



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **January 29, 2020**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03
- II. Roll Call
 - a. New office hour time and location
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
Neader: I move to Amend the Agenda, I yield to Secretary Kohlmeyer
Kohlmeyer: I want to add a discussion point about leadership stoles for graduates or seniors.
McLain: Seconded
APPROVED
 - b. Approval of Minutes
APPROVED
- IV. Guest Speakers
- V. General Student Body Open Forum
- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. **President:** Sita Agterberg
 - i. Residence Life Search and Screen Open Forums
 1. Monday 2/3 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.
 2. Monday 2/10 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.
 - ii. Football Coach Open Forum
 1. Thursday Jan 30th 1:00 – 2:00 P.M.
 - b. **Vice President:** Dana Nielsen
 - i. Welcome Back!
 - ii. Leadershape: deadline Feb 8. I want to yield to Director Wolfe
Wolfe: It was really fun, it was a bunch of students. Mostly on the younger side, it was fun to meet with a lot of students on campus. It was a lot of collaboration and leadership. We worked on understanding differences between people. If you have other questions let me know. I think it would be great for someone who is a freshman or sophomore.
 - iii. AIDAC: first year and CBA
 - iv. Swear in new NASA Senator
 - v. Question time
 - vi. DUO
 - c. **Chief of Staff:** Mark Morales
 - i. Not Present
 - d. **State Affairs Director:** Alex Becker
 - i. 2020 Census begins on April 1st
 - ii. Our next advocacy trip will be in mid-February
 - e. **Local Affairs Director:** Bennett Thering
 - i. Not Present
 - f. **Inclusivity Director:** Faith Fisher



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- i. News
 - ii. Women’s Fund event
 - iii. Alumni list
 - iv. Don Greengrass donation
 - g. **Public Relations Director:** Olivia Ahnen
 - i. T-shirts!
 - ii. Tabling February 6th
 - Senator Neader
 - 1. Senator Schock
 - 2. Senator Yuengst
 - 3. Senator Lichtfuss
 - 4. Director Wolfe
 - h. **Sustainability Director:** Sam Wolfe
 - i. Food Recovery Network
 - Tuesdays at 4:00 P.M. and Thursday at 4:30 P.M. in the Whitney Basement
 - ii. Composting
 - 1. Pre consumer will begin at Whitney next week
 - iii. Green Fund Adhoc
 - 1. 2 open spots
 - 2. UPDATE OUTLOOK CALENDARS
- VII. Advisor Reports
 - a. No reports
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Neader: We haven’t met yet, but if you are in student services and buildings meet me after this to decide a time.
 - b. Cayo: SUFAC met this Monday at 5:30. For the next two weeks we’ll be looking at all the non-allocable. I’m also the new chair of AIDAC. We have been starting our deliberation process for essentially ...
- IX. Organizational Reports
 - a. Evans: We’ve been planning for ... tickets should be on sale the tenth of February.
- X. Unfinished Business
 - a. None.
- XI. New Business
 - a. SA1920-037: **Resolution Recommending a Student Parent Section in Faculty Syllabi**
 - i. McReavy: This is a statement that the women and gender and sexuality studies has been trying to get into their syllabi. Something that was pointed out to me was that we might want a sentence in here about when it is safe or mindful of when to bring a child to class. For example, if it’s a chem lab or there’s a documentary with graphic depictions.
DISCUSSION
Packard: The sentence about the lab sections, I know in biology and in art, a lot of the studio classes, there are almost no lab or studio classes that are safe to have a kid in. I know chem, bio, there’s a lot of safety and OSHA kind of stuff. So definitely that, the other thing I was concerned about was minor illnesses. I can be understanding of professors saying if you need to stay home with your kid. But, please don’t bring a sick kid to school. Just, as far as that spreads like wild



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fire. We already have such a dense population.

Stock: I can yield to Cait for this, but the child-care center on campus, do you know the availability rate is for children of college students to be able to go there?

McReavy: When I was writing this resolution, I talked to the coordinator of the self-sufficiency ... there's a lot of people who have time getting to the childcare center or can't get to it as often as they would like to. I think it's because of the size, they can't accommodate everyone.

Figgeruoa: If students are interested of utilizing it, if for whatever reason is that it's full, we do have a wait list for students, and they are made priority.

Shock: I like the intent; I think student parents should be supported. I can see why this might not be supported by faculty. Would it be fair to students if there is a distraction on an exam day? If there's more funding that could be spent to open up more childcare for students, especially on sick days and stuff. I like the intent and would like to look into more options.

McLain: Question for whoever can answer, would it be possible to set something up where if a child is sick their parent could skype in?

Yuengst: Kind of a question, is the child-care center free to students?

Figgeruoa: There is a cost associated with the childcare center. But it is extremely reasonable.

Lichtfuss: I don't know if we need to amend anything at this time, but I wanted to voice my agreement with the second point. In terms of having it say more something of the effect of staying home is more of an option rather than bringing the child in.

Stock: I agree with Senator Lichtfuss. I haven't heard anything about skyping in, but live streaming is fairly easy if you talk to the professor in advance. If you make that available on canvas, but I don't know what that would do in terms of attendance policies, but I have seen that in special cases.

McReavy: Thank you everyone for the suggestions, this has been the statement they have been using. Between this week and next I can talk to the department and bring any suggestions. If there's anything you want me to add or change let me know. I do think we should endeavor to not change the heart of the statement. Let me know.

Nielsen: Point of clarification, the way I read it is that if the person that runs the childcare is sick they can't bring them in. Or is it if the child is sick.

McReavy: I don't think it's supposed to talk about if the child is sick, I think the intention behind it is that sometimes childcare falls through and if there's an emergency it's okay. Not, if your kid is sick you can bring them just that sometimes childcare falls through.

Goodreau: At daycares if a child is sent home or because of a fever or they threw up they cannot go back until 24 hours after. A lot of times a child will be okay but they cannot go back. That also might be why that's in there.

McLain: I move to end discussion.

Lichtfuss: Seconded.

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b. SA1920-038: **Resolution to Ensure Proportionality of the Student Senate**

- i. Nielsen: This came from trying to figure out what to do with the Arts and Comm seat, we were going to put it in CASSH but then it would be way off with percentages. This is something we should do on a regular basis to make sure that each year we are adding the appropriate number of students. We figured four years would be good because it would be a lot to have to do it every year, but we did make it every year because otherwise it could be hard to keep track of.

DISCUSSION

Ericson: I actually against every four years, I think every spring is good. Even if you don't have to do anything about it, looking at the proportions is a good thing.

Stock: I am in support of this especially with all the discussions we have regarding the representations of art students. Oen small thing, in the second whereas, it should be fluctuate not fluctuates.

Lichtfuss: I'm more surprised something like this isn't already in place. I'm in support.

Ericson: Who is on the student association election commission?

Nielsen: Right now Jacob Keenlance, but they aren't active right now. ...

Stock: I have been proving wrong, there is an s after fluctuate.

Fields: Can I yield to Olivia?

Woodmansee: How would the election commission check these statistics?

Nielsen: Natalie Salvorsen, she helped us, they would just work with her and their advisor to get it done. It would be a quick.

Woodmansee: What would election commission do with it? Why doesn't Natalie just do it and give you the results?

Nielsen: In my mind, it's their job to make sure our elections run smoothly. I'm up for if people feel differently. It was important they were in the loop too, so when things come up they know who is running for what and not just us.

Packard: Move to end discussion.

McLain: Seconded.

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XII. Discussion

a. Presidential Search and Screen: **Sita Agterberg**

Agterberg: I want to hear Ideas with what you want to see in the new UW System President. You can expect

Kohlmeyer: ...

Stock: A system and not a business.

Nielsen: ...

Shock: I would like this person to be nonpartisan or of non partisan background.

Ott: I ditto what senator Shock said.

Agterberg: Do we have any values or goals?

Wolfe: I'd be interested in seeing a person who is really interested in collaborating and not just shove things down from the top. Especially students since we're funding the gig right now.

Perkins: I'd like to see someone who is conscious of college affordability...



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Ericson: Someone who is conscious of the impacts on the environment and hopefully push for green initiatives.

Shock: Someone who is interested in the global community.

Fisher: Someone who values diversity and inclusion and wants to bring it to all persons.

Stock: Someone who supports diversity and inclusion and makes that a platform.

Becker: Someone who supports restoring shared governance.

Stock: Motion to end discussion.

Perkins: Seconded.

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b. Leadership Stoles for Graduates: **Rebecca Kohlmeier**

Kohlmeier: Just by a show of hands, how many of you are graduating? Okay, so a number of you. We want to get, basically leadership stoles for people who have held leadership positions that mean something on campus. If you don't know a stole is basically the swag you wear at graduation that means you did something. I'm already excited about it. I met with Dr. Larry today about it and we came up with a design idea, it would be a white stole with the UWL emblem. If we want them for spring that design can't really change. Next year it could be changed. The point of bringing this to discussion is there are some things to talk about. Who is a candidate for wearing the leadership stole? I want to make it a resolution next week so we can get them ordered next week. They would be \$25 roughly, that's not something we could have orgs cover. What I want to hear from you all is if you're interested in these stoles, if you'd buy one and what other organizations could get the leadership stoles? We were maybe talking about doing just student governances. We're thinking of maybe not doing a student association one, doing a UWL one and then seeing if student association would maybe fund getting student association embroidered or getting pins.

Shock: I think it's a really cool idea, I know as someone who is part of student orgs committee, part of our job is to approve organizations who want stoles. I'm not really concerned about organizations we fund getting's stoles. But organizations that are funded not through that so like the Racquet, CAB, who have a lot of history and a lot of cornerstone for the university, I think they should get it maybe MSO's. I wouldn't be worried about say the video game club being included.

Wolfe: I like the idea of every club having their own pin or something to have, I think that would be a good idea then it takes some responsibility on the club. As far as what qualifies people, what do we know about that were there requirements for senate last year?

Kohlmeier: We kind of talked about this too. What I foresee for this is people who have served at least two semesters worth. So not someone who was here for two weeks and then quit. I think about people like Senator Wiza. I was kind of



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thinking someone who has served two semesters and are graduating now. That's another technicality we could figure out.

Wolfe: I like the two semesters, I think that is long enough to show commitment. Also, with the pins thing, that would be good for people involved in multiple places. To be able to show they were leaders in multiple organizations. I guess for maybe senator Shock, you're on the orgs. Maybe video game club wouldn't be eligible. I guess like, that's a line drawn. Where does that fall on other people?

Shock: I don't mean to be elitist. From my understanding they have the ability to get a stole maybe, I think maybe I should ask my advisor. If people think they should have them I would open it up, if it's just one printed thing I think buttons would be a great way to differentiate that. Let's say student orgs would have to approve the buttons. Just because that's part of the job. I would be open to it, I'm not against it.

Wolfe: It would be putting the word out to people whoever is interested. That tracks, so then they would decide within the club.

Shock: Currently, I can't speak for the committee. There's so many clubs. It would be silly to say we're trying to decide so and so's involvement. Maybe let people say who is graduating and have served leadership positions.

Kohlmeyer: There's this thing called the Stole of Gratitude. You can go in the bookstore and buy and again, I don't want to sound elitist. We don't want it to be something you can just go buy. We want it to be something that shows that you were dedicated to your organizations that you're involved in and that you're a strong leader. I like the idea of maybe selecting a list of orgs who would be eligible. We don't want this to be something where anyone can just go buy it and show up to whatever club they're in and put their name down for a pin. We want it to mean something, if that makes sense. That's the hard thing is finding that line.

Packard: I was going to comment, in producing these pins I know that one of the student orgs we have is the guild of metal smiths. They have produced pins for organizations before. If that's an interest. There's a bit of a struggle with how many people can actually be in it since they have to have studio access. I don't belong to it.

Shock: When talking about what student orgs decide who would get it. If there's twenty people who want it or two hundred and how easy it should be to access. There's no precedent with this. Student Orgs is updating our bylaws. We do have other things; I don't think it's something to bog down. Should Suzie over in whatever club, let's review her application. I think we should put it up to the presidents. We could even say limit three per group. Or whatever.

Kohlmeyer: I have a question, do any of the diversity groups have stoles?

Shankey: ASO has stoles and we're going through a similar process where our stoles are probably sixty dollars this semester. The way we're doing it is if graduating seniors want one they have to pay for half of it. Who gets one? Right



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now everyone who is getting one is a current exec or has served on the exec team.

Mcreavy: The Pride Center does tassles. That’s all I know.

Evans: We do stoles and I think it’s for any due paying member, they get one. I’m nowhere near graduation so I don’t know.

Lichtfuss: Why do we need this? If every club has one? We’re saying we’re not elitist but we want to add one. Every club has their own thing or the ability, showing off of one at graduating. I don’t see the need.

Nielsen: Would you say, instead, we should just have student association ones.

Lichtfuss: Do we have anything? What is the process?

Agterberg: Last year there were stoles. The year before we had nothing.

Lichtfuss: I’m down with a student association one.

Perkins: Maybe a future goal would be to unify everyone. And get some sort of leadership tassle. Or maybe the pins differentiate the club. Maybe since we’re in a time crunch we should just stick to ourselves.

Kohlmeyer: I agree with that. Going back to what senator Lichtfuss said, had I had more time we probably could have tried to do more of a unification thing. But, as someone who is graduating I know I like having things to wear at graduation. I think the thing is, these stoles we have to order them by the hundreds or two hundreds or however many. If we order them by X amount, there’s how many seniors graduating? Maybe ten of us? That’s why we’re thinking we could bring in maybe the Green Fund Chairs, and Student Court and other leadership roles that don’t have that recognition? Or CAB since they do so much. Then slowly integrate ASU and BSU and the Pride Center and everyone who wants to be part of these leadership stoles have a say in it. Right now, this is where we’re out for right now.

Mcreavy: I feel like for right now I think we should just have a senate one and then going forward we could look into having more orgs have their own thing. I don’t know how it looks. I personally am uncomfortable with people deciding who is and isn’t a leadership. If the issue is ordering them now, we could just order them now, there are people who will be on it.

McLain: I think senator Mcreavy answered my question. I liked her idea of ordering a stock and just using them. I think she made a good point. I know sometimes you have people who are leaders who aren’t appointed. There should be a fairer way to go about it. Instead of us just saying okay you’re in a power position and you’re not.

Stock: I agree with Senator McLain. Just in terms of senate doesn’t really have a right to say who is a leader and who isn’t. In terms of getting a back stock, we could also provide the opportunity to have stoles as well and we are under an election process. I think having that two-semester rule would draw a good line.

Neadar: I think everybody said everything I was going to say. I don’t think it’s even worth doing. We could do something for student government would be



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really good cut off. If we had a leadership cut off. Being in student senate you're probably in other seats as well. If we did have a more general student one. If you're in student senate you're probably involved in other things too.

Agterberg: I like that idea. I was thinking the same thing so for student government, student court, the green fund, and the election commission. Also, the only issue I have with the whole doing it for people who aren't in the year they graduate, let's say people who were in senate their freshman year and now they're a senior would be hard. The logistics would not be easy.

Jaume: I was going to say ALANA also has stoles and we get a big order and keep them on hand and it's this time of year and we could get them embroidered instead so we can align other leadership groups. We could still use the stoles we purchase.

Kohlmeyer: I like everything I'm hearing. I didn't really know what this conversation would look like. I do think it would be cool if we had leadership stoles for anyone. How would we feel about Student government stoles? With that being said, how would we feel if we did a white stole UWL logo and potentially get it embroidered with what you're involved in? What are we thinking?

Stock: Just for this year I like the idea of having a student governance stole. I do have one question. Would that just be for everyone in it now? We wouldn't be going back in history.

Kohlmeyer: This isn't really set in stone, they wanted to hear what you had to say. I think what would maybe make the most sense. People who have served two terms and are graduating. It gets tricky because you have people abroad, so I don't know if we want to make an exception for them, so I don't know if we want to say served two consecutive semesters up two graduation. I don't know what the wording would be on that. I think it would be hard to go back in time. Personally, I think it should just be for people graduating/.

Shock: One idea is if we bought them in bulk, a scenario where someone was senate their freshman and sophomore year if the President agrees they can say yep here is your stole for when you graduate, you've earned it. That could get around. Or if it's just, okay you served your two semesters here you go. I think that could get around the whole back tracking.

Lichtfuss: I really like what Senator Shock said. I don't see the thing of like, okay you were late to their party for not doing it until your last year. There's a lot of things that happen senior year so some people can't do it. I would love to do it but some people can't. But I like the implementation.

McLain: I also like what senator Shock said. I think something similar to that is that if they are still here, they could get it but not if they transferred.

Mcreavy: I think anyone who serves a year on senate should get one if they want one. I do want to say that we do have a seat that's specifically for freshman. I think not letting you have a stole if you served freshman year.



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Nielsen: I have a question for Secretary Kohlmeyer.

Kohlmeyer: It looks like the minimum would be 100, but if we're doing one just for student governances we could probably go through a different companies. We could do a student association logo but again I don't know.

Nielsen: I want to marry all the ideas. If we have to get that. I like Senator Shocks idea, if you're a first year you can just get it. If I was at Madison, I would just put my Madison one over it. Otherwise, that's something we can only start this year. We can't go back in time. We can start handing them out.

Kohlmeyer: With that being said, I will do my research and have significantly more answers for your questions next time. I don't know what the cost will be, I know that the stole of gratitude is \$25 if we do something that's a little fancier. I don't know at what point someone would pay for that. That's something to figure out. I can't promise anything but I'll try to come back next week with something and a design and a cost.

Ericson: Move to end discussion.

McLain: Seconded

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XIII. Announcements

Agterberg: Open forums.

McLain: Meet with Cameron afterwards.

XIV. Adjournment

Mcreavy: Moved.

Lichtfuss: Seconded.