



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **November 27, 2018**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:02 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Gerke: *I move to add a discussion point on the Nina Hartley situation regarding the audit about the chancellor's discretionary fund/Becker*
  - b. Woodmansee: *I move to switch the order of resolutions 22 and 21 in the agenda /Thering*
  - c. Approval of Agenda
    - i. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. ACE Internationalization Lab – Emelee Volden
    - i. Discussed the UW La Crosse strategic plan for sustaining excellence and how we were chosen for ECE Internalization Lab by the American Council of Education as well as how this would be able to fit into the strategic plan. Also discussed was institutional commitment, collaboration and partnerships, curriculum and learning goals, international recruitment and retention, faculty development, policies, and procedures.
      1. Norrington: You talked about wanting to keep international students here, what kinds of things are you talking about? I know a lot of international students living on campus and I always hear they are unhappy. This has been happening for the past 2 to 3 years and they talk about how they don't want to come back.
        - a. Volden: We are doing focus groups in the global village with ResLife. IEE wants to make sure that there time here is an engaging and valued experience. ResLife is a big part of this. What social activities can we be doing, what do they need to do to find sense of belonging? We are working with IEE looking at doing comprehensive student orientation and also offering student workshops to make sure students have the info they need. We'd also consider bringing in domestic students to be part of trainings to make stronger connections. A big piece of this is feedback from our current students, we need to bring them in in person for more secure conversations. I'd like to reach out to you to talk more, not all of that info gets back to IEE, so it's important to hear that directly from the students.
        - b. Norrington: With that, I think you also need to take cultures into consideration, for example some students are not always good with complaining about things and may not be comfortable doing so.
        - c. Volden: Hopefully doing focus groups might give opportunity for students to open up about these experiences.



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2. Pffnner: For the data you showed us, what about graduate students over spring break or winter?
  - a. Volden: We did not include grad students because the number was so small, but we were looking at potential dual degree programs. This was not a main topic of focus. We did a lot of data collection in education abroad and reasons for students not planning on studying abroad. We want to remove these barriers as much as possible.
3. Norrington: For CS majors, there aren't any programs for us to take. There's nothing for CS or really for a lot of people in the College of Science and Health and for the ones that are a lot of them probably wouldn't transfer back.
  - a. Volden: That is true and curriculum integration might only be at one or two schools, but we would work with CS to identify classes and math at institutions that would transfer back.
  - b. Norrington: There would probably be a language barrier with that and we would only be able to do places like Australia or Europe.
  - c. Volden: More places are expanding English taught curriculum, we're working with our partners to look at syllabi, it's a project we need to work on, curriculum integration ideas and making recommendations to majors. There are the programs that offer these classes. Facilitating between academic departments, getting more of our students, breaking myths to students and profs, and identifying partners or developing programs if we can't find any. There are some tricky curricular requirements. We need feedback from students, so we can then work on it.
4. Silva: I didn't see graph about the difference between freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior? Also, for like a junior in upper level classes, they might not know if they have them or if they transfer over.
  - a. Volden: The majority studying abroad are juniors and seniors, mostly because of faculty lead programs. We think it will shift though to second or early third year. Upper level classes mostly do transfer back. This is in the works for the future.
5. Pffnner: A barrier for a lot of grad students is GPA and if it would drop, especially for health professions.
  - a. Volden: Concern about this in education can be met with other programs available like research programs, so it's not the whole semester but that you can get experience and it not impacting your GPA. How it effects grad school applicants varies.
6. Schock: Another barrier was cost. You can pay UWL tuition at places, for faculty lead is there anything being done to help with that?
  - a. Volden: There are different financial structures. Some faculty choose to decrease their salary to make program cost lower for students, but that's to their discretion. We do talk to faculty about if someone wants to teach a program in a specific place



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that could be a hard sell because it's hard to cut program fees. We have conversations with IEE, we try to keep programs at \$6,000 or less for 6 credits or two course programs.

7. Norrington: Is it possible to make curriculum more global as well?
  - a. Volden: The hardest work for that specific action team is that there's no real way to gauge all courses on campus. You can leave feedback on that in your SEIs. We encourage and incentivize faculty to go to diversity workshops for their curriculum. Student feedback is essential for these changes to be made.

## VI. General Student Body Open Forum

### VII. Officer Reports

- a. President: Benjamin O'Connell
  - i. O'Connell: This Saturday, UW System student reps meeting will be happening here in the bluffs. I encourage you to come for part of time just let us know so we know how many to expect. Our chief of staff, Alfonso, is departing soon in a few weeks, he is graduating. There will be an opening for chief of staff. Haley and I would like to have Director Lucas Marinack take over for him. We'll be presenting a resolution for it next Wednesday. This would open up the PR position, it's open to all of you to apply. You can come up to me after meeting if you would like to set up meeting and interview. Haley and I met with Bob to go over a cost analysis for raising minimum wage for students. We will have Bob and Kristin come in start of next semester.
- b. Vice President: Haley Jurecki
  - i. Jurecki: Going forward with the gen ed advisory board, we have one but if 2 others are interested, it would meet as needed once a month at least, I will take names down. I will reach out to you and we will go through a process. For Leadershape, I have to turn in names this week, I will reach out to you if you plan on going. It is over spring break. We are also going to discuss clocks, last year's senate was against that clock, so we will vote on a new one. Finally, new resolutions need to be introduced in time otherwise we won't vote on them until next semester. Also, we need to stop suspending 2-week rule for unnecessary reasons. Last week we did this twice both for important time related reasons, but in the future if something can wait we should not suspend the 2-week rule.
- c. Chief of Staff: Alfonso Gunaratnam
  - i. Gunaratnam: The CLS dean meeting will be tomorrow at 4:00 in 235 Morris, please don't forget. I have 3 confirmed, spread the word to other CLS students, I'd like to get at least 4 people to go.
- d. State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis
  - i. Lawlis: Lobbying trip results, the lobbying trip went well, they seemed receptive. I think that we did the concept justice, we're going to talk about this in the future about budget and student loan refinancing and submit a resolution to try to have a state run refinancing authority, that's something to watch. Reps liked the info we gave them from last week, so thank you for your approval. We looked at that stats from final voting turnout, there were 1,493 election day registrations and 2,227 total registrations. Teri Lehrke reached out to me with these results, they



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lined up almost perfectly with what we have meaning that people we registered came to vote. Reps and regents this week and next week here, it would be great if yall could get involved. They are searching for regent nominations. Next reps mtg came up, you should have gotten an email from Ben and Haley. Ben is screening people, ideally a sophomore. Elect Her is a thing we are hoping to get approved started bringing young women into politics and gauge interest and have women more involved in politics and running for positions specifically student positions. Like Haley is a woman in student government. A workshop will be held on a Saturday late February or early March, you can reach out to me, Kathryn Draper, or Larry.

- e. Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert
  - i. Seifert: A couple things, our friends at board of public works voted to expand the map for pay for parking. Legislation to stop the program went through, but with passing the addition people are not thrilled. It is a bad faith move on behalf of the city. GENA building has been building rapport with Student Association, city council members will be coming in next few weeks and Nora from GENA as well to discuss things. Weaver and Marcou will be coming, both are for stopping the legislation and voted to postpone vote on it with hopes that something could be worked out.
    - 1. Dietel: Isn't that road one of the construction worker streets that they park on?
      - a. Seifert: Yes
    - 2. Kallis: With the postponement, none of this is going into effect yet?
      - a. Seifert: That's where it gets messy, the parking utility and authority can begin this whenever they want, they ordered the signs already and there would be a grace period to get word out, so it could go into effect at beginning of spring. There is a 2-month delay to work things out, however the city does not have to.
  - f. Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg
    - i. Agterberg: I met with Jill Billings about doing a fundraiser in March for Woman's Month, I also met with Barbara. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and doing donation box in Jan for the scholarship. Also, stuff for past senator alum because, Miranda will not be here, so there will be a new person in charge and has to be approved.
  - g. Public Relations Director: Lucas Marinack
    - i. Marinack: Cider with the Senators was a success, we got good feedback from people. I'm going to type that out to hopefully spark some new ideas. Thanks to all who came out, 93% of baked goods were eaten. The mailbox has arrived. This will be great for feedback for when senators are not in office, it will be set up at the start of next semester. Event attendance - send any pics you take to me to promote what senate is doing outside of this room to help promote us. Spring involvement fest will be Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - h. Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe
    - i. Wolfe: I have no updates. There will be some discussion on a possible ad hoc committee to write Green Fund grants.



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## VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Ringgenberg: I don't have anything tonight.
  - i. Seifert: Is there something that can be done about the door on the top level of the cellar? In the winter people open it and it is the worst thing.
    1. Ringgenberg: I will follow up on that, they are not supposed to be using that door.
  - ii. Horstman: I also wanted to say that I got a straw with coffee at Einstein's.
    1. Jurecki: The Starbucks in Centennial also keeps putting their straws out.
    2. Ringgenberg: I will look into that as well.

## IX. Committee Reports

- a. Lawlis: Leg affairs will have a new faculty advisor, the dean of students, it's going well, it's great to have him there. We talked about title nine, federal and state level his experience with the violence prevention bill and resources on campus.
- b. Khan: The ad hoc for SEIs met Tuesday. We want to research, create reviews and start creating survey questions to get perceptions of them and if they know that they're used for and how they are used, or like the consequences of them. I will not be here next semester but being on this committee it is super important. Talk to me if interested.
- c. Woodmansee: SUFAC met Monday and the Monday before when we passed all of budgets on docket for tonight. We discussed non-allocable groups, the REC increasing their starting wages, they're hoping to revamp their budget for another 50 cents and are working with their budget. The physical therapy undergrad degree is no longer going to be undergrad for athletics, Pre-PT has people getting experience this way and they will no longer be there.
- d. Kallis: First, the CLS dean search still happening. Tomorrow there will be an open forum at 4 p.m., other forums should have been sent in your email. The committee on constitutions meeting moved thru more articles, one of the first spring meetings we will go through the constitution together with you to have that discussion. For VPAC, there will be work through j-term to talk more about how our surveys are going, interviews, and focus groups for next fall. Also, textbook rental will try to meet again.
- e. Silva: AIDAC met Tuesday and the Tuesday before. Grad studies, research, and violence preventions came in yesterday, we have more speakers come in if anyone wants to come you are welcome. AIDAC also has an opening it is a CLS seat, so we would prefer somebody from CLS.
- f. McCauly: Just a reps update, it's happening on Saturday and is hosted by UWL, there will be discussion on at least 6 items and one that's headed by UWL which is exciting. Unfortunately, the chair resigned as of Monday, so there will be a new chair election at that meeting. They are still hoping to make it a productive meeting.
- g. Schock: Orgs committee met, 8 people came in, so we could discuss commencement speakers. We also created an application to choose from student orgs to fill the RASO seat, we'll be taking action on that going out to all orgs tomorrow.
- h. O'Connell: JPB met today. Next semester there will be a search for the community relations director. We need this at UWL and expect stuff to go forward with that. With Kate Parker, last time we met her, her position as strategic planning is going to continue, longer than it had been stated to go for. Discussed was reasoning, non-residential undergrad tuition rates may raise by 1% to accommodate increase of pay for faculty.
- i. McCauly: COVE council is working on big COVE event, probably for the first week of



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March. We also notified that, on the UWL home page, new events tab for orgs are able to put their events.

- j. Khan: VPAC also met on the 16<sup>th</sup> before break, we talked about creating a new brochure for violence prevention to make it more accessible and useful for students. We also discussed making wallet cards or QR codes on stuff to make access of info easier. We also debriefed about Nina Hartley talk.
- k. Jurecki: International education talked more about faculty lead post assessment review, how it went, and the goods and bads of country or travel plans - things like that.

## X. Organizational Reports

- a. Norrington: For the computer science LAN party, we want to make sure the LAN is in the party. We will send a survey to you to send to constituents to see how many people would be interested in a League of Legends tournament.
- b. Kallis: Today was the last ally workshop of fall semester for the Pride Center. I'll keep you updated for when the next one will be. Queer Cinema is showing a film tonight, I would recommend coming. We're also collaborating with BSU for World AIDS Day. People will be tabling on the first floor of the U and there will be a room upstairs to get tested. They'll also be showing Rent in the next few weeks, more info as well to come on that.
- c. Neilsen: College Feminists are having a donation drive for Ophelia's House until December 5<sup>th</sup>. Bring anything to next meeting if you can. They are looking for tampons, toiletries, etc., even if it is partially used, like lotion or shampoo, it is okay too.

## XI. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1819-017: Resolution to Clarify the Process for Archiving Resolutions
  - i. Becker: We edited a bit so that rescinded resolutions will be marked as such in the listing so that this might help to clean up the archives.
    - 1. Woodmansee: This looks good.
  - ii. Kallis: *call to question*
    - 1. Passed: 21 – yea; 0 – nay; 3 - abstain

## XII. New Business

- a. SA1819-020: Resolution to Ratify UWS Student Representatives Constitutional Changes
  - i. O'Connell: Some of the changes approved by reps on November 10<sup>th</sup> were to ratify from majority of campuses, the majority of 14 and the reasoning behind this strategic planning in order to fix the quorum problem.
    - 1. McCauley: Also, just to clean up language make things more readable, to fix the quorum issue. They want to fix weird fulgurations, restructuring campus names and institutional names. In terms of strategic planning, with people who show up it would go from 14 to 7 to meet quorum. This would make quorum easier to make and includes a few minor grammatical changes.
    - 2. Kallis: This makes a lot of sense. The merger underway happened, do we need to suspend the 2-week rule because of the reps meeting? Or would we like to read closer into this.
      - a. Jurecki: No, it passed in student reps but it has to be approved by majority of campuses to be ratified.
    - 3. Boebel: What have other campuses done about this? Why did schools reject it?



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- a. O’Connell: Changing quorum is a poor precedent for not meeting twice. Skyping in should be a viable option or teleconferencing. In the reps constitution, the most recent version of Robert’s Rule applies if all schools ratify. Past years have not had difficulty meeting quorum, schools are concerned this would allow branched campuses to have more power.
- b. McCauley: Responses at reps was unanimous without discussion, then campuses started rejecting it. It’s been consistently not meeting quorum. Skype and teleconference always an option but not utilized. Branched campuses have been lacking funding and not showing up. The E-board reached out to campuses on why they haven’t shown up to meet quorum.
4. Silva: Do you have that data; can you send that on quorum not being met in past years?
- b. SA1819-022: Resolution to Approve the FY20 Green Fund Segregated Fee Amount
  - i. Woodmansee: This talks about how much per student is allocated toward Green Fund. *I move to create a new whereas in article 2 section 1 of the Green Fund bylaws to add more clarity to what resolution explains/ Becker*
    1. Kallis: That is a good point of contact, keeping funding where it’s at. I like the amendment I think it makes more sense.
    2. Woodmansee: *call to question*
      - a. Passed
  - ii. Woodmansee: It is projected that enrollment will be going up, so per student SUFAC voted to keep the amount of funds the same meaning that per student it would be distributed among the increase of students.
    1. Horstman: With this change the seg fees, would it be allocated to different places instead of just Green Fund?
      - a. Woodmansee: These two resolutions go hand in hand to allocate 15 cents to different entities. This doesn’t change overall seg fee people pay, just who gets that money.
    2. Silva: Why did you decide the Green Fund to cut it?
      - a. Woodmansee: We looked at how it was going to increase by a significant amount. No funds were submitted for fall semester this year, projected cash balance is high, and we have no projects going on. With that in mind we felt that cutting the Green Fund like this was fiscally responsible. We felt that giving them the same amount as previous years is fiscally responsible. It can’t exceed the end balance amount, it’s just being redistributed among students. Not being cut just distributed among more students.
- c. SA1819-021: Resolution to Approve the FY20 Allocable Segregated Fee Budget
  - i. Woodmansee: I will go line item by line item through changes. You can see the attached budget that has been highlighted for changes. I will talk to anyone with questions later.
    1. Kallis: I’m confused about \$7,00 in one shot?
      - a. Sefiert: Back when one shots were at 15,00 in reality about 7,00



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of it was not covered about seg fees, the 7000 is covered by budget allocated by kind of a phantom 7 grand, they took that out of there.

## XIII. Discussion

- a. Green Fund ad hoc committee – Wolfe and Woodmansee
  - i. Wolfe: There were no Green Fund grants this fall, the idea is to do an ad hoc committee. It could just be small with the goal of writing at least a mini grant and possibly a larger goal of a larger grant.
  - ii. Woodmansee: With a sustainability director now, we could create this so we could put our name on it. Ad hoc would be to see if this would work.
- b. Payment for Vanguards – Agterberg
  - i. In consideration with the amount of work done by Vanguards, discussed compensation for students volunteering in these positions. Vanguards do get paid over the summer and have some benefits such as early scheduling and the change for one student to receive a \$600 scholarship but discussed other possible compensation.
- c. Audit of Chancellors Discretionary Fund - Gerke
  - i. Discussion on a recently published Journal Sentinel article and upcoming from Ray Cross reprimanding Chancellor Joe Gow.

## XIV. Announcements

- a. Marinack: If anyone has questions about the PR position or what kind of time commitment it is, let me know.
- b. Kallis: The World AIDS Day event is on December 4<sup>th</sup> next Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the U.
- c. Mcauly: I made cookies.
- d. Jurecki: Reps is this weekend.

## XV. Adjournment

- a. Micheck/Cayo
- b. 8:27 p.m.