



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **March 13th, 2019**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:06 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Approval of Agenda
 - i. *Removal of Guest Speakers: Provost Betsy Morgan, Inclusivity Training*
 - ii. Woodmansee/Horstman
 - iii. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs: Vitaliano Figueroa/ Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance: Bob Hetzel
 - i. Discussed upcoming expansion for the Counseling and Testing Center to better accommodate students and possible relocation ideas for It Makes Cents.
 1. Wears: What are opposing arguments for this?
 - a. Hetzel: Getting rid of that classroom, but faculty senate knows it's going offline. Those classrooms were always intended to be converted.
 2. Woodmansee: I love the idea of expanding Counseling and Testing. With student storage, I'm worried about theft in the storage area if it gets moved?
 - a. Hetzel: We'll still be able to monitor card access and will be installing security cameras on campus.
 3. Agterberg: What would the timeline on this be?
 - a. Hetzel: We have to hire the counselors first and can't do this while school is in session. This is just a conceptual plan. The earliest this would start is fall 2019. We can hopefully start construction for It Makes Cents in August of 2020.
 4. Lawlis: Are there other classrooms that are lacking? Will they be backfilled into other rooms?
 - a. Hetzel: They can easily be accommodated in other areas.
 5. Jurecki: Are we losing square footage for current storage?
 - a. Hetzel: If it needs to be bigger it can be.
 6. Kallis: I think it's important to have this expanded space, do we already have room for the DNI position?
 - a. Figueroa: Yes, we do.
 7. Woodmansee: How will this be funded?
 - a. Hetzel: We have seg fee reserves for Counseling and Testing and university funding for others.
 8. Cayo: Will the new councilors be coming in next year or not until this change is made?



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- a. Figueroa: We are getting everything ready to go and will be bringing them in regardless.
 9. Silva: What's going on with athletic trainers on campus?
 - a. Hetzel: It has to do with the welfare of student athletes - treatment with medical attention that they need. We'll be able to have a trainer on sight when injuries happen. We'll be adding two athletic trainers and will make sure that intramurals and club sports are getting care as well. We will pay them through utility savings just like the counselors, we're going to invest that.
 - b. Alec Smith, UW System Student Reps
 - i. Gave a recap on Reps meeting in River Falls. Discussed resolutions for student loan refinancing, student medical leave, student refugees, and textbook rental services on campuses.
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- a. **Ben:** In JCES we talked more about the petition for the sustainability coordinator and the Western Tech position. Where funding would come from is not necessary something we'll focus on until we figure out support from students. Especially with wording, if you pass the resolution would it go to referendum? There is confusion on the petition before or after passing resolution.
 - i. Jurecki: The resolution proposed doesn't call for a referendum, someone would have to draft one.
 - ii. **Ben:** Could you one in addition to the petition?
 - iii. Jurecki: This would really just be a seal of approval from Student Association.
- VII. Officer Reports
- a. President: **Benjamin O'Connell**
 - i. O'Connell: Election nomination papers have been sent out, tell your friends to run, I want to see competitive races. Reps meeting last weekend talked more about student loan refinancing was added to reps legislative priorities. I'll be meeting with Jim Flottmeyer later. I talked with the MTU folks on Monday. It was a productive meeting, we focused on how ridership doesn't pair well, different ways to advertise MTU more, and how they're going to have an app to roll out soon to track where busses are and when they will arrive.
 - b. Vice President: **Haley Jurecki**
 - i. Jurecki: no report
 - c. Chief of Staff: **Lucas Marinack**
 - i. Marinack: I'm going to set up meetings with deans after spring break, watch emails for that to coordinate times that work. The results from the adviser reviews I had you give was an average of 3.3, which is not significantly different than 3 which could be better. I'll be doing more with that.
 - d. State Affairs Director: **Jack Lawlis**
 - i. Lawlis: From the UW system reps mtg, we're looking at a possible UW system voter challenge within residence halls for the 2020 election. I met with res life to discuss turnout events for res halls. Contact me if you are interested in getting involved.
 - e. Local Affairs Director: **Jake Seifert**
 - i. Seifert: On March 26th there will be a council candidate forum from 7-8:30 p.m.



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at Myrick Park. Be sure to send me questions if you have any. La Crosse County will have a nonbinding referendum for the election to ask if the state should have a non-partisan committee on redistricting for fair maps.

- f. Inclusivity Director: **Sita Agterberg**
 - i. Agterberg: no report
 - g. Public Relations Director: **Tori Dietel**
 - i. Dietel: Please give me \$6 after the meeting if you are buying a shirt. Also, please respond to the senate spotlight email that I sent you. We're also looking for ultimate race help, meetings are Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. I still need more Senate in 60 participants, sign up if you can.
 - h. Sustainability Director: **Samantha Wolfe**
 - i. Wolfe: A Green Fund was approved for a vermicomposting event Thursday, April 11th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Email Senator Woodmansee if you have availability for the ad hoc.
- VIII. Advisor Report
- a. Riggerberg: Not a lot today, but I do want to bring up the 1 Million Acts of Good program with Ellen. The Cove has 3-6 put boxes together for food pantries. Be safe and smart during spring break, try to relax and revitalize yourself. Try to wipe your mind clean a little bit, before you know it the semester is going to be over.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Lawlis: Leg Affairs reviewed two docs and the resolutions we'll be talking about later.
 - b. Woodmansee: SUFAC has had 26 capital fund requests submitted, we're going to start going over those. We also looked over budgets for MTU and Counseling and Testing.
- X. Organizational Reports
- a. Kallis: The Pride Center for the last month mad friendship bracelets and put together a sexual health week presentation on asexuality.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1819-036: **Resolution Prohibiting the use of the Green Fund toward Student Stipend**
 - i. Silva: Issues that have come up with this specific topic, there are a lot of negatives, more than positives towards this issue.
 - ii. Jurecki: JCES met on Friday. A general summary of their arguments, some agreed that it's unpaid but is still a priority for students because they want to do it. They also discussed what would it look like to give stipends to students and how would it even work - who supervises them and where does money come from, things of that nature. JCES in general is in favor of student stipends, but they would just have to figure out how they would work.
 - 1. Gerke: I have questions on two parts of the Green Fund, how are the bike mechanics paid and what about the vermicomposting intern?
 - a. Woodmansee: They get an ongoing salary for the work they do that differs from a stipend.
 - b. Gerke: Those aren't stipends, but they are paid for their services. Other people are compensated, I think there is enough oversight. Green Fund Grants go through bodies where it will be voted on. I takes a lot of work to go through, I think students should be entitled to ask for compensation.



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- c. Woodmansee: There is oversight before they are passed, but there is no oversight after it is passed. There is no one who facilitates the projects after they happen, you don't know if the student is doing the work. This could make them harder to be passed if we don't know how much the student should be paid.
 2. Thering: The lack of oversight while it's happening scares me. For the green bike mechanic, I'm wondering if this would impact them in any way?
 - a. Jurecki: It would not.
 3. Cayo: I reached out to some students for sustainability, in the event that there was a student who did apply for one they would need to find an advisor. It's like how you would do an unpaid internship here, they would follow up and they would have to respond.
 - a. Jurecki: Internships are for credit, this would not be.
 4. Kallis: I think that both sides made great points. Oversight is important at the beginning of the process – it's a good point that there is none afterwards. Students are often not the ones initiating these. I don't understand allocating a stipend for the writing of a grant, they're paying themselves how are we determining that? We've been sued over Green Fund grants before, it's a long process it would gum up our gears a lot.
 5. Becker: The division of facilities implements these successfully without help. I support this resolution.
 6. Moralez: These are good concerns. I'm open to support something like this if later down the line this could be figured out though foundational changes or positions put into place. A great idea, we don't have resources to deal with it right now. I don't support this as it stands.
 7. Neader: I just want to reiterate idea that we are voting on this in the present system.
 8. Cayo: I want to clarify that when and if students are paid to implement the grant not to write it. Writing their own checks shouldn't be a concern because of JCES who would implement a supervisor. Lack of implementation in the past, I don't understand how this resolution would fix that oversight.
 9. Jurecki: This is a student issue, we want students to have a say on this as a final statement. It is student fees which is why this is in front of us.
 10. Silva: It's not quite split but both sides are seen. Kallis brought this up last week that she didn't want to see a great project be denied because of the salary portion, that would be really awful for it to be denied just because of the money portion. We've never had a problem getting students to write these before, so I only see this as an isolated issue for this year.
 11. Silva: *Call to question*
 - a. Passed 78, 19, 4
- b. SA1819-037: **Resolution to Implement Plastic Bag Recycling on Campus with Trex**
 - i. Wolfe: I think that this would be implemented immediately if this would pass.
 1. Woodmansee: *I move to add 'will be initiate a partnership with Trex*



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effective immediately' in Therefore be it Resolved/Kallis

- a. Passed
2. Soeder: *Call to question*
 - a. Passed
- c. SA1819-038: **Resolution to Support and Endorse the Petition for a Sustainability Coordinator**
 - i. Wolfe: There was a meeting today, there are changes I want to make in the therefore be it resolved to endorse the petition as stated to implement this position, this would just support what Students for Sustainability came up with.
 - ii. Woodmansee: *I move to amend the document with the changes that Director Wolfe has written/Becker*
 1. Kallis: I think that this is a good addition.
 2. Silva: Why does the United Nations matter in this?
 - a. Wolfe: The UN has a list of 17 sustainable development goals that are very broad, but that is something that a sustainability coordinator could reach all of those goals.
 3. Woodmansee: *Call to question*
 - a. Passed
 - iii. Kallis: I like this resolution.
 - iv. Kelly: I want to reiterate what I said last week in that this is important for our campus and that it's more important than queso.
 - v. Woodmansee: *I yield to Director Wolfe to amend the document to add 'and create a more resilient community'/Wears*
 1. Kelly: *Call to question*
 - a. Passed
 - vi. Silva: *Call to question*
 1. Passed: 96, 4, 0

XII. New Business

- a. SA1819-039: **Resolution in Support of UW-La Crosse's Residence Hall Building Project**
 - i. Jurecki: Hetzel was in here earlier and he did mention this, we want to send this on and say that we really need this building on our campus.
 1. Horstman: I yield to President O'Connell
 - a. O'Connell: if we could change Governor Evers to the state building commission
 - b. Horstman: *I move to replace Governor Evers with 'the State Building Commission' /McLain*
 - i. Schock: *Call to question*
 1. Passed
 2. Schock: Is this something where the two-week rule should be lifted?
 - a. O'Connell: It would be great if we could
 - b. Schock: *I move to suspend the two-week rule/Cayo*
 - i. Schock: *Call to question*
 - ii. Passed
 3. Fisher: It is important for us to support this, with so many students coming in we should definitely have this building.



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4. Neader: overall, I support this. If we remove more triple doubles though, will be we taking away affordability and making it harder for people to move out at semester?
 - a. Jurecki: It is common for students to leave and for students to look for new roommates, so I don't think that will be an issue. There isn't a lot of that flexibility right now. They really are in need of this because there is no room.
 5. Cayo: I was denied housing on this campus coming in and was able to find off-campus housing, but it would have been awesome to be on campus this first year. I strongly endorse this.
 6. Kallis: As a staff member, I think we need this. I have residents who are moving into rooms with four other people. We really need a new res hall. We are already so far best capacity. We have a lot of people who want to come here.
 7. Silva: I completely agree that we need this. Finding housing off campus housing is extremely hard because you have to sign so early. Living on campus even my second year was helpful because of how early leases are signed for the next year your freshman year.
 8. Woodmansee: *Call to question*
 - a. **Passed 100,0, 0**
- b. SA1819-040: **Resolution in Support of Governor Evers's Budget Proposal for UW System**
- i. O'Connell: These budget proposals we take a stance every year in leg affairs. We discussed this proposal on Monday and the group was mostly in agreement on 99% of it. There was one thing there was disagreement on and that was undocumented residents being able to pay the same.
 - ii. Horstman: President O'Connell, did you want a vote for that whereas?
 1. O'Connell: Yes, we need a stance in the end, we can include it if we support it. Otherwise if we don't there would be an edit to the doc.
 2. Horstman: *I move to amend the resolution to add in the therefore be it resolved to add 'and allow undocumented residents attending UW System Schools to pay resident tuition'/Wiza*
 - a. Wears: Do they currently pay out of state tuition right now?
 - i. O'Connell: I don't know what they pay right know but I know that this is going to be a big topic in the coming few years. There is no fiscal idea of what that would entail. This would be residents who do not have like a state ID or a national ID, I'm not an expert on this topic.
 - ii. Moralez: Basically, DACA students, people brought here at an early age that don't have residency yet. It's wide ranging, but the idea is that they have residency within the state of Wisconsin.
 - b. Thering: That was my question too, if there is a difference between qualifications, I have zero problem with the highlighted section. But I just wanted to clarify that.
 - c. Schock: I would like to say that I know the nationwide debate



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that goes along these lines, in the interest of students I support adding this language. It's our best interest to look into legality status of people applying here. They have an address, home, and community, they already contribute to that economy so that it's an educated population, many of them probably are at a point where they can't just leave and would be more likely to stay in Wisconsin. I do support this language being in this resolution

- d. Becker: I also support the language being in here.
- e. McCauley: I wanted to confirm that undocumented residents do pay out of state tuition.
- f. Morales: From the previous comment, I would like to say that these are hardworking people that just want to get an education like everyone else. I know people here that have to pay out of state even though they've lived here their whole lives and work and pay taxes. From 2009 to 2011 there was a period of time where this was a thing and I personally support this language.
- g. Cayo: I would just like to also offer my support for this. There are lots of immigrants whose parents traveled here - they deserve the same right to an education that we do. I support this language and this entire doc.
- h. Woodmansee: *I call this motion to question*
 - i. Passed
- iii. Morales: I understand that the previous resolution asked for a change? Should that be a part of this?
 1. Jurecki: It's part of the same budget, but this would be a little different because of what we just added.
 2. O'Connell: I think we should leave this as is to keep them separate to differentiate between them and emphasize the res hall apart from this
- iv. Horstman: I am in full support of this resolution as a whole. The res hall building is not in there, but we can still petition for that.
- v. Silva: My question is what is the backfill? Change to fund the freeze?
 1. Jurecki: That is referring to state funding to supplement the tuition freeze.

XIII. Discussion

- a. Referendum on the Sustainability Coordinator – Senator Kallis

XIV. Announcements

- a. Lawlis: The ethical standards in ethical officials will be meeting, you should come if you are interested. Lee will be here again.
- b. Kallis: Monday and Tuesday 'Boxes and Walls' will be in this building in the bluffs. Tuesday it will be open to the public.
 - i. Fisher: ASO part of that too talking about body image and western body standards.
 - ii. Kelly: ALANA will also be part of that talking about sexual harassment. You should all come, it is important to educate yourselves.
 - iii. Morales: I'm on the planning committee for this. I'll also be there acting. You should come.



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- XV. Adjournment
 - a. Wiza/Wears
 - b. Passed
 - i. 8:39 p.m.