



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

**Date: March 7, 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
    - i. Minutes and agenda approved as read
      1. Motioned by Vu seconded by Kallis
    - ii. Malik: Move unfinished and new business to after student body open forum
      1. Passes
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Martin Allen – Senate Executive Committee
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
  - a. Sadie- I am here on behalf of Alana as MSO organization that stands for Asian, Latina, African, Native American Womyn. We focus on women of color empowerment and a lot of us are here in support of the resolution. We want a seat because we feel like we are left out.
  - b. Sydney- I am a representative of Alana and I agree with what was said and it is not right that Alana does not have a seat
  - c. Bennet- I am from the college of liberal studies and I wanted to thank you for taking the time to listen to me. Today you are voting for protecting those who protest gun violence and I hope you support this. It would be a great addition to our university because it gives the people a right to be engaged in protesting. I do not believe that protest should effect their admission. Our university needs to make sure we are supporting our students.
  - d. I am from SAPA a group for students with disabilities and their allies. We couldn't fill our seat and ALANA stepped in and we are here to support them in them receiving a seat. Our university has had a difficult time recruiting color students. The voices of women of color are underrepresented. We should both should have senate seats and our attendance would go up. We want SAPA and ALANA to both be represented and respected on this campus
  - e. Gunner- I am from the College of Liberal Studies. I recommend admissions does not discriminate those applicants who have protested for gun violence. If you don't support it you should find it valuable to give high schoolers a voice. I am also here to support ALANA to make sure we are representing all of students. I feel like they should have a voice on campus as well.
  - f. Brianna- I am from CLS. I believe the state should not discriminate on gun violence protest in high school. Arguing that it is political a issue is wrong. It is a stronger issue than politics because those are the students we want in our university. Disciplinary action between nonviolent protest shouldn't affect acceptance into our school.
- VII. Officer Reports
  - i. President: Jacob Schimmel



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- ii. I went to reps this past weekend in Waukesha. I wanted to get more information about no confidence vote. There have been 4 schools that have expressed a no confidence vote. I haven't sensed more urgency to pass such resolutions. We invited a lawyer to come, and he is not happy with President Cross. He says that such a resolution would not be affected. I don't want to try to kill things, I want us to talk. I want to encourage you to encourage President Cross to do more for shared governance. If folks want to do something about it, I would also encourage that.
- iii. Alex Smith is a student here, Chief of Staff, I wanted to give him a shout out.
- iv. Still working on scholarships. Still waiting on scholarships that we worked on last year, to send out to recipients.
- v. I beg you to speak in front of at least one class about the upcoming elections. I want to have a competitive election in the Senate and for President and Vice President. We want to continue to have good people fill these positions. The visible we are, the more we are held accountable which is a good thing. I really want you to speak in front of at least one class. Look on Wings for big classes to speak in front of.

Vice President: Alfonso Gunaratnam

- 1. Anne Galbraith looking for students for Gen Ed Phase two committee.
- 2. Jill Billings coming April 4<sup>th</sup>. Schilling coming March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please dress up for these meetings.

b. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke

i.

c. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell

- i. Jill Billings here April 4<sup>th</sup>, Jen Shilling here March 28<sup>th</sup>. Assembly bill 991 (about shared governance) and Assembly bill 992, which would change the language for Student Representative on Board of Regents.
- ii. Outcomes based funding metrics. UWL has decided on things. 4 different sections and goal areas that the state has decided that we have to follow..... they require the Board of Regents to select four metrics inside of all of those. We as a University were invited to weigh how much we want on each of those metrics based on our needs. I will have an email sent out with the link about all of this information.
- iii. JPP has voted to approve all recommendations for the outcomes-based funding. It will be sent to you.

d. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel

i. No report.

e. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya

No report

f. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner

i. No report

VIII. Advisor Reports

Larry: national history day will bring a lot of traffic to campus. Whitney has been having issues this semester. A lot of abusive alcohol behavior has been happening in Chars. Hours will end at midnight not one in the morning.



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- a. The electronic signs by the Union are not as expensive as they seem.
  - b. Still looking at more Sauces at Sono and the situation there.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Cultural Affairs: is back up and running. We have a faculty member on the committee now and she has told us about what we have done in the past. In the past we have had decisions about one shot requests. I will be working on getting info from SUFAC about whether or not this is still needed. We will be working to rebuild this committee to get it back up and running. Hopefully Ill have a definite goal and direction for this committee by the week after spring break. Sarah Semrad is the new Co chair.
  - b. Textbook rental: We had an email vote about something we talked about a while ago. Some language has been changed about days when to turn in books. Next, we are going to tackled when large book classes like Bio 105 will renew/ redo their books.
  - c. AIDAC: has a tentative budget. Just a heads up.
- X. Organizational Reports
- a. College Dems: Tony Evers is coming tomorrow. Come on out. 2311 Centennial at 6pm.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1718-032: Resolution to Recommend Admissions Not to Hold Protesting Gun Violence Against an Applicant
    - i. Jillian- I met with Cory the head of admissions at UWL on Monday and we went over things. As for suspensions and expulsion, he goes back to the policy and does it case by case and looks for something that isn't peaceful and academic. He said that if someone was to call him, that that wouldn't effect their position. I'm meeting with him tomorrow and I want to tell him that this is something we are doing. Motion to add: therefore be it further resolved add Vice Chancellor Betsy Morgan
      1. Passes
    - ii. Hahn- 4<sup>th</sup> whereas- it says students have a right to feel safe in their living, defend why that is a right? By what authority is the right to feel safe laid out?
      1. Jillian- that was going along with the right to life, if you're worried about living and your future
    - iii. Hahn-When you were speaking to director of admission, did you acquire the amount of cases this is happened
      1. Jillian- it is case by case basis. They could turn way from academic suspensions or expulsions. It could be also a protection threat to the university
      2. Hahn- So there are no instances where someone was denied acceptance by their actions?
        - a. Jillian- No but that is not in the resolution. We want to make sure it is in line
          - i. Hahn- Motion to amend the 6<sup>th</sup> where to strike: to disseminate knowledge
            1. Doesn't pass
      - iv. Hahn- I'm picking up that students have a right to feel safe that others don't but if someone wanted to protest against gun control or protest gun ownership would this resolution also cover to admissions those students also be protected



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1. Jillian- All of the students are protected but the statement specifically talks about the upcoming protest against gun violence.
    - a. Hahn- Wouldn't it be more effective to put out a statement that if you get suspended for a protest as a broad concept against narrowing it down to this one thing?
      - i. Jillian- Maybe peaceful, but admission wants to do something that mirrors others that are upcoming
  - v. Hahn- the first whereas is largely irrelevant because it is not on the bases, it talked on various other institutions like Yale or Dartmouth. Our context is UWL and I don't care what Yale does. When they state effecting me and the rest of our student body, sure but then I would be inclined to care what they think. Does it really matter to admission if those colleges are mentioned, are they more or less likely to put this in?
    1. Jillian- I think it's relevant because if we take the lead from other colleges, others could be moved so that why I added it
  - vi. Lang- move to change Laurens name to yours. Does this resolution get passed to Joe Gow or who?
    1. Jillian- I am working with Betsy.
  - vii. Lang- did we want to right a resolution on gun violence as other protest could come up and if it should be gun violence specifically
    1. Jillian- The language is based on what other colleges did, if you want to write a more broad one you can
  - viii. Kallis- keeping up with the news, almost 200 have made statements including Madison. If you didn't know the superintendent of Waukesha threatened to punish the students who protested. I want you to know that this is something that is happening in this state. I talked to my folks and they support it. I would like to be added as a sponsor.
  - ix. Giles- I want to address the misconception of why do we follow Yale. It already does if you take the ACT or SAT to provide if that student can get in so it already affects you
  - x. Isaac- was the punishment for if we watched the protesting or was it the whole walking out of the school
    1. Kallis- participating in walkouts or other forms of protest you will get punished
  - xi. Sabah- added as a sponsor
  - xii. Lang- call to question
    1. Passes
- XII. New Business
- a. SA1718-033: Giving Asian, Latina, African, Native American Womyn (ALANA) a Permanent Seat within Student Senate
    - i. Sabah- motion to change the therefore be it resolved from bylaws to constitutions
      1. Passes
    - ii. Sabah- First and foremost, I would like to welcome the members of ALANA, SAPA and others who've come to the meeting. It is wonderful to have your support with us tonight. We want you all to have some



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background, so let's start with the first Whereas: Feminist Standpoint Theory, founded by sociologist Dorothy Smith, states that “marginalized groups are socially situated in ways that make it more possible for them to be aware of things and ask questions than it is for the non-marginalized.” Women of color have historically been excluded from decision making bodies, their voices silenced or ignored. This resolution is a step forward in acknowledging that history and making strides to amend it. Our school prides itself on diversity and inclusion but we need action, a senator in this room, that reflects those values. ALANA is one of the oldest diversity organizations and has significant attendance and has a large presence on our campus not only through their general meetings, but through their events, especially the Phenomenal Womyn Dinner (which is April 19 btw) as well, we felt it was important to give them a seat at this table. When ALANA was looking for someone to fill the seat, many new members were willing. We have the people needed to fill this seat in the future. ALANA has grown a lot this year, and I expect it to keep on growing since research shows that campuses are becoming more and more diverse. Women of color might not always seek their college senator because they don't feel like they can relate to them. Women of color face discrimination and have experiences unique to them because of the intersection between race and gender. We need to give them a senator they are comfortable going to. ALANA stands with our most oppressed populations: trans women of color, women of color with disabilities, our lgbtq+ women of color. I'm not just here for the members of ALANA, but for anyone who feels like their needs and experiences aren't being heard. Because of our own experiences of oppression, we are more likely to empathize and identify with other vulnerable populations in a way that could be very helpful for discussions here in Senate. We should always be looking for more perspectives and more voices on Senate to make UWL as respectful, understanding, and inclusive as possible.

- iii. Lang- point of clarification- if is in our bylaws it would not be resolved
- iv. Alfanso- emphasizes on speaking up, put up your name plate up so we can have a more organized discussion.
  - v. Isaac- are specific numbers stated in both, if we were to amend it in one we should amend it in both.
- vi. Kallis- move to amend final therefore be it resolved to say: to include ALANA to section 3.102 in the student association by laws as 10 senators and ALANA. Add a Therefore further be it resolved: this amend to the constitution will be added to the constitution will be voted on in a referendum in the spring 2018 student association election
  1. Passes
- vii. Weber- added as a sponsor
- viii. Xiong- added as a sponsor



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1. Weaver- close discussion for today
- b. SA1718-034: Resolution to Remove the Pledge of Allegiance from the Agenda
  - i. Giles- rational- no other body does it and no other UW schools do it. It's not a necessity that you have to be a US citizen and maybe its something you're not comfortable to do. We don't have to do it.
  - ii. Isaac- no one should be forced to pledge to the allegiance, but no one is being forced. I know people who don't do it even if you aren't a citizen. I agree it can cause division but the way I see it, it is something that we all have in common is that we are here and we are trying to make a life for ourselves in this country.
  - iii. Salvia- I feel that we don't make people stand for the pledge of allegiance so we shouldn't allow the people who want to do not have the choice
  - iv. Kallis- I agree with Colin, it isn't in other governing bodies on this campus. Faculty senate doesn't do it. I understand that we do have ISO has a spot on the body and we will have international students be sitting in the body. I'll talk to folks and see how they feel
  - v. Isaac- when I was appointed to the county board, they do it. I see it as bits of the message that relate to the mission of why I like to represent constituents. Insuring the liberty of all people. A reminder of why we get into civil service
  - vi. Jillian- under God isn't relevant to everyone and I think that is a part to it
  - vii. Ethan- wasn't this a supreme court case a few years back and I want to know how they ruled
  - viii. Hahn- yes it was a case but it was relating to something else. The issue I have is sure faculty senate or other govt bodies don't do it but there has to be uniformity between our bodies. We aren't Madison or Eau Claire, we don't need to be the same as other schools. If you don't want to say under god or the pledge of allegiance no one is stopping you. I don't see that is an issue.
  - ix. Weber- some senators have stepped out when it was read and then they were glared at and I agree that it can cause some division and it don't think that is the most productive for senate or for the students at UWL
  - x. Isaac- first of all, if anyone is glared at you should talked to the big guys there because we have a no discrimination here and secondly, there is a lot of fighting on senate that causes division and I think that is natural. I don't want to regulate it based of division. If someone gets a bad attitudes we have things in the constitution that will take care of that
  - xi. Weber- motion to end discussion
- c. SA1718-035: Resolution to Amend Election Bylaws in order to Extend Date of Spring Elections
  - i. Schimel- I want to address the problem that I mentioned. I talked to you on the way we do elections. You have two weeks to get your decision in and you have to give it in by Monday which doesn't go with the bylaws and right now we are going against the bylaws. This is a way to address that. I mentioned the election date in the email and will send out a correction if your aren't feeling it. I think this should be changed, we could do a better job of being on the front end not the backend. There is no guide line on submitting the signatures before the two weeks. Extending the 2 weeks and giving student more time to apply and elect



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would be beneficial. Spring break is a huge road block. If you wait until after the break and there isn't a extension, you don't give them an adequate time to campaign and get signatures. This is to give students and SA more time so that it is a better process. Who ever is president and vice president will have time to get sworn in

1. Jillian- move to suspend the two week rule
  - a. Passes
2. Kallis- Is this a bylaw change? Do we have the power to change it
  - a. Schimmel- Yes by a majority vote in writing
3. Giles -call to question
  - a. passes

### XIII. Discussion

- a. Hodges: I want to talk about Resolution 33 about ALANA. Why was there a lack of discussion. I want to hear people's thoughts
  - b. Tahiri:
  - c. Glaus: ALANA is a go.
  - d. Medugno: I guess I am just kind of curious if people didn't speak because there was an audience tonight. I was disheartened if this is the case.
  - e. Dickler: I didn't speak because I didn't support it.
  - f. Jurecki: I think there was controversy on it tonight. We just needed another day to think about it.
  - g. Silva: I think there was confusion regarding the change to the bylaws and the constitution rather than just not wanting to talk.
  - h. Khan: if there was confusing, why wasn't it brought up? We could have clarified.
  - i. Weaver: Todays not the day to vote on it. Discussion will happen two weeks from today.
  - j. Medugno: I think its valuable for us to talk about it now. We can bring back info to our constituents is valuable and useful. It will facilitate more advanced conversation
  - k. Weaver: The resolution was just introduced today and I personally feel like I wanted more information to discuss it.
  - l. Silva: I yield
  - m. Khan: The people that are represented by ALANA were here so if you wanted to talk to them they were here.
- Glaus: we had a last-minute vote. We can just talk about it and explain what we did because we are bringing it as a resolution after Spring Break.
    - Hodges: you havent voted current? To my knowledge you are cutting cultural affairs. I don't think we should cut either programs. I find if funny that if we promote diversity and yet cut programs like this. We all benefit from these programs. It is high impact practice. I think campus climate puts on a lot of programs and teach-ins that are important. I believe these are bad cuts.
    - Bhatoya: In faculty senate two weeks ago, we talked about how bad our Academic Advising is. I was curious if this is why you are increasing their budget.
    - Glaus: Their budget increased because they had money in savings.



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- Bhaytoya: I just wanted clarification.
- Tahiri: what reasoning would you give for the proposed cuts?
- Glaus: it's hard to write out cuts. I think it's better to verbalize. AIDAC is the fee taken from our tuition. It's a fixed fee and we allocate this to the same body of people. There are only 3 or 4 people that didn't get their money this year. We had to cut 36.
- Silva: I want to speak to what Senator Hodges said. As you can see all of these things are very important and there is a rationale behind these cuts.
- Kallis: In response to Silva... I understand that all of these are super important, but I'm confused why their budget isn't being maintained?
- Silva: The cuts are here because all the entities asked for more money except 4.
- Glaus: There has been a 3% increase in student help. This was contracted in based on the line that it falls into because it falls under full time jobs.
- Kallis: Campus climate has come into here to give us teach-ins. I think their services are great. I can say the same thing about everything on this list but I want to talk about this one.
- Medugno: So, personally I think that the learning center is getting more money than they should be. I think they should be cut.
- Hodges: I was saying that cultural affairs is high impact and that this cut would definitely negatively affect students. Everything on this list is important, but in my experience, this is what I feel.
- Xiong: So, hate and bias team thing is also housed in Campus Climate. They hold a symposium every year. I feel like that brings a lot of attention and education on campus and in the community. They hold a lot of events that are high impact to students.
- Dickler: you mentioned the Learning Center was a mess when you
- Glaus: Tomorrow our meeting is 3200 in Centennial. The plan was to bring this to Senate the week after Spring Break.

Tahiri: So we made a motion to make a special session and it was ignored, we need to figure this out. My question is, is AIDAC going to be hindered with us not speaking on this tonight?

Schimmel: I believe that would be up to the digression of the chair.

Larry: Senate does not have approval rights, just recommendation.

Tahiri: We need a resolution to fix this objection situation.

Kallis: Large text books discussion. Textbook rental is trying to figure out a system to how big classes are getting their textbooks because most are overdue to get new books. Current system is classed by age. You are allowed to change your textbook back to the same original one you had. There are a bunch of people at priority to get new books. How do you prioritize how new books are bought?

Mariack: Do classes make a request for new books?

Kallis: 1<sup>st</sup> priority is a new course. 2<sup>nd</sup> is new faculty. 3<sup>rd</sup> is for sustainable enrollment. 4<sup>th</sup> is every 3<sup>rd</sup> year they get new ones.

Xiong: is it possible to randomize it?

#### XIV. Announcements

- a. Drag show is the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 7:00pm in the Bluffs. Sirons, Seafolk, and something else. But tickets.
- b. ASO's talent show is April 7<sup>th</sup>. Ben is doing a cartwheel.





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- XV. Adjournment
  - a. 8:09pm