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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:04 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda 2.40
  - a. Woodmansee: *I move to amend the agenda to add a discussion topic of the Arts and Communications seat/ Kallis*
    - i. Passed
  - b. Approval of Agenda
    - i. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Kate Parker – Strategic Planning 3.46
    - i. Gave an update on what is happening with Strategic Planning. Discussed General Education reform. A committee of students is being put together for the Student Advisory Board that will tentatively be made up of 9 seats comprised of 1 representative from each college, 2 representatives from the division of diversity and inclusion, and 3 seats from Student Association. There will also be a Logistical Advisory Board made up of 7 seats as well as an Assessment Advisory Board made up of 8 seats to further discuss gen ed reform.
    - ii. Kallis: When you're looking at on the Student Advisory Committee, are you just looking at student reps?
      1. Parker: Yes, just student reps.
      2. Kallis: On the logistical board for scheduling, are you like going straight to registration – RegiStar for that one?
      3. Parker: Yes. I mean we're essentially going to say – the questions there are going to be more like roadblocks – and how can we have them in our minds while we're working on the – and I shouldn't say me, I'm not part of the committee, I'm just the logistical person so – what the committee can think about when they're working on the structure for gen ed. If we have these consultations before, it would have been things like hey textbook rental cannot order a gazillion textbooks for one pilot and that would have been good information when we were starting the pilot but instead it was too far in and we had to sort of back pedal. I don't want that to happen again.
    - iii. Horstman: Are you looking more for like newer students to be on or are looking more for older students who have been through the program?



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1. Parker: I trust that - I would assume that somebody that has no interest or has no experience with gen ed would not volunteer. But, I trust that students who volunteer would be students who have a strong voice, I want people who are going to yell at me. That's what I want, it's actually what I'm seeking. People who are annoyed about gen ed and want to come talk to me about it but who are also willing to work through problems with me. So, the balance of the two. If you're just going to complain, like eventually I'm going to say okay we've got to do something about this but I want people to feel strongly about the program and who are willing to speak up when they think things are not right. So, that personality trait matters to me more than whether or not you have experience with gen ed.
- iv. Agterberg: Would it be a good idea to have a First-Year on this committee just because I think they're the ones who've been through First Year Seminar, right?
  1. Parker: Not yet. First Year Seminar is highlighted in Fall 2019, so they would have been through UWL 100 which is kind of the precursor. Like I said, the only prerequisite would be enough of a knowledge of gen ed that it's not like what are we talking about you know what the hell is health and whatever right, I don't even know health and well-being, I just noticed today they changed that. I don't somebody who has no idea what is going on at the same time, like what's more important to me is that you're willing to put in the time and you're willing to speak honestly. One of the reasons to have it just be me is that I'm hoping, and one of the reasons to meet this semester too, is that I'm hoping we can kind of connect as a group and I can convince you that I really do want you to tell me exactly what you think. Sometimes, when you have advisory committees you feel like eh what do want us to say and I don't operate like that. I want to hear exactly what you think.
- v. Becker: Would it be possible to get student veteran representation on this committee? We have a thing called joint-service transcripts which like translate military professional schooling into credits and there's currently a kink with some people getting credit for HPR and others not so I was wondering if we could get some guaranteed representation on this committee?
  1. Parker: What I would say is that if that's what you determine as an association that that's what you want, I would support that. If you do not determine that as an association, then I would ask you as part of tonight that I will take down that question, I would take that directly to them right now. But, if you decide as an association that



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you want a veteran representative, if you decide you want any particular representative, I support that. This is up to you, how you want to determine these seats. I'm not married to 9 seats.

- vi. Jurecki: We can also talk about that as like Student Association – if we want that to be a permanent appointee.
  1. Parker: One of the things I can sort of confess whispering is one of the things I'm hoping to achieve by this is getting a student representative on GEC, the General Education Committee eventually, that should really happen.
  2. Jurecki: My question is more so what would you be discussing when you're in the committee when you're on the board?
  3. Parker: The first time we meet I'm gonna ask the committee to review what's already gone through faculty senate and primarily the mission and the program goals and talk about feedback for the committee with those because those are already in play and they are already kind of finished so to speak, not finished in a sense they can be revised but finished in a sense that there's a draft to show you and take some feedback back to the committee. From then on, when it comes to structure, it's a little bit less certain. We will definitely be meeting, and I will definitely be updating you. I don't know exactly what they're gonna do or what they're doing right now and so my questions will be determined by where they go in the next couple months. Spring is probably when this is going to be a larger commitment. I want to hear people who genuinely believe the gen ed system is atrocious, if you think gen ed sucks and you don't think that it should be part of the university education, you may not be the person for this committee. I am going to faculty senate tomorrow, they're approving this. I have to say that I don't see these things as ratified by any means, I mean they're advisory committees, they're going to shift, they're going to change, I mean it's not like this is the final structure.
- b. Logan Furniss & Mitch Bunting – Green Fund
  - i. Students provided more background on Green Fund. Information on Green Fund can be found on their webpage, they started in 2008, the fund is allocated by \$7 from tuition SEG fees. It allows people to apply for mini-grants or large grants. Students gave a presentation on some of the past projects on campus such as the tower gardens in the U as well as the reusable bags that can be received with a purchase of \$10 or above at the farmer's market that happens on campus. They also discussed potential projects happening in the future such as purchasing SkateDocks to place around campus so that students can lock up their skateboards and longboards outside rather than taking them inside to classrooms, utilizing



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- our solar light trailers over the summer, along with other possible grants.
- ii. Khan: How does the vertical garden like work? Like why is it so important for it to be vertical?
    1. Bunting: Honestly, I don't know the logistics behind it.
    2. Jurecki: It uses aeroponics, so there's something about growing vertically that allows a plant to retain its moisture longer.
    3. Bunting: Yes, that and also as the water is filtered through the top plants the water drips down so then it goes to the other plants as well below it.
    4. Jurecki: And it allows it to be grown indoors.
  - iii. Kallis: The deadline, I'm assuming, for the fall has passed for large fund requests. Do you have a deadline for the springs semester?
    1. Bunting: Nope, so that's something we're working on this week and we are going to present to JCES and the next meeting which I believe is after Thanksgiving. We always take into account when SUFAC and senate meetings are as well, so we have time to present to SUFAC and you guys as well.
    2. Jurecki: I think it's worth mentioning too that UWL has one of the longest standing Green Funds in the state and so when other UW schools are looking at creating Green Funds, they really look toward ours and our biggest projects and our structure in our seg fees as reference points. So, it's something that if you're interested in any one of these projects, really and I think that's why both of you are here today is to say apply for them.
  - iv. Silva: Can you talk about some of the restrictions you have?
    1. Furniss: In our Green Fund bylaws, there's kind of a list of priorities that JCES has when looking into these grants. Some issues that come to mind is trying to get local businesses to commit to a reusable container initiative, but the thing about the Green Fund is that it has to pertain to on campus and students, so it can't be like community based. For example. we can only use them on like our seg fee funded buildings.
  - v. Wolfe: What are some tips that you have in approaching large scale grants and doing bigger projects like that?
    1. Furniss: General advice for any grant is that a lot of times when students bring them to me or Mitch, we're very like critical and we have to like shoot it down. Even with me going through my grant process when I applied for a grant is that just don't get discouraged initially if you bring it to us and we pick a bunch of holes through it, don't get discouraged and often times we can kind of point you in a different direction that's more feasible. Large grants they're tricky because you wanna shoot big but you know you kind of



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have to keep it in the realm of possibility reality as well. That would be my biggest tip to give anybody.

- c. Alec Smith – UW Student Reps
  - i. Gave an update on who they are and what they do to provide representation for all 26 campus governments.
    1. Woodmansee: What is the restructuring that happening?
      - a. Smith: Briefly, the 13 2-year UW schools of the system are being merged with one of 7 4-year institutions. La Crosse is not one of those. But, the 13 2-years are merging with the 7 and so that whole reconstruction is meant to give more resources to these 2-year schools.
    2. Silva: So, how does that work. Like UW-Richland for example, who would they connect with?
      - a. Smith: So, that was UW-Platteville.
      - b. Silva: That’s like 45-50 minutes away? How does that work?
      - c. Smith: I can’t tell you the specifics of that, UW-Platteville is taking on 2 2-year campuses, each of the regions is doing its merger a little bit differently. That’s something that when the board of regents approved this merger back last fall, they wanted to make it so they could really decide for themselves how to do it.
    3. Marinack: So, like obviously with reps like quorums are pretty hard to come by. I don’t know if there’s any like strategies or like what’s being done to hopefully prevent that from being an issue?
      - a. Smith: Our meeting in September and October, both did not meet quorum and how quorum is currently defined is majority of campuses so 14 of the 16 have to be present for it to meet quorum. We failed on that these last two months of meeting. What the solution was to that was essentially to amend the way we do quorum in the first place. So, instead of there being 26 campuses, we’re now counting quorum by the 13 institutions so if UW-Baraboo or UW-Richland were present for example, the Platteville institution would be present because Baraboo and Richland are now campuses of Platteville. Our quorum would go from 14 to 7. So that is kind of our solution.
      - b. Marinack: Then I guess like a follow-up question, so let’s say UW-Oshkosh, UW-Fox Valley, and UW-Fond du Lac all send someone. Do they all still get to vote as like individual entities?
      - c. Smith: Yes.



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4. Horstman: Going off that question, do you think that would make less campuses want to travel, would that deter some campuses from coming then?
  - a. Smith: Not necessarily. I know a lot of times campuses will come because they want to discuss something on the agenda. There are some campuses that quite frankly don't have any interest in reps, but to answer your question, no I don't think that would have that much of an effect.
  - ii. Smith: I am more than happy to give you regular updates, so please just let me know. Thanks for having me today.

## VI. General Student Body Open Forum

### VII. Officer Reports

#### a. President: Benjamin O'Connell

- i. O'Connell: I've just got a couple things tonight. One, touching a little bit on what Alec was just talking about, at our next meeting I'll be presenting a resolution to ratify the constitutional changes for reps, so more on that for you then. And then, aside from that, I don't have an update on raising the student minimum wage yet, it's been delayed so I'll probably have all that information, I'll bring Kristin and Bob in to talk about it.

1. Khan: Do you know if we can also do something about custodial staff wages?

2. O'Connell: I think the wages for the custodial staff were raised recently, but I'm not sure on that.

#### b. Vice President: Haley Jurecki

- i. Jurecki: I don't have much, the one thing is you'll notice coming in from this entrance of the U, there's a little shadow-box on the right and that is now our board. So, that's where we're going to be posting our resolutions for the week and our agenda – it'll be posted on that Tuesday when I send them out and then it'll be there for the rest of the week. It'll increase transparency, so students can see what's going on. And also, with that Olivia's really making the push to not only do that but to make our body a little more transparent, so one of the things she has is kind of the graphic, and so if you could put down your name and your hometown. Then the other thing is that I went to the sustainability conference at Steven's Point on last Friday, and it was really successful, it was really fun. Almost all of the campuses – almost all of the 4-year campuses were there. We had a lot of student representation there including Students for Sustainability. We kind of passed along some ideas, like I said there's some things that we really kind of have taken helm on like Green Fund and there's other things that we're definitely lacking in so we're really passing on a lot of ideas. And then, there's no meeting next week.

#### c. Chief of Staff: Alfonso Gunaratnam





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- i. Gunaratnam: absent
  - 1. Jurecki: He has a couple of updates, board of regents will resolve issues at next meeting here on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Next, CLS dean meeting at 4 p.m. on Thursday 11/29, still waiting on the room number. And then CSH is meeting with their dean on Monday and Wednesday and I know following tomorrow is the grand opening of Prairie Springs. I'll be speaking at it tomorrow in the bluffs. It's a chance for everyone to say how grateful we are that we were funded for this. It's at 2 p.m. in the bluffs. Please come to support me because I'm super nervous.
- d. State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis
  - i. Lawlis: Tomorrow we're leaving bright and early at 6 a.m. for Madison for the lobbying trip. We're meeting with a lot of legislators, all of the senate committee, a good portion of the finance committee which is comprised of both senators and house reps. So, we're speaking about affordability to college pretty much. It's a lot about the budget for 2019 to 2021 and it's also about student loan refinancing. I'll also let you know the results next meeting we have and just a little bit of an overview of what happened and how it went. And the reauthorization of higher education act, that's on the agenda. That's coming up with the change in house, the 74<sup>th</sup> federal government. This could possibly change, what this is, this could possibly, this is an act that could sign into law I think by Lyndon B. Johnson, it is very helpful for providing an affordable education for post-secondary education and so the new changes to it could possibly be very good for students – stuff like easy access loans, Pell grants in greater numbers, caps on lifetime loans. I'll just let you know what's going on with this.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert
  - i. Seifert: Parking, last week at city council, the proposal to block the parking program was suspended for two months. Recess was done, Councilmember Weaver who was the author of this legislation, felt that not have been successful had it passed on Thursday, so by postponing for two months, the hope is that we can work with the university and the city to figure out a solution for it. If it continues to be unresolved, that will be voted on at the January council meeting. We're trying to figure out some kind of compromise before that happens.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg
  - i. Agterberg: The DOC met this Monday, there were 95 hate/bias reports as of Monday. Last year there were about 102 for the whole year, so it's a lot more this year. It's probably because of the election though and also probably because people know more now about hate/bias reports. Next semester there will be a search team for the new assistant vice chancellor,



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they will be involved in the new diversity training for faculty. So, we talked about this in JMAC and also in DOC, that's good. I'm going to ask if they want more student input on it because I think that it's really impacts students the most. On the 29<sup>th</sup> there's a culture appreciation fashion show at 7 p.m. It's called 'Faces of Resiliency' so it's about cultural wear from like the country and what it's like now. I think it will be pretty cool, you should go. And then finally, I know Sabah has been working on this wellness and healing center, I think it would be a really good idea for someone to really get involved – she put it on the idea board.

1. Cvancara: I just wanted to ask you where the fashion show will be?
  2. Agterberg: In the bluffs room in the U.
- g. Public Relations Director: Lucas Marinack
- i. Marinack: Cider, cider, with, with, senators, senators. That's what's coming up next Tuesday, 6 days from now. This is like our biggest like outreach to our constituents for the first semester. It's a great opportunity for you to collaborate with people, get cider, we've got a lot of pumpkin bars ordered, we've got a lot of cookies ordered. So, that's exciting. I'm going to pass around the sign-up sheet that I've converted to an excel file that I'll also email out. If something's changed, and you can't make it, just make like a line through your name now and if you want to add another time because you're as excited as me, if not more, sign-up again. I'll be there the whole time so I'm a pretty cool guy – on paper. That's my big one and the word is our senate mailbox is coming through soon so, stay tuned.
- h. Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe
- i. Wolfe: Hello everybody. For the food donations, third place is with 4 items is Team 5, Team 3 is in second place with 5 items, and Team 4 takes the gold with 6 items. So that is Pfiffner, Micech, Kallis, Horstman, Seifert, Khan, Dietel, Schock, and Fisher. I have Dum-Dums for you. Thank you all for participating, I know some of you mentioned that you may have forgotten or whatever. I know life gets busy, but if you ever have the chance and would like to donate to the food pantry on campus, you can always go to the desk at the COVE and get rid of your unwanted soups and canned vegetables. Also, I want to do some plastic bag recycling on campus because a ton of us wanted to do it, so I got the green light to contact Festival Foods and I think that they would be totally willing to partner with us and collect plastic bags – I know they make them into benches. So, possibly having Festival Foods-made plastic benches on campus. That would be a really cool thing to do that and collect on campus that way.

## VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Riggenberg: I don't really have much. I wanted to tell you the good news. We





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have just about finished the negotiations to provide a \$1,000 a year scholarship for two years. A reminder for tomorrow, somebody else may say this. There's an event in the COVE tomorrow night, there's ice cream and toppings. I think it is 6 to 7, I have to be there to judge sweaters by 6:40. Lastly, I think we're all looking forward to the holiday and getting a little break from here, so I just want you to enjoy the time away and be safe.

- i. Kallis: I don't know about yall – I'm really cold right now. Why is it so cold in this building? I don't know about yall, but I spend a lot of time in the COVE, the COVE is chilly.
  1. Riggerberg: So, we're working on that. Number one, I asked them to increase the base temperature in the building all over because it really bothers me to see people downstairs on the first floor studying with their coats on and eating with their coats on. We will continue to monitor that. I have found out that in these rooms, you can actually raise the temperature in here up to three more degrees which would actually be helpful, but the thing is that when we leave here tonight and it automatically sets back and the next day happens we'll have to do everything all over again and they're telling me maybe we can reprogram the whole system, but they're not giving me a price yet. I will put in a special request to raise the temperature in this room and the COVE.

## IX. Committee Reports

- a. Silva: AIDAC met yesterday. We are into presentations with the ACCESS Center, we have Barbara presenting for the Pride Center, and then we have Campus Climate as well. I know this last week we discussed how we had a reallocation, we had funds that had to be reallocated to other entities, but I got some emails and so did Larry from people that know far more about the financial aspects of what UWL does and we found that we can no longer do that, that's not within our powers. It has to stay within the entity that it was originally distributed to, so it can't go anywhere else other than that, so they'll have to use it by way – they'll have to repropose what they're going to do with it. Otherwise, it will go into reserves for possible future use for AIDAC. We have undergraduate research, graduate research, and one other one that I'm missing – oh and academic advising coming in starting at 4:45 on Tuesday in 3135 here.
- b. Khan: JMAC met at 4 today and updates were given on departments and so Vitaliano kind of talked about the same stuff that he talked about here. Barbara talked about all of the new people that they're trying to hire, including the new assistant vice chancellor. And then, she wants to have a focus group in the spring to get feedback, and then they're going to hire a website consultant by early summer and then they also talked about diversity training for the faculty and staff.
- c. Kallis: Several of my committees met including the most interesting one, you guessed it, Textbook Rental. We're going to talk about it during discussion, but



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we are at a contentious point, we have a lot of stuff going on. We are up for bid at the end of the year so we're forming what that is going to look like. If you don't know what up for bid means, it means that we have had 3 extensions now on our contract to oversee our bookstore and textbook rental, but they're telling me it's up. It is time to look for new bids and see who's going to be taking over in that space. Then we talked about large-course books. I'll bring it up again, we'll probably touch on it in the coming months, but this is the idea that we have a lot of large courses here at UWL, examples: HPR 105, a really big psych one, a really big physics one, a really big bio one, a really big chemistry one – you know them, you've probably sat in them for gen eds. If they all get their books at once, we are 5 million dollars in the hole. So, we're trying to figure out how within our already really structured priority listing how we're going to deal with them. So, that'll be on the docket soon. But, the one we're going to talk about tonight is e-books. E-books are back at it again, it's been two years since they were brought up. If any of you were around a couple years ago when they came up for the first time, this is the idea of switching our entire UWL textbook rental system into e-books, electronic textbooks. We are going to have a section for you to air your grievances and I'm going to write all of them down and take them back to faculty senate. Next committee, the dean for the College of Liberal Studies, we have finished our search and screening – kind of. Open forums are coming. I have the dates ready. November 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in 3310. I will email it to Haley too, it was also emailed out but I'm telling you all now so it's also on this record. November 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 in the same room will be another one. These are all open forum times. Another will be coming in December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4, and then at 4 on December 10<sup>th</sup> is the next one. These are our 4 possible new deans for the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities – to be changed in the coming year. I have been on this committee since like March or May, I don't know it's been a long process. We've whittled it down to 4 people. We're interviewing them and it's going to be a whole big day of fun. I'm going to skip classes for it. Anyway, so, this is a time where you're going to ask questions – basically what's going to happen in an open forum if you have not been to one is they will be given a prompt, the committee will determine the prompt and then we will have a 30 to 40 minute question and answer time where you can ask them whatever. Like what's your favorite color. What's your view of funding for the fine arts and higher education – I don't care, I want you to be there though and I want you to tell your students so they can be there. Committee number three, VPAC. We are on our way to finishing up our survey and our interview questions which will hopefully be wrapped up finishing those questions and things in the spring to the point where we may start facilitating them and I will update you as we keep going with that one. The ad hoc committee on constitutions also met, we got through the judiciary, or the court, portion of our constitution. We've got a long list of points to bring to the body. So, before our committee presents to you, our notarized version of our



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constitution which is at this point 19 pages long, I am going to come in and do almost a presentation, but we're going to have discussion on individual points that are a little bit more ideological based edits to the constitution so look for that in the coming weeks – obviously not next week, but in the coming weeks as we accumulate points to bring to the body, I will bring them and you may air your grievances at that point too.

- d. Marinack: Special Events and Marketing met and that's where we talked a lot about Cider with the Senators, but another update that came out of it was talking about t-shirts and we think there are also creative people in here so, if anybody's chomping at the bit to get involved in the t-shirt design, send me an email. It's just my last name, first name, [Marinack.lucus@uwlax.edu](mailto:Marinack.lucus@uwlax.edu). Let me know if you're interested, we can talk logistics of that. The goal is to get them by the beginning of next semester.
- e. Woodmansee: This Monday was filled with budgets, it was a very exciting Monday. At 8 a.m. Student Services and Buildings Committee met. The sports clubs post season and sports clubs budget presented to us and the RAQ radio station also presented to us. And then, at SUFAC that night, we had woman's studies, multicultural events, student association, art exhibitions, LGBTQ+, and student orgs all present their budgets to us. We decided to wait on voting until next week because next week the budgets that are going – I'm talking really fast but most of you can hear me – are the international student programs, ability awareness, student services and buildings will be giving their report on the sports clubs, the Racquet will also be coming in and then we'll be finalizing the voting which will then be coming as a resolution to everyone here so, look out for that. They are open meetings so if you wanna come, feel free to. We have an exciting announcement, a new vice chair – Senator Wenzel, and with that a little bit of an update as far as NUFAS, I know that Senator Moralez came in and was talking about NUFAS trying to get members – things like that earlier this year. As of now, there have been a couple of changes in that department and now all the non-allocable budgets will actually be presented on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to SUFAC with their issues and problems, the non-allocable budgets are things like the rec center, athletics, the university center's budget, and then we'll discuss those problems and then later in the spring when the budgets are finalized they will also bring those to SUFAC and we will get another presentation. So, if you are interested in being a member of NUFAS please let me know and I will try to work something out. You are definitely invited to those meetings and your input will still be valid.
- f. McLain: The Undergraduate Research and Creativity Committee met yesterday to review the undergraduate research grants. We had a record number of people who applied for grants.
- g. Lawlis: Okay, so on the 13<sup>th</sup> the Joint Legislative Regents Committee met. It was pretty insightful, we talked about a number of topics. We talked a bit about the new administration's presumed effect on higher education and a lot of the



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committee believed that although previous governors have all had ups and downs with education, given that Governor-elect Evers was superintendent, it's a pretty favorable outlook right now for the UW system. That's the general consensus of the body. This can be mentioned further, but I think I did mention this. The student regent position is opening up, so there will be an opportunity for a new student regent to be elected by to be appointed by Governor Evers and that will go through the Wisconsin state legislature, so they'd be approved they – I'm pretty sure they always are or usually are. If you have any interest in doing that, it's a two-year term, you would be a regent and a regent is a very important part of the UW system, they sign off on a lot of very important decisions that are made before it gets to the legislature. If you have any interest in doing that, please let myself or President O'Connell know. The last thing we talked about was that we are going to write a position on the parking issue with the combined signatures of every representative on the committee which represents every aspect of UWL, students, faculty, administration and once we do that we're going to join the other committees releasing that kind of statement. And also. Leg Affairs met, and we called Senator Dave Hansen's office and talked to his staff and yeah they helped us out a lot. It was kind of cool to talk to the Senator's office.

- h. Dietel: I just have a quick JCES update. This last week we talked about the website and how outdated it was. Supposedly it is new and improved and beautiful, but there is nothing though about the sustainability director like cabinet position so, Director Wolfe, if you want anything about your position up on there, if you want to follow through with Senator Silva or I. The Green Fund coordinators, one thing they didn't mention is that they have a lot of ideas that they need people to take up and like do so, if you need to do something and you don't want to like think about it. And we're still trying to figure out a way to get a sustainability/ coordinator full time.
- i. Soeder: Student Orgs Committee met. We had budgeted all of our grant funding so those are going to be sent out to all of the orgs saying how much you're going to be rewarded and then also, we got 6 commencement speaker applications and we will be doing that on our next meeting on Friday.

## X. Organizational Reports

- a. Khan: The menstrual product drive for ALANA, we delivered all of the product to New Horizons and Ophelia's House on Monday and they were super happy, and it was really nice.

## XI. Unfinished Business

## XII. New Business

- a. SA1819-017: Resolution to Clarify the Process for Archiving Resolutions
  - i. Lawlis: Something I forgot to mention, pretty much the issue was that it kind of wasn't known whether or not a tabled resolution kept its serial number that is assigned to it. Well the question was, if we were to table this resolution for example, would it disappear I like the stratosphere, or



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would we keep its number, file it away, and the next one would be numbered accordingly? We decided to take a position, Leg Affairs, and clarify this and our position is that it would keep its number for records purposed and be recorded as so.

1. Silva: Jack, did you write this?
  - a. Lawlis: Yes.
  - b. Silva: It says John Lawlis?
  - c. Jurecki: That's his name.
2. Woodmansee: I would just like to clarify this a little bit. So, this isn't quite right, just in terms of currently tabled resolutions like Dani's was tabled indefinitely and it kept its number, it's on D2L right now. The issue that is faced, however, is Senator Nielsen brought up a resolution that was rescinded. We have no idea what to do in this case for this year it lost its number and a different resolution got its number. Because of this, on one consent agenda that was approved it said SA13 was one thing and then on the next one it said SA13 was a different thing because of that. Also, resolutions, like we had a resolution that came up that didn't have enough authors and so then it was not recognized as a resolution, it did not fail because failing means people voted on it and it didn't get approved. Because of this *I move to amend the document to strike first whereas, and change therefore be it resolved to change tabled to rescinded or unrecognized resolutions / Khan*
  - a. Thering: I'm curious if the resolutions that would be rescinded or unrecognized would then have that in all caps at the bottom, would that be a new thing that we would do instead of like failed or nothing it would have rescinded or unrecognized?
    - i. Jurecki: That's kind of the question because if it's not recognized, it shouldn't even be in our archives because it didn't get a sponsor, do you know what I mean? That would imply that we as a body accepted it as a resolution and when we don't do that it shouldn't be in our archives. Because, it would be like me proposing that it's a requirement that everybody wears green on Tuesday, but if everyone is like heck no we're not doing that then that's not something that we want in our archives, you know what I mean, right?
    - ii. Thering: Yeah so, they just simply wouldn't show up then in the records?
    - iii. Jurecki: Yeah, right? I think that's kind of what we





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decided with the whole – I think so I don't think that would even – if it doesn't get sponsorship, it's not recognized. We could talk about that for rescinded, but for recognized it shouldn't be in the archives. As far as rescinded goes, because if you rescind it, it's already gotten its sponsorship and it's already been recognized.

- b. Neilsen: Under the therefore, should we change the rest of it saying that it's going to keep its number and everything if the problem with them being rescinded or unrecognized is it's not in our archives why would they keep their numbers? Should we just change it to will not be in the archives or?
  - i. Jurecki: Well, I mean this would be up to the author of the amendment, that's a valid point because if it's like we talked about, if it's not recognized, it shouldn't have – well I don't know, how does that work? Because, everyone's given a number just for the matter of distribution.
  - ii. Ringgenberg: What would happen if somebody withdrew a motion?
  - iii. Jurecki: If you withdrew a motion, it's still on the minutes, right? No – it's not because then you withdraw it.
  - iv. Ringgenberg: If you withdraw it before you take it to a vote?
  - v. Jurecki: Then you just don't vote, and it fails. It doesn't even – it just disappears. Because you don't put a motion in the minutes if it's not recognized. So, like if we – I'm thinking our problem is a little different, because we do word for word, but other minutes that only do like a general this was moved, seconded, passed, they would just delete it and they wouldn't even put it in the minutes.
- c. Woodmansee: Just to clarify something, at least from my understanding, is currently as of now we do what you say, Senator Nielsen, like that's why they're gone. These resolutions specifically were brought up and the reason I changed this is that in the consent agenda that we approve, it says like the number, but then in the next consent agenda that we also approve, it says something with the same number so, I believe the intention of this was to clarify the





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numbering system and make it so if somebody looked back in our minutes and saw that we were talking about resolution 16, that they would go and see resolution 16 and it would be the one that the minutes were referring to. That's why I made this motion.

d. Passed

3. Thering: I'm not familiar with how it currently works, but I don't think that these essential thoughts now at this point should just kind of go poof. I still think that they should be on record, even if it's not in the context of resolution format. Like maybe a completely separate tab in D2L, I don't know if that's like a bylaw thing or something like that. I don't know if it might be useful for some sort of precedent to be made on these resolutions that don't get proper sponsors or something like that for future bodies as a reference. That's just my thought, I do think that it should be tabled though.
4. Kallis: I think what we're trying to clarify is getting really confused because we don't know what we're talking about. I think I understand where our senators are coming from about the idea that when we bring something to the body it should be recognized because it's put into our minutes and it's archived in that format. But, when we're looking at formal resolution archives I think I understand but looking at our formal archives it is unrecognized by the body, it shouldn't go into our archives. I think I understand what other senators are saying about how well it's brought up here so it should be somehow saved, I think that's a different topic overall because when we're archiving things, if you look at in general other governing body's archives like the regents, look at city council, look at even our government, they're looking at things they've passed, recognized, or tabled, or failed. Those are the things they put into their archives to save for like people to look at, so I think I understand a bit now like what they're trying to say that like because it's mentioned in our minutes it should be somehow able to be referenced within our archives or something. I'm just confused with archiving and the things you actually make motions of, so I think this should go back to committee because it's trying to tackle a couple different things like rescinded things are recognized by our archives because they are motions that exist. Tabled things are recognized but unrecognized things shouldn't be in our archives, that's what I'm trying to say.
5. Fisher: I just don't understand like when we have a tabled resolution and we bring it up at the next meeting it's not like a new



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resolution, but I thought that the number actually did change?

- a. Jurecki: No, if it's tabled it doesn't change. We're basically just saying paused.
  - b. Fisher: Do any of the other resolutions do they have the same number or not?
  - c. Jurecki: Like from this year?
  - d. Fisher: Yeah.
  - e. Jurecki: No. So, we've only tabled two resolutions, one of which we ended up rescinding, the other one I think we passed it. Does that make sense?
  - f. Fisher: Yeah. And then, yeah, I agree with Dani, we should probably have this brought back to the committee.
6. Becker: *I move to table this for two-week until our meeting on the 28th to Leg Affairs to modify this resolution and bring back to senate//Horstman*
- a. Passed
  - b. SA1819-018: Resolution to Affirm Solidarity with Trans and Nonbinary Students
    - i. Kallis: Just to start this out, I have a couple clerical things to add to this resolution. It's kind of been in works in the background now and I want to present it to the body. Y'all have read it I'm assuming and understand that our trans and nonbinary students on campus are let's just say not feeling good. There's been a lot of things going on both nationally and locally along with hate crimes that have affected both trans and nonbinary students on campus. If you look, you'll see that a lot of the hate/bias incidents that happen and are recorded on this campus are towards gender identity and as a person who represents these folks and as a group who represents these folks, I remind you that trans and nonbinary students exist in all colleges and all orgs, so these are also your folks not just my folks – are feeling hurt and are feeling scared and I want them to know that this body supports them just like the Pride Center supports them, just like the pride center downtown, 7 Rivers, supports them, just like a lot of other places support them and I want them to know that this body is affirming a commitment to an inclusive campus and is affirming a commitment to them feeling safe on this campus and if I need to go through all of the things that have been happening in the scope of trans news in the last year, I can, but I'm going to tell you it's been a lot. I'll point out as of this week 23 trans folks have been murdered this year. We are setting records in the worst way. The last person – I'm going to warn you, if you do not like gore, walk out, turn away – the last trans person to be murdered was beaten and burned in the street. This is my community, this is your community and I want you to affirm solidarity with them. There was a protest today about the fact that we are on this campus and we won't be



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erased. Tomorrow is Trans Day of Remembrance, if you don't know, it's a national holiday that's been happening for years that is remembering trans lives that have been murdered. Last year set the record for the most murdered trans folks in one year. Remind you, these are folks that in death have been represented by people around them properly – we still don't know the exact number because we don't know how many folks after death are dead-named and disrespected like that. So, there's a vigil tomorrow if you want to come, but right now I want to bring this to the body and say I'm standing with trans students, I know they're here and I'm going to be fighting for them as long as I can. And I want you to affirm solidarity with them as well.

1. Woodmansee: With the vigil being tomorrow night, would it be helpful to the suspend 2-week rule and show our support earlier rather than later?
  - a. Kallis: It's up to the body whether or not you'd like to suspend the 2-week rule and vote on it tonight, so I can tell them tomorrow night, it's up to yall if you want to pass it tonight.
  - b. Woodmansee: *I motion to suspend 2-week rule /Cayo*
    - i. Passed
2. Horstman: I think that it's very important that we pass today, so that it can be brought to everybody tomorrow by Dani and I think you all should at least think about voting yes for this.
3. Micech: So, I'm very new to this climate here. What is genderfluid? Can somebody explain that to me? I know what lighter fluid is, but I don't know what genderfluid is.
  - a. Kallis: I will point out to the senator that this thing is not linked. Genderfluid is an identity held under the trans umbrella, trans meaning not identifying with the sex assigned to you at birth, meaning that when you pop out of someone's womb, they look between your legs and say oh my god a penis, a man. Sometimes they're wrong, sometimes that person is a man. From there, under that umbrella there is the nonbinary umbrella which means you identify your gender identity outside of that scientific binary they like to use a lot for gender, that two ended structure that is outdated a little bit there, and then under that umbrella of nonbinary, you might identify as genderfluid meaning that your gender identity, like fluid, changes and adapts to how you're feeling about yourself that day. That may exist within the binary, that may exist outside of the binary. It's fluid and everchanging. For some



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folks, your pronouns change day to day for how you identify, the words that you use to describe yourself are varying. A lot of folks use genderfluid in way to avoid labels in that sense. It's a very movement-oriented identity in which your trying to capture a very broad topic of gender within one person and not all of the words we have might fit for them.

- ii. Kallis: *call to question*
- iii. Passed – 26:0:0
- c. SA1819-019: Resolution to Support Statement on Loan Refinancing
  - i. Lawlis: This is a topic tomorrow of what we'll be presenting to the legislators. It's just statistics and statement of a position on student loan refinancing and so, just to go over this quick, student loans are a big problem in that people are very indebted to them when they graduate and they're often very sweltering and you can see that on the first statistic, Wisconsin is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the percentage of students who graduate with student loan debt with 67% of students graduating with student loan debt and all of this information is cited in the footnotes. It's all from non-partisan or as little as I could find and so with that great amount of people effected, we decided to take a position on this and this was recommended to me by Joe Heim, a professor for the political science department, as well as our kind of legislative liaison. It really is a bipartisan thing, if you construe it in a way that both parties can get behind and right now this type of bill – not exactly, we're not supporting a specific bill here. We also rank 17<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the average debt, which it hovers from 28,000 to 30,000 for a student graduating from a four-year degree and that's national, the average debt increased by 77% and over 5,000,000 people defaulted on their loans. It's a big problem and a type of debt like this, it's not about the debt, it's really – we go to college and sometimes we have to take out debt – it's really about being able to refinance it like other states have and refinancing allows for two things mainly, Republicans like it because it's a tax break essentially that keeps more money in the pockets of their constituents so they can put it into the economy. Democrats like it because obviously education, that's a pretty bipartisan policy. The last stat, refinancing a \$28,000 18-year loan from 8% to 4% would save almost \$14,000 total and that's just an estimate. People's loans their interest rates are varied, and the refinancing would be handled by the state authority. We are just hoping to present this and statistics in general like this to legislators tomorrow advocating for a smart solution to this because this is a bipartisan thing in theory and we're hoping to get some support and see where people are at.



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1. Jurecki: I have a question, what do you mean by other stats like this?
  - a. Lawlis: Yeah, that's it. There's nothing else. This is what we're presenting, but we'll talk like the impact.
2. Horstman: *I move to suspend the 2-week rule so that the senators and everyone going on the trop tomorrow know that senate is behind them as they present this/Becker*
  - a. Silva: I kind of want to have actual discussion on this before we suspend the 2-week rule. I feel like we haven't talked about it at all.
  - b. Passed
3. Jurecki: I do have a question about this therefore be it resolved – why is my name like this?
  - a. Lawlis: I meant the legislation, the other thing presented by you. Like you present the other thing. I didn't know how to refer to it.
  - b. Jurecki: Okay, I see. I'm going to recommend a motion.
4. Kallis: *I move to amend the document in the therefore be it resolved/Becker*
  - a. Kallis: *call to question / Hosrtman*
    - i. Passed
5. Kallis: On the second line of the first paragraph, I don't think borrowers should be possessive, and the semicolon at the end shouldn't be a semicolon.
6. Nielsen: Two points in the footnotes. One, is there a way to get that space between the footnote one and footnote two – okay yes. Two, for the second footnote that Ibid, if I remember correctly since it is exactly the same as the above, I don't think the page numbers need to be there, so I think it can just be 'Ibid.' if anyone else happens to know?
7. Norrington: There is a grammar mistake in the bottom paragraph where it says interest rates you should strike the and because it's a list of things and not like, you know.
8. Nielsen: Back to the Ibid, I don't think there should be a comma.
  - a. Lawlis: This is Chicago style, so I don't think there should be a comma.
9. Passed: 26:0:0

## XIII. Discussion

- a. D2L Fee – McLain
  - i. Further discussion on D2L fees on WINGS accounts.
- b. eBooks – Kallis
  - i. Discussion on grievances on the possibility of changing textbook rental



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over to eBooks.

- c. Arts and Communications - Woodmansee
  - i. With CLS transitioning to CASSH, discussion on rearranging distribution of senate seat and possible reportioning senate body based on current numbers.

#### XIV. Announcements

- a. Kallis: Tomorrow night at 6 p.m. at the clocktower, there will be a Trans Day of Remembrance vigil. Also, from 1 to 2 in the Hall of Nations, there will be a memorial for the trans folks who have been murdered this year. There will be like pictures and life stories.
- b. Silva: Alternate side parking starts tonight.
- c. Wolfe: Don't forget to come collect your Dum-Dums.

#### XV. Adjournment

- a. Kallis/Woodmansee
- b. 8:44 p.m.