General meeting minutes of February 27th, 2012

President Phil Rynish
Vice-President Mark Morgan

A regular meeting of the 55th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:04 PM on Monday February 27th, 2012 in the Council Fire Conference Room, President Phillip Rynish chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Ross

Roll Call
See Attachment

Open Forum
No one for open forum

Approval of the minutes from February 20, 2012
Minutes approved

Report of the President
Hello Everyone-
This past week I met with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Beth Hellwig and we discussed naming in the New Davies, the New Davies timeline, and several other issues related to Senate. The Davies Steering Committee met today and discussed several budget and schedule items. Everything is looking good thus far and we are right on schedule.
The Executive Board voted in this week’s meeting to fund the book drop that Finance approved in last week’s meeting. The Exec Board did this as there was a window of opportunity in which the students could see some savings and we decided to take advantage of that. When the bill comes to Senate for a vote in two weeks, it will be to refund the Student Senate General Ops account.

Thanks everyone,

Phil Rynish
Report of the Vice President
The candidate interviews with candidates for the Dean of Arts and Sciences position have completed, the committee will now begin its work deliberating on which candidate we recommend for hire. The Chairs, Deans and Directors meeting this week focused on a little known requirement in the budget bill (Act 32) for UW System to meet new assessment criteria as established by the state. Faculty Senate and APC both meet tomorrow to continue discussions of Liberal Education Reform with a special presentation on LE reform and shared governance.

Mark Morgan

Report of the Treasurer
This week I worked on planning our first senate social of the semester. We will be heading to Dooley’s for Dinner/Appetizers after tonight’s meeting. Also, I was contacted from USA Today letting us know that they had a free extra rack for our University so starting on Friday there is going to be a newspaper rack in HSS which is currently the only academic building that doesn’t have one. Lastly I am continuing to work on the senate board and will put up the pictures that you had taken today sometime later in this week. 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 Finance Commission this week, though bylaw changes are being introduced to Senate and will be voted on next week.

Thanks!

Patrick Martin

Report of Information Technology Commission Director
The Information Technology Commission did not meet last week. We will be meeting this week to discuss a tabled bill from September on a library funding request. We will also be discussing standup computer labs and wireless printing on campus. The Information Technology Commission meets on Fridays at 3PM in OL 2110
Hello everyone,

Last week the Organizations Commission met briefly during our regular, weekly meeting on Wednesday to vote on funding organizations that applied for reimbursement through the opportunity fund. After this meeting, we held one of the two Constitution Workshops and had about 8 organizations attend the information and instructional meetings. We also hosted a workshop on Thursday evening as well. Special thanks to Frank Heaton and Heidi Bartling for the extra time they put in to answer questions and assist organizations with OrgSync.

Overall, the workshops went well and we received good feedback, so far, from the organizations that attended. The commission and I hope to brainstorm more ideas to reach and help organizations and make Student Senate, as a whole, more transparent.

During the senate meeting tonight, we will be presenting a bill that was drafted up last week with the help of President Rynish. This bill will recognize the long-existing document of the Student Organizations Handbook that has never, until this point, been officially recognized by the Student Senate. If you have any questions about the handbook, please contact me in person or by email.

In personnel matter, the senate will be appointing members to the SOCC. If you are interested, please nominate yourself. It is possible that we may begin conduct procedures soon.

This week, the Organizations Commission will meet at the usual time, 4pm, on Wednesday in the Clearwater room. We will be discussing more legislation that will be written up to alter the funding process for organizations. Then we will review more constitutions, check in about the status of required student organization email accounts through the university, and updating the funding handbook along with other business.

Have a splendidiforous week,
Center. Our 5th Newsletter is also on its way and it will be available to view by the end of this week at the earliest.
Thanks.

Linda Lee

**Report of the Student Office of Sustainability**

No report submitted this week.

Brittany Whited

**Report of the Student Services Commission Director**

Last week the Student Services Commission held a lit drop to promote Places4Students and the Student Savings Club...thanks to all those who helped out! The Bookdrop Special Allocation also passed in the Finance Commission, and will be introduced to the Senate next week. In the next few weeks, we should have the opportunity to meet with the local Department of Transportation to discuss changes to the Summit Bridge. We will be meeting on Tuesday at 4:15 in the Wisconsin room to discuss a number of things, including sending out the Save-the-Date e-mail for the Nightwalk. Have a great week!

Stephanie Mabrey

**Report of the University Activities Commission Director**

Meetings held in the Badger Room on Tuesday at 6:00PM

**CABIN**

**Jazz at Night**

- Wednesday | February 29 | 8PM | The Cabin

**Halloween, Alaska**

- Friday | March 2 | 11:30AM & 8PM | The Cabin
- Saturday | March 3 | 8PM | The Cabin

**FILMS**

**Lost in Translation**

- UAC | Thursday- Sunday | March 1-4 | 6 & 8:30 PM | Davies Theatre

**HIGHERGROUND**

**Karaoke**

- Thursday | March 1 | 8PM

**Club Mercury Dance Party**

- Friday | March 2 | 10 PM

**Snow Ball**

- Saturday | March 3 | 7-10PM
**Special Reports**

**RHA Liaison Report**

At last week’s meeting we worked on revisions to the RHA bylaws. The bylaws will be finalized and voted on at our next meeting.

This past Saturday night was Virgin Bourbon Street at higherground. 7 halls participated in creating a mocktail for the judges and participants to taste. CASE was there doing an interactive activity dealing with alcohol safety.

Overall: Putnam Hall and was awarded $150

Judges' Choice: Towers Hall and was awarded $75

People's Choice: Horan Hall and was awarded $75

*Paige Lofald*

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**Unfinished Business**

A. No unfinished business

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**New Business**

A. Introduction of Bill 55-B-29, Approval of the Student Organizations Handbook, by Van Natta

B. Introduction of Bill 55-B-30, Finance Commission Bylaw Revisions, by Martin

C. Introduction of Bill 55-B-21, Revising the differential tuition Bylaws: Blugold Commitment Assessment, by Bernardy

D. Introduction of Dismantling Racism Student Caucus Constitution, By Van Natta
   a. Move to suspend the rules and vote tonight, by Van Natta, Second By Heaton
      i. Objection by Krall
         1. SUSPENSION PASSED BY PLAY CARD VOTE 31-0
         2. CONSTITUTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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**Personnel Matter**

**STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION**

Aeby, Leah

**STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY**

Hofmann, Greg, resigned

Mabrey, Stephanie, resigned

**PARKING APPEALS BOARD**

Thuesen, Sean (RHA)

**STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONDUCT COMMITTEE**

Hedge, Whitney, Orgs Member, non-senator
Heaton, Frank, Orgs Member & Senator
Ross, April, Non-Orgs & Senator

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
Kahlow, Stephen

Announcements
Martin on Senators for Finance Commission
Morgan on the student senate social
Van Natta on SOCC still looking for a non-senator (non-Organizations Commission member) to be appointed. If you are interested, please send an email expressing your interest to Colleen Bader, Phillip Rynish, and Jessi Van Natta.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm by President Phillip Rynish.

Minutes submitted by Emily Mertens, Secretary
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