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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **September 12, 2018**

Time and Location: **6:00 p.m. Student Senate Chambers; The U**

- I. Call to Order
6:03 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
Approval of Agenda
 - i. Motion: Medugno; Second: Kallis
 - ii. Motion to add appointing LASO Senator: Becker; Second: McLain
 - iii. Motion: Kettinger; Second: Kallis
- V. Guest Speakers
Isaac Tahiri & Justice Weaver - City & County Updates
 - i. Weaver: I'm Justice Weaver, I'm on city council. I'm the chair of human rights commission, sustainable La Crosse commission, and the bicycle-pedestrian advisory committee.
 - ii. Tahiri: And I'm Isaac Tahiri, district 5, I'm on county board so I not only do things in La Crosse, but also places like Onalaska, Holmen, etc. I'm just here to let you guys know who we are, the only reason that we really get appointed or elected is to represent students.
 - iii. Weaver: As far as things that pertain to students, the La Crosse center memorial pool is moving forward later this year/ early this next year. Another thing is parking, winter parking on either side of street La Crosse center expansion went back into concepts later this year, call into city 3rd of every month meeting for complaints.
 - iv. Tahiri: Judiciary law meet with judges, jail commissioners, police chiefs, etc. As of right now La Crosse County is housing about 230 inmates which is more than the number of cots available. This issue is not exclusive to La Crosse County. Reports will happen over the next few months get demographics. We can't make a lot of changes because jails are autonomous. Some other resolutions passed including a request for state funding for Child Protective Services to address issues such as unfavorable conditions. Something else has been the La Crosse area issue against homelessness. Veteran homelessness is now down to zero and we would like to extend then to everyone. We plan on working with landlords, churches, and other community organizations to further address this. Passed in June was putting marijuana on the referendum ballot in conjunction with other counties. It will be a question in November. This will be nonbinding but if it goes through it will be sent forward to Madison. Looking at state funding, we are not getting as much as we hoped – highway construction and repair is being somewhat delayed. There will be an advisory referendum on what voters would like to do to increase funding. Some options are to increase the premier area resort tax from 5.5 to 6% for 6 million more, more tax on vehicle registration,



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- v. more, vehicle reg. More tax on, increase short term borrowing higher taxes – only advisory. Biggest thing 2 things on referendum. How it will affect our annual budget.
 - 1. Medugno: How did you vote in passing to move forward the marijuana referendum?
 - 2. Tahiri: I voted no. It was on a fiscal note that I voted no. It's not going to move Madison, though I am in favor of legalizing in the state of Wisconsin.
- vi. Weaver: You can all reach out to me at anytime, give me a call and I will be glad to talk to you.
 - 1. O'Connell: As far as the pay by phone parking how much do you know about that?
 - 2. Weaver: We haven't talked about it this year. Maybe tomorrow.
 - 3. O'Connell: We just want to set the record straight and let the council members know that we are at capacity for both campus and commuter parking and have a long waitlist.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

VII. Officer Reports

President: Benjamin O'Connell

- i. O'Connell: The Rec 2.0 grand opening will be October 1st, get hyped. You all as senators are lucky and will get a sneak peek at our September 26th senate meeting before senate begins.
 - 1. Cvancara: Will we be meeting here (at the chambers) beforehand?
 - 2. O'Connell: I don't know the logistics yet
- ii. O'Connell: State issues regarding things like education policy take a few people interested in future meetings. Also want to let constituents know tuition late fee has been waived. There will be a temporary thing right now and we are looking to replace late fee penalty.
 - 1. Kallis: How will interest accrued on late tuition work?
 - 2. O'Connell: As far as I know it is all waived, but I will let you know.
 - 3. Lulip: Why was it waived?
 - 4. O'Connell: It was adding a fee onto students who already can't pay.
 - 5. Kallis: Some more context, the inner system committee (ad hoc) say it affects schools differently
 - 6. Norrington: Why is it being replaced?
 - 7. O'Connell: Some incentive for things to get paid on time.
 - 8. Norrington: If you don't pay tuition, don't you still lose your classes?
- iii. O'Connell: Some budget stuff, we're hoping to get the second phase of the science center approved, we also need a new freshman dorm – there's a lot of overcrowding right now. We're also looking at a new field house from the budget. We are hoping to get 1.2 million in funding, developed last year by regents. Also addressing our student court problem – continuity. We'd like to create a subcommittee of junior justices that would shadow the court. People



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would the be able to apply to be on the court that have knowledge versus complete turnover like we've been having.

1. Woodmansee: Would this be all year?
 2. O'Connell: We'll try to start this semester. We have 3 graduating in spring with probably only 1 returning that we had last year, so we'd like this to happen as soon as possible.
 3. Woodmansee: What is the incentive to be a junior justice?
 4. O'Connell: Students looking at becoming lawyers, pre law track. It would be good experience for resume building.
 5. Medugno: Could we make rules in the constitution so that we always have younger students?
 6. O'Connell: Possibly? Haven't thought about it but we could take it to someone.
- iv. O'Connell: Last item of business. Justice talked about the article in the La Crosse Tribune including the proposal to have pay by phone parking on the streets around campus. This would be \$1 per hour with a 4-hour maximum. It will be important to keep an eye on this issue. There is a city council meeting tomorrow night at 6 p.m. if anyone would like to go and talk about how parking on campus is at capacity.
1. Agterberg: Are the parking ramps downtown not charging?
 2. O'Connell: Basically, the reason it keeps getting perpetuated by neighborhood associations is because nothing is free and they advocate parking in this community.
- v. O'Connell: Enjoy the rest of our first meeting, I yield.
- Vice President: Haley Jurecki
- i. Jurecki: There are some EZ Vote training logistics to clear up before we go. A sheet will be passing around with clicker numbers and officer hours. You are all required to hold one office hour a week. Going to events and speaking at meetings will count as well, just talk to me about it for prior approval.
 - ii. Clicker Practice
 - iii. Jurecki: What were some retreat takeaways?
 1. Fulop: It was interesting to hear about how things have and haven't changed from the panel, it was really fun.
 2. Lawlis: Also, how it made them into who they are today. They also mentioned how there might be contention during senate meetings and grabbing beer after senate and building relationships.
 3. Jurecki: I echo Lawlis' comments. We should leave our issues in the chambers, we're going to disagree. That was a good summary but it can't replace the fun we had.
 - iv. Jurecki: At retreat we wrote notecards with our name, hometown, major, committee's, and SMART goals as well as new headshots to be posted outside the senate room as an introduction to the senators. There are some spots on committees left, if you have time there are a lot of faculty committees still open if you want to sign up. Only sign up if it's highlighted, it might be out of date, let me know. Talk to me later, no big deal. Also, please dress up next week for our guest.



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Chief of Staff: Alfonso Gunaratnam

- i. Gunaratnam: I don't have a lot of updates. One small thing, faculty senate last week found strong negative SEI scores correlated with faculty of color, specifically women. Looking for an SEI committee to look for unconscious bias and how to offset it at the end of the semester, find when it meets, it's still being put together. If you are interested let me know on the list Haley sent out.
 1. Medugno: Can we look at tenure as well? Like how professors of color are less likely to get it?
 2. Gunaratnam: We'll have to bring it up in the next meeting.

State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis

- i. Lawlis: There are a few things happening with state legislature sexual violence prevention position bill with Katrina Shankland. It's slow going but we are trying to make progress talking the last couple weeks into the next section. We have a great office on campus, but a lot of campuses don't have the resources that we do – we'll try to put that on the bill with Representative Shankland. Betsy Devos is trying to change Title 9 which is equality between men and women in universities, basically it's trying to now strip away these rights. It's on our radar and we are making sure Shankland knows. Next week on the 19th we have Representative Jill Billings coming in, she's pretty awesome so make sure you put on a good performance for her and dress up a little next week. Haley says we have a good agenda for her. If you have any questions for her feel free to talk to me at the end of this meeting so we can send Billings a list of topics to address. On campus we are doing a lot with voter registration and the League of Women Voters engagement project to register and educate as many students as possible in the upcoming election. On campus it will be on the 2nd floor of the U in the bluffs room. There are lots of new people in Student Association this year, if any of you want to help with this reach out to Teri Lerki, the city clerk, to help us all get better at poll-work, civic engagement, and voter registration. We are planning trips to legislature to lobby and make student interests known. Talk to your constituents so that we know what they'd like to address. Let me know if you have any questions.
 1. Boebel: student IDs that count as photo ideas may of 2016 are now expired?
 2. Lawlis: The card office will replace yours for free as long as you say you plan to vote with it.
- ii. Lawlis: I really want you all to come talk to me if you have an issue that's important to you. I want to try to represent you as best as possible.

Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert

- i. Seifert: More on parking and what's happening there tomorrow. Housing cooperation's say they'd like to have a better interaction with the students and the dispute over the parking. There is a council meeting tomorrow, Justice said that this topic will likely come up. They will also bring it up at the public works meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday. On October 9th there will be an off-campus housing fair, we'll get in contact with all of the landlords that we are in contact with to be invited so that students know what their



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options are. We want to create a process to improve landlord accountability, issues with landlords that aren't attentive and might be violating codes. Members of Minnesota associations implemented a program to process claims and figure out what legal things they ran into.

1. Norrington: I think it would be good to have an info session for those people who don't know that some of the stuff that their landlords do is illegal.
 2. Medugno: Is Rent College Pads invited?
 3. Seifert: No
 4. Agterberg: Habitat will have stuff for reading contracts. Talk to me if anyone has questions.
- ii. Seifert: Local elections get to questionnaires out to candidates about specifics, we'll try to compile a list of questions in an email next week for input if anyone wants the questionnaire. If anyone has issues with local or county to be addressed, please reach out I'd love to work with you.

Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg

- i. Agterberg: We are working to remove the Hiawatha statue. Another thing being worked on is the women of color scholarship. We're looking to move from small businesses to get an endowment instead so that we don't have to raise every year from individual meetings. We were also considering a taste of diversity event? This would be for global initiatives week. People would come in for a big event in the community to get more involved with us. Another plan is for more inclusivity in the College of Science and Health. If there are any other events that you want to see, I am open to suggestions!

Public Relations Director: Lucas Marinack

- i. Marinack: The livestream that will be doing this year on Facebook Live will be pretty rad. You should all join our Facebook group and our regular Student Association page. Involvement Fest was today, we saw what Student Association issues brought people to us taking interest. I am PR director, but anytime any of you talk to students, tell them who we are and what we do. You can all reach more people than just me alone.

Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe:

- i. Wolfe: Straws on campus will now going into effect. Greed fund voted again on segregated fees. Also, the College of Science and Health and College of Business are interested in working on raising awareness of green fund and what is being done on campus.
 1. Kallis: Do you have the application due date set yet?
 2. Jureki: Informally October 29th, give or take a week.
 3. Lasée: Can we get students metal straws? Or are there any initiatives on silicone straws?
 4. Riggerberg: We still have silicone straws to try to hand out at events and get straws to people. The bookstore is also selling metal ones with cleaner brushes.



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5. Wolfe: We also hope to get rid of more single use plastics (forks etc.) on campus.
6. Silva: where are the bee posters?
7. Riggerberg: The university decided that with the construction, the signs didn't go through the right procedure and said we can't do that project.
8. Jureki: We can all talk more about it later.

VIII. Advisor Reports

Larry Riggerberg:

- i. This is the new table, all mics work, all power should work as well.
 1. Silva: What are they doing with the 4 other tops?
 2. Riggerberg: We gave them back will repurpose and sell to someone else.
 3. Kallis: can the senators have the straw?
 4. Norrington: what kinds of straws?
 5. Riggerberg: Silicone that can be washed.
 6. Kallis: Chars chicken tenders are chicken nuggets not tenders?
 7. Riggerberg: We are working on fixing the consistency of food being served.
 8. Kallis: Can we get tator tots at Chars?
 9. Riggerberg: Something to look into.
- ii. Starting July 16th, we have all new cash registers, we are still trying to fix systems that aren't caught up.

IX. Committee Reports

SUFAC: Anyone can come to our meetings, they are always open.

JMAC: Talking about SEIs and redoing general education curriculum to add stuff in about multicultural influence. On the 28th at noon in the bluffs room will be diversity and inclusion, it is open to the public.

Organizational Reports

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

Motion: Silva; Second: Becker

Resolution to Approve the Senate Appointment

Move to suspend two-week rule: Wilkense; Ssecond: Medugno

- i. Cvancara – LASO senator
- ii. Passed

Elect President (Pro Tempore/ Stand in VP)

- i. Silva: I nominate Becker
- ii. Becker: Idecline
- iii. Medugno: I nominate Kallis; Second: Becker
 1. Passed

XII. Discussion

XIII. Announcements

New senators and cabinet members sworn in by O'Connell.

XIV. Adjournment

XV. Motion: Becker; Second: Kettinger



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