A regular meeting of the 51st Session of Student Senate was called into order at 6:05 pm on Monday, September 10, 2007 in the Tamarack Room, President Raymond French chairing and Secretary Emily Mattheisen being present.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Director Briggs

Roll Call
See Attachment A

Open Forum

Rebecca Johanson
-UWEC’s new United Council campus buddy

Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2007
Approved

Report of the President

Welcome back, everyone! I’m happy to see you all here and I’m excited to get this year started! There is a lot for us to catch up on and the two major issues are the University’s Strategic Planning and the state budget. The state budget, as you know, is 2 months late. This means that the University is operating under last year’s budget until noted otherwise, and thousands of UW students are unsure if they are receiving any financial aid. For UW-Eau Claire, this also leaves our Davies Center proposal in question, as well as our NanoStem Technology initiative. We have been writing letters, making calls, and speaking out on the budget, but to no avail. I’m looking forward to the effort on campus tomorrow to sign postcards to be sent to the legislators. Also mentioned was UWEC’s strategic planning that occurred this summer. There were 6 different work groups that some of us served on, all dealing with specific issues. In two weeks, we will be reviewing the proposals and discussing them. I’m looking forward to furthering the discussion and seeing where this process takes the Eau Claire initiatives in the next few years. It has been a rewarding experience!

Switching gears, since school started, Vice President Charlier, a few Directors and Senators, and I have been very busy! We have been speaking at Convocation, serving ice cream to the incoming freshman, led a game at Cubefest, and led the beer goggles demonstration at Party house. These have been great opportunities for us to get the name of Student Senate out around campus, and we have been received well. I’m just disappointed that there wasn’t more support from our organization at these activities, to really show what we’re made of. I hope that as the year continues, we can get back into the commitment level needed to make this group fly.

Tonight, after the meeting, we will be doing some goal setting. This is part of a broader effort by Vice President Charlier and me to help facilitate this organization to be more active and involved. Keep paying attention for further initiatives and planning.

At this time, I would like to introduce our interim advisor, Jesse Dixon. Jesse is the Director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs and is taking the place of Jodi Thesing-Ritter, part time, and as our Student Senate advisor. I’m really looking forward to working with a new advisor and have new input!

Second to last, is our calendar of events: September 11: 10am-2pm, we will be on the campus mall getting postcards signed by students to be sent to the legislators on the budget.
conference committee. I’m expecting that we all help with this effort, when not in class.
September 12: 11am-2pm, the Blugold Organizations Bash, on the campus mall. We will be at our booth, recruiting students, and promoting the Student Savings Club.
September 17: 8pm, after our general meeting, we will be having our Student Senate Open House. This is a time for us to invite the campus in, talk to them about Senate, and to discuss further involvement on their part in the organization. There will also be sundaes provided!
Lastly! The Senate Appreciation Award of the Week goes to Adam Sorelle. He was the only Senator to show up to the Ice Cream Social, and also talked with me about ideas he had over the summer, outside of the regular assignments. Please give him a round of applause.
Thank you, study hard, and have a great week!

Raymond French

Report of the Vice President

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a great summer and am ready for an amazing semester! This summer I worked on the UW Security Commission that looked into ways of making the UW System campuses safer. The commission created a set of recommendations that were approved and passed by the UW Board of Regents. If anyone is interested in learning more about this, please stop by my office and I can show you the completed recommendations. Also, this semester I will be posting my schedule outside of my office so please feel free to stop in and chat or email me with any questions or concerns. I’m very excited about our new bulletin board and will be keeping it updated in the office with all events Senate is involved in. With Homecoming right around the corner, I will be trying to coordinate some events for Senate to take part in like the Yell-Like-Hell Pep Rally and the parade. Please check out the events and sign up for the ones you are interested in. Also, feel free to email me if you have any other ideas for events we can be involved in. Lastly, we do have openings for On-campus Senators so please encourage your friends to apply as applications are due on September 17th. Thanks!

Meghan Charlier

Report of the Chief of Staff

Hello all and welcome to another year of school and Senate! I hope that your summer went well and that you are enjoying your classes so far this semester. As of right now the budget remains stable we are looking at putting some money aside to pay for a new computer which is part of our yearly computer rotation. In other areas of senate I will be informing everyone of the plan for Office Hours very shortly, it is important that you continue to do your office hours as I will be keeping track of those who are taking care to do their office hours and those who don’t. Also, I would like to remind everyone that attendance is important and that you need to attend your commissions and committees, I will also be keeping track of this as well and making of those who are chronically absent from their meetings. Other than that I wish all of you a good semester and keep up the good work with senate!

David McCarthy

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director

No Report Submitted

Aaron Wingad

Report of the Finance Commission Director

The Finance Commission will be meeting 5 p.m. Wednesday September 12th, in the Potawatomi Room. We will be going over basic guidelines of the commission.

Thomas Holtan

Report of the Information Technology Commission Director

No report this week.

Aaron Brewster

Report of the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director
Robert Hamill

Report of Organizations Commission Director
Hello! I hope everyone had a wonderful and fun summer. I am very excited to be back. The organizations commission has a lot going on, especially early in this semester and it’s all very exciting. We currently have nine new organizations awaiting approvals from our commission. Also, we are hosting student organization executive board workshops to inform student leaders of lots of useful and helpful information and suggestions. We also have more planning to do on the upcoming I-Lead conference. The Blugold Organizations Bash in this Wednesday from 11-2 on the Campus Mall, I encourage everyone to participate in some way whether they just come and check it out, help promote Senate or promote any other organization you’re involved in. We also need to develop the application process for the new Organizations Fund Jodi Thesing-Ritter established. Join Orgs!!!

Karen Sykora

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director
Hey all and welcome back. T-shirts were ordered and received over the summer. The cost will be $5 dollars and you should talk to Treasurer McCarthy about getting one. BOB Fest is also this Wednesday and we need people to work the booth between 10AM and 2PM, if you can sign up for a shift that would be greatly appreciated.

Jacob Boer

Report of the Student Services Commission Director
Welcome back and I hope everyone has had a great summer!

The Michael Noll Memorial Run/Walk will be taking place on Saturday, September 22nd. Our commission is helping to not only plan but also run this event. We could still use some volunteers to get the word out (minimal commitment is needed), so if you want an exciting way to spend your office hour, contact Student Services!

An interested UWEC student has brought forward the idea of a Student Rights Center that would focus on the working, voting, and tenant rights of students. We will be discussing this idea further, so if you’re interested or have something to add, come to our weekly meeting!

World AIDS Day events are planned for November 28th-30th on the UWEC campus. We will be working with various campus and community organizations to offer free oral HIV tests, information on the global epidemic, as well as opportunities for awareness and outreach in our community. If you have any interest in this, contact Student Services to get involved!

Our weekly meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the Student Senate office, and go to our meeting room from there. Thank you!

Elizabeth Lorenz

Report of the University Activities Commission Director
Hello everyone! Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone is excited to be back and ready for another great year of Senate! I know UACers are thrilled to be back and we have already had many events. Attendance for the Lipazner Stallions and The Cabin this weekend was AMAZING and we hope to continue that as we go on to this weekend. With that said:

In the Cabin this weekend is Local Talent on Friday and Saturday, both starting at 8pm and going until 10pm. Friday is Duffy Duyfhuizen and Saturday is Quinn Elizabeth.

In Higherground this weekend is CLUB MERCURY starting both nights at 10pm. Check it out!
WE HAVE A CONCERT THIS FRIDAY OUTSIDE ZORN ARENA AT 7PM. The bands are Ha Ha Tonka and Fat Maw Rooney. Rock on.

The film this weekend is It’s All Gone Pete Tong: the legend of Frankie Wilde, the deaf DJ. It plays 6 and 8:30pm Thurs- Sunday for $3 in Davies theatre.

Homecoming is coming fast! We should get involved! There is a meeting this Thursday at 8pm. Go if you want info.

Our general chair meetings are on Wednesdays at 5:45 pm... Check with me for the room. And for all of the committee meeting times, ask me after BOB!!!! YAY!

Melissa Briggs


This week we have a couple of very exciting things happening.

Tomorrow, Tuesday Sept. 11th, Rebecca Johanssen, the Finance Director for United Council and our Campus Buddy, will be helping collect signatures on postcards addressed to the co-chairs of the Joint Finance Committee. The postcard is encouraging Senator Decker and Rep. Rhodes to pass a budget which includes a tuition freeze for the 07-08 year, and a 4% per year cap for the future, an increase in both the WHEG and Lawton/AOP grant programs, and a fully funded UW system. If you would like to sign a postcard or if you want to help get others to sign post cards, Rebecca along with other student volunteers will be on campus mall from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12th, Rebecca and other student volunteers will be at B.O.B informing students how to get involved with United Council. Also there is a number of United Council statewide events approaching. October 12th-14th is the next General Assembly which will be held at UW-La Crosse. Then the following weekend, October 19-20th is the LGBTQ Summit at UW-Parkside. If you are interested in attending any of the United Council events, please e-mail me at stusen60@uwec.edu.

Elizabeth Schinke

Special Reports
None

Unfinished Business
None

New Business
Introduction of Resolution 51-R-11, In Recognition of UW-Eau Claire’s Participation in the President’s Climate Commitment.
-Passed by unanimous voice vote

Personnel

ON CAMPUS SENATOR
Carlson, Jeremy, resigned
Holtan, Thomas, resigned
Jambrek, Dylan, resigned
Knowles, Lucas, resigned
Overby, Paige, resigned

OFF-CAMPUS SENATOR
Schauer, Dan, resigned
Holtan, Thomas
Jambrek, Dylan
Knowles, Lucas
Overby, Paige

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION
Perlman, Alison, Director, resigned

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Mattheisen, Emily, Chairperson

COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE
Nielsen, Chris, Arts & Sciences

PUTNAM PARK COMMISSION
Jacobson, Jennie

STUDENT WAGE RATES & PRACTICES COMMITTEE
French, Raymond, Student Body President
Holtan, Thomas, Finance Commission Director
Lauer, Tim, Student-at-Large

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REVIEW BOARD
Ray, Nichole

CHANCELLOR’S DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Ojibway, Mike

CAMPUS MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
French, Raymond, Student Body President
Holtan, Thomas, Finance Commission Director  
Boer, Jacob, On-Campus Senator  
Buechler, Billie Jo, Off-Campus Senator

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY**  
** ISSUES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
Mattheisen, Emily, Students w/ Disabilities Chairperson  
Powell, Karsten

**UNIVERSITY ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**  
French, Raymond

**UNIVERSITY HEALTH ISSUES COMMITTEE**  
Bretl, Amber  
Carlson, Jeremy

**WUEC-FM ADVISORY BOARD**  
Jambrek, Dylan, Senator  
Reles, Marilyn

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**  
Liljedahl, John, Athletic Committee Chairperson  
Barnekow, Lucas  
Johnson, Lindsey Nicole  
Sorelle, Adam

**CHILDREN’S CENTER COMMITTEE**  
Lorenz, Elizabeth, Senator  
Tait, Scott  
Tait, Kathleen

**FORUM COMMITTEE**  
Snyder, Sarah, UAC Rep.  
Brewster, Aaron  
Hartwig, Emily  
Jacobson, Jennie  
Voigt, Michelle

**INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES RENTAL COMMITTEE**  
Flaten, Avril  
Lee, Samantha

**INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Brewster, Aaron, Information Technology Commission Director

**INTERNATIONAL FILM COMMITTEE**  
Briggs, Melissa, UAC Rep.  
Smuhl, David  
Schultz, Alex

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Liljedahl, John, Recreation Committee Chairperson  
Piontek, Shelley  
Buechler, Billie Jo

**UNIVERSITY ARTISTS SERIES COMMITTEE**  
Edmonds, Alicia, UAC Rep.  
Drewiske, Kim  
Mattheisen, Emily

**VIENNESE BALL COMMITTEE**  
Boer, Jacob  
Bostock, Helen  
Brewster, Aaron  
Charlier, Meghan  
Flaten, Avril  
Schinke, Elizabeth  
Sykora, Karen  
Teige, Emilia

**UNIVERSITY SENATE ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE**  
Wingad, Aaron, Academic Affairs Commission Director

**COMMITTEE ON COMPETITION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR**  
Janes, Sarah

**DINING SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Overby, Paige

**PARKING APPEALS BOARD**  
Brewster, Aaron  
Rud, Ben

**SPORTS CLUB ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
Buechler, Billie Jo

**UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
Hamill, Bobby

**STUDENT MISCONDUCT REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
Hansen, Christina  
Caflisch, Jacob  
Piontek, Shelley  
Sorelle, Adam  
Skalski, Matt  
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Edwards, Trisha  
Bornetun, Stephanie  
Johnson, Chaz  
Schultz, Alex
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS
Bostock, Helen, Non-Traditional Student Affairs Chair
Bouley, Elia, Arts & Sciences
Streit, Rebekah, College of Business
Whalen, Aaron, Nursing & Health Sciences

SERVICE LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Lauer, Tim
Knowles, Lucas

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
McCarthy, David
Jacobson, Jennie

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
Nguyen, Phoung, resigned
Milburn, Joseph

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SCIENCES GRADUATE & CONTINUING EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Johnson, Laura E.

PROVOST’S ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION & PUBLICATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISING COMMITTEE
Brewster, Aaron

TEACHER EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
Stensen, Jessie

SUPPORT SERVICE UNIT REVIEW OF ADVISING & NEW STUDENT INITIATIVES
Reichert, John

Announcements
None

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm by President French.

Minutes Submitted By

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