



General meeting minutes of September 28, 2009

Michael Umhoefer
President

Amber Bretl
Vice President

A regular meeting of the 53rd Session of Student Senate was called into order at 6:08 pm on Monday, September 28, 2009 in the TAMARACK ROOM, President Michael Umhoefer chairing and Secretary Jessi Van Natta being present.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Director Sarah Tweedale.

Roll Call

See Attachment A

Presentations

- Teresa O'Halloran re: Campus Climate Survey
 - President Umhoefer re: Council Oak Tree
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Open Forum

- Dr. Hendrickson: SRI's need for a location in the new Davies Building.
 - Hickory Tate- personal comment about Council Oak tree situation.
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Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2009

Approved.

Motion for Suspension of the Rules: to move special reports before Reports; by Parliamentarian Stauber, 2nd- Senator Phillip Rynish.

Special Reports

A.Parliamentarian Stauber re: Parliamentary Procedure and Meeting Etiquette

Report of the President

The senator of the week is Katelyn Kufahl. Congratulations!

Michael Umhoefer

Report of the Vice President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a great weekend. This week, we are focusing on the Blugold Task forces and have set up preliminary meetings until we find chairs to organize the individual task forces. If you are interested in chairing or joining a task force just let Michael or me know.

This Saturday is the Fall Crawl (Michael Knoll Run). I'm very excited that we put together our very own senate team. Thanks to Director Brandt for organizing this for all of us.

Unfortunately it is too late to sign up for t-shirts that say Student Senate on the back, but if you still want to participate there is registration Saturday morning. So no worries, you can still come and run and or walk! It is going to be a great time for an absolutely amazing cause. Bring your running shoes!

Lastly the big thing on our agenda is accountability this week. We want to make sure we as student stewards are fulfilling our required duties. Since we are having some problems with attendance we are handing out the attendance policy from our bylaws at the next Senate Meeting and letting the Senators know we will be enforcing their required commitments. If we, unfortunately, come to a circumstance where a Senator has failed to meet minimum requirements, we will execute our responsibility and follow the bylaws.

That is all for this week. I hope you are getting a good start to the semester and I hope to see many of you Saturday at the Fall Crawl.

Amber Bretl

Report of the Chief of Staff

This week the office hour requirement will be to attend one of the Task Force meetings. We already had a few today. I should have sent you all a meeting request via Outlook Calendar. If you did not get one please email me A.S.A.P. For your information the rest of the week we have:

Tuesday 29th: Task Force on Financial Aid/Foundation 8:30 -9:00

Wednesday 30th: Student Senate Task Force on General Education & Graduation Reform Noon – 1:00

Student Senate Task Force on Changes to our Differential Tuition 4:15-4:45

If you went to one today, then you are not required to go to an additional one. If these three times do not work for you please let me know!

Secondly: just a reminder that we have the meeting on the Blugold Creed Development from 3:30 – 4:00 tomorrow. Please meet in the Student Senate Office. If anyone else is interested in helping out please feel free to come.

Adam Sorelle

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report of the Academic Affairs

Commission Director

Meetings are from noon to 1p.m. on Mondays in the Clearwater Room.

Adam Sorelle

Report of the Finance Commission Director

Hello everyone,

Finance will be having a meeting this week at Wednesday at 5:00 in the Potawatomi Room. Scott Kilgallon will be coming in to discuss the special allocation request to Athletics and we will be voting on it at the meeting. Dress somewhat nicely, but it doesn't have to be formal. For non-Finance members, last week we discussed the allocation of student organization funds, and the current thought is to have the organizations commission handle the initial meetings and present to Finance. Also, we are working on changing the way student organizations may receive their allocated money so that it may run through Angie Bong instead of Colleen.

Dylan Jambrek

Report of the Information Technology Commission Director

This week was an off-week for ITC. I did meet today with Activities and Programs to finish training them on the Qualtrix software in preparation for the Homecoming vote next month. Watch for those ballot invitations to be delivered- for the first time, ever- by e-mail. Our next meeting is Monday, October 5 in OL 1122 at 3:00 PM. E-mail me for more info, and members can watch for meeting agendas in their e-mail late this week.

Jacob Kampen

Report of the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director

Good Evening,

On October 15th from 1-3p.m. in the Oak Room, State-Senator Dan Kapanke will be talking to Student Government concerning his views as a congressional candidate for the Wisconsin 3rd Congressional District. Also, that same week, from 2-3p.m. in a place that is TBD, Rep. Smith, Rep. Dexter, and State Sen. Kreitlow will be on campus talking to student government as well as the student body about issues going on in Madison. Even though these events are happening the same time as the Board of Regents meeting, as well as Homecoming, I still hope that as many people attend these events as possible.

Armon Tabrizi

Report of Organizations Commission Director

No report submitted.

Jake Johnson

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director

Public Relations Commission had their second meeting, Monday, September 28th in the Clearwater Room. We discussed changes to the "Safe Party Tips" flyer we were working on with CASE and submitted changes to Jennifer Lee. We also discussed upcoming projects for the commission; House Day, Student Services Dining Open Forum and working with Case for Alcohol Awareness week. We began a proposal for a Student Senate newsletter and formulated some ideas for the first issue. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 5th in the Clearwater Room, from 4:00-4:30p.m.

Cassidy Brandt

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

Very good evening everyone,

This week's events that SLD will be involved in are the following: Clean Commute Day on Wednesday, Sept. 30. From 11-2 pm out on the campus mall, there will be sustainability groups with information and activities. Also on Wednesday, from 4-6 p.m. in the Presidents Room, there will be an inclusive excellence meeting. SLD will be looking to have the rainbow flag flown outside Davies on National Coming Out day, the 12th of October. Next week, SLD will be busy promoting the campus climate survey and getting students to take it. That's all for my report this week. Please go and show your support at these events.

Davendra Raj

**Report of the Student Services
Commission Director**

We have a couple of exciting events coming up for Student Services. We will be partnering with the PR Commission to distribute safe party signs prior to Homecoming. Stay tuned for more information coming up soon! On Oct. 14, at 7:30p.m., in the Towers Basement, Harry Hertel (the campus lawyer) will be putting on a seminar for students planning on renting for the first time in order to make them aware of the legalities and questions to ask when meeting with landlords. A little further in the future is the Meal Plan Open Forum event on Oct. 28 in the Presidents Room. Come check out our meetings on Tuesdays at 2:00 in the Clearwater Room!

Sarah Tweedale

**Report of the University Activities
Commission****Cabin:**

- Varsity Night Live Auditions being held in at 9:30pm on Monday, Sept. 28.
- Friday, Oct. 2: Local Talent – Farms *Show begins at 8:00pm
- Saturday, Oct. 3: Local Talent - Cranes & Crows and The Cloud Hymn *Show begins at 8:00pm

Concerts:

- Ok Go will be performing at the University on Thursday, Nov. 12 in Zorn Arena! (Doors will be opening at 7:00pm) ☺ Tickets for students go on sale **this Thursday, Oct. 1** at 7 a.m.

Tickets for UWEC students will be \$10. Sales to the public will begin at 7 a.m. on Monday, October 5. Tickets for members of the public will be \$15.

Festivals:

- Homecoming
 - Varsity Night Live Auditions are tonight (Sept. 28) at 9:30pm in The Cabin
 - Buttons are now on sale ☺
 - Bookstore will be doing an unveiling of the official homecoming shirts soon! ☺ I'll keep you posted as to when this will be taking place exactly
 - First general meeting is this Thursday, Oct. 1 at 8:00pm in the Arrowhead room. This will allow organizations to sign up for sponsorship, and complete contracts that will be due by 9:00pm that evening.

Films:

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

Higherground:

- Friday, October 2: Club Mercury Dance Party 10:00pm, no cover
- Saturday, October 3: Club Mercury Dance Party 10:00pm, no cover

Special Events:

- Chancellor's Roundtables will be taking place from 12:00-1:00pm in the Tamarack room. The dates are: Wednesday, Oct. 21, Tuesday, Nov. 17, & Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Emily Fiedler

**Report of the United Council Delegation
Leader**

This week in United Council News we have an upcoming resolution that will concern the date of the referendum. In my conversations with students and senators last week I got an overall feeling of appreciation and general satisfaction with United Council. In response to this in the upcoming week I will start getting materials ready for a vote yes campaign. I would like to cordially invite all of you to the United Council Convention on October 16th to 18th, please let

me know if any of you would like to come.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Janna Caspersen

Report of the Webmaster

Hello everyone,

The "Members" page is finally fully up-to-date. I can still update your photo if you are not satisfied with the photo currently online.

The next project I'll be working on is updating the backlogged "Documents" page. I will be adding all Bills, Resolutions, and Meeting Minutes from March 2009 to the present. Once I have the backlogged documents updated, I will begin to add new documents as soon as they are released. I plan to have this project completed early next week.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Matthew Sias

Unfinished Business

New Business

Personnel Matter

Announcements

- Vice-President Bret: Happy Birthday, Yang Ying Lee!
 - Director/Chief-of-Staff/Treasurer Sorelle: Congratulations to Senator Shilling for turning in 29 interviews! (prize of \$50)
 - Director Tweedale: Vote Jake Johnson for Homecoming Court!
 - Director Johnson: Forensics success!
 - Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Senators Phil Rynish and Phillip Plager and Director/Chief-of-Staff/ Treasurer Sorelle spoke of their great, learning, and eye-opening experiences that they had on the Civil Rights Pilgrimage that will be offered during Winterim and Spring Break.
 - Webmaster Sias: Last chance for photos.
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Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm by President Umhoefer.

Minutes Submitted By

Jessi Van Natta

**53rd SESSION STUDENT SENATE
APPOINTMENT LIST
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Waltz, Megan, Student-at-Large

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Anderson, Lora Rae

Caspersen, Janna

Driscoll, Casey

Johnson, Jake

Kufahl, Katelyn

Mabrey, Stephanie

Negro, Angela

Rynish, Phil

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Dybevik, Andrew

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

RANDALL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON

Johnson, Jake

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

STATE GOVERNMENT LIAISON

Rynish, Phil

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES RENTAL COMMITTEE

Plager, Phillip

UNIVERSITY SENATE ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Sorelle, Adam, resigned

Voelker, Katya

PARKING APPEALS BOARD

Cafilisch, Jacob

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Fathauer, Sara (College of Nursing & Health Sciences)

UNIVERSITY SENATE LIAISON

Sorelle, Adam

EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVENESS COMMITTEE

Raj, Davendra, Chair

Keyes, Meghan

Och, Tony

Shilling, Allie