



## *General meeting minutes of November 2, 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 6:03 pm on Monday, November 2, 2009 in the TAMARACK ROOM, Vice-President Amber Bretl chairing and Secretary Jessi Van Natta being present.

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### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Senator Phillip Rynish.

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### **Roll Call**

See Attachment A

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### **Open Forum**

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### **Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2009**

Approved with the change of Matt Sias's vote from "----" to "Abstain" on the roll-call vote.

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### **Special Reports**

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

The new project manager from DSF will be on campus this Wednesday to meet with leaders across the university. This meeting is not specifically about Davies, but rather an introduction to campus. At this meeting we will be setting up schedules for the upcoming weeks for all construction project committees. I will talk with him about numerous things on campus and will update you next week with what happens.

Two weeks ago I sent out a survey to all senators and directors which total 36 people. It only took me 20 minutes to complete, but of the 36 only 20 took the time to fill out the survey. The survey was meant to get everyone's opinion and view of the Blugold Commitment, a medium we chose for accessibility and ease.

Unfortunately the turnout was terrible. I was so disappointed I re-sent the survey and after

doing that only one extra student took it. Thank you for the people who took the survey, for those of you who did not, I hope that you do take the time to voice your opinion before our final vote.

Last Friday Chief of Staff Sorelle and I met with MJ Brukaradt, Stephanie Jamelske and Mike Wick to discuss student input on the Blugold Commitment. Before the meeting COS Sorelle and I made an outline for our view of how student input should occur; the outline was very student focused. The meeting went really well and we ended up getting everything we wanted and then some.

Tuesday, the taskforce chairs and provost staff are meeting and will be presented with a more detailed Blugold Commitment. We will also update everyone on the specifics of the student input and discuss going public with the Blugold Commitment. As of right now we will be going public next Monday and COS Sorelle and I will be at a press conference at 2p.m. Next Monday night, we will have all documents made available to you and update you on how everything is going.

This weekend VP Bretl, COS Sorelle and I will be going to the student representatives meeting in Platteville. The agenda includes Milwaukee's discussion of reducing tuition, Stout's contingency fund process, La Crosse's technology fee, and Whitewater's online voting. If you have any questions for other UW-System schools about anything they have done please let me know and I can try to get as much

information for you as possible. We are leaving this Friday at noon so if you get me your question early this week I can contact them to bring any documents you might find beneficial. Also, our "Senator of the Week" this week is Senator Dybevik. He has shown commitment to IGA meetings and events and, overall, he has spent a lot of time related to senate. Congratulations, Senator Dibs.  
*Michael Umhoefer*

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

Hello Everyone,  
I hope you all enjoyed a safe and fun Halloween weekend. Last week, Adam Sorelle and I had a meeting with the Provost to try and improve student input on the differential tuition proposal process. The meeting was productive and led to further discussion at the Blugold Commitment meeting on Tuesday, and then led to a meeting that was held Friday afternoon that Adam Sorelle and Michael Umhoefer both attended. It appears that students are going to have a more predominant role in the new formation of differential tuition and proposal review so it will be exciting to see how the new process unfolds. This weekend it came to my attention, from community members, that there is a problem with the McPhee gym floor and our current bleacher system. Apparently, due to the renovations with McPhee, this problem arose given the current bleachers are not compatible with the floor as too much weight is crushing the floor and so the bleachers are unable to be pulled it, which restricts availability of seating. Right now, a person from the facilities section is working with the state and a company to hopefully come up with an adapter to solve this problem. I have been in contact with a person from athletics and will update everyone as soon as I hear about the possibility of the adapter. If not, we as senate can consider helping out the situation so we can once again host NCAA tournaments in McPhee, since this has caused UWEC to pull a bid for a NCAA Volleyball tournament here this fall.  
I will continue to work on the Blugold Commitment survey as more information is released, but as of this week, it is going to be a lower key week for senate. On Friday, President Umhoefer, Chief of Staff Sorelle and I will be going to UW-Platteville to meet with Student

Representatives. I will come back with a full report next week.  
Have a great week!  
*Amber Bretl*

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

Good evening everyone,  
This week there are no mandatory office hours, so enjoy the break and stay the course. (Those of you who will work the "Shoo the Flu" table will have a "bonus" office hour, though.)  
*Adam Sorelle*

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS**

### **Report of the Academic Affairs**

#### **Commission Director**

Good evening everyone,  
Today, Academic Affairs met to talk about the Blugold Creed idea and the Blugold Commitment. We looked at the Blugold Creed and tentatively finalized draft language to bring to RHA and the University Senate Executive Board. Next week, I will probably open up discussion and show you what we have for comments and feedback.  
Thanks!  
*Adam Sorelle*

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

Greetings from lovely Virginia,  
Last week the Finance Commission held budget deliberations on Wednesday and Thursday. The most notable decision last week was to recommend an allocation of zero to the Student Radio Initiative or SRI. The Finance Commission was wholly unhappy with the lack of changes in listenership and wages from last session. We expect an appeal and hope to see changes. Any other questions I would direct to one of the Finance Commission members or the Chief of Staff tonight. To the members of finance, thank you for your work these past two weeks and there is NOT a meeting this week.  
*Dylan Jambrek*

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

This week we discussed, finalized, and voted on the Student Technology Fee Budget. I will be submitting that budget as a bill to the senate to vote on in the coming weeks.  
*Jacob Kampen*

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

*Armon Tabrizi*

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**Report of Organizations Commission  
Director**

*Jake Johnson*

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**Report of the Public Relations Commission  
Director**

The Public Relations Commission met to discuss upcoming event medium materials. We discussed HOUSE DAY (the BEST event ever) table tents, posters, and door signs. We currently have meetings set up throughout the week to get to the *Senatorial* toilet talk approved.

*Cassidy Brandt*

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

Good evening everyone, I hope you are having a fabulous week because I am!

*Davendra Raj*

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**Report of the Student Services  
Commission Director**

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered an hour of their time for the Shoo the Flu table this week! HOUSE Day is coming up quickly on November 17. Keep up the volunteer spirit for next Senate meeting when I send around a sign-up sheet to help on HOUSE Day! Additionally, watch for the HOUSE Day door hangers on the table in the Senate Office. We'll need some help putting the rubber bands on all of these door hangers--what a great thing to do while you're sitting in the office! Have a fantastic week! And don't forget to spread the word about HOUSE Day!

*Sarah Tweedale*

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**Report of the University Activities  
Commission**

***Cabin***

- Wednesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>: Jazz at Night @ 7:00pm
- Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>: Feed the Need Tour 8:00-10:00pm
- Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>: Local Talent – Dewi Sant (Solo)
- Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>: Local Talent – Dewi Sant (Full Band)
  - Shows are FREE and begin at 8:00pm on Friday & Saturday

***Films***

- This week Thursday through Sunday: *O Lucky Man!* One showing each night @ 7:00pm

***Higherground:***

- Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>: Club Mercury Dance Party @ 10:00pm
- Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>: Feed the Need Tour @ 10:00pm

***Special Events:***

- **Byron Hurt this Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm in Zorn Arena!!**
  - Anti-sexism & gender issues – Tell others & please join us!
  - Only \$2 with your student ID; tickets available at the Service Center in Davies & at the door on Thursday

For more information, please visit our website:

[www.uwec.edu/studentsenate/uac](http://www.uwec.edu/studentsenate/uac)

*Emily Fiedler*

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**Report of the United Council Delegation  
Leader**

No report submitted.

*Janna Caspersen*

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**Report of the Webmaster**

Hello everyone,

I am still working on establishing a living web presence on both media and social networks. I recently opened up our Facebook and Twitter pages to the public. I am also planning to reassess our usage of YouTube and Flickr. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please let me know!

Thanks,

*Matthew Sias*

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**Special Reports**

Sias: The Student Senate facebook page is up and running and connected with Twitter.

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**Unfinished Business**

A. Discussion of Advocates for Choice Constitution. *Passed by a Voice Vote.*

B. Discussion of Bridge Club Constitution. *Passed by a Voice Vote*

C. Any Other Unfinished Business brought before the meeting.

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**New Business**

A. Any Other New Business brought before the meeting.

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**Personnel Matter**

See Attachment

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**Announcements**

- Tweedale: SLD, Student Services, and Director Johnson have been discussing the possibility of hosting the documentary "By the Numbers" for World's Aid Day.
- Raj: At 7pm, this Tuesday, in Schofield, a student will be presenting her research and experiences on her time in Peru and the child sex trafficking occurring there.
- Bretl: Senate Bowling Night is next Wednesday, November 11.

- Balow: SLD might be buying mustaches to hand out to promote Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.
  - Sias: Listening Sessions are next week and will count as an office hour. Please sign up.
  - Tweedale: Remember our responsibilities as student representatives and how important accountability is to the students we represent. Surveys are important and are good summaries of our opinions.
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**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm by Vice-President Bretl.

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**Minutes Submitted By**

*Jessi Van Natta*

**53<sup>rd</sup> SESSION STUDENT SENATE  
APPOINTMENT LIST  
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

Doyle, Brittany  
Lowenstein, Margret  
Ogren, Kayla  
Pantovic, Marija  
Shilling, Allison  
Stubbe, Marie  
Tweedale, Sarah  
Van Natta, Jessi

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

GRAPHIC DESIGN & VISUAL ARTS

Allison, Shilling, Chairperson



# Attendance

Title	Name	04/20/2009	04/27/2009	05/04/2009	05/11/2009 Special Meeting	09/08/2009 Special Meeting	09/14/2009	09/21/2009	09/28/2009	10/05/2009	10/12/2009	10/19/2009	10/26/2009	11/02/2009		
Senator, Off-Campus	Aronhalt, Bethany	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	T	P	E	P	P	P		
Senator, Off-Campus	Balow, Blaine	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Senator, Off-Campus	Bloecher, Patrick							P	P	P	P	P	E	P		
Director	Brandt, Cassidy				E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Vice-President	Bretl, Amber	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Delegation Leader	Caspersen, Janna	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Senator, Off-Campus	Doyle, Brittany	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	T	P		
Senator, On-Campus	Duszynski, Chrissy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P		
Senator, Off-Campus	Dybevik, Andrew	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Director, UAC	Fiedler, Emily					P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Senator, Off-Campus	Flanagan, Tyler	E	E	E	E	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Director	Jambrek, Dylan	A	T	T	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E		
Director	Johnson, Jake	A	T	T	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	E		
Senator, Off-Campus	Judisch, Hannah							P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Director	Kampen, Jacob	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P		
Senator, On-Campus	Klingenberg, Benjamin							P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Senator, Off-Campus	Koch, Justin	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A		
Senator, On-Campus	Kufahl, Katelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Senator, On-Campus	Lee, Yan Ying	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Senator, Off-Campus	Meyers, Eric	P	E	P	E	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	T	A		
Senator, Off-Campus	Miller, Paydon	P	P	P	E	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A		
Senator, On-Campus	Plager, Phillip	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Director	Raj, Daven	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Senator, On-Campus	Rynish, Phil	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P		
Senator, Off-Campus	Schulman, Matt	P	P	P	P	P	T	P	E	P	P	P	T	P		
Senator, Off-Campus	Schultz, Maxel	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Senator, Off-Campus	Shilling, Allie	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Webmaster	Sias, Matthew					A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Senator, On-Campus	Smith, Brittany	P	P	P	E	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Director/ Treasurer/ Chief-of-Staff	Sorelle, Adam	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Parliamentarian	Stauber, Brian							P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Director	Tabrizi, Armon				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		
Director	Tweedale, Sarah	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
President	Umhoefer, Michael	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P		
Secretary	Van Natta, Jessi			P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P		
Senator, On-Campus	Woods, Lauren	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P		

