A regular meeting of the 55th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:02 PM on Monday February 20th, 2012 in the Council Fire Conference Room, President Phillip Rynish chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Krall

Roll Call
See Attachment

Open Forum
No one for open forum

Approval of the minutes from February 13, 2012
Minutes approved

Report of the President
Hello Everyone-
This past week I met with Chancellor Levin-Stankevich and we discussed budget cuts, the Summit Street bridge issue, and several other things. This week I also received a letter from the ACLU regarding our direct fee of $2 for student voter ID’s. I would like to make it clear that our charging of the fee has not been interpreted as a poll tax by several different groups. Those Universities that are offering the IDs without a direct charge to the students are taking the money out of student fees, in most cases, and are therefore still charging the students. So while Eau Claire is the only school charging students directly, we are not the only ones charging students at all.
Congratulations to Whitney Hedge, our Senate Person of the Week.

Have a great week everyone!

Phil Rynish
**Report of the Vice President**
This past week I had the opportunity to meet with President Reilly in Madison about F-50 reform. We will be moving forward by collecting a list of grievances and objections to F50 throughout the UW System to present to the Board of Regents. Another Candidate for the Dean of Arts and Sciences was on campus this past Monday and another will be on campus this coming Wednesday. Please attend the session with student leaders if you are able to.

Mark Morgan

**Report of the Treasurer**
This week I nearly finished the senate board outside the senate office. I put up pictures and information of each director and senator. For those who do not have a picture yet, or would like to change their picture, sign up in Colleen’s office for a time on Monday, February 27, between 3:45 – 5:15 in the Old Library. Also, I started meeting with all the senators to find out what their goals are for the semester, I will continue to meet with those of you that I haven’t met with over the next few weeks. On a side note, anybody who is reserving a room in Davies, and if you are canceling your meeting, you must cancel your meeting room with Event Services 24 hours in advance. This is not only common courtesy for our fellow students and colleges at Eau Claire, but also can put a bad image on Senate as an organization if we continue to do this. This week, I am planning on continuing to meet with all of you and will be planning our first social next Monday after the meeting. 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**
Finance commission will be meeting, as usual, at 5 pm in the Potawatomi Room. This week, we will be discussing a special allocation for a book drop on upper campus, as well as taking an advisory vote on potential bylaw changes.

Thanks!

Patrick Martin

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

Ben Krall
Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director

1. No meeting this week.
2. Reminder to vote in the Eau Claire School Board Primary this Tuesday.
3. Come to the higher education policy and advocacy training session this Wednesday in HHH 103 at 5:00pm!

Corydon Fish

Report of the Organizations Commission Director

Hello everyone,

Last week the Organizations Commission had a brief meeting last week. We discussed our to-do list, which includes legislation to come, Constitution workshops, and the upcoming Mandatory Organizational meetings, which will be next week. These mandatory meetings will be for organizations that were activated or reactivated during last semester or the beginning of this semester. The times and locations will be announced next week. The Constitution Workshops will be in the Cargill Lab, Schneider 204, at 4pm on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, and 5pm on Thursday, Feb. 23rd. The Organizations Commission meeting will be at 3:45pm on Wednesday in the Cargill Lab, before the workshop.

Thank you and have a great week!

Jessi Van Natta

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director

Hello!

Last week, the PR commission had a lit drop for ZimRide, which went great! We will continue to work on the publicity for ZimRide throughout the semester, so if anyone has suggestions on ways to reach out to students, let me know!!

This Wednesday, Feb. 22 the PR Commission in collaboration with Student Services will have a lit drop for Places4Students and the Student Savings Club cards. In the upcoming week, we will try and get the Senatorial expansion going again. Last semester, the project was pushed to the back burner, but I would really like to get that finished this time around!

Thanks again!

Jennifer Talen

Report of the Student Life and Diversity Commission Director

Hello,

There are a couple things to report on today. I am waiting to hear back from Christian Wise, the General Manager of the Blugold Dining, to discuss the proposal I prepared for the funding request to cover the cost of the food for the event. We will discuss more in details about the event at our commission meeting. Today, I met with Chris Buckley of the University Centers to discuss the Diversity Resource Center and the possibility of moving the Printing Services' equipment into the space and if so, how we want to reorganize things that are in the space. I gave him a tentative Yes; but the commission will further discuss the details. We are meeting tomorrow at 11 in Maple Room.

Linda Lee
Report of the Student Office of Sustainability

Hello!
Zimride now has a cash option; a credit card is no longer needed to book a ride. This week we will be introducing a proposal to send six SOS members to the Milwaukee Green Energy Summit proposal in March. Last week we toured the New Davies to choose a location for the new Energy Dashboard which will display electricity consumption, among other things, about the building. Vermicomposting bins have been set up in Chancellors Hall and the worms are doing well. WEAU did a story about the worms this morning and the story is in the news this week! Over the weekend, the SOS will be presenting 4 workshops at the UC sustainability conference. This week we will be discussing the Energy Dashboard and Windsource. Meetings are Tuesdays, 5pm in the Alumni, all are welcome!

Brittany Whited

Report of the Student Services Commission Director

This week Student Services will be holding a lit drop on Wednesday at 7:30 am to promote Places4Students and the Student Savings Club. The Bookdrop Special Allocation will also be going before the Finance Commission. In the next few weeks, we should have the opportunity to meet with the local Department of Transportation to discuss upcoming changes to the Summit Bridge. We will be meeting on Tuesday at 4:15 in the Arrowhead room. Have a great week!

Stephanie Mabrey

Report of the University Activities Commission Director

No report submitted this week.

Kristi Basa

Special Reports

RHA Liaison Report
WURHA was this past weekend was at River Falls. The delegation raised $300 for the Special Olympics This Wednesday in Hiltop the Multicultural Experiences committee is creating “The Wall of Discrimination.” People will be able to tweet or Facebook words that they want awareness to be raised about.
This week is Mardi Gras week at higherground. Activites and Prgams will be hosting “Virgin Bourbon Street” from 7-9 on Saturday night. Each hall submitted their own mocktail and there will be various cash prizes awarded. Also there will be a photo booth and they will play songs from the RECing Crew dance clinic early on Saturday to put to use people’s newly learned moves!

Paige Lofald

Unfinished Business
A. Discussion of Bill 55-B-27, Amending the Student Office of Sustainability Bylaws, by Whited
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
B. Discussion of Bill 55-B-28, Organizations Commission Bylaw Changes, by Van Natta
   a. Move to amend by Van Natta, Second by Kahlow
      i. After line 13 add, BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED the Dean of Students office will
         provide annual training to the student organizations conduct committee;
         AMENDMENT PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
         BILL PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
   C. No other unfinished business

**New Business**
No New Business

**Personnel Matter**
ORGANIZATIONS COMMISSION
Tyrrell, Sarah

PARKING APPEALS BOARD
Rector, Jason
Tyrrell, Sarah

FIREARMS POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
Tabbert, Samuel – On-Campus

UAC
Tabbert, Samuel

**Announcements**
Aeby on Saturday local music show case in the Council Fire in Davies
Opitz on SOS on the news
Kust on forensics state champions
Krall on the technology services survey and if anyone wants anything added to the survey, let him know

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm by President Phillip Rynish.

*Minutes submitted by Emily Mertens, Secretary*
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