



## *General meeting minutes of October 19, 2009*

*Michael Umhoefer*  
*President*

*Amber Bretl*  
*Vice President*

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A regular meeting of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of Student Senate was called into order at 6:35 pm on Monday, October 19, 2009 in the PRESIDENTS ROOM, President Michael Umhoefer chairing and Secretary Jessi Van Natta being present.

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### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Senator Phil Rynish.

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### **Roll Call**

See Attachment A

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### **Open Forum**

Parliamentarian Brian Stauber discussed how to separate and vote on divided resolutions and bills.

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### **Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2009**

Approved.

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### **Special Reports**

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

No reported submitted.

*Michael Umhoefer*

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

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a great homecoming week and weekend. I know I enjoyed all the activities I was involved in. I want to start by giving a big thank you to all who attended and helped with the parade on Saturday morning. It was a great success and would not have been without volunteers so thanks to everyone who participated.

Secondly, UWEC hosted the Board of Regents meeting on Thursday and Friday of last week. Several different groups and organizations gave presentations to the regents as well as attended

socials and breakfasts. This was a great opportunity for Eau Claire to shine, and with the help of all of you who participated- it did. It was great to see so many "senate polos" running around Davies attending committee meetings and helping out!

This last weekend was the first United Council event and was held at Marinette County. Tonight we will be voting on the referendum date, and if it should be online or not. Also, we will vote on if we as senate should run a "Vote No" or "Vote Yes" campaign. If there are any questions feel free to ask Janna Caspersen, our United Council Delegation leader, or I would be more than willing to help as well.

In the next few weeks I am going to be working on a campus wide survey. I have obtained a copy of the one distributed two years ago and I am going to use this as a template to start.

Right now we are looking at having it contain no more than 40 questions divided into four different categories. If you are interested in this endeavor please send me an e-mail and I would appreciate any and all help.

With that, I wish you all good luck on your mid-terms this week.

*Amber Bretl*

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

Good Evening everyone,

I want to thank everyone who showed up to the Regents committee meetings last week. The Regents made comments on the large amount

of students in the attendance and were very impressed by this, so thank you.

This week we have budget hearings. This is an item in the bylaws in which you are required to attend, so this will be the office hour for this week. The hearings are going to be taken place in the Eagle room, from 3:00-8:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday. You will need to attend a minimum of two hearings, one of which has to be Health Services, Athletics, or Recreation. I will email you the schedule so you know when the organized activities will meet. It is very important that you make these hearings because we will be voting on the funding levels in spring.

For your information:

Athletics: Wednesday 5:00-5:40

Recreation: Wednesday 5:40-6:00

Health Services: Thursday 4:00-4:40

*Adam Sorelle*

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS**

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

Academic Affairs met today to further discuss the Blugold Creed idea. We will also be going over some possible DT changes with the Blugold Commitment proposal, as well as discussing Haas operating hours. Academic Affairs will meet Mondays from noon – 1:00pm. Please shoot me an email if you are interested.

Thanks!

*Adam Sorelle*

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

This past week Finance Commission set a tentative funding target. We also talked about our budget consultations. Finally, we suspended the requirement for a letter of intent for one organization, AIESEC, who was tenacious about getting funding and we allowed them past the deadline.

The budget requests have all come in, the normal organized activities plus Counseling Services. More Student Organizations are applying, though Spectrum did not submit a budget despite receiving money this fiscal year. Two budget hearings are required attendance for all Senators. Senators must go to at least one of the following: Athletics, Health Services, or Recreation. See Director Sorelle regarding

office hours. There will be a sign-in sheet for Senators.

Budget hearings will be taking place 3-9pm in the Eagle Room both Wednesday and Thursday.

*Dylan Jambrek*

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

This week we heard a request from the College of Business regarding their laptop requirement and COB software support on the library checkout pool. We tentatively declined that request on the grounds of precedent and the intent of the pool. We also opened discussion on the 2010-11 Student Technology Fee budget. We will be discussing that and voting at our next meeting.

*Jacob Kampen*

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

Good evening. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to State Sen. Dan Kapanke event last Thursday. Just a reminder of Rep. Smith, Rep. Dexter, and State Sen. Kreitlow's visit on Oct. 30, from 11am-12pm at the President's Room.

*Armon Tabrizi*

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

No report submitted.

*Jake Johnson*

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

Public Relations Commission met on Monday to discuss the soon-to-be-released newsletter. We also brainstormed possible means of distribution and ideas for upcoming PR projects. Our next meeting will be next Monday at 4pm in the Clearwater room.

*Cassidy Brandt*

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

Hello everybody!

SLD will continue promoting the climate survey this week. The commission members have been working hard and we have already surpassed the base goal of a 30% return rate. We will now aim for 50%. I would also like to recognize Tony Och - the LGBTQ chair of SLD as an author of the pride flag resolution. That is all for my report

this week. Our meetings are at 3 pm in the Diversity Resource Center. Hope to see you there!

*Davendra Raj*

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

Next Wednesday, October 28 is the Meal Plan Open Forum. Particularly for on-campus senators, please invite all your UW-Eau Claire friends to the facebook event to raise awareness for this event. Also, Student Services is hosting a "Shoo the Flu" campaign with information about the flu at a table we'll be manning in the Davies Lobby on November 3 and 4.

*Sarah Tweedale*

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

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

#### **Cabin**

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>: Local Talent – Mages
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>: Local Talent – Casey & Joe
  - Shows are FREE and begin at 8:00pm on Friday & Saturday

#### **Films**

- This week Thursday through Sunday: *Days of Glory* Shows @ 6:00 & 8:30

#### **Higherground:**

- Friday, October 16: Club Mercury Dance Party
- Saturday, October 17: Club Mercury Dance Party
  - Party starts at 10:00pm both nights; No cover ☺

#### **Special Events:**

- The first Chancellor's Roundtable will be taking place from 12:00-1:00pm in the Presidents room this Wednesday, October 21. The topics on the agenda include: *The new Blugold Commitment, New Davies Center & Council Oak Tree, and Transportation: Long Term, Parking & Construction.*

**\*Huge THANK YOU to anyone who participated and worked with Homecoming this year! ☺**

*Emily Fiedler*

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

This week in United Council News:

This past weekend, Ben Klingenberg, Roxie Schmidt, David Gardner, and I went to the October United Council Convention and had a great time. During the legislative report we went over many new legislative issues facing Wisconsin students. If you have any questions or would like the update, please come and see me one-on-one due to the length of issues. Also, Roxie Schmidt was elected as Eau Claire's board member, so if you see her please congratulate her on her success. Tonight, the United Council Referendum Bill will be going through and I look forward to lively debate.

*Janna Caspersen*

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### **Report of the Webmaster**

*Matthew Sias*

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#### **Unfinished Business**

A. Discussion of Bill 53-B-6, [In Support of a Special Election to Reassess UW-Eau Claire's Membership in United Council.](#)

Division 1: Lines 1-40, 51-56; *Passed 29-0-0*

Division 2: Lines 41-45; *Passed 28-0-1*

Division 3: Lines 46-50; *Passed 26-0-3*

B. Discussion of Bill 53-B-7, [In Support of a Referendum to Add a Student Court.](#)

*Withdrawn by author Sorelle*

C. Any Other Unfinished Business brought before the meeting.

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#### **New Business**

A. Introduction of Resolution 53-R-8, [In Support of the Addition of Guidelines to the On-Line Ride Board.](#)

*Passed 28-0-1*

B. Any Other New Business brought before the meeting.

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#### **Personnel Matter**

See Attachment

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#### **Announcements**

- Bretl: People who had input on the Student Court should make sure to help with input.
- Raj: The Campus Climate survey will go to the end of the month. (First campus to reach more than 30%)  
Folk Fair- 12-4pm, this Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup> in the Davies Center. There will be

food, entertainment, and more than 40 different groups around Davies.

- Klingenberg: Safe Space training will take place on 3:30pm on Thursday at the WAGE center.
- Johnson: The first, and only, Forensics Tournament on the Eau Claire campus is this Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm by President Umhoefer.

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**Minutes Submitted By**

*Jessi Van Natta*

**53<sup>rd</sup> SESSION STUDENT SENATE  
APPOINTMENT LIST  
OCTOBER 19, 2009**

ON-CAMPUS SENATOR

Heath, Ryan, resigned

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Fish, Corydon

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES RENTAL COMMITTEE

Kruger, Grace Ann

VIENNESE BALL COMMITTEE

Doyle, Brittany, resigned

SERVICE LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Doyle, Brittany







Roll Call Vote		53-B-6 Div. 1	53-B-6 Div. 2	53-B-6 Div. 3	53-R-8													
Title	Name																	
Senator, Off-Campus	Aronhalt, Bethany	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Balow, Blaine	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Bloecher, Patrick	Y	Y	Y														
Vice-President	Bretl, Amber	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Carter, Cassie	---	---	---	---													
Senator, On-Campus	Caspersen, Janna	Y	Y	A														
Senator, Off-Campus	Doyle, Brittany	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, On-Campus	Duszynski, Chrissy	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Dybevik, Andrew	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Flanagan, Tyler	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, On-Campus	Heath, Ryan	---	---	---	---													
Director	Jambrek, Dylan	Y	Y	Y														
Director	Johnson, Jake	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Judisch, Hannah	Y	Y	Y														
Director	Kampen, Jacob	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, On-Campus	Klingenburg, Benjamin	Y	Y	A														
Senator, Off-Campus	Koch, Justin	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, On-Campus	Kufahl, Katelyn	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, On-Campus	Lee, Yan Ying	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Meyers, Eric	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Miller, Paydon	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, On-Campus	Plager, Phillip	Y	Y	Y														
Director	Raj, Daven	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, On-Campus	Rynish, Phil	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Schulman, Matt	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Schultz, Maxel	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Shilling, Allie	Y	Y	Y														
Senator, Off-Campus	Sias, Matthew	Y	A	Y														
Senator, On-Campus	Smith, Brittany	Y	Y	Y														
Director	Tweedale, Sarah	Y	Y	Y														
President	Umhoefer, Michael	Y	Y	A														
Senator, On-Campus	Woods, Lauren	---	---	---	---													

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