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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **September 26th, 2018**

Time and Location: **6:00 pm- meet in Rec lobby for tour of Rec 2.0**

6:30pm Student Senate Chambers; The U

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:50 p.m.
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Roll Call
 - IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Kettinger/ Coleman
 - b. Motion to add Silva discussion on the COVE
 - i. Passed
 - c. Approval of Agenda
 - V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Kris Rolphus- JCES Bylaws
 - i. Rolphus: I am the chair of the joint committee on environmental sustainability (JCES). We were talking about the Green Fund and making changes to it. There was a discussion to increase from \$2,000 to \$5,000, that was a change that was made as well as increasing the total amount from \$20,000 to \$40,000. That was the main change, there were a few other things changed in the language used in the bylaws.
 1. Woodmansee: You mentioned that you raised it because mini-grants weren't going through, like they were too high, they could just be submitted as large grants correct?
 - a. Rolphus: They could be, there was a feeling amongst the committee particularly the people that had been on it for a while that more of the Green Fund was being used for kind of large utility purposes and there wasn't as much activity. There was a feeling amongst the committee to have more student's involvement in more small projects rather than have that money go to large things that students weren't involved in.
 2. Seifert: What amount did you say that the overall amount would be?
 - a. Rolphus: From 20 to 40 was the change.
 - b. Seifert: Was that going to be reflected – it's not going to be an increase?
 - c. Rolphus: No, it's not going to be a larger chunk of the same amount of money.
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Benjamin O'Connell
 - i. O'Connell: Thank you for all coming to see the Rec final edition earlier. It's very exciting. If you want to come to the grand opening, I'm sure they told you about it in there, but it will be on Monday at 4 p.m., I will be the MC. Aside from that, just a few things. There will be a name change in the College of Liberal Studies.



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The College of Liberal Studies will now be known, in the future, starting next year after the current senior class graduates, it will be known as the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities. This made it through faculty senate and was approved by Joe Gow. There should be an email sent out to all students about it, so I figured it would be good to let all of you know. Aside from that, another name change, the School of Arts and Communication will no longer be known as that. The College of Communications is now going to be moved under what is now CLS but will be the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities. What was the School of Arts and Communication will now be known as the School of Visual and Performing Arts. Something to keep in mind, we'll have to do some reworking on the names of the ad hoc committee, but just keeping everyone in the loop. On parking stuff, we've been going around knocking on doors and the majority of people living on the streets that have been impacted by the new pilot parking program are definitely students. There are obviously some people that don't answer the doors and so I'll keep going back and knocking, but as of right now, the people that have responded – all of them have been students who are opposed to the program except one person who answered the door who was a non-student and they were for the program. But the ratio of that is about 10 to 1, so that's something to keep in mind as we move forward in fighting the city on this. I'm trying to set up a meeting with a couple city council members aside from Justice who's writing a resolution. Aside from that on parking, Jake has so graciously set up a meeting between me, him, and Jenna, and we're going to really try to see if we can get their support on this because they will not like the fact that the program will actually drive parking into their neighborhoods which is why they wanted this program in the first place before, I'm assuming, they saw the maps. Then there's one final item for tonight that I wanted to touch on will all of you – the importance of lobbying. Especially during budget time because just earlier today, Haley and I were sitting at a joint planning and budget meeting and a statistic popped on screen that really jumped out to me and I feel like it should to all of you too. In 2002 as far as funding for university stuff goes, students paid about 40% of the funding that goes to universities, 40% came from us and 60% came from the state. 2018, flash forward 16 years, we pay 75%. That's a huge difference, the difference is even greater if you look back at the 90's and earlier. What I would stress for all of you is when Jack talks to all of you about going on lobbying trips, this isn't for nothing. This is advocating for ourselves and trying to not go broke in the process of trying to get an education. Keep that in mind 40% to 75% is a huge difference.

b. Vice President: Haley Jurecki

- i. Jurecki: Don't forget that you should be doing office hours. For those of you that are newer, making sure that your office hours are in the student senate office unless otherwise indicated. I posted, you can go onto the Student Association website under the Legislature part membership and I put all of your office hours, they are now published. If they change or if you are not in the office at that time, that means you are not where you're supposed to be. If you have a location that you need to change it to, please tell me so I can fix that, or Brianna can fix that



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on the website. And then also membership is updated, eventually next to your name, we'll have a link to your bio. The other part is that you should all have access to that office – to the senate office. If you don't, if your card swipe doesn't work to get you in there, please let me know. If you're holding office hours, that door should be open. I put a whole box of paper near to hold the door open, we're working on getting a door stop, but please don't hold office hours with the door locked. And the other thing is clickers work.

- c. Chief of Staff: Alfonso Gunaratnam
 - i. Gunaratman: I am working with deans and their assistants, I know the College of Business senators already have their monthly breakfast meetings with their dean. I spoke with the secretaries and representatives from CLS and CSA. I'm going to send out a doodle poll for y'all to fill out so we can organize the best times for most of y'all to meet so look out for that.
- d. State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis
 - i. Lawlis: Last week I met with the Legislative Affairs Committee, obviously what the name implies, it deals with anything with legislative affairs. Specifically, we are going to host the UW system regents here in La Crosse on December 6th. That's really exciting because the regents make a lot of really massive decisions concerning the UW system and having them in La Crosse could make a really good impression on them. Chancellor Gow told us that the focus of the regents meeting will be faculty and more specifically, we are looking to see if we can get and across the board 4 to 5% increase to the faculty of the UW system, more specifically La Crosse. That would be really awesome because obviously it's been very hard to keep professors and faculty when they can go across the river to Minnesota where they would get a lot more money. We really want to retain good faculty, that'll be a good opportunity to do so and to advocate for that position. Along with that, on October 23rd we'll be hosting some debates for the 94th and 96th districts and I believe that Representative Doyle and I'm not quite sure the other rep, and maybe Ron Kind. Ben and I are going to talk to Representative Katrina Shankland next week about that sexual violence prevention officer legislation that we're finally making a lot of good progress on. We'll let you all know how that goes. Senator Jen Shilling is coming on October 17th. It's going to be really exciting, try to think of some really great questions ahead of time so that we can really pick her brain to see what's going on with our area. Finally, this has been said before, but we do have some voter registration efforts coming up, we had one yesterday. On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of October we will have voter registration drives. On the 2nd and 3rd it will take place in the U from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on the 4th they'll be at Whitney from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. It'll be really awesome if any of you want to come help, it's a great thing to do. You can reach out to me or Ben.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert
 - i. Seifert: Thank you, President O'Connell mentioned parking. As far as the off-campus housing fair, it's set on the 11th and so far we have 11 landlords.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg
 - i. Agterberg: Monday was my first DOC meeting. The number of hate bias reports have been 50 this year. This time last year it was only about 20. There have been



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more hate bias incident, it's probably because more people know what hate bias is. Dr. Dan Green said that they are going to make Indigenous Peoples Day official in La Crosse – it's no longer going to be Columbus Day which is really big news. They want to do more of a celebration for that now, it's a really big step in a good direction. I also had some more meetings on the scholarship.

- g. Public Relations Director: Lucas Marinack
 - i. Marinack: Just website bios and headshots, if you haven't turned them in yet you're going to get a personal email from me so watch your inbox.
- h. Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe
 - i. Wolfe: JCES will be meeting again this Friday. Also, the food recovery network will be continuing, they started a couple weeks ago, so they'll be taking food from Whitney to I'm not sure, but it goes to a good place. Oktoberfest cleanup will be this Sunday, it's sponsored by Students for Sustainability. We'll meet at the clocktower at 1 p.m. We also plan on tabling for the referendums coming up on Tuesday, I will be there on Monday from 10 to 12 in the U. And then, kind of seeing where people are at, if you want to table, I'll send around a sign-up sheet. It'll be this Friday, the 28th inside the U and tentatively also on Tuesday from 10 to 12. Even if it's only half an hour. Let me know if you have any questions.
 - 1. Silva: What was the program you said was starting up again?
 - a. Wolfe: The Food Recovery Network
 - b. Silva: Is that where they take it to decompose?
 - c. Wolfe: No, actually it's the leftover food from Whitney gets taken to feed the less fortunate in La Crosse, people that need it. It's really great that it's saved and not thrown away as well.
 - 2. Jureki: If you do any of those – tabling or the Oktoberfest cleanup - you don't have to do office hours for the week, you can just let me know.

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Ringgenberg: I just wanted to check in on committee appointments and meetings. If you have not had your meetings let Ben, Haley or I know so we can get those going. During Oktoberfest, be safe and responsible. Represent La Crosse really well. We are also still looking for river watch volunteers, which also count as office hours.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. VPAC - Kallis: For those of you that don't know, VPAC is the violence prevention advisory committee. We basically just oversee Ingrid and her work with the office. Since the 1st, 15 reports have been sent to her office. I don't have historic data to compare, but it feels like a lot. Last year I talked about starza which is a new option for conduct officers, who would be able to have a conversation with the perp and offender. This is more for harassing and bullying, and conversations on the prevention side. On October 8th a trauma interviewing specialist will be on campus talking about how to interview folks who have gone through trauma and how to be the facilitator in that situation.
- b. Undergrad Curriculum Committee – Nielson: On Tuesday they approved first year student 100 will now be required. It sounded terrible originally, but after hearing it will lower the amount of gen eds you have to take. It should be enjoyable to learn how to be college students and would also be good for first gen students.
- c. SUFAC – Moralez: I am the vice chair and now chair of NUFAS, a subcommittee of SUFAC. We are in early stages looking for committee members. If you have any



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connections with these entities and you want to be on NUFAS, we work with budgets, increase transparency, become more part of budget processes and give to student population to communicate these decisions to everybody else. Those are some of our goals this year. It looks good if you work with money. Let me know if you are interested.

X. Organizational Reports

- a. Kallis - Prototypes of caps and gowns, folks graduating this fall you will not be in shiny thin looking caps and gowns. Newer customized designs align more with faculty gowns, they will be matte. The lovely grey, however, we still might get cuffs for sleeves we are looking into that. I will bring in prototypes, will now be matte, old one will no longer be allowed. For students who can't afford to do this we have options to figure out. Also, with Victor Hill and accessible parking, he will communicate with James, they will make a video about accessible parking. We can participate if you want to be in video. Victor was aware, a new clear policy will be updated onto the website, it just needs to get through red tape. The policy is a lot clearer between the difference between federal and our rules. They will adjust what they do for new student orientation in emails sent out to them. They will also better outline how to work with the access center on this. Anyone else with parking concerns can talk to Victor.
 - i. Silva: are these new gowns recyclable?
 1. Kallis: Yes, last year we had a conversation about using recycled fabrics. I will bring them in later.
 - ii. Gunaratnam: For sure we are not using the shiny ones?
 1. Kallis: No, we are not.
 - iii. Silva: What is the increase of cost?
 1. Kallis: They will now \$38 which is \$2 more.

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1819-005: Resolution to Appoint Fall Election Commission
 - i. Hosrtman/Silva
 - ii. Jureki: The election will be next Tuesday, first years will be able to vote on first year senators, 5 first years are currently campaigning.
 - iii. Hosrtman: We met Chris Paul and ran through with the first years voting and campaign process.
 - iv. Passed
- b. SA1819-006: Resolution to Approve Green Fund Bylaws
 - i. Silva/ Kettinger
 - ii. Silva: Since me and Dietel sit on this committee do we have to abstain?
 1. Jureki: No, you're fine
 - iii. Woodmansee: *I move to amend the document, I'd like to remove 'as well as the segregated university fee allocation committee' in the last whereas/ Horstman*
 1. Passed
 - iv. Woodmansee: SSUFAC did not have a chance to meet on this and therefore, we did not vote whether we all unanimously approve the bylaws. Although SUFAC didn't meet, I did have a chance to get in contact with some of the members including faculty, financial assistants and a few people that got back to me were not in favor of the mini-grant being pushed to \$5,000. This is a significant increase especially in the fact that there is only one group and the Green Fund and JCES coordinators that are mainly looking at this, I personally don't think



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that a second set of eyes hurts in any way. Whereas it would now go through, like the bigger expenditures would go through SUFAC and senate. I've also looked in the past and last year about \$2,000 was spent total on mini-grants and I think that pushing that to \$40,000 which is 38% of the total Green Fund is pretty extreme especially taking into the fact that 20% of the Green Fund can also be used for informational events. So, 58% of the Green Fund can be used without making any capital investments. It's a pretty large number, as I said this is mainly personal there's a couple faculty and a couple SUFAC members that back me up, but I'm not speaking on behalf of all SUFAC as I know some members disagree with this.

- v. Horstman: With SUFAC was there any recommendations for changes that could be made, if we should vote on this as a whole right now or if SUFAC should look through it and make recommendations before we vote on this and make it official?
- vi. Kallis: I always struggle with this that SUFAC is a major part of. Maybe we could table this for a week. With JCES is anything pressing that we have to get this done tonight?
 - 1. Jureki: It just needs to be submitted by Friday, this would take effect immediately.
 - 2. Kallis: We can table this, but it may affect the Green Fund stuff being tabled tomorrow.
 - 3. Woodmansee: It's difficult to convey this right now and that SUFAC had to cancel this meeting. I just feel that 5,000 is really high.
- vii. Silva: Call to question/ Kallis
- viii. Passed
- c. SA1819-007: Resolution to Approve Referendum Language Banning the Distribution of Plastic Straws on Fall Ballot
 - i. Kallis/Thering
 - ii. Wolfe: This would be a step in right direction to make UWL greener and will maybe set off removal for more one time use plastics.
 - iii. Passed
- d. SA1819-008: Resolution to Approve Referendum Language Reapproving Green Fund on Fall Ballot
 - i. Kallis: Call to question
 - ii. Passed

XII. New Business

- a. Jureki: Make new resolutions so that we have new business! Once committees get going this will be moving further along, but I encourage you all so start making new resolutions.
- b. Gunaratnam: I will put a board in senate office where you can put up ideas if you have ideas so other senators can work with you on them if they are interested. Let me know if you have any ideas.
 - i. Kallis: Looking at textbook content, lots of faculty want to update their books or refuse to update them. I emailed Betsy Morgan and have talked to textbook rental about problematic books and just old ones. Also talk to me if you want help writing resolutions.



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- ii. Norrington: In general, with professors using problematic language, what can we do?
 - 1. Jureki: We can't mandate faculty to do anything, we can create a fuss and make our voice heard, and work with other shared governance groups on campus. We talked last year about mandating students to observe, we can't tell professors to do anything, but we can tell them that we are not happy about it.
 - 2. Khan: There's been implemented diversity training for faculty and staff, I emailed looking for update to make sure stuff like that doesn't happen.
 - 3. Morales: JMAC committee is a goal they are working towards, in early stages but is being looked at.
 - 4. Kallis: The process right now is submitting a hate and bias report and the team will respond, but there has been an influx in classrooms. Having a structural process beyond that might be helpful.
 - 5. Agterberg. Right now we can't do that much but can offer support to the student, look at punitive measures and get training for teachers or professors would be most useful to fix language and respect for classrooms.
- iii. Thering: We talked about straws maybe plastic bags we could do as well? Or like was talked about maybe better alternatives like paper bags or a reusable bag system?

XIII. Discussion

a. The COVE – Silva

- i. Can we remove restrictions on areas in the COVE so all students can access them?
 - 1. Kallis: This has been the solution in the cove to problems that we encountered from last year.
 - 2. Morales: Last year there were a lot of incidents where in the MSO space students would try to go there and it was filled with people eating when they would try to study. We don't want to have to forcibly kick people out.
 - 3. Norrington: Even in cubicles, supplies would be vandalized or disturbed.
 - 4. Woodmansee: The cove was not intended to be a study space.

XIV. Announcements

- a. Marinack: Next meeting October 3rd we are doing our senate picture, dress nice because we will be posting it to the website.
- b. Lawlis: I would like to meet with the legislation affairs committee after this meeting so please stick around.
- c. Nussbaum: Indigenosness Peoples Day, October 8th 7 p.m. in the bluffs
- d. Boebel: This Tuesday at 7 p.m. Mandela Barnes will be in this room.
- e. Khan: During Oktoberfest if you feel unsafe contact me.
- f. Wolfe: Oktoberfest cleanup will be 1 p.m. this Sunday at the clocktower.

XV. Adjournment

- a. 8:37 pm. Kettinger/ Becker



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