February 8, 2010

UWL Senators & Members of the UWLSA Board of Directors,

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(d)3, I write to inform you of my decision to veto SA 0910-038: Resolution Enumerating a Standing Planning and Process Committee.

The veto comes in response to the second “Therefore, Be It Further Resolved,” which states “the Board of Director’s Bylaws are amended as follows;” and subsequent lines. When the resolution was presented to senate, an explanation was given as to why bylaw amendments cannot be created in a resolution and their need to be removed. Bylaws must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the document as a whole. This particular resolution that passed the senate kept these bylaws in the document. When I speak out in senate, it is not on personal feelings, but rather on issues relating to process. I refuse to place my signature, thus enacting legislation, on items that cannot be done.

Furthermore, I gave an update to senate explaining that the Board of Director’s Bylaws will be rewritten this semester and it will be the intention of the Board of Directors to include any and all responsibilities of the directors in the new Bylaws. In the proposed by-laws of the Planning and Process Committee, membership is granted to certain members of the Board of Directors. This would mean they have an added responsibility and therefore this responsibility would be added to the Board of Director Bylaws when they come up for review and are rewritten. I hope you can understand the position in which I am coming from and understand that this is in no way suggesting that I oppose the creation of the committee. I simply have an objection to the process.

The item has been respectfully resubmitted to the Vice President of UW-L Student Association, Karly Wallace, less the items under objection.

Sincerely,

Erik Kahl
UWLSA President