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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **March 11, 2020**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:05 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Cayo: Motion to approve
 - ii. Hansen: Seconded
 - c. APPROVED
- IV. General Student Body Open Forum
 - a. Emily Holden, I am here on behalf of the bike share program. We are working with colony out of Iowa. They have headquarters in the twin cities. They are a much more friendly community-based company. On there you can find the differences, this is being implemented in the city, not on UWL's campus yet. There are 8 bike stations in the area, there will be forty bikes. They are implementing this in April. I'm here to talk about why this is important for La Crosse to be a part of. I met with people at the rec and have talked with people about bike programs there. There are four bikes to rent out on a day to day basis, fifteen mountain bikes, and some fat tire bikes. That's not a lot. We are looking to have some funding to get two bike stations on this campus. There's a lot more benefits as well.

Agterberg: Have you talked to Bob Hetzel about this?

Holden: I haven't personally, I know Hailey has though. I will be reaching out though.

Thering: Do you know why the city dropped the other program?

Holden: I think they like Colony more because they are more friendly, they work more with the community. Pricing is roughly the same. I think it was more from a business management perspective.
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. **Immunizations and Coronavirus:** Dr. Deyo
Deyo: I am the medical supervisor at our health center. I imagine a lot of students are surprised and overwhelmed. We want to assure everyone that wasn't a snap decision. That decision wasn't made in isolation. There was input from other campuses, the health center, a lot of people around the campus. The decision was made because things with coronavirus are accelerating. The World Health Organization declared this a pandemic. We're seeing more cases in Wisconsin as well. As of an hour ago there were three more cases. We can expect it to come here. We want to be as prepared as possible. Priority one is the health and well-being of our students, and priority two is the education aspect. There are some built-in dates there, kind of a four-week plan. We also have a plan to reassess. There are a lot of things yet to be figured out with this plan, the academic departments are working very hard to get students, staff and faculty some answers. We



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have an infectious disease outbreak planning committee, that has representation from a lot of different areas. That committee is more of an operation piece. I'm happy to take questions. I'll let you know.

Becker: Is the student health center going to be relying on Mayo and Gunderson for testing kits and respirators?

Deyo: We have to outsource them. Mayo is planning on offering it in Rochester, Gunderson is planning on doing it there. We worry about sending it, because students may not have insurance or have low insurance. I don't want to wait five days for results, and I imagine you don't either. As far as respirators, we are an outpatient facility only. We have oxygen and IV fluids. There are some things we can do on campus; we did have a discussion on whether we could provide more than that. The truth is, we aren't really staffed or trained to provide that care.

Wolfe: Will there be resources put out for students who may want to be tested?

Deyo: That's not currently put out there, but it will likely be added to coronavirus. We have some information as well from our health center. I think it will be going to campus wide email as well. The testing criteria was very, very strict. Now it can be less strict. That's part of why we see an increase of cases.

Goodreau: Do you know anything about the school of education and clinical hours both field students and student teachers?

Deyo: Provost has said student teachers will follow the school district policy. She implied it will be different for Field students.

McReavy: What is the University doing to combat the false news and the xenophobia?

Deyo: I think the website is an opportunity to put out the same messaging. We are asking all communication about this to go through our infection disease team. If you look online, you will get all kinds of opinions. We don't know a lot about this disease. We also know our students may not go to the website to look. We are trying to do some things on social media as well. We are also working with diversity and inclusion that any messaging, and plans are inclusive of all groups.

Ahnen: In your opinion, would you recommend stopping spring break travel?

Deyo: Travel anywhere can put you at risk. Being around people anywhere can put you at risk. There are some places more risky than other places. We don't know if the health department and the CDC will say everyone who has been to, say, New York, has to go on a 14-day self-quarantine.

Becker: Could you explain what we should do if it's deemed necessary for us to self-quarantine?

Deyo: We'll be putting out guidance on that as well. It's going to mostly be, staying in your room as much as possible. We know we have students in their apartments who don't have bathrooms in their room for example. We would say, be masked when you go to the bathroom or communal areas. Keep that to a minimum. Within the residence hall, it's obviously an issue of shared spaces. We are looking at where our students could be if they need to be quarantined and need to stay on campus.

Agterberg: Could you explain the reasoning behind canceling classes and everything? And the second question, as far as quarantining goes, we were wondering, technically it's not legal to quarantine students? How would you go about that?

Deyo: Right now, the wording is voluntary. There are places within the United States where quarantines are being placed on entire towns. It's probably going to be an on your



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honor type of situation. I know our students care about their community so they would do the best within their means. They may also need some help and resources. You can work with us. The coronavirus is probably coming to La Crosse eventually, no matter what we do. I'd like to say if we're really very strict it might not come here but people in the US like their freedoms. The cancellation of class is to prevent the mass gatherings of people. We don't want our first cases to be on our campus. We hopefully can slow things down and have less cases in a shorter time period. If we can keep case numbers down and cases spread out, our medical system has a better chance. They're working with this in Italy. They don't have enough oxygen for everybody, they don't have enough ventilators, they don't have enough beds. We're trying to put these restrictions. Generally, the younger you are the better you're going to do with this. We as healthy people can be cause for spread.

Navoichick: Is it assumed that if you live in the residence halls you should go home if you can?

Deyo: The more people you put in a concentrated place, the more likely you are to get sick. We also realize we have students with financial barriers who can't go home, or family members who can't go home, we have students with internet services. We didn't want to dictate to students who have to go home.

Navoichick: Say, worst case scenario, we don't come back, would we be refunded?

Deyo: There is discussion about that or what they would have to do.

Navoichick: In Madison they have to turn in their keys.

Deyo: There's discussion of turning of key access. From my standpoint, Res Life would really like to know who is here and who isn't here. We want to know who's at risk. That might be important information for us.

Packard: I know there's been back & forth on university events? What's the status of that?

Deyo: I think that's still under discussion. I think the original decision was to shut down all out of state travel. More information came to light today regarding athletics and tournaments. The University wanted to be consistent with what other schools were doing. I think that travel for athletics can be looking at other forms.

Nader: Do you know if there's any insight for graduating seniors?

Deyo: It's too soon to know what kind of environment, it's hopeful that commencement will take place.

Becker: a couple hours ago, UW Madison decided to bring back all students abroad everywhere. Are we doing that?

Deyo: That's currently under discussion as well. Currently all CDC level 3 countries are brought back. The students didn't get there. Countries with lower travel warnings will be considered on an individual basis. No other countries have a warning of any kind. We are watching very closely. That is a kind of, daily, something we're looking at.

Lyon: I was wondering about grade in online classes?

Deyo: I heard that they are going to be more lenient as far as grades go, expectations are a little bit different, but that's up to individual departments and professors.

Boerschinger: You said that there are some risk factors that put people at higher risk?

Deyo: We would be concerned with people who have underlying lung problems. Any medical problem that would affect your immune system or are immune compromised.



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We have diabetic students who are at less risk than other students but are still at risk. We are still watching how this will impact.

Kohlmeyer: What will happen with lab courses?

Deyo: We know that labs are a hard one, beyond just science but art and theatre. You can maybe record yourself and turn it in online. The provost is going to look at different courses and determine how we can fulfill those objectives in a different way.

Packard: Graduate students who are employed by the university, is that going to affect pay in any way? How will that work?

Deyo: Graduate students who are also employees, will be considered employees. We would expect them to come to work as we expect all of our staff at this time. Individual departments might look at that differently if things were to change. We haven't gotten an answer from system HR yet.

Agterberg: There are OT and PT and PA students who have to do clinicals, especially those who are doing out of state clinicals.

Deyo: I haven't heard that addressed specifically. I imagine the answer will be similar. We did have one student on a medical circulation in Seattle, asked to come home, and was accommodated. That may be a case by case basis. Currently, we won't be blanket recalling those students.

Agterberg: As far as student employees go, if you're telling students to go home, what will that look like on campus? Will there be limited hours?

Deyo: That's the question we're still working on. We are trying to keep those services open. We don't want to decrease any services to students. There's an ongoing debate on that.

Becker: Is it within the power of the University to extend the length of the semester?

Deyo: The week we're losing is just a week we don't need to make up.

McReavy: Have professors been instructed to hold online office hours?

Deyo: I believe that is part of the messaging. They need to be more accessible, whether it's phone call or something else. Especially since you're not seeing them in lecture.

Packard: I know a lot of professors are scrambling at the moment, was there something that changed?

Deyo: The overall increasing cases in the United States in general, the increase in Wisconsin, and the multiple people being tested in Milwaukee. Part of what happened was it drove UWM's decision to put classes online. Now, we want to be consistent. I assume most schools will follow suit. Part of the reason to do it now, is because of spring break. If we tell you not to travel, people are traveling over spring break. It's a huge unknown I can't control. That's also a lot more risk factors. We wanted to make a decision before people left for spring break.

Goodreau: Will there be access to students who do not have technology?

Deyo: Part of the idea in keeping classes open is that we will have access to the library. If you don't have good internet, maybe it's better for you to stay local. We're looking into anything additionally we can do. Staff are in the same issue. IT is looking hard at our capabilities. We don't want to crash the whole system.

Agterberg: Will the childcare center remain open?

Deyo: It's hard for them to remain open, but it's currently under discussion.

Thering: Can you run through symptoms?



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Deyo: There can be a spectrum, the classic is similar to influenza. It's a cough, fever, shortness of breath. Not everyone has all three, not everyone has any of them. There are reports of people who just have stomach pain and diarrhea. Those are tough ones. Also, tough because there is also a ton of influenza in La Crosse. I ran their butts in to get tested. If they have influenza, they don't have Corona. We do have a rapid flu test at the health center.

Wong: I've seen non-sick students are not encouraged to wear masks. Do you recommend non sick people wear masks?

Deyo: We recommend if you have no symptoms, don't wear a mask. You're probably not protecting yourself. It's can be a stigma if you wear a mask. The other issue is that the public are buying the mask. Health care basis are running short. I would really like to be able to put a mask on you if you're coughing and in the health center. If everyone in the health center is sick, then we can't have the health center. The mask question is complex, yes, we'd like to protect ourselves but we're really looking at a public health aspect. If you're coughing, please put a mask on while we figure it out.

Becker: You mentioned resource distribution.

Deyo: We think that for coronavirus, washing your hands with soap and water is a little bit better than hand-sanitizer. If you go to the CDC website, there is an extensive list of things we believe work well with coronavirus. My advice is wash with soap and water when you can. We're all sitting here in the big meeting, if I could have some hand sanitizer, I'd have it in my bag. The SHC tried to buy it in mass quantity, but it is selling out. We're trying to stockpile some things in the case that it's really here and on campus.

Goodreau: You had mentioned urgent care and emergency rooms being long, if a student has access to Mayo, Gunderson, or the SHC what would you recommend?

Deyo: Because they specifically think they have coronavirus; I think once Gunderson has the test, I would recommend Gunderson because they can give you results. That depends on who has health insurance though.

Ganesh: For online classes, will professors discuss how they're doing online classes?

Deyo: Part of the reason we decided to extend break is so professors can get a good solid plan. I believe as professors formulate that plan; things will be shifted.

Navoichick: I was talking to a friend about having to leave, if you want to stay you have to fill out a special request form. If you want to stay can you just stay?

Deyo: I have not talked to res life in the last few hours. The discussion at the cabinet level is kind of about if you want to stay you can.

Riggenberg: They told me they'd send out an online form to get an idea.

Deyo: I think in any policy, there's room for circumstance. I think res life would want to know you're coming back.

Ericson: Is the student health center currently stocked and ready for coronavirus to come to the university?

Deyo: We are stocked within reason. It's going to depend on how many cases, how long this goes on for. We are trying to prepare for if this goes on to the end of the semester.

One of the thing health care providers are trying to determine is those air filtering masks, we are looking at reusable masks. We only have 200 air filtering masks. We are getting reusable masks instead.

b. **Inclusivity Training:** Faith Fisher



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Fisher: Privilege is not just related to race, but I want to engage in the different privileges we all have so we can have conversations about that. Having privilege doesn't mean your life was easy in any way or that you haven't had to work hard. People need to understand that when you have a privileged identity, there are benefits to that identity. Those things are all going to add to more barriers in your life. The last thing is that having privilege does not make you a bad person. It depends on what you do with it and reflect on it. If you don't do anything with it, then it won't be helpful. Now, the question is, what is privilege? Privilege is often not easily seen. Examples of privilege include walking home alone at night. Typically, a man won't feel scared walking home alone. That's something to think about. Public displays of affection, if you can safely display your affection with someone then that is a privilege. If you don't have to worry about being profiled by the police or by anyone else that means you have a certain privilege. If English is your first language you have a lot of privilege here. Accessibility in all places, this is something I don't have to worry about either. If you are able to go anywhere without worrying about parking or chairs or some types of accessibility, that's a privilege.

VI. Officer Reports

- a. **President:** Sita Agterberg
 - i. Please check your emails during break!
 - ii. Faculty Senate Updates
 1. Voted to add inclusivity statement
 - iii. Syllabus statement and SEI resolutions on agenda for this week (3/13)
- b. **Vice President:** Dana Nielsen
 - i. Ultimate Race – April 16
 - ii. Parent Notification
 - iii. Ad Hoc Calendar Committee
- c. **Chief of Staff:** Mark Moralez
 - i. Wash your hands
- d. **State Affairs Director:** Alex Becker
 - i. Leg Affairs meeting
- e. **Local Affairs Director:** Bennett Thering
 - i. Collaborate with community regarding food drive
- f. **Inclusivity Director:** Faith Fisher
 - i. Social Justice Week was canceled
- g. **Public Relations Director:** Olivia Ahnen
 - i. Tabling March 12th
 - ii. Volunteers needed
- h. **Sustainability Director:** Sam Wolfe
 - i. No report

VII. Advisor Reports

- a. We're figuring things out. Lot of people asking what happens in the next four weeks. I can't tell you right now. A lot will depend on what students do, if they leave or if they will stay. Please be careful if you travel anywhere. Things are changing on a daily basis. I don't want any of you to be quarantined for 14 days. Any questions?
Cayo: The census starts April 1st. The primary is April 7th. Is there a press release?
Riggenberg: We're talking about E-Ballots. We want to go through the same thing they would normally go through, just assuming students would be here to vote. I think the



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absentee will be here. I'm afraid if students go home, they'll do the census there, which we don't want.

Cayo: Will there be a printer available? OR does it work on the app now?

Riggenberg: It should work on the app.

Packard: Did you ask that a survey be sent? The email address didn't look like a UW email.

Riggenberg: It should be me.

Packard: The individual who talked to me said it looked weird and showed up in the secondary box.

Goodreau: I know there were a lot of unanswered questions. Do you know when they'll be answered and sent out?

Riggenberg: We are meeting Friday again; I think they said they're working on the FAQ section of the website. Maybe it would go out from another email as well. I asked about graduate assistants. Try to relax, have some fun over break.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Wolfe: Green Fund Ad Hoc met. Ozzy is looking good so far. SSB is looking at some things. I don't want to count my eggs before they hatch but there's some mini grants in the work.
- b. Agterberg: JPB met, there were some good questions about coronavirus. We also talked about the enrollment cliff. We had our long-term enrollment task force talk about strategies with how to make sure UWL doesn't go into a big deficit.
- c. McReavy: The search & screen committee for UC is still going to be meeting during online classes. It shouldn't affect our timeline too much.
- d. Lee: The scholarship & awards committee met and conducted interviews for scholarships and who won. We also appointed who won the murphy scholarship.
- e. Lichtfuss: the search and screen committee for rec sports met, we did not discuss the closing stuff. During the meeting we had a bunch of rec staff there. They gave input. We have stuff in place for online communication. I don't think we're delayed in finding a director.
- f. Fields: Undergrad curriculum committee met, and we approved some new courses for the next catalogue.
- g. Ganesh: JMAC met and we were talking about a panel for social justice week, but I guess it's canceled now.
- h. Lyon: VTOP met last week. I mentioned the lights by Coate, and the chief of police is looking into that a little bit to see if we can do anything about that.

IX. Organizational Reports

- a. Ericson: SFS is doing Earthapalooza. Emails went out to a bunch of orgs; a lot are represented on senate. Please get back if you want to attend. Let me know or let SFS know. It's going to be great.
- b. McReavy: The Drag Show is canceled. It's looking very unlikely we'll reschedule because the Bluffs is just booked. We also found our grad assistant for next year, I heard she's nice. We're trying to figure out how to best support our students in our community with school closures. If you want to come to a meeting let me know because it might be at someone's house. Last semester a student came to me regarding the bathrooms in Hutch. They want to make it so in the future it's more of a single use space. A student felt like it wasn't maintained, and they were confused and felt it was unwelcoming and felt



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- like it wasn't kept up at all.
- X. SA1920-050: **Resolution Approving At-Large and CBA Senators**
Nielsen: We have two new senators. We had some people quit so this is filling those spots. Please, don't resign we have just a couple months left.
McLain: I move to suspend the two-week rule.
Yuengst: Seconded.
APPROVED.
Neader: Call to question.
McLain: Seconded.
APPROVED.
- XI. Unfinished Business
a. SA1920-048: **Resolution to Approve Use of REC for Eagle Open Volleyball Tournament**
Neader: I got a follow up from Sue White, there was a concern about when they would be available. The Mac volleyball courts will be available, and the others will be available as the tournament ends.
Ericson: Call to question.
McLain: Seconded.
APPROVED
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Discussion
a. Koloni: **Sam Wolfe**
Wolfe: We were talking about Koloni about a potential green fund grant to be written. I want to get your thoughts and opinions on whether this would be a good plan if this is a good use of our green fund dollars and based on how the green fund went last year. If the information on the pamphlets make you feel any different type of way.
McReavy: My one concern is that a lot of the things about it being community based and having discount's for students. They said this would make a lot of accommodations for students.
Lichtfuss: I'm not sure she mentioned the cost on it, I also remember the other one was very expensive as far as bikes go. It seemed significantly costly. That would be something to look at more.
Packard: Just curious about availability on bike helmets. Can anyone answer?
Wolfe: Sounds like it might be a BYOH type of situation.
Cayo: So, I know the bikes were about \$2,000 per bike. Another reason is we have a bike program. It's unused and not marketed well. I'm concerned that we already have a bike program and as much as I'd love to be involved in this process. I think we should use one we have and get those rates up first.
Agterberg: As far as green fund priority goes. Technically, community is lowest priority. I don't think Bob likes this idea still.
Neader: I think the fact that there wouldn't be any helmets and that La Crosse is not a very bike friendly community, so I don't know.



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Jaume: I was thinking the program we have now of getting a bike is like an application process where you're put on a waitlist. You pay \$25-\$40. You either get that money back or keep it/ I think it's beneficial because the bikes they use for our program is refurbished bikes. I think that has double benefit. I know the community was more pushing this. I think it's important to think about who's taking advantage of this program.

Paulson: There was talk of getting help with funding from the Parks and Rec department. Maybe we could look into that.

Wolfe: Looking at the info distributed, there are other community members paying for other stations. It would be up to the university.

Packard: I did not remember or know the \$2,000 per bike thing. I'm curious how those bikes are costing \$2,000?

Yuengst: One thing I do like is that sometimes, my roommate drove me to class because she was driving. If I could take a bike from campus to class that would be cool. You can bike one way, but you don't have to bike back. There are other things.

Ericson: I like the bike share. I think it's unfortunate Bob doesn't like it. It is very visible; it will be there for more than a year.

Packard: I have been stopped by city police for not having lights displayed correctly on my bicycle. I didn't want to have my headlight and they stopped me.

Ott: One concern I have is that it is most concerned by people who are walking. It's convenient and nice.

Cayo: Quick point of information. Those \$2,000 per bike per year includes bike share implementation, technology, etc.

Ericson: Looking at the document right now and I don't see anything about lights.

Hansen: We were concerned because the other company could retract at any time if the bikes weren't being used the way they wanted. That was a major reason we struck down the grant before.

Goodreau: Motion to end discussion.

b. To-go Tupperware: **Cameron Nader**

Nader: Basically, for those who don't know. We will be using the Ozzy system. Basically, instead of using the containers we use in the U, it will be switching to a \$4 fee you opt-in to and then you can get the reusable containers and you give them a coin and they give it back and then you can get containers! It's great. Does anyone have any questions before I show them?

c. Senate Moving Forward: **Dana Nielson & Sita Agterberg**

Nielson: There's a lot of unknown right now. I'm not the most tech savvy person in the world. I'd like to figure out how we can do video conference kind of stuff. I'm hoping we can get a practice session in tomorrow with one of my classes. I'm relying on you to check your emails these next couple of weeks. I need everyone's opinions. Send me your opinion. I probably won't send anything after



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this first week of break. I'm going to have to start making some decision. If I'm not getting responses, I will just have the cabinet act as senate. If any of you have ideas on how we can make this work better, I'd love to hear them.

Agterberg: If people are interested in doing a blended meeting, I asked about having meetings in general and JPB said it's permitted but not required. It's up to what we want to do. This is also about how coronavirus will progress.

Nielsen: If we want to continue to meet in person. If we don't have a specific number of people here, we can't vote. Video calls count.

Lichtfuss: Quorum?

Nielsen: We need majority. Committee of the whole can work too.

Lee: Microsoft has teams. It can hold up to fifty people in group chats or group meetings. We all have student accounts, if we all have access to wifi it can work!

Ganesh: I don't really use it but google meets is a thing we could maybe use?

Nielsen: If you think of something, feel free to email me.

XIV. Announcements

- a. Nielsen: I want to go to Howie's.
- b. Lyon: Earth Day Clean-Up Saturday 25th from 11am to 1 pm. You're meeting at the Myrick park gun club shelter.
- c. Agterberg: Senator Evans and Ericson please stay after.
- d. Navoichick: Are we taking a picture? I'm wearing business casual.
- e. Fisher: Just leave your note cards.

XV. Adjournment