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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **November 6, 2019**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:05
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - c. **APPROVED**
- IV. Guest Speakers
 - a. Photos by Sara
 - b. Name Game by VP Nielsen
- V. General Student Body Open Forum
 - a. None
- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. President: **Sita Agterberg**
 - i. Student Representatives is this weekend
 - b. Vice President: **Dana Nielsen**
 - i. November is Native American Heritage Month
 - ii. Office Hours
 - c. Chief of Staff: **Mark Moralez**
 - i. Science and Health senators, your meeting is set up so look for that email
 - d. State Affairs Director: **Alex Becker**
 - i. We are lobbying in Madison on Thursday November 21st
 - ii. Sign up on the sheet
 - e. Local Affairs Director: **Bennett Thering**
 - i. I just talked to President Agterberg, we want to figure out, the lease period in La Crosse is really early. We want to put some force on them to make it a little later or at least figure out why. Some of them said that's just the market.
 - f. Inclusivity Director: **Faith Fisher**
 - i. Newsletter – They are going to put my information in the newsletter.
 - ii. Womens fund – We are going to find out if they are willing to participate and maybe donate.
 - iii. Women of Color Collective
 - g. Public Relations Director: **Olivia Ahnen**
 - i. S'mores with the senators went well
 - ii. Tabling calendar coming soon – We will be doing biweekly tabling in Whitney and the Student Union. If you didn't get on the list for your preferred day of the week, contact me.
 - iii. Times 11:00 – 3:00 would probably be the most optimal.
 - h. Sustainability Director: **Samantha Wolfe**
 - i. No Report
- VII. Advisor Reports



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- a. Last week on Friday, UWL had its first diagnosis of a student with meningitis. We're okay until there's two reports. We're not thinking it's spreading; the individual was in the hospital in Madison. Just know the symptoms.
 - b. I like to share something really great, and officially we can't say anything until November 12th, but we received the Gold Star for Voter registration. Next week there will be a film crew coming in to film some voter registration and maybe some Senate Meeting stuff. People are looking at us and saying we're doing a good job.
- VIII. Committee Reports
- a. Fiegel: JPB met, we're still trying to figure out our one million dollar deficit that we've found. We don't want to lose ten teachers and staff.
 - b. Neader: SSB met and we talked about the budget, that's it. We had reps from different groups come in and then we'll formally address it next week.
 - c. Evans: JMAC met last week and we had a joint meeting with the SEI committee and we talked about Bias within the SEI's. Faculty women of color are usually lowest rated so we'll be looking into that.
 - d. Wolfe: Green Fund Ad Hoc met and we talked about mini grants.
 - e. Thering: SUFAC met and next week we are hearing budgets. Everyone who we fund will be doing a little presentation. There is also rumor of a lot of big green fund grants so we're excited for that. I almost forgot, last week SUFAC also passed, we opened up a speaker fund. We will be offering organizations, collaborating or not to bring speaker's to campus. There will be a soft cap of \$15,000.
 - f. Ott: SEI committee met and we got our recommendations almost finalized. We're planning to put together a presentation from the rest of
- IX. Organizational Reports
- a. Evans: Mark already said what I had to say, but 3 v. 3 is on Friday from 5-8. It costs \$1 to watch. It is confirmed that BSU can go to NBSU in Illinois so that's really fun, it's happening the weekend before Thanksgiving.
 - b. McReavy: I have some follow up on the menstrual product issue. I've been trying to get menstrual products in the all-gender restrooms.
 - c. Jaume: ALANA is having a menstrual product drive the 11th through the 15th. The collection boxes will be in the rec and the COVE, they will be donated to Ophelia's House and hopefully 7 Rivers and New Horizon's.
 - d. Erickson: SFS met yesterday, we had a clothing swap. We talked about dumpster diversion. The point of that is to try and lower the amount of stuff that is thrown away in the year. We talked to Habitat for Humanity and how they can take some stuff like futons. We talked about a sustainability event at the Children's Center.
- X. Unfinished Business
- a. SA1920-021: **Resolution Endorsing the Reaching Higher for Higher Ed Bill Package**
 - i. Becker: Bill package introduced, it creates a blue-ribbon commission, offsets some of the tuition freeze, and it does other things. Now you vote on it.
 1. Discussion:
Yuengst: Can we add a hyphen between UW and System?
Wiza: Call to question.



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Hook: Seconded.

PASSED

b. SA1920-022: **Resolution to Support S.2557 Student Aid Improvement Act of 2019**

- i. Becker: This is the federal law I introduced last week. It's bipartisan. It does a lot of things but mainly simplifies the FAFSA and they would create a new income base for payment plan. It would allocate \$250 million a year for historically black colleges.

1. Discussion:

Yuengst: I yield to President Agterberg.

Agterberg: I'm not the biggest fan of it saying, "Among other things." I'm open to suggestions. Or just get rid of it.

Becker: Taken as a friendly.

Wiza: Call to question.

Wong: Seconded.

PASSED

XI. New Business

a. SA1920-023: **Resolution to Remove and Replace the School of Arts and Communications Senate Seat**

- i. Nielsen: This is a temporary solution. For those who don't know, CASSH used to be College of Liberal Studies. Last year we had everything reworked. We wrote this with how colleges used to be set up. We currently had a Communication and Art's seat, but that seat doesn't exist. For the remainder of this year, it would become a seat for School of Visual and Performing Arts. Then create something more permanent.
- ii. Neader: I think then we would look for a School of Visual and Performing Arts Senator.

1. Discussion:

Lichtfuss: In the first whereas, is the quote supposed to be inside the semi-colon.

McReavy: Is the semi-colon in the original wording? Then no.

Lichtfuss: I'm pretty sure it's fine? But do we have to say the whole title or can we just say University?

McReavy: I have a few grammar things, in the first whereas, should Student Senate be Student Association? Okay. In the first whereas, is it Communication or Communications?

Neader: It's communication.

McReavy: Okay there's a couple where you have it as Communications. One last thing I noticed, in the first whereas, it should be school of not just school. It should be replaced.

Fiegel: I guess this is a question for Senator Neader. Is there a reason you are giving up your seat for next semester? Or would you rather fill it?



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Neader: I guess it's if someone wants to fill it. It's harder to represent people in a college I'm not in. In theory I'd apply for an at-large seat, so I'd still be here.

Nielsen: My thought is that at the very least, you have the seat now and if you left that would be unfortunate.

Fiegel: My take on it is that Senator Neader should fill out the seat until next elections as he was elective. I want to make an amendment. I guess so it keeps, 'be awarded this seat'.

Discussion:

Neader: I guess it doesn't hurt to leave that out so then we can figure it out as we go. At semester we usually ask people who are interested to fill out. If nobody takes it, then it would allow me to still hold it.

Lichtfuss: I don't know what the logistics are of transferring, but if we did want to make a more formal resolution. We should keep be awarded this seat with a time in there.

Nielsen: My thought on removing this portion is that as Senator Neader pointed out, obviously it would be easier for a student in that college to fill it out. It still implies that Cameron will hold that Seat for as long. Then we would go through a process of having Cameron resign.

Lichtfuss: When you put it that way, yeah it makes sense. You're not completely separated. I'm in a similar situation. It's possible, ideally, you're in the same college but you don't need to be.

Schock: In regards to the highlighted portion, this gets into a logistics thing. I want to put it out there. If he feels comfortable I think Senator Neader is a really good Senator. As long as he is comfortable I think he should hold his spot.

McReavy: Is there anything in our bylaws about this type of situation.

Nielsen: Not necessarily.

Agterberg: The bylaws are very much broken up so it's proportional to students in that college. Because the structure and breakdown is different.

McReavy: Since we don't have specific language, he was elected by a group of students within the population of students we are trying to represent.



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Lichtfuss: I was just wondering if we delete the section and pass it through as is, does that not allow us to change things at semester? Does this lock us in for the year?

Neader: Are we voting on that portion? Or can I amend what you just said? I want to amend to fill the seat for the remainder of the semester.

Lichtfuss: Call to question.

Yuengst: Seconded.

PASSED

McReavy: I think it should be school of visual instead of just school visual.

Cayo: Since Senator Neader will be holding the seat for the rest of the semester, what happens if no one runs?

Nielsen: I'll have more information with how to move forward,

Yuengst: The further in the last whereas is spelled wrong.

Neader: Since this is a temporary solution anyways, would we want to suspend the two week rule on this? No? Ok.

Schock: Move to end discussion.

Cayo: Seconded.

b. SA1920-024: **Resolution Recommending an Inclusivity Statement for Faculty Senate**

- i. McReavy: This is very similar to ours, some language changes have to happen. But this is encouraging them to adapt some very similar bylaws. In the first therefore be it resolved change from mandated to encourage. In the third therefore be it resolved change to recommends.

1. Discussion:

Packard: Looking through, I can't remember exactly what was included in ours, as far as defining marginalized identities. This concern comes from my background in Archeology. Part of our final exam is put in place to put people who want to do things that don't relate to archeology. As far as this goes, there are a lot of ways to identify marginalized identities.

Fiegel: As far as that definition we could change it from marginalized identities.

Cayo: I would like to point out that before we say marginalized identities, we list a lot of identities. I'm in favor of the current language because we aren't excluding anyone. Also, to change it we'd have to write a whole new resolution. Marginalized identities includes all those identities and anyone else who wasn't included here.



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Lichtfuss: My point is we have it in our bylaws already. It's a lot more work.

Packard: I just crossed that package.

Fiegel: While I do think faculty senate should have a statement, we just fixed making them do it into a recommendation that's strong arming them into doing it.

McReavy: The reason is because we can't tell them what to put. The reason it was mandated is because I literally just copy and pasted it. The intention is to just recommend.

Schock: Move to end discussion.

Fiegel: Seconded.

Two Nay: Yuengst, Fields

XII. Discussion

a. Dream Funds: **K.C. Cayo**

Cayo: In SUFAC this week, we were discussing what to do with the money from a group on campus called DREAM. They have dissolved as a body. Now we have \$4,030 to figure out what to do with. We could put it in the speaker fund, or to the bodies within SUFAC. We just want ideas with what to do. If we do reallocate them, but then DREAM came back, getting money back is super tricky.

Moralex: I just got an email from the access center. They are trying to revamp dream. I think if we just work it into the other orgs that may be best.

Schock: Last thing that the Student Orgs decided, was to allow these two faculty individuals to try to revamp it.

Agterberg: Based on what Mark and Dylan said, putting it in the reserves might be best. They have a seat on senate that isn't being filled and that's going to DOC so they're finding a new diversity seat that will be filled.

Dr. Larry: I do not believe that DREAM was ever funded but programs for otherly abled individuals is what that money was needed for. So I look at that and wonder if that is something that we don't want to fund? Do we want to keep funding this?

Cayo: I think the funding was called ability awareness but it was almost entirely taken by DREAM. It is ability awareness funding and the way it ended up panning out was that DREAM was almost entirely in charge of their funding.

Thering: I don't think this money could go to nonallocable thing, only allocable things like sports clubs or CAB or the Racquet, with that said, my preference is that if DREAM or a otherly abled body group comes to campus, would they have money this year? Right now, this money is allocated to them and there's no one to spend it. My preference would be to put it in the speaker fund because that's a one year thing. Our reserves are extremely high which is why we opened up the speaker fund to begin with.



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Agterberg: Would it be possible for DOC to put something on with this money?

Cayo: We just want a plan in place.

Neader: If that money could be spent somehow toward ability awareness. I don't know what the protocol would be, but if that's possible that would be the best use of that money.

Cayo: I'm on DOC so I can bring that up when we meet.

Moralez: That would have to be some sort of special event fund. Not necessarily allocated to DOC.

Agterberg: It's already in there as a line item for that.

Moralez: Is DOC allowed to apply for money? They're not really an organization.

Dr. Larry: It has to have a lot more discussion.

Thering: I think there's a possibility of rubberstamping this money to an account, that is only for ability awareness but it must be spent by someone funded by SUFAC and in that allocable group.

Agterberg: Seeing as DOC is a committee that is technically of SA and Senate, could it be something SA funds and DOC puts together?

Thering: Probably? It sounds like it could happen.

McReavy: SUFAC needs to talk about this more. These funds are their own thing, they're not housed under the rest of the multicultural orgs, they're their own fund. I'm not sure whether we're allowed to do this or not.

Nielsen: Can I get some clarification, next to the amount what name is it by?

Thering: This is from Jason the finance guy. I haven't seen the budget or a name.

Agterberg: I'm curious so it's budgeted as Ability Awareness and the ... is Andrew Oliver.

Lichtfuss: Move to end discussion.

b. Swipe Out Hunger: **Nate Perkins**

Perkins: In one of my classes this semester we are covering food insecurity and how it impacts students too. This seems like something we could get involved in. Swipe out hunger gives out unused swipes like Mondos or Chars. I don't know if it would cost money or what to partner with them. I found that the University of Vermont also has unlimited and people can donate guest swipes.

Agterberg: Would this be something where we donate guest swipes if we don't use them? Yes? Okay.

Yuengst: Is it a signup thing? How do you determine?

Perkins: Every university does it differently.

Yuengst: I've had unused swipes before so it would be nice if it went to somebody.

Dr. Larry: Wonderful idea, we've been talking about this. Business office says we cannot accept donated meals. The only place that has figured it out



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is Green Bay. There's precedent. I'm curious about this group and everything. I'd be happy to work with whoever.

McReavy: Would a student position help sway the decision?

Dr. Larry: Probably not.

Neader: Question to Perkins, would it be automatically? Or would I go on some website?

Perkins: You have to voluntarily give your swipes. I think they automatically roll over.

Neader: I think it's a great idea, especially since the overhead cost may be increased but that would be my only idea.

Cayo: I support this in theory. In practice, how many schools have implemented this?

Perkins: It's kind of taking the nation by storm.

Moralez: If it's not block or swipe, I know there's maroon dollars, if there's a left over amount of money at the end of the year it could get donated to the food pantry or something. That's not a donation to a certain group.

McReavy: Everyone could donate whatever they have leftover there could be a free meal or a series of free meals which isn't as great but it's something.

Neader: I like the idea of maroon dollars. I would've rather donated that money than just used it.

Lichtfuss: I'm curious what that current situation is for where that money goes but it would have to be a resolution but finding out the hard-core logistics would be nice.

Agterberg: Do you budget anything with that money? What happens to it?

Dr. Larry: It goes to the dining services to keep the costs lower.

XIII. Announcements

- a. Nielsen: I'm sending out a survey by Friday, please take it. I want to do a focus group next week.
- b. Jaume: ALANA menstrual product drive is the 11th - 15th. Any menstrual products like pads or tampons will be accepted.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Wiza
- b. Yuengst.