



## *General meeting minutes of September 14, 2009*

*Michael Umhoefer*  
*President*

*Amber Sretl*  
*Vice President*

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A regular meeting of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of Student Senate was called into order at 6:04 pm on Monday, September 14, 2009 in the TAMARACK ROOM, President Michael Umhoefer chairing and Secretary Jessi Van Natta being present.

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### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Director Dylan Jambrek.

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### **Roll Call**

See Attachment A

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### **Presentation** by Barbara Arnold

-Academic Calendars

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### **Open Forum**

-Higher Learning Committee Presentation

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### **Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2009**

Approved.

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### **Report of the President**

Hello Senators,

Welcome to our first regularly scheduled meeting of the fall semester. Tomorrow I will be holding a question and answer session for anyone who has questions/comments/concerns regarding two topics. One, the Davies Center project because we need to have as many critiques of the floor plan done by Thursday. Two, the Blugold Commitment because there were many great ideas brought up at the retreat and I want to provide Senators with a set time they can meet with me and have some more wonderful discussions.

We will have a resolution for next week regarding SRI, student radio initiative, and the new Davies Center for next week. A brief history of why we will be voting on this matter

regards resolutions of previous sessions voicing their support for giving SRI an office to broadcast in the new Davies Center. The steering committee has debated greatly over the intentions of those resolutions and the fact that no other student organization is allocated space. Also, last year's finance deliberations informed us that the average listenership for SRI is about 20 students, far fewer than when the resolutions were passed.

The resolution will be in support for the allocation of office space, because that is the tradition of resolutions, to write in support of an idea and not against it.

In closing with my report I want to personally thank everyone who attended last week's meeting. It's great to have new senators experience a three and a half hour meeting. But seriously, the discussions were great and our debate was refreshing. It really feels good to have everyone back.

*Michael Umhoefer*

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### **Report of the Vice President**

Hello Everyone,

The semester is off to a fast start! First I want to thank everyone for coming to the Senate retreat at Jodi's house on Sunday night. We did many beneficial goal-setting exercises and we appreciate everyone who attended. Also we would like to thank Jodi Thesing-Ritter for hosting the event at her house and supplying the snacks!

For events, the next event that we would really like senator participation in is the Fall Crawl (Michael Knoll Run.) It will be Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and there will be more information soon. If you do not like to run and or walk we can also volunteer to help pass out t-shirts and set up for the event. Make sure to keep that Saturday open if you do not already have plans.

The Higher Learning Commission is here today through Wednesday doing their evaluation of Eau Claire on the re-accreditation process. Be aware and ready that the members of the commission will be around and might stop you to ask a few questions.

There are two things that we still need turned in from many of you. One is your timecards. Colleen needs them to make appointments so they are due tonight by the end of the senate meeting. If they are not done after the meeting, run to the office and fill them out. It will only take a second! Also, we need the Davies comment cards. Please turn them in by Wednesday morning so we can collect the data and give it to the Davies Building Committee to look over.

Lastly I want to encourage questions and concerns on the Blugold Commitment Initiative. We are only going to be able to come to a conclusion and solution together. Also for many of the new senators if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. This can be a complicated issue and I know things can seem over whelming but just stop in the senate office and ask anyone who is in there. Anyone will be more than willing to help.

Have a Great Week,  
*Amber Brett*

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### **Report of the Chief of Staff**

Hello Everyone,  
On Wednesday I will be meeting with Director Jambrek and Johnson and a few others to discuss the student court idea. In theory, the student court would be responsible for election procedures and grievances, interpretation of our bylaws and constitution, handling of internal organization problems, and appeals from organizations dealing with finance. Secondly, office hours will be interviewing students about the Blugold Commitment proposal. Please do at least 10 interviews by next Friday. The interview sheets will be on my desk. The person with the most interviews by next Friday (25<sup>th</sup>)

will receive \$50.00. The second place winner will get homemade jam.

*Adam Sorelle*

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS**

#### **Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director**

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#### **Report of the Finance Commission Director**

No report submitted.

*Dylan Jambrek*

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#### **Report of the Information Technology Commission Director**

Today's meeting was cancelled due to conflicts with the Higher Learning Commission. Our first meeting will now be next Monday, the 21st, at 3:00 PM in OL 2101. In addition to setting goals for the year, we will be looking at Open Courseware (with a presentation from Tim Lauer), lab closings, budget cuts, Campus Solutions (the new "MyBlugold" system), and printer availability in general access labs. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the commission, and I hope to see many of you there.

*Jacob Kampen*

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#### **Report of the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director**

Hello Everyone,

IGA concluded our first meeting earlier today at the Diversity Resource Centre. I have been in touch with Dan Kapanke, Jeff Smith, and Kathleen Vineholt to get them on campus to talk to students. Chairpersonships are still open, especially the neighborhood association ones. Contact me if you are interested. If anyone is still interested in IGA, the next meeting will be next Monday at 4:30 meeting in the Senate Office. Room is TBD.

*Armon Tabrizi*

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#### **Report of Organizations Commission Director**

Good evening everyone. First of all, we will be having our first meeting of the semester tomorrow Tuesday September 15, 2009 from 12-1pm in the Oak Room. Also, there is mandatory Org Sync training this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you have heard complaints from constituents that their constitutions have not been considered yet, please explain that we are meeting today and will be acting on them as soon as possible.

Finally, I am in the process of setting up the Student Senate Org Sync page. I hope all senators will join org sync and get set up. Thank you and have a wonderful day!

*Jake Johnson*

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### **Report of the Public Relations Commission Director**

The Public Relations Commission did not have a meeting this week, but will have its first meeting next Monday from 4:00-4:30. We will be discussing the Fall Crawl, the "Hooking-Up Club", Homecoming, as well as ideas and suggestions for reaching our peers. Thanks and have a great week!

*Cassidy Brandt*

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### **Report of the Student Life & Diversity Commission Director**

Meetings are at 2pm in the Diversity Resource Center. This Friday at 2-3 pm at the Alumni room, the E.D.I. Committee will meet to discuss and plan the climate survey. For Hispanic Heritage Month, SLD will be creating power points to be put up in the DRC. SLD welcomes one and all, and if any of the issues covered in SLD incites passion in anyone, do not hesitate to join the different committees in SLD! Have a great week everyone!

*Davendra Raj*

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### **Report of the Student Services Commission Director**

The Student Services Commission will be meeting regularly each week on Tuesdays at 2:00. If this time is not accommodating to everyone who is interested in being a part of the commission, I will be adding an additional meeting time so more can be active. Please let me know if you are interested in the commission if you are not able to make meetings at this time, and I will be happy to work with you to find another time! Also, I am still looking for a Recreation Affairs Chairperson and a Dining Services chairperson. Let me know if you are interested in either of these fantastic, make-an-impact positions, or if you know someone who would be perfect for the job. The first Dining Services feedback meeting is taking place this Thursday, Sept. 17 at 4pm in the Potawatomi Room (Council Fire). If you have opinions to share or questions about the new meal plan designs, this is a great way for you to use your

voice for the students you represent! Thank you, and have a great week!

*Sarah Tweedale*

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### **Report of the University Activities Commission**

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

#### **Cabin:**

- Tuesday, September 15 – Derek James
- Friday, September 18 – Local Talent: Clinton Miller
- Saturday, September 19 – Local Talent: Cait & Win
- All shows begin at 8:00pm

#### **Concerts:**

- Nothing coming up soon ☺

#### **Festivals:**

- Homecoming – Packets are being finalized and printed this week! Yay ☺

#### **Films:**

- This week Thursday through Sunday: The Chumbscrubber; Shows @ 6:00 & 8:30

#### **Higherground:**

- Friday, September 18
  - Parents Weekend Casino Night 8:30-11:00pm
  - Club Mercury Dance Party beginning at 11:00pm
- Saturday, September 19 – Club Mercury Dance Party 10pm, no cover

#### **Special Events:**

- Parents Weekend: September 18-20
- Saturday, September 19 – Comedian Rob Little & Magician/Illusionist Norman Ng
  - Zorn Arena; Doors open at 8:00pm
  - \$5.00 with Blugold ID & for Blugold family & guests; \$7.00 for general public
  - Tickets available at the Service Center in Davies

*Emily Fiedler*

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### **Report of the United Council Delegation Leader**

Good Evening and Happy Senate Meeting. I had a meeting with the Vice President of United Council, Ben Klinganburg. We talked about "University Chapters", which is a new aspect of United Council that will help to keep United Council's presence on campus a more regular

occurrence. In the next couple of weeks, Vice-President Klinganburg and I will be reaching out to the general student body and encouraging new students to join and participate in United Council here on campus in our "Chapter". I am really excited for the "University Chapters" because it will be popularize and open United Council to new students and will give us a stronger Eau Claire student voice in the organization. If you have any questions or would like to help please let me know. Have a Great Night tonight!

*Janna Caspersen*

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### **Report of the Wemaster**

The Student Senate Web site is undergoing an overhaul to make it more accessible. In addition to accessibility upgrades, there are also plans to add more news and event links on the main page. Photographs of all Senate personnel will be taken before or after the regular Senate meeting on Monday, September 21. Please dress appropriately. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about the Web site, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,  
*Matthew Sias*

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### **Special Reports**

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### **Unfinished Business**

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### **New Business**

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### **Personnel**

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### **Announcements**

- September is Hispanic Heritage Month- watch for events!
- Model United Nations meeting coming up!
- HARVEST- a local/organic/sustainable event to be held at Sutherland Hall on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

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**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm by President Umhoefer.

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### **Minutes Submitted By**

*Jessi Van Natta*

# Attachment A

Attendance		04/20/2009	04/27/2009	05/04/2009	05/11/2009 Special Meeting	09/08/2009								
Title	Name													
Senator, Off-Campus	Aronhalt, Bethany	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Senator, Off-Campus	Balow, Blaine	P	P	E	P	P	P							
Director	Brandt, Cassidy				E	P	P							
Vice-President	Bretl, Amber	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Senator, Off-Campus	Carter, Cassie				E	P	P							
Delegation Leader	Caspersen, Janna	P	P	P	E	P	P							
Senator, Off-Campus	Doyle, Brittany	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Senator, On-Campus	Duszynski, Chrissy	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Senator, Off-Campus	Dybevik, Andrew	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Director, UAC	Fiedler, Emily					P	A							
Senator, Off-Campus	Flanagan, Tyler	E	E	E	E	P	P							
Senator, On-Campus	Heath, Ryan	P	P	P	P	P	A							
Director	Jambrek, Dylan	A	T	T	P	P	P							
Director	Johnson, Jake	A	T	T	E	P	P							
Director	Kampen, Jacob	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Senator, Off-Campus	Koch, Justin	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Senator, On-Campus	Kufahl, Katelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Senator, On-Campus	Lee, Yan Ying	E	E	E	E	P	P							
Senator, Off-Campus	Meyers, Eric	P	E	P	E	A	P							
Senator, Off-Campus	Miller, Paydon	P	P	P	E	A	P							
Senator, On-Campus	Plager, Phillip	P	P	P	P	A	P							
Director	Raj, Daven	P	P	P	P	E	P							
Senator, On-Campus	Rynish, Phil	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Senator, Off-Campus	Schulman, Matt	P	P	P	P	P	T							
Senator, Off-Campus	Schultz, Maxel	A	P	P	P	P	P							
Senator, Off-Campus	Shilling, Allie	E	E	E	E	P	P							
Webmaster	Sias, Matthew					A	P							
Senator, On-Campus	Smith, Brittany	P	P	P	E	P	P							
Treasurer/ Chief-of-Staff	Sorelle, Adam	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Director	Tabrizi, Armon				P	P	P							
Director	Tweedale, Sarah	P	P	P	P	P	P							
President	Umhoefer, Michael	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Secretary	Van Natta, Jessi			P	P	P	P							
Senator, On-Campus	Woods, Lauren	P	P	P	P	P	P							



**53<sup>rd</sup> SESSION STUDENT SENATE**

**APPOINTMENT LIST**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION

Driscoll, Casey  
Klingenberg, Ben

INTERNATIONAL FILM COMMITTEE

Milana, Lazic  
Pantovic, Marija

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Wiley, Jasmine, Chairperson

VIENNESE BALL COMMITTEE

Holtman, Sam

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION  
DIVERSITY RESOURCE CENTER

Keyes, Meghan, Chairperson

PARKING APPEALS BOARD

Schultz, Maxel

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION  
WOMEN'S ISSUES

Eastburn, Sarah, Chairperson

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NON-TRADITIONAL  
STUDENTS

Verdon, Nicole (College of Business)

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION  
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

Gullickson, Melissa, Chairperson

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kampen, Jacob

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Milana, Lazic

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Kampen, Jacob

CHANCELLOR'S DIVERSITY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

Gardner, David

ENVIRONMENTAL BYLAW COMMITTEE

Wiley, Jasmine

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Lowenstein, Abbey

EDUCATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Koch, Justin

CHILDREN'S CENTER COMMITTEE

Heaton-Thomas, Courtney, non-user

UNIVERSITY HEALTH ISSUES COMMITTEE

DeBruin, Tyler