General meeting minutes of April 16, 2012

President Phil Rynish

Vice President Mark Morgan

A regular meeting of the 55th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:05 PM on Monday April 16th, 2012 in the Hibbard Penthouse, President Phillip Rynish chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Kahlow

Roll Call
Ben Ponkratz on the success of Zimride

Approval of the minutes from April 9, 2012
Minutes approved

Report of the President
Hello Everyone-
A short report from me this week. Please remember to follow all election guidelines as the election progresses. The Student Org Complex will be closing on Friday April 20th, after that point you will need to enter through the SOS Office.
Please do come to the meeting next week, we need enough people there to have quorum.
Thanks everyone! Have a nice week.

Phil Rynish

Report of the Vice President
This past week President Rynish, Directors Fish and Martin and myself met with others to discuss the RFI process and what a likely timeline will be moving forward, including formalized discussions, roundtables and open forums around campus. President Rynish and I will be attending the shared governance meeting and have our final one on one with the Chancellor this Friday.

Mark Morgan
Report of the Treasurer
No report submitted this week.

Paul Coates

Board of Directors Reports

Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director
No report submitted this week.

Jacob Bernardy

Report of Finance Commission Director
No Finance Commission meetings last week or for the remainder of the semester.

Patrick Martin

Report of Information Technology Commission Director
No report submitted this week.

Ben Krall

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director
No report submitted this week.

Corydon Fish

Report of the Organizations Commission Director
Hello all,
This week the Organizations Commission met to discuss and finalize what happens when organizations fall out of “good standing”. The result of this discussion will be an additional amendment to Bill 55-B-35, Qualifications to be Defined as "Good Standing" for Organizations, which will be voted on tonight. We also voted Delta Sigma Phi as the March "Org of the Month" for their community and campus outreach. The finalization and approval of the funding handbook also occurred in this meeting and will be presented next week to the new senate.
The Organizations Commission will also be continually informing organizations through email, the senatorial and other possible formats that they need to update their constitution by April 30 or they will be deactivated. The organizations that were informed of this are organizations that have a constitution that is outdated by 5 years, or more. Organizations were first informed on February 8. This has been something that Senator Frank Heaton has been working on as the Student Organization Leadership Intern and has been informing the commission of the progress, or lack thereof. As of now, we currently foresee many organizations being deactivated.
The commission meeting will be at 4pm on Wednesday in the Oak Room.
Have a good weekend,

Jessi Van Natta
Hello Everyone!
Hope you all had a wonderful weekend! The Public Relations Commission will continue outreach for the Don't Dump it, Donate it event in May. Other than that, events are winding down so there won't be much on the agenda! As always, be on the look-out for emails and updates.
Thanks!

Jennifer Talen

Report of the Student Life and Diversity Commission Director
SLD met last week to discuss last minute clean-up items for this session and there won't be a meeting this week, instead, the commission is having a get-together at Pad Thai at 11 a.m. if any cares to join us, feel free to come along.
Tonight, I will be present at the Break the Silence concert on behalf of SLD commission and the Student Senate body. I would also like to address to those who are interested in the directorship, please contact me if you would like to know more about expectations, and such.
There is a bill that SLD has put before you we are voting on tonight. Other than that, have a great week!

Linda Lee

Report of the Student Office of Sustainability
Hi Everyone! This week, weather permitting, is Earth Week! A ton of work went in to making all these events possible, and I hope you can make it to some of the speakers or daily events. Tomorrow on the campus mall there will be Green Revolution bikes, $CORE auditors, a prize of a free semester bike rental, and a river clean up & tree planting. In the evening, Dr. Bob Eierman will be presenting on the alternative transportation future of Eau Claire and UWEC. Thursday is our big day, so pray for no rain and come to the campus mall to enjoy some free food samples, water bottles, and tote bags. If you’d like more information, check out the schedule hanging in the senate office. The SOS will be meeting at 5pm in the Alumni this Tuesday.

Brittany Whited

Report of the Student Services Commission Director
This past week I have been working to make final preparations for the Certified Eau Claire Landlord Program, which will be held at the university this Friday. In addition, we have been getting ready for the Nightwalk, which will take place on Wednesday, April 25th at 7 pm, as well as planning advertising for our final event of the year, Don't Dump It, Donate It. We will not be meeting this week, as I will be working the polls for the Student Senate elections.

Stephanie Mabrey

Report of the University Activities Commission Director
APRIL 16, 2012
Meetings held in the Badger Room on Tuesday at 6:00PM
Joey Ryan & The Inks
- Friday | April 20 | 8PM | The Cabin

Open Stage
- Saturday | April 21 | 8PM | The Cabin

FILMS

The Goonies
- Thursday-Sunday | April 19-22 | 6 & 8:30 PM | Davies Theatre

The Goonies Costume Contest
- Saturday | April 21 | 5 PM | Towers Hall Commons
- Come dressed as your favorite Goonies character (for any UWEC student and their little sib)
- Prizes will be awarded to the winners

HIGHERGROUND

Sexual Continuum
- Wednesday | April 18 | 8PM | Higerground

Karaoke
- Thursday | April 19 | 8PM | Higerground

Backward Thinkers Society
- Friday | April 20 | 10PM | Higerground

Granite Rose Live at HG
- Club Mercury to follow
- Saturday | April 21 | 10PM | Higerground

Kristi Basa

Special Reports

RHA Liaison Report
Executive Board for 2012-2013
President: Tom Zawislak
Vice President: Sean Thuesen
Secretary: Anne Wagner
WCC/NCC: Kirsten Hauge
A&P Chair: Becca Zimmerman
I&I Chair: Lauren Rose Caldie
ME Chair: Aaron Voldberg
Plastic bag drive April 16-17, 5-7pm
April 27 5pm-7am is Homelessness Awareness Event

Paige Lofald

**Report of the International Affairs Commission**

Report of the Internal Affairs Commission before the Student Senate April 16, 2012

Good evening. I hope everyone had a nice weekend. As per the bylaws of this organization, I am here to report on the efficiency and efficacy of Student Senate. To that end, the Internal Affairs Commission met last week to discuss matters relating to these issues. This report is intended to help both this session – and more particularly – the next session. Overall this year has been a good one; it has, at the very least, been productive. That productivity stems from multiple sources in the opinion of the commission. The first is the general cohesiveness of this assembly and the trust it puts in its directors. Since we have competent directors, Senators are very willing to pass the legislation that comes out of those committees. And to those who would state that this practice dulls the fine edge of this body, the commission would respond by stating that – in its opinion – the debates we have had have been thoughtful, and helpful towards crafting legislation that is the very best that can done in the circumstances this body finds itself in. It was also the opinion of the commission that this body has improved markedly in the following two areas: the addressing of off campus students concerns and complying with open meetings laws. This is a very good reflection of this body’s professionalism and hard work.

However we are not a perfect institution, there will always be issues on which we will need improvement. The following are a few issues that we believed warranted the attention of the Senate. The first – and undoubtedly the most important – is the issue of civility and debate. As I stated last week, and have stated to anyone who cares to listen, we are all on the same side. Those of us who are in this room may disagree from time to time on what the best course of action is for this University and how to best represent students, but everyone in this room is of the opinion – no matter their political persuasion – that we serve at the pleasure of our constituents. Therefore the commission would like to remind the Senate that reasonable people can disagree and still be civil to one another – be friends even. We would also like to remind the Senate that personal enmity should be avoided, and if it is unavoidable, it should be left at the door. Next, on a purely technical note, there is the issue of audio and visual feed for our meetings. It would greatly increase transparency if this were resolved. Finally there is the issue of preparedness. It is the job of every Senator to read and understand the legislation before the meeting at which it will be debated. The commission realizes that the types of people who commit themselves to Senate are the same types of people who are busy, and therefore we recommend the following remedies. First, simply set aside time to read over the legislation each week. Second, if there are any questions about legislation ask one of the authors involved, either in the office, or via some other form of communication. Finally, there is a parliamentary motion that allows for the suspension of the meeting. This can be used in order to more informally ask questions of another Senator. This should not be used lightly, but it can be used to expedite the process of debate. Connected to this issue of preparedness, is the issue of use of the Senate Office. The commission is glad that fellow members of Senate enjoy each other’s company. However it sometimes seems that this fellowship comes at the expense of productivity. I, personally, am as guilty as anyone else in this respect. The recommendation of our commission is that when the New Davies is built that it be used as a more productive space.

These are the conclusions that our commission came to. First, a checklist be made for incoming Senators. This list would include things such as check one’s inbox for new legislation and to understand the legislation or ask questions of it before meetings. Two, since the next class of Senators will be much younger than this one, that the new Senator retreat be held earlier in the fall so as to acclimate the
Senators with the procedures and doings of this body. Third, we advocate that – as stated earlier – the new Davies Center be used as a productive space. And finally, it is our wish that a copy of this report be given to all the incoming Senators so they will understand what the previous Senate was dealing with.

On a final note, it is the opinion of the Commission that in the future fewer people from the Senate attend United Council events. We further recommend that those who do attend, insure that they attend as many meetings and workshops as is physically possible.

It has been a great year, I feel honored to have been able to serve with you. I wish you all the very best, and the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Bill 55-B-40, Revitalizing the Student Senate Bylaws for the Student Life and Diversity Commission, by Lee
   a. Move to amend, by Lee, second by Kahlow
      i. Remove lines 6, 7, 15 and 16
         PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
   b. Move to amend, by Lee, second by Quan
      i. On attachment A (i) strike “promote and facilitate” and replace it with Monitor and address
         PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
   BILL PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
B. Discussion of Bill 55-B-35, Qualifications to be Defined as “Good Standing” for Organizations, by Van Natta
   a. Move to amend, by Van Natta, second by Montgomery
      i. Under #4 in the first section on attachment A insert “Critical Standing” If requirements are not met by the dates outlined under “good standing”, the organization in question will be notified via email by the Organizations Commission director. The email will contain information on corrections and/or updates that need to be made within 14 days from the day the notification email was sent. After notification, the organization will be put on provisional status on OrgSync for a maximum of 14 days. If requested actions are not completed by the end of the 14 days of provisional status, the organization is automatically deactivated.
         PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
   BILL PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
C. Discussion of Bill 55-B-36, Student Technology Fee Allocation for Microform Reader/Scanner, by Krall
   a. Move to amend by Krall, second by Streeter
      i. After line 20 insert “That the library and Special Collections and Archive department make this equipment available to all students during the library’s normal operating hours.”
         PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
   b. Senator Sias abstained from this vote
   BILL FAILED BY PLAY CARD VOTE 22-3
D. Discussion of Bill 55-B-37, Student Technology Fee Allocation for Virtual Lab License Bundle, by Krall
   a. Senator Sias abstained from this vote
   BILL PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
E. Discussion of Bill 55-B-38, Student Services Bylaw Changes, by Mabrey
   a. Move to amend by Mabrey, editorial
i. in line 2 change “commission” to “commissions”

BILL PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

F. Discussion of Bill 55-B-39, Amend the Student Senate Bylaws, by Mabrey
   a. Move to amend by Morgan, second by Quan
      i. In attachment A, 9.06 remove “Non-Budgetary” from the second line and all of
         the text after “of the non-budgetary commissions until “discretion of the
         executive board”
         PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
   b. Move to amend the amendment, by Morgan, second by Lee
      i. In line 6 of attachment A, after the word majority insert “For all expenditures of
         $500 or more, all expenditures less than $500 must be approved by a majority of
         executive board.
         PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
   c. Move to amend, by Mabrey, second by Krall (Mabrey abstained from this vote)
      i. In line 6 of attachment A, after the word majority insert “of student senate”
         PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
   d. Move to amend, by Krall, second by Quan
      i. After line 22 insert “WHEREAS, this fund must be determined to be a one-time
         item, event or activity; and WHEREAS, if continued funding for this item, even
         or activity is needed, it must be presented to Organizations or Finance
         Commission as per the typical procedure for formulating the annual organized
         activities budget;”
         PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
   e. Move to amend, by Zich, second by Mabrey
      i. In line 32 remove all text after the word by until 2015 and replace it with “the
         2015 to 16 Student Senate, through either acceptance or rejection of a bill created
         by the Chief of Staff Treasurer,”
         PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

BILL FAILED BY PLAYCARD VOTE 14-13

G. Move for a seven minute recess, by Rynish, second Morgan

H. Discussion of Bill 55-B-41, Amending the Finance Commission Bylaws to Adjust Special
   Reserve & Budget Request Requirements, by Morgan
   a. Motion to divide the question, by Kust, second by Duffy
      i. Lines 1-10 and 21-27 are part one and 11-20 are part two
         MOTION PASSED
   b. Move to amend, by Van De Laarschot, second by Martin
      i. In attachment A line 5 of section 10.05 change “unanimous consent” to “three-
         fourths majority”
         PASSED BY PLAY CARD VOTE 16-7
         PART 1 PASSED BY PLAY CARD VOTE 19-4
         PART 2 PASSED BY PLAY CARD VOTE 19-3

I. No other unfinished business

New Business

A. Introduction of Bill 55-B-42, Recognition of the Funding Handbook by Organizations
   Commission, Tabled

B. Introduction of the Parchment Bound Book Club Constitution, by Van Natta
   a. Motion to suspend the rules and vote, by Rynish
C. No other New Business

**Personnel Matter**
none

**Announcements**
Schmitz on working the table for the elections
Kahlow on V-ball
Tabbert on Rugby
Lee on movie screening
Morgan on talking to the VP/P about positions
Rynish on cleaning the office, and a thank you to senate

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm by President Phillip Rynish.

*Minutes submitted by Emily Mertens, Secretary*
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