



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

**Date: March 28, 2018**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:01pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
    - i. Motioned by Kallis
    - ii. Seconded by Weaver
  - b. Approval of minutes
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Jen Shilling
    - i. Schilling- thank you for the opportunity I have represented this campus since I was elected in the state assemble in 2011 state senator representative Monroe and I serve as the senate democratic leader. I'm the class president of 14 democrats. I'm a UWL alum from 87-92. I've had a fantastic time here, I live on main street and as a state senator I'm here a lot. My fam and I feel welcomed on campus we love the union and we play games and bike on campus. We feel very welcomed as a family. We love the experience this campus brings and the economic impact it has on the region. I want you to have the same experience I had and make connections with professor and get an excellent education. Not sure if I could get in now because it a top-notch campus. Should be proud of the work you've done here. The budget has been challenging with the government and with the UW system president. You've been active and had students came down to lobby on issues such as public safety, sexual harassment, and students regions. I have been in support of the board of regions and supporting bill 992 that would've had a greater impact on students impacts and recommendations to governors. I think it is important to have that opportunity and have that opportunity to represent the system and campus. I'm a strong advocate of this campus I do serve on leadership 2% 2% raise for professors on campus. There have been peer compensation and what we need to, moving our faculty away to their campuses. It was long over due. At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of session, the session that will never end. Since being gaveled we've been on the floor for 16 days since January 2-18. This year we have been in this year and we scheduled to adjourn last Wednesday and the last couple weeks. My attention is on the safety and rallies at the capital. The school safety is fresh in my mind due to the governor. It is lacking in some areas and looking at traumatic care. I think the root of school safety is calling for reforms on gun safety, I'm not as far as 24 hour waiting and age of purchase, bump stocks and background check. Put forward a grant and want to talk about want you are concerned about on campus. The last 3 weeks has been about public safety and how do we deal with that. Also, recently there was a call for 2 special election seats the governor appointed 3 last year and we are trying the get another special elevation. Went to court and was denied and he had it appealed and was



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denied. Yesterday it went to a third court, and was denied and the judge said he has to have the election by tomorrow. That has been what is consuming me with lawsuits and appeals. The leadership pin and the senate intro to 1<sup>st</sup> Friday to eliminate the seats because the mood of the elector. This is an abuse of power and the election is a right and not it is not right to not be represented for a year. We'll see if it goes to the supreme court, sad we have to go to these lengths. Going into that I think government should be doing his job and not create chaos. We are suppose to be in adjourned for the year and half of the senators are up for elections. Its been a tough environment for the last several years. We need more friends supporting the university, expand your horizons, and mind. four years you go and stretch yourself, listen to speakers, really learn about yourself , the world, others. This is a learning experience with your peers and classmates to learn, Thank you for serving on this board, I wasn't on here when I was on campus. I served on the country board rep for this campus and I hope his ins inspires you to represent community service after. Questions?

1. Schimmel- we really appreciate your support. As you know one of the topics lately was the opt out from last year. The JFC ordered a committee by UW and I was on it to decide the allocated fees. They said what had to be done and we didn't have a choice. The opt out had a few items that leg didn't like but we voted out things that you don't want to cut. The concern is the allocable is open for an opt out and I didn't know if you heard
  - a. Schilling- I met today with the new secretary of department of administration and gatherd all the budgets. It stats this summer and DOA by October. I didn't' ask about that but we should keep an eye out for that on what the governor does moving forward. Also it is exciting to see the continue change of landscape because you as students have stepped up.
2. Schimmel- on the topic of sexual violence, we worked with Billings to get a draft on what we had been talking about. Hoping something advances with that. Is there is another bill proposal.
  - a. Schilling- I wrote one on sexual violence in relationships, but I'll look at the one you are referencing
3. Kallis- I know that the governor who had connections on board of regions and I don't know how much voice you have there talking on those. I'm curious about the \$75 late fee. I know there are other ways schools do it. If you don't pay it by the due date you'll get the fee and then paying your tuition forward there is interest. The UW regions say each campus has to have a fee when students don't pay on time between \$0-100 and a lot of universities, 7 total, that have chosen 75 and when our university was audited that was something we wanted to change, it is a recent change and it is affecting a lot of minorities
  - a. Schilling-I was not aware of that, ill take a look at that.
  - b. Kallis- also there has been things said about shared governance being restored after it was stripped
    - i. Schilling-There was legislation to restore it. I think we



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should reintroduce that moving forward and issues when the UW budget comes. With the governor, we'll have to see if he would want to change that so I guess we'll have to stay tuned

4. Weber- what is like being the minority senator.
  - a. Schilling- I am honored people put their trust in me. I won by 64 votes and I take my job seriously. I like the way it is intimate. I will say being the leaser and working with majority party, it was toxic when I came in. I made it my mission to restore civility to senate. Becoming the minority leader I was timid under the majority leader. I learned about my leadership style. I'm trying to instill servant leadership. I think restoring civility is important because people back home don't know if I'm majority or minority. You should be a problem solver in your community and team. I have tried to reach out to the majority leader to deal with the quality of life issues but we have a lot of personal issues and have tried to work on that. I try to take a deep breath and understand we can all agree to disagree. The role I have on the sexual harassment, it weighted heaven on my shoulders as a women. Talking about women and that information comes with the fear and spectrum. Trying to make sure if we take corrective actions, we do it right. I hope we are creating a safer workplace. I enjoy this it is a privilege. I like to be your voice. I want to do the best that I can in the time that I have
5. Marinack- these last elections have caused political division on campuses. On what you've seen do you have any suggestions to open up a more corporative communication channel on college campuses
  - a. Schilling- Some of the trainings I have had on servant leadership is how do we not talk past each other but recognize we need safe places where we can disagree and not make it personal. I'm trying to find things outside the capital environment to be social to be helpful. I have tried to reach out to senators to find common ground. Trying to get the one on one relationship. We are at a heightened state of disagreement. I don't know how we need to see the facts. If you demonize people you don't know how can you create relationships. We have to figure out a way to get past that. It is about listening to others and find a common ground. We need to have good reflective communities.
6. Gunaratnam - what would you say is one of the biggest things you've learned
  - a. Schilling-I am inspired by ordinary people who do extraordinary things. I'm a people person so I love the fact that there are creative a hard working path of opportunity and success. Good people are doing good things in our communities. Dream big. I never thought I would be serving on the senate for the state. The beauty of the state is that we believe in the promise of tomorrow.



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I go in thinking by working together and listening we can lift each other up even if few disagree we can be friends. Keeping the core integrity, sense of authenticity and character. Realize you can be who you want to be and being true to yourself

b. Kathryn Draper

- i. Draper- This semester I'm the campus election and engagement fellow. Working to get voter registration and engagement up. Working on engaging campus wide. Goal is to get voter in freshman registration but also do smaller things with campus partners. I worked with DOC and hoping to put on an event in April.
  1. Medugno - anyone who is a junior or senior to vote in the last Presidential election their ID will be expiring so I don't know if you know if we are going to get new ones.
    - a. Draper-Once they expire you'll just have to get a new ID printed. I don't know a lot of information
  2. Weston- are you a student
    - a. Draper- Yes I'm a junior all the other fellows are students what put together a nation wide program

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Jacob Schimmel

- i. Schimmel- Bob is going to reduce the fee from \$75 to \$50 next year and that is accurate. Having a system wide committee to address that idea. Meeting w Antonia tomorrow or the next day to go over her committee and her ideas and go from there. Talking to reps about meeting w senators and the president to do something about the fee. On the PT service, Bob has told me he committed to having a PPT service if whoever is taking over the health center wants to keep the service. If the provider is willing and able that it would continue to be funded. We have to keep our eyes open on that.
  1. Kallis-Do you know when the process for contracting the health center is going to start
    - a. Schimmel- The committee is supposed to have 2 meeting slate this semester. There isn't a huge rush. It is a thing, not just a concept. I think it would be good for the president and vice president in May to keep a heads up on this over the summer. I am concerned on things happening over the summer. I want to make sure that nothing big happens.
- ii. Schimmel- I met with and Andy and went over primary stuff on the elections and want to get a debate up and running. Trying to be transparent on things and I appreciate the work that his is doing and I think we will have a PR process. The scholarship committee went underway and have the awards out and get the message out those those students. I am happy with that, we had a great first year and hopefully we can do that going forward. Lastly, reps is this weekend and UWL is hosting it and I would really like to see some of you there. 9:30 am in the bluffs room Saturday. We want people at the host campus there to show UWL pride and it is going to be a good event and we will talk about a lot of issues. Prime time will be during lunch so feel free to drop in.



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- b. Vice President: Alfonso Gunaratnam
    - i. Gunaratnam- I Talked to Bob and he wasn't clear that PT would be provided, it's not a guarantee. I was looking for 2 other students to serve on this. Possibility when we contact Gunderson or Mayo we could add it there. Secondly I'm on the search and screen panel and we are looking for a new councilor for diversity. Trying to get some feedback from students so I'll be coming to you with more information.
  - c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
    - i. Floerke- Waiting to hear back from offices for meeting with different deans. There will be 2 more for CSH. Look for some emails from me. Make sure our name plates are turned to the front, keep that in the back of your mind
  - d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
    - i. O'Connell- Jill will not be here next week because of the extra session. She may be here on the 18<sup>th</sup> unless crazy things happen. Jen Shilling covered a lot of state stuff. The bill Schimmel was referring to that Chris Taylor proposed, he intro and referred a committee, assembly bill 1053 requires each UW school to insure the safety and access of student victims. It provides reasonable accommodations to them
  - e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
    - i. Boebel- There is an election on Tuesday state wide and 2 local
  - f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
    - i. Bhatoya- Tase of diversity, I've been voting on 1030-230 on April 26<sup>th</sup> (tentative) and I have to call some businesses to figure out the feasibly. Scholarship ideas, I'll send out a link for those who signed up so we can set up a big group meeting.
  - g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
    - i. Tashner- I have a sign up for Sarah Softball. We did the pic but if people want headshots I can do that. For the people who did the poll the Sundays with the senators will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. I still need people's money I'm going to send her the money tomorrow. If the people who are running for President and vice president will stay around I'm going to do a promotion on Facebook and instagram on you guys.
- VIII. Advisor Reports
- a. Larry- I don't have anything unless anyone has questions
    - i. Kallis- I'm curious on what is happening on the pit over there
      - 1. Larry- I don't know I will figure out tomorrow
    - ii. Kallis- have you gotten that language from the health center about HRT papers
      - 1. Larry- No but we are working on it
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Kallis- leg affairs people met last Friday we had a discussion about reading things procedure and our bylaws. Going to change our bylaws
  - b. Hodges- multicultural affairs. Met w Jenna head of SUFAC to see if we are fulfilling and we need a committee. This committee is more important than ever now. if anyone on senate next year you should join we need. If anyone wants to see what we do let me know and ill get you our meeting times.
  - c. Glaus- ADAIC approved the budget so the letters will be sent out tomorrow. We'll be getting feedback on the process that we changed.



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- d. Dickler- Cove council met and we elected a chair . vice chair and secretary because we didn't have one. I think we will get more structured now so we can solve issues better
  - e. Marinack- CAPS is meting talking about duel degree so if anyone has strong or weak opinions about it let me know
  - f. Jurecki- JCES met Friday mainly discussed a lot of grants for the green fund and we approved one and three needed follow up and will be sent to us Monday. Green fund bylaw updates
  - g. Bhatoya - faculty senate passed gen ed requirements. Have full control on how the program will look, aiming for fall 2020. Looking for student feedback and alumni student focus groups. Who feels like they could have feed back on the gen-ed curriculum. On Friday we will meet again and can figure out times and meting places. Its never been changed
  - h. Hodges- Ethan who is the Chair
    - i. Dickler- We don't have one we are going to have elections
  - i. Hodges- Larry would you be there person to talk to about the COVE
    - i. Larry- Jery Lee
  - j. Becker- student org s committee met and by next Thursday we will know who will be speaking
- X. Organizational Reports
- a. Fisher-ASO is April 7<sup>th</sup> \$5 we are accepting last minutes so you can audition if anyone is interested
  - b. Kallis- April 28<sup>th</sup> sailors, siren and sea folks is the theme of the drag show it is at 7pm. If you want to participate you can email the pride center on who you are and what song you want to do
- XI. Unfinished Business
- a. No report
- XII. New Business
- a. SA1718-037: Resolution to Approve Members of the Election Commission
    - i. Weber- discussed about the election commission and there still needs to be one and this is to approve the members. These are to encore a fair campaign and I would suggest to suspend the two week rule since elections are coming up
      - 1. Vu – added as a sponsor
      - 2. Jurecki -added as a sponsor
      - 3. Marinack- motioned to suspend the two week rule
        - a. Xiong seconded
        - b. Passes
      - 4. Kallis- Call to question
        - a. Seconded by Hahn
        - b. Passes
- XIII. Discussion
- a. Kallis- out of leg affairs, as far of our cons having a purpose statement and that is what holds things that is that the body will be doing. Lang proposed the idea of giving it to the student and seeing what they thing out body is.
    - i. Jurecki - is that currently our preamble?
      - 1. Vu- I believe all of our rules and procures are what we do and the propose



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- ii. Jurecki - seems like the preamble is the purpose
    - 1. Kallis- Thinking about updating it and its purpose
  - iii. Medugno - I think it's a good idea to bring it to the students and they should have a say I what we are doing
  - iv. Jurecki - what does that mean
    - 1. Kallis-Send a survey with a blank, maybe have our own
    - 2. Jurecki - Timeline?
      - a. Kallis- Technically to approve a cons we have to have
  - b. Kallis- I sent out Dani's rules. One thing I found in researching parliamentary procedure in a govt document, we are urging the common law of parliament procedure which defaults to Robert's rules. That is the language I found other schools had a separate document on that. maybe leg affairs modifies Dani's rules. What do you think about common law of parliaments procedures instead of saying we will follow Roberts rules of orders
    - i. Thumbs up
  - c. Vu- move to end discussion
    - i. Seconded by Becker
- XIV. Announcements
- a. Tashner- Pay me money for the shirts
  - b. Vu- concert choir will be hosting a choir next Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and the theme is social justice week and I will be very inspiring
  - c. Kahn- social justice week nest week. Two key note speakers on Tuesday at 7 in centennial and there will be a whole bunch of events so look it up
  - d. Hodges- April 19<sup>th</sup> the women's dinner its \$3
  - e. Xiong-April 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30 HON Key note from the SFT headquarters
  - f. Schimmel- if you're running for senate it is due next Tuesday at 4
    - i. Ethan- If you cant make the meeting what should you do?
      - 1. Have them contact Andy in an email
- XV. Adjournment
- a. Motioned by Hahn
  - b. Seconded by Jurecki
  - c. 7:28pm
- XVI.