Date: November 18th, 2009
Time and Location: 6:00 PM; Port O’ Call; Cartwright Center

I. Call to Order
   a. 6:01
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call
IV. Approval of Agenda
   a. Schauer/Zweig
      i. Move to remove line item A in new business
         1. Objection
            a. Motion moved.
      ii. Move to switch the line items
         1. We aren’t going to have the results until later.
            a. Agenda approved.
V. Approval of Minutes
   a. Hemmer/Radke
      i. Minutes approved.
VI. Guest Speakers
   a. Mayor Matt Harter
      i. We are not planning on getting rid of the fire department and I apologize to anyone who was offended by the calendar. I don’t have updates on alternate side parking but I will get that to you when I have updates.
      ii. Questions
         1. I read that you are looking at the possibility of looking into switching into volunteers?
            a. No, all our departments are doing research to compare.
               This isn’t anything that was on the agenda. The media contacted my office yesterday, but there is no proposal. I am not saying in the future something may not come of it. I personally don’t think an all volunteer fire department would be feasible. There is a potential to have some kind of volunteer service.
         2. What are some of the other cities you are looking at?
            a. Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, some that are a similar size to us.
3. How do you think we are doing as far as the bing drinking and any strategies you have?
   a. We are doing a good job. Oktoberfest numbers lower than it ever has been. The number of ordinances that have been issues are down. People are stepping up and being responsible. A lot of the times we just need raise awareness.

4. Could you give us an update on sustainability?
   a. Your council member serves on that committee so he would be able to give you more details. I want to set up a resource recovery facility that would allow us to recycle more items. There isn’t anything that isn’t recyclable. The carpet on this floor, the tiles on the ceiling. I would like to see the city of La Crosse at the forefront. We do have such an enthusiastic community, we need to take advantage of that… take action. People want to create a more sustainable environment. You guys are taking those steps here. Garbage runs in my veins. Council member Schmidt can give you resources as to get in touch with people. The landfills have a lot of stuff that is easily recyclable. It is a matter of creating awareness.

5. Underage drinking has been an issue, what are the alternatives other than penalizing?
   a. The most important thing is partnering with the campus, as well as Viterbo and TC. We need to talk to students that are willing to be part of the solution. Do we need to provide other opportunities for kids other than drinking? Build a relationship with the campuses. We have a liaison now. it is all about raising awareness. We are making an effort to do it. We are doing it with less resources than we had in the past. I think the police department is doing a good job with the resources they have. I like to think that it is getting better and that we are making good process.

6. What are the steps we can take to better recycle our refuse as opposed to only recycling plastic?
   a. We need to follow the steps all the way to the end. we need to get specific and provide answers for people. We could use specific guidance from people out there. If students take the time to do the research… our police department is moving to an all propane fleet. If you do that work for them, you can take it one step further. I get people all the time in my office telling me “do this…” but I only have 24 hours in a day.

7. In the past month the senate has talked about putting yield signs and crosswalks around the area to make a safer environment. Could you talk about the police student relationships? What are
different ways the police force can improve communication with students?

a. Talk to the city traffic engineer. Be specific. Put the work into it. Same thing with improving relationships with the police department. Get down to where the rubber hits the road. Relationships, communication, just you contacting the chief, that will raise awareness.
   i. I’ve already talked to the police chief. I would like to know your personal opinion.
      1. I hadn’t had any specific conversations with students about public safety. I don’t have any specific plans to increase public safety.

b. Tyler Burkart, Spring 2009 Bus Survey Results
   i. Last week a group of students met with Larry about a campus circulator.
      Last year we took a survey on student use of bus and transit service. I will leave the La Crosse Market Segment Plan in the office. We want to provide additional bus services, the plan reviewed the transit routes. The online survey was in December 2008 online and it was available for all students to take. It asked about the transit usage, housing, and parking. 14.7% of respondents that lived in intensive residential areas drive to campus and park on the streets. 5% indicated they parked 3 or more blocks from campus. 2% of students use MTU 5 or more times per week to get to campus. 16.9% use the bus at least once a week. 57.9% say they use MTU once a month. 42.9% of respondents do not have a car in La Crosse. That shows that out of that number only 2% use the bus to go to class. I think we could have a lot more than just 2%. There is a strong market for a short distance travel since many students live within 3 – 10 blocks. 33.% only use MTU for Safe Ride trips. Last year we passed a resolution to finance a third Safe Ride Bus. 55.2% indicated they would use the bus more if it would run more frequently. Currently it runs every fifteen minutes on weekdays and 30 minutes on the weekends. A campus circulator would develop more student ridership, reduce green house emissions, etc. there is a new transit center, it will be done by the end of the year. estimated 10.7 million dollar project. In the next three weeks make sure to read the La Crosse Market Segment Plan. There are four campus circulator routes that we could have. Talk to your constituents to see what they think about it. Should we encourage people to drive to campus or should we encourage more sustainable methods. Prepare questions for a future guest speaker that will talk to you more specifically about the routes and the pros and cons as well.
   ii. Questions
      1. What do you think we could cut the time down to of the transit bus?
         a. It depends on how many buses we have out there, they would focus on the class times and say it would be 5 to 10 minutes.
2. If we increase the hours, do we have to increase the price?
   a. WTC and the city will help us with the cost. This is why it is being brought up now. We want to get to students early to see if this is something they want or not.
3. Do you have plans to make people use the bus more often?
   a. It will be more frequent.
4. During the weekend, the hours for bus 9 are not available on the weekends anymore. It really affected freshman and international students. Do you know why they did that?
   a. I would think because of budget reasons but I will get an answer and get back to you.
5. There is a deadline for the city to get state funding, is our timeline for this combined with that?
   a. The chancellor will be going over the numbers and the budget, they want to get the specifics done by January and come back here in February.
6. Do you know how our fee compares to TC?
   a. I don’t what the proportion is. The WTC students use it because they also use the science and health center here. a lot of the different options are involved with UWL as well.
   b. Last year we negotiated the budget with MTU. We should have better numbers this time around.
7. I think the circulator is a phenomenal idea. I want to make sure the stops are in accessible areas. Make sure that it is accessible and that snow is not going to present an obstacle.
8. Milwaukee has a website where you can type in where you need to go and it tells you what routes you have to take. I think that would be very helpful.
9. How does this factor into our plan to build a new parking structure on campus.
   a. We do have a parking ramp in the works. If we have a parking structure you begin to ask yourself if we need a bus circulator. Hopefully in the next few months we can continue to look into that answer those questions.
10. Can we alter the parking structure plan?
   a. I believe what the students want can be done. It’s all up to what we want as students. It’s up to us as a group.
11. Even if the parking ramp is already in effect, it doesn’t affect the bus system. Some of our parking areas are going to be gone so this will be replacing those.

VII. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Please write down the professor’s name of any classes that you did class raps in that were not on the list. Also student orgs that you might have went to as well.
ii. Textbook rental is in a transition and they are trying to figure out a good system. They have a new coding system and they have to code all of the books, including the ones students are using right now. They are trying to make this as easy as possible. The thought right now is for student orgs to help out with bar-coding if they want to do some fundraising. They are transitioning to a strictly number system, instead of subject. It alleviates the issues right now when you change the books. When you check out your books it will have a number instead of the subject and author name. The tricky thing is they can’t number the books that students are currently using. They want to open it up so that students can go down to text book rental so that they can check them into the new system. As incentive for doing that, you will be able to just drop your books off and leave at the end of the semester.
   1. Textbook rental is thinking of offering an express lane.
   2. The new system will hold people accountable for writing in books, and if you loose your book and someone finds it, it can be traced back to you.

iii. Please keep the office clean. It is not our responsibility to pick up after you. Think about how it reflects with guests in the office.

iv. Thanks to everyone that helped with AI. It was amazing to see. We had a great turnout

v. There was an issue with the polls, from 4 to 5 the polls weren’t working so we made a decision to extend the hours until 7pm.
   1. Will this have an effect on the validity of the referendum?
      a. I think we will have to wait and see the results. We did discuss that and that is why we sent an email out and added an additional hour.
   2. I also heard that some people did not receive the email.
      a. Some emails were recoded and we so we sent out another round of emails, so the same students received two emails. After that Chancellor Gow sent it out.

b. Vice-President
   i. If you are in the office make sure to answer the phone.
   ii. We do not have a meeting next week.
   iii. Referendum results:
      1. question 1:
         a. yes 2923
         b. no 539
      2. question 2:
         a. yes 2684
         b. No 770

c. Chief Financial Officer
   i. Get budgets in to SUFAC. We talked about the Cartwright budget, next week we are reviewing other buildings.
   ii. I have been working with Kahl in getting our budget going. We had a reduction in our spending.
d. Shared Governance Director  
e. Legislative Issues Director  
i. Faculty senate approved a revised furlough statement. John Tillman currently reports to the provost. They want to change it to report to Bob Hetzel and they approved it. They also looked into final exam policies.  
ii. The forum was really well attended last Friday. Thank you for coming. That means a lot personally to me that you came.  
iii. I am working on Leg Con budget and applications. They will be out starting next semester.  
iv. I got us a family to sponsor for Christmas from New Horizons. The list is very short.

f. Others  
i. City Affairs  
   1. Let me know if you want to go on a ride along.  
   a. Is drunk driving really prevalent in La Crosse?  
      i. Since we initialized the Safe Ride the numbers have decreased drastically. The individuals they pull over for that aren’t typically our age group.  
   b. Are they doing anything to raise awareness on drunk driving?  
      i. We do have that state wide campaign of the goal of zero deaths, the initiative of buckling up.

ii. Environmental  
   1. Reviewing Green fund apps.

iii. Social Justice  
   1. If you have any ideas on inclusive excellence let me know.

iv. PR  
   1. Did a phenomenal job on the referendum.  
   2. I need pictures from people.

v. Gender Issues  
   1. Making a budget for the campaign. Meeting with the head design person next week.  
   a. Do you have any info on the New Horizons fundraiser?  
      i. I haven’t heard anything about it.  
      ii. This Sunday at 5pm at the Orange Pearl Salon.

VIII. RHAC Report  
   a. Winter Formal December 4th 8PM to midnight. Tickets are $7 in advance or $8 at the door.  
   b. NCC elections. Applications are out on the 23rd. due December 9th.

IX. Advisor Reports  
   a. Breanne  
      i. Drive carefully going home to Thanksgiving.

   b. Larry  
      i. If you get confused about what is happening make sure you take a break and know what is going on. Sometimes just give us a break and let us read
some stuff. We want to make sure people are able to talk about the things they want to talk about.

X. Committee Reports
   a. IT External Review
      i. We discussed some of the email choices and did some comparisons. There will be open forums on the 20th at 9 AM and Dec 3rd and 4th. We have a draft of a survey that we will review and it will be sent out after the break. I will email you the details on the open forums.

   b. Student Services and Buildings
      i. Talked about pedestrian accident info. There are a lot of accidents around this area. These yield signs are needed. We are working out stake out times to figure out the places to have these signs.

   c. Gen Ed
      i. Working on a requirement that all students finish their English, speech, and math gen ed before they hit 60 credits. Everyone seems to be in favor of it. 90% of students already do that.
         1. Why do they want to do that?
            a. We want people to add, speak, and write. These represent three pillars of education that are necessary in other classes.

   d. Academic Building
      i. We looked at three different color pallets. The committee decided the blue-gold. We will bring in samples of the furniture to get student input on. As soon as we get word on when that is coming in I will let you know.

   e. Legislative Affairs
      i. Impeachment charges brought in against Senator Schmidt. The letter alleges Schmidt abused the power he hold as representative. On Tuesday Schmidt sent a letter in response. These are open documents and can be viewed. The Leg Affairs committee met twice. The committee voted to not forward the impeachment resolution.
         1. How do we access those documents?
            a. I can email them to you.

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business
   a. SA 0910-024: Resolution Supporting the Academic Initiative Referendum Results
      i. Schauer/Kedrowski
         1. This is approving the referendum results as we just saw. We could add the actual numbers.
      ii. Discussion
         1. Move to amend to add “whereas the student body voted in support of the first question by a vote of 2923 to 539 and in support of the second question by a vote of 2684 to 770.
            a. Schauer/Schmidt
               i. Call to question
                  1. Passed.
         2. Move to add the three whereas clauses about the questions
            a. Popp/Brown

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b. I think we need to change “previously stated”
   i. That is a quote from the question
      1. Can we put them in parentheses?
c. Change to from “Question 1” to “the first question” and
   “Question 2” to “the second question”
   i. I will make the changes if no one objects.
d. Would it sound more professional if after it says “the first
   question asked students” we should put the question?
   i. Bradley/Zweig
      1. Call to question
         a. Amendment to the amendment
            passed.
   ii. Call to question on the amendment
      1. Amendment passed
3. Motion to strike the last whereas
   a. Radke/Callaway
      i. Call to question
         1. Passed.
4. this is always sent to the board of regents, president Riley, and
   Chancellor Gow
5. Call to question
   a. Acclimation
      i. Passed.
b. SA 0910-023: Resolution Endorsing the Academic Initiatives Differential Tuition Program
   i. Bradley/Kedrowski
   ii. Discussion
      1. I feel it would be redundant to send two things as well as the
         results to the board of regents. We don’t want to overdo the results.
      2. I think this resolution has a lot of support. A lot of people put time
         into this. We should forward it to the board of regents.
      3. It is very valuable.
      4. There was a lot of time put into this, the support for this was there
         from the beginning.
      5. Call to question
         a. Passed.
XIII. Discussion
   a. SA 0910-025: Resolution Expressing Gratitude for UW-L Faculty
      i. Zweig/Brown
         1. I wanted to give credit where credit is due. The professors that
            allowed us to come to their classrooms really helped us educate
            students. I want to thank those professors and I thought this would
            give them a greater sense of what Student Association is.
   ii. Discussion
      1. motion to close discussion
         a. Schauer/Knutson
i. Discussion closed.

XIV. Announcements
   a. Tomorrow is a very special day, we proposed for a Karly Wallace Day that was not approved. I think we could acknowledge that day today in senate.
      i. Motion to party
         1. O’Neill/Ruplinger
   b. Tomorrow night Quiet Drive will be here.
   c. Last Sunday attended WIAC conference. Talked about politics and what will be going through.
   d. Monday 9 to 2 Blood Drive
   e. House of Numbers documentary on Monday at 7 in Valhalla.

XV. Adjournment
   a. Heying/Schmidt
      i. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM
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