



General meeting minutes of October 5, 2009

Michael Umhoefer
President

Amber Bretl
Vice President

A regular meeting of the 53rd Session of Student Senate was called into order at 6:06 pm on Monday, October 5, 2009 in the TAMARACK ROOM, President Michael Umhoefer chairing and Secretary Jessi Van Natta being present.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Webmaster Matthew Sias.

Roll Call

See Attachment A

Presentations

Open Forum

Motion for Suspension of the Rules: to move Open Forum after Reports; by Senator Koch, 2nd-Vice-President Bretl.

Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2009

Approved.

Special Reports

Report of the President

Good evening senators. I spoke with Ray Hilficker, former president of the Alumni Association, in regards to the new university centers building and the Council Oak tree/site. He raised his concerns that students might not support accommodating the tree but he stressed the historical relevance of the use of the tree in the university crest. We also discussed the role the foundation has in supplementing additional design fees associated with redesigning the plans. We agreed to keep each other posted on

the issue and will work together to seek donations from the foundation.

Next Friday morning Academic Affairs director Sorelle and I will be having a breakfast with the foundation board to discuss the Blugold Commitment. I also plan to bring up the costs of the redesign to the board to pursue donations to accommodate the tree/site.

This Friday there will be an event on the south side of Davies called "Party for the Trees". It will be from 5-8 p.m. and will be an opportunity for people to celebrate the last autumn for many of the trees behind Davies. The event will include a root beer keg, food, games, and instructions from Two to Tango.

Sunday October 11th will be the annual Senate-Spectator flag football game. It will be located on the field next to Haas where the marching band practices. The game begins at 4 p.m. and a signup sheet will go around if you plan on attending.

On that same signup sheet will have spots for people who are interested in writing the bylaws for the Environmental Sustainability Account. Please sign up if you want to help formulate this committee. This is not for people who want to

serve on the committee, but people who want to write the bylaws for the procedures of the committee.

Our Senator of the week this week is Senator Balow. He has shown a lot of enthusiasm in United Council, he co-authored tonight's resolution and has attended many SLD events; congratulations Senator Balow.

Michael Umhoefer

Report of the Vice President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a great weekend and stayed out of the rain. First, I want to thank all of those who attended the Fall Crawl 5K benefit run for the education of alcohol awareness. It was great to see many senators there and we had a great time, even though it was raining and gloomy. So thank you all who attend; it was a great way to spend a Saturday morning for a good cause!

The Council Oak tree is still a controversial topic on campus. Last week, there was brainstorming and drafts of resolutions being drawn to bring up to the senate. Please ask questions and get educated this week, because next Monday there will be a resolution brought to the senate for the students vote on the issue of their tree and the student union.

Also, the Student Senate has decided to partner with RHA and put on the "We the Living Concert" and make it a Student Engagement Concert. We are planning on having tables out and giving out survey questions, and raffling off prizes for those who complete a question. If you have any other ideas on how to make our Student Engagement initiative more successful, let me know. I would like to especially thank RHA for having this great idea to collaborate and put on this event for students.

Blugold Commitment task forces received chairs last week at our executive board meeting. This week the chairs should be setting up meetings. If you are interested in joining and think you are not on the list please contact me (bretlac@uwec.edu) and I will get you in contact with the appropriate chair.

Also, I had a meeting today to discuss a move towards becoming a smoke free campus. I met with Dr. Harrison, Kate Wilson, and Senator Bloecher to discuss the idea and appropriate steps to approach this. If you are interested in this issue, on either side of the argument, they

are looking for involvement. Again, just send me an e-mail and I will be more than happy to coordinate that for you.

Lastly, we will be deciding a United Council referendum date tonight at the executive board meeting, so be looking out for that date. The Senate will have to decide and vote on if we want to run a vote no or a vote yes campaign. Please use your resources to get educated. We are very lucky to have access to great student leaders that are involved with United Council, so do not be shy!

With that, I hope you all have a great week and enjoy the Packer vs. Vikings game tonight.

Amber Bretl

Report of the Chief of Staff

Good Evening Everyone,

We have a few different options for office hours this week: On Sunday, October 11th, the "We the Living" concert will be held in the Schofield auditorium at 8:00. Director Brandt will have more information about the concert in her report, but we are asking for student senators to promote Student Senate and get feedback on issues. Secondly, we still need people to hang up signs for off campus for CASE. Lastly, the campus climate survey has been sent out to all students. There will be a form on the senate table in the student senate office. What we would need is for you to get 10 people to take the survey and have them sign their names saying that they will take it.

One final update: we are still working on a the student court. Expect a bill to be introduced next week to take the issue to the students for an online vote.

Adam Sorelle

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report of the Academic Affairs

Commission Director

Today we met in the Arrowhead room to discuss the Blugold Creed. We will be continuing to work on it and hopefully be getting it to RHA to give us feedback on our proposed idea. We also talked about the revisions to the student attendance policies that are being proposed for the facility handbook for the University Senate. If anyone is interested in seeing the changes please feel free to speak with me.

Adam Sorelle

Report of the Finance Commission Director

Dylan Jambrek

Report of the Information Technology Commission Director

This week, ITC discussed a funding request from the library to provide laptop plug-ins in a 4th floor study lounge. We funded half of that request for \$1200. We also discussed printer and scanner availability in general access labs. We arranged to bring a scanner to the computer lab in Towers to provide 24-hour access to scanners on upper campus. Our next meeting is in two weeks, and we will begin constructing the student technology fee budget for next year.

Jacob Kampen

Report of the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director

Armon Tabrizi

Report of Organizations Commission Director

No report submitted.

Jake Johnson

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director

Public Relations Commission met Monday, October 5th in the Clearwater room. We sent around a sign-up sheet for people to assist Student Services and CASE in passing out Safe Party flyers. The main focus of the meeting was to come up with a new layout and topics for our first newsletter issue. At his point, we hope to have our first issue out by the end of the month. Our next meeting will be in the Maple Room, Monday, October 12th at 4:00p.m.

Cassidy Brandt

Report of the Student Life & Diversity Commission Director

A very good evening everyone! SLD has submitted our first resolution of the year that we will discuss tonight! This week and next, we will be busy promoting the climate survey. On Wednesday from 11-2 we will be out on the campus mall handing out flyers and candy. Thank you all in advance for signing up to help. Our meetings are on Mondays at 3p.m. in the DRC. Hope to see you there. Have a great week!

Davendra Raj

Report of the Student Services Commission Director

Thanks ahead of time to everyone who has signed up to distribute flyers for Alcohol Awareness Week on our campus. Coming up next week is the renting seminar: "Dos and Don'ts of Signing a Lease", on Oct. 14 at 7:30 in the Towers Basement. Come to the seminar and get educated! Also, I still have not received any emails from members of my commission regarding a good time for an alternate meeting each week. (NO LONGER WEDNESDAYS AT 10!) Please send me an email so I can do my best to keep you active and involved in Student Services if you are unable to make the regular meetings at 2:00 on Tuesdays.

Sarah Tweedale

Report of the University Activities Commission

Cabin:

- Friday, October 9 – Featured Performer: Wars of 1812
 - Shows @ 11:30am & 8:00pm
- Saturday, October 10 – Featured Performer: Wars of 1812
 - 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
 - Buttons and t-shirts on sale now!! Buttons sold near service center; T-shirts sold in bookstore!
 - The Medallion Hunt has begun! Clue #2 to be posted on Thursday, Oct. 8 ☺
 - Window painting this Friday beginning at 8:00am
 - Campus Camp Out: Council Fire on Sunday, Oct. 11 from 9:00-11:00pm

Films:

- This week Thursday through Sunday: *Southland Tales* Shows @ 6:00 & 8:30

Higherground:

- Friday, October 9: Student Organization of Latinas/os (SOL) Latin Dance Party 10:00pm, no cover
- Saturday, October 10: 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.

Picnic in the Pines – Our tree celebration!!

- This Friday, October 9 from 5:00-8:00pm in the back yard of Davies
- This is the last fall the trees out there will see, so come celebrate with food, a root beer keg, music, some dancing...and some juggling ☺

Emily Fiedler

Report of the United Council Delegation Leader

No report submitted.

Janna Caspersen

Report of the Webmaster

No report submitted.

Matthew Sias

Unfinished Business

New Business

- A. Introduction of Bill 53-B-3, Special Allocation to Athletics for Men's and Women's Basketball.
 B. Introduction of Bill 53-B-4, Special Allocation to Athletics for Ice Hockey.

C. Introduction of Bill 53-R-5, In Support of Respect for Diversity Among People and the Pride Flag.

D. Introduction of Resolution 53-R-5, In Support of respect for Diversity Among People and the Pride Flag. *Roll-Call Vote: Passed 26-0-2*

E. Introduction of Resolution 55-R-6, In Support of the Student Solution for the New Student Center. *Motion to Table for next week's meeting, Monday, Oct. 12.*

Personnel Matter

Announcements

- Bretl: Be brainstorming Homecoming parade ideas.
- Johnson: Homcoming Candidate Meeting 8:00p.m., Wednesday in Senate Office.
- Raj: 6-8:00p.m., Wednesday in the Senate Office: SLD, and anyone else who is interested, will be writing a resolution for Council Oak Tree.
- Shilling: Spectator vs. Senate football game at 4:00p.m. at Haas.
- Sias: upcoming listening session
- Jodi Thesing-Ritter: Civil Rights Pilgrimage sign-up is open.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm by President Umhoefer.

Minutes Submitted By

Jessi Van Natta

Roll Call Vote		53-R-5																	
Title	Name																		
Senator, Off-Campus	Aronhalt, Bethany	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Balow, Blaine	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Bloecher, Patrick	Y																	
Vice-President	Bretl, Amber	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Carter, Cassie	-																	
Senator, On-Campus	Caspersen, Janna	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Doyle, Brittany	Y																	
Senator, On-Campus	Duszynski, Chrissy	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Dybevik, Andrew	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Flanagan, Tyler	Y																	
Senator, On-Campus	Heath, Ryan	Y																	
Director	Jambrek, Dylan	Y																	
Director	Johnson, Jake	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Judisch, Hannah	Y																	
Director	Kampen, Jacob	Abstain																	
Senator, On-Campus	Klingenburg, Benjamin	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Koch, Justin	Y																	
Senator, On-Campus	Kufahl, Katelyn	Y																	
Senator, On-Campus	Lee, Yan Ying	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Meyers, Eric	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Miller, Paydon	Y																	
Senator, On-Campus	Plager, Phillip	Y																	
Director	Raj, Daven	Y																	
Senator, On-Campus	Rynish, Phil	-																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Schulman, Matt	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Schultz, Maxel	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Shilling, Allie	Y																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Sias, Matthew	Y																	
Senator, On-Campus	Smith, Brittany	Y																	
Director	Tweedale, Sarah	Y																	
President	Umhoefer, Michael	Abstain																	
Senator, On-Campus	Woods, Lauren	-																	

October 5, 2009

Approval of Resolution 53-R-5, In Support of Respect for Diversity Among People and the Pride Flag

Voted in support: **26-0-2** (for-against-abstain)

**53rd SESSION STUDENT SENATE
APPOINTMENT LIST
OCTOBER 5, 2009**

FINANCE COMMISSION

Driscoll, Casey, resigned
Negro, Angela

ORGANIZATIONS COMMISSION

Dybevik, Andrew
Plager, Phillip

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION

Morley, Christopher
Shilling, Allison

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION

MEN'S ISSUES

Balow, Blaine, Co-Chair
Shilling, Allison, Co-Chair

STUDENT SERVICES COMMISSION

FOOD SERVICE

Kufahl, Katelyn, Chairperson

DINING SERVICES COMMITTEE

Kufahl, Katelyn

UNIVERSITY ARTISTS SERIES COMMITTEE

Dybevik, Andrew

EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVENESS COMMITTEE

Lee, Daphorn
Schmidt, Roxanne
Villagran-Arias, Carlos