



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 -30
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Agenda
  - b. Approval of Minutes
    - i. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Update on Eagle Dome Feasibility Study – Bob Hetzel and Guests
    - i. In depth presentation on possible implementation of inflatable air supported seasonal dome. Discussed conceptually what it might look like and where it would go. They looked at the soccer field versus the football field and are leaning towards utilization of the football field which would cover about 70,000 square feet and would cost an estimated \$2.7 million. Went over the overall projected project cost and possible seg fees (est. \$26 per year for cost of dome and operations).
      1. Becker: Intermural teams and athletic teams conflict, how much would this help with practice times?
        - a. Guest: It's going to relieve pressure on everything.
        - b. Guest: It will give us more spaces to be 'roommates in'.
      2. Epps-Cool: Will parking and textbook rental prices increased if we don't do this then? I'm confused about how you phrased that.
        - a. Hetzel: It's not one or the other, it will be flat regardless of if we get the dome.
      3. Kelly: For winter upkeep of the track is there cost of snow removal?
        - a. Guest: It's in the open already, the track is made to weather.
        - b. Guest: There would need to be some snow removal for the main entrances and emergency exits, those would at least need to be cleared.
        - c. Kelly: What is the longevity of one of these domes?
          - i. Guest: Around 20 to 25 years.
      4. Epps-Cool: Who would inflate it every year?
        - a. Guest: There would be professionals coming in every year to at least supervise. A professional service would come in.
      5. Micech: The Vikings had a problem where snow buildup destroyed it, how do we know this won't happen to us?
        - a. Guest: The material has a warranty, if there was ever a rip or tear, it would be a slow deflation, there could be damage over removal that could be patched. It shouldn't build up.
        - b. Micech: Where would it be stored in the summer?
        - c. Guest: Semi trailers off site.



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6. Thering: Are we getting the fieldhouse or no?
  - a. Hetzel: I am cautiously optimistic.
  - b. Thering: If we only need this for a few years I'm not sure if it's worth it.
  - c. Hetzel: They would serve different kinds of activities. The goal is to have it up by fall of 2020. The earliest the fieldhouse would be completed is 2022.
7. Dietel: Would we do camps for high schools for extra revenue in the winter maybe?
  - a. Guest: Things that could happen are numerous, cities with these bubbles have a lot of soccer and football camps, we're also starting lacrosse and maybe golf. There are a lot of different things that could happen
  - b. Guest: There are other potential revenue generators, 9 sports club teams are talking about using it out of the 24.
8. Hennessy: Would there be increasing athletic or intermural fees or team fees? I already don't use the rec what can I use this for as a student?
  - a. Hetzel: That's why a third of the cost will be absorbed by the university.
9. Nielsen: You said this would last for 20 or 25 years, will this be a continuing cycle once we get this?
  - a. Guest: Some of this is a one time fee, it will be cheaper to continue in the future.
  - b. Nielsen: With the Counseling and Testing Center, will this interfere with that project?
  - c. Hetzel: Not at all.
10. Silva: For 25 years is that when the warranty ends?
  - a. Guest: With most items like that you want to be planning to have the fabric inspected to see how much time you have left but that is the actual warranty of the fabric.
11. Schock: Do you know if this would increase interest in ESS programs here or admissions? Could we use this as a marketing tool?
  - a. Guest: There is a percentage that shows that athletics is a part of recruitment and retention as well.
12. Moralez: Where is that money coming from, from the university?
  - a. Hetzel: The funds will be coming from reserves.
13. Wolfe: Being a temporary structure, how sustainable would this be?
  - a. Guest: The standard would be to have a double wall fabric or for an additional \$70,000 there could be a third one that would help pay it back in five years to use less heat, there would be LED lights to be efficient. The air inflation system would constantly be running and there would be a backup generator. We are leaning towards the 3-wall double pocket to keep operational cost down.
14. Wears: How do priorities go with buildings right now for athletics?
  - a. Guest: Classes are first like in Mitchell, there are many



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- categories. Sports in and out of seasons, it would just be spread out for people to have larger spaces.
15. Silva: With that priority, who would have it for the bubble?
    - a. Guest: It would be the same with classes at the top, and then with practice times like afternoons having sports and then intramurals.
    - b. Silva: Would this be safe under extreme temperatures like we had this year?
    - c. Guest: It's intended for this climate, there's one in Mausten and the Twin Cities, they are designed for the climate, it is set for that.
  16. Kelly: If the university is only covering a third of the cost but we only get the bottom priority to use it I don't see how that's fair.
    - a. Guest: It's just during the time of the day, students would have highest priority during the evening hours. It would open up more priority time for the field house, so during seasons of the year it would open it up for more recreation and general use.
    - b. Guest: And for HPR 105, it would open up additional space more facility and more activities for HPR 105 labs.
  17. Wears: Would this be protecting the turf, so we wouldn't have to replace it as often?
    - a. Guest: It would be about a wash, it would save it in the winter, but you still have people using it, so it would be about the same.
  18. Thering: You said this was from a reserve fund? Were did that come from initially?
    - a. Hetzel: It's what we call program revenue funds.
  19. Neader: Do we have any stats on how many students per year this would be impacting?
    - a. Guest: There are about 225 students between the 9 clubs, it's hard to predict that we are just at the beginning level. That's just sports clubs though.
    - b. Neader: Do we know how tall it's going to be? I know we've mentioned it obstructing the bluffs' view?
    - c. Guest: About 62 feet, it would be as tall as the columns, the stadium already blocks, so it would not much more than that.
  20. Becker: I just want to point out that a healthy majority of UWL students use the rec.
  21. Epps-Cool: If you're leaning towards the football field, are there any benefits for soccer field?
    - a. Guest: It's bigger but costs more and creates a safety hazard for La Crosse street, and it would take more time to build. There are less negatives with the football turf being covered.
- b. Provost Betsy Morgan
- i. Gave a brief update on implementation of Navigate program. Discussed the transition from D2L to Canvas in the upcoming fall semester. Also talked about future enrollment trends and accommodating for the upcoming enrollment cliff in 2025. Brought up the possible addition of a computer engineering program at



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UWL in the next few years.

1. Woodmansee: Is there an end goal for more engineering programs?
  - a. Morgan: It's a hot topic right now, but you have to be able to prove that there are jobs. We're thinking maybe electrical engineering. Some of these we don't have faculty or space.
2. Thering: I value engineering as much as the next person, but I don't like how – I'd like to see more buffing of other programs first.
  - a. Morgan: The reason we're able to do this is because of the state. If we can make an argument about retention or diversification or STEM fields. To get something new we'd have to make a new program. It's hard to argue it would produce new majors in STEM. It goes back to workload data and student to faculty ratios.
- ii. Marinack: I met with SEC and we were talking about academic advising. It could be better and right now it's only okay. Have you looked at all into feedback or a review system?
  1. Morgan: Are you interested in faculty or professional advisors? I'm not sure the best way - most faculty advisors are good at major advising but are not great at gen ed advising.
- iii. Wears: Navigate again – will students be able to schedule classes like that?
  1. Morgan: We don't fully know yet, there will be a committee. We're not sure about the app yet, but it won't impact you.
- c. Inclusivity Training – AJ & Laura, Campus Climate
  - i. Brief introductions. Short on time with plans to reschedule future training.

## VI. General Student Body Open Forum

## VII. Officer Reports

- a. President: **Benjamin O'Connell**
  - i. O'Connell: It's disappointing, an update, it was voted against every project presented, Wisconsin state buildings commission didn't make any recommendations. It's now in the hands of the joint finance committee. I met with Jim before spring break, he's on board with the idea for a parking program info video. The new media person might team up with maybe WTC as well. Also, election nom papers for pres and vp will be due April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- b. Vice President: **Haley Jurecki**
  - i. Jurecki: We're working on an alcohol and drug working group from student life. There have been a few meetings, they're looking to get more students in the room. We also need more senators on the election commission.
- c. Chief of Staff: **Lucas Marinack**
  - i. Marinack: I met with SEC and am looking into improving advising and maybe getting training for advisors. They were hesitant on evaluative measures due to biases for female faculty and faculty of color.
- d. State Affairs Director: **Jack Lawlis**
  - i. Lawlis: We're planning another trip to Madison on the 18<sup>th</sup> let me know if you are interested in going. There is an election April 2<sup>nd</sup>, please vote.
- e. Local Affairs Director: **Jake Seifert**
  - i. Seifert: I will be meeting with Jim from the city. The council candidate forum



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was last night. Also, there is an election next Tuesday for state supreme court, school board, city council, and some referendums.

- f. Inclusivity Director: **Sita Agterberg**
  - i. Agterberg: The Women of Color scholarship fundraiser is tomorrow. There will also be a candle-lit vigil at the clocktower from 11:30 to 12:30 tomorrow.
- g. Public Relations Director: **Tori Dietel**
  - i. Dietel: T-Shirt money is due tonight, we are going to start the ordering process tomorrow.
- h. Sustainability Director: **Samantha Wolfe**
  - i. Wolfe: I went to LeaderShape and had time to build community there. 50 UWL students were there honing our visions for the university. I think it would be good for us to all reflect on your role as a senator for goals for the rest of the semester.

## VIII. Advisor Report:

- a. Riggerberg: National History Day was yesterday, middle and high school kids come here once a year for this, but there were no signs telling students that this was happening. LeasherShape went well this year. I felt like everyone learned a lot, thanks for going. Today we had some architects come in to maybe make some changes to the COVE, but I want to hear from the students first if we decide not to do anything. I want to comment about the dome, my impression is that to move forward you will have to have a referendum for the students to vote on, this is not something that you can sit on. Hopefully we can have more of a discussion on next steps.
  - i. Jurecki: I will bring up next steps in the discussion to follow up on that.
  - ii. Riggerberg: I was thinking about having an end of the year senate party out of my house, I don't live that far away. I haven't done one for a while. We'll talk more about that.

## IX. Committee Reports

- a. Woodmansee: SUFAC has been reviewing more capital fund requests for university centers, stadium, and athletics. Hetzel will talk about dome and will come in next week.
- b. Lawlis: Leg affairs passed a resolution supporting Prairie Spring improvements. I'm looking to write another resolution of support for those projects.
- c. Wears: Awards and scholarships met, we'll have dental students coming in next year.
- d. Thering: The undergraduate curriculum committee met and discussed catalogs. The problem is with truth in advertising old classes are showing up. Classes staying on catalog discussion was whether or not we should leave it. If you have any ideas, let me know your opinion. Upon request is vague but something along those lines for maybe when it was last taught.
- e. Becker: The ad hoc committee met before break. We met to discuss reasons to make a statement on syllabi. We will be meeting again.

## X. Organizational Reports

- a. Fisher: Next week is social justice week. An MSO panel of co-chairs will be talking. It's on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Graff auditorium. I will probably stop in after senate, it would be cool if people showed up. We'll be discussing what marginalized groups feel like on campus.
- b. Kelly: Everyone should go to that, we just had inclusivity training cancelled which is embarrassing. From ALANA, there will be a phenomenal women's dinner April 18<sup>th</sup>, you can just purchase a ticket at the student union. It will be in the bluffs.

## XI. Unfinished Business



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- a. SA1819-040: **Resolution in Support of Governor Evers’s Budget Proposal for UW System**
  - i. O’Connell: This is the same resolution you saw just before spring break. This will hopefully help us out in the long run and get a head start on advocating.
    1. Horstman: I think that this is something that we should pass just to show our support for the budget even though everything probably won’t be passed.
    2. Horstman: *Call to question*
      - a. Passed
      - b. 90% yea, 7% nay, 3% abstain

XII. New Business

XIII. Discussion

- a. Dome: Next Steps - Jurecki

XIV. Announcements

- a. Cayo: Stomp Out the Stigma panel will be next week on April 3rd
- b. Fisher: Events on Social Justice Week are on the UWL home page
- c. Wong: The International Banquet will be on April 6<sup>th</sup>, it will be an interesting night

XV. Adjournment

- a. Horstman/Woodmansee
- b. 8:45 p.m.