



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
  - a. Present:
  - b. Absent:
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
    - i. Mullet and Medugno
    - ii. All in favor
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Chancellor Gow
    - i. Great to be will you all. I thought it would be good to talk and answer questions and let you know what is happening at the university.
      1. Isaac- how to do you feel about the free expression bill
        - a. To be clear there was legislation that they didn't move through the assembly, they are talking about it, the UW regions went ahead and adopted a policy. I was not seeing a need for that policy and I haven't seen an issue like that on our campus, but there has been on other places. At UWL we didn't think we need it but it would be used judicially, and there is a lot of grey area. I want to give people maximum rights to express themselves. It is one of the free regulations that has sanctions simulated. Normally they say that you decide. They would have serious responsibility about that. Expulsion is something I would sign off on and I wouldn't do that lightly. There were some situations that I had to say you can't come on campus, suspended but not expelled
      2. Aaron- UW merger
        - a. Our system we've got 13 4 year schools and 2 of those are research the others are comprehensive and there is another system that is a two year college that is part of UW. You've got the technical college and people say we have to do that and it has been announced that they were going to be merges with the college that is geographically closes to a four year campus. doesn't effect us because Baraboo and Richfield are the closest and they decided to go to UW Platteville. Imagine if we were trying to run operations at a campus that far away, it is a bit of a distance. They also have different tuition, the people who teach there are paid less and to bring that together, there are logistical issues. Having said that that concerns us because our admissions go on the two year campuses and recruit to UWL. Under that



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- new scenario, we couldn't do that. We have to make sure we still get transfers from those colleges. The new Science facility and the U is nice to have and to see from a new student. It is easier to try to not get that
3. Dani- Wondering about the spring/winter registration change –If not paid by a certain date your class schedule will be removed
    - a. I hear about this and you have to forgive me because I am not in on all the details. There are people that we have full time on these things. A group of people said can we look at those rules and improve those for students. I think though where that group began to talk about it that the rules were not in formality and some changes were made. What I'm most interested in – I approached UW foundation and asked to raise money to help students who can't pay that decline. They need to figure out how big of a loan to give someone and it's hard to figure out. My understanding is that this will be good
      - i. Barb- apparently in addition to the conversations on loans. The January 12<sup>th</sup> is an extension that the FNA folks went back to ask for- was originally earlier. Went back and said students won't be on campus at that point and this was the lasted we could get. We are trying to figure out- what can we do for students who have some circumstances. Their care offices that will be looking at that and what we can do for those circumstances.
    - b. The goal is for us to not lose students over a small balance that students can pay at a later year. There are students that won't come back which is a big challenge- how do we make sure there is enough classes for all the students
  4. Vu- wanted to welcome you. Where would you like to see UW's progress over the year and what we can do to progress for the students- recruitment, keeping the students around
    - a. That's something I think about a lot and you have to think short term and long term. You're kind of answering your own question- it is all about students. Part of that you do on the facilities- science building will be big for us, it'll be the place to go outside of Madison and Milwaukee. We want to get a good person because they will be there for that whole time. When we get that chancellor- we can make it its own divisions to show how important those activities are. Madison political piece- make sure we get the support from the state and the tuition will be interesting because its been frozen and at some point you can't do that forever. The thing you might not think about- demographics will be challenging because fewer people will come out of high schools and competition for student will be intense. The best thing you can do is participate and other things around the campus, be active and talk about that to others. And



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some day I'll shake your hand and you'll be an alumni and go out to the world representing UW-La Crosse. Alumni are the best promotion

5. Vu- Can you talk about the struggling alumni foundation
  - a. I would say struggling- what we need to do is get the word out that is doesn't have to be a huge amount and the thing that you'll find is that people have a long career and at the beginning you cant give back. It's good to see how well people do and know they can give back and soon we will announce the biggest gift so far.
6. Malik- coming up this Thursday there will be a meeting to discuss getting another diversity seat on student senate – org for Alana- org representing women of color. I don't think we have enough voices or perspective. We had issues of dissolving RHAC seats and wonder your thoughts on my idea. We are trying to build community and trust
  - a. I'm for representation for lots of voices I think it is very important. You will decide how you balance that and what is right for this group and I don't have a magic number for you. It sounds like something you'll have a discussion on and see where you go with that. If you give them a seat, I think is a great org and it sounds like people in Alana want to be apart and are excited, so I wouldn't have an objection to it
7. Isaac- I'm in SUCAF and my concern is that there will be money that student use to have a say in it, but not wont- how will you make sure student voices will be heard in the process
  - a. Jacob is the student rep on that. It's an issue that I think needed to be fixed if you will, but there are people on that- there is history from Madison that had controversy where the chancellor is the final decision and he didn't agree with it so that got the dispute going. In Madison the fees are 45 million dollars and our is 13-20 million which is significant. I've just said that's good I haven't ever challenged it and I think we are concerned about- some people in Madison that want to split that up and student can opt out of allocable- I think that would be problematic because there are things that are for the good for the university and it needs to be here and that's what I would be most concerned about. They are getting close on something coming to the region.
    - i. Larry- we have been working on the policy through SUFAC and on Monday we will and bring it to senate and hopefully by December have it finished
  - b. The changes that were made in 10 I want saying let's do that. The question you should be asking me is what policies I think should be changed- I don't have a quick answer for that. We have been doing this for a long time and I think it is in a good state in the UW system



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8. Weston- a few weeks ago we had someone who was looking at gen ed requirements come in and discuss what direction that was going in– what do you know about others going and where you want it to go
  - a. Important thing because many people take more gen ed's than those in their major and it is a big part of your experience. Alumni tell me- I had to take this required class that I didn't want to and it opened up doors for them. I took a speech class and I put it off and it was fulfilling to do something that I was afraid of and then I got my doctoral was in communication. There are some gen ed's that I don't remember and it's funny to see what has stayed with you. Its really all about the teaches- we should have required teachers than required classed. I'm delighted they are looking at it- my opinion- I think that the best system is one where there is a good deal of choice for students and advising. So students talks with an advisor about what they are interest in and what should I be studying. I think that is what they are talking about when they talk about this
    - i. Started with 4 then 2 and now 1
  - b. I hope we have some change that is beneficial to everyone. We have a lot of people and there is tracking that everyone follows. Nice to get a very unique experience and I could tell you, but I wont, there are some professors that you should take a class with, there are some wonderful people here. It is commendable that our faculty here look at this, I was presently happy when they said they would come and talk to you
9. Amy- could you elaborate on what a chancellor does
  - a. That's okay and I didn't know until I started doing it and it is wonderful and no day is the same. I have to make sure long term this university stays strong. I have a great team around me that are responsible for the things around me. Vice chancellor for student affairs that we are hiring right now. Vice chancellor for advancement in the media, alumni relations, fundraising. I work with them when they need me in there and make sure activities are coordinated and we are moving in the same direction. I am in Madison working with alumni to make sure people are engaged and supporting. Making sure we get a fair share of the state dollars. There are extreme things like where there is some important that comes to campus I get to welcome them, like Obama and people want to take pictures of me which is kind of cool. On the heavier side I need to be there. There have been several drownings and I have talked with families. There has been some drug issues were students OD in the res hall. It's a lot of different things that people do. I hope you all have a great career one day like mine. It's great to say I am the chancellor of UWL when I'm traveling
10. Under the chancellor there are things you can Veto – with the four



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governing bodies and land recognition policies, why do you think the chancellor gets ultimate veto power and do you think it's a fair veto power

- a. Important question because it's important that we are all talking about an issue with that. I was disappointed I was not in that conversation I wouldn't say I have veto power. No one has said lets make that a policy and I wasn't aware that that was a request. Also – is that an honorable way to honor the issue. I-
11. Even though you weren't in the process why do you think it's okay for one person to have veto power
  - a. I don't have that.
12. look back- do you think it is okay to have this much influence
  - a. I don't have that much power over that many people
13. Why are you introducing Obama but you won't introduce a student
  - a. We have an obligation to tell the truth and if you read the history you will find that the US government forcibly removed them from where we are which is not a good thing.
  - b. Barb- there are some of us meeting tomorrow on where we want this to go. We are still trying to arrange that to get a member of NASA there and have our student voices honored
  - c. Gow- people are free to say what you want and you are free to do that
- ii. Pleasure to be here and I like to know where you are

## VI. General Student Body Open Forum

- a. Kevin- Correcting a 51 year old crime, I am pleased to formally announce the formation of the new student organization Students for a Democratic Society. SDS was one of the most prominent anti-war organizations in the 1960s and put forward a radical vision of participatory democracy, including economic democracy. But when UWL students tried to form a chapter in 1966, they were called Communists and rejected by the chancellor, regents, and state supreme court. We formed a chapter of the modern incarnation of SDS as a response to the failures of politics-as-usual. We will be focusing on education and discussion critiquing capitalism and authoritarianism and finding ways to increase the level of democracy on campus. Anyone who is interested is invited to talk and possibly join
  - i. Isaac- Can you lay out what you're advocating for
    1. Very very broad anyone can join- if you thought Bernie was good to thinking Stalin did nothing wrong you can join. As for democracy that's something that is different but tied into and public involvement. We want more people coming to the public open forum and being able to express themselves politically
    2. No weekly meeting so far- hopefully if more people can come we will settle on a time

## VII. Officer Reports

- a. President: Jacob Schimmel
  - i. I don't have much this week. Larry can talk more about this but we've completed the proposal for having the SACFE process in the future- bring to SUFAC and



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then to senate. Other than that I had a lot going on nothing too news worthy but I have two people I decided to put on the court. They will be there next week and I would encourage you to come with questions. Normally it is laissez faire style. I have not had a round of interviews that I have to fill that has been so heavily competitive. I interviewed everyone and almost everyone was incredibly qualified candidates and a lot of people were interested. I have been talking to Rob on what we want to do with the court going forward. We have been discussing- making the court instead of 5 people to 5 to 7 to accommodate to the people who what to be on it and create more recognition. It would allow to fill more positions and I want to get your feedback

1. Alex- I think it would be a good idea
- ii. Would be an constitutional change
  1. Is the only reason for this to have more people or is there any other reason
- iii. Basically, but if there is a lot of people that want to do it would be nice to have more people available and would allow for continued opportunities
  1. What kind of questions do you ask on this process
    - a. I would recommend not to ask what would you rule or where you lean - what do you know about the law- general questions on student orgs and student government ones. Asking them how much they know or how they would interact.
  2. Lauren- do see the work load increasing? Would it require more students to function
    - a. The level of interest in the court in high. I can't see the cases increasing. 1-2 cases I see per year
    - b. Trying to work with the court. So if anything it is kind of on us to think of a way to promote the court. My guess is that there is more cases that are being brought up. Its not a heavy load
  3. Do all the bills we pass in senate go to the court
    - a. If a student had a problem they would go to the court and the court can choose to take it up
      - i. David- the embassy has a problem with you not letting them be a part of your body but we are reactive body. The only change I had was to have a secondary position. Its your decision- you can find out what we do in the rules and procedure
  4. Dani- currently the court doesn't have a say on anything we have, they cant level anything we do. Do you think giving them that power would cause an increase?
    - a. Lauren- someone can tell us that something we do isn't right
    - b. if you screw up- we can say who's right
  5. do you think adding a seat would make them more powerful or would we keep them in their box
    - a. don't see it adding power would just it add to the amount of people on it.

VIII. Motion to recess



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- a. Meet at 7:40
  - b. Motioned by Kettinger and Kallis
- IX.
- a. Vice President: Lauren Mason
    - i. Washington trip January 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. White privilege April 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Update: Enelda Delgado coming next week to tell about our strategic plan
    - iv. Provost also coming in next week
  - b. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
  - c. State Affairs Director: Ben O’Connell
    - i. Lobbying trip next week. Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Come along if interested. We have 11 meetings lobbying on Violence prevention issues. Will do lobbying training session for you if you are coming.
  - d. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
    - i. Alderman Brever’s resolution on climate change was not passed through the committee.
    - ii. New alcohol policy in the making
  - e. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
    - i. Taylor Wilmith basically and along with others, created a student philanthropy council. Will work towards promoting and creating events for philanthropy.
  - f. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
    - i. Slices got moved. November 20<sup>th</sup>. Pretty sure that’s a Monday. Still need people’s bios.
- X. RHAC Reports
- XI. Advisor Reports
- a. Larry:
    - i. Still nothing on the microwave. Still working on coffee issues with block meals etc.
    - ii. New changes on campus cash potentially.
    - iii. I don’t have issues with tuff questions for chancellor. I wanted to see your reactions and comfortability with having the Chancellor here today. I know it can be hard to be in a situation that is uncomfortable.
    - iv. We are meeting with Director Bhatoya about the Land Recognition policy tomorrow to see what will transpire and the direction we will go in the future.
    - v. Schimmel: This will become a cultural thing eventually. I would like it to become institutionalized. I do believe we need to be comfortable. We have shared governance but need to be careful. I have debated the chancellor many times about this policy, but I want to do what NASA wants. But, we need to continue to advocate with what we want, but we need to understand he has the decision. I don’t want what happened in Madison to happen here. No longer does the student government at Madison have the right to work with the chancellor on anything. However, we still need to advocate for what students want, but we need to think carefully about how we go about it.



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- vi. Bhatoya: This policy is one of the main things this body has had to work with the chancellor. In my opinion, the fall outs come with communication. Everytime he comes in and says he was not informed on the issues. What is lost in translation that he doesn't have information to last possible second? There is a huge lack of communication. It always comes down to his issue with statement, but what about the other groups involved in the process.
- vii. Tahiri: Maybe lets continue to go right to the point with what we want to do.
- viii. Amy: NASA had backing from many orgs initially and still today.
- ix. Tahiri: is there more you want to achieve?
  - x. Amy: we want more but we are doing the best with what we have at hand.
- xi. Larry: if you noticed what he said. He said that he noticed we do not say it at the start of our meeting. Maybe we need to get our house in order.
- xii. David: my recommendation is to get the Key players in line. Follow the money, and I think Joe Gow will respond. He made that good point with why we don't make that statement.
- xiii. Dani: We want to put the land recognition policy into our agenda. Lets make an amendment.
- xiv. Justice: I just wanna say when we have guest speakers here they should be able to speak without interruption. Id like to keep our relationship with the chancellor.

## XII. Committee Reports

- a. CAPs: talking about current GPA system. Some people don't want a change. Some do want a change in the scaling. There is a problem to how a student moves on in sequential courses. This can potentially positively impact a student's GPA. Currently there is not enough info.
- b. Curtis: Just by the numbers, a lot were spread across the board. Faculty was not on board for the most part. They are asking for our feedback.
  - i. Lauren: this survey was from a resolution passed three years ago.
  - ii. Jillian: is their main complaint that this is hard work?
  - iii. In CSAH once you get 60 credits you need to choose a major.
- c. Leg Affairs:
  - i. We discussed the elastic clause. It is article 2 section 5. It is very confusing. We talked about the grad seats about maybe being differed to diversity seats. Talked about how we can change that. Talked a lot about wording, specifically the executive branch and where the powers are invested. This coming meeting we will be focusing on that kind of stuff.

## XIII. Organizational Reports

- a. Physics: seminar last week and it went awesome.
- b. Pride center: we had an awesome Halloween party. Ally training the 8<sup>th</sup> of November .
- c. College Dems: knocking on doors starting at 4 with staging location at Sara's house. Hoping to get people excited for 2018 elections.
- d. College Reps: meets once a week.
- e.

## XIV. Unfinished Business





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- a. SA1718-013: Resolution to Approve Changes to the UWL Student Association Constitution
  - i. Hopefully you all read the emails.
  - ii. We added title page and table of contents... [refer to email sent to senators]
    - 1. Colin: I move to recommend this back to committee. My reasoning is based on changes. Things are inconsistent. Specifically, what to do with vacancies. We did more oath but there is no information by who gives the oath. Things need to be better. We owe it to you all so it can be presentable for all of you. This has to be done by referendum so we want to make it right before its sent out to the students.
    - 2. Haley; we need to comb through this in more time. We need to make sure this is checked in with someone.
    - 3. Motion passed to sent document back to leg affairs committee.
- XV. New Business
  - a. SA1718-014: Resolution to Approve Student Court Nominations
    - i. Schimmel: procedural resolution. Let me know if you have any questions.
    - ii.
- XVI. Discussion
  - a. Ethan: can we get clocked fixed?
    - i. Lauren: I sent request to get new clocks
  - b. Tahiri: SUFAC discussed creating a sub committee for students to work with non-allocables so students still have a voice.
    - i. Generally we want to stay away from cuts away from student orgs.
  - c. Amy: Do we know if construction of the sewers are for?
    - i. Larry: it is the fiber optic project. Increasing fiber optics to all the buildings.
- XVII. Announcements
  - a. Brittney: we are taking a photo after the meeting.
  - b. Amy: the language resource center having an event 330 to 5 Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Haley: What did you guys think of the candidate?
    - i. She had direct answers which was good
    - ii. Aaron: I thought the complete opposite. I did not like her answers to diversity. She said diversity was “good” just lacked luster.
- XVIII. Adjournment
  - a. @ 8:54.