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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **February 5, 2020**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:00 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Unanimous Consent
- IV. Guest Speakers
- V. General Student Body Open Forum
- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. **President:** Sita Agterberg
 - i. Residence Life Search and Screen Open Forum
 1. Monday 2/10 3:30 to 4:30 PM
 - ii. Pronouns in Canvas!
 - iii. Student Representatives 2/8/2020
 - b. **Vice President:** Dana Nielsen
 - i. NRO
 - ii. Pay by Phone
 - iii. Elect Her
 - iv. Bake Sale
 - v. Involvement Fest
 - vi. New Offices
 - c. **Chief of Staff:** Mark Moralez
 - i. No Report
 - d. **State Affairs Director:** Alex Becker
 - i. No Report
 - e. **Local Affairs Director:** Bennett Thering
 - i. Going to city hall Friday to get an idea of the parking situation.
 - ii. Trying to get ahold of some neighborhood associations to do a fundraising event for a local charity, would like it to be relevant to students.
 - f. **Inclusivity Director:** Faith Fisher
 - i. Olivia and I worked on creating the event on Facebook and the flyer for the Women of Color scholarships.
 - g. **Public Relations Director:** Olivia Ahnen
 - i. Involvement Fest
 - ii. T-Shirts!
 - iii. Tabling February 6th:
 1. Cameron Neader
 2. Dylan Schock
 3. Evelyn Yuengst
 4. Nathan Lichtfuss
 5. Sam Wolfe



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- h. **Sustainability Director:** Sam Wolfe
 - i. Food Recovery Network
 - 1. Tuesdays @ 4 and Thursdays @ 4:30 in Whitney Basement
 - ii. Composting
 - 1. Pre consumer is currently being collected
 - iii. STARS Report
 - 1. Working with JCES
 - iv. Green Fund Adhoc
 - 1. Still need two more senators
 - v. Green Fund Coordinator Application Open
- VII. Advisor Reports
 - a. Basketball game was interesting
 - b. Save the date: May 8th is a Friday, that will be our end of the year party at my place. Save that date.
 - c. We're having some really good discussions about voter registration drives.
 - i. We have been talking about doing one big event here in the Union, and getting people to vote. We're in the black out time because there is a primary in February. Also trying to figure out if there's something we can do proactively to make next falls election a little bit more civil. And to do some problem solving so the things in 2016 don't happen this time around. I always think students can figure this out.
 - ii. I'm not sure when the doors are going in over there, but I'm hoping it will be within two weeks. The cages are now up and operating in room 150. At least that is solved for right now. At some point we will have a welcome reception for when It Makes Cents moves into that lower level.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Neader: SSB met. We actually talk about a lot of cool things. First, we had a presentation from Chartwells today. In theory they're doing some temporary remodeling. It will update the space and look nicer and be a good thing for tours. And Chartwells is going to be paying for that as a company. I didn't know this but in Whitney they have \$5 Fridays. Where if you don't have a meal plan, you can go in for \$5. Something interesting is Chartwells pays about \$20,000 a year to replace cups, plates, and silverware that is stolen. It could go back into the program but they instead have to use that money to replace stolen things. Other than that, they're going to have a meeting for anyone who wants to suggest vegetarian recipes. That's on Wednesday ... Lastly, we're doing some table touches to see what students want to see happening. Meatless Monday is happening during Earth Week.
 - b. Thering: SUFAC met and we heard four departments give their nonallocable presentations. What that means is students don't have as much say in that money. It's salaries, operating costs, things like that. We found some interesting things. Just off the top of my head, the REC came in and that was Sue White and they were talking about how outdoor connections will open up and be renovated by next fall. They had some cool write ups for what that will look like. We did actually have time to give some recommendations. So, SUFAC knowing the recent controversy with the bike things, we should maybe advertise the green bike program more. Another problem, was the child care center having issues with. But, there student wages are like \$7.50 an hour and



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they're still having to pay out of pocket. Not necessarily out of pocket. I just challenge senate here to maybe do something about that.

- c. Schock: Student Orgs met, there's two new clubs. Period which is about women's health. And Women's And Minorities and Mathematics. Or, WAMM.

IX. Organizational Reports

- a. Lee: HOPE will be having their biannual conference February 15th from 4-7 pm. We're also having our dance, from 8 pm to 11 pm if you go to the conference and get a brochure you get \$2 off the dance so it's only \$8.
- b. Evans: Reflections of Ebony is coming up. It's \$10 for students and \$12 for the general public.
- c. McReavy: The Pride Center is going to their conference. It's the Midwest College LGBT conference. I'm going to be presenting, they put me at 8 AM so will I be presenting? We'll see.
- d. Garcia: LASO's Fiesta is March 7th, tickets go on sale and for Students it's free for faculty it's \$5.

X. Unfinished Business

- a. SA1920-037: **Resolution Recommending a Student Parent Section in Faculty Syllabi**

- i. McReavy: Just to remind everyone, the basic overview is that it's a recommendation for faculty to put this in their syllabi. I did meet with the WGS department two days ago and they wanted to extend their thanks for discussing it. Based on that, I have two amendments I want to make. The first one is simple, in the second bullet point, take out "Minor Illness".

Nader: Seconded.

Mclain: Call to question.

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McReavy: This is the statement on the safety of classes, it won't be that fun to type. We could put it as a bullet point between five and six. "Please be mindful that some classroom environments may not be appropriate for children. For example, lab classes where dangerous substances are in use, or classes where graphic material is present." I think this is a good statement to include and the department gave their go ahead.

Cayo: Seconded.

Mclain: In the last part, as a friendly, I think the part where graphic material.

Stock: For the "May not be appropriate" I think it should say are not appropriate because lab material and obscene content.

McReavy: I don't have a problem with it but if anyone has strong thoughts I'd like to hear them.

Nader: I like the word "may" because some classes may not deal with substances. Obviously not if dangerous substances are in use.

Mclain: Seconded.

Packard: A lot of the labs I'm in, there are always dangerous substances available. Especially considering how well the last lab section cleaned up, there could be glass that they missed. For example, lab classes we could change to lab classes and studio, as a friendly.

Mclain: I'm in favor of "Some classrooms are not appropriate" because it is strong but it still allows room for classrooms that are appropriate.



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Schock: I guess when considering this particular line, it sounds a little bit contradictory. It could help us cover our bases.

Lichtfuss: I was not going to address that necessarily, for the example isn't a sentence. It's just, not a sentence.

Stock: Could we just change it to "some examples may include" as a friendly.

Yuengst: Would graphic materials be up to the parent or the professor? It's kind of broad but I also don't know a better way to handle it.

McReavy: I think it's up to the discretion of the parent whether they bring their child to class. This sort of touches on the breastfeeding thing, is to let students know they are supported. There's not a single student on this campus who uses class as a babysitting method. I believe that most parents are able to make reasonable judgements. The breastfeeding baby thing is to let people know they can bring their baby to class, I think most parents know not to bring their child to chem lab. The graphic materials thing I think is up to the discretion of the parent.

Stock: After the "include" I believe it would be a colon, then get rid of the commas.

Goodreau: To get technical, I'm pretty sure it's only a list if there's only two things.

Packard: One could be dangerous substances "and equipment" so it's more the equipment rather than the substances in those cases.

Mccord: Just so we don't have to add in every example "Some examples may include but are not limited to.

Perkins: Call to question.

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Yuengst: I'm yielding to Sita.

Agterberg: We have a meeting with Natalie on Monday, she's the chair of faculty senate. This is long and we were wondering if it could be a policy or something else and we want to see what faculty senates opinion was. So we were wondering if it could be tabled a week so we can get their opinion.

Lichtfuss: I'm all about that, just the idea that if we're doing this let's do it right. I do like it, I think it should be in stone and get as much input as we can. I'm willing to table it.

Mclain: Motion to Table.

Nader: Seconded.

Stock: Call to question.

TABLED.

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

i. Nielsen: This is to ensure our numbers match the colleges every year.

Stock: I like the wording of how the header is. I appreciate that you don't like it but I actually like it.

McReavy: I can yield to you on this, is there a particular word you don't like?

Nielsen: I don't know.

McReavy: Maybe just resolution to maintain but I don't really have a preference.

Stock: Call to question.

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XI. New Business

a. SA1920-039: **Resolution Implementing “Maroon Mondays”**

i. Yuengst: So hear me out. You’re in high school, you’re touring UWL you see passing time happen. Everyone is wearing maroon. That would be so cool. First year students are getting new shirts, you get a lot of free shirts just going to events. And it’s less time picking out outfits on Monday. So, school spirit. Woo!
DISCUSSION

Perkins: I really like this, it’s a cool thing. Except, I know that a lot of professors just wear the same suit every day. Maybe like, to compromise that the professors would wear the maroon clothes and professors maybe we encourage a tie?

Schock: I think it’s a great idea. I don’t see any draw backs, it’s not impacting anyone negatively. I’m not worried about putting caveats for different clothing. I don’t think anyone will harass you or something.

Lee: I think the only thing I’m worried about is how do we fund this for students? The shirts?

Stock: How will everyone know about this?

Agterberg: It’s going to be a press release, probably email.

Neader: I agree, I think this is a fantastic idea. I don’t know if maybe we’d get more people doing it if it was the first Monday of every month. Maybe we’d get more people consistently doing this if it wasn’t as often?

McReavy: I think this is a cool idea, but I think if it’s something we’re passionate about we have to do more than send an email. We have issues getting people to vote. I think getting the whole student body to wear the same shirt is a struggle but if we put enough passion into it we might be able to get people excited.

Lee: I was just wondering, does the first-year class do a photo? And would it be able to change the terminology of freshman to first-years? And what about the graduate students or transfer students?

Yuengst: So, the T-shirt thing, they get it during NSO and I know international students are included.

Cayo: I wasn’t given anything when I transferred last fall no invitations to NSO or anything.

Yuengst: I got a NSO packet, and the T-shirts are new for this year and they’re already happening and already free so we don’t fund that.

Ozolins: As a freshman, I got one of those shirts. I don’t want to wear that shirt anymore. It pulls apart and wears weird.

Neader: Senator Mclain and I talked about a maybe a social media thing for maybe a \$10 book store gift card or something? Just a point is how often are the tours on a Monday? I’ve seen them more on Fridays and weekends.

Lyon: I also got a shirt this year and the first time I washed it and it fell apart. So, not all freshman have the maroon shirt.

Schock: In my point of view, I’m not worried about the shirt. I think it’s not exclusively that maroon shirt. It could be a scarf, a hoodie, a grey hoodie. I’m not too caught up in the shirt.

McReavy: When they tour, I lived in White last year. We would see them every Friday.

Kohlmeyer: They have campus closeup on Friday.



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Lichtfuss: Motion to end discussion.

Mcclain: Seconded.

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b. **SA1920-040: Resolution Requesting that the City Council of La Crosse Conduct a Proper Environmental Impact Study on the Potential Grandad’s Bluff Mountain Bike Trails**

- i. Cayo: So, the gist of this is that ORA wants to build bike trails. The gist of this is that they haven’t done an environmental impact study. They don’t know the risk of storm water increases, otherwise when asked about studies they said they have done studies but won’t release the information. In 2016 the city of LaCrosse said it was super unsafe to build anything in the bluffs. It’s going through people’s backyards. It’s at 600 signatures right now. We would like to ensure there is an environmental impact study. As of right now, it seems super dangerous and especially because some people live under it. I tried to become an expert from Thursday when I found out.

DISCUSSION

Nader: I think putting in this testing before hand would be important.

Packard: I looked this up just trying to figure out where this was coming from, apparently this organization ORA received a \$15,000 grant from the IMBA along with that the IMBA has planned this. This came in as a package almost. That could be where some of the examination is coming from. That’s some data I dug up.

McReavy: I want to voice my support for this. The city council’s responsibility is to listen to the people and their neighbors and not an international mountain biking association.

Mcclain: Is this pressing?

Cayo: I would love to remove the two-week rule, it still needs to go through city council. Once we make sure everything looks pretty, I would move to remove the two week rule.

Mcclain: I move to suspend the two-week rule.

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Cayo: Does anyone have any ideas for how to make this title look better?

Yuengst: I yield to Sita.

Agterberg: You could just say Grandma’s Gateway. That would shorten it a little. What I was going to say, it has been very interesting on my Facebook. I have some people who are avid trail runners here so seeing a lot of that. There is a petition going around in support of it. Honestly, I don’t like the idea of it. I think trails in general just increase issues.

Schock: I just have another suggestion. We could just shorten it to “Resolution Requesting a Proper Environmental Impact Study” and remove the City Council part since they already know we want them to do it.

Cayo: I wanted to speak about the two separate petitions. I know that the one ORA has been sponsoring has been going on since December. We only found out in January when people weren’t here. When they went to ask why so many people were in their backyard they were informed. It has potential to garner more



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traction. But they didn't feel it necessary to tell anyone. That could speak to some of the discrepancy in the two petitions.

Mclain: Call to question.

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McReavy: I might have missed it but is there a therefore be it resolved that actually calls for an environmental study? As I'm reading it I only see it in the title.

Cayo: We can add that.

McReavy: I'd like to make a motion to add "Therefore be it further resolved that the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse Student Association calls for an environmental study conducted by an impartial study on the effects of the proposed trails."

Nader: Call to question.

Mclain: Object.

Stock: So, can we just "on the effects" It should say "On the effects of the trail by an impartial part."

Mclain: Should we add something about it being shared with them?

Cayo: I am in favor of adding it as a separate therefore whereas.

Stock: One more thing, the conducted should be before the "by an impartial party"

Mclain: Call to question.

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Mclain: What do you people want to happen with the results?

Cayo: I want them shared by the La Crosse county or the Coulee Region.

Agterberg: If they already did a study could we just have them share those results?

Cayo: In theory, yes. The fact that they won't share them makes me think they won't send them. It took one email to get the 2016 results. I don't think they actually did one. That's my unprofessional opinion.

Packard: Question to anyone who knows, has there been any word from a Mississippi Valley Conservancy in any way?

Cayo: I do not know. Are we feeling La Crosse County or the whole Coulee Region? The whole Coulee Region? Cool. "Therefore be it further resolved that that the results of this study (or any past studies) be released to the Coulee Region.

Dr. Larry: I'm not quite sure how we could release it to a region of people.

McReavy: Could we just change it to "be made publicly"?

Ericson: I was going to say the same thing.

Yuengst: As a friendly, shouldn't there be an "and" at the end?

Stock: Call to question?

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McReavy: Call to question.

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XII. Discussion

a. Meeting Preparation: **Dana Nielsen**



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- i. Nielsen: In past weeks, there have been super long pauses that there's a possibility that people don't read resolutions beforehand. This week, it didn't seem like a problem. But I want to see if there's something I can do differently let me know.
Perkins: What's the deadline right now?
Nielsen: Right now you have to send resolutions or discussions to me by Tuesday at noon.
Packard: As far as my schedule, I can't review things before Wednesday.
Ericson: I think it's our responsibilities as senators to be reading that so I don't think there's anything that can be done.
McLain: I know that only having one evening doesn't always seem like enough time. But I think coming prepared would help them go faster.
Stock: I think one thing that has already been implemented is the old resolutions being sent helps me a lot and that has already been done.
Nielsen: Do we want to stick with 6:00 PM? Or I can make it 5:20? I just have to whip out my laptop. I'll stick with 6:00 for now. I think as McLain said, it makes things a bit more fluid. With that I'll close discussion.

b. Tap Passes: **Cait McReavy**

- i. McReavy: As you all know, there's 24 hour swipe. A friend has an ID that is a tap ID so instead of swiping your card you just tap it to get in and it would just go so much quicker and be safer. My roommate was coming home and she thought someone was following her and she was almost crying because she was struggling. I think even in like, the cellar it would make things faster. I don't know if I wasn't using the right term but I thought I would call on the intelligence of the body.
Wolfe: I'm assuming it's some sort of RF ID chip and they're pretty nice. It depends on the stuff, but there's some that are quicker and some that are faster. You would probably choose the quicker option. I'm guessing it's the RF ID chip thing.
Neader: I think this is a great idea. With some of those cards, if you carry them next to a magnet or something they can run out. It would need to be looked into, the durability.
Yuengst: Earlier I mentioned I transferred. At my other place we tapped. But we still had to swipe for food places. You can demagnetized the passes now so it won't change too much.
McReavy: Another friend, her ID is pristine. And mine has worn out a lot and tap ID's don't have that problem because they don't swipe.
Schock: It would cost money. In my mind, at the REC you can use your phone to swipe in. Even having it be able to scan on your phone, It would just be on your phone and you just hold your phone straight up to it. I like that, plus if you're trying to get administration to approve this, that means that every student has to



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get a new ID but this way the ID can already be on a phone, but it's implementing the scanners.

Lee: How is the card place going to print out these cards if we got it implemented?

Packard: I really like the idea with the cards. I think that's going to be the easiest piece since the biggest part will be readers on every door and even labs. Even now, there are some doors that within the next year will get swipers on them instead of the lock code boxes on them now.

Fisher: The phone thing, is that what if not everyone's phone isn't charged all the way? And not everyone has smart phones.

Mccord: I yield to Dr. Larry.

Dr. Larry: What you're looking for is Prox Cards. We have them at campus police. I think it's a really good plan. I love the phone plan. There's a lot of card readers and they would all have to be replaced. Maybe Student Services and Buildings take this on.

McReavy: I think a good place to start is with the Residence Halls. That's the biggest safety risk and the biggest hassle.

Agterberg: Depending on how fast and if administration would be okay to fund this. We could start installing card readers while we redo buildings. They could go into the budget for redoing the buildings.

Wolfe: As far as safety, if it's a prox card, it's possible that if you get close to someone you can take the information from their chip they can duplicate it. Since it's a whole safety thing I thought I'd mention it.

Yuengst: With what Sita said, if we did it one Res Hall at a time, would we only give it to the people who need it? People would have different ID's.

Agterberg: I was thinking, as far as the buildings go, we could put the card readers in before having the card. Then the cards could happen in waves where each first year would have the new cards.

Ozolins: Move to end discussion.

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XIII. Announcements

- a. Nielsen: Tabling tomorrow. Don't forget. Look for various emails, one with the link for neighborhood resource officer info. One is for the bake sale at some point. One will be on Elect Her.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. McReavy: Moved.
- b. Mclain: Seconded.