Student Senate Agenda
Date: February 24th, 2010
Time and Location: 6:00 PM; Port O’ Call; Cartwright Center

I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call
IV. Approval of Agenda
   a. Schauer/Cloud
V. Approved
   a. Approval of Minutes
      i. Koplin/Kedrowski
      ii. Minutes approved
VI. Guest Speakers
   a. Jocelyn Fisher
      i. We had to reword 4.106 and 4.205. Abuses of power was too general.
      ii. Questions
         1. I am wondering what the court meant with the 4.106
            a. I see it in more of a general sense. To be respectful to
               those that come to senate and represent senate.
         2. What’s the process now?
            a. It gets forwarded to leg affairs.
VII. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Next Wednesday is Haiti Day of Action. There are some posters in the
         senate office if you want to grab some. We are looking for volunteers
         to help throughout the day on Wednesday; there is a sign up sheet in
         the office.
   b. Vice-President
      i. Eric and I went to student reps. In general many of the schools were
         supportive of our resolution on differential tuition. Platteville,
         Whitewater, Superior, and a number of the comprehensives were in
         support and some wanted to do something themselves. We also talked
         about the merge between UC and student reps. Student reps is to
         network with the presidents and VPs of other schools. So UC would
         serve as a like a separate board. There will still be referendums, and it
         won’t be mandatory. This wouldn’t force us into UC. They changed
         the fee to $3 without inflationary increases.
   c. Chief Financial Officer
      i. 98% of my duties come from SUFAC. What SUFAC does: I has
         money, what I do wif it? (Kitty).

Senate 2009-2010
d. Legislative Issues Director
   i. We got the letters sent out with the resolution. Thanks everyone for your support
   ii. Leg Con is all booked up
   iii. Veggies with the Leggies will be April 16th at 1.
   iv. BOD met last night and we are working on the bylaws.

e. Others
   i. City Affairs
      1. We met with the mayors this morning to talk about getting crosswalks. We might have a campus forum about that and bring in the mayor.
      2. Committee of the whole is March 9th at 7:30. Thursday is the City Council meeting. Please come.
      3. Youtube contest due date is March 1st. We have received two videos so far. We will have a showing March 10th at 7pm in Valhalla.
      4. SOS first week went very well. If you want to volunteer that would be great this upcoming Sunday from 8 to 12. Coordinators please meet with me after the meeting.
   ii. Environmental Sustainability
      1. Thank you to everyone who came out to the Mountain Top Removal demonstration. The DNR has decided to side with the Sierra Club. This is a big development.
      2. There are low flow shower halls being installed as a trial period. It does have a smaller environmental impact.
      3. Recycle Mania. We are in 58th place. We are recycling 1.4 lbs per person. 1st place is recycling 18 lbs per person
      4. The composting program is going really well and a grant is being proposed to include more composting.
      5. It would be great to get a lot of input on the Green Fund proposal tonight; we need to examine it very carefully.
      6. Applications for the spring run of the Green Fund will be coming out shortly.
      7. We are going forward with the UW System vision on sustainability. We have a draft that has been received very well.
   iii. PR
      1. Please get me your bios.
      2. There are lots of events that go on, please send me info on those so that I can incorporate them on the website and Facebook fan page.
      3. There are a lot of new groups on Facebook that have been formed in response to recent events on campus. Some things have really been getting out of hand, please be respectful and make sure you know your facts before you say something.
   iv. Gender Issues
1. There have been a lot of fan pages, be aware of what you post and what you join.
2. Still working on the healthy relationships campaign.
3. UW Foundation scholarship applications due on Monday.
4. International Film Fest
5. RU is doing a drag show and I think it would be sweet if we put a senate group together.

v. Social Justice
1. The Commitment to Diversity scholarship is out, you can find it online, due March 1.
2. I would like to encourage you to attend other organizations.

VIII. RHAC Report
a. Game show night this Friday. Anyone can win prizes.

IX. Advisor Reports
a. Kwik Trip just asked if we can assist with composting.
b. I am really looking forward to the Green Fund discussion. This is an important program and we want to hear the student voice on this.

X. Committee Reports
a. SAH Senators
   i. Meet with the Dean and something we talked about is publicizing of the McNair scholars program and the learning center and using computers in Wing. We also talked about the new Cowley Hall. It would be great to get student input.

b. SUFAC
   i. One shots due on Friday

c. JPB
   i. Met today. We are 200 students short of enrollment. We might be under by about 147 students. We want to take precautions. We loose out on about $1 million. We wont be getting quite as many faculty and staff positions. Hiring only 17 faculty and 3 staff. It could be people transferring out of school or if they are graduating earlier.
   ii. The 147 is the GQ&A shortfall.

d. AIOC
   i. Met with Chancellor Gow and Paula Knudson and had a meeting about what happened. Because of the System’s really strict guidelines, the allocations that we sent forward, system wanted us to clarify what they were used on. Administration interpreted it differently than the committee did, so they sent forth different numbers. We can change some of it.

e. Leg Affairs
   i. Approved the election commission by laws. We will try to format all the committee’s by laws. We will take a look at our own bylaws and make the impeachment process clearer and look at what student court forwarded as well.

f. Environmental Sustainability
   i. Creating a minor in sustainability. Meeting Friday at 9:30
g. Student Services and Buildings
   i. Hiring a new editor for the Racquet
h. Haiti Day of Action
   i. Setting up a memorial for the event. In need of some volunteers. Tying
   ribbons on trees. Meeting this Sunday at 4pm at the Clocktower.

XI. Consent Agenda
XII. Unfinished Business
XIII. New Business
   a. Academic Calendar
      i. Schauer/Heying
         1. This is for 2011-2012.
      ii. Discussion
         1. Motion to add the New International Student Orientation Week
            so that international students know to book their flights a week
            before classes start. I recommend that it is added to the
            calendar every year.
            a. Talhournare/Urbas
            b. Are the students not notified?
               i. They are but there are so many emails and they
               look at the date on the calendar and miss it.
            c. I think it’s a good recommendation.
               i. Amendment approved.
         2. Call to question
            a. Passes.

XIV. Discussion
   a. SA0910-046: Resolution Approving Green Fund Requests
      i. Schauer/Callaway
         1. The Green Fund was a seg fee voted on two years ago to fund
            sustainable things on campus. $5 a semester. It brings in about
            $85,000 a year. This is one of the two times we make
            allocations. GCES looks at the applicableness. SUFAC looks at
            the fiscal component. When possible we want to add “paid for
            by the Green Fund to the request”. We would like to see things
            of lasting value.
         2. Submissions:
            a. The bicycle powered concert: a human rights concert
               where they have people powered power with an
               educational component. We added the therefore clause
               because we would like to see the educational
               component first before the concert. The positive is that
               it’s visible and the negative is that it is a one time thing.
               It was ultimately approved.
            b. ZimRide: the request was to become a partner school.
               We decided not to because there are free alternatives
               out there and it is a facebook application.
c. Electric Truck: for going from Cartwright to Whitney for various reasons. Approved. Requested it be painted green. That was where we got the “paid for by the Green Fund” from.

d. Recycle Bins: not approved through GCES because they thought that should be coming from someone else’s budget. But we thought that would be the most common way to recycle so we approved them.

e. Steam Traps: the only thing that wasn’t approved through SUFAC that was approved through GCES. Res Life was going to pay to replace them anyway. We didn’t think that was an acceptable way to use the Green Fund.

f. PV System: solar panels. There is a plan put together available at our website. This is for 3 large panels to go outside the REC. It’s a $144,000 plan. $90,000 is coming from grants. They would be maintained by the REC. Life span of 35 years. They will eventually pay for themselves. It passed SUFAC 6 to 5. 3 of the affirmative votes were from faculty. Student input would have said no to it. The energy consumption would be displayed on the TV in the REC. Also this would take up more green space. They would go on 7 foot tall poles. They couldn’t put it on the roof because it would void the warranty.

g. Hydration Station: like a bubbler that is upside down so that you can fill a water bottle. It’s to reduce plastic consumption. This was for 3 of them. We couldn’t do the Mitchell one because it is a GPR building. They were $14,000 to $17,000.

h. Natural Gas/Biomass: the person that wrote that pulled it because there were too many questions. We expect it will be coming back in the spring. Eau Claire is doing a similar test run.

3. Discussion

   a. There was a lot of upkeep cost with the PV System.
   b. Student Services brought this up, could you explain more about how much energy we would be getting back or how much money we would be saving? We figured we wouldn’t actually be getting any money back at all.
      i. As far as I know it will offset 1% of the total energy consumption. The educational component was $24,000 for the website and meters that track consumption and energy saving.
c. If we didn’t pass it next week, would it go back to SUFAC?
   i. This document you can add or take out what you want.

d. What are the actual benefits of the PV System?
   i. There is a value in terms of energy savings that this system would pay for itself in 31 years. The main value in this is much more educational that this will be a much more visible thing on campus. When the green fund was created it was for something more along these lines.

e. I think that in 31 years we might be into more advanced technology. Is it even going to make a difference? I would be really really concerned about vandalism. I don’t know if this line item is a good idea.

f. If we don’t spend all the money where does the money go to?
   i. The Green Fund has its own account so the money won’t go anywhere. It would be there for next fall or spring.

g. The Green Fund is not to earn money; it is to save the planet, so I think it is beneficial.

h. It seems to be a lot of money for an educational tool. Why do we need 3 panels, why not 1. It is in this limbo between being an educational experiment and something you want to get money back on. I think we also needed a power inverter with this and I am not sure that is included in the cost.
   i. I can bring Dan Sweetman in to answer some questions

i. I really like the concepts but I worry about the placement. I think it would be better to wait until we have somewhere to put it up where it is safe.

j. I think the biggest part of the Green Fund has to do with reducing our carbon footprint. I think solar energy is the best way. Is something going to be better in the future? We haven’t accepted even this as an acceptable way. The educational value: it is visible and students can see what we are doing and see that we are moving in the right direction. There are problems with vandalism. The reason it couldn’t go on the roof was because of upkeep and re-roofing. I think this is the future, not even the future, I think it is the now. We just haven’t embraced it.

k. Is snow going to be an issue for these at all? Will they need to be cleaned off?
i. I am not sure.

1. With the addition to the building, will they be blocked?
   i. These would have to go with the expansion.

m. Is the electric truck just adding on to the fleet?
   i. It would replace one vehicle.

n. Are the recycling bins big?
   i. There is one right outside the building and they are big.

o. I don’t think the solar panels would be affected by any REC additions because of the rain guards.

p. Why did the faculty vote for the PV System?
   i. I think it was about the message being sent about UWL working with solar energy.
   ii. The students were more concerned about who much it will cost in the future and the faculty were concerned about the image.

q. I do support the PV System. I really like the hydration system.

r. I do like having that extra green space as it is. is it feasible to add that system to the new University Centers building? I do think solar power is great, I think we should hold off until we have a more suitable location.
   i. The Green Fund has a 4 year sunset on it. There are only two more years left on the Green Fund.

s. What happens to that money?
   i. It could go to referendum and possibly be renewed, I think students would be reluctant to vote for something that we don’t use.

r. Anything that we spend money on will be obsolete in a few years. That is the nature of the beast.

u. Is it possible to have the educational lesson with the concert without funding the rest of it?
   i. The $400 was added on. I guess that they would still be willing to come.
   ii. It is a separate company. The reason we didn’t want to just do the workshop is because we would still have to buy the parts.

v. Who would be paying for the repairs on the PV System?
   i. Sue White has agreed to take on all maintenance costs, so it would be paid through seg fees.

w. When I first heard about the Green Fund I thought the point was to make lasting installments, so how many students could be involved in the bicycle concert?
i. It’s open to everyone. We need 12 students to ride. The concert that would be part of a week that the Progressives is putting on.

x. What kind of music would it be?
   i. We are looking to get Shoeless Revolution right now.

y. It takes 31 years to pay off $93,000, it doesn’t take into account that we are paying $52,655. This would be a great selling point for our campus. We are going to start to see more of this. Even though it is 1% of the energy, it is a start. It will take time, but we will get there.

z. I have trouble understanding how it will get sun.

aa. I think we should look into putting it on the new buildings coming up.

bb. We don’t have student support behind it on SUFAC?
   i. I wouldn’t say it didn’t have student support, but if it was just student support then it wouldn’t have passed.

cc. I think it is a really great idea but I think we should have significant student support behind it.

dd. I would like to see us buy the bicycles and have our own bicycles run it and put them in the REC. Having equipment like that makes sense to me. I like the PV System, but the place that it is put there might be issues.

ee. Can we have Dan Sweetman in next week?
   i. Because of the Haiti day we can’t have guest speakers. Maybe we can hold this off for another week.

ff. What are the chances that the expansion will impact this?
   i. I don’t think it will happen. The expansion is on the other side. I don’t see it going out that far.

gg. Is there some kind of education program going on with this?
   i. The only planning for that is the paid for by the green fund, the rest is not up to us.
      1. An education process is necessary.

hh. There is some concern about the student support on SUFAC. I think the concern was about money
   i. I think it was more about unanswered costs. The upkeep of the system, the educational component, etc.
      1. I don’t think you can look at this as a way to save money right now. Clean power is expensive. 3 panels isn’t going to save money. It is more important that
we are moving in the right direction. I think this is the Green Fund. It’s lasting, it’s big. I don’t think we need a student referendum to figure out what the support is.

ii. Are there any UW schools that have done a PV System?
   i. Whitewater is planning on doing it.

jj. I feel like this is not an investment to profit off of. It is a step forward.

kk. Why is the REC grounds the best location? Wouldn’t the trees need to be removed?
   i. One tree would have to be removed but it is already dying. 3 would be relocated. They will be moved but not killed.
   ii. The REC is a PR building, which is one of the requirements and it also happens to have all of the electrical hook ups on that side of the building.

ll. Why do we have to pay $25,000 for educational programming every year?
   i. It would be $15,000 to upkeep the website and meters.

mm. Is the $69,255 the total?
   i. There is $142,229 total.

nn. The Green Fund was passed on a referendum asking students if they wanted to pay for large capital items, exactly like the PV System

oo. Motion to postpone discussion until March 10\textsuperscript{th} so that Dan could attend and voting would occur in new business on March 24\textsuperscript{th}.
   i. Dill/Kedrowski

1. Why not postpone voting until the 10\textsuperscript{th}?
   a. Dan would be present on the 10\textsuperscript{th}. There are a lot of questions.
   b. The bicycle concert is March 29\textsuperscript{th}.

2. Is it possible to divide this up so that we just postpone the PV System part?
   a. We could have SUFAC bring two resolutions.

3. Can we email questions to Dan and have the answers sent to all of senate?
   a. My concern is that we like to think we are more responsible that we are and we won’t ask
those questions without him being in front of us.

4. Rescind my motion app. Motion to refer this back to SUFAC for two separate documents.
   i. Dill/Bradley
   1. Call to question
      a. Discussion closed.

b. Resolution revising election bylaws
   i. Schauer/Brown
      1. One of the scheduling things in here was wrong so we changed that. Changes are in red. The way it was before there was an ad-hoc committee that would do freshman elections but it has gone very well.
   ii. Discussion
      1. I am in support of this. This makes it more unified and I think it will be better.
      2. Motion to close discussion
         a. Schauer/Callaway.
            i. Discussion closed.

XV. Announcements
    a. ATP Encore is Monday at 7.
    b. One shots due this Friday.
    c. America Amerique is Monday at 7 a performance about immigration.
    d. Performer in the Cellar Thursday night at 7.
    e. LASO Fiesta March 5th Friday. The dance is free.
    f. Reflections of Ebony this Saturday. $2
    g. Monday 331 CC Hillel event.
    h. Film festival Saturday form 12 to 5.
    i. ISO going skiing this Saturday
    j. Casino games in the Ward room this weekend
    k. Saturday from 7 to 9 Alpha Phi date auction.
    l. Next Wednesday is the Haiti thing. Thank you for signing up. Furlow Riders at 7pm.

XVI. Adjournment
    a. Heying/Bennett
       i. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm
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