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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **Wednesday, October 31st**

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. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. General Student Body Open Forum
- VII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Benjamin O’Connell
 - i. O’Connell: So, on parking, last night the judiciary and administrative committee at the town council met and in it they voted on Justice Weaver’s resolution which would cancel the parking program. It passed so now it will be discussed at next week’s council meeting, it’s at least on the agenda. The last time for public comment was last night. So, that is going on. I’ll be doing a little video demonstrating to the city council members to park one block further into neighborhoods so if anybody wants to join me in the video, you’re welcome to – I’ve already got Senator Horstman on board. And then election day next Tuesday, very exciting. I reserved tables for 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the U and from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. over in Whitney if anyone would like to join me in tabling just to tell people that there’s an election, where they can vote, and just to give them resources in general, that kind of thing. I’ll send out a sign-up sheet for it. Other than that, the one last thing I have is that I met with Res Life and talked about StarRes and he’s going to be giving us the information on what each person can see, whether you are a desk assistant or RA. Stay tuned.
 - ii. Justice Weaver’s resolution,
 - b. Vice President: Haley Jurecki
 - i. Jurecki: no report
 - c. Chief of Staff: Alfonso Gunaratnam
 - i. Gunaratnam: no report
 - d. State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis
 - i. Lawlis: We have the upcoming student reps meeting in Wausau, that’s the satellite campus for UWSP, that’s on the 10th. We’re trying to reach quorum with the reps here and Senator McCauly over there, she’s on reps, she can probably tell you more about that if you were to ask her. But yeah, so it’s pretty important to the UW System, to have our representatives speak for us. If you’re interested in going, you can talk to myself or Senator McCauly or really anybody else – and Vice President, or technically President Jurecki. I mean she’s President here, so. Anyway, November 15th, we have the lobbying trip. I’ve arranged about 10-12 pending right now – meetings – we have 10 confirmed meetings with senators and house representatives on the issues of student loan refinancing and the



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upcoming budget for 2019-2021 year for UW System. If you're interested in going to that, let myself or Ben know. It should be really intriguing and it's a really great chance to meet our representatives. It'll be pretty much a whole day thing, so if you have classes you might miss them. I mean try not to miss class, but it's really important. This is going to be from 6:30 a.m. and we'll probably get back around 7 or 8 p.m. We're going to eat lunch with Madison's student association too. It'll be fun and we're going to discuss some issues with them. Also, we're trying to draft a statement on student loan refinancing, if you have any opinions on that let me know. Finally, Teri Lehrke, she's the city clerk, she would like me to let you all know that we have early voting at the city right now and it's a great tool to utilize if you for sure know who you're voting for. You should go on down to the city and skip the lines. Also, just going back to the email that I sent last week, if you had any changes in availability, training will be this weekend for the positions, if you want to do that just let Teri know.

- e. Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert
 - i. Seifert: As President O'Connell already mentioned, the resolution to stop the parking program was passed last night 4 to 2 to 1, so we're happy about that. They're meeting next Thursday at 6:00 in city hall. Next week we'll be contacting all of the council members. That's all I have.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg
 - i. Agterberg: First thing, I got an email today, we did not get La Crosse SOUP. I'm going to try to reapply for next time. Then, good news though, Jill Billings said she would help us with the Women of Color Scholarship. We're going to try to plan an event for it in like February or March, if anyone wats to help with that, could I get a show of hands to see who would be willing to help? Sweet. If you want to come talk to me after, we won't be doing anything until after the election, but she said she'd be willing to help so, that's it.
- g. Public Relations Director: Lucas Marinack
 - i. Marinack: absent
- h. Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe
 - i. Wolfe: Hello. If you have items for the food drive, you can bring them up here. Let me know so I can tally for your team. Team 3 is in the lead, go Team 3. Also, I've been checking to see if biodegradable garbage bags would be possible in the dorms. So far they got a price quote to me and it would be over double of the price annually, so that's tough but we'll see if it's worth it the way garbage is incinerated in La Crosse.

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Ringenberg: You'll be surprised to know that I did watch part of your senate meeting last week. I heard Betsy and everything so, it looked good online. I just want to echo what Jack said a little bit, Teri is still looking for volunteers for election day. If anybody has any time next Tuesday and can go through the training this weekend, please do so. She still thinks that we're lightly staffed so we're still trying to figure that piece out.
 - i. Kallis: I was trying to figure this out with one of my constituents, maybe you'll be able to help out. She works in work study for the athletics department, and I kind of talked about this last week about the wages that work-study people get and about how they're fixed for about 25 years, the amount in the pot. And so,



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it's becoming less and less of a thing. The athletic department depends a lot apparently on the folks who work-study and they feel like they aren't being compensated enough so they kind of want to leave but they also realize that they can't for the fact that the athletics department would literally be nothing without them. They came up to me and were like hey this is a thing. I don't really know how I can help them, do you know anything I can direct them to?

1. Ringgenberg: Let me do some checking, sometimes the basis is that they have been allocated so much money. I think that your project that you're looking at, in terms of looking at student pay scales, should really be something that we try to gather information on.
2. Norington: From what I understand about the work study situation is that in several offices on campus, what they do is that they give you a raise for each year that you work in that same position. So, say if I'm working as an office worker, which I've been doing for my work study since my first year, I get a raise of about \$0.25 each year. Now that I'm a senior, I went up at least a dollar. So yeah, I know a lot of offices rely on work-study students, but I think it's also that they need to realize that the students rely on their work-study money a lot too.
3. Ringgenberg: I will see if they can write up some rules and regs and give them out to you.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Fulop: The Student Services and Buildings committee met on Monday and so we're going over the budgets right now for sports clubs, the Racquet, and WRAQ, the radio station here on campus. So, basically just next week on Monday, we are going to have some representatives from the sports clubs, the Racquet, and WRAQ come in and just talk about the budget.
- b. Lawlis: Legislative Affairs met, we're just talking a lot about the topics that we're going to lobby on in Madison.
- c. Woodmansee: SUFAC met on Monday, a lot of our discussion has been with the 15,000 that we currently have on reserve for fund requests. With our discussion on fund requests, we discussed possibly opening up in the springs and additionally some of the guidelines so that groups can use it for speakers and different things like that. So, if you're in an MSO or any organization that reports to SUFAC, and you think that you could use possibly a capital fund request in a different way, please come up to me after this meeting as we will be discussing next Monday. We're super excited to look at budgets.
- d. Kallis: The Ad Hoc committee met to discuss the constitution, which is why I was gesturing. We got through a whole 'nother section, we got through the legislative section
- e. 19.44
- f. Boebel: Student Orgs has been talking about how we will be awarding grant requests. We also just had minute to win it in the COVE last week.
- g. Silva: For AIDAC, the full group will start in two weeks
- h. Dietel: JCES met last Friday, we talked more about looking at funding a professional sustainability director.

X. Organizational Reports

- a. Kallis: I had meetings last week talking more about StarRes. I have also been speaking with Bob Hetzel about bathrooms and looking at blueprints for the CFA, WINGS, and



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- Morris for be more gender inclusive. We're also looking at the new fieldhouse, Wittich and its lactation room, the science center, the new res hall - Whitney will have 2 bathrooms on each level. I'm also looking into iPads and why that's a thing, I'm especially interested in finding more info on what programs have and program costs.
- b. Khan: ALANA is having its menstrual product drive again this year, we will have boxes set up around campus.
- XI. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1819-016: Resolution Ensuring Freedom of Speech and Association at UWL
- i. Failed
- b. SA1819-012: Resolution Regarding Office Hours
- i. Woodmansee: *I move to table this indefinitely /Kallis*
 - ii. Lawlis:
 - iii. Kallis: 34.38 move to call to question, to table indefinitely
1. Passed
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Discussion
- XIV. Announcements
- a. Lawlis: For voting day they will be hiring a one-day voting fellow, you would be working with the campus election engagement project, let me know if you are interested.
 - b. Justice Weaver: My resolution passed through committee, next Thursday will be the vote on that so if you want to come to city hall to show support.
 - c. Horstman: Let me know if you are interested helping to get out the vote for the election on Tuesday
 - d. Khan: The ALANA menstrual product drive will be starting
- XV. Adjournment
- a. Silva/Coleman
 - b. 6:44