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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **November 7th, 2018**

Time and Location: **6:00pm Student Senate Chambers; The U**

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Kallis/ Wiza
 - ii. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Whitney Center Architects
 - i. Speakers talked about upcoming renovations in the Whitney Center on campus. They discussed the facility's history as well as what they took into consideration when deciding to remodel versus rebuilding. The architects shared some of their recommendations for the future project including analyzing the different levels of the center and how additions and changes could be implemented. A potential timeline and budget for this project was also discussed.
 1. Wolfe: Are there other things that you are considering to make it more sustainable? Like LED lighting or low-flow toilets?
 - a. Architect1: That kind of stuff, like LED lighting, is very standard. The division of facilities development has an equivalent where we have to meet those marks. In order to do so, we have to have LED lighting, we have to have certain things. To make it more energy efficient, for example, would be looking at doing solar power. So, during the design process, that's something that we would definitely look into and work with you guys if you wanted to do that again. Another thing would be composting food waste, if that's something that you guys wanted to start composting, we'd have to see how we could arrange that to happen.
 - b. Wolfe: I think we should do all of that. Also, you mentioned reusing some of the food equipment? How much of the materials would you be planning on reusing in the new remodel?
 - c. reusing food equipment
 - d. Architect2: Based on needs of the equipment, there's a new dishwashing unit that went in not too long ago so that would be reused. They replaced the freezer on the lower level. Some of it changes based on the presentation of the food but, food service is very expensive so whatever we can reuse
 2. Seifert: During this construction period, where will people eat?
 - a. Architect2: That's a great question. Food service would potentially be moved to the Cartwright center.
 - b. Student Embassy



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- i. Students came and talked about Student Embassy and what they do on our campus. They went over some of the history behind their org as well as discussing how they become ambassadors. Also discussed was events that they help promote throughout the year and what they do to be a voice to students at UWL.
 1. Jurecki: What are some of the ways that you reach out to students to get their input together and like on ResLife in general?
 - a. Fulop: Yeah so, we're going to start doing some events, we're going to host forums. We're also setting up for students to be able to talk more with their core teams and for their core teams to get feedback.
 2. Schock: Do you have the power to change that ResLife or just report it?
 - a. Fulop: We have very minimal power in terms of what we can actually change because all the students that may or may not but, we can do things like create links. We can like present data to our advisors, so we can kind of provide that as well. We can also go to conferences where we can kind of hear feedback.

VI. Senator Name Games

VII. General Student Body Open Forum

VIII. Officer Reports

a. President: Benjamin O'Connell

- i. O'Connell: Just a couple quick things. One, we had phenomenal voter turnout in this district yesterday. We actually had like 2,227 voters here which is like 600 more than we had at the last midterms and we're probably about 300 or 400 short of the presidential in 2016. So, very exciting, good work to everyone who got out the vote. And, in La Crosse County, we actually had about an 85% turnout so, that's exciting as well. Aside from that, just after the meeting, for those of you who are coming on the lobbying trip, if you could just meet with me and Jack that would be super.

b. Vice President: Haley Jurecki

- i. Jurecki: For my report I have a couple of things. So, Jaz from the COVE sent me a reminder about the fill the truck event for nonperishable food items. That is occurring next Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. over at the clocktower. Also, there have been a couple committees that need filling, the most important one is gen ed curriculum because they only allow one student representative. They meet the first and third Monday at 3:30, if there's anyone available to do it, that would be great. If any of these other committees fit in your schedule, please let me know. And then with binders, is there anyone that doesn't have a Student Association binder? And then, also, the reason we print out our agendas and resolutions every week is for your binders so just make sure that you're bringing your binders with you every week. And then attendance – if you can't make the meeting, you have to let me know. Just because you get an unexcused absence does not mean that you can't tell me that you're going to miss. You have to tell me either way, that goes for committees as well.

c. Chief of Staff: Alfonso Gunaratnam

- i. Gunaratnam: I'm going to be emailing the CLS and Science and Health senators



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more information. I'm meeting with your deans and stuff. I'm going to have like a list of topics yall can discuss with them. So, just expect that from me.

1. Silva: Did you set up a specific time for College of Science and Health senators?
 - a. Gunaratnam: No, not yet. I'm waiting on a few things. I know some of yall sent me your schedules, I'm trying to work things out with other students in senate. That's all I do have right now. Once I do get a specific time, I'll let yall know.
- d. State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis
 - i. Lawlis: Ben already touched on this, but great work with the elections. It was a really great turnout, especially for a midterm. Moving into the 15th which will be next week Thursday, we will be going on the lobbying trip. Our topics are the upcoming budget from 2019 to 2021 and refinancing student loans. And so, at the moment, if you express interest to myself or Ben, we'd love to meet with you after this. We will have a brief after we come back just to let you know where all the legislators are standing on these topics and what useful insight we gained from speaking with them and this is really where the magic happens. It's going to be really great. Finally, we all know that our governor has changed so – it's Tony Evers now – you can expect to see possibly some changes in the UW system, that's just something to keep an eye on. As the board of regents is rotating in and out, and if any are appointed by Walker that can now be appointed by Evers, which can mean possibly a different mindset going into the board of regents as well as anything that has been approved by the regents and not approved by Governor Walker. So, that's just something to keep an eye on.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert
 - i. Seifert: The big vote is tomorrow. City council to stop the parking program, it's at 6:00. I've been sending emails, talking to council members, not really sure how it's going to turn out. It's going to be close. We narrowly passed out of committee last week, so we'll see how it looks tomorrow. There is no public comment at tomorrow night's meeting, however, if we have people there it shows that folks care about this and all that.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg
 - i. Agterberg: I'm going to pass around a sign-up sheet for those that want to help with the Women of Color Scholarship now that the elections are over. We can start getting help from Jill Billings. We're going to try to plan an event in like February or so. I'm going to pass that sign up around right now.
- g. Public Relations Director: Lucas Marinack
 - i. Marinack: Okay, so with T-shirts, I added that as a discussion point so we're going to talk about potential designs coming up. Quickly, informally, this next Saturday November 17th is the UWL Turkey Trot, I thought that could be kind of a cool community event. I was told they're still looking for volunteers, is there anyone off the top of their head something they might want to do that I should follow up with that. Obviously, I've put you kind of on the spot schedule-wise. Is that something that anyone would like to volunteer with? I see a few hands, okay so that will be something I'll try to follow-up. And then, Cider with the Senators is officially booked and good. So, once again that's 11/20 from 10:30 to 1:30 in



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the Hall of Nations. I'm going to send around and sign up for some blocks of time if you know you can be there. Reminder, that's on Thursday's schedule that day.

1. Jurecki: This is a mandatory event for senators and will count as your office hour for the week.
- h. Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe
 - i. Wolfe: As far as the food drive, Team 4 is in the lead with 6 donations, they are leading Team 3 by one, and Team 5 is trailing with only 4 donations. Teams 1 and 2 are at zero. I'm in contact with UW Steven's Point, I'm trying to get some inspiration from them, looking for sustainability ideas for on campus. Also, I saw their website looks really great, they have a lot of great ideas for sustainability and ours is really outdated. I found out from Chartwells that coffee on campus, Caribou and Starbucks, they have a lot of rainforest alliance certified coffees and some fair-trade stuff. So, I'd like to increase the amount of fair-trade products on campus, possibly in the vending machines. So, I'll be looking into that. And then, with the change in governor, I'd like to do a letter-writing campaign towards February so just keep that in mind.

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. Ringgenberg: I just want to thank everybody for the election, everyone did a great job. It was an outstanding turnout. If you have any comments on the presentation, just know that this is step 1 and step 2, you know, they could actually throw out all of these designs depending on who the architect is.
 - i. Kallis: I have a positive to share. I've been having lunch with candidates for the new ceramics position in the art department and I ran into Kelly and I made a comment about my allergy, and so for the last couple of interviews she got me a dairy free pizza, which as a lactose intolerant person that lives in Wisconsin, it's a fun time when everyone is like 'cheese!' sorry can't. I haven't had pizza since I was like 10 so it was really cool.

X. Committee Reports

- a. Lawlis: So, Leg Affairs met, and I really urge anyone who wants to join another committee, join leg affairs. It's one of the most fun committees and I'm sure anyone on it can vouch for it. We are taking positions on the student loan refinancing and we'd like to present it. Perhaps we'll have that be a discussion point in the next meeting.
- b. Marinack: Jack was misspoken saying that he has the most fun committee, because that would be Special Events and Marketing. That is what I am reporting on. So, we met and finalized some things with Cider with the Senators but, as I alluded to earlier, we're getting a mailbox. Once it comes in, we'll be able to take like comments and concerns outside of face to face office hours as well. So, hopefully that can get you into contact with your constituents. And also, we are looking to add to our space in the COVE so people can kind of put names to faces and know who we are.
- c. Kallis: I sit on the VPAC. I've had meetings every single week now about creation of a survey. That's been going really well for us within our timeline. The Textbook Rental committee is meeting this week, it's finally happening so next week we'll have the very exciting update about textbook rental policy. And then, of course, every single Wednesday before this meeting, the ad hoc committee on constitutional changes met. We didn't meet quorum. We got through another article. We're pretty on track right now.



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- d. Silva: AIDAC met yesterday. One of the big things that we had talked about was what amenities we deal with in AIDAC. We had a redirect request with funds from last year, a pretty large sum - \$8,000 – what we decided to do with that is we will send out an email and we’re going to ask them to write us a piece about what they would do with the money and then go over those and decide how we’re going to use that money. The next meeting is next Tuesday at 4:45 if you want to come by.
 - e. O’Connell: Joint Planning and Budget met earlier today, some of the things we discussed were metrics in regards to sustaining excellence and our strategic plan and then a lot of the conversation today was about strategic planning scenarios. If you want any information on some of that plans that was presented on today, I would be happy to share those with you.
 - f. McCauly: COVE Council met today and there’s a really exciting event next Thursday from 6 to 7. It’s in the COVE, all of the organizations who have spots in the COVE are free to come. There’s going to be ice cream, bingo, and each organization will have a sperate topic so hopefully people will go around and get to know their neighbors. It’ll be really fun, you’ll get to meet new people. There will be prizes as well.
- XI. Organizational Reports
- a. Khan: I talked about a Wellness and Healing Center and so Kate’s going to email me information. I was also going to email Bob Hetzel about how feasible it was, if there’s a space on campus, somewhere we can house this temporarily.
 - b. Wenzel: DREAM decided today that we’re going to have our gingerbread house making contest on December 11th in the bluffs at 8 p.m.
- XII. Unfinished Business
- XIII. New Business
- a. SA1819-016: Resolution to Approve Student Court Justice Nomination
 - i. O’Connell: This is another student court resolution. We’ve got another nominee over there in the corner, Anya Kusnierewicz, and there is some pressing stuff on the court’s agenda right now that if would be helpful if they could have a full court. So, I would urge you all to suspend the 2-week rule for this student court nomination as well.
 - 1. Kallis: *I move to suspend 2-weekrule/ Becker*
 - a. Passed
 - ii. Horstman: She sounds like she’s really qualified, and I think that we should approve her.
 - iii. Woodmansee: Call to question
 - 1. Passed: 25 – 0 – 0
- XIV. Discussion
- a. T-Shirts – Director Marinack
 - i. Discussion on new shirts for this year’s senators. Decided that we want different shirts from last year and will put together a committee to come up with ideas.
 - b. RASO (Returning Adult Student Organization) – Director Lawlis
 - i. Lawlis: Just some context here, the student court has decided to remove the Returning Adult Student Organization (RASO) spot, which would mean that if anyone wanted our seat. And so, the question for discussion is what do you all think that we should do with that spot? If it should be eliminated entirely?
 - 1. Kallis: In the past, when RHAC was still an organization they had 2 seats



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on this body and then we added ALANA and if we took away RASO, we'd be at 35 seats total. We wouldn't see a drastic change on this body. In my opinion, I don't think that we should get rid of another seat. I think it could go out to another org. I don't know what that org would look like, I don't know if it would become an at-large org seat.

2. Schock: Just an idea, I know we just had Student Embassy come in. I would say maybe open it up for conversation.
3. Becker: While returning adult students are a very specific demographic, not all but most of them are encompassed in mine. I just wanted to throw that out there.
4. Horstman: I agree with not giving up that seat on senate because I feel like in some way we can figure out how to get it filled with another org or like having students on campus giving a way to give them a voice. I don't think getting rid of the seat would be the best option for this.
5. Silva: I think probably the exact opposite. I see that this could become an issue when it comes to how they decide who gets the seat. There are so many student organizations. How do we specifically decide who gets this seat? Who is more important than other people? I think it would just be easier to get rid of it.
6. Khan: This happened last year with the ALANA seat, like SAPA couldn't fill their seat so ALANA took over. I don't think it's a problem to find an org to fill this seat and I think it's beneficial to at least ask if anyone wants the seat and see where it goes after that and hear them out.
7. Kettinger: Going back to Senator Schock's point, we did have an option to give Student Embassy a seat last year and then we decided not to just because we do have two first-year senators so that was kind of I don't think that it would be beneficial to give Student Embassy a seat.
- ii. Jurecki: Moving forward, this will come back to us in the form of a bylaw change which will come when the ad hoc presents their final things in the next couple of weeks – their final presentation. So, I think would it be beneficial thought to have a final resolution before that though so we're not making all of these choices at the last minute? Great, so up to you for who wants to do it.

XV. Announcements

- a. Kallis: The search and screen committee for the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities has narrowed down our dean search. So, we are planning on bringing four folks to campus right around thanksgiving. Watch out for more updates from me.
thanksgiving
- b. Horstman: I light of the parking resolution that's coming up in city council, Ben and I actually we made a video that we're sending to the city council tonight to show them how "easy" it is to park off campus in the residential areas away from the pay for parking area. We will be sharing it on Facebook as well so check it out and share it with your friends.
- c. Khan: The ALANA menstrual product drive, Friday will be the last day.
- d. Gunaratnam: Students for a free Tibet, they're having an event next week Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the theater downstairs 120. Basically, it's about Confucius Institute. It's like a Chinese educational program. It's mainly to incorporate in like other countries and it's kind of about the education-based propaganda system that they kind of spread about



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Tibet and Taiwan and a bunch of other human rights violations. It's supposed to be a really cool movie or documentary – I haven't seen it yet – but, hopefully we can make it. If you can, you should go. Tell your friends and classmates.

e. Jurecki: We have no meeting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving .

XVI. Adjournment

- a. Silva/Becker
- b. 8:17