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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **April 25th, 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. Bob Hetzel
 - i. I normally come in once a semester. I am teaching a class online right now, Wednesday nights. There are several things that I've been talking to Alfonso and Jacob about. First thing was about the late thing. It is being lowered from \$75 to \$50 and we are even trying to make it go away. We are talking to the board of regents about this. We really do keep our eye on the cost of attendance at this university. You guys have seen that there is less than a one percent increase in seg fees next next. System has told us to charge the late fee and then off loaded a hundred and fifteen thousand dollars off of Seg fees. We are the only campus in the System to have no increase in our textbook rental services as well as our parking services. The Health Center is something that we want to start reviewing this year. Right now the policy is silent on what we can/ can't do within the center. We have a high quality Health center with the 2 million dollars students pay a year. Other institutions spend 1 million and what we want to talk about if dropping our spending will affect the quality we have. We are the only university in the system that offers PT. We need to at least ask the question should we keep it. The student referendum said 75% yes. Asking these questions is being responsible with Segregated Fees. Finding the sweet spot for the Health Center is pivotal. UWL is uniquely positioned with Mayo Clinic and Gundersen and we may be able to partner with them on this issue. Building wise, the Science center will be on time in August. Wittich Hall will house the CBA in two years. Construction will start in June. Its the second oldest building on campus and will become a signature building for CBA. The board of regents approved the Field House four years ago. Currently you are paying Seg Fees on the field house to pay the architecture firm that is designing it.
 - ii. Kallis: Have ya'll been talking to HPR 105 to make sure the Fitbit won't come out.
 - iii. Bob: The Fitbit thing was the wrong thing to do. It is not acceptable and we are going to make sure it will not happen. We will hold them accountable.
 - iv. Kallis: Why aren't the menstruation products located in the gender neutral restrooms?
 - v. Bob: We are looking for a dispenser unit that will work for those bathrooms. All the building require different needs. This fall you will see we have solved the problem.
 - vi. Kallis: Is there a plan to put menstruation products in the male restrooms?



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- vii. Bob: There are some things that not even the Vice Chancellor can do. At this point I cannot make that commitment. I'll be honest.
- viii. Hodges: I know there is a grant that comes out if you have a certain amount left when you have to pay your bill. I know if you don't get the Maroon to Gray grant you have to pay out of pocket. Maybe the funds can pay the \$50.
- ix. Bob: In my mind that would be a good way to use the funds.
- x. Vu: 165 credits that your tuition will double question- why?
- xi. Bob: That is a regent policy and it is the goal to make sure students get out of the institution and into the workforce.
- xii. Vu: can you explain what tuition will look like in the coming years?
- xiii. Bob: Tuition will be flat for not just next year, but the next two years. The Gov. is proposing to keep it without an increase. This will be hard to operate the University, but it is good for students. We will be forced to cut.
- xiv. Kallis: We had a chat about Mitchel and Wittich, do you have updates on Gender Neutral bathrooms?
- xv. Bob: Wittich will have 4. We are waiting for funding from the System for Mitchell hall. We need to address Wing center and Morris Hall. We have to figure out whether to add a space or reallocate spaces in those location. Those are next on my list. Dr. Larry was in a meeting to redesign Whitney center for gender neutral restrooms. Center for the Arts is working on them as well.
- xvi. Jacob: Minimum standards for students on campus.
- xvii. Bob: We have survey what other institutions are paying for on campus jobs. We want you to make more than minimum wage and to be treated fairly. Could you send out those numbers to this group? (yes)
- xviii. Hodges: Could there be a minimum rate for student pay? Because they are unequal currently based on department. Is it possible to do this/
- xix. Bob: Absolutely, it is possible. We haven't set a living wage, but we are trying to set the stage for more fairness and compensation. We have established a living wage for all of our support staff. We need to make sure our students are not in the bottom tier of wages.
- xx. Medungo: Is there any discussion on if Upward Bound will move?
- xxi. Bob: Upward Bound may not stay. Once Dean Millner moves the CBA into Wittich, we will be repurposing the space for Upward Bound so the Access Center will have Upward Bound's space. We have the Health Promotions academic department and Upward Bound will be moving to Wimberly. ROTC will also be moving into Wimberly.
- xxii. Jacob: Has there been any other movement on the Emerson or the Blue house?
- xxiii. Bob: It's the house of blues that needs to move. We appraised the house three times to be \$116,000. The owners have been renting the house since 1970. We offered the family \$116,000 and they came back and wanted a half of million dollars. The owner said we can bury her ashes in the basement. UW system legal is now working on trying to get the house. We now have an offer of \$200,000 +. Then they asked to send their grandchildren to UWL for free. If the city wants to sell us the swimming pool, we would definitely buy it. The Emerson neighborhood really likes it. Our goal would be to put an International park to sit and play and relax.



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VI. General Student Body Open Forum

VII. Officer Reports

- a. President: Jacob Schimmel
 - i. Meeting with Ray Cross and May 3rd. If anybody wants me to mention specific things to him let me know. Main topic will be on the \$50 late fee. The last Reps Meeting is this weekend in Platteville.
 - ii. There have been massive cuts on the state end of funding. If you're here next year, I would advocate for more funding from the state to our University system. Tuition is covering 80% of all the money, but its not enough to sustain us. Please be active on state political issues next year about this.
- b. Vice President: Alfonso Gunaratnam
 - i. Last meeting next week. Shenanigans this Friday at nine. Get there early if you can. If you are free definitely come.
 - ii. We want candidates for a new diversity clinical to meet with students in May. If you are interested, please let me know.
- c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
- d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
- e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
- f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
 - i. Driving pool on the Facebook page. Don't Drive if you drink. The Woman of color scholarship just got its first donation. The Hiawatha statue issue- I am passing around sheets for the petition. If you have class in Graff Hall would you be willing to bring this there and put them into department mailboxes.
 - ii. Any senators that are willing to pass this around their class with professor approval.
- g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
 - i. V-ball tournament is this Saturday. I would like people to sign up to volunteer for the event. Also, make a team if you wish. I would rather you make a team than volunteer. T-shirts will be here next week. Next Friday will be Sundays with Senators at the clock tower.

VIII. Advisor Reports

IX. Committee Reports

- a. VPAC: they have had over 100 referrals so far this year. Of those 38 have turned into conversation from staking to sexual assault. Some of those have move forwarded into criminal cases and conduct cases. We have also talked about STARSA which is a new program that we will be trying out for stalking and sexual harassment. We want to catch people before those become perpetrator of sexual harassment/ assault. They want it to be more of a learning than experience than just having to write a report. NCAA have required more training on these issues for all athletes. Currently we want to do more longitudinal things. We want also asses how victims are feeling about the services that they got, which is difficult, but we want to assess. We want to ensure that this campus can be the best example for future Sexual Assault prevention models.
- b. Thinking about have more sustainable gowns. The new ones will be \$10 more. Looking for input.



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- c. Silva: I love it.
 - d. Medungo: First of all, do we actually think people are going to recycle it? (There will be a box at graduation)
 - e. Dani: This could be potentially come into play next fall. Company is Repreve.
 - i. Medungo: have you talked about how that will be a more permanent solution?
 - ii. Becker: Yeah probably eventually we will have to do.
- X. Organizational Reports
- a. Unfinished Business Rainbow Unity: This Sat. at 7pm is the Drag show. Students will be \$5. Our host from last year is coming back. Please come.
 - b. Student Orgs Committee: Replacements for vacant Senate seats. With voted on a resolution to how an organization can fill a seat.
 - c. JCES: met on Friday. It is to put a water bottle filler in the Student Health Center.
 - d. SUFAC: elected a summer chair and we were looking at SUFAC by laws. Also, looking at Seg Fees.
- XI. Old Business
- a. SA1718-040: Enumerating Parliamentary Procedure in the Student Senate By-Laws
 - i. Kallis: We need Parliamentary procedure. I have discussed this with many different people. I do need Senators to sponsor.
 - ii. Marinack: I think it would be good to have and establish Robert's Rules of order.
 - iii. Dani: I believe that we are enumerating Robert's Rules, the chair gets to use its digression on the degree to which it will be used.
 - iv. Weaver: Call to question. Second Kallis. RESOLUTION PASSES.
 - b. SA1718-041: Resolution to Recommend a Change in Polling Location for District 5
 - i. We talked about this a lot the other week. A recommended change to move the polling place from the Rec to the Student U. Any other Questions?
 - ii. CALL TO QUESTION WEAVER SECOND BECKWITH. RESOLUTION PASSES.
 - c. SA1718-042: Resolution to Amend UW-L Election Commission By-Laws
 - i. Medungo: I'd like to make the Election Commission By-Laws more transparent and better.
 - ii. Marinack: It talks about how the election committee will give out hard copies when a candidate will be a candidate. What happens if the commission doesn't hand out the paper?
 - iii. Medungo: The Paper will just outline the duties of the Senator as stated by UWL Student Association.
 - iv. Marinack: One of the things it just says you will not be allowed to campaign a certain amount of days.
 - v. Meduno: It is listed as up to the digression of the committee.
 - vi. Becker: Call to question. 2nd Beckwith
 - vii. RESOLUTION PASSES.
 - d. SA1718-043: Resolution Endorsing Proposed Segregated Fee Changes
 - i. Jurecki: Dr. Hetzel summarized the changes.
 - ii. Weaver: Call to question. 2nd Hawn. RESOLUTION PASSES.
 - e. SA1718-044: Resolution Approving Spring 2018 Green Fund Requests



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- i. Jurecki: Talked about it last week.
 - ii. Kallis: I have seen the patio furniture with the umbrellas. I am just wondering if the addition of the Solar panel tables will take away the existing furniture.
 - iii. Dr. Larry: No tables will be taken away.
 - iv. Marinack: Call to Question. 2nd Becker. RESOLUTION PASSES.
- XII. New Business
 - a. SA1718-045: Resolution to Approve 2018 Election Results
 - i. Weaver: Motion to suspend the two week rule. Objection Vu.
 - ii. Vu: motion to end discussion. Motion passes.
 - b. SA1718-046: Resolution to Amend Student Senate By-Laws to add ALANA
 - i. Jurecki: I move to amend the document to add “of the student body” and “ in the Spring of 2018 referendum”. AMMENDMENT PASSES.
 - ii. Hawn: I move to amend. Remove “further” from therefore it further be resolved.
 - iii. Vu: Suspend the two week rule. SUSPENSION PASSES.
 - iv. RESOLUTION PASSES.
- XIII. Discussion
 - a. Weaver: Are any of you guys in support of the pool?
 - b. Boebel: I am in support. The neighborhood association really likes it.
 - c. Silva: I think why not?
 - d. Medungo: I think its too expensive and it should not be constructed.
 - e. Marinack:
 - f. Medungo: I am disappointed in people making this an ideological point (ALANA) and going against 80% of the student population.
 - g. Quiñones: Please don’t pass on these ideas that senators can go against 80% of the student population.
 - h. Kallis: I am confused at why you said no? My email is open, I would free up time to talk to you or if you abstained. I have a meeting and moving forward with SEI and syllabi with transphobic classes. Also moving forward with The REC to make the weight room a more inclusive space.
 - i. Schimmel: Even with 85% of the students said yes, it doesn’t mean that’s the issue. Procedurally, the constitution was changed by the referendum. The students already confirmed it, so therefore you should have voted yes. It has to be yes because that’s just the procedure of it.
 - j. Dickler: If your trying to pass a bill that is again womyn of color, there is still something fundamentally wrong with your bill. I still don’t understand and that this is an issue.
 - k. Tahiri: Just because you don’t want an ALANA seat that doesn’t mean you are against womyn of color.
 - l. Marinack: CLS met with our dean. It was really good. She was very open to it. If you are doing these meetings in the future, make it objective and specific. She wasn’t sure what to bring to the meeting. We talked about diversity, SEI’s, and Syllabi.
 - m. Hawn: One of the things that I brought up with the Dean was the open suggestions with evaluations. I know there are a few departments that don’t have it. She said it was a faculty senate decision. They mandate six questions and anything else is up to the department.
- XIV. Announcements
 - a. Weaver: the city has a goal to decrease 25% of emissions by 2025. They fluctuate on



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years with construction but the trend is going by.

- b. Medugno: Don't forget to take the petition sheets that Aaron was talking about.
- c. Tahiri: Sunday, June 10th there is a trail trek challenge. You meet up in Onalaska and form team and you go throughout the area and find things. Proceeds go to this conservancy group.
- d. Vu: Drag show is this weekend. The Arsonist is in the theater. It's On Us Volleyball tournament is going on this weekend.

XV. Adjournment
8:02pm