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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **Wednesday, February 27th, 2019**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:05 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Dr. Joe Heim - *Legislative Liaison*
 - i. Discussed politics on campus and in the state and building relationships with legislators. Mentioned divided government in Wisconsin and how it has the potential to cause compromise or deadlock. Gave an overview of the biennial state budget process due to Governor Evers releasing the state budget that will go to the finance committee. Talked about line item veto powers of Wisconsin governors. Touched on importance of advocacy for students and the UW system. Also, mentioned the importance of student voter turnout during elections and encouraged senators and their friends to vote.
 1. Gerke: What's the name of the committee you mentioned?
 - a. Heim: The Joint Legislative and Regents Relations Committee, they're the ones who organized having the regents on campus here earlier this year.
 2. Schock: Which items on this list would you say are the most controversial with legislation?
 - a. Heim: Anything with a lot of money. Universities are high priority. In a survey last year, we were only number 6 or 7 on the list. A lot of the interest groups in Wisconsin can write checks and we don't have one that can do that for us. It's an uphill battle. We're not going to get everything on this list.
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Benjamin O'Connell
 - i. O'Connell: First, I wanted to gauge if there would be any interest for anyone to be on an ad hoc committee on housing. It would function as group working with me and Jake on various issues. Jake talk more on this later. There was a meeting last Friday on regulations in La Crosse and proposals. If you are interested contact me or Senator Horstman or Jake. The next lobbying trip will be at the end of March, tell Jack now if you are interested so we can start making plans and get head counts ahead of time for this next one. There was an MTU meeting in the budget office this morning. The discussion was about the new MTU Go route and the route it's going now that isn't as close to campus as all we discovered. We're looking to get student opinions before we meet with the MTU people to advocate



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a better deal with our money. If anyone is interested, let me know.

- b. Vice President: Haley Jurecki
 - i. Jurecki: For senate office hours, I have a new sheet to put up outside the office, so people know you are in the office to increase visibility. We also have a new door stop in the senate office, please make sure you keep the door open when you are doing your office hours. The personal goals that you all wrote down are now typed up on a spreadsheet for you to reference. Also, just a reminder that cabinet meetings now in the senate chambers before our meetings, so please don't come in from now on until 5:50 p.m. The spring spectacular will be May 10th, the last day of classes, there will be a kickball tournament – just something to keep on your radar.
- c. Chief of Staff: Lucas Marinack
 - i. Marinack: I was a contestant on Mr. Heartthrob and won Mr. Congeniality, it was great PR for Student Association. I will display the award in the office. Doing stuff like this is a good way to represent senate. Just a reminder, please make sure you are sending your committee minutes to Secretary Tracey.
- d. State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis
 - i. Lawlis: We'll be lobbying again tomorrow, I'll let you know how it goes. Elect Her is on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is still time to register if you would like to. Haley will be giving a run down on how to run for office on campus. Reg form sent to all of you about a week ago. The next UW system reps meeting will be next weekend on March 9th in River Falls, let us know if you are interested.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert
 - i. Seifert: There will be an election this spring on March 26th at 7 p.m. at Myrick Park. There are currently 2 students running for that seat. We're also looking further into a land lord accountability Gold Star® Landlord Program.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg
 - i. Agterberg: BSU is donating a portion of their fundraising from Reflections to the WOC scholarship. Also, Fiesta on Saturday. We're looking for MSO/ Student Association collaborating ideas, if any MSO senators have ideas, reach out to your constituents.
- g. Public Relations Director: Tori Dietel
 - i. Dietel: Please continue to interact with our Instagram and Facebook pages. Senate in 60 volunteers are needed, let me know if anyone wants to sign up. If you have an event you want publicized or go to an event, send me advertisements or pictures of you. I'll pass around a t-shirt order form. If you want, you can pay \$6 before the order is submitted.
- h. Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe
 - i. Wolfe: Just a quick update from last week with the Students for Sustainability, we're still looking into a coordinator petition. Also coming up is the Carolyn Finney All Things Considered: Black Faces, White Spaces event. I also have good news about plastic bag recycling. Festival Foods goes through Trex for bag recycling. They have a challenge that would take place over a 6-month period, we would report to Trex and if we recycle enough bags we could get a bench on campus made out of recycled bags.



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VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Riggenberg: The dining budget has proposed a 2.5% increase on each of the dining plans. Covered in this increase is an additional 2.15 days of service at the beginning of the fall semester. The 'regional community learning collaborative' is reading and discussing the book *Waking up White*, Thomas Harris is working with this group. The city of La Crosse is doing this as a special reading program and facilitating discussion and a possible white privilege conference over the summer. I hear it's a good read. Dining services is doing a Coffee and Chill crawl from March 4th – 15th. If you complete your passport with purchases at the three coffee shops and you can win a tumbler.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Kallis: VPAC met, from that we get a lot of updates from different folks. Since the 2nd of January there have been 11 reports to Ingrid. From there, a new brochure is coming in soon. With the change to Title IX, we will question and answer at our next meeting - I will update you on proposed changes. The procurement group for the new bookstore/textbook rental, I will only be able to update until the decision. If you have any questions I can't answer them.
- b. Lawlis: Leg Affairs met, and we talked about the usual violence prevention Title IX stuff as well as the draft bills, we'll have more discussion on those.
- c. Silva: AIDAC met yesterday, the budget passed by us and senate is now in the chancellor's office. I don't think he's said anything yet. As of now, we are working on bylaws for AIDAC. Now would be the time to talk about it, let me know if you have suggestions.
- d. Jurecki: JPB met today, it was a long meeting. They rolled out the budget plan for EAB and are navigating implementing with incoming first years something to replace Eagle Alert and help students and staff be aware of their standing. It is an expensive program, we'll talk about how we will be funding this implementation program.
 - i. Epps-Cool: What is the difference between this and Eagle Alert?
 - ii. Jurecki: This is a data analytics product. Eagle Alert was made in house, it is more successful than the previous one, but his one is supposed to increase retention rates and make our experience better.

X. Organizational Reports

- a. Moralez: Reflections went amazing. Thanks for coming out, we were sold out. It was a great event.
- b. Cvancara: Fiesta is this weekend.
- c. Coleman: HOPE will be having volley ball tournament on March 30th if yall want to come and support. Also, there will be a dance on March 9th.

XI. New Business

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1819-035: **Resolution to Support and Endorse 2019 Conservation Lobby Day**
- b. Wolfe: It's on March 27th
- c. Thering: *Call to question*
 - i. Passed
 - ii. 27 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain

XIII. Discussion

- a. Green Fund – Jurecki & Silva
 - i. Discussed issues in JCES related to use of Green Fund as a seg fee to pay



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stipends for the work people are doing in the process to set these up. Opinions, being discussed in JCES Green Funds paying student work, does not clarify whether or not money should be allocated for student help.

- b. Off Campus Housing – Director Seifert
 - i. Clarification for the ‘Unrelated Rule’. There is a limit of 3 unrelated people that can live in a single-family home. What is being proposed is taking that limit down to 2 in single family homes because they want to see less of a higher turnover rate so less homes get rented out. It would be hard to enforce, and renters would put themselves at risk for eviction during housing inspections. There will be meeting March 11th to hear what the neighborhood associations are saying about it. If this is interesting to you, O’Connell talked about a possible ad hoc committee.
- c. Dining Services Closing Times – Lasee
 - i. Some dining areas close early, after 7 p.m. Chars is the only option. Discussion on healthier options during late hours.

XIV. Announcements

- a. Cvancara: Fiesta is Saturday, it’s \$8. There will be dinner, speakers, and a dance with a band playing. The dance is free, it’s at 8 p.m. it’ll be in the bluffs.
- b. Wears: Saturday at 11 a.m. there will be a Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Pettibone Beach.
- c. Lawlis: Elect Her is this Saturday.
- d. Kallis: March 7th from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. there will be an escalation training on violence prevention.
- e. Marinack: We’ll be taking picture at the end of this, so stick around.

XV. Adjournment

- a. 7:55 p.m.
- b. Becker/Silva