



General meeting minutes of October 31st, 2011

President Phil Rynish

Vice President Mark Morgan

A regular meeting of the 55th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:02 PM on Monday October 31st, 2011 in the Tamarack Conference Room, President Phillip Rynish chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Kahlow

Roll Call

See Attachment

Open Forum

none

Approval of the minutes from October 24th, 2011

Minutes approved

Report of the President

Hello Everyone-

I hope you all had safe and enjoyable pre-Halloween weekends. Hopefully you all received the email from Senator Sias regarding the results of the United Council referendum, but in case you did not see that email, the students voted in favor of remaining in United Council by a margin of 65% to 35%. I was happy to see the passion with which people on both sides conducted their campaign, but it is important to remember that we do need to observe promotional rules and our own bylaws during even the intense portions of the campaigns. While I am not sure that we will have a referendum before the elections in the Spring, keep in mind that there is an entire committee devoted to watching the process for rule breakers and those who break the rules can be punished. That being said, we can now move on and collectively use United Council as a tool to advance our mission of representing the students of UW-Eau Claire as effectively as possible.

This past week I met with the Regent Policy 30-4 revision committee. This committee is a system wide committee that I am serving as one of the student members on. The 30-4 policy deals with mandatory refundable fee structure for the entire system, it is this structure that United Council currently depends on

to collect its fee. The UW-System Student Reps last year passed a set of recommended changes to 30-4, which included a provision for mandatory membership in United Council. This was struck after UW-System President Kevin Reilly made it clear that he would not support mandatory membership in United Council. The idea for mandatory membership was supported by virtually all campuses as it would eliminate the need for United Council to commit resources to petition various campuses to remain members or become members and could instead commit those resources to representing students, which is what it is intended to do. There have also been concerns over the years, which continue today, about non-member campuses essentially freeloading off of the work United Council does, without paying for it. Seeing as United Council's work deals with the System as a whole, the entirety of the system benefits, including those campuses that are not members. Stating that the UW-System President does not support the idea of mandatory membership has also raised questions regarding the System President's authority to make such a move. Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) states that the students shall have the right to organize themselves in a manner of their determination. Thus, it can be implied that any blocking of students assembling in the way of United Council mandatory membership, as voted on by the Student Reps of every institution, is a violation of this statute.

Nevertheless, the 30-4 committee will search for some common ground between the current policy and mandatory membership. The revised proposal put forward by Student Reps calls for a process in which it is easy for campuses to opt into the MRF, but in order to opt out, the Student Government of an institution would have to pass a resolution in consecutive academic years to hold a referendum, and the students of the institution would then have to vote to leave. This process would ensure that United Council would not have to expend nearly as many resources on referendums as it does now. The 30-4 committee will be meeting several more times throughout the next month and should have a recommendation for the Regents after our meeting that immediately precedes the Student Reps meeting and United Council convention on December 2nd.

I also met with Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. If you have not already, you should be receiving an invitation to tour the new Davies Student Center on November 11th.

Last week I also met with former Student Body President Adrian Klenz. Adrian is now a staff member for the College of Business and works with Western Dairyland as a financial literacy specialist. For some time now he has worked with the College of Business on creating a financial literacy program here on campus. It has existed for several years now, but remains somewhat small, but he would like to expand it and we discussed several ways in which Student Senate could help facilitate this expansion. Stay tuned for more information on that in the future.

Finally, our Senate Person of the week this week is Ben Streeter for his work with pictures for senate. Thanks everyone and have a great week!

Phil Rynish

Report of the Vice President

No Text submitted this week.

Mark Morgan

Report of the Treasurer

No Text submitted this week.

Nick Hogan

Board of Directors Reports

Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director

No Text submitted this week.

Jacob Bernardy

Report of Finance Commission Director

No Text submitted this week.

Patrick Martin

Report of Information Technology Commission Director

The Information Technology Commission met this week, and held our Budget Ranges hearings. We reviewed the proposed budget ranges and heard from mobile computing and Open Eau Claire. This week, we will be voting on the budget ranges and then the ranges will be submitted to the Student Senate.

The Information Technology Commission will meet this week in OLS 2110 at 10:00AM

Ben Krall

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director

- Voter registration certification training on November 3rd, 5:00-7:00pm, in Clearwater room in Davies.
- Voter ID education rally on November 9th on the campus mall 11-3pm
- UC Convention December 2-4, Sign up for it.

Corydon Fish

Report of the Organizations Commission Director

The Organizations Commission met last week at the usual time and place- Tuesday at 3:30pm in the Oak Room. We spent the majority of our time reviewing the Student Opportunity Funding applications. This funding comes from the foundation. The commission made the decision to deactivate all organizations that did not have 2 members attend the Mandatory Organizations meetings, which were held at 6 different times (2 of those being make-up dates). This week we will be looking at constitutions, revamping the SOCC, and other business relating to organizations and deactivations.

Thank you and have a great week!

Jessi Van Natta

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director

No Text submitted this week.

Jennifer Talen

Report of the Student Life and Diversity Commission Director

Hello All,

SLD did not have a meeting last Friday due to a time clash with Chancellor's Diversity Advisory Committee meeting. In SLD meeting this Friday, I will be discussing the issues the committee explored

together and a number of items that SLD itself is focusing on such as coordinating Happiness Initiative survey campus-wide, projects to be planned and executed in Spring 2012, and our on-going strategic planning about what SLD is and what it could do for the student population.

SLD meets every Friday from 9 to 10 in Eagle Room, Davies Center.

Linda Lee

Report of the Student Office of Sustainability

No report submitted this week.

Ben Ponkratz

Report of the Student Services Commission Director

Student Services:

Last week, we decided on final dates for House Day, which will be held October 15th and 16th. We also made quite a few classroom presentations, so thanks to everyone who was able to help with those. This week we will be considering a rough draft of a resolution regarding the Campus Directory and student e-mail addresses. We will also be discussing promoting flu shots on behalf of Student Health Services. Feel free to join us on Wednesday at 5 pm in the Alumni Room!

Thanks!

Stephanie Mabrey

Report of the University Activities Commission Director

Meetings held in The Cabin on Thursdays at 6:00PM

CABIN

Jazz at Night

- Wednesday, November 2 | 8PM | The Cabin

Featured Artist- **NELLY'S ECHO**

- Friday | November 4 | 11:30AM and 8PM
- Saturday | November 5 | 8PM

FILMS

V FOR VENDETTA

- Thursday- Sunday | November 3-6 | 6 & 8:30 PM

HIGHERGROUND

Karaoke

- Thursday, November 3 | 8PM

Invisible Children Swing Dance

- Friday, November 4 | 8-11PM
- \$1 Suggested donation, Mike Malone Swing Band will be playing at this charity event for Invisible Children.
- Club Mercury to follow

Club Mercury Dance Party

- Saturday, November 5 | 10PM

For more information please visit our website: www.uwec.edu/uac

Kristi Basa

UAC Programming Director

Special Reports

RHA Liaison Report

Last week there was a lobby decorating competition between all of the residence halls. They were judged on Wednesday night.

1st: KT Hall with “Haunted Hundred Acre Wood”

2nd: Oak Ridge

3rd: Chancellors

GLACURH is coming up this weekend. 13 UWEC delegates will be attending the conference at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

Last Tuesday was Tunnel of Oppression. It was a huge success and had about 100 more visitors than last year

The Student Office of Sustainability – Ben Ponkratz

Talked about Dorm Vermicomposting program that will be an attempt to get more students educated about composting responsibility. They will have an eco rep to begin a pilot program in two residence halls in the spring.

We also had two funding request from:

GLACURH for their philanthropy program which donates 100% to Kate’s Kart, a non-profit organization that gives books to hospitalized children, \$100 was allocated towards that cause.

Also PDE requested and was granted \$75 to buy food incentives to help get residents to come to their programs that they put on for RA’s and their wings.

Paige Lofald

Unfinished Business

- A. No other unfinished business

New Business

- A. Introduction of Bill 55-B-15, Allocation for Exterior LED Lighting Upgrade, by Ponkratz
 - a. Move to suspend the rules and vote, by Ponkratz, Second by Morgan
 - b. Move to amend Sias, Second Krall, Friendly by Ponkratz
 - i. move lines 16, 17, and 18 text to the line following the current line 31
 - ii. Second, amend the current line 40 to read, "allocation of \$105,000 from the Student Office of Sustainability's Environmental Responsibility Account for the".
- PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- B. Introduction of Resolution 55-R-10, In Opposition to SB 107, by Fish
- PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
- C. No Other New Business

Personnel Matter

FINANCE COMMISSION

Ahmed, Mahmoud, resigned

Krien, Braden, resigned

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Lee, Yeoi Lin

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

Pang, Joo Zheng, Chairperson

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION

MEN'S ISSUES

Strasburg, Michael, Chairperson, resigned

Announcements

Rynish on Congratulations to Senator Opitz on her engagement

Krall on fantasy football

Hogan on the card

Morgan on Basketball for senate

Kahlow on the speaker on Business of Social Change

Martin on Forensics

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm by President Phillip Rynish.

Minutes submitted by Emily Mertens, Secretary

Title

Name

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President	Phillip Rynish	P
Vice President	Mark Morgan	P
Senator, On-Campus	Bailey, Matthew	P
Senator, On-Campus	Burke, Brianna	P
Senator, On-Campus	Devine, Daniel	P
Senator, On-Campus	Hofmann, Greg	P
Senator, On-Campus	Kahlow, Stephen	P
Senator, On-Campus	Larson, Bryan	P
Senator, On-Campus	Lee, Linda Y	P
Senator, On-Campus	Montgomery, Jarrel	P
Senator, On-Campus	Van De Laarschot, Steven	P
Senator, On-Campus	Aeby, Leah	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Bernardy, Jake	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Coates, Paul	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Duffy, Tim	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Fish, Corydon	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Fishbeck, Jacob	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Heaton, Frank	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Hogan, Nick	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Krall, Ben	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Kust, James	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Martin, Patrick	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Mabrey, Stephanie	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Miller, Paydon	A
Senator, Off-Campus	Ponkratz, Ben	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Opitz, Melissa	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Ross, April	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Sias, Matthew	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Streeter, Ben	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Stuckart, Katerine	P
Senator, Off-Campus	Kulas, Charles	P
Director	Basa, Kristi	P
Director	Talen, Jennifer	P
Director	Van Natta, Jessi	P
Parliamentarian	Schmitz, Michael	P