



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

Date: **October 11th, 2017**

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
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Judy Arney – Food Recovery Network
    - i. Bio major and Chartwells sustainability intern. This program is at several other universities across the US. We take food from Whitney that would otherwise would be thrown out and take it to the Hunger Task force.
    - ii. Willis – here to talk to you about logistics. Volunteer options for the Tuesday and Thursday volunteer options. Can be at times about hundred of pounds of food. Usually move food Friday mornings.
    - iii. 668 pounds of food donated already. Food insecurity is way above the national average – a lot of people can benefit from this program. We do have a Facebook page. Tell your constituents about us. We want this program to last after we graduate.
    - iv. Jillian – how does hunger task force normally distributes the food?
    - v. People in general go to pick it up, often it goes to the Salvation Army right on State Street.
    - vi. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!
  - b. Campus Climate – Inclusivity Training
    - i. AJ and Trev
      1. POWER POINT WILL BE SHARED
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
  - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
    - i. Student reps in Stout this weekend. UWL’s push for Violence prevention coordinator made a UW Repts priorities.
    - ii. Doesn’t seem System is willing to take a stance on an Opt Out. Possibly a little bit concerning as does not seem they are supporting students. I am having a meeting with Ray Cross about this issue. Looking for more support.
    - iii. No written report from John, the chair, on freedom of expression issue.
    - iv. Today, I have been dealing with merging two and 4 year campuses together – a want of the System President. There has been declining enrollments in the two year colleges. Hard for them to be operating with the numbers they have. 45% decline in their enrollment. Due to a changing age demographic. A decline in young people the state. A lot of two year campuses are located in mostly rural locations – a lot of people are moving into more urban areas. The plan is to keep the 13 two year institutions but will be integrated into a parent campus. Most four years already have “child” campuses. We UWL doesn’t have to integrate a



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campus. May have ripple effects in the coming years. Wont be in effect till July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 if approved. Even so, most things wont be implemented by then. Unacceptable with only a few student voices expressed so far.

- v. We have many opportunities to put student voices into this situation. Ray cross said there will be no negative costs on this situation. Will be able to cut back on a lot of administrative fees.
- b. Vice President: Lauren Mason
  - i. UW Extension is being absorbed by UW Madison. Illinois has something similar to this idea, so I would assume System is bases these changes off of something else. They decided parent campuses depended on number of transfer students to which 4 year campus.
  - ii. Disheartening to hear that our voices aren't heard. We need the board of regents support. We want to swing support back in our directions. Next Reops meeting is at UW- Whitewater. Everyone is invited to this as different workshops will be meeting. They want to make it the biggest and the greatest meeting to date
  - iii. Still need volunteers for Leadershape
- c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
  - i. Contact me with any questions about how to write a resolution
- d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
  - i. My plan is to set a lobbying day the first or second week of November. Centered around Sexual Violence prevention issue.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
  - i. Engaged Bystander vote in the city is tomorrow at 6. Housing fairs are tomorrow.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
  - i. Goals: third year on Senate. I really want to decrease the divide between Senate and the Diversity Orgs. I will be working on ending the animosity between the two groups.
  - ii. Will be working on gathering statistic on Student Homelessness and food insecurities, Contacting Legal on their opinion on the Freedom expression issues, Starting to contact execs of the diversity orgs.
- g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
  - i. GET BIOS IN
  - ii. Slices with Senators will be November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## VIII. RHAC Reports

### IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Womens Fund of La Crosse October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Bluffs Rooms
- b. Will have a speaker who had a New York Best Seller book – she tells her life story.
- c. Asking for four student spots. Still need one more Student. Let Lauren Mason Know. Important for Networking.

### X. Committee Reports

- a. Jillian – Survey will be going around on gaging student input about a Tobacco Free campus. Want to send the results through all governing bodies on campus.
- b. Giles- will have oneshot dicissions by next mondy
- c. Need Student Services and Buildings committee.
- d. Avery- Internation Education Committee has finished looking at facultaty study aboroud progams.



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- e. Haley – JCES talked about what they do for the year. If we stop funding a Sustainability coordinator on campus, what will happen?
  - i. Search and Screen Committee New Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs – narrowed down to a top four
- f. Alex – Undergraduate Curriculum : changes to Writing minor on ly 18 credits now. They are revamping 331 focus more on grammar.
- g. Lauren – gen ed revision: Down to four different proposals for changes. Themed courses have come up.

## XI. Organizational Reports

## XII. Unfinished Business

## XIII. New Business

- a. SA1718-011: Resolution to Approve Inclusivity Director Appointment
- b. Motion by colin to suspend two week rule 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justice. PASSED
- c. Vu and Lemery added as sponsors.
- d. Vu called to question Second by Colin PASSED.

## XIV. Discussion

- a. Mason: What is your opinion on our attendance Policy?
  - i. Colin – some excuses can be abused. I don't like that. I think that's when it will be a problem.
  - ii. Haley- I agree, but I think there nes to be a cap on missing meetings. 3 or 4 may be needed.
  - iii. Jillian- I think numbers are arbitrary. Think habitually missing meetings is the real issue. Punishment would be done by the VP
  - iv. Justice- agree with medical. I think it should require proof. Maybe two, maybe 3 at most.
  - v. Haley – I want numbers because favorites could be played in the future. We are supposing to come to meeting because that is our job.
  - vi. Colin- I think the punishment should be handled by the senate. Discussing habitual absences should be handled by us.
  - vii. Jillian – classes here are very flexible why shouldn't we be.
  - viii. Colin – my thought is that we could cap the number of absence and have Leg Affairs handle it while handling the constitution
  - ix. Isaac- many rules have not been followed by the senate in the past. We need an Internal Affairs committee to handle this issue.
  - x. Justice – I agree with the Internal Affairs committee to keep us in order.

## XV. Announcements

Colin – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> physics lecture happening.

Claire – DOC one of our goals is to have an even that all orgs can go to. Sat. October 28<sup>th</sup> LGBT Center putting on a Halloween dance.

Haley – JCES meeting every other Friday. Next Friday.

Lang – go to housing fair

Gabrielle- need person for Student Services and buildings committee

Aaron – CLS senator go to PCA meeting to give updates

## XVI. Adjournment



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XVII. @ 8:25