



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## Student Senate Agenda

Date: **September 25, 2019**

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

### I. Call to Order

Nielsen: It is 6:04 and I will now call this meeting to order. Is there anything anyone would like to make a change or object to tonight's agenda.

All those in favor of approving agenda?

Okay, Natalie from the violence prevention specialist from student life is here to talk about the take back the night march.

### II. Roll Call

### III. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Agenda

b. Approval of Minutes

### IV. Guest Speakers

a. **Take Back the Night:** Natalie Bachmeier

Natalie: I am the violence prevention specialist in the student life office. This is the second take back the night march. This is an empowering event for survivors of sexual assault and violence. That is taking place next Tuesday. We're meeting at the clock tower at 5:00. The march is marching down to western and down to Viterbo. We will have an after celebration, speakers, and a resource fair. There will also be bus rides to both back Viterbo and western. It is also accessible by golf kart to those who can't participate in the walking. I can leave some save the dates and flyers behind. Is there any questions? Thank you all very much.

b. **La Crosse County Board:** Isaac Tahiri

Thank you for having me. I am the community supervisor for the City Board for this area. I thought I would update you on what happened this summer. I picked a few things that might interest students. I also sit on the judicial board for the county. In terms of what happened this summer.

1. La Crosse Center Funding. The city of La Crosse deciding they were going to update the La Crosse Center. Kind of conversational because the city requested that the county would pay. The County decided against it.

2. Opioid Crisis. The La Crosse County is deciding to sue the Sacker Family Pharmaceutical company because of their contribution to the opioid crisis. The ideal solution would be to get this money from the litigation and contribute that to people recovering from opioid addiction.

3. For the past few years the cleanliness in our wells 33.2% of wells are at an unsafe level. We are trying to figure out a solution to this. In terms of moving forward we will be looking at the new budget for this year.

Wolfe- Can you talk on terms of solution for the ground water?

Basically right now we want to do more tests to figure out the real source. The types of sand and soil



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we have in certain part of the county make it easier for these types of problems to happen. There used to be a shooting range in the Marsh, and because of that there has been lead issues in the Marsh.

Wolfe- To do with the marsh and the lead in the water. I thought that because it's stuck in the bottom and they weren't going to remove it because they didn't want to disturb it.

That could be. It would take years and years to take the lead out. Any comments or questions can be asked to me through email and social media. If there is anything else that I think is relative to you I will make sure I send it that way.

- c. **La Crosse City Council:** Justice Weaveer
- V. General Student Body Open Forum
- VI. Officer Reports

- a. **President:** Sita Agterberg

So I have a meeting with Ingrid Peterson tomorrow. October 5<sup>th</sup> mark your calendars, that is the panel that is mandatory for Alumni of Student Association. We got a lot of people to come back that will be helpful to us. That's it, I yield.

- b. **Vice President:** Dana Nielsen

The joint committee on free speech, were going to have a "how to" of free speech on campus. Hopefully after that we will have some professors come in and talk on that and answer questions. This past weekend I was at the governance meeting in Madison. One thing they want to look at this weekend is Mental Health, the fresh water initiative, and green initiatives. Some challenges they are looking at is keeping students in Wisconsin and closing achievement gap.

- c. **Chief of Staff:** Mark Moralez

So I'm going to faculty senate tomorrow. Ingrid is coming in tomorrow. If there is any questions you want asked please bring them to me. Also, to those who represent a college, expect an email from me or Dana. I'm setting up a meeting with all the Dean's so look out for that.

- d. **State Affairs Director:** Alex Becker

In addition to free speech week, were setting up a lobbying workshop, and we will update you with more details as it gets closer.

- e. **Local Affairs Director:** Bennett Thering

The off-campus housing fair's room isn't quite figured out yet. It's on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-2:00.

- f. **Inclusivity Director:** Faith Fisher

On October 8<sup>th</sup> there is going to be an event in solidarity for survivors of sexual assault at the clock tower. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a navigating the workplace as a person of color.

- g. **Public Relations Director:** Olivia Ahnen

- h. **Sustainability Director:** Sam Wolfe

Oktoberfest clean-up is on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the clock tower. There will be donuts.

- VII. Advisor Reports

I really don't have much, but I wanted to share this with you. Last year we had a big campaign to get students out to vote and in 2018 we had an increase of 19% in terms of students actually voting.

- VIII. Committee Reports

Violence prevention-



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Mcreavy- We are talking about the investigation about the professor that is going on. We also discussed information on the racquet and how they covered the story. There are certain administrators who have not been sensitive and professional in regard to the protests going on.

IX. Organizational Reports

X. Evans- At the student org meeting we pretty much couldn't vote on much because we were looking for two more people to join our committee. BSU, we had our bake sale last week, and it went really well. We had our first general weekend and that was good as well.

XI. Lee- Last week we had our HOPE tournament and it was a pretty good turnout. We are also working on planning our next event "Planning our futures."

XII. Unfinished Business

**Sponsored by Shock, Lichtfuss, Hansen, Perkins, Wiza, Myers**

Nielsen- We can move onto discussion on this again.

Shock- Just having this as a formalization, I think this is a really good idea to have. I am lucky to have a great advisor, but some people don't.

Mcreavy- Can I amend the document? I think the last word Student should be Students. Is there supposed to be an end or just a semicolon?

Nielsen- I believe just a semicolon, we will be voting on this tonight. With that I can call to question.

Called to question by McClain

Seconded by Yuengst

We actually have a new senator to swear in, so Miles, please come up.

\*Signed in Miles Eisenberger\*

Welcome Senator, we are happy to have you with us. We are now going to move onto unfinished business.

**a. Motion to Commit: Survey for Advising**

XIII. New Business

**a. SA1920-010: Resolution to Appoint Fall Semester Election Commission**

Agterberg: We need to suspend the two-week rule because they election will be over by then.

Nielsen: We will move into discussion on this. If there is nothing we will call to question.

Called to question by Wiza. Seconded by McClain.

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

Nielsen: All those to suspend the two-week rule say aye. Back to the resolution as a whole. Called to question by Wiza. Seconded by McClain. You can go ahead and vote now.

XIV. Discussion



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a. **Parking:** Sita Agterberg

Agterberg: I gave you a week just to talk to your constituents. Dana and I will have a meeting with Victor Hill who is in charge of discussion.

Mcgreavy: I had a few concerns that were brought up to me. Plowing can be an issue. Just knowing when it happens during the day, so they know that. I have one that parks past the stadium, and they were wondering if they could get more lights or a camera, so they feel safe walking to their cars at night.

Yuengst: Someone mentioned they have a commuter pass. But they can't park there on the campus closeup days because people use the parking ramp for those days.

Might I propose for a patch solution until the stadium is built. Could we station a police officer area in that area just for the time being?

Shock: I used to park in the parking ramp as a resident. When it snows you can't see the top floor lines and its very chaotic. Plowing that is important so it's easier to park.

McClain: A lot of complaints I heard in regarding to Oktoberfest is that people have friends who visit them from out of town and park in spots they shouldn't be.

Mcgreavy: I was wondering if the field house in replacing the parking lot. What is going to replace that lot?

75 students are on the waiting list to park. The parking lot has 185 lots right now. There is going to be a shortage for parking once that is built. We're looking for solutions.

Lichtfuss: I know senator shock mentioned splitting the parking pass lottery into multiple days. I just wanted to support that.

Nader: Can we please get rid of the pay for parking thing? Please. I know there are a lot of people that are buying passes because of this thing.

Agterberg: Gina does not like the pay for parking. It turns out that students just park further into the neighborhoods. I think there is a possibility for that.

Meyers: What is the payment method you do? Since we're having parking shortages in the future, what is something we could do?

Agterberg: You can pay on campus \$1 an hour and off campus for \$1 an hour, and now students are just paying to park on campus because it's the same price. Then people who are buying the passes can't find a spot because people are just paying to park on campus instead of off campus.

Hook: I've been on campus and I would recommend just having the commuter passes for all of the lots instead of just one.

McClain: Have we looked into how this plays into the on-campus housing shortage?



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Agterberg: I can bring this up to Bob, but I know they ask for a new dorm hall every year. I will bring this up in our meeting.

b. **Meatless Mondays:** Sam Wolfe

As all of you may know, there is a petition to start meatless Monday on campus. The idea that cutting meat out of dining one day a week would cut our carbon footprint and eliminate some of the environmental stress we place on the environment. I was wondering what your thoughts were on this.

Lichtfuss: I lived with 4 vegans over the summer. I stand with them on this kind of thing, if anything else too, a lot of people may not be super into it, but it's a huge spread of awareness 3 times a day we are leaving a footprint.

I do support this and think it's a good idea. But I do think we will be met with some kind of opposition. But I am in favor of this.

Meyers: I think it's a great idea. Obviously it will be met with opposition, but I think as long as we're still providing other sources of protein.

Hook: I think it would be a little bit of a process and we would have to look into this a little bit more before we pass anything or make a decision. I have met people who need meat in their diet for certain health reasons, so we would have to look into that more.

Mcgreavy: As someone who ate at Whitney, I don't have a lot of faith in their ability to provide protein to students. They are paying a lot of money for their meal plan.

Thering: I think this is a great idea. The only thing I thought of right away is the contract. Does it meet the contract that we have agreed upon with Chartwells?

Shock: I am for this idea. I think it's two-fold, if it's going to be done it has to be done right. Starting with the first Monday of the month and then maybe continue to go from there. I have roommates that are vegetarian, and people get actually offended when they talk about being a vegetarian.

Moralez: I don't know if it will cost more or less money, and if its more there will be people who are not happy at all. There needs to be a lot of advocacy and planning if this is going to happen.

McClain: I think it's also the way we frame it. Instead of saying we take away your meat, frame it like we're trying to get students to be healthier. Is there a way of getting campus wide feedback about this?

Fields: I think starting with the first day of the month would be a good idea, and maybe just starting with the Whitney dining center.

Wolfe: Is there anything else we can do to address the backlash?

Isenberger: I think one way to address this is to advertise it a lot beforehand. I think maybe instead of totally removing it, and maybe adding an incentive.



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Meyers: I think this would be a great idea to get creative when promoting it.

I agree that one of the best ways to ease the transition is to give a very early warning. Starting right now we can advertise about how it was being implemented in the spring.

Shock: I think with the nutrition advice, I remember way back when Whitney Center didn't have nutritional information on their food. I think people who are super hyper concerned about their macros, we should just educate them about how they can use this to lower their carbon footprint and live a healthier lifestyle:

Lichtfuss: Currently there is meatless sausage patties that are very good. I go to the rec a lot and that's how they get my proteins. They do have all of their macros posted on all of their meals.

Wong: One of the ways to kick off the promotion, we can look into information about how much this can reduce the carbon footprint.

Hinz: I think if we can bring those into Whitney that would be great. I think this is a great idea, and black beans are a great source of protein.

Lee: Just something to be aware of, that some people have allergies to beans and nuts which a lot of the times are alternatives to meat in these products.

Hook: If we do not keep a diverse option of proteins that could be a large problem. I think people need to know how to get their sources of protein when it comes to a vegetarian diet, including the workers. A lot of this will involve education. It can also help students show why this is who important.

Isenberger: Educating people on alternatives is great and I'm all for that. But I do not think it's a good idea to force a vegetarian ideology on everyone is unfair.

Yuengst: I think if we do this we should start it in the fall semester, because I think that will create less backlash.

### c. **Brothel Law:** Faith Fisher

Fisher: There are some stupid and unfair laws against women that there is a law in La Crosse that mandates there cannot be more than 5 unrelated females living together otherwise it's considered a Brothel.

Wiza: They went and tried to look for this specific area in the city ordinance, but my older sisters in my sorority couldn't find it.

Agterberg: Pretty much it's not just women, it's unrelated people living together in a house. That's the jest of it. They made it in regard to Greek Life on campus.

Shock: Just to clarify, it's not just women? (Agterberg: Yes) In the essence of it, I definitely think we should advocate to change for Greek life and to change it.



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Hinz: My roommates and I found out about this a few months ago. But I always thought it was just women, and I'm glad I could clarify that it's not.

Moralez: Current sororities and fraternities aren't really impacted by this, but I think it's difficult for new sororities to be made.

Yuengst: Do landlords get in trouble for this? If they don't report this?

Agterberg: Inspections of houses are done every 5 years. If a landlord gets mad at all if the student has someone living there illegally, then it becomes up to the landlord.

Thering: Given the culture in La Crosse, my guess is that this would be retaliated against the tenant.

Perkins: The long-term issue that Joe Gow was talking about is the fact that we have a housing shortage on campus and advocating for this would allow for more housing options for students.

Meyers: I think La Crosse has a lot of potential for growing. I think were best one of the bang for your buck schools there is. In my opinion, I think there is a handful of students that this law is probably for and the rest of us will be respectful about it.

## XV. Announcements

Shock: The new Police Chief is being sworn in next week. He seems very enthusiastic about working with student government.

## XVI.

## XVII. Adjournment