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Student Senate Agenda

Date: **December 4, 2019**

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - Ericson: Add Discussion about Bike Share program
 - Hansen: Seconded
 - APPROVED
 - Thering: Remove my discussion.
 - McClain: Seconded.
 - APPROVED
 - b. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Guest Speakers
 - a. **Dr. Kate Parker – Special Assistant to the Provost - SP**

Parker: I'm the associate professor of English. I am director of the institute for social justice. I am the advisor for Next Gen. And I am the special assistant to the provost. I have one more semester after this one. I am here to give you an update on strategic planning. SP took off in 2015. They developed the four pillars. I stepped on into the role in Dr. Delgado's last term. They asked me to stay on until May 2020. We're at a point now where Strategic Planning is moving into place. We don't have a strong sense of what that looks like. My job is to figure out what happens to the initiatives in May 2020 if there is no me. I watch all of the initiatives and make sure that whatever is happening in those is flowing well. What happens when you remove that? Well how do things stay accountable and who to? Any questions? What is a strategic professor? Why you? Those are all popular questions.

Since January 2019, we have been working on many things in the pillars. Our pillars are Community Engagement, Equity & Diversity, Transformational Education, and Investing in Our People. These are also the chairs of those pillars. These are the folks who are accountable for those pillars. You'll receive an email with the things that we have really been working on. The only other thing I point out is that we have all of this on our website. There're reports, updates, everything you need to know about Strategic Planning. Here is the future for Strategic Planning. Joint Planning and Budget (JBP) committee invited me here tonight, we have students who sit on this committee and in some ways is part of SP. We've been talking about what to do in May 2020 when I'm no longer in my position. The number one plan is to have someone like me continue in this role. Unless you have a faculty member who has a background in strategic planning, it's very difficult. I don't like this plan. We need experts in SP. I've made that very clear. Our second option is to make different use of Existing Positions and Offices. There are options, but this would take shuffling around. Just handing it over isn't going to work. I just mentioned this because Eau Claire has this, but a office of strategic planning. The goal of something like SP is trying to figure out budget cuts and financing, but our SP



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isn't robust enough. Considerations as we move into the implementation phase. Here's what I'm focused on, I'm trying to prioritize Focused Progress. That's those plans that are ongoing and already happening. That's a robust initiative. It has administrators in charge of it. I don't want to start something new in Spring 2020. Workload, I'm trying to think about each of these jobs has work-load implications. I try to think about how that may impact them. Am I dumping too much on one unit or person? Can I spread this out? Accountability. This is a big piece. Are people doing their jobs? Who's overseeing that progress? Celebration, that's my favorite. We've gotten a lot accomplished, let's not lose that. Growth, keeping track of what we're doing and passing it on to the next person so make sure it doesn't stop moving. Questions?

The structure right now has an advisory board, so it isn't that the head of the department is just making all the decisions. We could try to make sure we have students on all of these advisory boards. There's a counsel of people who help them. In some cases, like JPB we do have student reps already. We could explore adding more students to different committees. We can talk about making sure students are represented. My job in the next few months is to put all of what we've done and putting it into a final report. I need to describe what we're doing and how it's going and where we're headed to. Any concerns you may have in the report, but once it comes to your desk if you can actually review it that would be great. I will also be visiting departments and make sure that they're feeling okay with what we're doing. This is something that may not resonate with you but the center for advancing teaching and learning was in several pillars several times, so we have to have hard conversations and make sure it's sustainable. Questions?

Wolfe: You mentioned possibly having an office for SP, what is the feasibility of that actually happening especially with the enrollment cliff? Is it possible to spread it in other ways?

Parker: I don't think this is the best decision for us, but I can say that because I'm not making the decision. The plan I think would make the most sense is to have the office already take that responsibility on. This would require giving them additional support. Sustainability is not in our strategic plan, but that's not my job. In a year or two when someone wants to revamp it, that's when we advocate for sustainability.

Wolfe: How would you see sustainability fitting into that? Is it its own pillar?

Parker: It could be its own pillar, it was all built from the ground up. Some things will be tied to our mission. I think some are also missing. It would be adding it on or creating a pillar, like replacing. It could be woven throughout as goals. Personally, I think it's important enough that it should be its own pillar.

Wolfe: Can you foresee what will happen? Is it going to be a ground up revamp?

Parker: I can't foresee. I'm producing a final report and I'm producing a set of implementation plans so that these things are self-sustainable and I'm delivering that to the next phase and then they can decide if they want to continue on or if they want to start from the ground up. From this point, this was the year the plan was supposed to end. But we could also start over.

Agterberg: Do you foresee the SP continuing in the Fall of 2020 when you leave, or will it leave and then be reintroduced?

Parker: I think it will take a little longer than just a semester, it was quite a longer process. I don't know what process they will take. I could see us having a strong strategic direction. It will require our support for those four pillars.



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Agterberg: This has to do with the equity liaison. Does this not just make it one person, so that departments can just say “oh we have this one person we don’t have to worry about it.” How does that work?

Parker: What I will say, on the ground, that doesn’t seem to be what’s happening. Equity is every faculty member business. Equity liaison is involved in a lot, from bylaws to workshops. They do various things, right now we’re focused on providing more professional developments. Have you heard of the diversity certificates? There’s an equity liaison track within that. Those are the kinds of things that equity liaison’s do. It is not compensated. The equity liaison has found good ways to connect with their department and make sure they aren’t the diversity person or the only equity person. If you go to the website, it’s clear this is what they do, and this is what they don’t do. That’s their attempt at structuring that. The initiative is still building that momentum. At this point we only have one unit that doesn’t have one. So that’s pretty amazing. And the person just rotated out, it’s not that they don’t care they just rotated out.

Don’t hesitate to meet with me, I’m happy to meet with anyone. I hope that when we meet in the spring, we can have a much more sustaining conversation. That topic has sort of been tabled with cuts, the question now turns to what we are doing with SP in the future. I can always bring someone who is a bit more strategic with me as well.

V. General Student Body Open Forum

My name is Rachel Mayhack..? I am a sophomore. I am currently taking a course, CST 211 with Professor Boser. You are my agents of change. I think there’s something that needs specific change. I picked the problem of printer paper over usage. This impacts the university both financially and environmentally. I just figured this was a problem, the two problems I found the biggest were where money goes. Just in 2019, UWL bought \$242,000 worth of printer paper. That’s just one year. Also, anyone can access this website online. The latest report was from 2013. In 2013 UWL recycled 239 tons of paper and cardboard. That obviously is sent to the landfill. I believe that there are several sources of this problem. After doing all of my research, one major source of this problem is professors. I came to this conclusion after speaking with Nhouchee Yang who works on the fourth floor of Centennial, that the fourth floor printed over 10,000 piece of paper in just one month. I also found out that the admissions office prints about 45,000 letter heads each year from admissions to denials to everything. I think what would be the sustainable, reasonable, sensible solution would be to put a cap on how much departments and professors but not just specifically professors because that’s too narrow. Depending on a college they can print more, but just to put a cap. We could put a cap for what would be printed for each month or year. Just so, when you’re aware you start making steps. Doing this, this cap would serve as an incentive but it would also, if this is put in place, which is what I’m hoping to inspire, it would help UWL financially and environmentally. We recycle a ton, and it’s sent to landfills. There are no monetary costs to this solution, but it would actually be a fiscal reward because we’d be saving money. That’s all I’ve got and hopefully get some wheels turning.

Cayo: What’s the best way to reach out?

Schock: I think it’s a really good idea. I know there are certain classes that print off big bundles of paper. If these bundles weren’t being printed by the department then they would be for sale.



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Agterberg: Faculty doesn't like us telling them what we can or can't do. I was thinking we could see if students choose to apply "paper free" so it's all emails.

Rachel: Thank you all for your time today.

VI. Officer Reports

a. President: **Sita Agterberg**

i. DUO

1. Multifactor authentication thing that you use for email. So, all faculty and orgs use it now. Next semester they'll be implementing it for all students too. You go onto an app and find your code this is to prevent phishing attacks. The goal is to have everyone registered by March 3rd.

ii. Pay for Park Pilot

1. It might not just be a pilot program.

iii. CFA parking ramp submitted for 21-23 biennium

1. We'd have more parking by the CFA.

iv. Student Representatives

b. Vice President: **Dana Nielsen**

i. Teacher Ed Seats

1. 3 New resolutions coming

ii. Meeting Next Week

1. Not a joke this time
2. Guest Speakers to discuss DUO

iii. Reminder to update me if you have committee conflicts

iv. Student Rep for AIDAC

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

i. No Report

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

i. No Report

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

i. Pay for Parking meeting group in the future

1. Maybe start a lobbying group against it, just a thought

f. Inclusivity Director: **Faith Fisher**

i. Womxns fund Donation

ii. Womxn of Color Collective

iii. Date tentatively April, 7th (7:30-9:30p)

iv. The Greater La Crosse Area Diversity Council

v. Trust Point Potential

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

i. Those tabling tomorrow 0 check e-mail

ii. Put down t-shirt size if you didn't last week

h. Sustainability Director: **Samantha Wolfe**

i. Plastic Bag Update

1. 83.5 lbs

ii. Competition with Rec Sports Clubs Dec 10

1. Collecting 12-2 and 6-8

VII. Advisor Reports

a. No Report



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VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Neader: SSB met this week and last. First, we approved art from freshman seminar. There's one outside the cove and one outside the Union. We added stipulations and approved them. We had a lot of conversations about Meatless Monday. We are working towards finding what we want to do and what changes we want to make. We're going to be tabling and finding out what information we need.
- b. Wiza: AIDAC met yesterday and we heard our last presentations. We have one more next semester with School of Ed. Next semester Senator Cayo will take over as Chair for me.
- c. Schock: Student Orgs Committee met week before last, new club Next Gen was approved. Also, DREAM was approved for the new attendance. Also, a new bylaw list. They are now officially revamped and enacted.

IX. Organizational Reports

- a. Ericson: SFS met yesterday, we discussed our plans for our sustainability even on Sunday at the Children's museum. People sold hot cocoa and mugs from 10-2.
- b. Evans: Last week we went to NBSU, that was really fun. Now we've effectively started our committee's for Reflections of Ebony. On Saturday we have the Pretty Brown Girls event where we bring Black and Brown girls from the La Crosse area and bring them to the bluffs.
- c. McReavy: I have been informed that both of the bathrooms in Whitney are done and signs are up. The Hutch bathrooms are apparently missing shower curtains and handles. It's been three weeks since I was told something would be done about that. And there's nothing.

X. Unfinished Business

a. SA1920-028: **Resolution Appointing Student Court Justices**

Agterberg: If you all want to introduce yourselves, then we'll do questions.

DISCUSSION:

Wiza: Call to question.

Yuengst: Seconded.

APPROVED.

b. SA1920-029: **Resolution to State the Importance of Sustainability in the UW System President Search**

Ericson: I found that it was important to let them know that sustainability is a necessary thing for our new UW System President. I also have a friendly.

DISCUSSION:

Wiza: When will they have a candidate who they can share with us?

Agterberg: The Board of Regents meeting is tomorrow and Friday. That will be the first time that they meet to discuss it. We'll have an update after Student Reps after Saturday. We want to give them a list as soon as possible.

McReavy: The last whereas has an 'and'. One other thing, I think there's some confusion in the wording in one of the whereas'. "The" before lead and "that". Both of these are friendlies.

Lichtfuss: Another friendly, wait, never mind.

Queso: On the last whereas, as a friendly, the second sentence it should say "pursuing".

McClain: Can we add a comma after Student Representatives? As a friendly.

Yuengst: In the second to last whereas, can we add "ensuring" as a friendly?



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Lichtfuss: I know in the past we've gotten away from, demanding that it happens. Usually we do more of a recommendation. Do we want to talk more about the wording?

Ericson: I kind of intentionally went for more of a pushy resolution. I felt that beating around the bush wouldn't be helpful.

Stock: Can you scroll down and get rid of that extra space? Thank you.

Wiza: Call to question.

McClain: Seconded

APPROVED

a. SA1920-30: **Resolution to Approve the FY21 Segregated Fee Budget**

Thering: Just as a reminder this is that table you saw two weeks ago. You didn't have any questions. That's it.

DISCUSSION:

Myers: Can you zoom in on the chart?

Lichtfuss: Call to question.

Lichtfuss: Seconded.

APPROVED

XI. New Business

Mitch Bunting and Logan Furniss

Bunting: We're the Green Fund coordinators. We're going to look at the process, the grants, and the budget sheets as well. This has gone through SUFAC and now a resolution.

Furniss: So, first, they went through JCES where they take a look at these grants and review and assess them from high medium and low priority. Then once ranked me and Mitch prevent them to SUFAC and we bring them to you now. As I mentioned, JCES ranked these large grants based on these here. I'll go through the bylaws with you now. If they're able to demonstrate a return on investments, then they'll be higher ranked. They want to see collaboration as well and maybe joint funding. They are also looking for a clear and articulated plan. There are several others too. *why are fair trade looked at as low priority?*

Bunting: Keep this in mind when we go through these numbers. This is the cap on our fund which is \$210,00. We currently have \$160,000 and next semester we're getting \$56,000.

Furniss: We're going to go through these grant fund requests. We have one at Laux, one at the Exterior Veteran's walkway, and one at the Rec, and biodegradable smoothie cups.

Bunting: The Laux proposal is about \$80,000. It would replace lighting fixtures in high traffic areas. Not necessarily things like custodial closets. Budget sheets is next, at the top is the increase. The very rough estimates are hard to gather but as you can imagine there's quite a bit of life that we're replacing. It would be 448 bulbs. Any questions?

Schock: If you divide it out, it's about \$180 per bulb, but with the recreational Eagle Center that's \$30 a bulb. Is fixtures and paying someone to install that different?



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Bunting: In the rec we wouldn't have to replace the fixture, the electrical component in the building of Laux is pretty ancient so it costs more.

Agterberg: There's been conversation about having this one be matching with res life. Can we put something in there about how this would be a matching?

Bunting: Contingent on that fact that they are matching? We could see if they would match. What I was going to ask you guys is that contingent of this grant is that it is matched by res life.

Lichtfuss: Do you know the details? Do we get to ask more in depth questions to any body? There's obviously something I'm missing.

Bunting: This is for different bulbs and bigger and more efficient for each building. He suspects that each fixture would have two bulbs or three to four.

Lichtfuss: There's also rate of life, less time is spent replacing here too.

Furniss: JCES voted on this as well, the majority voted to approve it.

Bunting: This is for the Veteran Walkway LED Lights. This is a \$55,8600 grant. These lights have a much longer light but there's a longer life span so we'd be buying less lights as well. But, for example, the LED lighting for the poles would have 100,000 hour life as opposed to 15,000 hour life that we have now. This would be put in in March 2020.

Furniss: The ones in Laux would have 50,000 hours.

Bunting: The ROI is over ten years. He overestimated these costs as well. He's expecting the cost to be lower as well. Another thing to think about is that there's something called "Focus on Energy". There's a program through Wisconsin that says we're going to go to all LED lights and so Dan Sweetman will be applying to that. There's potential to get some money back. It won't offset the costs but it's something to consider.

Furniss: 15 JCES members voted for this grant, 11 voted it as a high priority item. Four voted it as a medium, and zero as low priority.

Bunting: The Rec is a \$15,000 grant. It would be in the field house and over the track so in the largest part of the Rec. The top number is the 46% increase in efficiency. The estimated savings is much higher. Again, you can see cost of materials and labor that he has factored in. This is a similar project that we've done in the past. Any questions? Next is the Portable LED lights. This is a \$9,890 light. These would be battery charged. The author of this grant, Zach, was thinking he could use this to do outdoor events which we haven't really been able to do in the past. That's another benefit to think about. The energy put in to charging the batteries is much less than the lights put in to plugging in the lights. His budget sheet doesn't have a lot of meat to it.

Agterberg: It doesn't really say who they're working with, have they gotten in touch with them ?

Bunting: Yes, I believe he's the person in charge.

Agterberg: How do we ensure it's only going to organizations that are GPR funded?

Bunting: That is something that should be up for discussion within senate.

Riggenberg: We were just thinking we may need to be rented by non GPR events. So this will be a little different.



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Furniss: All 16 members were for this, zero voted this as a high priority item, and three voted as a low priority. The rest were medium.

Goodreau: Did you touch on the REC lighting numbers?

Furniss: Zero thought that was low priority.

Bunting: There's a grant for biodegradable smoothie cups. This will offset the cost compared to what we purchase now. They calculated that they go through an average of 8,000 cups and lids and to instead go through plant plastic that is biodegradable and compostable. These will most likely be incinerated, so it's a matter of the efficiency that goes into making them and burning them.

Ericson: They are biodegradable and there's 60% less emission.

Bunting: The ideal timeline is when the grant gets approved or not. They want to start right away in February. I had to put this together with my very limited excel knowledge. There's a \$2,000 increase, so this would cover three years. The cups and lids together gives you the total. There's also a mini grant, for straws currently. It's a pilot program. It hasn't been approved by JCES. They want to test four different kinds of straws, one is a straw straw. Like, straws made out of straw. They'll do one straw per week and at the end of that they'll do a survey to see what people like the best. There's also an option for reusable smoothie cups. It's putting them all together to raise awareness and reduce emissions. Obviously we can't force every student to do that.

Hansen: Is it cheaper to do the lids because in the chart is says it might be.

Bunting: This is her labeling in new lids and old lids. I reached out to her and she still hasn't reached out to me. As soon as I hear back from her I will reach out to everyone.

Furniss: The voting members on this, all 14 present were for this grant. Zero felt it was high priority, 11 felt it was medium, and three felt it was low.

Bunting: If all these grants were approved, it would be \$170,000. So that would be a little bit over. We have twelve to fifteen mini grants which are less than \$5,000. Obviously keeping money into the next semester as well. Yes, we'd love to spend all this money but we have to be conscious of that as well.

Cayo: How much money do you have now?

Bunting: \$164,019.

Ott: Is there a plan for the lightbulbs now?

Bunting: All of those fixtures and bulbs will be recycled.

Lichtfuss: Is it possible to have access to this? This presentation?

Bunting: Oh, yeah no you can have it. One last thing to note too, some of these larger grants could be spread over two to three years if we designate that year for a two to three-year period. It will make it there eventually, it's just spoken for.

Cayo: Would you suggest splitting it up?

Bunting: Personally, yes, I would. I would like to see it split but I don't think it's necessary. In my mind it would make sense.

Cayo: That's for Laux?

Bunting: Technically yes, but you could do it for any of them.

Stock: I know you said Res Life could help, what is the probability that happens.

Riggenberg: The budget people think this can happen. The units don't necessarily share that perspective. There will be conversations that will be had at a new



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different level. I actually had talked about spreading the allocations out for three years, we've done that and we did it for this building. I was told out budget office doesn't want to do that. They would much rather get the matching money and leave it at that. That would be for Laux and the Rec.

Cayo: Could we do a contingency, that if they don't match then we'd do it over a number of years?

Dr. Larry: Yes, we can do that.

Neader: If one of these didn't pass, would the money stay in the account?

Bunting: If none of them passed then we would be put over our cap. That would be a big mess.

Fields: Is it possible to see the mini grants?

Bunting: Yeah, that's definitely possible. Anything under \$5,000 is approved by JCES so I can share them with you or whatever.

Goodreau: When those mini grants are passed are they on the website too?

Bunting: A few are, some are harder to put on the website too. They'll be on the website, we'll also be revamping the application as well.

Furniss: It might not be put up on the website until the project is completed thought.

5 MINUTES RECESS

a. **SA1920-31: Resolution to Approve the Green Fund Request for LED Lights in the Exterior Veteran's Walkway**

Cayo: I want to make a friendly, in the second whereas can you put a "the". We're going through each Green Fund grant requests individually. SUFAC approved all five of them. This first one is about the LED lights in the exterior Veteran's Walkway. We would be replacing those lights for \$55,860.

DISCUSSION

Wiza: I have a question, in the therefore be it resolve where is that \$10 coming from?

Cayo: It's an error.

Lichtfuss: Yes, these are five separate resolutions but it's still important to understand them together as well. There's \$164,000 in there. We should pass some and not all and I think that's a smart fiscal thing to go through with some and not all. I just want to put it out there.

Ericson: I'm not sure entirely about the numbers here, but the fact that the LED's last 100,000 hours instead of 15,000 hours is a large ROI.

Lichtfuss: You aren't replacing them as much but this along with the Laux one, I want a more professional return on investment before we choose to spend \$56,000 or \$80,000 on something. Ultimately, one of the biggest things is how is this making the campus more sustainable. Also, the fiscal jobs of this.

Ericson: I yield to these two, but what is the price of an existing light to replace.

Bunting: I'm not sure of the specifics.

Schock: Out of curiosity, is it better to wait out the usefulness instead of, in terms of carbon foot print, is it better to wait out an existing product. If I bought a brand new Ford and invested all that carbon energy and then the next day bought a Tesla, is it better to do that?



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Ericson: I know in the Laux one they're replacing the entire light so it depends on what they're replacing. Also, replace a Tesla for a Ford any day.

Ott: I have a question, when is the current set of lights installed?

Agterberg: From our meeting with Bob, shit, I mean... shoot. I yield.

Ericson: Dan Sweetman would probably be the best to know about that.

Lichtfuss: Motion to end discussion.

Schock: Seconded.

CLOSED

b. SA1920-32: **Resolution to Approve the Green Fund Request for Portable LED Lights**

Cayo: This resolution is about the Green Fund request for portable LED Lights, this one was a medium priority one because it could be rented by the University and outside of the University.

DISCUSSION

Yuengst: When we were discussing earlier, you talked about GPR funding, can you elaborate?

Agterberg: GPR means that the state funded the building and we can't make any changes to it. Non-GPR is allowed to be changed, so the Student Union or the Rec. If the lights are moved to a place where it was government funded we wouldn't be able to use them.

Stock: Since these are rented out, what would be the checkout process? How would we do maintenance? And where would they be stored?

Moralez: I worked in the department for four years. We store that in the basement. There's a room that stores all lights and sound equipment. In terms of maintenance, Zach knows his stuff. He'd take care of them, but I don't know specific maintenance. There's a whole system for checking out lights. For student orgs it's all free.

Neader: Since we do have some existing ones, would those be sold, or would we just keep them on hand as a backup?

Dr. Larry: We don't have anything like these. They run off of batteries. What we have is all the stuff that plugs in.

Bunting: The old ones would be kept or sold depending on how much we still need them. In terms of maintenance, they are battery powered, but the batteries have a two-and-a-half-year life span. In terms of renting, the equipment is rented currently. The same thing would be applied for non-student orgs.

Myers: I'm always one for a portable light show. I'd like to think about the priority and how often they are used. I'm also interested in how these batteries are made. For lithium batteries for example, would the carbon footprint really be reduced. It doesn't seem super practical to me.

Stock: I'm going to yield to Mitch, but you said the batteries are replaced every two years or so. How much does that cost?

Bunting: I don't have the numbers on that. But I could gather that information.

McReavy: SUFAC checked out how much they're used but the current ones are rented out a couple times a week.

Bunting: Yeah, the current ones are rented out ten times on average a week.



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Ott: How long does the battery last? Is it a two hour event and then charge them or do they last all week?

Bunting: Eight to 20 hours.

Cayo: These lights are typically used in the Bluffs or the Cove, whenever there are parties. Just for context, all of the weekends for the Bluffs are booked.

Fiegel: Move to end discussion.

Lichtfuss: Seconded.

ACCEPTED

c. SA1920-33: **Resolution to Approve the Green Fund Request for LED Lights in the Recreational Eagle Center**

Cayo: This resolution is to approve the Green Fund request for LED lights in the Recreational Eagle Center. This is one that Res Life would be interested in matching. Would anyone be interested in adding a whereas if it isn't matched? I'm interested to hear what you say.

DISCUSSION:

Lichtfuss: I like this one a lot, because they have two whereas. One that says how much it costs and another with ROI. The idea of splitting it half and half. It's an interesting idea, one I'm not sure of. If we want to get Laux and want them to split half and half.

Agterberg: The rec would pay for the rec and res life would pay for Laux.

Myers: Does anyone know, the new part with LED lights, was that split with the Green Fund or was that all the rec?

Dr. Larry: That was all the rec.

Cayo: Does anyone know what the chances of Res Life paying it?

Dr. Larry: Last year the UW- System changed how they pay utilities. Up until that time, we paid all of our electricity bills for the U, the Rec, and Whitney.

Now the Rec does not pay any utilities because it is covered by the state of Wisconsin. The Rec won't save any money in this. By the way, we don't pay all of our electricity. We pay about 30% on this building.

Lichtfuss: I guess the reason we would have it is because it decreases energy consumption. So, in this case money isn't the object.

Ott: I agree, saving on energy is important, I think we could also put that \$15,000 at La Crosse that saves money and energy and not just energy.

Schock: I think when considering this too, the greater scope of the Green Fund isn't to save the University money. I do like the conversation about saving money, and a lot of the draw is to save money. In terms of the Green Fund I think the greater focus should be on the actual carbon footprint.

Ericson: I agree with that point, and it applies to all of the Green Fund Requests. The point is to become more eco-friendly.

Neader: When do we know when these lights would be replaced? Would it be when it's open and would impact student use? Or in the summer?

Ericson: Its says budget timeline is to begin as soon as possible so it would happen during the summer.

Bunting: That was for our solar panels.

Neader: This is one of the cheaper of the four and would have a big impact. I support this one.



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Myers: Now that we've learned that I can't read. If the state funded the lights in the Rec, we'd have to do it at some point. If we were to wait and have it burn out, then would they be replaced with the same?

Dr. Larry: I can't speak to that.

Ericson: Sue White is a contact on the Green Fund, so I assume she is in support of it.

Myers: I like the lights idea. Even if it feels like the state isn't helping us. I'd also like to point out that there's normal lights and LED lights.

McReavy: These bulbs aren't all going to burn out at the same time, I assume they'll replace them all at once.

Fiegel: Move to end discussion.

McClain: Seconded.

ACCEPTED

d. SA1920-34: **Resolution to Approve the Green Fund Request for Biodegradable Smoothie Cups**

Cayo: This resolution is to approve the Green Fund Request for Biodegradable Smoothie Cups. This would be done over a three-year period.

DISCUSSION

Lichtfuss: I just found out today that you can bring a reusable cup and fill it up. This is a made-up number, but 97% of people who use it use food waste. When you put it in a bigger container there's little to no food waste. I would like to see that happen, maybe in addition to this. I'm just curious as to why that isn't promoted more heavily.

Ericson: I have not been to the smoothie line in a while. My understanding is that SFS is putting a sign up. It's in the works. This is a good way to move to getting to reusable things. This is a nice buffer zone where we can be more sustainable in a place that is pretty unsustainable. The fact that it's 100% biodegradable but probably won't be actually biodegradable. It does us 68% less carbon emissions than a normal plastic cup would.

Fiegel: Move to end discussion.

McClain: Seconded.

ACCEPTED

e. SA1920-35: **Resolution to Approve the Green Fund Request for LED Lights in Laux Hall**

Cayo: This is the last Green Fund Resolution. It would be replacing 148 bulbs. There were no large grant requests last year. I'm also curious how you would feel about adding that it is contingent on being matched and that if it isn't matched it will spread out for three years. I don't know how I feel about this but I'm curious to hear what ya'll feel.

Yuengst: My question is why Laux and not White since White is being renovated this spring.

Bunting: I think it's one or the other.

Yuengst: Would this be something in the future that as they renovate other residence halls?

Furniss: I'm not sure about the plan, but the phase of the renovation may be something to consider in his decision.



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Bunting: They've already done phase one and now they're moving into phase two which is more cosmetic and includes lights.

McReavy: I'm in favor of anything that replaces fluorescent lighting. It can trigger people with Autism and trigger migraines. There's a lot of people on our campus who are adversely impacted by fluorescent lighting.

Lichtfuss: With that said, what is, the possibility of getting Dan here for this kind of thing? I'm not comfortable spending \$80,000 on something like this. He probably had great ideas and it's just a lot. I think it'd be foolish to vote on something like this with so much money involved.

Agterberg: In the interest of keeping the meeting short next week, we can have Sam ask him these questions too.

Lichtfuss: Can I set up a meeting with him?

Agterberg: Go for it.

Lichtfuss: If we don't do this one, but do other things we could potentially replace more lightbulbs and reach more areas. These are things I need to ask him.

Ericson: Phase two has already been scheduled for the summer of 2020.

Neader: We already brought up, but I would like to hear that return on investment.

Schock: Students spend so much money funding and investing in residence life, and as representing them I've never seen a budget or line item. Not saying I want them to present it for next week but I want to know.

Agterberg: He wasn't able to come in this semester, because he had hip surgery. He'll be back next semester and will present us with some budget facts.

Schock: I think that because students spend so much money in residence life I'd like to see what they're spending money on.

Ericson: ROI is a great thing, I think saving money is great. The point of the Green Fund is to make our campus more sustainable. How is this making us more sustainable and how is this impacting our carbon footprint? That's the important thing to consider.

Myers: I feel kind of disappointed in the University that a green fund has to be written. Are we going to have to keep repeating this for each renovation? The fact that we're using Green Fund money for something that you would think has been thought of before.

Dr. Larry: I think for the Laux hall one, number one, didn't get approved by the state of Wisconsin as a project. A number of these halls have to come in at \$3 million or less. We were watching that very carefully. By splitting this up, and yeah I would agree with you. In this building, we paid for the base part of LED lights and then Green Fund matched. It's difficult for the axillaries with all the renovations. Even if it's \$3 million a piece and take out Eagle and Reutor and it's \$30 million.

Myers: So basically, the lights weren't in the \$3 million.

Lichtfuss: I want to reaffirm that I agree with that this is for sustainability, and that this is half of the current fund. I want to make sure that every dollar is used efficiently. I don't really care for the ROI in this case, but if we could go 50/50 with res life that would be cool but I don't really see it happening. I hope I have better numbers for you next week.



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Myers: How much does the Green Fund grow each semester.

Furniss: \$50,000.

Cayo: I want to discuss this. I want to move to amend the document.

Ericson: Second

DISCUSSION

McClain: Friendly, therefore be it finally resolved. After provide, it should be “and”.

Lichtfuss: I’m not a fan of the over the three-year period thing. Would it be the same cost? I yield to Senator Ericson.

Ericson. That may be something to talk to Dan about again.

Hook: Does this wording, contingent, wouldn’t that alluding to it matching \$80,000? It needs to be different.

Dr. Larry: My fear is that someone would say “we’ll give you 20k” and we want 40.

Hook: Should we then put in that exact number? Other people can think of how to word this well.

Ozolins: I don’t understand the three-year period. What’s \$80,000 now instead of later?

Myers: I don’t know if I can qualifyingly say that. If you split it up over three years, your budget will be growing slowly instead of taking as big of a hit. With the wording of this, I think that because the cost is an estimate it would be hard to put an exact cost for them. Could we say dividing the cost in half? Math terms? In addition, I’m in support of adding this because if we were to approve all these grants, they total \$170,000 and if we only get \$52-\$57 thousand that would impact what we can do with money next semester.

McReavy: In terms of the amendment, can we say funds instead of pays? After half the total cost can you put the amount of money that would be in parenthesis.

Yuengst: Would it be more beneficial to do fifty percent instead of half the total cost?

Lee: I was thinking about how to word it. Probably help cover half of the Green Fund.

Myers: I like funds, I feel like covers makes it sound like we don’t have the money but we ball so we do.

Lichtfuss: I don’t want the second one in there. I don’t want us to only put \$40,000 in it but then be stuck having to pay it all. It looks really bad.

Myers: Seconded

DISCUSSION

Ott: I agree.

Myers: I agree, it takes away the bargaining chip. It takes away the offer.

Neader: If we remove that section and Res Life does not do it then do we have to write another resolution?



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Nielsen: If it's contingent on if Res Life would help fund it, then it wouldn't go through Green Fund. That might be some dangerous language.

Cayo: If you just said that we would fund it all. But I don't know what I think is safest. There's probably language we could use to get away with writing a new document.

Dr. Larry: By next Monday we might have conversation and this would be mute. We can leave these here.

Lichtfuss: Motion to close discussion.

Ozolins: Seconded.

ACCEPTED

f. SA1920-36: **Resolution to Approve Use of REC for AAU Girls' Basketball Tournament**

Neader: Very similar to volleyball, but it's basketball. We would still be voting on it next week so we have questions. It could be suspended so we could get more planned out.

DISCUSSION:

Cayo: As a friendly, can we get rid of the extra spaces?

Lichtfuss: Move to suspend the two week rule.

McClain: Seconded

DISCUSSION:

No discussion.

ACCEPTED: TWO WEEK RULE SUSPENDED.

McClain: Call to question.

Perkins: Second.

MOVED.

XII. Discussion

a. UW System President Search: **Sita Agterberg**

i. Send me emails, we'll be discussing it at Reps this weekend.

b. Discussion about Bike Share program: **Ericson**.

Ericson: There's a sixth large grant request. It wasn't brought up at SUFAC because Bob was going to strike it down. It's a high priority item since it has a major impact on the student body. People biking saves more carbon footprint. Viterbo, Western, and the People's Food Coop have done it. It's important that it's brought to Senate because it was to JCES.

DISCUSSION:

Cayo: If JCES doesn't send it to us we cannot discuss it. Another thing, this is a community inclusive project. So why is it a high priority object?

Ericson: It is true it could be used by the community but it would be on campus. It would have to meet two of the listed items and it's definitely a visible thing. It helps them transport around La Crosse, that's three right there. It may fall under other categories. There were ten people who classified it as high priority.



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Cayo: SUFAC cannot discuss it unless they send it to us and bring a resolution from JCES. Reach out to Mitch and Logan and see if they want to push it forward.

Agterberg: The author's of this grant is that it didn't go through the necessary channels. I would also, I guess Mitch and Logan, reach out to them because even if it doesn't pass through SUFAC, just making sure it goes through the proper channels is important here. It needs to go through the right forms of communication.

Wolfe: Just to elaborate, it sounds like Dr. Hetzel would have to take it to UW-System and he has states about the Green Bike programs on campus has declining numbers over the years. That's part of it and the community part of it.

Schock: I think in terms of, well Dr. Hetzel is concerned. I don't believe that's marketed very well to students. Here it was mentioned during a presentation. I think if looking at utilization of it, this would be publicly seen. It's like comparing apples to oranges. They aren't the same bike program.

Myers: I wanted to elaborate on what the bike program actually is. One, the green bike program allows you to rent it and then you're responsible for it. This is renting a bike and then dropping it at another bike station. It's not being totally responsible. When I saw the prices for the program, my inner Bob came out. There could be an easy community start up. He found a deal on bikes where you could by 25 bikes for \$2,500. We'd be spending \$40,000 on ten bikes which isn't very practical. I thought a start-up one by us as students would be more financially stable.

Bunting: So, the grant currently is \$20,000 a year for five bikes. There's also stations all around the community. More bikes could end up on campus. Along with that, I've been going back and forth with the VP of the neighborhood association. It was a last-ditch effort but it sounds like there's some organizations that would be willing to partner with us so it could be \$10,000 a year for ten bikes. Also, we, you mentioned UWL's bike share and I reached out to the person who runs the Green Bike Program and Nathan's issue with funding this extra bike share program, it's not that the two programs would be competing themselves but that they would be competing for funding. We could create on campus positions to run this position; the bike share program would add a smart lock and an app that would unlock it. They're battery free lights.

Puncture resistant tires and many other things. There's also a station options, where you can have a basic station which hold fifteen. We would own the bikes for \$2,000 each. The lock stations – fifteen – would be \$15,000 each. So, if you round up its \$20,000 each. The app itself is a recurring annual fee. College students are using bikes more than other people so that would show that there's more need for it.

Neader: My two questions were answered. I like biking, I like this.

Cayo: Will this get sent to SUFAC, or is it sent to Bob Hetzel?



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Bunting: I would love to see it at SUFAC, I've been told we shouldn't bring it to SUFAC. I'm waiting to hear back from him about where we should go with this.

Cayo: Could it be another grant for next year? Realistically I don't know how we could do it next year. If it makes it through SUFAC and senate could Bob Hetzel still stop it?

Bunting: Yes.

Agterberg: The one Mitch is talking about is the home grown one. There's a really strong push from community. The author's want it but not as much of campus. The author's are mostly upset it wasn't sent. Whether SUFAC denies it and then next year we present a home-grown option. Basically they need to see it.

Nielsen: The part of this grant that makes me nervous, is the community ideas. Mainly, the community pool. We were promised that we could use it our first week back and we go there and it was closed. I think the best option is for it to go through the proper routes.

Agterberg: The person who told us the pool would be open is the same person who sent this.

McReavy: I think this should be sent to SUFAC and I'm uncomfortable with this and that it was stopped. I would make a motion to end discussion.

McClain: Seconded.

ACCEPTED

- XIII. Announcements
- XIV. Adjournment