



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

Date: **November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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. Present: 25
  - b. Absent: 4
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of agenda
  - b. Approval of minutes
    - i. Hah and becker
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
  - a. Kevin- Hi I'm Kevin again, so last time I was here I talked about students for democratic society. There was some confusion on what it is but we are all socialist of some variety but you don't have to be. We have having an even socialism 101. There will be a PowerPoint on Tuesday 6pm.
- VII. Officer Reports
  - a. President: Jacob Schimmel
    - i. Jacob-So just some updates from last week, Angie talked to me and student life and is working on better promotion and looking to foster that off to SA to post that to our site and we will see what we can do there. Second thing, just last week or two ago I wrote a letter on the merger and students say, Ray replied and I'll post that on the Facebook page, will be going to reps Dec 9<sup>th</sup> in Oshkosk and the deadliney to sign up is on Friday. Questions?
  - b. Vice President: Lauren Mason
    - i. Lauren- I was thinking we shouldn't have a meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>. So the last meeting would be the 6<sup>th</sup> is that okay with everyone? Nothing would be voted on until January 24<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Chief of Staff: Weston Floerke
    - i. Weston-A little update. CSH dean search tomorrow morning at 11<sup>th</sup> Dr. Kosh will come and meet with CSH senators in this room. Update on the murphy microwave, the resolution we talked about last week. It was silly at times but good practice. I've been talking to Katherine and she has gotten the janitors confirmation that they can clean the microwave. She wants to get it the first week of next semester, at this time I am going to ask to resolve the resolution when it comes up in old business. They have confirmed the janitors will cleans it. It would be placed in the atrium- as



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soon as you walk in to the left on the first floor. Will be working with her and hopefully get a second for allergies. If anything happens to change she will reach out to SA and if a new resolution will need, she'll reach out to us

- d. State Affairs Director: Ben O'Connell
  - i. No report
- e. Local Affairs Director: Steph Boebel
  - i. Stephanie- Got the access to edit the website
- f. Inclusivity Director: Aaron Bhatoya
  - i. Aaron- December 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am we have our discussion on diversity events and if you want to come let me know. December 8<sup>th</sup> food and housing security event. I don't think any direct impact will happen until next semester.
- g. Public Relations Director: Brittany Tashner
  - i. Brittany- Main thing is the website I need bios and if you see something that isn't right let me know. I have the post-its from slices with senators and I'll post them

## VIII. RHAC Reports

## IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Larry- we have started the signing project on the building. Should be happening the next couple weeks. We had someone from the office of civil rights inspecting the accessibility access and she was pleased with it. I will be out on medical leave for the next two weeks, Barbra will be here. I you need to get in touch with me email me
  - i. Malik- how can we get raises for students on campus
    - 1. Larry- That is a constant conversation. The University doesn't have a pay scale. There are guidelines and we have a separate base scale and it's important to use that. There are students that don't get paid a lot. If you have questions yourself the division of student affairs check with financial aid
  - ii. Aaron- if you're looking for a raise do you have to go through the big general office or small entity that pays you
    - 1. Small entity
  - iii. Alicia- There is a computer on NSO and isn't hooked up- could we get that running
    - 1. Larry- of course
  - iv. Dani- will everything be set up to any electric system
    - 1. Larry- it is on the punch list and we need to get the right power and I am hoping it will get done in January.
- b. Barbra- a new update on the chancellor, he will begin February 5<sup>th</sup> and will do a campus open house. We are trying to figure out how the transition will go
  - i. Larry- I know some of you enjoyed what happened in the COVE and I



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thought it would be good to have that

- ii. Lauren- Bob Hetzel sent around the division funding. Once I get it I will send it to you

## X. Committee Reports

- a. Dani- we talked about referrals on campus. 153 referrals of those 30 reports were sexual assaults and that is a huge uptake by about 20 reports and that is not good. So far there are new foundations they have a meeting in the coming semester if you want to get involved with that Ingrid will be there as well. I can get you in touch. There is a new NCAA mandate. All coaches and athletes have to be trained on bystander intervention and bully training in January or February. Peer advocates on campus are coming up with programs for the coming year. Engage on prevention education on campus. Check list on what your campus has and how you are educating people. Don't have another meeting until next semester.
- b. Alicia- I met with JMAC this is a report on who was charged the admin fee and it breaks by race and ethnicity and if they are first generation students and based on the undergrad student by income. We talked about what the percentages of students look like 25% were color, 25% were first generation students 19% recipient. Doing a resolution to ask about what the exceptions to this are and where you can find exceptions about the amount that is charged. There isn't a set minimum but there is a set maximum. A resolution to state what the money is used for. I wanted you guys to see this
  - i. Lauren- this is a system wide policy and I asked Bob where the money goes to pay people who work in businesses services.
- c. Alicia- it's about letting the students know what this money is going for and sooner so less has to be paid. 1,600 students were charged the fee
- d. Malik- cultural affairs met and we mostly talked about budgets and we are overspending by 3000 and it comes from our pockets. A lot of the time budgets come across and we are already overspending. Also, our orgs include women's studies fraternity and sorority life. Also welcome Saba- we talked about making ALANA a permanent seat
- e. Isaac- SUFAC is talking about the green fund and also looked at the orgs budgets and approved that.
- f. Haley –GCS met and we are discussing the mini grant and bike locks. I think I wanted to get your informal feedback on bike locks- do you use them? \$75
  - i. Jillian- I know someone who got their bike stolen while they had a lock

## XI. Organizational Reports

- a. Dani- its that time of year- mobile sign- applications open until Sunday for next semester in the pride center. The big gay is coming to Omaha Nebraska. There are days of educational workshops, big speakers and there will also be really cool connections made. I went last year and I will go this year. I recommend if anyone wants to know more or be involved in the community it's an amazing experience. Apply at the pride center.



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- XII. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1718-016: Resolution for Student Desired Microwave in Murphy Library
    - i. Lasse- resolution about putting a microwave in murphy
    - ii. Haley- I move to table this indefinitely
      - 1. Second- Dani
      - 2. All in favor
      - 3. No opposed
  - b. SA1718-017: Resolution to Remove RHAC Senate Seats from Student Association Constitution and Student Senate Bylaws
    - i. Justice- the resolution about removing the RHAC seats from the bylaws
    - ii. Lauren- is there any discussion?
    - iii. Colin- Call to question
      - 1. Second by Justice
      - 2. All in favor
      - 3. No opposed
- XIII. New Business
- a. SA1718-018: Resolution to Establish the Non-Allocable University Fee Allocation Subcommittee
    - i. Colin- we have talked about the change coming from allocable and non-allocable fees. Students voices should be heard and this creates a sub-committee of SUFAC for non allocable budgets.
    - ii. Malik-Do you have to be a part of SUFAC
      - 1. Colin-No
    - iii. Jillian – Don’t they already give a committee
      - 1. We do but we want to be in the room during the process
    - iv. Lucas- What happens if you don’t get 10
      - 1. Colin- Lets a good question. Or a student could serve on more than one role
    - v. Jillian- can you slightly amend SUFAC to do this? Instead of having a whole other long meeting so it makes more sense to add a little
      - 1. Colin- The idea of a subcommittee is so that they don’t have to be a part of SUFAC to be a part of these meetings. I couldn’t do this on top of being on SUFAC so other students could come and play a larger role
    - vi. Haley-The intention is SUFAC focuses on allocable and it’s two different conversations.
    - vii. Dani- have you gotten the confirmation from the people that are in it right now
      - 1. Larry- had conversations with student affairs directors. There is a commitment but we are still figuring out some of it. I have to stress that we are trying something.
    - viii. Lauren- close discussion for tonight



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- b. SA1718-019: Resolution Approving Fall Green Fund Large Grant Requests
  - i. Haley- For the green fund grant we 1. Green energy surcharge and it is paying for the green energy fee- the university is charged for using green energy. Discussion is that we need more signage for this. So JCS says we do promotion for this specific thing and SUFAC added \$1000 per year for promotion or stickers to let people know. 2. composter however it no longer sits at the UWL campus.
    - 1. Lauren- can you talk about where green money comes from
      - a. \$7 goes into the green fun and this gets passed though the green fun committee and that gets passed to SUFAC to make sure it is legal.
  - ii. Haley- The green fund in general is meant to fund only sustainable projects on UWL and it can get complex. Uses compost from four places in La Crosse and then they sell it. We would be funding the maintenance and interns. We denied the request because it's not longer on the campus. Theater lighting- to replace lighting with LED with color filters used mainly for theater however it is available for all student use. The green fund can only apply to Seg fee buildings- the U, stadium, res halls. We did approve the surcharge.
  - iii. Dani- so clarification – on the theater lights and why they weren't approved- they look like they will be catch on fire
    - 1. Isaac- Only a small amount of buildings that can get money from the green fund as stated in the by laws- Whitney, memorial center
  - iv. Lauren- close discussion for now
- c. SA1718-020: Resolution Approving the FY18 Allocable Segregated Fee Budget
  - i. Colin- this is a resolution that is approving for the fiscal year 18-19 budget. It is essentially the same as what was approved for 17-18 the difference -500 reduction from SA. And there is also selective series that has been reduced with working with CAB and is halved
  - ii. Dani- is the fee rate the same
    - 1. Colin- I do not believe so I think it cut down because of the allocable and no allocable, just a shift
  - iii. Dani- for clarity- since we bailed them out where is the half budget going
    - 1. Colin- we discussed it in the spring with helping CAB and it is in the reserved because it's not getting allocated
    - 2. Larry- money cab is paying back that is going into the reserves
  - iv. Brandon- is it \$5238 per year or per semester.
    - 1. Haley- this is for the year but things have changed from allocable to non allocable
  - v. Lauren- close discussion for now
- d. SA1718-021: Resolution in Support the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Multisociety Letter on Tax Reform



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- i. Colin – I wrote this and I would love sponsors. There is a position that has now passed congress that will get rid of provisions for tax benefits. So to go against this the American association and 30 other associations we to the signers of this letter asking them to change the bill so the provisions are not in there. It would effect plenty of people who would not be able to do research. So all it says is that we support the letter that was written for AAAS. I believe in the email the email was sent out.
- ii. Can I be added as a sponsor
  1. Avery, Lucas, Kaitlyn, Yer, Brandon, Alicia, Dani, Sabah
- iii. Sabah- How many people can sponsor
  1. Lauren- as many as you like
- iv. Lucas- When is the next step?
  1. Colin- reconciliation between the houses and then it gets passes.
- v. Lang- would we be the first university to support this?
  1. Colin- I don't know and I though writing a resolution that affects millions of people would help
- vi. Lauren- Close discussion for today
- e. SA1718-022: Resolution to Support the Removal of the Hiawatha Statue from Riverside Park
  - i. Amy- my resolution is not an accurate representation. It continues to reflect stereotypes that they try to look past. It's not an accurate depiction and the end goal is to pass it and bring it to the major
  - ii. Seconded by Brandon
  - iii. Amy- remove the first whereas because that is what the major would like and I would like to respect that
  - iv. Isaac- it's not out to the public
    1. Amy- correct
  - v. Call to question
    1. Seconded by Colin
  - vi. Colin- do the hochuck have a preference if they want this in
    1. Don't have an official statement mentioning she supports that
  - vii. Lang- can you talk to the other people in the area so we have more of a consonance.
  - viii. Lucas- if we could get any official statement that would help but as a whole I would be for this
  - ix. Isaac- I think its when you come in the north side of La Crosse the statue,
    1. How la Crosse got its name
  - x. Isaac- was the hochunk tribe the only tribe that has been this area?
    1. Jillian- at the archeology museum it said there was one but then they left
  - xi. Lauren – close discussion
- f. SA1718-023: Resolution to Add the Indigenous Land Recognition Statement to



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## the Agenda

- i. Dani- so this would be adding the indigenous land recognition to every meeting after the pledge of allegiance. As a policy we will say that we represent and respect them and I think administration pointed out that we don't say the statement so I think we should put our money where our mouth is
- ii. Isaac- if we are unsure on there if there was more than one tribe here should we look into that
  1. Dani- recognize all indigenous people
- iii. Isaac- recently I was in the library and I read that is was more than just the Hochunk people so we should include them
- iv. Malik- for sure there has been other tribes but I think it goes with the government honoring and recognizing
- v. Yer and Alicia added as a sponsor
- vi. Abby- who will read this
  1. Lauren- me
- vii. The only one around La Crosse is the hochunk
- viii. Ethan- since you're the one saying you should also have a say
- ix. Justice- is that all
  1. Federally recognized native American
- x. Amy- so there are 11 federally recognized nations we previously passed this statement and its gone through who was here and whats the history. I think we should just support is and recognize them and indigenous people around them
- xi. Dani- the history has been debated by multiple bodies so the statement has already been passed by us. The discussion is to put it in our meetings not change the statement.
- xii. Colin- if we are going to be worried about if it is historically accurate- NASA would be okay with new information. Added as a sponsor
- xiii. Isaac- I think it would be appropriate to look at the statement since it's a whole new body.
  1. Lauren- the land was taken by the people but we shouldn't be debating the statement anymore. It's not about changing the statement that we have already have voted on it.
- xiv. Isaac- but you can always amend the resolution.
  1. Lauren- I don't want to have a conversation about rewording it in this room
- xv. Isaac- but it is our meeting
  1. Lauren -I don't think it will help you but you can still debate it
- xvi. Jillian- do any other orgs read it at there meeting?
  1. Lauren- no
- xvii. Jillian- does NASA have a stance on this?



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1. Amy- they support the resolution.
  - xviii. Dani- I'm just going to point out that the pledge of allegiance is read and some folks don't stand or read it and its up to you. So its something specific to us and you don't have to agree with everything that is said, but I think its necessary to respect this. Students pushed for this and it important to represent that they worked hard on this and it took time and effort.
  - xix. Brandon- motion to amend- to clarify the resolution
  - xx. Colin- I want to point out- I think it was a curtesy that she put it in there so we cant edit that part at all. It is an addition of the statement and it doesn't matter how much we change the language. The way I read the document is that it doesn't matter
  - xxi. Lang- so question to the senator- how would you like this statement to be read on the projector
    1. Dani- how it is read its through the discretion of the vice president.
  - xxii. Lauren- close on this for tonight
- XIV. Discussion
- a. Alicia- putting up the numbers- JMAC wanted to go to you guys to write a resolution and is looking for feedback- when you see these numbers what do you think I can put on a resolution? Or a resolution for amount that is charged. Just looking at the numbers I hope it is as concerning to you as it is to me and its not okay for the students
    - i. Sabah- does it have to be a flat rate for everyone
      1. Alicia- I'm pretty positive it's a flat fee
  - b. Alicia- there is certain grant that could be given to pay the balance off and it's a one page form they could pay off. There is also a bridge loan up to \$250 to help them not pay this fee but then would have to pay interest on the loan.
  - c. Haley- dose that policy state what it has to be
    - i. Alicia- Can't be more than \$100 but no minimum
  - d. Aaron- on the reducing it by income you could do it as a bracket but you can do it case by case. They could take that backed of income and reduce it student by student. D2L- I feel like I would be difficult to getting notifications to there. Is there a way to get more in depth information of the students it effected
    - i. Alicia- some don't know they have this free. Anything over \$25 is when you get the \$75 dollar fee and they didn't know they loose their registration.
  - e. Dani- so I had a conversation with Will and he showed me this document and one of the things we should be looking into is the fact that- if you don't know for a GI bill, you are getting federal money to pay for tuition. That means you're excepted to the \$75 dollar feed but some are not getting it waved. If you're a native student and not on the GI bill you don't get the money.
  - f. Alicia- the university isn't telling us enough on exceptions





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- i. Dani- if you are free Friday I have a meeting with bob and I can give you some information
    - g. Alicia- if you want to help me on the resolution let me know
- XV. Announcements
  - a. No report
- XVI. Adjournment
  - a. Motioned by Giles seconded by Dickler
  - b. All I
  - c. 7:30pm