



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **February 6th, 2019**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:01 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Woodmansee: *I move to add above in discussion the ad hoc Green Fund committee/ Coleman, Director Wolfe and I are planning on adding a Green Fund committee to better utilize the Green Fund*
  - b. Approval of Agenda
    - i. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Lee Rasch – Ethical Leaders
    - i. Gave a brief presentation on ethical leadership in and outside of the political sphere. Discussed divided nation and issues within political parties regarding ethics. Talked about developing ethical leadership skills and Leader Ethics Wisconsin, a non-partisan non-profit “dedicated to promoting integrity in the American Democracy through ethical leadership practices among elected officials”. Mentioned an event happening on campus on March 5<sup>th</sup>, “Truth, Trust and the Future of Journalism Ethics” at 7 p.m. in 1400 Centennial.
  - b. Isaac Tahiri – County Board
    - i. Gave an update on things happening with the county board including work with the criminal justice system in La Crosse County.
      1. Moralez: Do have any idea what types of crimes people are being incarcerated for?
        - a. Tahiri: The vast majority is drug related, not necessarily with intent to sell. We’re looking at that too.
      2. Woodmansee: Do the police in La Crosse wear body cameras?
        - a. Tahiri: I don’t think they do, but I’m not sure.
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
  - a. Kevin Hunt: Discussed issues in relation to ‘Fight the New Drug’ presenting on campus
- VII. Officer Reports
  - a. President: Benjamin O’Connell
    - i. O’Connell: absent
    - ii. Report: Welcome back everyone and welcome new Senators, if you’re interested in our next lobbying trip which will be in the end of February, tell Director Lawlis. If we can get enough people on the trip, we can have double the meetings that we usually do. Reps will be meeting this weekend at UW Fox Valley and we’ll be endorsing regent candidates along with other business.
  - b. Vice President: Haley Jurecki
    - i. Jurecki: For committee updates, I’m going to pass a sheet around. Office hours will also be sent around. Right now, I’m going to have people go into the hall to work on their bios and if you are on this list, you need to go into MyOrgs and



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accept my invitation. Saturday at 10 a.m. there is a volunteer/ snack opportunity if you are interested. Also, the Racquet is currently looking for a reporter for senate if you know anyone that might be interested.

- c. Chief of Staff: Lucas Marinack
  - i. Marinack: I just wanted to quickly discuss what my transition to Chief of Staff is going to look like. I want everyone to know that I am here for you if you need me, if you have any ideas I am here to help.
- d. State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis
  - i. Lawlis: Our lobbying trip over break went pretty well, we'll be having another one coming up probably towards the end of February. I also wanted to mention Elect Her again, we're working on getting a running start on in and are working on events that will be happening on campus, let me know if you are interested.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert
  - i. Seifert: Just a few things, it looks like pay for parking is definitely happening, probably in the next few weeks. Spring elections will also be happening in April, this includes city council.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg
  - i. Agterberg: I was just at Feminism on Tap tonight. I've been talking about the WOC Scholarship, the fundraiser date is Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a White Privilege Conference from March 20-23<sup>rd</sup> in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It'll be about \$40 to \$60 a person. If you are interested, please let me know by our next senate meeting (2/13), it is a great, cheap spring break opportunity.
- g. Public Relations Director: Tori Dietel
  - i. Dietel: absent
  - ii. Report: "I will be sending out a Shared Excel sheet soon to document office hour times – please plan for when you'd like your hour this semester. Senate in 60 will be coming to life! - Looking for individuals who like to use their video editing skills. I will be chairing the Special Events and Marketing, so watch out for communication from me to committee members! There will be time dedicated in a coming meeting to "like" and invite others to "like" our Facebook page – be prepared with lots of friends to invite!"
- h. Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe
  - i. Wolfe: Recycling in La Crosse will no longer be accepting plastics 3, 6, and 7. Let me know if anyone would be interested in doing a spring clean-up around campus. And int the works is the Green Fund ad hoc committee and a possible letter writing campaign

## VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Riggenberg: There's a lot coming up - budgets, AIDAC is making progress. There's also the Elect Her program, we'd like to open it up to everyone but primarily someone, so they can learn about running for public office and student government seats, primarily women.

## IX. Committee Reports

- a. Kallis: VPAC subcommittee on assessment met, we will be rolling out interviews and surveys soon. We need somebody on VPAC now that a space opened for this semester. Also, the Pride Center going to MBLGTACC again this year.
- b. Silva: AIDAC met yesterday, we voted on part of the budget, I'll fill you all in next



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week. The College of Science and Health will have an open forum next Wednesday at 4 p.m. and will make a decision on February 18<sup>th</sup> on new a new associate dean.

- c. Agterberg: JMAC, talked about SEIs and implementing diversity training for faculty.
- d. Marinack: CAPS (committee on academic policies and standards) looked at more student appeals, we will meet again this Friday for more student appeals.
- e. Lawlis: Leg Affairs talked a lot about stuff we covered today and will covered later this meeting, we also talked about our lobbying trip.
- f. Jurecki: International Education Committee met today, we reviewed grant requests. You all should have gotten an email from international ed office, please respond to that so you can all give input on internationalization.

## X. Organizational Reports

## XI. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1819-025: Resolution to Approve Public Relations Director
  - i. Jurecki: Tori is not here tonight, she is down in Madison for an event.
  - ii. Becker: *Call to question*
    - 1. Passed
    - 2. Yea: 92%, Nay: 8%, Abstain: 0%
- b. SA1819-026: Resolution to Appoint Student Embassy to Vacant Senate Seat
  - i. Soeder: RASO is no longer in senate, so the student orgs committee was in charge of putting another org in charge of filling that seat and we chose Student Embassy.
    - 1. Silva: Is this just temporary? Or will this go back to RASO next year?
      - a. Schock: It is just for this semester, RASO is no longer an org so something will have to be figured out for next semester.
    - 2. Micech: Were any other orgs looked into?
      - a. Soeder: Cadet club also applied, but we decided that they already have representation on this body.
      - b. Micech: I don't think it's necessary for Student Embassy to have this seat, I think it would strip power from the Freshman. I think it should be given to a political science student for experience, for example.
      - c. Schock: What we are talking about, it is an org seat. We need to fill it with and org and we can only choose from who applies. The needs of freshman are very specific, the needs of residence halls are different.
    - 3. Moralez: As an RA in Eagle Hall, I say that I don't really have a problem with Student Embassy having a seat. I support this.
      - ii. Becker: *Call to question*
      - iii. Passed: Yea: 73%, Nay: 12%, Abstain: 15%.

## XII. New Business

- a. SA1819-031: Resolution to Appoint Student Senators to Vacant Senate Seats
  - i. Jurecki: First, I will give everybody a chance to introduce themselves.
    - 1. Woodmansee: *I move to suspend the 2-week rule/ Coleman*
      - a. Passed
  - ii. Becker: *Call to question*
    - 1. Passed



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## XIII. Discussion

- a. Ad Hoc Committee– Green Fund Grant: Senator Woodmansee and Director Wolfe
  - i. Gave a timeline for committee of 5 weeks to be lined up with JCES meetings and deadlines. The committee would consist of 5 to 6 people and maybe one of the Green Fund coordinators. The goal of this committee would be to get 2 mini-grants or 1 large grant to utilize the Green Fund grants that go under utilized
  - ii. Woodmansee: *I move to create an ad hoc committee on Green Funds/Becker*
    1. Passed
- b. Constitution – Leg Affairs Committee

## XIV. Announcements

- a. Atterberg: If you are interested in the white privilege conference, come talk to me.
- b. Wong: ISO bake sale will be next week Wednesday.
- c. Moralez: Our annual BSU black history month event will be Reflections of Ebony at February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. There will be soul food dinner in the bluffs, you can go to the UWL website and search '2019 ebony' or get tickets from the front desk in the U. It is \$10 per person for students, \$13 per person for the community.
- d. Marinack: If you have drinks in the senate chambers, please remember to use coasters.
- e. Jurecki: Please be sure to use our Facebook group.

## XV. Adjournment

- a. Cvancara/Coleman
- b. Passed