



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **May 6, 2020**

Time and Location: **6:00pm WebEx**

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:01 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Date change from May 5 to May 6
 - ii. Ericson: Motion to approve
 - iii. Hansen: Seconded.

APPROVED
- IV. Student Body Open Forum
- V. Guest Speakers
- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. **President:** Sita Agterberg
 - i. I don't have a report. That's it I yield.
 - b. **Vice President:** Dana Nielsen
 - i. I don't have a report either. With it being the last meeting, not much to do on that end. I want to thank everyone for a great year. It's been fun.
 - c. **Chief of Staff:** Mark Moralez
 - i. No report. I have faculty senate tomorrow. I want to thank everyone.
 - d. **State Affairs Director:** Alex Becker
 - i. No report. It's been real, it's been fun. To the people that are new, go forth and do great things.
 - e. **Local Affairs Director:** Bennett Thering
 - i. No report. Good luck next semester everyone, and good luck to those that are graduating. I had a lot of fun this year. To those new folks, good luck getting the hang of things and just try to be leaders on campus.
 - f. **Inclusivity Director:** Faith Fisher
 - i. I don't have a report, I want this to go smoothly so thank you everyone for a good year and let's have a good rest of the meeting.
 - g. **Public Relations Director:** Olivia Ahnen
 - i. I don't have a report. But I want to thank everyone for a good year. I'm excited for next year.
 - h. **Sustainability Director:** Sam Wolfe
 - i. I also would like to thank everyone for a good year. It's been real, it's been fun. I want to thank everyone for their support.
- VII. Advisor Reports

Dr. Larry: I wanted to tell you that I think the all student employee should have gotten their \$200 lump sum payment. If you're a student employee let me know if you did not get that. We're auditing it now. I think it's been a great year. It's been challenging. We'll have a great



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job next year. Have a good meeting. I think Vitaliano is going to show up at some point.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Boerschinger: We met, and we added to the SU policy that for dean's list it will be taken from your original grades as posted before that and SU won't have effect. Commencement and graduate honors are staying the same. We also took a look at the form and took a vote on that. It still has to go through tests and stuff.
- b. Neader: SS and B met; we had our last meeting. We talked about how a lot of groups reserve the bluffs and they sometimes have five or more consecutive days. We talked about how we might come up with a plan to limit the use and how we would do a process to approve that. All groups that need to use that space should be able to without compete with other groups. That's my main update.
- c. Schock: Student Orgs met this last week. We made some changes to bylaws. We voted on if we wanted a limit for the rotating seat, we ultimately decided not to put a limit on it. We figured it would rotate with initiatives. There's normally only been two or three. Having a cap would limit the availability.

IX. Organizational Reports

X. Unfinished Business

a. SA1920-057: **Resolution to Approve the Green Energy Surcharge Green Fund Grant Request**

- i. Cayo: Like we talked about last week, UWL is being put in a position where they need Green Fund Funds to help pay for the portion of the surcharge we agreed to pay. In the past the green fund has helped with that. Right now, the green fund would only approve one year of that. Today we can decide if we want to keep it that way or not.

DISCUSSION

Schock: Would this money be going towards any wages? Or, more broadly, what is this money being used for?

Ericson: It doesn't go to wages. It goes back to the state government then the government uses it to purchase energy from clean sources, like solar, wind, etc.

Nielsen: I know last week we talked about this, but would people be interested in changing it from one year to two? I think it would be nice to talk about that more.

Neader: I wanted to voice my support for keeping it as is. There's so much uncertainty right now. If it's in the best interest for the Green Fund to pay for it next year than they can, but I think they don't know what's happening in the future. I think one year is good to lock ourselves into but not two years.

Ericson: I agree with Senator Neader. I think we should keep it one year.

Schock: How much money is in the green fund currently?

Ericson: \$105,000.

Agterberg: This does not include the \$50,000, right?

Ericson: That doesn't include the pole grant.

Ericson: Call to question.

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b. SA1920-058: **Resolution to Approve the Ozzi Reusable Container System Green Fund Grant Request**

- i. Cayo: The Ozzi grant would be putting a reusable container machine in the student union to lessen our ecological footprint. This would be beginning Fall



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2021, as of right now UWL expends a little less than \$41,000 on take out containers so this would save money. SUFAC was in general, in favor.

DISCUSSION

Yuengst: I want to talk more about the cost of the coin. I am going to motion to make an amendment. I sent the amendment to Dana, but basically, I added a couple whereas' and a, therefore. My idea was that the green fund could add something for students who are eligible for the Pell grant. It would be an additional \$8,000. I think this is important to talk about and think about, those low-income students.

Cayo: Seconded.

DISCUSSION

Nader: I think this is a fantastic idea. Would we have to add another charge every year because we would be getting new, incoming students? I yield to senator Yuengst on that.

Yuengst: Maybe people who are graduating could maybe donate their coin to the new freshman? So, then the seniors graduating could donate their coin to the freshmen and it could be like a rolling thing.

McReavy: My question was more logistical. Would that \$4 go into the students account? How would it logistically work?

Yuengst: It talks about how financial aid would cover this. Financial Aid would be in charge of passing that out. We would need to make sure the \$8,000 would line up but they would be the office in charge of that.

Ericson: Have you talked to financial aid to see if this would be feasible on their end?

Yuengst: I have not. I don't know if, I know I worked on this with Regent Woodmansee. I can yield to her if she has anything.

Woodmansee: Andrew how are you planning on handing out the other coins? Are they going to be sold through the info center?

Ericson: Right now, students have to go to the info center to purchase them. We spoke with Mary and she arranged it so that would work.

Woodmansee: We haven't talked with Financial Aid yet. There's also Student Support Services. It works with first gen students and Pell grant students. Although we haven't worked it out yet in case this resolution didn't pass.

Yuengst: I forgot about Student Support Services, but they could be a good avenue to go through for this too.

Agterberg: I think administration would be more than happy to implement this. They are more than happy to be receptive to what students think. Same with SSS if we passed this and worked on it afterwards.

Ericson: I think that I yielded, but I yield again.

Ganesh: So, is that number on the bottom how much it costs to get the coins and run the whole thing? I'm just wondering, that \$8,000, would it cost \$8,000 to get a coin for each student? Does it actually cost that much?



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Yuengst: The coins cost \$4 each, but if it's cheaper or something. If Ericson can answer that.

Wolfe: I like this thought process and I think this is a really good idea. I'm concerned about the logistical aspects of this. I'm wondering if this \$8,348 would be deposited into the Ozzi fund? And then \$4 would come out each time a student wanted one? Where would that money be sitting if they didn't redeem it? I'm not sure if we want to pass this tonight. I think that Andrew and the other Green Fund coordinators would be interested in working on getting affordable coins and then we find some barrier later. I yield to Senator Yuengst or Regent Woodmansee to answer where the money would go if this was approved

Yuengst: I'm not entirely sure where that would go if this was approved.

Ericson: I looked up the order form, it costs \$229 for 1,000 tokens. I think there's another cost, so if we were to give 2,000+ students a token, there's more of a demand for containers so I think we'd have to increase the number of containers. I'm wondering if we should write another green fund grant and purchase these tokens another time. We could do this at the end of the fall if this is implemented.

Riggenberg: I think we would need more than 1,000 of the containers. We might start the semester and say that all food must be grab and go. I don't see an issue with us working with financial aid, we could even do it with It Makes Cents. I think throughout the years we can always figure out how we can give scholarships for the people on Pell grants. We can develop things for people who might not be able to approve it. The dining services could waive the cost for some students as well.

Nielsen: It's a little over 2,000 undergrad students for Pell grants. Any further discussion for the amendment?

McReavy: I think it makes more sense for students who have that need to apply. It should be a process that student initiates instead of the university doing it systematically.

Agterberg: I think the University should be doing initiatives like this because it helps those students. It

Wolfe: I'm wondering if this addition of money would make it, so it has to go back through JCES and SUFAC? I'm wondering if it shouldn't be tacked on to this resolution and this grant. It could be another thing at another time. I'm yielding to anyone who knows the bylaws.

Woodmansee: I haven't looked at the Bylaws to know specifically. Because you already approved a decrease in funds, with the energy surcharge, it technically wouldn't be any different. It is an increase, but it is just a cost change. I believe that this change would also be made without having to go back to those entities.

Dr. Larry: I'm going to agree with Olivia on this. We don't have a lot of precedence. There have been times Senate said no to a green fund request that SUFAC said yes to. When you're adding money, I would always maintain that Student Association makes these decisions.



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Ganesh: I wanted to say that I agree with Director Wolfe with writing a separate resolution for this. By implementing this for students who are eligible for the Pell grant. Like Andrew had said, it doesn't really cost around \$8000. We would also have to order more containers and whatever else that comes with it.

Yuengst: I have a question for Ericson. You said it was \$229 for 1,000 coins, right? That means it's about \$436. Or something like that? I might be doing my math wrong. Hang on, I yield.

Ericson: I agree, I think we should remove it and do it next year. If it's just buying the tokens, it's a mini green fund request that can be passed very quickly through JCES. We could also talk about how it could be implemented more. I want it to be executed well.

Nader: Can I make a motion to remove the highlighted portion?

Nielsen: I'm thinking we could vote to add it or not? The poll is to add the highlighted bit.

FAILS

Ozolins: I'm not a big fan of this resolution because we're replacing the biodegradable trays with plastic. According to National Geographic only 9% of plastic is recyclable. I also don't like that students have to pay into this. They might not like the Green Fund if they know we are making them spend money with it.

Ericson: The compostable containers are not composted, they are brought to French Island and burned. The amount of waste we generate is huge and this would really lessen that.

Yuengst: Just a question for Ericson, how did you get the \$4 for the containers?

Ericson: They gave their dishwashers a raise with that. I think they try not to lose as much money. If you think it's too high, we could talk about that.

Nader: One thing that we're not replacing, one compostable container, I don't know how many compostable containers can be replaced but, oh, 300. I think that's important. Once the university is done with these, the University is hopefully recycling them not just throwing them away.

Packard: This might have been gone over, but which places will have only the Ozzi containers available and which places will have other options available?

Ericson: The Ozzi system will just be in the Union. Every place in the union will have the containers and the compostable ones. So, you can use the Ozzi container or pay the fifty cents.

Packard: So, people who are living off campus, we are either living off campus, it would either be fifty cents or the Ozzi thing? Would the paper and foil wrapping be replaced too?

Ericson: I think bagels and sandwiches would stay in the packaging. But burgers from the cellar would be in the

McReavy: Will there still be to go condiment containers?

Dr. Larry: I don't think we've figured that out. Part of the concepts we're looking at for the fall is to have no self-service areas. We may have to provide condiments in a packet for safety reasons.

Packard: Call to question.



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c. SA1920-059: **Resolution to Approve the New Steam Traps for Laux Hall Green Fund Grant Request**

- i. Cayo: This would put in new steam traps for Laux hall. They are very noisy and release a lot of water. One thing SUFAC didn't like was that Green Fund kept getting tapped into for maintenance.

DISCUSSION

Ericson: I emailed Troy Richter and he said that Res Life is still planning on going through with this project and if it isn't funded through green fund, they'll have to eliminate one or more projects. It looks like res life is already eliminating new furniture and mattresses and door frame paintings. It looks like there could be some negative impacts on student life in the dorms.

McReavy: This isn't in support or against, but at SUFAC when they presented on this it was shown to use that most res life funds come from student life anyway. It's just a fact of whether it comes from student life or somewhere else.

Ozolins: Call to question.

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d. SA1920-060: **Resolution to Approve the Stadium Veteran Lights Green Fund Grant Request**

- i. Senator Cayo This grant is a continuation of last semesters grant with the addition of \$15,000 for the poles and fixtures. Again, they will not be continuing with the project if they do not receive these fixtures. With that I yield

DISCUSSION

Ericson: I don't agree with this. I don't like it.

Goodreau: Point of information, if we don't pass this, how much money will be left in the green fund?

Ericson: Around \$160,000.

Goodreau: I think it's good to use Green Fund money. And I think there would be a lot left if this wasn't spent.

McReavy: I wanted to second Senator Ericson; I don't think this is an appropriate use of Green Fund money. Compared to other energy saving light efforts, it doesn't save as much energy. I don't like that students are paying for purely cosmetic purposes.

Yuengst: Why did JCES pass this as high priority?

Ericson: It was passed last semester; it was due to the fact that it was going to reduce our carbon emissions. It was semi visible on campus. Those are two of the classifications of a high-priority green fund grant. Obviously, the light poles will be visible, and it will reduce our carbon emissions.

Nielsen: Did this additional grant go through JCES again?

Ericson: Nothing is really changing, we just decided Senate and SUFAC should look over it again.

Neador: Call to question.

FAILS

e. SA1920-061: **Resolution to Amend Student Senate Bylaws**



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- i. Wolfe: I hope you'll consider making this committee permanent so students can continue working toward sustainable initiatives through the green fund and other things. So, they can have a profound impact on campus.
- ii. Schock: I just have a minor edit, instead of rotating in all caps it would just be a capital R. I can address any questions about this.

DISCUSSION

Ericson: I want to voice my support for the Green fund committee. I think, after being a senator for two semesters, we've seen a lot of grants that have fixed LED lights or are things that aren't super visible. I think the good thing about the Green Fund Ad Hoc was students focused on things that impacted student life.

Navoichick: Call to question.

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f. SA1920-063: **Resolution to Approve the Spring 2020 Student Election Results**

- i. McLain: This is what we have as the results for this election. If you have any questions, just let me know.

DISCUSSION

Navoichick: Call to question

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g. SA1920-064: **Resolution Approving Changes to Student Organizations Committee Bylaws**

- i. Schock: I have some changes to make to this, Dana I sent them to you. In the process of updating the voting on the bylaws was just made for the language, nothing about the intent or the overall resolution. This paragraph was changed, just the wording. That was the major change. I don't know where the actual resolution was that changed. I don't know where the actual bylaws are so if Dana, you could bring those up. Another minor change was to make one of the purposes a change of oversight and just add that in there. This is going to also be added to match what is in the Senate bylaws.

Navoichick: Seconded.

DISCUSSION (On adding the amendments from Senator Schock)

Yuengst: Call to question.

Nielsen: If you object please let me know, otherwise I will assume unanimous consent on this.

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DISCUSSION (Resolution as a whole)

Yuengst: Call to question.

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XI. New Business

a. SA1920-065: **Resolution to Thank UWL Faculty, Staff, & Administration**

- i. McReavy: Obviously this is very unprecedented and stressful. It's hard for our students, faculty, and staff. I thought it would be great if Student Association on behalf of the student body, thanked them. I wasn't quite sure how to phrase some things so feel free to edit them.

DISCUSSION

Ericson: I want to say thank you Cait, for writing this, my professors definitely deserve a thank you. They did a wonderful job.



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

Yuengst: Seconded.

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Woodmansee: I'm wondering if someone would possibly want to add a therefore be it resolved so that it is sent to faculty and staff, so they know they're being thanked? I think it would be really helpful.

Hansen: Motion to add that therefore be it resolved.

Bouchard: Seconded.

DISCUSSION

Call to question.

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McReavy: I was wondering if you could add an oxford comma after staff?

Small thing, but.

Boerschinger: Should COVID be capitalized?

Agterberg: Yes!

Yuengst: Should there be a semi-colon after the first therefore be it resolved? As a friendly.

Packard: Can we change it to COVID-19 please? As a friendly.

Navoichick: Call to question

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Vitaliano: I wanted to publicly thank you for the amazing work you've done. Sita and the rest of the team. In terms of your service and advocacy at UWL. It's really been impressive. You've been able to do so under some different circumstances to say the least. To move these resolutions forward, that will have a long-lasting impact on students. I definitely heard about all the great things that you have done from Dr. Larry. I have been very proud when I talk about you all to the other student affairs folks from other universities. I'd also like to thank Dr. Larry. He's been a rock, a foundation, for all that happens here for over thirty years. He's pondered retirement. Through a lot of asking, he's decided to stay on. He does a great job not only with university centers but also with you all. I want to publicly thank him for all the work he's done. Lastly, I'd like to publicly congratulate Cate and Olivia on their new positions.

b. SA1920-066: **Resolution in Honor of Dr. Larry Ringgenberg with the Thanks of the Senate**

- i. Agterberg: This resolution is in honor of Dr. Larry with the help of the Senate. He has consistently been a voice for students. I don't think I can give him enough thanks. He's been a great advisor. Thank you.

DISCUSSION

Lee: Move to suspend the two-week rule.

Navoichick: Seconded.

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DISCUSSION

Yuengst: I think this is really cool. I loved seeing Dr. Larry around the U when I was eating lunch. He has done a lot and I'm thankful that we're congratulating him. I hope we're back in the fall.

Dr. Larry: I just want to thank all of you for considering this. Evelyn, you know how much I really enjoy talking to students. That's always been a very special



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thing for me. It's been hard these last couple weeks to go downstairs and not have people I can talk to. I did notice there's a lot of my staff at this meeting. I'm not sure why but I bet there's a plan. This is a special group, but all senate are special groups. I'm so proud of how this group has come together. You've done an outstanding job. Thank you.

Wolfe: I wanted to thank Dr. Larry for his efforts in creating sustainable initiatives on campus. It was his idea to go through Ozzi and get that system going. He's been so supportive of University Centers. With the way the union was designed with sustainable initiatives in mind. You always have such positive emotions. You give good perspectives and I really appreciate that about you.

Woodmansee: I want to give my two cents into this, but Dr. Larry has done so much for this entire University. I wish this could be changed to be in honor of Dr. Larry from the university and not just the senate. The university would struggle immensely without him in the fall. It will struggle once he leaves, but it speaks to his character that he will stay for the students. That's how you'd describe him, for the students. He literally stayed so his last semester won't end without students. I don't think we can actually make that change, but it would be nice if we could.

Fisher: I wasn't actually going to put this in here. I guess we could put it more vaguely, but I think we could put it in that Dr. Larry believes in second chances and he puts his trust and faith in them even when they make mistakes. That's one experience.

Yuengst: Motion to add that.

Goodreau: Seconded.

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Woodmansee: Point of Information, if you, UC staff members want to put your name in the chat you can to show support.

Nielsen: Yes, thank you Olivia. Also, if you have any thoughts you want to add you can.

Vanroosenbeek: Hi everybody, I have had the opportunity to work with Larry as a staff person for the last 19 years and also a grad student for 2 years prior. SA is something that Larry just shines at. This is something that gives him lots of passion. He really enjoys spending the evenings with you and helping you do the work you're doing. It shows in his excitement for it. I know some people may not care to sit through these kinds of meetings with Parli-Pro, but this is his thing. People involved in Senate who really get involved, and seen a lot of things happen, that come and go, and Larry has always been there. Thank you for all your years working with Senate.

Higgins: Hi everyone, I'm doing this from my phone. I just wanted to take a quick second to say thank you to Dr. Larry. I haven't had the privilege to know Larry for as long. I actually did get to work with him with Student Association for a year. I have had a million conversations with him about his knowledge and how we've gotten where we are. We don't always agree, but to get to that common goal and get to what your constituents want. I've said this a million times, but I am scared to see what comes after Larry. He had the traditions, and the knowledge, and the time to be reckoned with. I just want to say thank you and



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thank you Student Association for letting him love you the way he does as an advisor.

Yuengst: Call to question

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XII. Discussion

- a. Agterberg: Every year the president picks a higher education advocate of the year. We picked Dr. Larry. At first, we weren't sure because of bylaws, but then we figured it out. We just wanted to say thank you for all that you have done. We made a little video.
- b. Nielsen: We have some swearing in right now.
 - i. President Agterberg swearing in President Wiza
 - ii. President Wiza swearing in Vice President Ahnen

XIII. Announcements

- a. Nielsen: I think, Olivia, you call for the adjournment of the meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Lee: Motion to adjourn.
 - b. Navoichick: Seconded.
- Adjourned