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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **March 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 -27
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Addition of ‘Special Committee: Housing Committee’ to New Business
 - ii. Addition of ‘EAB – Haley’ to Discussion
 - iii. Addition of ‘Attendance Policy – Cayo’ to Discussion
 - iv. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Dr. Jo Arney, *Director of Student Success* – EAB
 - i. Explained her position on campus, the process of meeting with nonacademic departments on campus, and defining and contributing to student success. Gave an in-depth presentation on implementation of EAB’s Navigate, a program that will eventually be replacing Eagle Alert. Navigate will streamline information compiled from systems throughout campus to be in one place on a platform that is modern and user friendly. The goal of this will be to increase communication between students and their advisors and hopefully increase retention rates by reducing institutional barriers.
 1. Woodmansee: Would this notify you via email if you haven’t registered for classes by a certain date?
 - a. Arney: It would be through email or text. There is also an app that we are getting. We would never mandate using an app, but it’s there if you want it. You would also be able to set up what types of notifications that you’d get.
 2. Epps-Cool: Would this be used for students scheduling meetings too?
 - a. Arney: I don’t know that we would do that, we’re not far enough to have those conversations yet.
 3. Schock: Are they 2 different things – EAB and Navigate? Also, will you be getting students personal information on this?
 - a. Arney: EAB is the company and Navigate is the product. Nothing else is new, everything is still protected by FERPA.
 4. Epps-Cool: I heard Navigate is way more expensive, where is that money coming from?
 - a. Arney: For about every 1% in retention, it will be around another 2.6 million dollars for the system, it is pricey but will pay for itself.
 5. Agterberg: Is this for all of the UW system?
 - a. Arney: All, but Madison.
 - b. Agterberg: How will this impact students?



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- c. Arney: It will help us be better advisors. We can't mass text right now, communication would be improved, but I don't think on a day to day it will have a significant impact.
6. Marinack: Does everyone have to be part of this?
 - a. Arney: Yes, because it will be part of advising.
7. Lichtfuss: Is it shown to improve retention rate?
 - a. Arney: Yes. Other schools have improved by a significant amount through proactive advising.
8. Kallis: Coupling with proactive advising, would there be mandated academic advising training for faculty advisors?
 - a. Arney: Faculty have not had that training, but we will teach them how to use this system. It looks user friendly and should make improvements in advising proactively, but I don't see training like that.
9. Epps-Cool: When will this start?
 - a. Arney: Fall 2019 is when we will start to roll it out but then by Spring 2020.
10. Marinack: Are there any ceiling effects of this? Was that talked about at all because we have a successful retention rate.
 - a. Arney: The worst campus retention rate that was studied was 55% and the best was 94%. We're at 86%, it's harder as you go up, but our goal is 90%. There are always going to be people that need to leave school, but always room for improvement. It is our moral imperative to help students succeed. We take their tuition dollars, it's only right that we help them succeed and remove institutional barriers.
11. McCauley: Will someone be giving us updates on this?
 - a. Arney: There will be periodic updates, but it will be a slow roll.
 - b. Jurecki: Students will be helping from this body to hopefully bring it back to us.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

VII. Officer Reports

- a. President: **Benjamin O'Connell**
 - i. O'Connell: Just a reminder that election nomination papers will be sent out next week on March 12th. We want to see competitive races. If you have any MTU ideas or concerns let me or Haley know by Sunday. Good news, Jim Flottmeyer will be working with us to put out information for the pilot parking program around campus on how the program will work. The reps meeting will be this weekend at River Falls. I would recommend it if you wanted to drive out for the day.
- b. Vice President: **Haley Jurecki**
 - i. Jurecki: The OxFam Hunger Banquet will be April 17th. It's free to attend, it will bring attention to the social injustice of hunger around the world. It will be from 5-7 here in the U, so none of you will be able to attend, but tell your friends.
- c. Chief of Staff: **Lucas Marinack**
 - i. Marinack: Just a friendly reminder to be attentive at meetings, especially during



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our guest speakers. I'm also still looking into an advisor review process. Also, feel free to use our Facebook page for events or collaborations. I'm also going to pass around a sheet of paper if you want to put a song down, so we can make a Senate Playlist on Spotify to play before our meetings start.

- d. State Affairs Director: **Jack Lawlis**
 - i. Lawlis: Lobbying trip results, it went pretty well. We talked about the budget. We're hoping to do another one early April. Elect Her was this weekend we had a good turnout; the panel was inspiring and had a lot of good role models. There will be a Legislative Forum on Friday from 2:00p.m. to 3:30p.m. in room 3314 of the U. Students will be able to talk to legislators, and we can show the importance of our school.
- e. Local Affairs Director: **Jake Seifert**
 - i. Seifert: On March 26th there is a tentative council candidate forum. The neighborhood revitalization committee seemed interested but didn't offer a lot of solutions or help take lead on it with the ad hoc committee. Tuesday, March 11th there will be a meeting with a couple neighborhood associations, more information to come.
- f. Inclusivity Director: **Sita Agterberg**
 - i. Agterberg: The date for the WOC scholarship fundraiser has changed to 3/28. I'm also hoping to do more MSO/SA joint events, let me know if you are interested or have any ideas. The International Women's Day celebration will be tomorrow at 5 p.m. in the bluffs.
- g. Public Relations Director: **Tori Dietel**
 - i. Dietel: We need more Senate in 60 volunteers, it would be helpful if you could sign up. A senate spotlight email will be coming, please respond. The last day for t-shirt ordering is today, you may pay \$6 to me starting tonight.
- h. Sustainability Director: **Samantha Wolfe**
 - i. Wolfe: The Green Fund ad hoc is coming together. Senator Woodmansee sent out an email, get back to me if you got one.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Neader: Buildings and facilities met. We talked about queso and adding more healthy options to Chars. We proposed that because people are not really going to Chars in the daytime, so do a complete revamp and open later with more options. There was not much headway with queso, they're losing a lot of money, so we maybe talked about offering a bigger size or doing like a free queso Friday.
- b. Lawlis: Leg affairs met on Monday, we're planning on forming a position on the Governor's budget.
- c. Woodmansee: SUFAC talked more about capital fund requests, if your org would like to submit, reach out to your advisor.
- d. Kelly: JMAC met and talked about Social Justice Week, we talked about a panel on diversity, if anyone has suggestions throw it this way.
- e. Kallis: There will be some building code updates happening, that's exciting. Gender neutral bathrooms will now count as bathrooms under building codes, but not for another 3 years. Mitchell hall is looking at doing open bathroom plan, if you want to see a video on this, let me know.

IX. Organizational Reports



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- a. Bucheger: A national org gave a presentation, IFC and delegates from frats on campus voted to give a trial run. This is exciting, and we are overall growing.
- b. Coleman: The HOPE dance is coming up on March 9th, yall should come. It'll be in the e-café.
- c. Cayo: ONE is an org working to end extreme poverty and preventable diseases. I did trainings last week, look for us on campus.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

- a. Special Committee: Housing Committee
 - i. Siefert: This committee would work to find solutions to improve the quality of housing in La Crosse around campus.
 - ii. Hosrtman: *I move to commit to special committee for off campus housing/Thering*
 1. Kallis: Will this committee be working with the previous committee made by Aaron Bhatoya last year?
 - a. O'Connell: This will be different.
 - b. Jurecki: Do you want to make the name more specific?
 - c. Horstman: We could change it to off-campus housing.
 2. Passed
 - iii. Jurecki: Seifert will be assigned chair of this committee, then we will vote on membership, intent, and timeline.
 1. Becker: *Call to question*
 - a. Passed
- b. SA1819-036: **Resolution Prohibiting the use of the Green Fund toward Student Stipend**
 - i. Nolan: Based on discussion from last week, we came up with this resolution in hopes of further discussion.
 1. Gerke: Where is the Green Fund at as far as cash balance?
 - a. Woodmansee: I know we've spent nothing on projects yet other than coordinators and other projects that have been in the works. We did also get some money back this year from the solar panels in the rec being cheaper than we thought.
 - b. Jurecki: We can give you that number tonight or tomorrow.
 2. Silva: My biggest issue with this is before this year we haven't had an issue with finding people to write Green Fund grants. I don't think we should use this to be paying students.
 3. Cayo: It might not be necessary for some students. It could be hard for them to drop down on hours, this might be exclusive to students with food or financial insecurity.
 4. Nielsen: Going off that last point, it would be a shame to see a project die because of this.
 5. Epps-Cool: We mentioned that there wasn't an advisor on this, if the coordinator became a thing could it go through them?
 - a. Wolfe: It would be something to consider. Yes, they would be perfect to oversee it.
 - b. Epps-Cool: It might be good to wait then.



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6. Silva: The Green Fund coordinator position in the past was denied, this could take years, the only thing with that is the time. If this is approved students would essentially be signing their own paycheck
7. Kallis: I think that this makes a lot of sense from what we talked about last week. I don't think we should be able to give stipends through projects through Green Fund. I don't think it makes sense without a set-in stone coordinator position, this wouldn't be forever. If we did get a coordinator it could be changed. I think this makes sense for right now as it stands.
8. Lichtfuss: I'm not sure where I stand yet, but lumpsum on completion it might not be a ridiculous amount.
9. Cayo: Could I get clarification, if we aren't changing the bylaws, what is this doing?
 - a. Kallis: This would basically be a consensus statement, the way I read it is that it's not a forever moment.
10. Neader: Clarification - are there other avenues they can go through the university to get a stipend for projects like this?
 - a. Jurecki: Green Fund is very specific in what can be applied to it, there's not one big alternative to go to.
11. Moralez: Just to clarify, mini-grants have been expanded up to \$4,999 and if someone were to apply that wouldn't go through our body. I just feel like I'm not comfortable with there not being enough checks and balances on that. It's murky water when we decide who is getting money, it's subjective. For that reason, I don't support using Green Fund for stipends.
12. Neilsen: Hypothetically someone could apply for a project that only needs a mini-grant, but instead applies to a large grant for a stipend. Green Fund was approved by student body, I don't think it's a smart idea to use that money towards stipends.
- ii. Becker: it seems like people don't quite have minds made up. *I move to end discussion/ Coleman*
 1. Silva: *Objection*
 2. Epps-Cool: What are the checks and balances for mini-grants?
 - a. Jurecki: There is a joint committee made up of students and staff that it goes through.
 3. Woodmansee: Going off of what Senator Moralez said, in previous years large grants have been hard to get passed. I'd hate to see one of these not get passed because of discussion on people getting paid to pass it.
- iii. Kallis: *I move to close disc/Backer*
 1. Passed
- c. SA1819-037: **Resolution to Implement Plastic Bag Recycling on Campus with Trex**
 - i. Wolfe: We talked last week about this happening over a 6-month period. It would be cool to implement this on our campus. I would like to start APAO and once we do it the first time, we could see if we wanted to continue it.
 1. McCauley: I think that it could be achievable, but for this semester to ensure the best possible outreach may be to wait until fall so we would



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- have more time to build it up.
- ii. Schock: I'm curious as to what happens after the 6-month period. Is this something we would keep doing long term?
 - 1. Wolfe: First, we would have to determine if the goal was reached to revive the bench.
 - iii. Cvancara: Are there starting date ideas of when we would want to start this? Do we have it written that this is planned for something yet?
 - 1. Wolfe: To be decided later.
 - iv. Horstman: Would this cost anything for us to start? I don't see any problem starting right away, it would be a good way to be more sustainable.
 - v. Thering: I agree with the previous senator. It's not about the bench, I support starting it as soon as possible, why make more waste.
 - vi. Wears: It doesn't matter if we start now or later. I think sooner than later would be better.
 - vii. Epps-Cool: Would we be able to get the community involved?
 - 1. Wolfe: I'm assuming no because this is university specific, but they can recycle through Festival.
 - viii. Kelly: Because Festival does do this, I am all for this, is it just more awareness?
 - 1. Wolfe: That and I think it would be more convenient for students, more opportunity for students that live on campus or don't got to Festival.
 - ix. McCauley: With talk of renewing this, I think we could be more productive and put more emphasis on reusable bags.
 - x. Becker: *I move to close discussion/Nielsen*
 - 1. Passed
- d. SA1819-038: **Resolution to Support and Endorse the Petition for a Sustainability Coordinator**
- i. Wolfe: There has been discussion on this for many years. UWL is one of the only UW schools that do not have a full or part-time Sustainability Coordinator.
 - 1. McCauley: I'm wondering if you had information on those positions and what it looks like at other schools?
 - a. Wolfe: I don't know specifically, but because of similarities between some of our schools, I think it seems reasonable.
 - 2. Epps-Cool: The last few statements confused me, like other kids are doing it so we should too? What exactly would the coordinators role be that's not happening now?
 - a. Wolfe: A lot of the student suitability projects are student led and the hope is that this would bring everything together and streamline it just to have a concentrated effort to improve sustainably on campus.
 - 3. Woodmansee: How will this be funded?
 - a. Wolfe: Unknown, this is just trying to get support for them to consider this.
 - b. Woodmansee: This would be great, but with the tuition freeze, I'm worried that we won't get somebody who would thrive in this position if we can't pay them enough.
 - 4. Kelly: I think this position is important, more than having free queso.



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5. McCauley: What is the interest in this or just a suggestion?
 - a. Wolfe: Staff members on JMAC and Students for Sustainability have expressed interest, the goal is to show that there is student interest in this position being made.
 - b. McCauley: Funding is always an issue, that being said I don't think it hurts to say that we support this.
 - ii. Schock: I yield to Director Dietel.
 1. Dietel: JCES last semester, was particular on what we want the position to look like and what the goals should be. More interest in community outreach was a big pillar of the position.
 - a. Jurecki: We are one of the only 4 years that doesn't have at least a part time Sustainability Coordinator.
 - iii. Kallis: Director Dietel made a good point. What exactly the title is for the new community coordinator?
 1. O'Connell: Community Engagement Coordinator
 2. Kallis: This could be a good way to poke into funding. I think that this is a great idea, maybe we could bring this up when Bob Hetzel comes.
 3. Wolfe: This would be a good way to present it to students, so we could put it to petition.
 - iv. Silva: I am fully in support of this. I was worried that this would come off a bit like we're revolting to them if we wrote it that way, but I think that it doesn't come off that way and is well written.
- XII. Discussion
- a. School Safety – Micech
 - i. Discussion that came up during a Leg Affairs Committee meeting that could be a problem in the future in relation to safety on campus and protocol for notifying students when dangerous situations occur.
 - b. EAB – Jurecki
 - i. Further discussion on thoughts on Navigate. Discussed any further questions and concerns about the new system.
 - c. Attendance Policy – Cayo
 - i. Inquired about how widespread of a concern attendance policies are on campus.
- XIII. Announcements
- a. Dietel: Please make sure you all have sent headshots to Secretary Tracey, so she can make website updates.
 - b. Lawlis: I'm looking at starting an ethical leadership student org on campus, let me know if you would be interested in getting involved.
- XIV. Adjournment
- a. 8:14 p.m.