



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

2244 THE U 1705 BADGER STREET LA CROSSE, WI 54601 (608) 785-8775

## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:02 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
    - i. approved
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
  - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
    - i. I met with the police officers to go over the flyers that we talked about
      1. Receptive to make the changes we were talking about
      2. My stance- I am in support with the citations on back because they aren't going to change their policy
      3. Do agree that we should make it less intimidating and think that we should focus more on what we do as students
      4. Front still have ta list but move that to a smaller area
        - a. Talk about responsible action policy
          - i. Ill forward that to everyone
        - b. Stuff related to bystander intervention
          - i. Meeting with Ingrid- send a concise memo over to the captain
          - ii. Will students know what to do in those situations
      5. Delete language on back that seems forceful
      6. Few other components that he will change
      7. Goal: something that is more receptive for students to read
      8. Could put the SA logo on along with Viterbo and WTC
    - ii. I have updated a good amount of the website
      1. Meeting materials
      2. Trying to make sure it is updated every week
      3. Look to see what we can so
        - a. Brittney will be handing
        - b. Let her know any question
      4. Trying to have it updated to its entirety by next month or so
        - a. Continuing project
    - iii. In the process for interviewing for student court
      1. I will have a resolution for you on that next week
      2. Will have the two candidates here next week or week after
      3. You have the opportunity to ask them questions
    - iv. Working with Larry with non-allocable Segregated fees
      1. Transiting over from allocable



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2. Trying to make the new review process student friendly and powerful
3. Be bold and see what the chancellor thinks of that
4. Due to the responsibility of SUFAC
5. Will be presenting in the coming weeks
- v. Joint planning and budgeting
  1. How university will use its overall budget and what it has to spend on everything (operating budget)
    - a. What changes need to be made in terms of the funding we are getting
      - i. 102 line- state dollar- money we get from the state every two years
      - ii. 131 line- everything dealing with tuition- most of money we operate on
    - b. last year we had a request for new dollars from UW system
    - c. governor was in agreement and put in request for new dollars
      - i. the UW system got a fair portion of new dollars for the budgeting cycle
      - ii. but the operating budget has short falls in the 131 line that needs to be filled
        1. fill from the 102 line
      - iii. we are in a better situation than other campuses
        1. past two years SP lost 1000 students
      - iv. UWL hasn't had to deal with that, but we have had a degree
        1. Certain areas that are falling and causing revenue to drop
        2. Non-resident students is down
          - a. The numbers for enrollment are comparable
          - b. \$400,000 shortfall that we need to fill
        3. drop in grad students
      - v. there is 151,000 dollars gap in admissions
      - vi. idea- we are planning to use 102 fund to fill the gap in 131
        1. instead of greater fee in application cost
      - vii. Let us know your thoughts
    2. We will be using 88,000 in new 102 funds to raise the minimum wage for nonstudent employees
      - a. Dining centers, janitors
      - b. 12.50 or .75 to 13.50-75
      - c. trying to be more ethical so that it is comparable to other wages for similar positions in the area
    3. we are discussing student wages
      - a. Lauren- earlier this month, Bob sent out recommendations and gave them a standard for what student should be making. If you want to write a resolution in support of those numbers when I get



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- them we can
- b. The response we got from bob was in order to do this we need more state dollars
  - i. We are doing this with non-student employees, so why can't we do it with student employees
- 4. Apparently UWL isn't in compliance with title 9 in woman sports
  - a. Going to be adding a woman's golf and lacrosse team
    - i. Aaron- how did they choose those sports
      - 1. Something they have been asked about for a while, but I don't know
      - 2. Barbra- it has been on the docket for a while. It will take time to incorporate those two sports
    - ii. Aaron- why those
      - 1. Barbra- it is more to do with the conference and who can support those sports. There has to be enough campus's that can compete. More about what is going on in the conference
- b. Vice President: Lauren Mason
  - i. Chancellor Gow will be here next week so please dress up- Business Casual
    - 1. Brittney- I can take your head shot them
  - ii. The following week we have Enilda Delgado speaking on the Strategic Plan
  - iii. ITS will give us an update about the transition from d2L to canvas the week after that
  - iv. SAPA isn't able to fill a seat
    - 1. If a diversity org can't fill a seat in 6 weeks it goes to DOC to choose who to fills the seat
    - 2. Will start that process this week or next
    - 3. Will go to any diversity org that doesn't have a seat already
  - v. Have two grad senator spots open
    - 1. Want to write a resolution on how to fill those seats, so there is currently no explicit process for that if they do not get elected
    - 2. Leg affairs will meet Friday and talk about the options we have
  - vi. Malik- what to do if we have a grad student who is interested
    - 1. Lauren - Have them come to me
  - vii. You will get new formal name plates next week
  - viii. 9 haven't done the inclusivity survey
- c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
  - i. I reviewed my first email from you regarding how to set up a committee. If you have questions on how to do that feel free to ask me
  - ii. If you have plans and want to make an impact this year let's get the ball rolling
- d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
  - i. Nothing too new on state affairs
  - ii. Freedom of expression bill has not made it to a committee hearing
  - iii. Nov 9 lobbying trip
    - 1. We have 9-10 meetings
    - 2. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in the state, so let me



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know if you would like to come.

3. Will be posting on Facebook tomorrow with this information as well.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
  - i. Working on getting an off-campus housing online
  - ii. New neighborhood being started
    1. West Ave to downtown
    2. Wed at 6 are their meeting so I can't go but will get updates from them.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
  - i. I am trying to work with faculty
  - ii. I'm in the process of finding ways to approach Gow from a faculty perspective along with other leaders of the governance groups on campus
  - iii. Meeting about housing and security went well
    1. Survey done by student last year identified this as a problem
    2. Focus on food and security
    3. Have it be a student led movement
    4. DOC has previously done things like a food drive
    5. Meeting Nov 10<sup>th</sup> and 9am
      - a. If anyone is interested I can forward you that email
    6. Platteville also has a similar food and sec survey
  - iv. I will email you the survey
    1. Talking about doing it multiple years to get a better survey size
  - v. Met with Thomas talked about senate relationship
    1. Not focus on the past and focus on the future
    2. Encourages me to work with DOC and figure out things on campus that can have a lasting impact
  - vi. There is a hygiene product drive Nov6 –Nov 10
    1. Boxes places all over campus
    2. Want to collect as many products as possible to send donations to those in need. They will be sent locally and then if there are enough we will send to hurricane victims.
- g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
  - i. Three senators that are up in the screen in here and Whitney
  - ii. Every ten days there will be three new people, I will send an email to you when it is your turn

## VIII. RHAC Reports

- a. No report

## IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry- remind you that UWL is doing bell ringing, we'd love if senate could bring people
- b. Have south side festival location
- c. Started opening Einstein's at 7:30
  - i. 3-4 students there right away
- d. Feedback?
  - i. Lauren- I was here late the other day and after the building was closed the cable was on at 12:30
    1. They are supposed to be on a schedule
  - ii. Weston- microwave in murphy?



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1. I haven't heard back. Maybe we need to see if a student employee would be willing to clean that up.
- iii. Malik- is there anything students can do to protest the new policy where you get dropped from classes if you don't have your bill paid by Jan 12<sup>th</sup>?
  1. It's been a hard conversation around what works best. I can check to see where people are at, I'll see if anyone is asking that question
  2. Barb-We can see if students want to have a meeting on that
  3. Larry- we are in conversation with business office about limits that can be put on campus cash. You're going to make student lose classes because they can't pay their \$500 campus cash
    - a. We were told to knock down our limit to \$250
    - b. A lot of students get campus cash, go to bookstores, get manuals and if it's a couple hundred dollars that adds up fast
- iv. Dani- I got feedback from pride center and they are concerned about it for a lot of reasons, but mainly they don't know where it is coming from. Can you find out who is driving this forward?
  1. Larry- it is coming from administration
  2. Dani- I read the policy that they say we are not enforcing and that is not part of it- whipping out someone's entire registration.
  3. Lauren- Schimmel and I were approached to handle this and we will send out a request to get more information
- v. Malik- the person sent me an email with the response from the chancellor. Pretty much said he didn't know what they were talking about
  1. Larry- send that to us
  2. Dani- could you dig also ask about people who have children at the child care don't have enough time to pay their bill- they are posted on the 12 and they check the bills on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - a. People are getting their bills with too little time to pay
- vi. Alicia
  1. Met with JMAC and what I know we are looking into stats on which demographic student it effects the most

## X. Committee Reports

- a. Dani- leg affairs met last Friday at 3. I'm the secretary. Talked about the lobbying trip
  - i. Did a lot of work on the constitution
  - ii. I have a list of everything that was changed
  - iii. A lot of making things more concise and rearranged thing to make more sense
    1. Know that our goal was to have everything reflect each other
    2. Made a couple amendments
- b. Kaitlyn
  - i. Environmental Sustainability
    1. Talked about hiring someone
    2. Renewing
    3. Discussed joint committee
- c. Alex
  - i. Student Orgs Committee met and we completed approving grants
  - ii. Undergrad curriculum



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- d. Dani- violence prevention committee met
    - i. Talking about violence prevention specifically sexual assault
    - ii. Talked about fashion week
    - iii. Talked about different orgs that we support
      - 1. Students with an initiative that stop sexual assaults on campus
    - iv. Current program on violence prevention
      - 1. Jillian- do you know more about the treatment
        - a. Dani- a list of things that the offender can identify with that they can further go towards therapy and education on the impact that they have
          - i. Open their eyes to what consequences their actions have
    - v. Talked about #metoo
    - vi. Lauren – anyone can join, contact Ingrid
  - e. Yer- Academic Program Review meet earlier and read through ESL
    - i. It gets funded by tuition
    - ii. Trying to think of a way to expand it or write stuff out
  - f. Weston- REC 2.0 ground breaking ceremony is Friday at 12:30
    - i. Open invitation to be a part of the photo op
- XI. Recess until 7:35
- a. 6:57
  - b. Roll Call
- XII. Organizational Reports
- a. Dani- the seven rivers downtown is having their queer Halloween party on Saturday
    - i. We can find you a ride if you need one
- XIII. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1718-012: Resolution to Condemn the Dehumanizing of Diversity Organization Members
    - i. I am going to assume you all read the revisions
    - ii. I still like the way it is written and I understand the message can come off harsh, but it is a kick in the butt that people need
      - 1. Ethan- any progress on finding who the professors are
        - a. No
      - 2. Justice- in order for this to be passed, the wording needs to be changed
        - a. As a body our documents should be professional
      - 3. Lang- propose the question if you have an alternative option on how you would like to handle it?
        - a. Dani- at this point, what has been discussed, is this is a good option. Someone sent an email that wasn't effective and I don't want this to be ineffective
        - b. There is no other plan
      - 4. Jillian – I think we should keep it as is but I think it would be good to put them in envelopes and deliver it and put the emotion piece in there
      - 5. Malik- I think there isn't a back-up plan. Other senators could write a resolution
        - a. Either way we are going to get the point across
        - b. It's going to be an on-going conversation and battle



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- c. Either way the support is there so it doesn't just stop here
6. Isaac- this is a student senate and we are a professional and we have rules that need to be followed. As the rules stand, this body has no power to change what faculty does.
  - a. It is not how it works
  - b. Saying you don't have an issue with the wording is a problem
  - c. You're okay with demanding something that this body can't demand
    - i. Bring to faculty senate
    - ii. Could be more effect and with that we have been told, they are already receptive
  - d. As it stands it's not going to be shown. We need to call to the body who actually has the power to change things
  - e. We should be open to changing it so It doesn't die
    - i. Can't be in a grid lock- it won't get us anywhere
7. Aaron- faculty senate said they were receptive and warm to me, but I didn't bring the specific resolution
  - a. Heather from JMAC had emailed me asking if they could write a letter of support to endorse the resolution
  - b. Another a guy come up to me and asked questions
  - c. Lauren- Betsy said she would not send it out to faculty in the email she is sending, but will still send the email. This can go to Faculty Senate still if you would like it to.
8. Alicia- JMAC talked about the resolution and would bring it to faculty senate to get it to faculty
9. Colin- I would like to say we are a professional org and that is important and we should follow procedures
  - a. Does not force faculty, say something on their behalf
  - b. I have no legal authority but we are telling the faculty stop treating certain groups as subjects when they are not consenting
  - c. Call to Question
  - d. Dani- Objection
10. Ethan- if you make these meetings confidential then you couldn't talk about who was there and stuff
  - a. Malik- these meeting are open to anyone, but the sensitive information people share, we do say the information stays in the room.
    - i. That's why we don't want people to write about us
11. Dani- over the process I have gotten a lot of feedback and I understand where you are coming from about us being professional and us not having exact power over faculty
  - a. I would like to remind you that we respect all issues of students
    - i. We protect them. We aren't doing our job and same with faculty
    - ii. I may come across as rude but its rude to dehumanize
  - b. We have power here to make statements about what they are





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- doing
  - c. It is within our jurisdiction to tell them that they are messing up
  - d. Asking someone to stop what they are doing doesn't finish the sentence
  - e. I understand where you are coming from, but people writing papers about me without me ever seeing them is breaking federal law
  - f. Multiple people across campus want this to be said
    - i. Remind them of the rules they are supposed to do
12. Justice
- a. This document is biting the hand that is feeding you
  - b. They are willing to talk about it if you talk to them
  - c. It doesn't ask them, its telling them
    - i. You don't have to force something
13. Katilyn- I'm thinking maybe we should combat this as a legal stance
- a. Sign a consent form?
14. Malik- we are a SA and Faculty senate is faculty senate and a lot of resolutions is sent through them too
- a. If we want real stuff to get done it has to go through all bodies
    - i. Put it through us is a good step
    - ii. If we pass it through us it is saying we are supporting you
    - iii. We are already doing the work, but people that offer them don't put in the work
    - iv. We are being held to a standard- being innovators and being the ones who start things- being progressive
    - v. Shouldn't be wait for the approval of others
15. Isaac- a few misconceptions
- a. 1. Senators recognize we are a professional body but throw it away by saying we should do stuff we can't
  - b. we are asking, the wording shows demanding
  - c. saying we are not doing our job is unfair.
    - i. If we pass this we aren't doing our job that is invest in our body
  - d. We are a student senate we do have the first push, but changing the last resolution- by suggestion is to add two words to make it professional
    - i. Can't do it as written
    - ii. We should go about it the way the system is set up
- iii. Call to question
- 1. 12 for
  - 2. 12 opposed
  - 3. 1 abstention
  - 4. Lauren Tie breaker- Pass
    - a. I struggle with this because there are words that say faculty will do this when we can't say that





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- i. But I think we need to do what we can for our students
- ii. Even if faculty doesn't like the wording, it doesn't mean that they can't present something for their own body
- iii. I believe that if the groups that are affected by this like it, it should pass

## XIV. New Business

### a. SA1718-013: Resolution to Approve Changes to the UWL Student Association Constitution

- i. Leg affairs had a meeting where we rearranged the constitution
  1. Removed one of the article 6
    - a. About committee structure
  2. Making the article more synced about membership, powers and duties. Odes and rearranged everything so it makes sense
    - a. Executive, judicial, legislative
- ii. Ben- So the portions that we removed you will get a email on where it was removed
- iii. Dani- if you want to talk about it in a smaller setting we are meeting Friday at 3 in cove in small conference room
- iv. Close Discussion

## XV. Discussion

### a. Haley- First impressions on Vitaliano Figueora

- i. Thumbs up from most who were there
- ii. How was the first speaker?
  1. In my opinion, he had 10 students come and ask his question at the end and the other guy had non
  2. Think Doug has the experience, but also think that Vitaliano will cover our goals better
  3. We still have more candidates
- iii. Lauren- Doug was the most excited person about coming to UWL and I think Doug's lack of diversity experience was a bit of a red flag for me

## XVI. Announcements

- a. No report

## XVII. Adjournment

- a. Weaver, Xiong
- b. 8:15PM