. I think to say that rights are being infringed upon is not right. It is not in our jurisdiction to make comments like that. I think we can definitely recommend to our admissions staff this resolution.
- s. Kallis: I think finding out our Admissions policy is a good idea. Oh, its case by case? Okay. I think this is a good discussion got have with our admissions. We should be active about his because if a student is worried about getting into college this can definitely help.
- t. Vu: There is the process of appealing the decision of admission. So that is an option as



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well.

- u. Alicia: Many Universities have made statements of solidarity with the students who are actively engaging in these protests. I think we shouldn't concern our selves with what the high schools do.
- v. Jillian: I'm not saying that students shouldn't get a detention so be it. I am just saying that I don't want it to affect their admissions process.
- w. Malik: I don't think its irrational to say that high schools may have fear about not getting into college because of their political action. I don't think that this can do nothing but good because allowing them to come into our university would be allowing politically active people to come here.

XIII. Discussion

- a. Weber: I want to know what the active shooter situation is here at La Crosse. I want to be aware with what the policy is.
- b. Larry: We call it ALICE training. We've done trainings in January, will be doing more. We've also had student employees do as well. We could explore having Senate doing the training. Hiding is not the recommended thing to do anymore. If you want to do that just let me know
- c. Marinack: is there a possibility to open that up to more students who are interested?
- d. Larry: I believe they are maxed at 35 or 40. But, we can recommend that other organization do it.
- e. Khan: Can we get tampons in the boys bathrooms.
- f. Schimmel: That's a work in progress with administration. We can possibly do something on our end but the Chancellor is indifferent to the idea. He is concerned with the unnecessary media that could surround it.
- g. Larry: I think we can have those discussions. I know when it happened in the fall that politicians called us asking us what are we doing. We need to strategically think about how we are doing this. I am sure we can put baskets in the other restrooms as well.
- h. Khan: Can we do something with sustainable landscaping?
- i. Haley: Its in the Green Fund bylaws that we cannot do that. If it has a functional use it is debatable.
- j. Khan: Overnight visitor paring ends at 6:00am. This is inconvenient because you have to get up really early.
- k. Khan: DOC wants to have a voter registration event. Schimmel can you help us out getting people registered to vote.
- l. Schimmel: We can register people online now.
- m. Alicia: What do you think about holding an event to get more students registered and to get more info about who is on the ballot. What do you guys think about doing something like that?
- n. Schimmel: I think that would be a really good idea. Its also good ot mention that next election you will have to register to vote again.
- o. Alicia: the disabilities committee hasn't been running in a couple years. Please respond and sit on this committee because its important
- p. Alicia: I was also informed that some language on the paperwork in the HSC to start Transforming is transphobic. Also I am looking to get ALANAs seat permanent in Senate or to make permanent Woman of Color seat.



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- q. Kallis: How does Bob feel about academic buildings because some boys do indeed have vaginas? Which part were the politicians mad about last fall?
 - r. Larry: I think they were mad about with some of the tampons being in the bathrooms.
 - s. Kallis: I have heard some of the language from the forms in the HSC. It is really transphobic and body negative. It is pretty awful.
 - t. Giles: I had a question about Bob Hetsel? Was there an announcement about the products being in the bathrooms? Yes, okay. How about we don't make an announcement?
 - u. Schimmel: I don't want us to come at Bob is a way that's too negative. We need to be careful and as transparent as we need to be about this.
 - v. Xiong: I found out Mitchell is only available for athletes and we were curious how that policy was made? Are we paying for Mitchell?
 - w. Kallis: I know that sports teams use Mitchell, but I know clubs cannot. I don't know how they distinguish who can use or not.
 - x. Alfonso: I know there is some way that students can rent out parts of Mitchell.
 - y. Jureki: I know the pool can be used by students, but I don't know who is paying for it. Our Seg Fees do not pay for Mitchell though.
 - z. Silva: Is Mitchell an Academic building? Yes.
 - aa. Jillian: For confidential reporting everyone is directed to Ingrid. I want to look into who else we can go to if she is busy and if we can compile a list of those people.
 - bb. Jillian: Does anyone know why our bean bag keeps disappearing from the Senate Office?
- XIV. Announcements
- a. Alfonso: Will t
 - b. Alicia: Fiesta is Saturday at 6
 - c. Vu: Concert choir on Tuesday.
 - d. Xiong: Lighting the Circle that talks about Native and Hmong education
 - e. Steph: College Dems hosting Attorney General candidate here on campus.
 - f. Aaron: ASO is having a talent show April 7th. Looking for a lot of talent.
- XV. Adjournment
7:26pm