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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **April 11th, 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
 - a. Robert Gorde – Student Court
 - b. Robert: I'm going to keep it brief. I am the Chief Justice on Student Court. I have heard a lot of issues with Parliamentary procedure here in the Senate. When I first started here there was some pretty concrete procedure going on. And now it is not the case and it is my opinion that this is detrimental. Currently we are operating under the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law legally. Essentially it is not Parliamentary Procedure. It is the opinion of the court for the Senate to pursue reestablishing Roberts Rules. We here in the Court are more than willing to help you guys establish the rules. Ideally this would happen as soon as possible. I understand that Robert's rule is hard, but it is important to have due to its efficiency and accountability. Also, because it is complex, a parliamentarian is always an option. It would more than likely be the creation of a new seat that is outside all the current branches. I can't help stress enough that this is me addressing you all on how the procedure could be.
 - c. Kallis: Hi I'm Dani. I wrote Dani's Rules of Order. Currently we are voting tonight to enumerate "common law" into our procedure. I kinda started that procedure. I would love to work with you. Do you think "Common Law" will be good enough to get us through the rest of the year.
 - d. Robert: We are confused at what Common Law is. To est. common law, you would have to wipe what we have est. clean. It would be in best interest to use Robert's Rules for now. Robert's Rule needs to be referenced.
 - e. David: Training is essential and can be done to have and use Robert's Rules of order.
 - f. Dickler: Would this parliamentary be a staff member or a student?
 - g. Robert: Ideally a student.
 - h.
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
 - i. Talked about the potential for an opt out that may be proposed for next year. Probably coming out of the Governor's budget. For the segregated fees that were allocable, they are not going to be cut, your overall payment out will be 115,000 less for student fees. The University is going to replace those fees by the University reserve in the meant time. This is good to hear, and if worst comes to worst, would the University be able to cover a deficit. Bob says its possible but he doesn't know if it can or should work that way. If you are elected as an



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- Executive, I would recommend to work with Bob next year on this. This equated 11 dollars that students will save on their tuition bill.
- ii. Polling locations could be set up for this August. This job has been placed more on students. Its going to be about Terri coming onto campus seeing if it will be a good fit for us. I would like us to have a resolution on this so we can present it to Terri. We don't need this approved by the state, we just need to notify the state. I will be meeting with President Cross on May, 3rd on registration fees. If this can get accomplish next year that would be great. The new Execs will have to take that over next year as well. If you want me to talk to Ray Cross about anything else please let me know.
 - iii. The resolution today, I am not exactly comfortable putting it into the Bylaws. I think Parliamentary Procedure encompasses a lot more than Common Law. Robert's Rules of order provides us a bigger scope. I would like to see this document as an official document to pertain to rather than a bylaw change. The change would make it a 51% vote, not just a 2/3 vote. Email with things that you want me to talk to Ray about.
- b. Vice President: Alfonso Gunaratnam
 - i. Not much. We have a debate tomorrow night from 6 to 7 by the Fireplace. Prepared some questions for them. Elections are next Tuesday.
 - c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
 - d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
 - i. Inclusivity director at Steven Point is planning a protest. If you want to get involved, please let me know.
 - e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
 - i. No Report.
 - f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
 - i. Financial Aid wants a work-study initiative for the Food and Housing Insecurity issue. They would have a lot of responsibilities. Their office would be in charge of choosing their applicants. The website is up and running. They are truing to figure out what department on campus wants to house the website.
 - ii. NASA articulated that they want Ho-Chunk flags in the Union and in the Hall of Nations. Dr. Larry is waiting for us to give him a budget. It has been expressed that all 11 nations want flags up but we are unsure about how that will work out.
 - iii. Scholarship information- due to time constraints we decided to merge the two scholarships. Now it will be one scholarship for women of color. I believe we will have enough involvement, thank you for showing interest. In two weeks we will be going to businesses in person to ask for money.
 - iv. Senator Weber, did you get an email about "Acts of Hiawatha Statue"?
 - v. Weber: Yes we have email.
 - vi. Jillian: The positions for Food and Housing insecurity will also help out with food recovery.
 - g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
 - i. On Monday I am painting in the U for the Sandvolley ball tournament. If you



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live in a dorm please bring the posters to hang up.

- VIII. Advisor Reports
- a. Tomorrow we are doing a close out on a building. Also, the video sign out front of The U has been talked about and its open to being moved.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Jureki: JCES report- SUFAC was cancelled. We are half way to voting on mini-grant. WE have been talking about how to increase the transfer of ideas on sustainability after people graduate. Electronic sustainability has been talked about. Having a system that would turn off all computers at one time.
 - b. Kallis: I am on a committee that will be doing an assessment on the Violence Prevention office. Its out reach and how it affects out campus will be assessed. Let me know if you are interested.
 - c. Bhatoya: I had my first focus group today, went well. Looking for more volunteers.
- X. Organizational Reports
- a. Weber: NASA and Campus Climate showing a documentary tomorrow 1400 Centennial from noon to 2.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1718-038: Enumerating Parliamentary Procedure in the Student Senate By-Laws
 - i. Kallis: This has been talked about a lot tonight. Before we even get down to it. I will move to table to committee because I want to talk to more people about it. TABLE PASSES to LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.
 - b. SA1718-039: Resolution Supporting Opt-Out and RAVE as the New Emergency Notification System
 - i. RESOLUTION PASSES.
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Discussion
- a. Marinack: a few days ago there was a survey about the clocks. Any movement on that position?
 - b. Kallis: I went to White Privilege conference last week. It was a great experience. There was a meeting about white people discussing racism in a group– we discussed how this is a big issue.
 - c. Beckwith: I can cover the main points of the Autism Awareness issue. (The statement was sent out this evening)
 - d. Jillian: I have an issue with how we gave the questions to the debate before hand. I would like to try to get this changed. I want to know how this people can talk and if they know great things off the top of their heads.
 - e. Khan: I talked to people on ASO and IOPA about having a Fem night at the Rec. They knew they wanted it but didn't know it could be an option. I don't know how to move foreword on it but we want to make it happen. I think its important to tie an educational piece to it.
 - f. Dickler: Has anyone thought of a way to get around not telling people that they cant go to the Rec.
 - g. Kallis: I have been talking to Mo about this as well as Susan. We are going to talk about this. They didn't know that this was a concern, but after discussing it, they want to help. Feasibly I am not entirely sure how it will work, but I am looking forward to meeting with the director of the Strength Center.



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- h. Xiong: I went to an Ally workshop. It was good. I don't know when the next one is, but look into it.
 - i. Alfonso: I talked to a couple of friends about his issue. At their other University their weight rooms have set three hours out of the day to reserve time for "Fem". A study has also shown how men do not say the nicest things in the gym. Punishments can be done for how men say derogatory things in the weight room.
 - j. Kallis: I still meeting with people about the transphobic curriculum in HPR 105.
 - k. Khan: I am working on how to get Diversity training for faculty. I trying to get access to the database that they receive their current training from. I don't want to just limit it to modules, we want to change the culture. Eau Claire has this three level program that could be an option.
 - l. Medugno: I think adding anti-bias education training would be valuable.
- XIV. Announcements
- a. Schimmel: Presidential Debate is tomorrow at 6 o'clock. I expect you folks to come.
 - b. Medungo: SAPA is having a back sale in the U.
 - c. Tashner: Don't forget to let me know about the capture the flag team.
 - d. Jurecki: Join me in cleaning up the Marsh on Earth day.
- XV. Adjournment