



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **December 5<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
  - a. Kallis: *I move to amend the agenda to include under discussion, discussion about the constitution*
  - b. Approval of Agenda
    - i. Passed
- V. Guest Speakers
  - a. Jacque Marcou - La Crosse City Council
    - i. Discussed student housing in La Crosse and the student population connecting with city hall in relation to issues coming up with parking and lack of communication between city hall and the university and getting more students involved in conversations. Also talked about the new downtown neighborhood association and getting students to participate. Discussed ideas of possible quarterly meetings with the mayor and opening lines of communication between city hall and the university with representatives from this body to bridge the gap and debrief with the mayor. Contact Jacque if anyone has ideas for involvement with the city government. The MyLax app is a good resource to check out what is happening as well as cityoflacrosse.org. Also brought up were spring elections for districts 1-6 for city council in April, if anyone is interested in running, feel free to contact Jacque.
  - b. Justice Weaver – La Crosse City Council
    - i. Gave an update on the city parking situation in hopes to find middle ground on situation. There will be no further updates until after January city council meeting.
  - c. Nora Garland – Grandview-Emerson Neighborhood Association (GENA)
    - i. Discussed parking and the neighborhood revitalization commission who meets monthly to talk about issues that impact neighborhoods. Explained issues with parking over the years and hopes to find common ground. Also discussed climate change and finding solutions as well as encouraging other modes of transportation. Talked about the possibility of implementing parking benefit districts to help improve neighborhoods.
      1. Jurecki: Can college kids come to your meetings?
        - a. Garland: I usually reach out to Student Association if something like this comes up but usually no we don't. We'd like to work on tenant issues with you, but that's a further project.
      2. Horstman: There were some issues we heard coming into this. Residents are having issues with parking with the pilot program, do you think this would benefit parking in neighborhood?
        - a. Garland: It might push parking further out into neighborhood.



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- People demand parking, if you go to a Packer game for example you pay more to park closer. I don't want to see it pushed out into neighborhood.
- b. O'Connell: There are some changes to bolster commuter parking, we do not have available parking like those people were saying.
  - c. Garland: The new MTU director is interested in working with the university, someone who deals with sustainability. It would be good will with city if we can engage you with the conversation as well and use more ride share and mass transit.
  - d. Seifert: I don't know anyone that just drives three blocks just to park. We are in the process dealing with seg fees discussing MTU.
3. Thering: You would not like to see in your neighborhood, so I'm curious as to what makes the neighborhood think their cause is more important than ours?
- a. Garland: The people that live there are property owners. It is city issues that I am concerned about. You can never talk about parking without talking about housing, buying a home is major investment. It's about building equity and seeing things that impact that is anxiety producing. I would never want to put it in us versus you, it's important to talk.
4. Marinack: From conversations I've heard on issues, both sides are guilty. Has there been any concrete evidence that it's decreasing home value next to cometary? It sounds like a lot of guessing to me.
- a. Garland: Excellent question, the people who are parking there and who they are, I would love some data.
  - b. Marcou: No, they are working hard. This has been managed horribly, they don't bring everyone to the table. I apologize for that, trying to get everyone to the table is what is frustrating.
5. Silva: Success for parking program, what would a success look like?
- a. Garland: I think answer is that we would have some impact on the number of cars that drive into campus to reduce traffic in and out of La Crosse. We need to find creative green sustainable solutions and parking contributes to that.
  - b. Marinack: Do you think the city would be receptive to incentivizing people using those programs? Would they consider some way to compensate people who use those resources?
  - c. Garland: The conversation Jacques is talking about - that we want to hear those ideas, we've had those conversations around similar issues.
6. Thering: This program is pay by phone, is there an alternative for folks without phones?
- a. Garland: You're going to have to have some kind of phone, don't hold me to that but that's my understanding.

## VI. General Student Body Open Forum



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## VII. Officer Reports

- a. President: Benjamin O’Connell
  - i. O’Connell: A reps update, the board of regents in La Crosse the next few days. This last Saturday we had all the other schools here, Alec Smith was just elected as chair of student reps. We’re doing lots of outreach, so hopefully we see that in La Crosse. The board of regents will meet here tomorrow and Friday, Jack can give you times of the meetings. For the non-traditional student position, Walker just appointed somebody after it had been vacant for 12 months. Over winter break I will be running a lobbying trop with Jack in Madison, if you are interested let me know, I don’t have a date yet, but it will be sometime in January.
    1. Becker: What would that be on?
      - a. O’Connell: The budget and student loan refinancing
- b. Vice President: Haley Jurecki
  - i. Jurecki: For the reps meeting, thanks for coming out. Our next meeting is going to be a holiday party. You can all come in ugly sweaters, holiday pajamas, Santa hats, whatever. Everyone can also bring baked goods to share, maybe we can do an informal competition.
- c. Chief of Staff: Alfonso Gunaratnam
  - i. Gunaratnam: No report.
- d. State Affairs Director: Jack Lawlis
  - i. Lawlis: On the lobbying trip we’re going keep pushing the student loan refinancing issue and get down to capital to segue to the next point. If you have a personal statement on how your student loans have impacted your life let me know. Reach out to me, it would be awesome to have you talk to these legislators. Regents and regent’s nominations, good news for us, Milwaukee nominations cannot nominate anymore. We’re compiling data concerning student loan refinancing. Regents will be here the next two days, I’ll send you all the agenda, I encourage you to go to meetings.
- e. Local Affairs Director: Jake Seifert
  - i. Seifert: Spring election for city council in districts 1 – 6 are coming up. If you are interested, they are 2-year terms. The date to file is January 2<sup>nd</sup> and elections are April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Talk to me if you have any questions and I can point you in the right direction.
- f. Inclusivity Director: Sita Agterberg
  - i. Agterberg: The scholarship name is long right now. Looking for a shorter name, it need to include ‘Student Association’ in it, if you can think of a cool name. We’re also talking about a fundraiser, I met with Jeff from foundation on Friday and he said we can have it off campus. It will probably be in March on a Friday.
- g. Public Relations Director: Lucas Marinack
  - i. Marinack: I’ll be working with the transition of the new PR director. If you have any ideas, let’s hear them on how we can make Student Association better. We’ll also be looking at getting t – shirts early next semester.
- h. Sustainability Director: Samantha Wolfe
  - i. Wolfe: The last JCES meeting we’ll be talking about this sustainable development goals chart. The goal for the future is to encompass all of these



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## VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Riggerberg: Open forums for the chief human resources officer, Gabriella Bauer, will be Wednesday, December 12 from 3:00 to 4:00 in 3310 in the student union. John Acardo will be here Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:00 in the student union talking about the strategic plan. I think you'll find them interesting. Sorry about chairs being moved for regents, wish I would have known earlier. We're looking at bringing pay for print back up to the COVE in case people want to use them for finals week. There will be an eventual discussion on moving computers down to commuter lounge, where would be a good place for these? We have some down by info desk. Also, we started process of looking for programs that would replace MyOrgs. We're not ready to get students involved, but we found a new function about sending texts to students about events, so maybe we can see if we could pilot this. I don't have lot of info on it, but it will be interesting to see if that has impact on events.
  1. Kallis: With finals coming, how is the U opening study spaces for students?
    - a. Riggerberg: Starting next Thursday there will be late night hours, let me check on how many rooms we'll have available, it should be a lot.

## IX. Committee Reports

- a. Dietel: JCES met last Friday. We had a speaker come in to talk about sustainability. Also, Cory from admissions came in to discuss sustainability and how it relates to admissions. The answer was pretty much no, it's not high on their radar. There have been 2 mini grant Green Fund requests. They were to replace res hall sinks and to have a guest speaker come in next semester.
- b. Kallis: Search and Screen's final meeting time will be on study day, we'll be meeting with the provost. The last candidate will be coming to campus next Monday at 4 pm to talk about the strategic plan. The constitution committee will present some stuff tonight, the game plan is to finish edits tonight and present on our first meeting next semester. Also, VPAC will have a meeting in January.
  - i. Marinack: Could you send it out over break, so we can look at it?
    1. Kallis: That is the plan.
- c. Woodmansee: SUFAC met on Monday, the rest of the non-allocable groups came in. If anyone is interested in information, you can let me know so I can provide it. We're looking for new member, it has to be an at large member. Send me their contact info if you know anyone that might be interested.
- d. Silva: For AIDAC, the last 2 entities plus forum from education came. Next semester we'll start back up on budget.
- e. Schock: Orgs met last Friday, it was a light meeting. The application for the new senate seat replacing RASO will be due this Friday.
- f. Lawlis: Leg Affairs, next week will be the final meeting. Ingrid Peterson is coming in to talk about the legislation we're working on with Representative Shankland. It should be a good meeting if you want to come. We also talked about the extraordinary session and if there is precedent behind it, we'll maybe talk about next week after results of it.
- g. Boebel: Tori, Dana, and I met with the dean of CLS and what the dean is doing so that stuff doesn't get cut and some ideas she had.



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## X. Organizational Reports

- a. Kallis: Some events that happened were the world aids day event that happened in connection with BSU to get tested. We had good a talk about the history of aids in our country. Also, RU wrapped up their final panels. The panels have done a lot of outreach to the community and high schools and going into classes. We will have execs come in next semester to talk to senate.
- b. Wenzel: Gingerbread house making contest will be at 6 pm in the bluffs hosted by DREAM.

## XI. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1819-020: Resolution to Ratify UWS Student Representatives Constitutional Changes
  - i. O'Connell: So far, 4 schools have rejected, 5 have ratified, and none of the other schools have done anything with it yet.
    1. Horstman: How is the accessibility for video / teleconferencing at these meetings?
      - a. O'Connell: There have been problems with past schools being able to hear. They've also done livestreams while communicating with chief of staff, but in general they have not been successful.
    2. Silva: My main issue is that I think it gives abnormal amounts of power to branched campuses because you can make quorum without - you don't need all of those smaller campuses there.
    3. Neilsen: I agree with these concerns, but if quorum is never met nothing will ever be accomplished and nothing will get done.
    4. Kallis: I think I understand what they are trying to do in reflection of the merger and I think it makes sense. I understand your concerns, but I think the way the system is moving it makes sense for reps to mirror that in acceptance of the merger, to reflect what happening system wide. I am personally in favor.
    5. Boebel: I don't know exactly how it works, but how closely will the branched campuses be working with the main campuses?
      - a. Jurecki: It really depends on the school. Eau Claire is a great example, they are making outreach and are in tune with them, but that is not the case for many of them. No procedure is in place for that and they are still trying to work that out. It's very subjective to the school.
      - b. Boebel: If they try to reach out, I would be in support with that in mind that the campuses might not be super on top of it right now.
    6. Gerke: How long as this been a problem, is this something that has historically been a problem or is this just current?
      - a. Jurecki: There has never been a quorum issue until really this year, but never starting the year with no quorum.
    7. Horstman: in terms of quorum with new amendments, if schools leave half way will they still count? Or would it be counted off all the ones there?
      - a. Jurecki: They would reestablish if someone calls role call to



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reestablish quorum according to Robert’s Rules.

ii. **Failed: 10-8-2** (*President Jurecki cast deciding no vote for 11-8-2*)

1. Jurecki : I’ll vote no, I think that 2-years would lose their voice and we want every voice at the table.

b. SA1819-022: Resolution to Approve the FY20 Green Fund Segregated Fee Amount

i. Woodmansee: Nothing has really changed from last time. This would just keep the amount that the green fund has the same.

ii. Kallis: *call to question*

**iii. Passed: 19:0:1**

c. SA1819-021: Resolution to Approve the FY20 Allocable Segregated Fee Budget

i. Woodmansee: Just to clarify in support of this, if it’s approved the changes would be multicultural events, sports clubs, org grants, and distinguished lecture series. This comes from what we just passed.

1. Thering: What is the rationale behind orgs getting more?

a. Woodmansee: From SUFAC, multicultural events have had 3 additional orgs with no increase, sports clubs had to turn away groups due to budgets, org grants had \$40,000 worth of requests but only \$20,000 to give out. Most of these are pressing need.

ii. Silva: *call to question*

**iii. Passed: 95: 0: 5**

## XII. New Business

a. SA1819-023: Resolution to Approve Chief of Staff Appointment

i. Jurecki: Alfonso is graduating and going into the real world.

ii. O’Connell: I’m sure most of you have met Lucas. After consulting with Alfonso and Haley, I think Lucas is going to be a great chief of staff, he has good experience.

iii. Marinack: I am PR right now, I will answer questions if you have them.

1. Khan: What will you do as chief of staff?

a. Marinack: I would ensure that cabinet is working as effectively as possible. I want to support them where I can, in senate scape, and make sure that you feel that you are being as effective as you can by giving you support and help the body as a whole to reach our goals.

b. SA1819-024: Resolution to Nominate Traditional Student Regent Candidate

i. O’Connell: I sent out email to student body a few weeks ago. Olivia, we think that she’ll stack up well against the other candidates.

1. Woodmansee: I am the SUFAC chair. The board of regents looks over UW systems, I think I have the skill-set with knowledge from SUFAC and to do outreach in future. I can answer any questions or will take suggestions.

2. Kallis: 2 years ago, they put me into this process, I think Olivia has a lot of great qualities for this.

3. Boebel: What is the role of student input? How would you balance making decisions?

a. Woodmansee: Extreme student outreach and transparency.

## XIII. Discussion



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- a. Student Association Constitution Discussion – Kallis, Becker, Gerke
  - i. Discussion on ad hoc committee changes to constitution
    - 1. Change of title for Alfonso’s role, do we want to change it to director of staff or something else (cabinet director/ director of operations)?
    - 2. With the election commission, we want to clarify who convenes it is assembled by exec cabinet, student court documents say they do in an effort to clarify.
    - 3. With the court, possible language change about appointment of our justices. change from academic year to academic career.
  - b. Phishing Attacks – Silva
    - i. Increase of phishing attacks, becoming more in tune with what you’re doing as a student. Information about it see what can be done, input from other students.
- XIV. Announcements
  - a. Jurecki: Our next meeting will be a holiday party.
  - b. Neilson: I will be running for council, I have nomination forms if anyone would like to sign. You have to live in district 6 to sign.
- XV. Adjournment
  - a. 8:33 p.m.
  - b. Cvancara/McLain