



## *General meeting minutes of November 16, 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 16, 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 Senator Phil Rynish.

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### **Roll Call**

See Attachment A

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### **Presentation re: Faculty Collective Bargaining**

### **Open Forum**

### **Motion**

### **Personnel Matter**

See Attachment

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### **Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2009**

### **Special Reports**

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

Hello everyone,

Due to Thanksgiving break the deadline for bills and resolutions is next Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> by noon. Colleen normally fills her Wednesdays with write ups for legal services so late documents will not be accepted. Please let me know if you have any issues with this. Director Sorelle and I will be writing the bill and resolution for the Blugold Commitment sometime this week. Rough drafts will be made available for edits, but we want to keep it as uncontroversial as possible. I have been debating how to go forward with the Blugold Commitment, either bill or resolution or both but

I think the best way is to write a resolution in support followed with a bill outlining the changes to our bylaws. If you have any issues with this please let me know. The thought was to have the debate focused around the resolution, followed by the bill which would hopefully be approved without repeating the debate.

Last Friday, the Davies Steering Committee met with the architects, engineers and our new DSF project manager, Russ Van Gilder. We saw plans that proposed moving the building in its current design to accommodate the tree and site. The plans infringed on the 160 foot barrier for the Phillips expansion, which was controversial for the representatives from UW-System. We also established the parameters for the tree, both the construction fence to protect its roots and the distance it will be from the new building. We had multiple faculty members and arborists examine the tree to accurately define the area that must be protected. Due to the nature of the bur oak the roots are very sensitive so nothing can be driven or stored on the land the roots are in. The committee is still planning on taking the plans to the Board of Regents in February for the 35% review. If we design beyond the 35% we can continue without stalling for the Board of Regents, which will help us stay on schedule.

I spoke with Russ specifically about the cost estimates to prevent our building from coming in 10-25% below expectations. He said he was personally going to examine the estimating

numbers, something he was concerned with before he saw our resolution. I also stressed the importance of having an estimate for any new AE fees associated with redesigned plans, something the AE team stressed would be very rough estimates. We agreed it wouldn't be the most accurate but any plan coming forth will include a newly associated AE fee for that design.

Tomorrow the Chancellor's Roundtable will be held in the Tamarack room instead of the Presidents room. It is worth an office hour so I hope to see many of you there. Thursday and Friday there will be a table at the service center in Davies for information regarding the Blugold Commitment. I will pass out a signup sheet if you are interested. Please pick a date that works for you. This is not an office hour because we do not want to force Senators one way or the other, just like United Council.

Lastly I attended the Chancellor's Cabinet meeting last Tuesday where we talked about the issues on campus like building projects and policy changes. I fully took advantage of the meeting by lecturing them for 10 minutes about their neglect for not releasing PEEQ and GE data when they promised to do so a full week prior to the meeting. I told them I was disappointed by the double standard they have because they expect students to follow deadlines but do not do so themselves. The lecture was focused on how important that information is with regards to the Blugold Commitment and how detrimental it could be if students do not see that information in a timely manner. My guilt trip was so heavy I actually had others thank me for stressing the point to the extent that I did. I thought you all would like to know that I am taking advantage of those situations, and have utilized my debate skills in other forums. Our Senator of the week this week is Meghan Keyes for her countless hours spent on organizing House Day. She has done wonderful work to make sure the event is bigger and better than ever. House Day is tomorrow in the Council Fire room of Davies, please stop in and say hi. Congratulations Meghan Keyes.

*Michael Umhoefer*

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

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a great weekend! Last week was quite exciting with the debate and discussion of the smoking ban. I contacted the President of UW-Platteville to get some

information about implementing a smoking ban since UW-Platteville is one of the UW schools that has a smoking ban. If anyone would like the information let me know. The brief synopsis is that they are now having problems with enforcement and that littering has increased since the smoking ban with cigarette butts on campus.

The Blugold Commitment came out last week Monday from the administration. We are still looking for people who are willing to do brief, objective classroom presentations to inform students what the Blugold Commitment is. If you are willing and able to do a few, contact Adam Sorelle or me. A PowerPoint is available if you wish to use it.

Also, we are looking for a new Organizations Director. So if you are interested please stop by the Senate Office and pick up an application. They will be due towards the end of the week and we will hold interviews as soon as we can and try to work it out with your individual schedule.

Lastly I was contacted by a student at UW-Milwaukee who had suggested the idea of bring in a retired police officer to teach students about their rights regarding off campus violations. Apparently, this was a great success at Milwaukee and the retired police officer does travel around the state to give these student rights seminars. We are going to discuss this tonight at executive board so if you are interested in this event let me know, I would love the help.

With that, I hope you all have a great week!

*Amber Bretl*

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

Good evening everyone,

I hope your weekends were full of adventure.

This week for office hours we have a few options. First off, if you signed up for HOUSE Day, that will count as your office hour.

Secondly, the Chancellor's Roundtable is Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from noon-1:00. Last, if you were interested in helping with Delegation Leader Caspersen's campaign for United Council, I believe she is offering students popcorn on the campus mall, as well as handing out information. It is also the most open ended, so if you cannot complete the previous ones I was speaking about, then please see the delegation leader.

As always, if you have any questions, please ask.

*Adam Sorelle*

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS**

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

#### **Commission Director**

Today Academic Affairs did not meet because of all the work we did last week in working on and passing the tentative Differential Tuition budget. I have a copy of the Differential Tuition budget that we passed unanimously last week, if you would like to review it. I will be writing up a bill that will be introduced next week to approve the tentative funding levels for proposals. This bill will **not** be amendable, as per our rules, it is strictly a yes/no type of a vote.

Thanks, and have a great week!

*Adam Sorelle*

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

There was no Finance Commission meeting last week. This week will be appeals. The organizations appealing are Student Health Services, Counseling Services, SRI, Men's Volleyball, the Spectator and NOTA. A reminder, Student Health Services was purposefully given one dollar less than requested to trigger an appeal so we could give them more money to re-build their carryover emergency fund. The same was done with Counseling Services to extend a part time female counselor to a full-time counselor. Commission members, please dress formally. The meeting for appeals will be Wednesday, 5 PM in the Wisconsin Room. After Thanksgiving, the commission will be discussing bylaw changes.

*Dylan Jambrek*

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

This week we discussed alternatives to illegal downloading. There have been some questions regarding how much information or services we are required to provide to students on this, so we discussed our options. John Pollitz from the library brought a recent higher-ed journal article explaining how much responsibility falls to the universities, and we discovered that a PR campaign on this will be a sufficient solution. Watch for this in the coming weeks, as we may be working with other commissions to complete this task.

*Jacob Kampen*

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

*Armon Tabrizi*

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

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a great weekend! Last week we had the Organizations Director resign so I am standing in as interim director. We are currently looking for a new director, so if you are interested please stop in the Senate Office and pick up an application. We will be accepting the applications until the end of the week and we will work with your individual schedules for interview times.

Right now in the Organizations Commission we are trying to get all the petitions for new organizations approved and the revised constitutions up to date. We are having our meeting tomorrow at the same time, noon, and we are meeting in the Organizations Complex. If you are interested in Organizations Commission or want to help with the constitutions please stop by. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. With that I hope you all have a good week!

Thanks,

*Amber Bretl*

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

Public Relations Commission didn't have a meeting this week. However, we are busy promoting House Day and the United Council Referendum. The newsletter is in its final stages of being approved and should hit bathroom stalls in the next couple weeks! We will have our next meeting Monday November 23th at 4pm the Clearwater room.

*Cassidy Brandt*

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

Hello everybody,

I have some really cool Movember updates for you. This Thursday & Friday from 11 am – 2 pm we will be having our moustache sale for 2\$ a piece out on the campus mall. We will also be serving free hot cocoa. So come out and support SLD's Men's Issues with our very first issue! Proceeds will go to support prostate cancer research. Wear them on Friday and stand a chance to win gift certificates.

Coming up is the Human Rights Awareness Week and World Aids Day first week of December. Senate will be screening a documentary called "House of Numbers". It deals with the misconception people around the world have on AIDS. So mark your calendars on

Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December from 7-10 pm at the Davies Theatre.

Thank you. And remember our meetings are Mondays at 3 in the DRC.

*Davendra Raj*

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### **Report of the Student Services**

#### **Commission Director**

Thank you so much to Meghan Keyes for all her hard work on House Day! This week in Student Services, we continued work on our resolution regarding (not banning) smoking and tobacco use on campus. These discussions will continue until we are at the point at which we'll bring the resolution(s) to the entire Senate with hope for its success. Stay posted, and get involved!

*Sarah Tweedale*

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

#### **Commission**

##### *Cabin*

**Tuesday, Nov. 17th:** Classical Cabin Fever  
Noon-1:00pm

**Wednesday, Nov. 18th:** Jazz at Night @  
7:00pm

##### **Featured Artist – Chris Koza**

o **Friday, Nov. 20th** @ 11:30am & 8:00pm

o **Saturday, Nov. 21st** @ 8:00pm

o **Shows are FREE!** ☐

##### *Films*

This week **Thursday through Sunday: *Waltz***

***with Bashir*** Showings at 6:00pm & 8:30pm

o Discussion group following the 6:00pm showings on Thursday & Sunday in Presidents Room

☐ Led by “The Society for Peace & Justice in Palestine”

##### ***Higherground:***

**Friday, Nov. 20th:** *Phi Mu Alpha Swing Dance*

– A night of big band swing music by UWEC's music fraternity Party starts @ 10:00pm

**Saturday, Nov. 21st:** *Club Mercury Dance Party* @ 10:00pm

o No cover on either night!

##### ***Special Events:***

*Chancellor's Roundtable* this Tuesday, Nov. 17 @ 12noon in Tamarack

o Topics include: Blugold Commitment, Parking & Transportation, & Meal Options

*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**

No report submitted.

*Matthew Sias*

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### **Special Reports**

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#### **Unfinished Business**

A. Any Other Unfinished Business brought before the meeting.

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#### **New Business**

A. Introduction of Bill 53-B-8, In Support of the Proposed FY 2011 Student Technology Fee Budget Ranges.

B. Introduction of Paintball Club at UWEC Constitution

C. Any Other New Business brought before the meeting.

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#### **Announcements**

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**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. by President Umhoefer.

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#### **Minutes Submitted By**

*Jessi Van Natta*

## **53<sup>rd</sup> SESSION STUDENT SENATE APPOINTMENT LIST NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

#### ORGANIZATIONS COMMISSION

Johnson, Jake, Director, resigned

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

Smith, Brittany

#### FIREARMS POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Hawkins, Collin, Off-Campus

#### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REVIEW BOARD

Caspersen, Janna

Klingenberg, Benjamin

Raj, Davendra

Shilling, Allison



