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Student Senate Minutes

Date: **September 19th, 2018**

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
 - i. Silva/Becker
 - ii. Motion to add discussion point ‘accessible parking on campus’
 1. Kallis/Becker
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Rep. Jill Billings
 - i. Billings: I’m happy to be here tonight and I’m happy to come anytime you want to talk to me about any issue. I was a student on student senate, so I know that some of these friendships you’ll have forever. I developed early on an appreciation for UWL and the students in our community. In fact, last year I organized an event and invited President Cross to come to campus, the president of the UW system, and one of the previous board of regents members, Brent Smith, from our area, the head of faculty senate, the head of student senate, and Rusty Cunningham because I know he values higher education. The discussion was really centered around the value of higher institutional learning in our community. I want to talk a bit about building commission. The governor is the chair of that committee, so we always meet in the conference room there. I’ll tell you, is that I met with a liaison for UW systems who I know quite well. They said “You have a lot going for you at UWL. You’ve got a great reputation, you’ve got rising enrollment, and Bob Hetzel and his stuff do a really good job.” In the budget for the UW System as a whole, I’ll just talk about this for a couple minutes. The budget just passed through the board of regents, I don’t know if anyone saw it in the press, President Cross came out with this budget asking for more a 6.3 billion operating budget for the next two years. 107.5 million of that is new funding that they’re asking for. Some of this new money is also framed around what is called university and statutorily required goals, that’s what the president said. Part of that is 25 million to expand programs, mostly STEM and high demand fields. Another 2.5 million is an outcome-based fund. Those of you who were here last year know that safe harbor for kids who have been human trafficked is an issue that’s near and dear to my heart. In our state, we can actually arrest kids that have been human trafficked and take them in handcuffs because that’s what our law says. I also have a railroad safety bill. As you know, the railroad goes right through the heart of our community, our community’s been built up around the railroad that’s been there. They need to do more, you may have seen with the flooding that we had down south that the tracks came out again. I have a safe water bill because up north and these wells were testing positive for nitrates and a few other things, it was not good. My fourth thing that



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you might be interested in is a plastic bag ban, I know that's very controversial. California is doing it, other countries are doing it. Shared governance, introduced last session by democrats. That's a good bill, that should go through. Anytime you want to advocate in the capital, let me know. If you want to know the way through the process, let me know. I love having students in the capital. The final thing I want to say is VOTE.

b. Ben Golden – Green Fund Bylaws

i. Golden: I'm Ben Golden I teach in the Theater Department. I'm also on the committee for environmental sustainability, I'm the recorder. You probably all know that the green fund is up for referendum again, there are some things that are largely semantic changes. There are just a couple big ones that I want to highlight. We've had some conflict in past years where something will be high priority for JCES and it will sort of check all the boxes on our green fund bylaws, so we'll send it to SUFAC and SUFAC will say hold on a second, this actually can't be an allowed expenditure of student segregated fees. We want to take out language and replace it with the actual state statutes for student segregated fees, so that way when we are considering things on JCES, we're looking at the same thing that SUFAC is looking at. The main thing was just to get those state statutes into that. The JCES approved a couple changes in the evaluation criteria. The big ones there were that educational value was moved to high priority. We also had a few items move down from high to medium priority. We added 'clear and well-articulated plan for post implementation assessment or review'. The only other thing I want to highlight that we would like to do, is change the amount for the green fund mini grants. \$2,000 per project has been constricting, so we want to change the amount to \$4,999 for more flexibility. We are keeping it under \$5,000 so it's not considered a capital purchase. So, more can go through joint committee, limit on amount allocated 20,00 to 40,000. The process that students go through to submit a grant just to give us more review time. I'm happy to answer any questions now to the best of my ability or take them back to the committee.

1. Lasée: I see in article 2, section 2 the green fund being use for products for non-facilities. I'm not seeing that rewritten anywhere, is that then going to be the faculty green fund can be used for all facilities?

a. Golden: No, if you go down a little in the state statutes in the non-allowable expenses credit producing activity. In the last appendix what we did is we copied a chart about allowable expenditures for facilities. So, it would not change, it would just be more detail.

VI. General Student Body Open Forum

VII. Officer Reports

a. President: Benjamin O'Connell

i. O'Connell: Touching on last week talked to Bob Hetzel on the tuition late fee. It is permanently gone with no replacement, get excited. There is still going to be interest on unpaid tuition, but at least we got the late fee gone. Logistics of gender neutral bathroom in Morris and CFA, so there's some good progress on that too. An update on parking, Jake and I went to the Board of Public Works



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meeting on Monday and we voiced concerns over the policy to make the streets around campus payed parking via mobile phone. The city keeps repeating the claim that nothing is free even though we pay rent and our property taxes. They revealed the map for the plan, on the map it actually includes almost no streets where there would be permanent residents, it was pretty much just apartments and duplexes mostly lived in by students. The policy was designed to keep students from parking in front of permanent residence homes, it is not accurate. It was passed on Monday, it includes Pine Street between Mitchel and the football field. This is problematic and works against goal of the program. I wrote a letter to the editor to the La Crosse Tribune and they posted it on there. Jake and I are organizing right now going door to door to get info about residents. The mayor said that that's what the pilot program is for which makes no sense at all and does not address the problem at hand. Renters may have to pay \$50 to park on street in front of home just for the year. If anyone is interested in coming with us, it shouldn't take too long. I'll be setting up a spreadsheet, everyone is welcome to come.

1. Fulop: When would the policy be implemented?
 - a. O'Connell: The pilot program, that will gain some traction at the meeting where he introduces it, it would be good to have students there to show support.
 2. Horstman: Do you know when Justice plans on proposing the resolution?
 - a. O'Connell: No
 - ii. O'Connell: There will be voter registration drives on the following dates:
 1. September 25th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 2. October 2nd and 3rd in the U from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 3. October 4th in Whitney from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 - iii. O'Connell: I will send out a spreadsheet to see who can help out, it's good to have students talking to other students. One last thing, as far as ID cards go, if your ID card has expired as a voter ID, you can take it and get it replaced for free. Please let your constituents know.
- b. Vice President: Haley Jurecki
 - i. No report
 - c. Chief of Staff: Alfonso Gunaratnam
 - i. Gunaratnam: I emailed deans of colleges this morning and set up meetings with assistant deans with you all. Hopefully by next week you'll have a set time once a month to talk about concerns and ideas for future just to improve transparency. Like I said, Dr. Laura Millner got to me this morning, club presidents and senators will be meeting in room 124 for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. So if you are part of CBA, if you are interested. This will be in October. It will be a good idea to know your college deans.
 1. Woodmansee: Will you contact us with times?
 - a. Gunaratnam: Yes, I'm hoping that these deans will have set meetings every month where you all can drop in. I'd rather have you all meet one on one so it's just the senators and the deans that way you're not having to share your time with other students on campus.



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- d. State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis
 - i. Lawlis: Ben touched on voter registration and the election on November 6th. I met with Teri Lehrke who was interested in more student involvement. We would maybe have more students help out with polls November 6th, not necessarily as a poll worker, more as greeters and helping to register people. About an hour of training for would be needed for positions. This would be done through the city clerk. Let me know who is interested. I can pass around a sheet of paper. The last thing, Ben and I have been in contact with Rep Shankland, and it's moving on. We are scheduling a call early October to talk to her office.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert
 - i. Seifert: Other than what Ben said with parking, it was a frustrating meeting. We will follow up with Justice to put a stop to this before it goes to effect. We are also on board with housing and renter's rights, so that is moving along. Just in general, this proposal for parking would just push people further into neighborhoods.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg
 - i. Agterberg: We finally have an alumni list from 2001-2018. As soon as the list is approved we can ask for donations.
- g. Public Relations Director: Lucas Marinack
 - i. Marinack: If you still aren't on the Facebook page meet with me after the meeting.
- h. Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe
 - i. Wolfe: There will be Oktoberfest cleanup, more to come in the following resolutions.
 - 1. Silva: When is that?
 - a. Wolfe: September 30th 1:0o at the clocktower.
 - 2. Agterberg: Is there a way to sign up?
 - a. Wolfe: The easiest way is on MyOrgs to log service hours. Otherwise you should be able to on Facebook.

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Ringgenberg: No report

IX. Committee Reports

- a. CAPS
 - i. Marinack: If you don't know, CAPS stands for Committee Academic Policy and Standards. We talked about member recusal practices. Also, mass exam times for Marketing 371. One more is added possibly in the spring. I will follow up next week.
- b. VPAC
 - i. Kallis: We are currently assessing violence prevention outreach usefulness. Metrics and data developing constructs and contents, leading focus groups and interviewing. Lots of assessment coming up with student affairs as a while. If you want to get involved, let me know.

X. Organizational Reports

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business

- a. SA1819-005: Resolution to Appoint Fall Election Commission



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- i. Fulup/Woodmansee,
- ii. Chris Paul: *For those of you that don't know me, I am one of the justices and I am tasked with doing stuff for the election. Every semester we have to come to you to appoint 6 people and then an alternate and a designee from the office of student life - which their kind of in transition so I don't know who it's going to be. It's all pretty straightforward.*
- b. SA1819-006: Resolution to Approve Green Fund Bylaws
 - i. Silva/ Kallis
 - ii. Kallis: I think it's really productive and great that they're putting it in statutes. Discussion about it rules, I'm excited for them to asses it completely before sending it to SUFAC.
 - iii. Silva: If there's no discussion can I move to suspend the two-week rule/ Becker
 1. Woodmansee: I move not to suspend, I would like to talk to SUFAC and give us time to look into this first.
 - iv. Horstman: How many projects are usually brought up as a whole?
 1. Jurecki: it depends every year, large grants senate sees twice a year, I'd say per semester 4 but it depends.
- c. SA1819-007: Resolution to Approve Referendum to Ban Straws on Fall Ballot
 - i. Wolfe: Ban distribution of one time use plastic straws. It's a good step to take on campus and will hopefully trickle down and get rid of more one time use plastics.
 1. Woodmansee: I just have a question – there are smoothies currently at Whitney and those kind of require straws. So with this plastic straw ban, would there be like a paper straw solution?
 2. Ringgenberg: We don't have a solution right now but we'll figure it out
 3. Horstman: Can students still ask for straws?
 4. Wolfe: They will be available upon request.
 5. Jurecki: Predominantly for students with dietary restrictions.
 6. Kallis: *I move to amend the language in change dietary needs with accessibly needs/ Thering*
 - a. Boebel: Maybe just say available on request?
 - b. Kallis: Good point, just that way they would be available upon request.
 - c. Hostman: I agree that this wording would be better, I think more would be in support.
 - d. Schock: I agree with this use of language.
 - e. Silva: I like the first wording because I feel like that defeats the purpose of calling it a straw ban.
 - f. Neilson: I'm in favor of the new language just to get it voted in initially.
 - g. Norrington: I'm not opposed to the new language change, asking for a straw makes me anxious. It would take away some stigma.
 - h. Neilson: Good point maybe add preferably if that would help?
 - i. Moralez: I wonder if people handing our straws would ask why they would need it? I feel that would be inappropriate. They should not have to prove it upon request. This might be a way to mitigate that.



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- j. Boebel: Maybe leaving it out is where I would see it being the best, there will still be people asking. A good number will still probably ask for one.
 - k. Thering: My preference is with that Stephanie said, just to make it simpler.
 - l. Fulop: I think this would be a good little step to take and that people would be more open to it.
 - m. Lasée: People would be more open to it.
 - n. Kallis/Silva (call to question)
 - o. Passed
- d. SA1819-008: Resolution to Approve Referendum Language Reapproving Green Fund on Fall Ballot
- i. Woodmansee/ Hortsman
 - ii. Jurecki: *This is just to make sure students are still okay paying this fee, if there are any other questions feel free to ask.*
 1. Kallis: Do you think it would be advisable to add in seg fees are \$7 per semester?
 2. Woodmansee: I think that’s a nice addition.
 3. Neilson: We’re already doing this correct? Maybe add continuing to so that people don’t think it’s some new charge.
 - a. “do you support continuing the purchase”/ Thering
 - b. Hosrtman: I call to question
 - c. Passed
 4. Ringgenberg: Maybe change it to do you support continuing paying the fee?
 - a. Becker: “Do you support purchasing renewable energy or energy efficiency systems for the UWL campus by continuing your contribution of up to \$7 per semester to the Green Fund through Segregated Fees”
 - b. Horstman/Becker
 - c. Passed
 5. Horstman: I think that this is very well written and a good referendum to put on the ballot, I hope it passes.
 6. Motion to end discussion, Becker/Kallis
- e. SA1819-009: Resolution to Approve Committee Assignments
- i. Coleman/ Moralez
 - ii. Moralez: *I move to suspend the two-week rule/ Woodmanse*
 1. Kallis: This already happening we already have meetings, I think this is a valid reason to suspend the two-week rule /Silva
 2. Passed
 - iii. Call to question Kallis/ Moralez
 - iv. Passed

XIII. Discussion

- a. Dana Neilson – Public Advocacy
 - i. Classes have been canceled due to low enrollment, this is an idea on increasing enrollment, because departments can’t go into each other. The idea is to create a



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public advocacy certificate. It's in early stages but it looks like a good idea to increase enrollment. A lot of these are useful classes. This certificate would look good on a transcript and resume. Let Dana know if you have any other ideas on how to increase enrollment in classes.

- b. Accessible Parking On Campus – Kallis
 - i. Process is not clearly outlined on parking page, reached out to Victor Hill in charge of parking. More of a case by case basis, they just need to verify. This is confusing across the board. Looking for ideas to make it clearer.

XIV. Announcements

- a. Marinack: Please get your bios and headshots in.
- b. Khan: September 28th at noon in the bluffs room will be a diversity and inclusion forum open to public.
- c. Boebel: Tomorrow Ron Kind here at 6 p.m. in this room

XV. Adjournment

- a. 8:11 p.m. Becker/ Silva