Student Senate Agenda  
Date: March 31st, 2010  
Time and Location: 6:00 PM; Port O’ Call; Cartwright Center  

I. Call to Order  
   a. 6:04 pm.  

II. Pledge of Allegiance  

III. Roll Call  

IV. Approval of Agenda  
   a. Cloud/Cruz  
      i. Motion to add resolution to agenda  
         1. that should be going to the legislative affairs committee since it  
            is dealing with bylaws  
            a. It has to go through a two week process.  
         2. But it is not time sensitive then?  
            a. As we wait longer and longer there is less talking to  
               constituents.  
         3. As chair, I don’t have to accept amendments to the agenda. We  
            have a set time to add resolutions to the agenda.  
            a. Leg Affairs intends to bring the senate by laws. You  
               can talk to the chair.  
               i. Will they be brought within the next week?  
                  1. I think so.  
      4. I will not accept the motion.  
         ii. Approved  

V. Approval of Minutes  
   a. Minutes approved, one abstention  

VI. Guest Speakers  
   a. Bob Bourne and Larry Kirsch, Bus Circulator  
      i. Kirsch: We were here about a month ago talking about the campus  
         circulator. Over a year ago the city hired Bob Bourne to look at transit  
         markets that might be available, how can we get more people on the  
         bus? Last time we got the consensus to take the circulator to the next  
         level. We think it makes sense to have an agreement between the city,  
         WTC, and UWL. It connects people to the campus and maybe  
         downtown. There are environmental aspects to this. There is less  
         energy per trip. People who use transit do get more exercise. We  
         talked about the 53% discount. The transit service you currently get  
         you are already paying for it with a 53% discount. So anything we  
         decide to go forward with is how to pay for the rest of it. We met this
morning with the president of WTC and their student senate president. The administration are very pro trying to get this done. The administration pays 50% of the cost and the students pick up the other half. They seem to be very motivated. Their enrollment is growing as well and there is a need for students to get to the Health Science Center. They also have a lot of commuters. They are interested in making the parking ramp down town work for them. They could see their students parking in the Market Square ramp and taking the circulator to the campus.

1. Questions
   a. Would it be more environmentally beneficial to not have a bus run during the summer?
      i. We always see a bus ridership increase over the winter. If we buy buses we are going to use them. You don’t buy buses to use 5 months per year.
      ii. It tends to go down in April. October is one of the busiest months.
   ii. Bourne: I have three different options on the funding base. The enrollment base depends on the number of students but it is not proportional to the number of students. Equal Shares is the one where UWL and Western are viewed as equal partners and we just split things in half. This is a $525,000 project. The federal and state budget will pay $246,750. If you used the Equal Shares model it would cost around $7 per student here. You would have to have some money up front to buy the buses. WTC didn’t say which one of the three choices they liked. The services are on the map we handed out. WTC indicated they wanted to have the downtown connection. We could use the buses we have already on route 4 and we would run it every 15 minutes. The circulator route would run every 15 minutes so a bus would be coming every 7 to 8 minutes. We are getting so pretty good services. The buses run pretty close to schedule here so it would be pretty reliable. It goes right through the heart of campus.

1. Questions
   a. Did WTC indicate which option they want?
      i. They did not indicate that today. I would guess they would go Equal Shares.
      ii. They have some more flexibility with how they can spend their parking money.
   b. If we were to go with this program how soon would it be seen?
      i. The capital grant to buy a new bus is a multiyear project. If you buy used buses you can have this going next year in Fall of 2011.
      ii. WTC was very interested in going downtown and having the use of the parking ramp.
c. Does MTU provide for any publicity costs?
   i. Right now the current contract has marketing build into it that the students are in charge of.

d. How used is route 4?
   i. Pretty good. It goes to the mall and Wal-Mart on the south side.
   ii. It’s a strong route, but it doesn’t meet the class times well. It’s a good route that will get better.

e. I don’t typically use the system a lot but when I do route 4 is the system I use. I feel like this is a great set up.

b. Brad Konkel, Campaign for County Board
   i. I am your current county board supervisor. I am running for election April 6th. I serve on the Health and Human Services committee. It has been a great experience working with La Crosse county issues. You can check out the facebook page contact me. How many people know about direct funding we give to UWL? We give money to the Stadium. This was proposed to cut this out but I worked to keep that here. I want to work to increase that funding next year. High speed rail is not for sure coming to La Crosse. Recently someone put a proposal to cut it form Madison to Milwaukee. I posted a response to that bill in the Tribune. It would be cutting $800 million from federal funding and putting it back into highways. I think it will cost a lot of jobs and I think it is important that we go through with the High Speed rail. Assembly Bill 791 would allow La Crosse to establish the high speed rail and I would make sure students are represented. Environmental Sustainability is my third platform item. I want to make sure that when we are building new infrastructure we pursue sustainable standards. That is the direction I would like to take us in the next two years.

1. Question
   a. Where is the proposed high speed rails supposed to go?
      i. There are two proposals. They go from the Cities to Madison. There is no line going from Madison to Eau Claire so that puts us at a great advantage. We are looking at more long term reducing the cost of rail transit. We already have a pretty good base for ridership. One of the goals is going to be keeping it cheap enough so that people can use it as a commuter route. We could see that as a realistic option for people that want to take a day trip to Madison.

   b. What is the occupancy?
      i. That has not been determined. They do have a fairly high capacity depending on how many cars they add on.

   c. How many trains would the $800 million fund?
i. It not only funds the trains but the development of the tracks and the system. We are proposing developing high speed rail here because it is less expensive and also add a commuter line to the Cities. That is just to get the program up and running. It would cost between $7 to $8 million to run it every year.

d. You think there is a greater need for high speed rail than for repairing the roads right now?
   i. I think there is. One of the things we will see with high speed rail is less congestion on the interstate. This funding has nothing to do with road funding in La Crosse. It will reduce the wear and tear on the road. So I think over the long run it will actually save us money because we would have longer road life on our interstate. There are a lot of different funding opportunities for this; there has been some discussion about opening up federal stimulus money. There are a lot of jobs that can be created that could be created in the next 10 to 15 years. if we don’t use the funding then it probably wont come back for a while.

e. Is the county going to be doing anything about recycling?
   i. There has been some interesting ethical debates the last four weeks. We are looking into different options. I think that is something we would really like to focus on. I am on the sustainable committee. There are a handful of people that think that it should stay privatized but we are moving towards regionalization. It makes sense that the county run it. I think we can do it better than a private company right now.

VII. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Most of you received the email on the new email system. Make sure you read the what ifs.
      ii. Had a meeting about the future of Wittich. We were having conversations on how to renovate the inside.
      iii. Orgs are able to request room space the first Wednesday in April. It is first come first serve starting at 8am

b. Vice-President

   c. Chief Financial Officer

d. Legislative Issues Director

Senate 2009-2010
i. Student Aid reform was passed this week! It increases Pell Grants.
ii. Joint Leg and Regent Relations met on Monday. There will be an expert on collective bargaining that I will try to get in here. the organizing committee will hand out cards to faculty. We talked about Veggies with the Leggies and formulating some questions. If there are any issues and things you want to know let me know. 1pm room 339 on April 16th

e. Others
i. City Affairs
   1. I will be sending you an email inviting you to the last city council meeting. I would like it to be a social. We will be meeting and find a location to kick ball.

ii. Social Justice
   1. Thank you all for participating in the United Against Hate Campaign.
   2. Human Rights Awareness week is still going on. They have had some great events.
   3. ATP applications due next Friday.

iii. PR
   1. There have been some people that have approached me about being PR director next year. If you are interested please let me know.

iv. Environmental Sustainability
   1. Bike concert tomorrow night at 9pm in Concordia Ball room.
   2. Shoeless is playing.
   3. Composting teach in April 13th.

VIII. RHAC Report
   a. Cancelling blood drive.
   b. Moved up the ground breaking ceremony to the 23rd at 1pm.

IX. Advisor Reports
   a. I have the word articulation workshop coming up, full description on D2L.
   b. April 24th Neighbors Day

X. Committee Reports
   a. Calendar committee
      i. Did not discuss the common hour. Did make some recommendations to get out earlier in the winter. Also talked about the fall break. There are some problems with labs. There are a few snags to be worked on.
   b. ITS External Review
      i. If you are still interested in the google apps you can email Tillman. We will have a control phase where we evaluate where we are at.
   c. Academic Affairs
      i. Just got in all the applications. You can come watch.
   d. Student Tech Fee
      i. Approved budget for next fiscal year. We will bring that to you next week.

Senate 2009-2010
XI. Consent Agenda
   a. SA0910-055: REC Request for AAU Girl’s Basketball Tournament
      i. Hemmer/Kedrowski
         1. Approved

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business
   a. SA0910-054: Resolution Approving Spring 2010 One-Shots
      i. Zahn/Brown
         1. Everything is the same except for Athletics. How will it be divided up? We didn’t feel like we had enough information to make a good decision on it. We invited her to resubmit when she has more information. We did approve $1,991 to the football helmets.
ii. Discussion
   1. Is there a plan to change the helmet process?
      a. We will state it more explicitly now, because I think they have a uniform budget. We don’t know why it counts as a one shot.
   2. So the other projects weren’t approved on the basis that Kim didn’t know where the other funding would be coming from? So if they found that then could they be approved?
      a. Yes we could still approve it later because we do not have to abide by the two times a year thing.
   3. I am confused about why we haven’t said no to the helmets?
      a. I think the issue is that the coach doesn’t have an exact amount of helmets he needs every year because some can be refurbished at the end of the year and some can’t.
         i. Can’t they anticipate that in their budget?
            1. They have 100 people on their roster in the summer and then they cut down and they don’t know how many helmets they will need because they could take parts from 7 different helmets to make two so they are trying to get back to the 100 that they need for the summer.
   4. The presentation is a necessity for the scholarship presentation and Foundation already puts in $500,000 and it would take away $750 that could be going to someone’s tuition. Move to allocate $750 to the video production
      a. Urbas/Radke
         i. When Sarah Olson came in she said that this was something that came up and she is planning on adding it to their budget. She will take the steps to build this into the budget.
   ii. Call to question

Senate 2009-2010
1. Approved.

5. Call to question  
   a. Passes 31:0:2

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XIV. Discussion
   a. SA0910-056: Resolution Adopting Mission Statements
      i. Lauderdale/Schauer
      ii. Discussion
         1. Great job with the committee. Motion to close discussion
            a. Schauer/Cruz
               i. Discussion closed
   b. SA0910-057: Off Campus Housing Resource Center
      i. Schauer/Cloud
         1. In some conversations I had with students I noticed this is a
            service we certainly need. There are very few of these services
            at UWL. We have a campus attorney that students pay for but
            very few students know that they can take their lease to that
            attorney or landlord issues. There is interest and a need for this
            program. The mission is to provide a resource center for off
            campus housing needs including renters rights. Some of the
            duties include lessons in leasing, promoting renter’s rights;
            have listings, lease assistance and overview, general resources
            pertaining to renting. This is all fluid and things can change
            and adapt. We would like to have the office in the senate
            conference room with one or two desk stations in there. We
            would still want to keep that table in there. We would like to
            hire the positions (one position for the summer). We would like
            to incorporate into UWL 100 and student orientation week. The
            goal is to have it fully operational by the fall.
      ii. Questions
         1. The positions will be filled by students?
            a. These would be student workers with 8 to 12 hours per
               week.
         2. What is the process, how are you going to get the applications
            out there?
            a. We will work with University Centers.
         3. Can you talk about developing the relationships?
            a. Building relationships with the different management
               companies and with the city. We want to build that now
               so that we don’t have to do that over the summer.
               i. I am worried some landlords will have a favored
                  status if they have met with the university.
                  1. The relationships are more just to let
                     them know that the services are there
                     and if they have information that
                     students would want we could have that.
                     We might charge later, but we need to
                     develop it.
4. Can we have some kind of renter information sharing? There are so many renters that exploit people.
   a. We wanted to do a rate your landlord kind of thing, but we had to take a step back from that. We are looking into what we are able to do. We want to have a particular database with addresses and comments from people. We have to make sure that is monitored well because of the liability.

5. Would this website still be connected with res life?
   a. We would figure out the domain and make sure it is a resource from res life and student association.

6. Did you consider having someone else other than students run this?
   a. We applied for a developmental grant to get it going and that lessened the management in our hands. If this works we will continue this and there is talk about doing it in conjunction with the office of student life.

7. What are the daily responsibilities for the student workers?
   a. Maintaining the website. We will need a lot of communication with the landlords. Publicizing and lessons on leasing will be big in the fall.

8. Did you do any exploration in actually having it in the office of res life?
   a. We had some conversations and because it is coming through SA funding we thought to keep it over here.

9. SA advisors would be acting as supervisors. It would be a different role for Larry and I.

10. Can we do an annual survey out to students to get general feedback? We could give that to renters because I feel like students just rent and leave and nothing ever changes.
    a. That is part of the assessment piece. We will have surveys to know what students think.

11. I think it is a really good idea and there is a lot you can do with it. How will you set up the conference room to serve as an office? Will there be a computer?
    a. We have plans for a printer and general office supplies. ITS has a brand new computer that we will be receiving for that purpose.

12. Would this be a good resource for students who are looking for someone to lease with?
    a. That and subleasing are areas that we would like to get to long term.

13. The OIE has information on that.
    a. We have had some conversations with them.

14. Would CAB still have access to that room?
a. It’s still a shared space. We aren’t certain on the hours yet. The goal is to make sure we don’t lose it as a meeting room.

iii. Discussion
   1. Motion to close discussion
      a. Schauer/Kedrowski
         i. Discussion closed.

XV. Announcements
   a. Senior Art Show, if you want an invitation send PR director your address
   b. International Banquet is coming up. In a day and a half we sold 200 tickets. Great food and great show.
   c. April 9th is Music for Miracles. Raffle prizes.
   d. April 6th at 7pm Sig Tau event.
   e. Tomorrow is Poker Night, free to enter. First prize gets a digital camera.
   f. April 6th a jazz artist is coming to play. Freddy Cole at 7pm
   g. Celebration for research and creativity in Valhalla.
   h. All campus email going out about the census.
   i. Open Mic Night tonight 337 CC free coffee.
   j. End of the Year BSU Bash April 9th Port O’Call

XVI. Adjournment
   a. Heying/Lauderdale
      i. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm
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