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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **October 2, 2019**

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

Vice President Nielsen: It is 6:06 I will now call this meeting to order. First up we have roll call. Everyone's number, like, lit up? Yes?

Moving on, so first we have the approval of the agenda and minutes. Are there any changes to the agenda? I'll bring it up. If not, I'll take a moment to approve. Moved by Avery, seconded by Wiz. All those in favor of approving the consent agenda say aye.

Vice President Nielsen: Okay moving on. We have a guest speaker. If you want to introduce yourself.

JUSTICE WEAVER: Okay yeah sure. Hi, I'm Justice Weaver I am the city council man for district five which would be this district. And, uh, going to do a little update for what happened over this summer in the city.

It was a relatively uneventful summer but I did a few things. And some minor things happened, so uh. I talked to some legislation and we are looking for one hundred percent renewable energy by 2050. It's not going to be, like, the actual process. More like goal setting to do so. But, I'm 21 now and we expect to be done by the time I'm like 53 so it's going to take some time.

Let's see uh, there was a study done in the marsh where, uh, so back in the early 1900's, there was a La Crosse Gun Club that used to do trap shooting over the marsh. There ended up being lead poisoning in there. So, we haven't decided what we're going to do about it but the clean-up is quite expensive. The cheaper version will take upwards of 50-100 years so, yeah, we're still debating what to do on that. You know, it's kind of... It's going to be a hard thing to do without the extra funding.

But, other than that there was a metropolitan sewer district that we oppose. The metropolitan sewer district would be like, so, La Crosse does a lot of the sewage things for the districts in the county. We take care of all their sewer work, they contract us out and we take care of it. And they kind of wanted us to join for one where we would have to pay for one for all of the municipalities in La Crosse County. And there's no reason for us to really pay for that since we have a sewer system already. Basically, it's something that every other municipality would use but that we don't really have a use for.

Let's see. Something involving this group... There's a resolution authorizing The La Crosse Historical and Cultural Museum planning task force to enter into a professional service contract with the UW-La Crosse Tours and Research Institute for the preparation of La Crosse Historical and Cultural Museum feasibility study. I'm not exactly sure what all that means but, if anybody is part of that group. I'm sure that study would be very helpful to that organization.

I'm sure the last thing all of you are wondering about is parking ramp. Like, the parking program. I regret to inform you that, the council doesn't have a lot of power when it comes to that. We



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gave it to the Parking Utility and the Board of Public Works. So I can't, I wrote some legislation on that to delay it a little bit, but, it still ended up go through. Anytime I say there's a problem with it, it's a pilot program so give it a year see how long it takes, it will be done somewhere around May or June next year.

THERING: When you said "we" gave it to the board of public works are you referring to the student council?

WEAVER: Before I was on there. It's kind of frowned upon to give that power to another group.

PRESIDENT AGTERBERG: I'm just wondering what other people on student council think of the pilot program and if there's any other feedback besides yours?

WEAVER: I was advocating, one the students didn't really want it. And there were some other students that wanted it, and like some homeowners wanted it, and I was like, why don't we do it there and they gave me the run around and they said this district was the one they want it in and over by Western Tech. But I mean, they don't talk about this stuff in council letters or anything like that. It just goes to public works. There wasn't a piece of legislation besides the one I wrote.

WOLFE: In terms of sewer system that was not put into effect, is that waste water still being disposed of properly?

WEAVER: Um, yes. We're working on water treatment right now. It's going to take some time. And it has been something we've been working on for a long time. We've actually been working on it for the last 10 years. There's going to be some new revisions coming in in the next, say five years.

WOLFE: Didn't the DNR lower the phosphorous levels?

WEAVER: Yep. The new phosphorous levels are making us make a few additions to the facilities we have and some improvements and some maintenance. Any other questions?? If you have any other question, my contact information is on the city website. You can email me or call me, if you really need to you can text me. I'm available on any day of the week. Alright, thanks.

General Student Body Open Forum:

NIELSEN: If any students in the back would like to speak. Okay, Officer reports.

Officer Reports

President: Sita Agterberg

Hey ya'll, so I had a meeting with Ingrid last Thursday and we talked about options for how we want to increase visibility. So, there's some national campaigns we can participate in. I have a list of them. For those of you who want to help, I'll forward you the information she gave me. It's a lot of different campaigns. We can really choose from the ones. In the past, the senate did "It's On Us." It didn't happen last year I believe. There was supposed to be a volleyball game but that didn't happen. This is something we can bring back this year. Also, we talked a lot about the process at UWL and how we can make that more transparent for people just so they know what's



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going on with that. It was a productive meeting overall. And I think we can definitely make some good strides on that front.

Second, the time on there is wrong. Catering changed it. The panel is from 12-2 on October fifth. That will be in Hall of Nations, it is mandatory but you get a free lunch! It is a taco bar, let me know if you have any questions.

Vice President: Dana Nielsen

Alright so, first of all. Does everyone know that there is a senator office? We just want to make sure that you can hold your office hours there. So that's in 2240 in the Cove, just right over there. So, you can hold your office hours there if you want. I know we passed around a list earlier where you could write down where you're going to hold yours, if you want to change them and you want to do them here instead just let me know.

Next week we have a guest speaker Lisa Klein, she is the community engagement coordinator. And then she posed this question to me so she just wants you all to kind of think about it. This is a large part of her role is, is getting students more involved. So, she wants us to think of ways that she could help do that. So just, think about that within the next week.

Parking information, so I had a meeting with Victor Hill who is the parking director on campus. After our discussion, we had last week.

First of all, regards to the issues on snow. There are shovels available in the residence halls. I didn't know that so make sure your constituents know that.

Also, with the top of the ramp, since it's concrete, the salt doesn't work very well and so that's why the lines tend to be covered a lot but they're looking into other ways that they can get the snow and ice removed. Calcium Chloride is one of those since it is less harmful to the concrete.

With the hourly pay that is kind of taking parking away from students that have passes, so where spots in the rec are getting super full and students who have commuter passes can't find spots. They thought about raising the fee for parking there from \$1 to \$1.50 but they decided not to do that since students will be paying more than they already do on campus. That's something they're looking into. Apparently there tends to be spots in the back so just tell your constituents to really drive around looking carefully.

We talked about the Convenience vs. Necessity, a hard thing to go about because describing what necessity is and how that is different for different people is kind of a hard thing to control. But they do audit passes to make sure that students living off campus aren't buying resident passes because that has been a problem. And also, convenience, like use, that's not really a problem with the pay by phone parking where everyone wants parking on campus. They don't care how far it is. Where before, a lot of students wouldn't park behind the stadium but ever since the pay by phone those spots are taken. So, it's a tricky situation but they're working on it and they're thinking about things.

There's supposedly a rumor that the pay by phone parking has a four-hour limit. Supposedly if



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you put in more money you can pay for over four hours but that's like very iffy. So, don't like, bet on it. But if you're in class, give it a shot if you're willing to risk it. So yeah, that's on parking

I need senators for AIDEC. If you're interested, let me know. There's only have like, two right now. The first meeting is Tuesday. What's AIDEC? Larry do you want to explain?

LARRY: Academic Initiative Allocation Committee. So, um, in 2002 UWL first went into the differential market and students said we want to pay for better academic advising, pay for better diversity programs, better recruiters who would recruit more of a diverse student population. Those were the first three tenants that the students had. In agreeing to have differential permission the university said to everybody that this is a budget that the students should control as much as possible. So, AIDEC is the funding group, everything that is funded out of this academic initiative fund. It has morphed and now it includes tutoring, library hours, violence prevention, campus climate, academic advising, international education, and so. So, it's about one million dollars. It's a really good group and I work with them very much. Sita was on it last year.

AGTERBERG: It's so much fun.

NIELSEN: I for sure need a senator from CASSH and SCIENCE AND HEALTH. The first one is Tuesday at 11:00 am but normally Tuesdays at 4:30

WIZA: I liked it, it was really interesting. It I gave me more knowledge from the University and I would give it a shot, especially if it fits in your schedule.

NIELSEN: Resolutions, if you haven't noticed. Our agenda is looking pretty short today. And it happens, like every once in a while, there's a bit of a lull. So, I would like to prevent this in the future. If we don't have resolutions on the agenda then it means we're not doing our jobs. If we want to go over how to write resolutions again, if that would be helpful to you all, otherwise reach out to your directors, if you have an idea and it seems like it's something that's within their field and if it seems like they can help you out. Write something, give you input. Point you in the right direction.

Also, continuing on resolutions. A reminder that although directors cannot debate on them, you can yield to them if you have a question in mind that you think they would have an answer.

Lastly, no electronics during the meetings.

Chief of Staff: Mark Moralez

I don't have much, I reached out to the deans, so for those that are representing colleges expect an email they haven't gotten back to me yet but uh, yeah look out for those.

I went to faculty senate last thursday and they brought in Ingrid to talk about the sexual misconduct case and sexual misconduct in general and how to go about that and surprisingly the faculty don't know all for the steps and they don't know the difference between mandatory reporters versus confidential people on campus. So that was an informative session.



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Joe Gow was there, they kind of asked him if he had any sort of commitment from him or administration to make changes to the process so something like this won't happen again and there wasn't a clear-cut answer. But I heard conversation is still being had right now.

Provost Morgan came in and they're trying to bring in a new computer engineering program specifically catered toward cybers security. So that's exciting. There is a Board of Regents hearing for it on Oct. 10th that Provost Morgan and some other people are going to try to get that figured out so I will keep you updated on that.

State Affairs Director: Alex Becker

I have no report this week, I'm just working on that lobbying workshop.

Local Affairs Director: Bennett Thering

So, this could fit into announcements, but I want to say it here.

We have an off-campus housing fair, Oct 8th. Please write this down. Talk to as many people you think you can who would like to live off campus next year. We are getting a ton of people, a bunch of local landlords in. They're kind of showcasing their properties. You can talk to them about pricing, pretty much anything like that. So um, October 8, room 2120 of the U starts at 10. Goes from 10-2.

Inclusivity Director: Faith Fisher

No report.

Public Relations Director: Olivia Ahnen

So, I don't have much, but we now have a twitter account. The handle is @UWLAX_SA. Because unfortunately our Facebook and Instagram handles were already taken. So just, give it a follow and encourage your constituents to follow as well.

Sustainability Director: Sam Wolfe

For next week, I would like to have a plastic bag recycling competition for the senators and directors I think it would be really fun. So, kind of what it is, is a promotion for TECKS so I have an idea to help get all of you to help contribute to this recycling program, like your constituents. So, I'll split you all up into teams. What's easier, Facebook or email? I'll send it to you on email. I'll split you into groups and teams. And the idea is that you'll bring your plastic bags, ask your roommates or friends or other organizations that you go to weekly. Ask them. Whoever brings the most plastic in will get a reusable bag and a succulent. Each person on that team. So, there are prizes on the line. If you have any questions, I'll post what qualifies. So you guys can know that and encourage other people to recycle their bags as well.

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Don't have a lot, just wanted to let you know who the alumni panel members are. We have four individuals. Doni Maroney that was the first female woman of color that was President at UWL. Michael Franklin who created diversity seats within the senate. Tracy Littlejohn who served in 2008 or something. And then, Adam Mueller local individual who runs a photography business downtown and was the President for 2 years and Vice President 1 year.

NIELSEN: Are there any committee's that met this week that would like to report?

FIELDS: Um, so today actually the Academic Program Review Committee met, and we were just having some of our first reads for some of the majors & minors, because every seven years they have to be reviewed to see if they're doing well and what they can fix and today specifically we went over the nutrition minor and the international studies minor

WOLFE: The Green Fund ad Hoc committee met on Friday at 4:15 pm if anybody was wondering. It was a good meeting, we all just introduced ourselves and got started talking about ideas of what kind of things we can do and discussed bylaws. So just kind of laying the bylaws for the semester. That kind of thing.

NEADER: Student Services and Buildings committee had our first meeting. We really just did introductions and talked about what we're going to do this year. One thing we're talking about is meatless Mondays, that's something we're really focusing on. And we elected the president, which will be me.

NIELSEN: Any more committee's that met? Seeing none. Any orgs that met that would like to report tonight? Did no orgs meet in the last week? Okay, moving on.

Unfinished business, we have no unfinished business.

New business, we have no new business.

So, I sent you all this document, there has been a push by some students on campus and the joint committee for environmental sustainability to get a sustainability coordinator. We actually discussed this in senate last year a little bit and we just had some concerns at the time where, for one thing one of the jobs would be to oversee The Green Fund and we already have Green fund coordinators who do that work, also students aren't using the Green Fund so there's not really anything to be seen.

Also, our director Sam Wolfe takes on a lot of the roles that are listed in here. So, they are just looking for some feedback for us to talk about it some more. There was a petition last year and 25% of the student body apparently signed it to get a sustainability coordinator. A huge discussion we had on this last year was a way to fund this.

We were thinking of using funds from the Green Fund to pay for this position but we decided that's totally against the Green Fund bylaws, that's not what they money is meant for, so we're not going to pursue that. So as far as I'm aware the only other route is traditional funding through tuition and state funds which are pretty tight so, yep. Just your opinions on what you think about



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having a sustainability coordinator, if you want me to scroll down to a specific part at all let me know and I can do that. Just looking for any feedback that I can provide to the Students.

WOLFE: Just to add with the position, our student organization and senate both officially endorse that petition to put budgetary consideration into hiring a sustainability coordinator.

SCHOCK: So, just talking out loud, or thinking out loud rather, with funding it. So, I know one of the things we talked about was funding it from student funds which I know we aren't going to do, but along with that do we need to take into consideration benefits and paying for health insurance and stuff that comes with hiring somebody.

WOLFE: I believe that number was figured out and was in this proposal somewhere, but it was about 140 something dollars that this estimate was so it's a good chunk of money and as far as budget considerations we also... A full-time person would be ideal, but a part time person would be cheaper and maybe more realistic for starting out this position.

So, the main questions that lie are how do we fund this person and where do they fit into the University as far as their role. This document has different rules like in facilities and maintenance and other areas of the University and that would strongly affect their role in the University as well.

LICHTFUSS: Yeah, I mean I remember, us agreeing with it last year and passing it forward. I guess, I said we a couple of times I was wondering what happened with that after we sent that forward as well as faculty sent its thing going forward. Where did it stop? I yield to whoever has that answer.

NIELSEN: I think to my recollection it went to administration, Joe Gow specifically and it's kind of just halted at the administrative level because finding funding is hard.

SITA: To go off of that too, Joe really wanted it to be out of the green fund because he thought that was a possibility. That's really just a dangerous road to go on because that is allocable fees and funding positions out of that isn't the best idea. So I know that was his big thing about it, he wants one and we don't necessarily have the funding which would be the problem here.

SCHOCK: I'm just going to talk again because no one else is. Would there be a situation where we could maybe like take an already existing position and kind of start putting sustainability coordinator job roles along with it? Or kind of split up responsibility for somebody so that they could take it on? I don't know if anyone knows of any positions that exist off the top of their heads, but maybe that could be an idea. If we want to at least get this started. I yield.

WOLFE: Dan's Sweetman already has a position this position description is 5% sustainability in



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he said the facilities and maintenance area. So there was discussion that there could potentially be a job shift for him to more sustainability, but then we have to put those facilities and maintenance duties onto somebody else, and then that raises a question of whether we have to hire a new person for that. And from what I have heard that he is really interested in taking on those extra responsibilities at this point too. I think he's happy where he is and doesn't want to change his job description. So, that's the one avenue that we have explored as far as shifting someone's position at this point.

GOODROW: So I am in JCES and Joe Gow will be coming in sometime in the future to... and I know that specifically we're going to be wanting to talk to him about this. We have a few things that we are going to be talking about specifically, but if anybody has any proposals that we could talk to him about in terms of this you can let me know and then I will talk to the rest of the committee about it. I yield.

NEADER: Question out loud, I don't know if this is in there or if I just missed it but, for instance if was a part-time position, who would be there supervisor? Who would be over seeing them? I know if it was a full-time position, I know it would be more, I don't know how to say it. But, I guess that's my main question, who would be there direct supervisor and who would be over seeing their work?

NIELSEN: There's nothing in here about part-time, but on the bottom of each position description it has who they would report to, but there's no specifics on part-time.

NEADER: I guess that was just my main question. I do like the idea of maybe starting out with a part-time position if we're not sure how, it may be easier with funding and that kind of stuff. But the general logistics will be interesting to see. That's all I have.

NIELSEN: Anyone else on the speakers list? Senators?

GOODROW: I think the biggest thing is we really need there to be a need for it. For a sustainability coordinator. We need ideas on what the sustainability coordinator would in order to convince do to let the administration know that it is something that we need.

NIELSEN: That's a good point. Does anyone have any ideas as to what, we've talked a lot about getting more promotion out there about the Green Fund. Does anyone have any ideas to promote sustainability?

SCHOCK: I know Western Tech has a Sustainability Coordinator, would it be in the realm of possibility that we invite them here so they can tell us about their job position and what their responsibilities so we can have a better view of what can be done with the position here? Just an idea.

SITA: Just another thought to keep in mind is where the Sustainability Coordinator would fit in within the University. There's a lot of different places they could be. That's just something to



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think about.

MEYERS: I don't know anything about anything in this case, but what if we made this role partially an opportunity for grad students. I know we have a lot of science grad students here Um, one way or another it could be a research opportunity or internship opportunity or part time job opportunity.

LICHTFUSS: I really liked Senator Schock's idea of current bringing in Western Tech's Coordinator. I just wanted to voice that to make sure it actually is written down. I just wanted to make sure of that.

SENATOR: I think what Senator Meyer's said could be really useful because I know a lot of grad students participate in practicum's where they get lower pay, so maybe that would be able to fit into some kind of budget, but then we would have to find an office or a group of advisors to piece that together. I thought it was clever.

NIELSEN: Any further discussion on this? If not, we can close discussion on this. I will be sure to email Ben back with all of these and I'm sure he'll really appreciate it.

So, moving on next is announcements. Any announcements that anyone would like to make?

THERING: Hi everyone. So, on Oct. 8 there's an off-campus housing fair in room 2120 in the Student Union from 10-2. Also, Larry I have a quick question. If I want to change the email address on the website, do I email university senators? I – we can do this afterwards.

But, please tell your constituents who are looking for off campus housing next year. Thanks.

LEE: HOPE will be having building our future even on Oct. 7 which is a Monday, from 6-8.

NIELSEN: I have a couple announcements, one if you haven't noticed, we finally have a secretary, this is Becca, we're really happy to have her.

Make sure to think of questions to ask, write them down honestly. Bring a list. I'll check if you have a list. I'm going to actually. So, bring in questions and we have nothing to say.

SITA: Take a minute to write down two questions for the panel. You know a little background for each of the people coming in.

NIELSEN: Turn those in before you head out or something.

Any other announcements tonight?

Seeing none I can take a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Shaw.



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Seconded by Wiza.

All those in favor, say aye.

Thank you everyone.