A regular meeting of the 55th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:01 PM on Monday December 12th, 2011 in the Tamarack Conference Room, President Phillip Rynish chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Hofmann

Roll Call
See Attachment

Open Forum
No one for open forum

Approval of the minutes from December 5th, 2011
Minutes approved

Report of the President
Motion to suspend all reports, by Rynish, second by Kahlow
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Hi Everyone-
Last week the University Centers Advisory Board met and discussed the new meal plan changes coming for next year, construction progress and several other issues. Any questions, please let me know. Thanks everyone, good luck on finals, and have a tremendous Winter Break!

Phil Rynish
**Report of the Vice President**

Last week the Academic Policies Committee met to begin reviewing the proposed ULEC liberal education reform program. This week APC will be meeting again. President Rynish and I will also be attending the Chancellor’s Cabinet meeting tomorrow morning. The Textbook Rental Working Group will also be meeting this week Friday.

*Mark Morgan*

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**Report of the Treasurer**

Treat day is tomorrow! Remember to thank Colleen for all her hard work - last year she actually broke her oven preparing for Treat Day!

Senators do not need to hold their office hours during finals week.

As a final note, thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Chief of Staff the past year, and as Public Relations Director last session. I wish you and this body the best of luck in the future.

Good luck on finals and have a happy holiday!

*Nick Hogan*

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**Board of Directors Reports**

Motion to suspend the reports of the Board of Directors, by Krall, second by Kahlow

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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**Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director**

-Academic Affairs did not meet this week
- I held 5 office hours to meet with Senators regarding the upcoming Blugold Commitment legislation
- Thanks to all who came to ask questions and learn more about the budget
- Don't hesitate to e-mail me or stop by during my office hours to learn more about the budget, or talk about any other Academic Affairs related issues

*Jacob Bernardy*

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**Report of Finance Commission Director**

No meeting this week or last. Enjoy break, and expect to hit the ground running next semester

Thanks!

*Patrick Martin*

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**Report of Information Technology Commission Director**

The information technology commission did not meet this last week and is not meeting this week. The information technology commission bids you all a good break.

*Ben Krall*
**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director**
Last week IGA held a voter registration drive. Turnout was up from the previous drive, and several IGA commission members gained valuable registration experience. IGA did not meet this week, and will not meet again until next semester. If you are currently on IGA and would like to stay on it for next semester please fill out the doodle poll that I sent out today.

*Corydon Fish*

**Report of the Organizations Commission Director**
No report submitted this week.

*Jessi Van Natta*

**Report of the Public Relations Commission Director**
Happy (Almost) Holidays Everyone J
The Public Relations Commission did not meet last week. This week Wednesday-Friday is the AIDS Memorial Quilt showcase event so the PR commission will be working this event as volunteers. Tomorrow’s meeting will be very brief, but we will be discussing goals for next year and focusing on another Senate outreach event. My goal is that next semester we can really get the Senatorial expansion going. We ran out of time this semester, but I would like to continue Student Senate outreach! Thanks so very much for all your help this semester, you are all awesome!!

*Jennifer Talen*

**Report of the Student Life and Diversity Commission Director**
Student Life and Diversity commission had its last meeting of the semester. We talked about volunteering at the AIDS Memorial Quilt as well as other plans for the next semester. What went well this semester; the building structure within the commission, some independent initiatives such as the Newsletters and our work with other organizations. What we would improve for the future would be having more concrete directions as to where the commission is heading.

I thank all the commission members for their service and have a wonderful break!

*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 met last week and wrapped up its work for the semester. We will not be meeting this week, but I will be meeting with several individuals to wrap up projects from this semester and begin working on several projects for next semester. Good luck on finals, and have a Merry (commercial, because I cannot mention the religious one) Christmas!

*Stephanie Mabrey*
Report of the University Activities Commission Director
Meetings held in The Cabin on Thursdays at 6:00PM

Concerts

**BON IVER!!!!**
- Monday & Tuesday | December 12 & 13 | Doors open at 7PM | Zorn Arena

Films

**The Nightmare before Christmas**
- UAC | Thursday-Sunday | December 15-18 | 6 & 8:30 PM | Davies Theatre

Higherground

**Study Night at Higherground**
- Thursday | December 15 | 4-10PM

Finals Dance Party with DJ Element
- Friday | December 16 | 10PM

Last Dance Party of 2011 with DJ T
- Saturday | December 17 | 10PM

Dance Party in the Library!
- Monday | December 19 | 11:30PM | 2nd Floor of Library

**Good Luck on finals 😊 study hard and drink a lot of coffee!**
**Special Reports**

**RHA Liaison Report**
Approved the Micro fridge contract
Students will have the opportunity to buy a futon and/or rent a micro fridge for the duration of the year. It will then be set up and waiting for them in their room on move in day. RHA would then get 10% commission on the Micro fridge and 5% commission on the futons. The agreement shall take effect on April, 2012 through May, 31 2017
Season’s Greetings from Around the World
Will be held in the Towers Commons on Tuesday, December 13th from 5-8 PM, will feature 7 different religions

*Paige Lofald*

**Unfinished Business**

A. Discussion of Bill 55-B-20, Bylaw Change to Allow Ballot Votes, By Schmitz

1. Move to amend, by Schmitz, second by Krall
   a. At the end of the attachment insert, Further, all ballot votes shall be conducted in line with Wisconsin Open Meetings Laws.
   
      **PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

B. No other Unfinished Business

**New Business**

A. Introduction of Resolution 55-R-11, In Opposition to Permit Fraud Fine Policy, By Larson
   a. Move to amend, by Larson, second by Krall
      i. Line 39 after “own” insert, when they appeal the ticket
      
      **AMENDMENT PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

   b. Move to amend, by Krall, second by Kahlow
      i. Insert after line 39, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parking office work with the parking appeals board to write this policy
      
      **AMENDMENT PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

   RESOLUTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

B. Introduction of Resolution 55-R-12, In Support of Hosting Mr. John Noltner’s A Peace of My Mind Exhibit at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, By Lee

   **RESOLUTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

C. Introduction of Resolution 55-R-13, Ratification of the 2011-2012 Student Reps Constitution, By Morgan

   **RESOLUTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
D. Introduction of Resolution 55-R-14, In Support of 2011 Assembly Bill 144, By Fish
   a. Move to amend, By Fish, considered editorial
      i. After line 38 insert, Representative Stephen Nass; Representative Dean Knudson; Representative Donald Pridemore; Representative Daniel Knodl; Representative Paul Farrow; Representative Evan Wynn; Representative Barbara Toles; Representative Terese Berceau; Representative Louis Molepske Jr; Representative Mark Pocan; Senator Glenn Grothman; Senator Frank Lasee; Senator Dale Schultz; Senator Julie Lassa; Senator Kathleen Vinehout
      PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
      RESOLUTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
E. Introduction of Sculptors United Coalition Constitution
F. No other New Business

**Personnel Matter**

**ON-CAMPUS SENATOR**
Larson, Bryan, resigned

**OFF-CAMPUS SENATOR**
Hogan, Nick, resigned

**TREASURER/CHIEF OF STAFF**
Hogan, Nick, resigned

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**
Ponkratz, Benjamin, Chairperson, resigned
Coates, Paul, Chairperson

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**
Stuckart, Katherine

**STUDENT ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**
Fish, Corydon
Krall, Benjamin
Ross, April
Van De Laarschot, Steven

**Announcements**
Morgan on the open chief of staff position

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm by President Phillip Rynish.

*Minutes submitted by Emily Mertens, Secretary*
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