



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Student Senate Agenda**

Date: **November 13, 2019**

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:04
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Swearing in Senator Toland Matos
- III. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Agenda
    - i. Approved
  - b. Approval of Minutes
    - i. Approved
- IV. Guest Speakers
  - a. **Regent Woodmansee**

My name is Olivia Woodmansee, I use she/her/hers pronouns. I'm currently a student here, majoring in mathematics and English. I also serve on the Board of Regents. As I began my term I realized nobody knows what the Board of Regents does. It's really important, you can make a bigger impact. You represent the UWL system and the UW system as a whole, just as I do. You make changes as well.

Three main entities, first is UW System. Thirteen four year institutions and thirteen two year institutions. There are the Board of Regents. 18 member body. 16 appointed by Governor, two students. One traditional and one non-traditional. I am the traditional student. Legislature and how they enact bills. We are here due to Chapter 36 of the Wisconsin State Statute. We are political, we can't avoid politics. 36.0.1.1 Public interest in the state of Wisconsin. The public wants higher education. We have a UW System mission. 36.07(1) Establishes the Board of Regents. 36.0.9(5) describes how the students of each institution advise the Chancellor. It says subject to the responsibilities and powers of the Board.

This describes the policies that govern the system. There are overarching branches. Right here, at the center, is where you are. We are all mandated by federal legislative rules. After this comes Wisconsin state statutes and Administrative code. Right underneath that is Board of Regent Policy documents. Then there's system administrative policies and procedures. Then there's system institutional policies and procedures and handbooks, which is more specific for each campus. Then finally the UW system administration.



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First we're looking at UW system administration. This is UW-La Crosse's channel. At the top is the Board of Regents. Right under that is the President of the UW Systems. Right under system administration is office of the Chancellor. They work for collaboration across campuses. We're UWL but also UWL in the University of Wisconsin System. If there's a policy or program you enjoy at UW-Platteville, you could possibly make that work here. There's a President and a vice-President, much like how we're set up. Here are some offices in System. Now we've switched from D2L to Canvas. That was a system wide thing. Navigate/EAB is replacing WINGS and that's also a system wide thing. The 2020FWD is a strategic plan for the whole system.

This is President Ray Cross as of now, he just announced his retirement a couple weeks ago. As President he sets the UW System administration. Any board policy or system policy, the President is aware of that. President Cross not only visits the campuses once a semester but also lobby in Madison for education. He has the full executive responsibility for the operation and management of the UW System.

The Board of Regents is subject to establish the mission statement, determine the educational programs to be offered in the system and may discontinue educational programs, appoint a president of the system, and a chancellor for each institution. They allocate funds and adopt budgets for the respective institutions. They possess all power necessary or convenient for the operation for the system. There's five committees: Education, business and finance, capital planning and budget, research, economic development and innovation and the audit committee. The State of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin System is one of the most important connections in this State.

There's some things I really want you to take away. Think bigger than just UWL, think about what you want to see changed. What's something you think another institution should implement? Realize Student Government can make a difference. Give opinions and focus on state priorities for institutions. What I want to get across is that the Board and UW System Administration aren't constantly lobbying, that's where you all come in. That's, hopefully what I want you all to take away. Jeff Buhrandt is the state relations. I called him last week and he said he would love to see that. His email is JBuhrandt@UWSA.edu. owoodmansee@UWSA.edu.

Questions:

Wolfe: A 1-23 return on your dollars, does that happen a lot?

Why does the state not put more money into us?



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Woodmansee: He said a lot of people love their institution but hate the system. Some people look at UW Systems and think Parkside might be doing a great job. Speaking to legislatures who don't have universities in their district is super helpful. System also is the number one employer of the state.

Schock: You jogged my memory when you talked about the audits of personnel. Is the audit of Chancellor Gow over or is that still in progress? Is there any update, I guess is what I'm asking.

Woodmansee: I'm pretty sure it was an audit of the discretionary fund. It takes a while so I don't think it's done yet but I can look into that for you.

## V. General Student Body Open Forum

## VI. Officer Reports

### a. President: **Sita Agterberg**

#### i. Student Reps met

##### 1. Pronoun Project

#### ii. UW System President

##### 1. 2 parts

a. No faculty, only a non-traditional student reps

b. If the committee is not changed, I want to make a list of what we want to see.

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

#### i. Chancellor's Open Forum

##### 1. 3:30 p.m. Cleary Center Thursday night

#### ii. Elect Her

1. It's a one day workshop to encourage and motivate women to take on leadership roles.

### c. Chief of Staff: **Mark Morales**

#### i. **No Report**

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

#### i. Lobbying date: Thursday, November 21st

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

#### i. City of La Crosse passed their operate budget.

#### ii. Today I met with some faculty members, one is Lisa Klein.

1. We engaged in a dialogue about problems with renters and tenants. If you have any great or horror stories let us know through email.

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



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- i. I want to talk about hate and bias. There have been 140 hate and bias reports this semester. You can report hate and bias.
- ii. Hate and bias is if you feel like someone is being hateful towards you, this has increased a lot throughout these last years.

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

i. Tonight

1. Always going to be a Thursday in the U from 11:00-2:00
2. 5-6 people scheduled to a day, don't all have to be there at one time
3. Email if you have any complications.

h. Sustainability Director: **Samantha Wolfe**

- i. Large grants were submitted for Green Fund

## VII. Advisor Reports

- a. We got an award. We received the Gold Seal from the All In Democracy Challenge for getting students out to vote for midterm elections. Big ceremony in DC, some of our former people who have been at UWL. Maybe we should have considered going too. It was a great way to show how engaged our students are. We should be really proud of this. Another piece to this is creating a plan for the next election, I know I'm going to need a lot of help from people on that.

## VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Thering: SUFAC met and we heard the rest of the budget requests. We finalized that, again, organizations from SUFAC will receive an email about the speaker fund. Orgs can request a speaker and then pick from the requests. It might help to share, or maybe there won't be that many requests in general. We're trying to be a little fiscally responsible and spend that money. The due date for those is the Friday after Thanksgiving.
- b. Neader: SSB met on Monday. We went over all four budgets. We unanimously approve all of those then I presented those at SUFAC. Some fun facts we found, in the sports general, overall collects \$40,000 dollars from dues. There are 24 clubs and about 600 active members. For post season travel, students raise over \$22,000. We set a meeting so not this Monday but the Monday after we will be talking about Meatless Monday. Please forward any thoughts or concerns to me.
- c. Schock: Student Orgs met and we heard speeches for Winter Commencement. We decided on Courtland Kelly.
- d. Wolfe: Green Fund Ad Hoc met with Dr. Larry Friday. We are talking about next steps, and how to get things through. Those large grants are going through JCS right now and then sent to SUFAC.



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- e. **McLain:** Undergraduate Research and Creativity met. Dylan and I are meeting with the director of the committee to go over our resolution about research.

## IX. Organizational Reports

- a. **Ericson:** Over the past week or so SFS met and tabled and collected over 400 signatures in support of Meatless Monday. We also talked about our
- b. **McReavy:** November 20th from 11 am - 2 pm we will be tabling for Transgender Day of Remembrance. We also hold a queer movie night. After that showing we will be heading to the clocktower after that for a moment of silence. On December 2nd, there will be HIV/AIDS testing.
- c. **Evans:** The 3v3 went really well. The Senate team lost. It went really really well. Next week is NBSU.

## X. Unfinished Business

- a. **SA1920-023: Resolution to Remove and Replace the School of Arts and Communications Senate Seat**
  - i. **Neader:** Can I move to table this resolution?
  - ii. **Nielsen:** We're meeting with Provost Morgan, and she is going to be helping us figure this out. It shouldn't be a temporary solution, it should be set in stone. We will be tabling this until November 28th. Can I get a second?

TABLED.

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

- i. **Cayo:** We were throwing around the idea of letting Faculty Senate to create their own diversity and inclusion statement. We could maybe change the language and then also include our statement and say they can use ours if they want.

### 1. Discussion:

**Myers:** I like that idea and it's a good opportunity for faculty senate to work together and think more about it and not just accept.

**Wiza:** I also agree with that idea. With that, do we want to amend that now? Or do we want to table it?

**Cayo:** We do have some language written, I just didn't want to change everything.

**Neader:** instead of including it in an email, but we could maybe encourage something similar to what we put in ours. Something like that so maybe we don't have to deal with sending a second email.



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Schock: I like that. Maybe something like keeping it uniform across the governing bodies. I yield.

Cayo: Can I amend my amendment?

ii. Cayo: Can we remove this red statement?

1. Discussion:

Stock: You highlighted the inclusivity statement.

Fiegel: Would we consider putting “such as” the following inclusion statement.

Nielsen: My concern is it reads the same.

McReavy: I want to read something for the Senate and get some feedback.

Stock: Where would that be passed? Would it be another whereas? Or in the therefore be it resolved?

McReavy: A whereas.

Move to remove the red portion.

APPROVED.

McReavy: I move to amend the document to make the inclusivity statement a whereas, the final whereas works. “Whereas UW-La Crosse Student Association offers the following diversity and inclusion statement, which is modeled after UW-La Crosse Student Association statement, as an option for adoption by Faculty Senate and offers collaboration on said statement or any other statement with its original authors.

Discussion:

Stock: As a friendly, can we take UW-La Crosse and make it University of Wisconsin – La Crosse?

Cayo: could we right it so it says as an option for Faculty Senate instead of an option for adoption which rhymes, and I hate?

Fields: I don’t know if this makes more sense, but could we change it from and to which?

Stock: Can we remove the comma and make it so instead of which it says that?

Packard: When it says, “an offer for faculty senate”, could we make it so it says “and furthers collaboration” as a friendly?

Mccord: I know we’ve been putting the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse Student senate and faculty senate, do we want to add that in the third line?

All those in favor of adding this highlighted portion?

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Cayo: Can we change it to “a” diversity statement?

Stock: In the next therefore be it resolved do the same thing.

Mclain: It says in the statement below, but there isn’t one so...

Lee: On the second whereas, can we add “and” at the end of the sentence?

Wiza: Call to question.

Seconded by Fiegel.

PASSES.

## XI. New Business

### a. SA1920-025: **Resolution in Opposition to UW System President Search and Screen Committee**

- i. Agterberg: I talked about this earlier. The search and screen procedure doesn’t have any faculty or staff and only one non-traditional student on it. It doesn’t really show the diversity of the UW System. Something we could add, is that people are opposing shared governance which is what we are as a body. Right now, there’s only one person of color on the committee, so I think we should change that.

Discussion:

Wiza: I’m yielding to Olivia or Sita, but what was the process for who is on this committee?

Agterberg: President Drew Pearson put it together, so he is the Board President. There is no specific makeup for the UW-System President committee, this is breaking precedent in that there are no faculty on it. As far as the process goes, the search and screen selects them and then there’s open forums and then then Board approves them.

Wiza: Does somebody have to approve this? How is that going to work?

Woodmansee: There’s talk about making this smaller instead of eighteen to twenty people. In regards to who can change it, that would be President Peterson. You would send this to the Board. The committee is right now who it is.

Schock: Would it be beneficial to have a further be it resolved instead of “this document will be sent to certain individuals” or? Somewhere after the third whereas, people are talking about the language for people of color. Whatever language would be most inclusive on it. I would maybe defer to someone else.

Discussion:

Agterberg: It could be something like, “Whereas



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there is a lack of representation...” I’m not sure here. “Of, diverse individuals.” And then maybe including people of color. It could be marginalized people instead of people of color.

Stock: Would it be possible to change it to “whereas there is a lack of diverse representation?” I feel like those “of’s” are a little confusing.

Ericson: “Whereas the current board doesn’t reflect the diversity of the UW-System.”

Jaume: We could add that it doesn’t represent the full, or something like that.

McReavy: We could add something about, “and does not speak for the entirety of the UW System.”

Schock: Maybe instead of cannot but “may have difficulty representing”

Packard: I was going to say “should” we could say “does not”.

Ericson: We could say therefore may have difficulty.

Stock: Can we get rid of the “in” after difficulty?

Neader: Call to question.

Fiegel: Seconded.

Cayo: In general, I’m in support of this. You shouldn’t have discussions regarding all of us without inviting everyone to the table. Agterberg can you talk about who is not in support of shared governance?

Agterberg: So a couple of things, her name is Regina Milner, she used to be the President of the Board of Regents. She spoke somewhat in favor of the UW-Steven's Points cut to the humanities and in general tried to limit shared governance. We used to have more shared governance. She was in favor of the free speech thing.

Cayo: Would a whereas be discussing how that is problematic?

Agterberg: We could talk about how shared governance means academic staff, faculty, and students are all about that.

McReavy: This breaks precedent on what the committee has done in the past, how would you feel about in the first whereas, change it to staff on the committee, which breaks precedent.

Discussion:

Stock: Call to question.

Neader: Seconded.

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Myers: How long has the committee been chosen now?

Woodmansee: Two weeks, so since the announcement of this retirement.

Myers: Was the only reason that the makeup of the committee was different just because of that legislation of the members? What is the likeliness of this change?

Woodmansee: I can't speak to that and I also can't speak to why the committee looks the way it does.

Goodreau: Would it be possible to change it to "the current search and screen committee does not reflect the value of shared governance" does that make sense?

Mclain: Would it sound better if we did "this does not reflect the University System and the value of shared governance"?

Neader: As a friendly, could we change the first "and" to "nor the" ?

Cayo: Are we interested in mentioning the members past history of not valuing shared governance?

Stock: So, are you talking about adding another whereas?

Cayo: Not necessarily, but we mentioned that potentially as its own whereas. I don't know how I feel about it.

Packard: That sounds like something we might add into the whereas that they don't reflect the diversity. The current makeup may be biased against.

Ozolins: I've been crunching the numbers with UW-System, something like 29% of students are non-white or non-traditionally white. So, I think if there's like, two of the nine members of the committee were other than normal that would account for balancing. Did I phrase that right?

Cayo: Are we suspending the two weeks rule?

Agterberg: We are not, because there are so many edits.

Stock: Would it be possible to get sent the copy of this? With the backside? Motion to end discussion.

Mclain: Seconded.

END DISCUSSION.

**b. SA1920-26: Resolution to Approve Use of REC for WVC Women's Volleyball Tournament**

- i. Neader: This is something we brought up in SSB committee. About once a year they have a volleyball tournament. We already approved one last semester for this semester. It is our duty on SSB to approve requests like this and it has to go through Student Association first.

1. Discussion:



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McLain: Is this something we need to suspend the two-week rule for?

Neader: I don't think we need to, but I think the sooner the better. I'd rather have this discussion first so if there's anything I need to ask I can.

McReavy: I think there's an extra space between the last whereas.

Paulson: So, most of the students that are using the student's most days. I would maybe email student's so they don't have to go to the rec and then go back the next day because it's being used.

Myers: I like volleyball, but I think in the Rec last year everything was opened and the main courts were all that were used.

Stock: It says in the document that only a portion of the rec would be used.

Neader: I know in the past years, it was more of a bracket so in the morning all the courts were used and it was more open later in the day.

Schock: Move to end discussion.

Fiegel: Seconded

MOVED

c. **SA1920-27: Resolution to Endorse the Joint Planning and Budget Executive Committee's Request to Create a Taskforce**

- i. Nielsen: Basically, there's a projected enrollment decline coming in the next five years. So, we created this task force to hopefully help UWL continue to thrive. We sent it to Joe Gow and he turned down the task force. He said if there was enough support for it, he would make it happen.

Discussion:

Cayo: Can you scroll down?

Schock: I've heard this before and I just realized I've never asked.

What is the reason for the enrollment cliff?

Nielsen: If I'm remembering correctly, when the recession happened... Olivia?

Woodmansee: So, there is a cliff coming. Enrollment is going to drop like a hot potato. Since 2010, enrollment has steadily declined from high school graduation rate. Usually people are popping out 4-5 babies but now it's 1-2 baby households. That enrollment cliff is happening now but that demographic cliff is going to just wipe it right off.

Cayo: Can I just ask why no more than ten?



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Nielsen: We had a lot of discussion about what the perfect number is and I didn't add this to the resolution, but the ideal number is eight because it is big enough to be productive but small enough not to be hectic.

Cayo: Do you have any specifications? Because I think it could be helpful to have a student of color on it.

Nielsen: I added in here that somebody from diversity and inclusion should be on here, but I don't know if it's going to be Chancellor Gow's decision.

Wiza: I support this idea. I think it's a great idea and I think we're going to really need it.

McReavy: I have another friendly, in the fourth and fifth whereas there should be "and"s.

Neader: I support this one. Is this something we want to suspend the two-week rule?

Nielsen: Yes please.

Neader: I move to end the two-week rule.

MOVED.

Woodmansee: I think an important member of this taskforce would be a non-traditional student.

Cayo: how long would this taskforce be active? For the next school year? For as long as the cliff continues?

Nielsen: We wanted a report by the end of the year, the hope is for this to continue as long as we need.

Stock: Motion to amend the document to include a non-traditional student?

Discussion:

McLain: It should say "Should be given seats."

Ott: How many students would be on this including the non traditional student?

Nielsen: We have room for two more. This is just a recommendation so whatever they want to do.

Fiegel: So, you all have heard me talk about our budget deficit. I think this would help a lot.

Stock: I don't know if I can do this, but there's something want to change up above. In the whereas where you talk about each organization can you bring up just one member for each so we know we're at ten?

Neader: Call to question.



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Mclain: Seconded.

MOVED

Myers: I would like to support this also. I am also on JPB and I've never seen so many frustrated adults in one room. Definitely we need a taskforce.

Packard: I'm not sure if this applies at all, but would there be any problems with an even number of members.

Nielsen: They won't be voting on decisions, but to suggest options.

Wiza: Call to question.

Mclain: Seconded.

APPROVED

## XII. Discussion

a. NONE

## XIII. Announcements

a. Nielsen: Chancellor Gow's forum is tomorrow.

b. Jaume: ALANA's menstrual product drive is still going on until the 15<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting in the REC and the pride center.

c. Mccord: We are partnering with Eau Claire collecting donated blankets so if you have some, contact me.

d. Woodmansee: I'm in charge of the Student Association website as well, so if you have any modifications send them to Dana and I'll work on it. If you want to know why it's UWL not UW-L talk to me.

## XIV. Adjournment