A regular meeting of the 55th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:05 PM on Monday April 9th, 2012 in the Hibbard Penthouse, President Phillip Rynish chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Tabbert

Roll Call
See Attachment

Open Forum
No one for open forum

Approval of the minutes from April 2, 2012
Minutes approved

Report of the President
Hello Everyone-
This past week I met with the University Centers Advisory Board and we discussed several items related to budgets and meal plans. The UW-System Senior Vice President Search and Screen wrapped up its work and the finalists will be announced this week.  Vice President Morgan and I met with the Chancellor regarding the Organized Activity Budget and expect action on it soon.
Please pay attention to all elections guidelines and consider attending the upcoming Open Forum for President/VP candidates on Wednesday from 12-1 PM in the Cabin.
Thanks everyone, have a great week!

Phil Rynish
**Report of the Vice President**

President Rynish and I met with the Master Planning Committee last week to determine the future of signage on campus and discuss future construction plans. This coming week President Rynish and I will be meeting with the Cabinet and a meeting following up on the SHS RFI. For those interested the UW Restructuring and Operational Flexibility Committee will be meeting on April 11 at 9am, hopefully broadcast on Wiseye.

*Mark Morgan*

**Report of the Treasurer**

Nothing too exciting happened last week; however, this week you can all look forward to bowling in Hilltop on upper campus on Wednesday, April 11, from 6 until 8. Join for a fun time if you want. Coming up in the future, sometime early May we will be having a barbecue at my house so make sure to check your emails for details on that. Lastly, the senate banquet is going to be at Green Mill on Thursday, May 10th from 5 – 8. More details on that will also be coming your way in the near future. I hope everyone has a great 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 report submitted this week

*Patrick Martin*

**Report of Information Technology Commission Director**

No report submitted this week.

*Ben Krall*

**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director**

IGA had nothing to report this week.

*Corydon Fish*

**Report of the Organizations Commission Director**

Hello senate folk,

Last week the Organizations Commission had a lot of business to cover and ended up having two one-hour commission meetings. In saying that, a big thank you to all Organizations Commission members! During the first meeting, the commission, along with Director Fish and Vice President Morgan,
discussed, debated, wrote, and voted unanimously on the bylaws that establish the qualifications for "good standing" for organizations, and what organizations must do to be in "good standing" for funding. These bylaws will be introduced tonight and voted on next week. (Fish and Morgan did not vote, but simply contributed to the discussion.)

If you have any questions about these additions to the Student Senate bylaws, please contact me or stop by during my 3-4pm office hour on Wednesday.

During the second meeting of the week, the commission made edits to the Funding Handbook for organizations. This handbook was created last year, but will be introduced next week to senate to be recognized as an official Student Senate document. So be ready for that!

This week, the Organizations Commission will be meeting at 4pm on Wednesday in the Oak Room, a different location than usual. Business will include discussing and voting on the Funding Handbook and figuring out the process and timeline for organizations that fall out of "good standing".

Jessi Van Natta

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director
Hello Everyone,
This week, the PR Commission will be working on a press release to be sent out for Earth Week. I am also working with Gary Puljas from the Fire Department on some promotional material for a sprinkler demonstration they want to have to spread awareness. This will include some TV ads and a news release. The PR commission is also finishing up a press release on the candidates running for this year's election and we will continue to work on posters and table tents for the Don't Dump It, Donate It event!

Jennifer Talen

Report of the Student Life and Diversity Commission Director
Hello All,
Student Life and Diversity met last week with Teresa O'Halloran, the Affirmative Action officer to discuss the Inclusive Excellence plan. The commission will engage in an annual goal setting process which is part of the University's strategic planning. We also discussed the bill that I will be introducing on behalf of the commission. There is a bill I will be introducing on behalf of the commission and there are essentially two parts to the bill. We unanimously agreed to change the commission title from the Student Life and Diversity to Outreach and Inclusivity because we believe the terms "outreach and inclusivity" define the purpose and objective of which the commission stands. And another part to the bill was just restructuring the orders of the bullet points as the original part of the commission bylaws in the Student Senate bylaws did not outline the duties and responsibilities of the commission in an orderly manner.

This week, SLD will meet to discuss the poster campaign and things the commission can do before the session is finished. SLD meets tomorrow on Tuesday 11 a.m. in Maple Room of Davies Center.

Linda Lee
Report of the Student Office of Sustainability

This week the SOS will have a presentation on the years past expenditures and the current budget. Our main focus this week is finalizing all the Earth Week activities and getting the word out about everything that is going on. We’ll be having a CFL swap, a buckthorn removal, Green Revolution bikes on the mall, a hands-on honey bee presentation, a waste audit, tables for community businesses and campus organizations, an oven’s-off day in the cafeterias, and a home composting presentation, just to name a few! Be on the lookout for an official announcement of days and times for all these fun activities, and definitely plan on attending some next week. We’ll be meeting this Tuesday at 5pm in the Alumni.

Brittany Whited

Report of the Student Services Commission Director

This week Student Services will once again be meeting to discuss several upcoming events, including the Nightwalk, the Bar Walk, and the First Amendment Free Food Festival. We will be meeting Tuesday at 4:15 pm in the Badger Room, and it should be a quick one. See you there!

Stephanie Mabrey

Report of the University Activities Commission Director

APRIL 9, 2012

MEETINGS HELD TUESDAYS AT 6PM IN THE BADGER ROOM

FESTIVALS

Springfest Submissions

- Due by April 13th at 4:30 PM
  Submit to either of the Festivals Co-Chairs Rachel O’Neil (oneilr@uwec.edu) or Anja Meerwald (meerwaaf@uwec.edu)
- OR in the Activities, Involvement and Leadership Office (Davies 133)

HIGHERGROUND

Karaoke

- Thursday | April 12 | 8PM | Higherground

Friday the 13th Dance Party

- Friday | April 13 | 10PM | Higherground

Club Mercury Dance Party

- Saturday | April 14 | 10PM | Higherground

SPECIAL EVENTS

Chancellor’s Roundtable

- Wednesday | April 11 | Noon-1PM | Presidents Room
Pizza and Refreshments will be served

Topics:
- How will the construction of the new education building effect on-campus parking?
- Graduation: How to make applying for graduation more efficient.
- How does the new official transcript policy affect students?

Kristi Basa

Special Reports

RHA Liaison Report
RHA Senate Report 4-9
Last Thursday Activities and Programs hosted Salsa squared where many students learned how to salsa dance and made their own salsa to eat
Last meeting we had a presentation from Chuck Major about the 20 year plan for the university which was informative for on campus students – he also told us that he needed to students who are planning to stay living on campus to join the steering committee.
This Wednesday is our Executive Board elections – our meeting is at the normal 7 pm time

Paige Lofald

Unfinished Business

A. No other Unfinished Business

New Business

A. Introduction of Bill 55-B-40, Revitalizing the Student Senate Bylaws for the Student Life and Diversity Commission, by Lee
B. Introduction of Bill 55-B-35, Qualifications to be Defined as “Good Standing” for Organizations, by Van Natta
C. Introduction of Bill 55-B-42, Recognition of the Funding Handbook by Organizations Commission, Tabled until next week
D. Introduction of Bill 55-B-36, Student Technology Fee Allocation for Microform Reader/Scanner, by Streeter
E. Introduction of Bill 55-B-37, Student Technology Fee Allocation for Virtual Lab License Bundle, by Streeter
F. Introduction of Bill 55-B-38, Student Services Bylaw Changes, by Mabrey
G. Introduction of Bill 55-B-39, Amend the Student Senate Bylaws, by Mabrey
H. Introduction of Bill 55-B-41, Amending the Finance Commission Bylaws to Adjust Special Reserve & Budget Request Requirements, by Morgan
I. Introduction of Resolution 55-R-18, In Support of the Reform of United Council of UW-Students, by Zich
   a. Move to amend by Morgan, second Bernardy
i. After line 27 insert, WHEREAS: Section 1.30 the United Council of the UW Students Personnel Policies and Procedures states that “these policies shall be applicable and binding for all staff members, the Executive Director, and the Board of Directors” and Section 4.00 states the “Zero tolerance of discrimination, harassment, and criminal acts”

ii. After line 42 insert, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: UW Eau Claire Student Senate requests, as per the above personnel Policies and Procedures, that a formal grievance be filed by the Senate against United Council President Hoffmeister and Board member Pincikowski for their actions, which resulted in arrest, at Sallie Mae Headquarters in Washington D.C.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: UW Eau Claire Student Senate recommends that no disciplinary action be taken against either Hoffmeister or Pincikowski, but rather that a review of the policy and its enforcement be undertaken, and that a formal apology be issued by Hoffmeister and Pincikowski

AMENDMENT PASSED BY PLAYCARD VOTE 14-10

b. Move to amend by Van De Laarschot, second by Lee

i. Remove all of the names on line 51 starting with Scott Suder through Jessica King on line 61

AMENDMENT FAILS PLAYCARD VOTE 8-17

c. Move to postpone until next meeting, Ross, second Van De Laarschot

MOVEMENT FAILS PLAYCARD VOTE 10-15

d. Call to question, Heaton, second Fishbeck

RESOLUTION PASSED ROLL CALL VOTE 17-9

J. No other New Business

**Personnel Matter**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
Tabbert, Samuel

**STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION**
Fish, Corydon, resigned

**Announcements**

Schmitz on working the table for the elections and on sending emails if anyone has concerns with internal affairs
Rynish will be out of the office, try to attend the annual debate/open forum for the elections on Wednesday 12:00-1:00

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm by President Phillip Rynish.

*Minutes submitted by Emily Mertens, Secretary*
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