General meeting minutes of November 5, 2007

Raymond French
President

Meghan Charlier
Vice-President

A regular meeting of the 51st Session of Student Senate was called into order at 6:01 pm on Monday, November 5, 2007 in the Tamarack Room, President Raymond French chairing and Secretary Benjamin Rud being present.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by

Roll Call
See Attachment A

Open Forum

Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2007
Approved

Report of the President
Good evening everyone! Let me begin my report by discussing with you a number of issues that have come up recently. The first is regarding the draft policy by the registrar’s office and our directory information. We’re going to be discussing with them ways for students to be more aware of the opt out policy and procedure, to keep their information from being sold to third party vendors. Along with that, we hope they will provide information on how to get on the national no-call lists for telemarketers.

Another new area of interest is with the RIAA subpoenas. As you may know, 3 UWEC students received notices that they have been targeted by the RIAA and will have to settle with them out of court if they don't challenge it. Well, because other universities and individual students from around the country are challenging these "John Doe" subpoenas, I will be meeting next week with legal representatives from UWEC and the UW System to determine if it is possible and feasible for us to join in the fight against the use of these subpoenas targeting our students. The idea isn't to condone illegal file sharing, but to acknowledge it isn't the University’s responsibility to aid RIAA. Look for more details to come!

On Thursday of this week, there will be a University Centers and Programs Advisory Board meeting, co-chaired by Vice President Charlier and Director Farrell. Items on the agenda are gender-neutral bathrooms, the student resources center, and the bookstore contract renegotiation.

This week, on Wednesday, I will be traveling to Madison, along with Vice Chancellor Sol for the committee meeting on Segregated Fee Policy revisions. There are some interesting ideas, like a provision against lobbying, that will make for an interesting discussion! I look forward to having a lot to discuss next week. Thursday and Friday I will be staying in Madison for the Board of Regents meeting.

In the next few weeks, we hope to begin discussing with you possible constitutional revisions. The idea is that they would come up in a special election in February, before the
general election, to test our new online voting system. I hope to have good news about it soon!

Lastly, as you may know, three of our Executive Board positions will be up for grab at the end of the semester: Treasurer, Organizations Director, and Student Services Director. We will be transitioning the positions one at a time, beginning with the Treasurer, Orgs Director, and then Student Services Director. So, this week, we are beginning to accept applications for the Treasurer/Chief of Staff position and we hope to have it filled in two weeks. Then, two weeks after that we will fill the Orgs Director position, followed by Student Services Director a week later. If you’re interested in any of these positions, please come and talk to me, Meghan, or the current person in the role. We look forward to your applications!

Finally, Senator of the Week. This week’s Senator of the Week is someone that has put a tremendous effort towards their commission and is always the first to volunteer and finish their work. Senator Raj is this week’s Senator of the Week. Thank you!
Study hard and have a great week!

Raymond French

Report of the Vice President
Good evening everyone! This week I will be working on getting the campus survey approved by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. After we get the okay on the survey we will be able to get the email distribution list and start sending it out. Also, last week’s bar walk was cancelled due to low turnout and is set to be rescheduled for sometime next spring. Thanks and have a good week.
Meghan Charlier

Report of the Chief of Staff
This report will cover the last three weeks of Student Senate. Specifically, the weeks of Oct 15th through Oct 29th.

Office Hours

-Office hours got off to a relatively slow start this year, this had to do with some confusion on my part and coming up with a system that effectively works for everyone in senate. However, since the office hour’s sheet went up three weeks ago I have seen a steady increase in the number of people doing their office hours every week. I am also happy to report that the new system of interviewing people seems to be working very well and providing us with some very valuable student input on many different subjects. Now to office hours participation. The week of October 15th went very well with most people turning their sheets in on time, with only two people turning theirs in late and five not doing them at all. The following week (the 22nd of October) also went very well, there were no late submissions; however, we still had five individuals who managed to not turn theirs in at all. As for this week, beginning with the 29th of October, submissions have drastically dropped, with only ten completions and eleven not being turned in at all. Now, it is my belief that many individuals are going to inform me that they did their office hours sometime on Friday or earlier in the week and just forgot to mark it off on the sheet. However, I still have yet to get many of these individuals’ sheets, and I am growing tired of constantly receiving late office hours submissions. That is the current report for office hours; if there is any change in this I will notify you of it at once.

Exec Board
-There is little to mention for Exec Board, so far there has been near perfect attendance, with the exception of Secretary Rud who has been quite late to the last two meetings.

General Meetings
-The general meetings have had very good attendance so far, there have only been a few absences but they are spread out amongst a large group of people, and no one has missed more than one meeting. The rest of the absences have been excused. I will continue to watch to see if there are any patterns developing with missing/absent individuals.
Outside of the few absences above mentioned there is little else to report.

Budgetary Hearings
-Budgetary hearings were a great success; we had not only the entire finance commission turn out but a good group of senators as well. My count was about twenty individuals spread out over both days, the majority of them being senators, with a director being there as well. We also had a few members who were able to attend both days for all the hearings, which is tough to do, so congrats to them.

Budget Deliberations
-Deliberations were also a great success with the entire commission being able to attend for the majority of the deliberations. Recognition must be given to Tom Holton who managed to complete all the deliberations in one night; it is a testament to his leadership abilities and his commission that they were able to get through all those budgets in one night. As the deliberations did end a night earlier than expected there was a smaller turnout for the deliberations. The only senators that actually signed in were Zac Boldon and Allie Shilling. I have had many members of the Senate ask me what they can do since they didn’t attend the deliberations; I have informed them that a few extra interviews this week should make up for it.

David McCarthy

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director
Hi Everyone!
Over the past week I've talked to the administration about the next step we can take in enacting the mid-term grade resolution. I'll keep you all informed, in case you want to help. This week in Academic Affairs we will be voting on a resolution for the inclusion of students on academic department faculty search committees. I hope you can attend. The meeting will be this Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the Birchwood Room. Have a great week.

Aaron Wingad

Report of the Finance Commission Director
Great Job last week in budget deliberations! The Organized Activities are notified to their tentative allocation amounts. Included in their letters is a new initiative informing the Organized Activity on the discussion surrounding their request.

There will be no meeting this week. As soon as appeals, or special allocation requests are turned in, we will have another meeting. I will keep you posted via email.

Enjoy your week off, you deserve it.

Thomas Holtan

Report of the Information Technology Commission Director

Aaron Brewster

Report of the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director
Hello everyone,

The IGA will be hosting Rep. Jeff Smith on campus for listening session. The event will occur next week Wednesday, November 14th at 11:00am in the Cabin. The event is free and open to the public, so please come with any questions that you might have for him. We hope that Rep. Smith is the first of many representatives that we will be able to bring in this semester. The next meeting for the IGA commission will be held on Tuesday, November 6th at 1:00pm in the Clearwater room. Thanks.

Robert Hamill

Report of Organizations Commission Director
The organizations commission meeting will still be held on Wednesday morning at 10 am in the Student Organizations Complex and will include the Student Opportunity Fund Allocations committee meeting this week. Organizations commission members are still required to be there as we need at least 2 representatives on the allocations committee. We will also be discussing a minor revision we need to make to the applications for the next round of submissions. Thank you.

Karen Sykora

**Report of the Public Relations Commission Director**
No Report submitted

Jacob Boer

**Report of the Student Life & Diversity Commission Director**
At this week’s meeting we will be discussing the potential changes that will be taking place in the Diversity Resource Center. This week is Non-Traditional Student Awareness Week; they will be holding a bake sale Tuesday and Wednesday in Schneider Lobby from 9am-2pm. Also, November is American Indian Heritage Month. On Wednesday (11/7) in the Davies Theatre professor of photography Tom Jones from UW-Madison, will be discussing contemporary influence on Native Culture from 6:30-7:15pm and artist Jerry Hawpetoss will present from 7:15-8:00pm. Meetings this week will be on Wednesday and Thursday at 2pm in the senate office- email me at stusen56 if you have any questions. Thank you and have a wonderful week!

Emily Mattheisen

**Report of the Student Services Commission Director**
Halo,

There is a World AIDS Day planning meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clearwater room. We will discuss budgeting and be creating a detailed agenda of events.

The weekly commission meeting will be on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Student Senate office. We will be discussing H.O.U.S.E. Day! Joy! The proposed Student Rights Center will also be on the agenda.

Have a great week!

Elizabeth Lorenz

**Report of the University Activities Commission Director**
Hey Senate... Hope you are all having a fantastic Monday. UAC is truckin as usual. This week, there are a plethora of events for you to enjoy.

In the Cabin this weekend is exciting stuff. Our professional performer of the month is Branda Weiler and she is playing this weekend on Friday at Noon, Friday at 8pm and Saturday at 8pm.

In Higherground this weekend we are having some spectacular spectacles!! We are having a drag show sponsored by Spectrum on Friday at 7:30 followed by a dance party, Club mercury Style at 10pm. On Saturday we have JELLO WRESTLING NIGHT at 10pm! Check it out... please.

The film this weekend is *Children of Men* with Clive Owen (hottie). The movie plays 6 and 8:30pm Thurs- Sunday for $3 in Davies theatre.

It's going to be a wonderful week! Our general chair meetings are on Wednesdays at 5:45 pm in the ARROWHEAD ROOM. And for all of the committee meeting times, check the website.

Thanks,

Melissa Briggs

This is weekend of the Women's Leadership Conference. Everyone planning to attend should have already registered. If you are still interested, there may be spots available. E-mail Elizabeth at stusen60@uwec.edu to find out if there is still space. If you are registered, plan to meet in the Student Senate office at 2:00 on Friday. Have everything packed and bring a swimming suit if you plan to use the pool.

Also, the Board of Directors meeting is this Friday night. If you have an opinion about the restructuring of the board, please e-mail it to Elizabeth. The main change that the board will be undergoing is a reduction of board members from 21 to 9. This means every school will not have a representative on the board, but each board member would be expected to represent all students, not just students from their school.

Have a great week!

Elizabeth Schinke

Special Reports
None

Unfinished Business
A. Discussion of Bill 51-B-9, Special Allocation of $4,515 to the Music Department: Pass: 19-3-5

B. Discussion of Alibreo Constitution: Pass
C. Discussion of Big Brothers/Big Sisters on Campus Constitution: Pass
D. Discussion of Club Rels Constitution: Pass

New Business
A. Introduction of Resolution 51-R-17, In Support of a Student Resource Center on the UW-EC Campus: 26-0-0

Personnel
STUDENT SERVICES COMMISSION

TENANT AFFAIRS
Bretl, Amber, Co-Chair
Voelker, Katya, Co-Chair

Announcements
- Singing statesmen concert 7:30PM on Friday the 9th

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by President French.

Minutes Submitted By

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