A regular meeting of the 58th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday December 08, 2014 in Dakota Ballroom, Sam Fish chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Senator Ashley

Roll Call
See attachment

Presentation
No Presentations

Approval of the minutes from December 1, 2014
Minutes approved by unanimous consent

Report of the President

Good evening everyone.

Last week Tuesday Vice President Wrasse and I were a part of the Chancellor’s cabinet meeting. We discussed the state of the University budget and how each department is managing under the current circumstances. Additionally, we were given an update about recruitment and retention numbers so far this semester. We are on track and even a little bit ahead of schedule as far as applications and acceptances have gone, very good news.

On Wednesday I called the reference I was assigned for my Search and Screen Committee. The committee decided to invite both candidates that we did reference checks on to campus. With any luck we will have on-campus interviews with the candidates the week of finals. I was able to sit in on a discussion between Provost Kleine and Vice Chancellor Hellwig about how they plan to tackle next semester as far as increasing campus diversity awareness. Late Wednesday afternoon the Search and Screen Committee met.
Thursday morning I was in on a meeting of the Fund Balances Working group with Director Paese. That group is taking a harder look at individual university accounts, their balances, how we can minimize waste and streamline processes. Later, there was a meeting of the Council for International and Global Experiences. That group is bringing a backgammon tournament to the library, if anyone is interested. The CIGE is also going to be reviewing a proposal by Women’s Studies in the coming weeks.

Friday, Dean Abhold and I met to discuss where we believed the Senate is so far this year. We discussed how we believe we are right on track and we are looking forward to what we can do next semester. I would like to see us smooth out some processes in the next semester to have a solid foundation for the 59th sessions.

Over the weekend Chief of Staff Gonzales, Directors Kielman and Mabin, and I all went to Marinette to the meeting of the Student Representatives of the University of Wisconsin System. That body passed a resolution supporting Differential Tuitions across UW Schools and a resolution reaffirming the UW System’s support in the Federal Perkins Loan Program. There were various discussion groups later in the afternoon.

Tomorrow I have a meeting of the Student Wage Rates and Practices Committee, where I will be explaining to the committee the different pay structures that exist for student governments across the UW System. There will also be a meeting of the Council of Student Leaders.

On Wednesday I will be having my sit down with Vice Chancellor Hellwig, along with Vice President Wrasse, where will discuss where we are at currently at what we want to act on in the coming semester.

Thursday, Vice President Wrasse and I have our monthly sit down with Chancellor Schmidt.

You have all done an outstanding this semester and I look forward to what we can accomplish next semester.

Good luck on finals!

Sam Fish

Report of the Vice President

It is with deep regret that I am not able to be at tonight's meeting. While returning from a successful weekend of forensics in Ohio, weather and maintenance issues conspired to have us miss our connecting flight back to Eau Claire. We will return later this evening, or possibly early tomorrow morning, and I am disappointed that I will not be able to attend our final meeting of first semester.

Last week, we finished up interviews for the Tenant Affairs Intern position and selected Aaron Voldberg, whose appointment you will consider tonight. We were highly impressed with all our candidates, but felt that Aaron's passion for Student Affairs, experience with event planning, and superior communication skills will make him incredibly successful in that position, if you see fit, next semester. On Monday, President Fish and I met with Director Rebecca Jewell to start finalizing plans for a legislative visit day in the spring- we hope to notify some key stakeholders this week that we'll be offering this opportunity to speak with legislators this spring to get the ball rolling. On Tuesday, President Fish and I attended the December Chancellor's Cabinet meeting, and then the Senior Recognition Ceremony in the Dulany that afternoon.
On Wednesday, Director Kielman, Senator Weber and I met with Dr. Angie Stombaugh, director of CETL, to discuss a variety of academic concerns facing the campus—this was a productive meeting, and I look forward to following up on some of this discussion next semester. President Fish and I discussed campus climate issues and, specifically, the number of groups working on issues of diversity and inclusivity around campus, with Provost Kleine and Vice Chancellor Hellwig to determine how we can better promote the progress that is being made to the campus next semester. After our weekly check-in with President Fish, Chief of Staff Gonzales, and myself, I had the privilege of attending a meeting of the Campus Ambassadors where I updated them on Student Senate's voter registration efforts and main initiatives surround improving our campus climate. They were very interested in these issues, and gave a number of questions/comments about the makeup of Senate, how we compare to student governments at other schools, and how much they like the way we've handled the Student Technology Fee. I was thrilled to meet with this group of bright, articulate students, and look forward to further collaboration with them.

On Thursday, Senators Weber, Soulier, and I attended a meeting of the Student Affairs Deans and Directors. This body, which is comprised of folks from athletics, University Recreation and Sports Facilities, CASA, University Centers, Housing and Residence Life, and other key non-academic units on our campus, deals with broad policy initiatives within the division of Student Affairs. The three of us shared information regarding the Student Senate's endorsement of changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day, and asked them to similarly support making that change in the non-official calendars (like the housing planner that all residence hall students get) that they control. After some questions and discussion, I am thrilled to announce that Indigenous Peoples Day at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has been given the official endorsement of the Division of Student Affairs; thanks to Senators Soulier and Weber for their excellent representation of students at this meeting.

I left for Ohio with the Forensics team very early Friday morning and will return late this evening. This week, I'll be meeting with Deans Leaman and Manning, of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Education and Human Sciences, respectively, as well as Vice Chancellor Hellwig and the Covey Training Group. Additionally, I will attend the final meeting of the Parking Review Work Group this Friday, to help finalize our recommendations for the campus.

We've had an incredible semester as a Student Senate—we've done more than past sessions of Senate, in my opinion, to reach students in new ways, to get input from outside groups on the issues we address, and to move forward through each week with a clear plan based upon the important ideals present in our session's mission statement. However, there is much more work to be done. I look forward to an even more productive second semester, where we can engage even more students, raise the profile of what Student Senate is—who we are, what we do, and how they can run for election in April—and work even harder together to have our diversity of thought represent this campus as best we can.

For any questions or clarifications, don't hesitate to contact me. With that, from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, I yield.

Jake Wrasse

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**Report of the Treasurer**

Hello everyone,

I have a quick report for tonight! The Student Senate banquet is this Friday. Please make sure that you are bringing your Super Secular Secret Santa gift.
Have a good week and good luck with finals.

*Brittney Gonzales*

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**Board of Directors Reports**

**Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director**
Hello everyone!

I hope you are all having a great Monday!

Last week there was no APC meeting, but today there was a ULEC meeting; the last one of the semester. We discussed many history courses and their designation for R2, among other outcomes.

Also last week, Vice President Wrasse, Senator Weber, and myself, met with Angie Stombaugh from CETL (Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning), to discuss core evaluations and how to proceed with the development of a survey, and what tools were necessary to reference and utilize when beginning this process.

Tomorrow there is no APC meeting, as the meetings are now concluded for the semester, but I have my weekly Director check in with President Fish, and then there **will be** an Academic Affairs meeting tomorrow, as I want to touch base before the end of the semester and also talk about next semester as well. I look forward to seeing all commission members there.

I wish everyone good luck on their finals, and with that I yield.

*Abigail Kielman*

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**Report of Finance Commission Director**

*No Report Submitted.*

*Christian Paese*

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**Report of Information Technology Commission Director**

*No Report Submitted.*

*Christian Paese*

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**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director**

Hello everyone!

Sorry I can’t be at the meeting tonight. Last week wasn’t as busy as usual. IGA had its last meeting on Thursday where discussed ways to publicize our advocacy trip to Madison as well as brainstormed ideas on how to get other students to participate. This week I plan to work with the graphic design intern to finalize our talking points for the new residence hall. On Wednesday I’ll be attending the Third Ward Neighborhood Association meeting. I’ll
be wrapping up the semester by attending the legislators’ breakfast on campus on December 19th.

Rebecca Jewell

**Report of the Organizations Commission Director**

Hi all,

Orgs met last week and went over more constitutions. This week we will go more constitutions and also pick the org of the month. This will be the last orgs meeting of the semester! If I do not see you before break, have a very happy and safe holiday season!

Jordan Mabin

**Report of the Public Relations Commission Director**

Hi everyone!

Hope you had a great weekend. Happy last Monday of classes! First off a big thank you to everyone who helped out this morning (Senator Samples, Senator Wieser, Senator Ashley, Senator Jacobson, and Director Jewell)! I know it was early, but it was a lot of fun and students appreciated the free coffee. Last week at the PR meeting we focused on creating a plan for next semester based off of the survey. We came up with a lot of great ideas that I am looking forward to working on over break. This week and next we will be finishing up with the featured senators campaign. We will also be doing a paid promotion on our facebook page! I am also looking into tabling and doing a lit drop for the literature we have for off-campus students about leaving for winter break. I will keep you updated about that, so watch you emails. Finally thank you for all your hard work this semester! I know sometimes PR can ask for a lot of help from everyone, but I really appreciate it. As always PR will be meeting tomorrow at 5PM.

Amy Jewell

**Report of the Student Office of Sustainability**

Good evening everyone!

Last week SOS passed the proposals two proposals, one for marketing materials and one for a water bottle fill station. If you would like more information on either of these please feel free to email me or talk to me.

I met with the screening committee for the new Director of Facilities Planning. This was the first meeting we have had and we developed the screening process that we are going to use. We will meet again during finals week. I also met with the Biking and Pedestrian Plan committee. They will be forming the actual Biking and Pedestrian
committee sometime in the early spring. We also discussed plans for biking infrastructure and role out for portions of the bike plan.

Later this week I will be meeting with the Housing and Residence Life Sustainability Coordinator to discuss plans for Recyclemania. Over the break I will be working on a number of proposals and tasks for the SOS. If you would like a full break down of everything I’m planning on working on please feel free to get in contact with me.

This week the SOS will be meeting to conduct evaluations of the commission and to revisit Earth Week event ideas, so as always feel free to stop by Tuesday at 5pm. We will be in Little Niagara this week.

Bailey Kramer

**Report of the University Activities Commission Director**

Hello Everyone,

**Cabin:**
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- J.E. Sunde AM show was cancelled
- PM Friday show; Attendance – 52
- Saturday show; Attendance – 46
CURRENT PLANS
- Hemma & Undlin/Wolfe – Friday 12/12
- Snopen Stage – Saturday 12/13
FUTURE GOALS
- Book for spring semester

**Concerts:**
Accomplishments:
- Sent out survey for who students would like to see next semester
Goals:
- Plan act for Spring Semester

**Festivals:**
Last week we talked about due dates for our upcoming Winter Carnival design competition and requested posters for that. The designs will be due January 3rd, and then the committee will decide on which design so that it is ready for when we come back from break. Food requests have been submitted and we will be discussing what our final marketing strategy will be in today’s meeting.

**Films:**
- Finalized films for next semester

**Late Night:**
- This Thursday is the Cooking Lesson and Grocery Shopping 101 from 8-10 pm in The Lookout.
- December 8 is the Packer Party, starting at 7 pm in The Lookout as well.
- February 6 is Ice Skating and February 13 is snow shoeing and ice skating.
- March 13 is Archery from 9-11 pm in the EAC
- Currently, working on Late Night Date Night. Looking at April 18. Laser Tag on May 1

Special Events:
- December 8th Packer party
- Planning events for next semester

-Nicole and I are just wrapping up the semester making sure everything is coming together for next semester and making sure everyone is trained for next semester

Stacey Anderson

Special Reports

RHA Liaison Report
Hi Everyone,

RHA Introduced a Bill to amend the Constitution and Bylaws to reflect requirements that it did not previously meet. Voting on this will take place this week. We just elected a new Secretary for next semester, as our current secretary will be studying abroad next semester. This week is RHA’s final meeting of the semester, and will reconvene after Spring Semester commences.

Marty Weber

Outreach & Inclusivity Liaison Report
No report submitted.

Ben Thompson Isaac

Unfinished Business

D. Discussion of Running Club of UW-EC Constitution. Passed 19-0-3 by placard vote.
E. Any Other Unfinished Business

New Business

A. Introduction of Resolution 58-R-25, In support of the BIRT’s Campus Visibility Efforts.
Passed by unanimous voice vote.
C. Any Other New Business

Personnel Matter

OFF-CAMPUS SENATOR
Young, Hillary, resigned

TENANT AFFAIRS INTERN
Young, Hillary, resigned
Voldberg, Aaron

Announcements

- Treat day on Wednesday from Colleen!
- Please send Chief of Staff any pictures from the semester relating to Student Senate
- Good luck on finals

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Brittney Gonzales, Chief of staff
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