



General meeting minutes of September 8, 2009

Michael Umhoefer
President

Amber Bretl
VicePresident

A regular meeting of the 53rd Session of Student Senate was called into order at 7:06 pm on Monday, September 8, 2009 in the ALUMNI ROOM, President Michael Umhoefer chairing and Secretary Jessi Van Natta being present.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Brittany Smith.

Roll Call

See Attachment A

Open Forum

-MJ Brukhardt discussed Higher Learning Commitment.

-Chancellor Levin-Stankevich discussed the Blugold Commitment Initiative.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2009

Approved.

Report of the President

First I would like to say welcome back Senators. The year ahead of us is going to be challenging and memorable. Many of our decisions will be looked upon for years to come, hopefully with a positive perspective.

This summer has been a busy one, but here is my brief update of everything that went down.

Inside your folder is a color copy of the new Davies design. This design isn't finalized but we are now in the stage of picking out interior and

exterior finishes. We will have the design team come and present the building to us and answer any questions we might have at the beginning of October. Please flip through the document and make notes about what you do and don't like. I also have a comment form for you all to fill out so we can get our questions to the architects before they come to present. If you could have them filled out by the end of the week that would be great, just give them to Chief of Staff Sorelle.

The green fund also had some changes made this summer. Because of the dramatic increase in our segregated fees, due primarily from the new food services contract and the fee funding the new Davies building, the green fund had to be reduced for this year. In consultation with the Chancellor, Dave Gessner and Jodi we agreed to lower it from \$10 per student per semester to \$1 for this year. Next year the fee will increase to its regular level. The green fund was one of the only flexible fees we could change to meet systems expectations of total segregated fee increases. The change also allows the fund to be spent this spring, so we

will be making the bylaws and the committee this fall. If you are interested in being a part of the bylaw committee please let me know.

Dinning services also changed a bit over the summer. I worked with Dave Gessner and the Chancellor to reduce the financial burden of the new plan options so each of the three plans were reduced by \$100. The declining option is still restricted to sophomores and up, but we will be monitoring the new plans closely so changes can be made for next year's students.

The university in general will be very busy this September and October. Inside of your folder is a description of the higher learning commission and their role on campus next week. From September 14-16 the "HLC" will be on campus to do the accreditation of the entire university. This occurs every 10 years and they will be very interested to speak with us. The chancellor has made it clear that 8 members of the commission will be asking for meeting times randomly throughout the three days so if you are available please make time to talk with them. MJ Brukardt will be discussing what to expect from the higher learning commission later on in open forum.

Other key dates to be aware of include the October Board of Regents meeting, which will be held on campus the 15th and 16th, the Thursday and Friday before homecoming. I will keep you updated on additional information and what to expect from that meeting as it draws closer.

On a more fun note our senate shirts have not yet been designed or made because I wanted to make sure all of your input was had, so there will be a signup sheet if you are interested in helping make them. Please sign up if you are interested. On that same sheet will be a spot for fantasy football signups as well. I thought having a fantasy football league with senate would be fun for us, we need a minimum of 10 people to get a league on Yahoo. We will pick

our draft time depending on a time that works for everyone interested.

That seems to be everything I wanted to mention, sorry for taking so long. I look forward to working with all of you this year; it will be a busy one.

Michael Umhoefer

Report of the Vice President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a good first week of class and enjoyed your long Labor Day weekend! School has officially started off to a quick start.

First and foremost, the big item on our agenda this semester is the Blugold Commitment that is being proposed by the Chancellor. This is a huge new tuition initiative that is aimed at improving the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire by being able to add and keep programs while gaining faculty retention to raise the caliber of degrees you will receive once you leave UW-Eau Claire. I encourage you all to ask any questions if you have them and to be critical of the initiative because it will be students' money we are spending and we want to make sure we are good student representatives.

Second, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee had their United Council referendum last week and voted no and decided to leave being members of United Council. Milwaukee was a big revenue source with providing around \$130,000 of United Councils budget. This will have major affects on United Council, but it also does make Eau Claire the second largest member school in United Council as of now. These are things to think about for when we plan our United Council referendum this semester.

Also the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is coming to UWEC from September 14-16th and will be evaluating UWEC for those three days.

They will be around campus doing research asking faculty, staff, and student's questions and evaluating the accreditation of UWEC. This happens once every ten years with a "comprehensive visit" to evaluate if the university meets the criteria for further accreditation. There are informational packets in the senate office and make sure to ask questions so to be prepared for the committee since they will be around and most likely attending our senate meeting on Monday September 14th.

Furthermore, I just want to formally welcome everyone back to school and express how excited I am for the next year of Senate. We have great potential to serve the University and the students we represent! I want to express that I want to foster lots of communication this year between Senators, Directors, Michael and I, students, and administration! My door is always open for any issue you may have, senate or not senate related! Please don't hesitate to stop by my office even if it is to bounce ideas off of each other! I am keen on visitors and the best brainstorming happens with more than one person!

Lastly, I formally want to welcome everyone to the Fall Semester 2009 and good luck with all that is to follow!

Amber Bretl

Report of the Chief of Staff

Good evening everyone, I hope everyone had a great summer! I want to talk about Differential Tuition. I am going to explain the background and basically your role in Differential Tuition. I apologize, bear with me. It started in 1996 as collaboration...

Adam Sorelle

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director

Report of the Finance Commission Director

Welcome back to the semester. I still have openings on the Finance Commission for Senators, and if anyone is interested, they should e-mail me at finance@uwec.edu. Finance is one of the most important commissions on campus which deals with the pocketbook issues here on campus. No finance background is necessary. I'll be sending out emails to those on the commission pertaining to meetings in the upcoming weeks. Thanks, and have a good week.

Dylan Jambrek

Report of the Information Technology Commission Director

The Information Technology Commission is in charge of allocating the Student Technology Fee budget. This commission has a lot of great staff from LTS and the library. We do a great job of providing funding to develop and improve technology on our campus. We meet Monday afternoons (probably 3:00 or 3:30) and would love to have you join the commission. E-mail me at infotech@uwec.edu to sign up or get more info.

Jacob Kampen

Report of the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director

No report submitted.

Armon Tabrizi

Report of Organizations Commission Director

No report submitted.

Jake Johnson

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director

There has been some expressed interest in the Public Relations Commission this year. I will pass around a sign-up sheet if you are still interested in being a part of it. Also, President Umhoefer has asked me to pass around a sign up sheet, to get a small committee together to formulate new shirt ideas. Right now, the Public Relations Commission is just working on getting the word out about the open positions within the Senate.

Cassidy Brandt

Report of the Student Life & Diversity Commission Director

Hello everybody, WELCOME back to school. Sorry I cannot be here tonight, I have class. I am excited for SLD to get started again! To my current commission members: expect an email by tonight or tomorrow so we can pick a convenient time to convene. To everybody else who might be interested in SLD: shoot me an email, or come talk to me in the senate office. There are chair positions open that I would like to get filled.

Next, I would like invite you to attend the WAGE Center's first article discussion of the semester. The discussion, called "Kelly, Paris, and Lindsay: How the Media's Glamorization of Celebrities Affects Women," will be taking place Wednesday evening (Wednesday, September 9th) at 6:00 pm in the Second North Study Lounge of Sutherland Hall. We will be discussing how the media affects young women, as well as whether or not celebrities have a responsibility to serve as positive role models for their fans.

So for anybody that is interested, show your support to the event.

That is all I have for all of you today, HAVE a GREAT Meeting.

Davendra Raj

Report of the Student Services Commission Director

The Student Services Commission is currently looking for new members! Meeting times have not been set yet, as I'm waiting to hear the schedules of everyone who is interested so I can come up with one or two meeting times that work for the most people. Please send me an email if you'd like to become a member! As well, Student Services is volunteering at the International Fall Festival downtown and we're still looking for volunteers. Time slots are 3:00--6:00pm on Friday, Sept. 18, 6:00-10:00am on Saturday, Sept. 19, and 6:00-8:00pm on Saturday, Sept. 19. There are still plenty of spots open for help on Saturday!

Thanks,

Sarah Tweedale

Report of the University Activities Commission

Meetings held in Clearwater Room on Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Cabin:

- Friday, September 11 – Jayber Crows
- Saturday, September 12 – Open Stage
- Both shows begin at 8:00pm

Concerts:

- Friday, September 11 – Hyland & In Harbour on Campus Mall 7:00pm FREE!

Festivals:

- Homecoming – Meeting Thursday @ 7:00; on-line voting & overview

Films:

- This week Thursday through Sunday: Man on Wire; Shows @ 6:00 & 8:30

Higherground:

- Friday, September 11 – Stop Light Dance Party 10pm, no cover
- Saturday, September 12 – Club Mercury Dance Party 10pm, no cover

Special Events:

- Lipizzaner Stallions! Sunday, September 13; show times: 2:00 & 6:00; \$23.50 for UWEC Students
- Parents Weekend: September 18-20

Emily Fiedler

Report of the United Council Delegation Leader

Hi, Lots of changes are going on with United Council and I will be giving a presentation on them later in the semester. Happy first Senate meeting!

Janna Caspersen

Special Reports

Jake Johnson informed meeting-goers about the General Education Committee and the decision to have "bundles" of GEs. The goal is to make Majors and Minors more effective because a student would be able to take GEs in something they are interested in that applies to their Major or Minor. This subject will come before Senate in late September or early October.

Unfinished Business

New Business

A. Resolution 53-R-4, In Support of LEED Certification of the new University Center. Vote-Failed-10:12:1 (Amendment- Line 23 to add "Gold" before "LEED" opened- 23:2:1, Roll-Call Vote-Failed- 2:20:1) See Attachment B

Personnel

See Appointment List on Attachment C.

Announcements

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm by President Umhoefer.

Minutes Submitted By

Jessi Van Natta

Attachment B

Roll Call Vote		09/08/2009																
Title	Name																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Aronhalt, Bethany	N																
Senator, Off-Campus	Balow, Blaine	N																
Vice-President	Bretl, Amber	A																
Senator, Off-Campus	Carter, Cassie	X																
Senator, On-Campus	Caspersen, Jenna	N																
Senator, Off-Campus	Doyle, Brittany	N																
Senator, On-Campus	Duszynski, Chrissy	Y																
Senator, Off-Campus	Dybevik, Andrew	Y																
Senator, Off-Campus	Flanagan, Tyler	N																
Senator, On-Campus	Heath, Ryan	Y																
Director	Jambrek, Dylan	N																
Director	Johnson, Jake	Y																
Director	Kampen, Jacob	N																
Senator, Off-Campus	Koch, Justin	Y																
Senator, On-Campus	Kufahl, Katelyn	N																
Senator, On-Campus	Lee, Yan Ying	N																
Senator, Off-Campus	Meyers, Eric	X																
Senator, Off-Campus	Miller, Paydon	X																
Senator, On-Campus	Plager, Phillip	X																
Director	Raj, Daven	X																
Senator, On-Campus	Rynish, Phil	N																
Senator, Off-Campus	Schulman, Matt	Y																
Senator, Off-Campus	Schultz, Maxel	N																
Senator, Off-Campus	Shilling, Allie	Y																
Senator, On-Campus	Smith, Brittany	Y																
Director	Tabrizi, Armon	X																
Director	Tweedale, Sarah	Y																
President	Umhoefer, Michael	Y																
Senator, On-Campus	Woods, Lauren	N																

September 8, 2009: Roll Call Vote

- Resolution 53-R-4, In Support of LEED Certification of the New University Center
- Vote-Fail- 10 **Yes**: 12 **No**: 1 **Abstain**
- X= absent

53rd SESSION STUDENT SENATE

APPOINTMENT LIST

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

ON-CAMPUS SENATOR

Gannon, Danielle, resigned

OFF-CAMPUS SENATOR

Brewster, Aaron, resigned

Wee, Caroline, resigned

Wingad, Aaron, resigned

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Parker, Courtney, resigned

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Wingad, Aaron, Director, resigned

COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

Caspersen, Janna, Arts & Sciences

Carter, Cassie, College of Business

Koch, Justin, College of Educ & Human Sciences

Nielsen, Jay, College of Nursing & Health Sciences

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Emmanuelle, Catherine

PUTNAM PARK COMMISSION

Johnson, Jake

Nielsen, Jay

STUDENT WAGE RATES & PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Umhoefer, Michael, Student Body President

Jambrek, Dylan, Finance Commission Director

Tweedale, Sarah, Student-at-Large

CHANCELLOR'S DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Klingenberg, Benjamin

CAMPUS MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Umhoefer, Michael, Student Body President

Jambrek, Dylan, Finance Commission Director

Kampen, Jacob, On-Campus

Johnson, Jake, Off-Campus

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Keyes, Meghan

UNIVERSITY ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Stubbe, Marie

UNIVERSITY HEALTH ISSUES COMMITTEE

Bloecher, Patrick

Bretl, Amber

Carlson, Jeremy

Negro, Angela

Nielsen, Jay

WUEC-FM ADVISORY BOARD

Miller, Paydon, Senator

Smuhl, David

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Boldon, Zachary

Koch, Justin

Rynish, Phillip

CHILDREN'S CENTER COMMITTEE

Tweedale, Sarah, Senator

Borton, Annie, Non-user

Gullickson, Melissa, Parent User

Voelker, Katya, Parent User

FORUM COMMITTEE

Dobs, Sarah, UAC Rep.

Brewster, Aaron

Mabrey, Stephanie

Nielsen, Jay

Stagg, Christiana

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES RENTAL COMMITTEE

Mabrey, Stephanie

Schulman, Matt

Sorelle, Adam

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kampen, Jacob, ITC Director

INTERNATIONAL FILM COMMITTEE

Fiedler, Emily, UAC Rep.

Brewster, Aaron

Hoetzen, Justin

Mortenson, Logan

Gerstenhaber, Camille

Raj, Davendra

Lee, Yan Ying

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Koch, Justin

Van Natta, Jessi

Schulman, Matt

UNIVERSITY ARTISTS SERIES COMMITTEE

Fiedler, Emily, UAC Rep.

Couillard, Elise

Stagg, Christiana

Lee, Yan Ying

White, Maria

VIENNESE BALL COMMITTEE

Aronhalt, Bethany

Brewster, Aaron

Kilsdonk, Lindsay

Negro, Angela

Raj, Davendra

Schinke, Elizabeth

UW-EC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Rynish, Phillip

COMMITTEE ON COMPETITION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Sorelle, Adam

COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bloecher, Patrick

NONRESIDENT TUITION APPEALS COMMITTEE

Bretl, Amber

PARKING APPEALS BOARD

Flanagan, Tyler

Koch, Justin

Woods, Lauren

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Blaisdell, Brandon

Johnson, Jake

Smith, Brittany

STUDENT MISCONDUCT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Bloecher, Patrick

Boldon, Zachary

Eastburn, Sarah

Kilsdonk, Lindsay

Koch, Justin

Meyers, Eric

Nielsen, Jay

Overby, Paige

Smith, Brittany

Sorelle, Adam

Umhoefer, Michael

Zmuda, Kristina

UNIVERSITY CENTERS & PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Umhoefer, Michael, Student Body President

Bretl, Amber, Student Body Vice President

Jambrek, Dylan, Finance Commission Director

Raj, Davendra, Student Life & Div. Commission Director

Tweedale, Sarah, Student Services Commission Director

Johnson, Jake, Organizations Commission Director

Fiedler, Emily, UAC Representative

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Gullickson, Melissa, NTSA Chairperson

Introwitz, Terri-Lynn, Arts & Sciences

Erickson, Joel, Education & Human Sciences

SERVICE LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bloecher, Patrick

Lauer, Tim

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Brandt, Cassidy

Smith, Brittany

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Carter, Cassie

Stubbe, Marie

PROVOST'S ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION & PUBLICATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISING COMMITTEE
EIT ACCESSIBILITY WORK GROUP

Kampen, Jacob, ITC Director

Sias, Matthew

TEACHER EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cosson, Erica

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Nielsen, Jay

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Holtan, Thomas

VACANCIES COMMITTEE

Umhoefer, Michael, Student Body President

Bretl, Amber, Student Body Vice President

Rynish, Phillip, On-Campus

Shilling, Allison, Off-Campus

Sorelle, Adam, Executive

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Johnson, Jake, Organizations

Sorelle, Adam, Executive

Rynish, Phillips, On-Campus

Koch, Justin, Off-Campus