A regular meeting of the 54th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 28th, 2011 in the Council Fire Room, President Dylan Jambrek chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Jessi Van Natta

Roll Call
See Attachment

Open Forum
RHA Liaison: Tease around the World is going on tonight until 9 pm. The RHA is working on a resolution to get new showerheads. They are continuing the debate about mailbox stuffers vs email mailbox stuffers, they are leaning towards email. They have not yet received word about the plate stealing from Sodexho, but continue to work on the issue.

Approval of the minutes from February 21, 2011
Minutes approved

MOTION to move personnel matter above the reports by Miller, second by Rynish. Passed by unanimous consent.

Personnel Matter
OFF-CAMPUS SENATOR
Coates, Paul
Whited, Brittany

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION
Kulas, Charles
Report of the President

Last week I attended University Senate where I found out that they have taken our resolution to heart and referred it to a committee to write bylaws to formalize student seats on University Senate committees and also to grant a non-voting spot to our University Senate delegate, which by our bylaws is the President.

I am required by the bylaws to notify you that the Chancellor has received 54-R-22 In support of changing the lawn sign policy, received 54-R-21 In Support of Addressing the safety Concerns on the footbridge and referred to Mike Rindo, approved 54-B-37 the special allocation to Student Health Service for Examination Table, approved 54-B-34 Amending the Student Senate bylaws to link stipends to tuition.

On Friday I brought about 35 students down to Madison to participate in an education specific march from Bascom Hill to the Capitol. While they were having fun marching, I attended the emergency Board of Regents meeting discussing the breakaway of UW-Madison.

There were a few things that were striking to me.

First, that UW-Madison officials have seen the draft legislative language and even helped write it but will not allow UW System to see it.

Second, that student government was not in on the loop when it came to public authority status despite faculty and academic staff governance being alerted the whole time.

Third, that Chancellor Martin denied her students and the system that she was seeking independence.
Forth, that Chancellor Biddy Martin said publicly she would not support taking the idea of UW-Madison’s separation out of the budget, which will be passed in the next four months, and putting it in a standalone bill for careful study and consideration by the System and legislature.

Fifth, that Chancellor Martin would not accept a compromise that would keep UW-Madison within System but grant all campuses the flexibilities she seeks.

Micheal Moscicke, the Government Relations Director and I spoke to the board on behalf of students not at UW-Madison regarding the proposal in the state budget. We spoke to the many dangers inherent in the idea, specifically that this would undo the merger that was done 40 years ago by a Republican administration to decrease inefficiencies and bureaucracy and create one voice for higher education in the state.

I presented a letter that I drafted in opposition to the split and its absurd rush to the Regents that was signed by the Student Body Presidents and Vice Presidents of Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Green bay, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Parkside, Marinette, Stout, Superior, Platteville, and Manitowoc.

Regents, in my estimation seemed largely opposed to the idea, especially Regents Loftus and Danae Davis. Regent Loftus referred to it as the Balkanization of the UW System, which as a former US Ambassador, people took seriously. He also spoke to the risk of exposing the state statute to legislative review, which as a former Speaker of the state legislature was rather concerning. Regent Davis specifically asked us what could be done to oppose it. Chancellors were a bit more divided on the issue, through Stevens Point and Oshkosh’s Chancellors were very outspoken against, even drawing heckling from the elements of the audience that were pro-separation.

Dylan Jambrek

Report of the Vice President

Hello Everyone-

This past week much of my work has been centered on the budget bill and the removal of UW-Madison from the UW-System. For more information on that, see President Jambrek’s report. If anyone is interested in working with me as we investigate the possibility of having self-operated food service, or has any questions as to what this might mean, please let me know. Election packets come out on Monday. Please remember to read all rules and regulations in the packet and keep in mind that campaigning before your election packet is turned in can result in sanctions against you. Thanks and have a great week!

Phil Rynish

Report of the Chief of Staff

This week’s service hour for senators is to attend a campus event. There is a lot of variety in things to do around campus, and being engaged in even one event is a great way to represent your position on Student Senate!
Thank you to all the new senators for meeting with me after this week’s meeting. I appreciate you taking the time to allow me to help orient you to Student Senate and the things you’ll see every week in the meetings.

Please let me know if you have any questions at any time!

Sarah Tweedale

**Board of Directors Reports**

**Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director**
*Meets Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in the Oak Room*

Academic Affairs will be meeting this week at 3pm in the Student Senate Office. We will be discussing ideas for assessment of BluGold Commitment Proposals as we move forward and the possibility of including those assessment measures in the bylaw changes.

*Mark Morgan*

**Report of the Environmental Endeavors Commission Director**
*Meets Tuesdays at 1 pm in the Potawatomi Room*

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

*Ben Ponkratz*

**Report of the Finance Commission Director**
*Meets Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in the Potawatomi Room*

Finance has nothing to report.

*Jacob Kampen*

**Report of the Information Technology Commission Director**
*Meets Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in OL1122*

Hello everyone,

Last week ITC heard a partial funding request from Activities and Programs for the renewal of OrgSync. This was tabled for additional information gathering. ITC also finalized and sent out the student body-wide technology survey. The survey will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2. Please take the survey and encourage your friends to do so, as well.

This week ITC will be resuming discussion on the partial funding of OrgSync, as well as discussing the Bookstore in the new student center.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.
Thank you,

Matt Sias

**Report of the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director**

*Meets Thursdays at 4:00 pm in the Clearwater Room*

The Intergovernmental Affairs Commission met last week and set an election calendar for the upcoming spring elections. Dates were set for lit drops and flyers to be handed out in order to inform the students of the election. Other ideas were discussed on how to more efficiently get the word out.

The IGA Commission will meet this week at 4:00 PM on Thursday at the Clearwater Room.

Ben Krall

**Report of the Organizations Commission Director**

*Meets Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the Oakwood Room*

Hello all!
The Organizations Commission met last week at the usual time, 2pm on Tuesdays in the Oak Room. Event Services came and presented to the commission about their new proposal for lawn sign policy. There will be more discussion between the commission and Event Services on this issue, such as topics related to time, location, amount, and supervision. The main task of the Organizations Commission was for each member to complete their rough draft of their assigned section of the Organizations Funding Handbook. The rough draft will be compiled tonight and presented to the commission tomorrow. The goal is to have the handbook completed in two weeks. For any organizations that are new or have been reactivated during the last semester and the beginning of this semester: the mandatory meetings will be in Davies Theater at 3pm on Monday, March 7th and at 5pm on Wednesday, March 9th. The Organization Commission has approved the constitution of the possible new design club, StudiEau, which will be up for approval by the Senate, tonight. The Organizations Commission will not be meeting this will, but will be next week. Have a super week!

Jessi Van Natta

**Report of the Public Relations Commission Director**

*Meets Wednesdays at 1 pm in the Wisconsin Room*

We were thinking about adding fees for advertising in the Senatorial, but we voted against it. We have a new meeting time—we now meet on Wednesdays at 1 PM in the Skylight lounge. Our committee has decided not to pursue plastic cards for the student savings club due to the semester changes and costs. We are working with the EEC about Earth Day and what we would like to do. We have a lot of ideas from both commissions.

Nick Hogan

**Report of the Student Life and Diversity Commission Director**

*Meets Fridays at 12:00 pm in the DRC*
Hi everyone-

Last week we did not have an SLD meeting because I was in Oshkosh for the UW system conference: Civility in Everyday life. It was a pretty good conference; they had great speakers from all over the country to talk about what civility efforts are happening on their campuses. This week I am working on a resolution for next week about civility on campus and the joint statement from last fall. If anyone would like to work on that please email me. Our next meeting is Friday at noon in the Diversity Resource Center which is right across from the bookstore. If you have any questions please email me at stusen56. Thanks!

Allie Shilling

**Report of the Student Services Commission Director**

*Meets Wednesdays at 4:00 pm in the Eagle Room*

Hello everyone! This week in Student Services we discussed promotion of the new Places4Students and ways to regulate landlords that can post ads. Today I met with the Sergeant of the Police and discussed the certified Eau Claire Landlords Program-explaining different safety measures and good landlord practices. In the future, we will be looking to require this of all landlords that rent to UW-Students in order to attend House Day or put up ads on Places4Students. We also discussed the attendance policy, made plans for the night walk program in April, and brought up safety concerns I could take to my meeting with Facilities. Meetings are Wednesdays at 4 PM in the Eagle Room. Thanks!

Chrissy Duszynski

**Report of the University Activities Commission Director**

*Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Eagle Room*

**Cabin**

- **Wednesday | March 2 | **Jazz at Night**
- **Friday | March 4 | Sunset Arrival**
- **Saturday | March 5 | Open Stage**
  - All shows in The Cabin are **FREE** and at 8PM

**FILMS**

- **UAC Films Presents | Batman: Mask of the Phantasm**
  - Thursday-Sunday | March 3-6 | Davies Theatre | 6PM & 8:30PM | **FREE**

**Higherground**

- **Wednesday | March 2: Smart Renting Seminar**
o 7PM | FREE
  o Off-campus renting info from the people that know, including: Rental Resources, ECPD, ECFD, EC City Attorney | Great Info & Prizes!

- Thursday | March 3 | **OPEN JAM**
  o 8PM | FREE
- Friday | March 4 | **SEXY SECS & EXECS DANCE PARTY**
- Saturday | March 5 | Superhero Dance Party
  o All Dance parties are at 10 PM and are **FREE**

*Kristi Basa*

**Special Reports**
There were no special reports tonight.

**Unfinished Business**
There was no unfinished business tonight.

**New Business**
Introduction of Resolution 54-R-22, *In Opposition to the Breakaway of UW-Madison from the Rest of the UW System* by Dylan Jambrek

  1) Editorial Amendment to line 41, change “included” to “include”
     Passed by unanimous consent

    **RESOLUTION PASSED by PLACARD VOTE**

Introduction of StuidoEAU Design Club Constitution by Jessi Van Natta

  1) Move to suspend the rules and vote on this constitution tonight by Miller, second by Rynish
     Passed by unanimous consent

    **CONSTITUTION PASSED by VOICE VOTE**

**Announcements**
Opitz-I would recommend going to the Opera this weekend or the spread the word to end the word concert on Wednesday.

Ross: Thursday from 5-9 pm there is a fundraiser at Burrachos.

Krall: Today is Phil Rynish’s birthday!

Martin: We had members of our forensics team qualify for state.
Carlisle: I will be a judge at UWEC’s Got Talent on Friday, come watch!

Ponkratz: AISEC will have a fundraiser at Burrachos on Tuesday, March 1st.

Jambrek: Talk to Phil and I if you are thinking about running for VP/Pres as the petitions come out soon. Also, I am redoing the bylaws for the election because they are very outdated.

Krall: I need to know if you are planning on going to Building Unity by the end of this week.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by President Jambrek.

*Minutes submitted by Melissa Opitz, Secretary/Webmaster*
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