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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **November 15th, 2017**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:01pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Absent: 6
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Alderman Brever
 - i. Patrick- I'm back yet again with news from the city. I would like to remind you alternate side parking went into effect if you're off campus. Just had a council meeting last night and the capital improvement plan- 4 year budget we approved. Memorial pool-allocated \$1.5 million to the pool. The neighborhood association is looking to do some fundraising to get construction. Parks and rec department- efforts by council men to audit their finances. This did pass 10 to 3 but the major vetoed it and we will take the vote again. Climate change- passed got 7 votes. Also, I heard that folks are excited about this- alcohol will now be sold at 6am not 9am- passed unanimously. There was a meeting to pass the city budget to all departments and projects-70 million dollars and will save property taxes. Idling policy- currently being looked at and could move on it tomorrow or work on it a little bit, hopefully I will have an update on it next month. New resolution I proposed- drawing of legislative maps of Wisconsin, city went through this- 17 seats. Had to redraw the lines and make them as even as possible. Will be voted on December 14th and you can come and speak in favor or opposed.
 1. Questions?
 - a. Schimmel- did you have any updates on the interception on 22nd and Campell where the streets interest before the stop sign
 - i. Patrick- No update, but are in long term planning.
 - b. Kallis- update on the pride tax
 - i. Patrick- Accounting issue. As far as I know the state has not looked into it. Talked last April to have a premier resort tax for tourism related purchases and would go to the county to upgrade roads and bridges and there is a bill on that now. We approved



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it but the state has to approve it now.

2. Patrick- I will be in next month, but my last month will be January since I am graduating. Let me know if you have people who would fit the job.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

- a. No report

VII. Officer Reports

- a. President: Jacob Schimmel

- i. Jacob- For this week one thing that has been grinding my gears is the university lawyer and how it is not advertised much. We are trying to up the visibility and get that on the SA page. We don't want to make it where the lawyer is flocked with emails, just that students are aware. We fund over \$7000 for that position

1. Dani- what office is the lawyer under

- a. Jacob- also a professor

- b. Barb- there is an office within student life and it is easy for students to get to, I don't have his schedule but he is always busy.

- ii. Jacob- Madison does a lot of stuff on their resources and I want to up that for students. We went to Reps and it was a good meeting. Related to the merger and one of the things that Ray told us over the phone is student would be directly involved in the meetings. Had to fight to get students one nonvoting member on the steering committee. I don't know the level of involvement on faculty and staff and will have to check back in to the input on that committee. Wanted to do a formal letter to Ray to say hey we want at least two members, one two year and one four year. So we will be looking for that in the future. Lastly, we had one of the VPS come and asked them how recruitment will look. We are not allowed to recruit from another four-year campus. However, we will be allowed to recruit on these other campuses that were 2 year and are now 4 years. I'm not concerned about it as the chancellor is but I will be following up on it throughout the year to maintain numbers. Contacted career services folks to relate something to diversity and they said we connect to the community, things like recognized companies with black owners. Anything we can do to improve diversity recruitment. Anything we can do that is geared towards people of color, I haven't seen a whole lot and Aaron and I will work on it. DC priorities things- Lauren emailed you about the DC lobbying trip, this is a UW reps trip, people across the UW system go and talk about issues. Four issues that have to do with college funding- 1. The Pell Grand – unconditional money as a student that you can spend, focuses on people in poverty or don't have the money and first generation students. 2. Student loan refinancing- be able to refinance with an interest rate that is lower-



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introduced at the Wisconsin state level and we have been talking about and supporting. 3. The Perkins loan program- ended about a month ago, is a federal loan program for students that really need a loan. It was chopped but we are advocating for to come back. 4. Reauthorization of the higher education- better support for our colleges and universities. Just the picture for the lobbying trip. Highly recommend sending in an application to Lauren and I because it is nice to talk to congress men. Worthwhile to get experience in public policy.

1. Xion- when will it be
 - a. January 8-11th everything is paid for expect the deposit and metro fee to get around the city, but you could get reimbursed in that
- b. Vice President: Lauren Mason
 - i. Lauren- Two new senators
 1. Brandon and Sabah
 2. If you could tell us your major, year in school and favorite ice cream flavor.
 - a. Sabah- representing Aliana, French education major, sophomore and my favorite ice cream is chocolate
 - b. Brandon-Junior political science major, and my favorite flavor of ice cream is cookie dough.
 3. Lauren- we will be going to Oshkosh December 9th and hosing one here march 31st so you can come and see what we do. I will be sending out the inclusivity survey, please do it because it could be helpful. SEI- I'm gong to be working on that winter break so ill have something for you guys to look at next semester. Colin and I will take it under our wings
- c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
 - i. Weston- So this morning I sent out to the college of science and health senators the email regarding dean candidate. Our current interim dean has been with us for 20 plus years. We have an opportunity to meet with senators which is cool. It is a good opportunity to make a connection with a dean and could help you along your career at UWL. It will be Tuesday 21st at 9:30am in this room. I will escort him here and you can gather here. How may would like to go?
 1. Xing- next Tuesday we have Thursday classes
 2. Lauren- we don't have a senate meeting next Wednesday
 - ii. Weston- Going to have an open forum is next Monday 4pm not sure if we have a location but I will send you out the email. Any questions?
- d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
 - i. Ben- Lobby trip happened last Thursday and it was successful and we had 5 people go. The quality of the talks we had was very good and the



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majority of them were receptive and generally interested in sexual violence prevention. There were a few that were not receptive. I would like to have more of you come along, it is important for them to see student care about these issues. The bill got a fiscal estimate but I will see it in two weeks so that is that. As most of you know there is a bill floating around about lowering the drinking age from 21 to 19. Interesting and I don't know about you but I am pro this bill. If the drinking age is lowered from 21 they will take away some funding.

- e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
 - i. Steph- I've been working on things with the landlords and I have all the information I just don't have website access. I went to a meeting on housing food and security.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
 - i. Aaron- First thing, I'll forward you the email response. I went to the food and security meeting- more brainstorming. We had people from various offices. We narrowed it down to what we want to get specific orgs involved, DC SCS and food recovery network. Aside from what is going on in the meeting, is there anyone else would like to be involved? Looking for concrete support due to people graduating, we need to make sure there are people in place to continue this when I'm gone
- g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
 - i. Brittany- Slices is Monday and I have a sign-up sheet. There are blocks with five spots open for each slot
 - 1. Lauren- even if a block gets filled, sign up

VIII. RHAC Reports

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry- Table top will be installed December 4th and 5th and asked them to make sure the microphones work. We've had a number of conversations with Chartwells about how there seems to be a lack of personnel and it is understaffed. The union is making decisions on decreasing the number of hours so employees don't have to work that many hours, will start a campaign Monday of next week and will be handing out flyers and talking to students, I just wanted you to be prepared. The university sets the hours as a contract and we review those yearly and make changes. It's a tough situation because Chartwells is meeting the contraction but maybe the university isn't
 - i. Lang- What if there was a back lash from students if you cut back on hours
 - 1. Larry- Not going to cut back on hours unless it is something students want
- b. Larry- Trying to get dining services together, but maybe you could get involved in this, most speedy way to do this. Just be prepared. Lauren, Jacob and I talked about do we knocked back the hours from 1 am to midnight. For me it has to come



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from the students.

- i. Lauren- Schimmel and I talked to the Union workers and they said they want the students to say what is acceptable. They could tell us where the pressure points are but didn't want it to influence anything.
- c. Larry- Union employees like working with students and Chartwells are not forcing people to work overtime
 - i. Aaron- When it comes to reducing hours how does that impact individuals
 1. Larry-Something I have to investigate. I have to see who is employed at each time and how many people were are serving in a hour.
 - ii. Aaron- Is Whitney open all day?
 1. Larry- yes
 - iii. Dani- You asked me to make a list of cold places and I have made a list. I can email it to you.
 1. Larry- I called about the book store
 - iv. Dani- I had someone complain about the fruit at Whitney- it is either never stocked or rotten
 1. Larry- I will follow up on that.

X. Committee Reports

- a. Alex- student orgs committee will be meeting Wednesday and we are looking at commencement speaker
- b. Kaitlyn- Elected a chair
- c. Alicia- Not really a report, wondering whether or not we will have a third seat.
 - i. Lauren- there might be one or two students that would like to take another seat. Let me know if your interested
- d. Weston- pre-health task force- small committee that has been meeting since April of last year- tasked with deciding on how we can better advise pre health students. It's been very productive and hoping to get a final document in early December. If they like the ideas in the years coming there will be a lot of changes including ged ed requirements. Not going to be implemented for two years. If you have any questions or comments before the send out the final report talk to me.

XI. Organizational Reports

- a. Dani- So tomorrow the 16th is trans day remembrance and we are putting on a memorial in the hall of nations from 10am to 4pm and will have a walk through. 27 people reported on and they are a community that faces a lot of violence. Take a lot of time to walk through and its import to see names and faces. There will also be a candle light visual at 7:15 where words will be said and remember people who have been lost and those who are still fighting.

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

- a. SA1718-015: Resolution to Approve Student Senate Appointment
 - i. Lauren- it would be great if we could get it approved today. Open the floor



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for discussion

1. Dani- I would like to move to suspend the two-week rule
 - a. Second- Becker
 - b. Discussion- none
 - i. All I
 - ii. No opposed
 - iii. No abstentions
 2. Colin- Add me as a sponsor
 3. Haley- Do we need to add on Aliana
 - a. Lauren- no in the bylaws it says it will go to a new origination through DOC.
 4. Vu- added as a sponsor
 5. Dani-Call to question
 - a. All I's
 - b. Non opposed
 - c. No abstentions
- b. SA1718-016: Resolution for Student Desired Microwave in Murphy Library
- i. Annika- so people want a microwave in murphy so we wrote a resolution about it. And I guess it's going to be there and it's the students responsibility to clean it.
 1. Alex- I would like to Co-sponsor this resolution
 2. Haley- How will students be actively aware that it is their responsibility to clean the microwave
 - a. Weston- plan on putting a sign right on the microwave saying "please clean out after each use". We were asked to write a resolution by the person who runs the library. This is just a statement.
 - i. Haley is there going to be cleaning supplies
 1. Weston- from my understanding she will have cleaning supplies available. I wanted his resolution to be vague so people could do that. If not, it's a conversation we could have over there
 3. Xiong- in the case that they accidently drop their food- technically the mess wouldn't be there if there wasn't a microwave.
 - a. Lauren- you can bring food into murphy anyway so there would be the janitor to clean your mess
 - b. Weston-you shouldn't leave a pig sty anyway
 4. Dani- where are you getting this microwave
 - a. Larry- I am providing one
 5. Dani- where are we going to do on allergens
 - a. Weston- if someone has a allergy they should know not to



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put food in there. But we could put a disclaimer, or maybe we could get a second one.

6. Lang- move to amend the document
 - a. Lang- Whereas after the last whereas stating, cleaning supplies will be provided for students for murphy library to clean the microwave
 - i. Lauren- Discussion on the amendment itself?
 1. Second by Haley
 2. Jillian- we can't expect that they provide supplies. We shouldn't make a big deal about it
 3. Dani- I think there should be cleaning supplies. What do you about specifying where the cleaning supplies are
 - a. Vu- should be added in there as a cost to have, so if it isn't clean we don't have a microwave.
 - ii. Dani- added to the end after microwave- "and made available at the circulation desk"
 1. Seconded by Colin.
 2. Discussion on
 - a. One opposed
 - b. Passes
 - iii. Lucas- can we tell murphy library that they have to have cleaning supplies.
 1. Weston-We are asking students to please clean after each use but it is up to them. I don't think this is a far off stretch. Katherine (in charge of murphy) acknowledged she would get cleaning supplies.
 2. Lucas- motion to amend the amendment to "murphy library has stated they will provide"
 - a. Seconded by Brandon
 3. Vu- if the cleaning supplies were at the circulation desk and not right next the microwave why would students go out of their way to get the supplies.
 4. Jillian- the other day I spilled by ramen and I walked out of my way to get the supplies to clean my mess and I thing the majority of people will do that. And its in a public space so people will see you spill.



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- a. Sabah-Where will the microwave be
 - i. Weston- TBD by Katherine- she just wants to get the ball rolling.
 - b. Colin- call to question
 - i. Seconded by Dani
 - ii. All in favor
 - iii. No opposed
 - iv. No abstention
 - 5. Vu- move to amend the document to “can be removed”
 - a. Second by Haley
 - b. All in favor
 - c. None opposed
 - d. No abstentions
- XIV. SA1718-017: Resolution to Remove RHAC Senate Seats from Student Association Constitution and Student Senate Bylaws
 - a. Schimmel- It’s a simple resolution, RHAC doesn’t exist so there is no use for the seats- removes it from the by laws and constitution
 - i. Lauren- last year they decided they didn’t want to be an organization, however they had two senate spots and this resolution removes them from all our documents since they are no longer an organization. It will give us two weeks on the proposed changes on the referendum. Does anyone have comments
 - 1. Colin- added as a sponsor
 - 2. Avery- added as a sponsor
 - 3. Haley- was there any question on the referendum being in the spring
 - a. Ben- if we get rid of RHAC there are two seats empty and we just want to get rid of them now
 - b. Lauren- close discussion on this document for tonight
- XV. Discussion
 - a. Lang- question to the advisor. Why aren’t there any full meal plans for off campus students like on campus students
 - i. Larry- they can all sign up for any meal plans
 - b. Lang- parking ramp- having a button for accessibility- handicap parking spots on many floors but no button
 - i. Larry- talked about it last year and I need to follow up I don’t know
 - c. Brainstorming session
 - i. One thing I wanted to do was talk about things you are all interested in, any goals you have
 - 1. Ethan- I met a physics major who is interested in starting up a



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- workshop for various physics clubs on campus
- a. Lauren- Colin is the president of physics club so talk to him
 - b. Alex- have them submit a form to us and we'll vote on that
2. Yer- people don't like the Whitney food
 - a. Lauren- focus on getting specific campaigns
 - b. Larry- yes it is a constant goal
 3. Joy- for me nothing that has come up
 4. Abby- in the CBA students have said how hard it is for clubs to do raffles or give always
 - a. Larry- we now have a raffle license- everyone except for frats and sororities can use it. Go to the COVE
 5. Avery- had a org come talk to me about concerns about active minds concerned with the limited offerings in the counseling and testing services
 - i. Lauren- it's hard because we don't have as many counselors as we would like. If active minds wants to come up with goals that would be good for us to help out with
 - ii. Dani- I know the Chair/president is you want to do stuff
 6. Amy- NASA wants to write a statement about the stature to come down
 7. Alicia- felt that the diversity org that was set up in a difficult location- felt that they were put at the back and it was something that was expressed. Curious about what we could do about keeping the map the same or putting it in a rotation- felt like no one was coming to us because we weren't at a great place.
 - a. Larry- take it to student orgs
 - b. Lauren-look into seeing if they are open to a rotation or make them aware of the situation
 - c. Alex- email Jamie Wolf or come to our meetings- 3145 in this building
 8. Kayle- I talked about getting compost bins in Whitney and res halls but people were against that because it didn't work. I was made aware that the university recycles 33% and want to do some research to up those numbers. Maybe make students more aware.
 9. Sabah- nothing
 10. Dani- I'm going to tell you things I have In the works. I'm going to faculty senate to talk about the resolution we passed. I am attempting to get a meeting with Angie. I'm attempting to get gender neutral bathrooms in Wimberley, only lecture building that doesn't have them. Previously there was a senator who started



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doing that and I am going to pick up where they left off. I'm working with the office of res life with social justice and inclusive excellence and making PGP mandatory. Also, working on the Laux reservation where folks can have gender inclusive housing rather than displayed around the campus.

11. Lasse- nothing
12. Brandon- passes
13. Alex- parking tickes are double the city rate and wondering if you have information on why that is.
 - a. Lauren- Victor Hill is the director of parking services
 - b. Larry- he is out for about a week and a half
14. Claire- I don't really have anything. One of the concerns I have was personal. I work til noon and then I have a class at 12:40 in Graff and I there is a lack of seating in Graff, if there is a way to add more lounging or seating.
 - a. Barb- talk to Bob Hetzel
15. Claire- not a huge variety in vegetables in the stir fry availability
16. Haley- I have a big one that I want to work on with someone who will be here after I graduate. Idea on plastic water bottles-banning the selling of them. So, I am going to start laying the ground work for that
 - a. Aaron- someone brought this up to me, about plastic in general. I emailed Mary and ill forward you the email
17. Lang- I yield
18. Lucas- I am looking into the possibly of having faculty post the syllabus from the year before, they wouldn't have to do it but highly encourage.
 - a. Lauren- talking about it as we go from D2L to canvas and other campuses that use canvas have them up now, and it is something that we are exploring.
19. Lucas- Joint safety task force- possibility getting more cameras around the campus.
20. Jillian- VPI just redid the licensing for teachers in Wisconsin. Other test count the foundations of readings test and most teachers agree it doesn't measure anything and it's not an accurate representation of being a good teacher. Lots of articles coming out on it. There is a class that is hard to get into and I want to look into why there can't be more classes.
21. Colin- two things. When you go to grad school you are given a stipend and your tuition but your tuition could be taxed. It's my opinion that that is unreasonable and if it passes I couldn't go, I want to pose a resolution to oppose this tax. Basically, the school



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of education is bigger than senate leads on. Drafting a resolution of a poll who have two different majors in two different colleges. Going to be more complicated. So, if someone has an education minor but would like to represent more with what they identify with they should be able to represent what they want

- a. Lauren- easy to get numbers
 - b. Haley- is there a lot of cases on which people struggle with disclaiming which is their first or second major?
 - i. Jillian- we don't get to decide which is our first.
22. Mitch- I yield
23. Beckwith- I had a few sorority girls who wanted to make digital marketing and media into a major
- a. Alex- talk to the chair of those departments and they would have to go under a committee to make it a major
 - b. Dani- I tried to do that. You need to figure out if there is an actual need for this and they have to go to their department chair and tell them they want it and if there is enough need they can go towards a possible curriculum. Recommend sending out a poll, but it's a long process
 - i. Beckwith- is there an update on the women's lacrosse and golf team?
 1. Barb- Golf will start in the fall of 2018. Lacrosse will start the fall of 2019. It's all about hiring coaches
 - a. Lauren- Can always ask the chair of department
24. Schimel- I've been working on getting a community garden I thought it would be cool if we turn the space of cartwright into it. The building is not coming down until at least 2024. If you're interested in that let me know. We are switching from D2L to canvas and playing around on it and getting students input. If you're interested in on putting some input on how it should look let me know. I think canvas is a better system from what I've seen.
25. Alex- parking permits getting knocked down?
 - a. A lot
26. Dani- me and Amy are writing a resolution on the land recognition statement in our agenda and bylaws so we recognize something that we passed.
27. Lauren- do a safety walk. I will invite the chief of police along with one of his officers

XVI. Announcements

- a. Brittney- if you signed up come to slices. I'll send out a message



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- b. Dani- DOC is having a family style pot luck on Friday at common grounds from 6-9. There will be baked goods and snack items.
- XVII. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Lang, seconded by Becker
 - b. 8:00pm