



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Minutes

Date: **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:02pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
  - b. Approval of minutes
    - i. Motioned by Dickler
    - ii. Seconded by Vu
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Bob Hetzel
    - i. Could not make, will be here next Wednesday
  - b. Christopher Paul
    - i. Chris- Hi everyone I was the election commissioner. Some goals I had for these elections was to make it more competitive and get the turnout higher. I am proud that the turnover was twice what it was last year. There were 1200 voters, last year it was 600 and for the referenda, you can see that it was overwhelming in favor of adding the Alana seat and physical theory program. The 8<sup>th</sup> person Taylor got 1 votes and he will take the CSH seal, CE 3 got write ins, and Anaika got that seat. Thank you Schimmel and Larry who helped me on this
      1. Bhatoya - What was the voter average?
        - a. 6% last year and 13% this year
      2. Schimmel- I want to recognize how much Chris and the election committee did and cramming all the thing as once, could you give him a round of applause.
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
  - a. No report
- VII. Officer Reports
  - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
    - i. Schimmel- I don't have a lot, I would like to thank the candidates across the board to take the time to run on the topics and the issues they want to do, it was good that the turnover increased this year. Hopefully this was a learning experience. Also, Aaron and I would like to do something at the end of the year, we want to go to shenanigans next Friday or Saturday. It is a great place to go and be a kid again and if you are over 21 there is alcohol its 9-12 for \$20 all you can drink and play and it is a good blast, and they also have food there. Want to do an informal vote, Friday would be better.
      1. Medugno- how many more meetings so we have
        - a. Gunaratnam - two after this
  - b. Vice President: Alfonso Gunaratnam
    - i. Alfonso- met with Bob, but he'll come in next week. We are thinking about pizza at our last meeting for everyone.



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- c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
    - i. No report
  - d. State Affairs Director: Ben O’Connell
    - i. O’Connell- trying to have a rep Jill come into leg affairs on Friday to have a focused conversation on the violence prevention legislation. Hopefully her and Ingrid can come, still waiting to hear back on that
  - e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
    - i. Boebel- talked about how we are asking landlords what went well at the housing fair to make it better for this next fall
  - f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
    - i. Bhatoya - bad news, taste of diversity won’t happen because its last minute and the weather is bad and we are scrambling for businesses. I’m keeping everything we’ve done, help an event in September and I made a portfolio and Dr. Larry which will be able to help us. We have made 100 or so contacts, a couple have gotten back to us and we are trying to find ways to raise funds. Jodi sent out our letter to her subscribers and someone will be talking at her event next Thursday where a lot of community and HR members will be going. I met with NASA to talk about the mini campaign to remove the statute. Trying to figure out a more formalized plan of attack and I printed out a few things and I’ll pass them around. The first is a petition on why we want it removed and organize a door to door campaign for that. There is also a faculty plan for that, which is powerful and I printed out a half flyer sheet that will be asking you to hand to faculty and see if they will write a letter too
  - g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
    - i. Tashner- volleyball is next Saturday and I have a sign up sheet for volunteers instead of Office hours. We need people to sign up to play and tell your friends to make a team so we can get more people to play. T-shirts are on the way
- VIII. Advisor Reports
- a. Larry- elections were wonderful, everyone should be proud who ran. Brittany, I liked your window painting. May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> we got offered a deal to show black panther multiple times. Only offered to colleges and we cant use social media, we have to use traditional media. we will start changing Einstein’s and start offering caribou coffee in Einstein’s. There will be a time next week where you can get some samples. Their drinks are more decadent meaning lots of chocolate, real ingredients. Lastly, we are beginning the process at looking what we can do with a senator from a facility perspective, will not sit the state by 21 or 22. On May 30<sup>th</sup> we are going to be having the planning architects to give us ideas. After 10 we want to do a student meeting/visioning so that the people can talk to the planning team. Schimmel and I talked and maybe we can do it electronically but I wanting to get that out to you in case there is come interest because somehow we need to get students involved.
    - i. Jurecki- Einstein’s and Caribou, the bagels will stay
      - 1. Larry-Yes more smoothies, what I heard was the lattes they are using real chocolate
    - ii. Vu- what are the various show times for black panther
      - 1. Larry- not sure
    - iii. Medugno- who is putting Black Panther on and can we table for it and tell people



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about it

1. Larry-sure, just no social media at all
  - b. Larry- tomorrow I get to look at table colors.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Dickler- Co council met and talked about the how SA has a space and the cove council wants to know if we want it to be a red yellow or green space. A lot of orgs have had problems with students who are trying to study there
    - i. Medugno- it's our job to be there for students so it makes sense to be green
    - ii. Dickler- there was a thought of blocking off the cove because some certain orgs have confidentiality so if I could have it be a green space raise your hand
  - b. Kallis- Textbook rental met and talked about the priority for books and ways to regulate professors who have been at priority 4, splitting it between the largest classes and having them go systematically. Have to balance the cost of the book and the sizes of the classes so our budget doesn't flip. They rejected the raffling option. As it stands caps and gowns as a total unit it cost \$35 for a under grad and more for an graduate. We have a new option that is more sustainable but cost more. It is made of recycled materials and would cost \$10 more. What I want to know, does the price change it for you? I will bring in samples when we get some in. Also leg affairs talked about parli pro document and the election commission bylaws
    - i. Sabah-Are there ways that they can be the cheaper one, is there a way people can get help with that
      1. Kallis- It is expensive so people used borrowed. Certain departments and programs might help people out
    - ii. Medugno- Can we set up a formalized system to get people to donate gowns
      1. Kallis- there is a group of folks in the Cleary alumni center we are looking into that. I can talk to Will and see if he can look into that
  - c. Bhatoya- I'm still doing ged ed focus groups so convince your friends to sign up, I need more people
    - i. Xiong- is there a certain age group you're looking for
      1. Bhatoya - Junior or seniors, but anyone at this point
  - d. Becker- student orgs committee met and we selected commencement speakers- Madison Schulte and Haley fish
  - e. Bjorkman- student service and buildings met and we got a tour of the rec additions and we have blueprints of what it will be. The basement will be storage or soccer with nets, unsure how the basement will end up. The main floor there is a lot of exercise equipment and will be divided by your skill level. Upstairs will be a soft floor with fit a full size basketball or two volleyball courts. So they can have lax and soccer on that side.
  - f. Jurecki- SUFAC talked about the switch from allocable to non allocable fees. The budget office is keeping the increases of allocable rates. The biggest one we will see is the 3-5 increase for the fieldhouse, as it stands, we didn't see an increase this year but we will next year. we are doing a .8% increase next year, it's a pretty solid speed. NUFAC talked to the non allocable fees and these are the changes you'll see. Athletics got to add two sports. The biggest change was the academic program budgets. the health center decreased by 100 something thousand dollars, lost a PT positions and they choose not to refill it. Council got a new councilor, intermural and rec are one now. You can see here segregated fees rate summary. SUFAC passes all the green funds grant



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- X. Organizational Reports
  - a. Medugno- SAPA adopted new bylaws and will go through changes in our name.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New Business
  - a. SA1718-040: Enumerating Parliamentary Procedure in the Student Senate By-Laws
    - i. Kallis- we talked about this last week. All that has changed is a whereas caused has been deleted about Roberts rules not be feasible, this will put Roberts rules into our bylaws. Giving us a parli pro rule of order but we don't have to use it to its fullest degree. But it is going to let us have something to fall back on
  - b. SA1718-041: Resolution to Recommend a Change in Polling Location for District 5
    - i. Dickler- pretty straight forward, it's pretty cramped for the university to be voting there. This is a proposal to move into the bluffs room for it to be faster and efficient.
      - 1. Quinones- move to amend, the third whereas, grammatical error
      - 2. Glaus- added as a sponsor
      - 3. Kallis- a lot are uncomfortable because the rec get more traffic than the student union. I know if you're just passing through the rec you might vote, but I can't support this
      - 4. Marinack- echoing those thoughts. Its in the second floor so that is already forcing you to go out of your way instead of a central location. Logistically you might get more voters.
      - 5. Kettinger- if I'm going to the rec I'm going to workout and I think going to bluffs it is a smarter idea if you get people aware of it
      - 6. Webber- where would people park?
        - a. Larry- Certain requirements ,including disables, Victor said they will do whatever they can to make it available and said we could use the service elevator to get people up
      - 7. Medugno- I though about those things. We did try to get people in the rec or vote and they didn't like that. by moving to the bluffs you can still have people at the rec for the first couple elections and that's why we included that the incoming exec team is in charge of notifying people and there are people in the rec redirecting people. The last presidential election was very crowded and people didn't know what was going on.
      - 8. Kahn- do we have to do it in the bluffs room, in the lib there are rooms which is also a central location
        - a. Medugno- part of that would be parking, and it isn't just us, but also the city, this is just a recommendation
      - 9. Jurecki- when I was trying to get people to vote, we get foot traffic but they are in a rush going to class or going to the rec. but people coming to the U are coming to eat or study, You have a better chance of pulling someone who is eating over someone walking to class
      - 10. Vu- would you consider Mitchell
        - a. Larry- we don't get to choose and this is where she and the university talked about holding, but if we say Mitchell they may disregard this
      - 11. Jurecki- do we get to choose



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- a. Gunaratnam - It is just a recommendation saying we support this
- b. Larry- we did do voting in Mitchell hall and it was a disaster so we moved it to the rec to give people more space. They are both good options but we have to fill out this 40 page document and talk about a lot of the things you have talked about in terms of the requirements because it is procedural to make sure it is a good place for students to vote and also seniors.
12. Fisher- can I make an amendment- change every “university of La Crosse to “University of Wisconsin La Crosse”
13. Marinack- what if they moved the voting into the first basketball court or two basketball courts
  - a. Medugno- Harder to work with because then we would have to get approval and what if someone is already reserved that space. Where as university centers can say you can use this space
14. Lemery- when I voted in the rec I had to go the card office and had to show them my wings and get a voter registration and walk back from cartwright to the rec. so having it in the same building is a smart idea because I haven’t walked through somewhere as said “oh I see someone voting, I’m going to vote” I think it will be successful if you advertise it
15. Medugno- I don’t think the upstairs thing effect anything
16. Vu- motion to close discussion
- c. SA1718-042: Resolution to Amend UW-L Election Commission By-Laws
  - i. Medugno- the main reason I have brought this has been the confusion for candidates about what some of these bylaws means and that is not transparent. It should be clear-cut. In this document, the green is something added red is taken out pink is something modified. If you get down to the election commission and power I added the questions and bios will be put on the website. I also added the responsibility of election commission gives the candidates what they need to run. Added keeping track of the money system and know where money is being sent. Biography’s, I deleted the whole part of it because it was confusing. If you keep scrolling, and you get into the campaign definitions, I added active and passive campaigning. Section eight, this was probably the doc that was the most confusing, how candidates can act on election days. This is redundant so we broke it down so others can understand. Broke down the language about web space. Made it so org lists can be used if a candidate is endorsed by an organization. In section 9 I allowed passive campaigning so people can wear posters and buttons. Campaign finance was all added, I advise you to look over it. You can get donations but you have to say that on the objects you buy with the money. The election commission can layout the debate, but the candidates can’t get the specific questions before hand. Under campaigning violations, I took that out because it is redundant. I gave come consequences to candidates on what has been done in the past. That was a lot I went over so ask me any questions
    1. Silvia- was this sent to us
      - a. Gunaratnam - Tuesday morning
    2. Vu- is liking a page endorsing a candidate
      - a. Medugno- It doesn’t mean you’ve been in contact with the



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- candidate. Includes you have to be actively in contact
- b. Vu- Res hall campaigning policies, if you're about to hang up fliers it has to have the endorsement and the cove needs to have a stamp on it and have approval to hang it up
    - i. Medugno-Policies prohibit getting the stamp from the cove. They have to follow it but I took it out. They have to follow res life policy, university policy, camps and election bylaws
  3. Kahn- added as a sponsor
  4. Dickler- added as a sponsor
  5. Kallis- I was part of the discussion in leg affairs and what we got stuck on was the stamp from the COVE especially when you are putting things in res halls. Like Wimberly has general boards and authorized boards. The electronic slides that go around campus and for the record, the slide is not an endorsement and it is not stamped. Also want to stress the importance of reading this document and knowing the points of it.
  6. Jurecki- I liked the outline and I think should be worded on saying that instead of format.
    - a. Jillian-They can choose the format of the debate, meaning the outline. Amend the bylaws- Move to amend Choose a format, as an outline
  7. Larry- I would like you to talk about that section about using the university seal and sensate seal with permission and wondering who gives permission and if you were downstairs and you take a photo is that using the seal
    - a. Medugno- Talking about copyright, that is not. I didn't change that part because I was focused on conduct. Says they can't use the copyright image which is different that taking a picture in front of it
  8. Medugno- one other thing I didn't change: currently you only need half of the senate to change this where other things you need 2/3 so do you want to change it to a 2/3 vote
    - a. Kallis- do we have a which need 2/3 and which need majority. Does it say in election commissions it needs majority?
      - i. Medugno- yes
    - b. Kallis- do we know if which bylaws determine the number of votes
      - i. Gunaratnam - Most bylaws need 2/3
      - ii. Kallis-Move to amend- require 2/3 vote instead of majority
        1. Passes
  9. Kallis- the seal, when I see it I see it as an endorsement and approval of the use. I like the idea that you shouldn't get that seal if you are campaigning which could show a different level of approval.
  10. Jurecki- I have view it as not an endorsement, I see it as this is something that is appropriate for the public view. I would say it shouldn't have it



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because the university isn't filtering what is being put on.

11. Medugno- this isn't all about the cove stamps because that is against policy so this already pertaining to candidates cant use university seal or copy write materials without permission. If this is a worry we can talk about changing it to candidate scant use copyright material without permission. I also think that I trust these bodies.
  12. Larry- I think we need to revise the publicity guidelines and we will look at that during the summer that will get changes when we change buildings
- d. SA1718-043: Resolution Endorsing Proposed Segregated Fee Changes
    - i. Jurecki- what I said earlier. Want most of discussion to occur when bob comes in next week.
      1. Kallis- what this is approving is the .8% increase or is tis acknowledging that using theater band is in allocable
        - a. Jurecki- We aren't approving we are endorsing, putting the seal of approval
        - b. Kallis- we talked about one shots so is there going to be an increase in one shot availability because of this
          - i. Jurecki- one shot are only available for allocable organization so that lump sum is going to decrease. It will have a smaller fund to give out next year as a result
    - e. SA1718-044: Resolution Approving Spring 2018 Green Fund Requests
      - i. Jurecki- Solar Charging tables to be places on the terrace of the U, \$11,300, not requiring any energy, just what it can get from the solar panel. Secondly, continue funding green bikes, program in outdoor connection, \$4400 per year for the next four years. Pollinator panels, solar advertising panels as an advertisement to market how pollination of these bees are important, \$4000, one-time fee. R5 LED light replacement, \$44,883 fund to upgrade replacement of light fixtures by Eagle Hall.
        1. Silva- bees, are these for European bees or minors bees
          - a. Jurecki- Ground nesting bees, two panels that are bright and explain and public education
        2. Lemery, Khan, Quinones, Kallis, Salvia, Xiong- added as a sponsor
        3. Marinack- are they bikes for you rent out or you rent and keep
          - a. Jurecki- Can rent for a day or semester
        4. Medugno- the bikes, do you know if they are all registered with the city, if not, can you get it registered?
          - a. Jurecki- I honestly don't know, I want to say yes, but I can recommend that

### XIII. Discussion

- a. Kallis- I updates you on stuff last week. I have a meeting with Moe and Sue on Friday and today I got a tour of rec 2.0. name is un-masc the night the. The weights will be separated. I had a lunch with Betsy Morgan so we talked about HPR 105 and the transfer of curriculum and talking to Matt will be helpful. Where it stands, some people aren't comfortable talking to the professors. SEI comment boxes not being in history physics and math. Probably working with Betsy and Deb on that project. We had a discussion



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about text books and making possibility a structured process to attempt to minimize the impact of problematic textbooks. It comes to an issue that academic freedoms and the things we can do to change what they are allowed to present. Working on a process to get to folks to looking at their textbooks more carefully. We also talked about diversity and inclusion training to frame history. When we host diversity training, we want professors who aren't comfortable coming to those to teach how to talk to students and trans, outreach to professors who don't want to change or don't want to learn about diversify and inclusion. Will talk about violence prevention after this week.

- b. Bhatoya- pass out a paper on the petition so you can see the language we created and a sign up sheet on helping going door to door
- c. Medugno- if someone has a problem they want you to go to the professor?
  - i. Kallis- it is situational, let's say a student is trans and their preferred name isn't on the roster so in that situation, student approaching faculty can be scary. Talked about when it is applicable to go to the chair.
- d. Jurecki - Larry, what are the liaison roles
  - i. Larry-Every department has a liaison related to inclusion and the goal for that individual is to be an advocate related to the unit or department.
    - 1. Jurecki -How are they chosen
      - a. Larry- Not sure, we went to look to see who was interested but in the academic department I don't know
- e. Kahn- talking about accountability and how to connect with our students. ALANA had some ideas, having our meeting livestreamed in the e-cafe
  - i. Larry- any of that is possible, I want to pursue if there is a better camera
  - ii. Kahn- we didn't have bios on all the people on different seats, someone said we could put 30 second videos. Also tomorrow is ALANA's Womyn dinner
- f. Medugno- we've been talking about voting clickers, I think it is important
  - i. Larry- If the new elected VP wants this we will talk to them and how they can implement this for the fall
- g. Vu- contact with Victor Hill and want to pay off parking tickets with non perishable food items. It might be brought up, would you be in favor of that?
  - i. Medugno- I like it but there has to be other components involved
    - 1. For a certain time period, like a week or month where people can bring in instead of a ticket
- h. Larry- ALANA passed on the constitution so now the bylaws need to be changes to make sure everything is in the correct places

#### XIV. Announcements

- a. Kallis- Drag show is next week Saturday 7pm \$5 I hope to see you there. Bring singles and all the money will be donated
- b. Marinack- this Saturday you can come to the bluff to see hip hop \$7 and \$2 go to save the children charity
- c. Bhatoya- Amber West thank you note
- d. Hahn- current national dinner was Saturday, Model UN was this weekend and UWL students placed in every categories and 2<sup>nd</sup> in delegation
- e. Tashner- get people to sign up for volleyball
- f. Medugno - this Tuesday April 24 wonder is going to be showing
- g. Vu- concert choir will have a concert the 27<sup>th</sup>





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- h. Hodges- MSO and friends, 3:30-6pm in 3105 the U this Friday are having a game night
- i. Alfonso- Its on us volleyball tournament
- XV. Adjournment
  - a. 8:13pm