



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **February 12, 2020**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:06 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Absent:
    - i. Schock, Packard, Lichtfuss, Fields, Jaume, Mclain, Perkins, Toland Matos, Fiegel, Kroll, Ott
- III. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Agenda
    - i. Add Navigate  
Cayo: Seconded  
APPROVED
  - b. Approval of Minutes
    - i. APPROVED
- IV. Guest Speakers
  - a. **Navigate and ORA:** Chris Stindt, Scott Cooper
    - i. We are hoping to make an app that allows students to use Navigate. The big part on the staff end is changing from Navigate to Eagle Alert. The new system is called PRO – Progress Reports Online. This will allow us all to better support students. You can see more information about PRO on the Navigate website. We’re in the favorites under Faculty and Staff. We hope this app is super helpful and super useful. You’ll be able to have an app with a location on a map to really navigate campus coming up this fall.  
Agterberg: Right now, advisors send you an email and you click the link and make the appointment that way. Will advisors be able to reach out on navigate? Or will you have to make the appointment yourself?  
Stindt: We’ve been training them, about 300 faculty on campus. Hopefully they’re using this to schedule things as well. If you go in in the fall, it’s likely they aren’t using the scheduling function.  
Agterberg: Would you be able to schedule tutoring appointments through navigate?  
Stindt: Only the Writing Center and the Public Speaking Center are scheduled now. If your professor asks if you went to tutoring, you’d be able to show you scanned in.  
  
Stindt: The other part of what I’m doing here is talking about ORA. These are shared use trails, so hiking trails as well. If you’ve hiked in Hixson it will be  
Cayo: The guidelines for mountain biking states that a trail must be 48 inches wide if used for hiking, most of the Grandma’s Gateway trails are 30” trails. If that’s not accurate, please update that.



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Stindt: There was a trail originally planned to go in front of the bluff, we don't want to damage the bluff or the landscape. We are willing to work with folks and take that feedback, if you have more questions, I would consider reading this. We did have the international mountain bike association come look at this. Right now, people just kind of hike wherever they'd like. We're going to be very intentional about doing this. We're mindful of the soil type, we've gone a step further than Winona to make sure it's as safe as possible.

McReavy: Has there been any testing outside of the international bike? Has any safety been on the trails for the environment?

Stindt: The only soil testing they could do would cost \$100,000 and involve digging very deep. They know what the soil type is. There is not a specific test that could be done.

Agterberg: I want to clarify that we got an email response about this. They did hire an outside engineering firm to come look at this. We have that report.

McReavy: Has that research been released to the public at all?

Stindt: If you look further down, it is on the website. We think that there is more to this story, we think it should be more accessible.

Cayo: Why weren't taxpayers informed about this? They found out in late December about this.

Thering: There's an open forum about this in March.

Cooper: We aren't with Parks & Rec. we don't know their communication, it's not like it's a secret. It's followed the same procedure as anything in the back.

Cayo: Have you read the Hixson family response?

Stindt: They're planning on changing the name. I don't necessarily know how to respond because he said he'd never seen shared use trails, but it has existed.

Stindt: There's a ten-year plan. It's a ten-year land management plan.

Cayo: There's also this plan that states that no new trails should exist because trails already exist. It talks about Ho-Chunk land, and species that could be damaged and the report that states it could be dangerous to do activity on the bluffs.

Stindt: This is public land, there is already graffiti and trash and I know that it was discussed in the comprehensive plan. We're just a supportive organization.

Cayo: Have you read the results from the 2016 report? It states it's dangerous.

Stindt: We have, we had builders in last year building trails. If it's done professionally it should eliminate many of those problems. A well-built trail is better than no trail at all. If you build a trail well it can help with water.

Cayo: How does that certificate compare to actual trail builders?

Cooper: We learn how to maintain trails; professional builders build the trails.

Stindt: There's a request for quotes from various groups and make sure that the organizations will be able to make sure they are vetted. They are basically trails built in the last 5 years. Those trails have been built by professionals.

Cayo: Does ORA have members on the park board?

Nielsen: On the map is the green and the blue Grandma's gateway? Is there a legend?

Cooper: It's like ski hills. Green is easiest, blue is harder, and black is hardest. But the whole trail system is Grandma's Gateway.



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Stindt: Please reach out to me with questions, we are happy to talk. We're a variety of business owners and lawyers and we're passionate about the outdoors. Thank you.

- V. General Student Body Open Forum
- VI. Officer Reports
  - a. **President:** Sita Agterberg
    - i. Contact Information
    - ii. Professionalism in resolutions
      - 1. Need to be well-constructed
      - 2. Look at arguments
      - 3. Have senators look at them
    - iii. Please talk during meetings. The ones that we talk about are important and we want all of the different opinions.
    - iv. Livestreams.
    - v. Respect guest speakers.
    - vi. You're here for a reason, please give us more resolutions.
  - b. **Vice President:** Dana Nielsen
    - i. ElectHer is March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-3:30. Here in the Union.
    - ii. Campus Thread is on Fridays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at
  - c. **Chief of Staff:** Mark Moralez
    - i. Res Life Director Search & Screen Committee
    - ii. Keep your eyes open for any other Search & Screen Committee's
      - 1. There are three big positions on campus, keep your eyes open for those forums
  - d. **State Affairs Director:** Alex Becker
    - i. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>, we are volunteering to register voters
  - e. **Local Affairs Director:** Bennett Thering
    - i. The city got a grant and they sent this survey to see where they want this grant to go to. A lot of it was anti-UWL stuff and a lot was understanding they are in the bounds of a UW-System school. If you want to see some comments, who are our neighbors come read some.
    - ii. We're going to try to get a planning committee together to get a target goal. We're going to have a couple people on the planning committee.
    - iii. Parking Survey on the GENA website
  - f. **Inclusivity Director:** Faith Fisher
    - i. Finally meeting with Arlette Rodriguez
    - ii. Flyers
    - iii. Donation request for the News Channel
  - g. **Public Relations Director:** Olivia Ahnen
    - i. Tabling tomorrow!
    - ii. Cameron and Evelyn have put together a Festive Friday Photoshoot on Friday. Meet at the fireplace in the U at around noon if you'd like to participate in that.
  - h. **Sustainability Director:** Sam Wolfe
    - i. I wanted to plug the food recovery network again.
    - ii. Chancellor Gow is going to JCES this Friday.



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- iii. Earth Week
  - 1. Event with Env Studies and SFS
- iv. Ozzi
- VII. Advisor Reports
  - a. I agree with everything Sita said. I want to reinforce what Dana said about ElectHer. Let's try to find people interested in that. We have 42 people who have registered for LeaderShape so far. We had an election yesterday. It was not a perfect election; several things went wrong. The app on people's phones didn't work great. There were some people that had to print that enrollment verification on the pay-for-print printer. I've asked to have ITS look at that. Then I heard one of my staff members was allowing people to print at Graphics and charging them ten cents. I don't know what the university is going to do. I know there were issues, we are going to clean those issues up before primaries. We will have a printer out so in case people have to print things they can. I had some conversations with Ben O'Connell about registering to vote. He wants to do stand-up comedy to do this he has some ideas. I definitely showed Sita my two-page letter about the problems from yesterday.
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Neader: SSB met today. We're going to do a lot of table touches over the next few weeks to see how that is and see concerns about potential meatless Monday. We found out that someone has been taking Soda in a cup and throwing it in the walls and windows facing Hutch. That was something we have to work on. It's red. That is that one.
    - i. Cayo: That's been happening for two years.
  - b. Thering: SUFAC met. We approved a speaker fund request. It was the last one we received. Senate needs to approve the green fund rate.
  - c. Wolfe: The few members left of Green Fund Ad Hoc met. One about Ozzi, that large green fund grant will be presented. Also trying to find a cool speaker for Earth Week. If anyone has a speaker idea for that let me know.
- IX. Organizational Reports
  - a. Ericson: SFS met and we talked about some Earth Week programs we will be running. There's a joint event between Yoga Club and SFS. There's also a big event Friday that Sam talked about. I went to a vegetarian and vegan meeting and discussed that it was interesting.
  - b. McReavy: We just got back from the College Midwest LGBT Conference. A lot of cool speakers, some cool workshops. I think it went well. Next week, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 there will be a career sex education. I will probably be giving my workshop on campus. I's on queer baiting and queer coding in the media. If you want the power point or something for your interest let me know.
- X. Unfinished Business
  - a. SA1920-037: **Resolution Recommending a Student Parent Section in Faculty Syllabi**
    - i. McReavy: I hope everyone knows the point of this. It's to make student parents feel more included in the classroom and to let them know they can be parents and students and get the accommodation they need.  
DISCUSSION  
Jaume: Did we ever discuss faculty being concerned about the length of syllabi or how tumultuous would be for the length?  
Nielsen: We added this finally part last week to hopefully fix that.



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Stock: Could we get rid of the space between “children” and “class”? It’s a floating header and I don’t like it.

Ericson: I’m kind of a fan of how we left it off with the shortened version. It gets the point across. We recommend faculty use this and I think it’s perfect.

Packard: Is there a reason if it’s being sponsored by a department why it’s going through us rather than them putting it through faculty senate with our support?

McReavy: Originally, I had a professor who had this statement in his syllabus.

I’m also interested in how we can make campus a better place for student parents and they’ve tried before to informally introduce it to other professors. It will mean something more to hear it from us since it represents students. The WGSS department has already expressed their support and now if students say they support it to it might be accepted.

Stock: Call to question.

APPROVED

## XI. New Business

### a. SA1920-042: **Resolution to Recommend that a Written Comment Section Should Be Available on All SEI’s**

- i. Neader: I wrote this resolution because I am a Comm major and I take a lot of business classes. I was ready to give my feedback on an economics class and you can only rate them on that Likert scale, and I found out that it’s only this with no written feedback in several departments. Students can’t always give anonymous feedback with newer classes or newer professors. They sometimes aren’t given that opportunity. I think it’s important we’re putting out education in the right direction. We talked with provost Morgan who gave us a lot of ideas and we found out it’s been something students wanted for years.

Agterberg: We met with the provost and we were just making sure our arguments were okay. The biggest one was making sure that this whereas with the long red lines is weird. This one we didn’t know how to word, and she helped us with this. The background with this is that SEI’s are getting an overhaul, this is kind of a fix now because that won’t happen for a number of years. We recognize the fact that professors with marginalized identities typically have more negative scores. But students then still have to provide their written opinion. It’s a short term fixed.

Nielsen: I need sponsors. (Cayo, McReavy, Hansen, Stock, Ericson, Yuengst)

Yuengst: I talked to a math professor about SEI’s. People would leave inappropriate stuff when they had those comment sections, but that’s why they got rid of it. In the bottom they added teaching students to add more appropriate comments and I know that was a problem. I would, especially with my math classes like to add how I’m feeling.

Schock: I would support this, I think SEI’s are really flawed. Especially in marginalized identities, male professors just walk in and walk out with 5/5 whatever. But some other professors feel like they have to put on a show. The physics department sends something else entirely, while SEI’s are still there. I think they need work beyond this, but this is a good step.

Moralez: There’s a very comprehensive report that’s been completed by an Ad Hoc committee on their effectiveness. It’s something I should get forwarded to



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all of y'all. Basically, what senator Schock just detailed. As Senator Yuengst pointed out, there is a concern about inappropriate comments that do appear on the feedback. One person put it this way, one person could get 95% positive comments and then get two comments that just attack identity and that really wreck someone's mental psyche. As an RA who has dealt with things being written on my board and consoling people who have dealt with this, I think this just needs to be part of the conversation.

Goodreau: Are students required to put feedback down in those sections? I was talking to one of my professors and they said that sometimes a student would give a 1 and put something super vague or something that isn't even productive. I'm also wondering if before surveys they could describe what SEI's are for. They sit a group and talk about the comments and how they can improve and stuff like that. Maybe just a section that a student would have to agree to.

Jaume: I was wondering if the open comment thing becomes a platform for hate speech and identity attack, if there's a way to fill out SEI's and anonymity they can still find that account? I wouldn't know how to do that and if it's possible they could still have consequences and repercussions.

McReavy: I know technology exists; I don't know if it exists within our capabilities, but could we screen for words? I want to bring up a general support for how we can prevent personal attacks and things. There's been times I've given professors a 2 or 3 or I'd go to their office hours, but I can't elaborate on them. Just numbers don't tell them anything.

Agterberg: I want to clarify that this is a short-term solution. That SEI committee is coming up with a long-term solution. They have the Likert scale and comments, we've talked to the chair of faculty senate and provost Morgan, this would be a solution for two years until they come up with a new SEI and that's what their plan is. This would be something in the short term.

Packard: The bio department used to use paper SEI's. We had many more responses since students would get it handed in the classroom, we switched to digital and now the number of students filling out SEI's is a lot lower participation. I like the idea of adding the comment section. I don't like the idea of being able to see who commented something. That isn't anonymity. There is always that potential. I know for graduate students have had SEI's in the past. The professor has withheld the SEI's because the feedback was hurtful.

Stock: I want to voice my support for what Senator Goodreau was saying. By explaining what SEI's are, students use them as a source for describing and attacking. Is it possible to talk with the SEI committee? To help them with ideas.

Agterberg: Sam Ott is on this committee.

Schock: The physics department uses SEI's and a third-party option. I would ask that physics get taken out of the department list. It's history, mathematics and statistics, economics, and computer science

Hansen: Could we make it mathematics instead of just math?

Ozolins: I am part of physics; I do not like how they do their SEI. I have heard kids over talk in class. I don't think it's something we should model it after.

Lichtfuss: We'll get this updated version sent to us – yes?



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Ericson: I support this, I think it's a great resolution. It's hard to talk about it without the updated stuff. So, motion to end discussion.

Yuengst: Seconded.

APPROVED.

b. SA1920-042: **Resolution in Support of a Neighborhood Resource Officer**

i. Agterberg: This is from Lisa Klein and the two chiefs of police. This is summarizing what they had to say. I wrote it in support because that's how you write resolutions.

Bouchard: I want to give a personal experience. I worked at the University Campus Police Dispatch that many students don't think they're actual police officers, they're just security. A lot didn't go on campus. Now they are going through buildings and now they know they can go to them instead of just thinking they're security.

Stock: Can we make it the University of Wisconsin La Crosse consistent?

Packard: Being state officers in this relationship. The University Officer will technically outrank the city officers. The campus officer will have more rank because they are state level. Just a comment.

McReavy: I yield to whoever knows the answer, my concern is that these officers would have higher levels of contact with the community. They should have additional training when working with students. Such as working with survivors of abuse or sexual assault or those have mental health issues. Anyone who is working with our students should have higher training.

Agterberg: This resolution is just to get funding to happen. This would be just to make it happen then we could look into how it would happen.

Lichtfuss: in the sixth whereas we need to take out the "the".

Stock: The fifth whereas, campus does not need to be capitalized. And a motion to end discussion.

Nader: Seconded.

APPROVED

c. SA1920-043: **Resolution to Approve the Green Fund Rate for Fiscal Year 2021**

i. Thering: Y'all can read it. It's the same as last year. This is an annual rate, it's not semesterly. We're predicting that the need is going to be relatively the same. Not much of the Green Fund was used, we spent that down pretty good this year given all the grants. There plans to be a decrease in enrollment this next year. That's also why a majority of the members agreed to keep it the same. The Green Fund would be getting more money off interest. It will go up by I think \$2,000 if this current rate is accepted.

DISCUSSION

Nader: I want to voice my support, if we can continue it staying the same, we can make sustainable efforts on our campus.

Ozolins: I voted no on this. I think that since students will be paying more now for those trays, they shouldn't have to pay for this too.

Stock: I want to voice my support, especially given what we talked about last semester. Given that this is our constituency it's clear students like sustainability.



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Schock: I would have to ask around, but I want to voice my support. I would say keeping it simple is a reflection of our student body. WE don't want to decrease that support.

Yuengst: I have a grammar thing, it says "here on SUFAC" should it say something better?

Stock: The Ozzi program is a voluntary thing, you don't just lose \$4. It's a choice, so we aren't taking away student money. They're opting into that program. Motion to end discussion.

Ozolins: Seconded.

APPROVED

## XII. Discussion

### a. Lighting Near Coate: **Andrew Ericson**

Ericson: I was walking on campus last week and it's very dark. If you're walking down La Crosse street towards Howies. I was talking to some friends and they want to have more lights. I was wondering if they safety committee might have something.

Schock: I think it's something advocated for. I think whether it's the police or something they don't pay for that. I would assume it's UWL property there, but I don't know. I don't know if we should get the police department involved but we could to let them know we are advocating for this. But I like the idea.

Dr. Larry: I think chief Hill is the one to do those walks across campus. I think the university does make this a priority. If you would bring this forward, they want to know.

Schock: There is going to be an email to everyone who is in the Ad Hoc, I want to do a student safety walk for anyone who wants to be involved. I'll probably schedule that. If you're interested let me know so I can get him a number.

Woodmansee: I've been in contact with the city council member and the biking and pedestrian committee specifically dealing with the lighting. In regard to both of those, the tough part is as you get more on the city side, the streets are owned by the city. As far as pedestrian lighting and streets I'm looking into it.

Agterberg: We have a meeting with Bob to discuss maybe funding and talk about priorities. We can ask about what the funding would look like.

Stock: It is dark. I had to go home very late from Eagle, and it was really dark, and I was unhappy.

## XIII. Announcements

a. Neader: Friday! Be there! I'll be wearing a groutfit. Join me. We're meeting by the fireplace in the U at noon on Friday.

Moralez: Reflections of ebony Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. The LASO fiesta still has 60 tickets left. There's great food and dances and culture. Info counter, first floor.

## XIV. Adjournment

a. Lichtfuss: Motion to adjourn.

b. Lee: Seconded.