General meeting minutes of March 1, 2010

Michael Umhoefer                     Amber Bretl
President                          Vice-President

A regular meeting of the 53rd Session of Student Senate was called into order at 6:02pm on Monday, March 1st, 2010 in the TAMARACK ROOM, President Michael Umhoefer chairing the meeting, and Secretary Casey Driscoll being present.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Senator/Director Phillip Rynish.

Roll Call
See Attachment

Open Forum
Beth Hellwig The University is hiring a new Dean of Students. If you would like to be involved get in touch with Senator Raj or myself.

Patricia Kleine We are signing a Memorandum of Agreement through the Academic Affairs Commission to make sure we understand the terms of distribution of Differential Tuition for the next year.

Personnel Matter
See Attachment

Approval of Minutes from February 22th, 2010

Report of the President
Senator Bloecher, Secretary Driscoll and I will be working on resolving some parking issues for next fall. We will be crunching permit and space numbers to come up with a student version of a parking plan. Unfortunately every time we try to discuss this, every question reveals three more questions. We will be meeting this week, please email any of us with any questions, comments or concerns.

I was contacted by an owner of a software company that handles online elections in the Midwest and internationally. I talked with him for an hour and he sent me an 80 page proposal that referred to the problems mentioned in the Spectator this year and the year before. Although he did seem to know a lot about Eau Claire he spelled Eau Claire wrong in his heading, so it seemed questionable. The cost would be $3000 annually and you can talk to me to take a look at the proposal.

We have a few bills being introduced tonight but I am going to motion to table the Environmental Endeavors bill. This is something Senator Johnson and I have been working very hard at and we thought that everyone should be able to see the final edits,
which we will be finishing up tonight. Please take a look at it as it is very extensive and is basically a “Finance Bylaws” in itself.

Also, there is a section in the changes of the Student Senate Bylaws that refers to the Environmental Endeavors Commission that will be scratched for tonight.

There will be another Search and Screen for the Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, the position which is currently being held by Susan Turell who is retiring. Contact me if you want to get involved, they are looking for students to be a part of that committee.

The Senator of the Week is Senator Ponkratz

Report of the Vice President

If you know anyone involved in the Niagara Street fire please let me know. Director Tweedale and I are looking to get personal testimonies in the letter we are drafting.

At the end of the semester Activities and Programs hands out Student Excellence Awards and the application are due March 15th. I encourage you all to submit someone online.

Amber Bretl

Report of the Chief of Staff

Please turn in your interview forms for you office hour last week. This week there will be a few options. If you are going to the Building Unity Conference this weekend you are covered. You may talk to Senator Johnson or President Umhoefer about the Environmental Endeavors Commission for one office hour or you can take the survey for 53-B-12 that you will receive in you report.

Adam Sorelle

Report of the Academic Affairs Commission
Director
Meets Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in Birchwood Room

Hello everyone,

We will be meeting briefly tomorrow to be looking at the final memorandum of Agreement. Tuesday 10 – 11 in the Birchwood Room

Adam Sorelle

Report of the Finance Commission Director

Last week we had wonderful budget hearings for Non-Allocable Segregated Fees with Charles Farrell and the IRR rental program. These hearings are part of an agreement signed by both Chancellor Levin-Stankevich and President French. These hearings were supposed to happen in early February and even then as of now they do not exist.

Overall we are pleased with the Non-Allocable Segregated Fees budget for next year for Centers, Parking-Transit and Recreation. The only concern we have in the Non-Allocable section of the Parking-Transit budget is referring to the Bus System, and that might need some edits with all the headaches we will have next year.

I am expecting to submit a Resolution for next week with our recommendations for the budgets and a further recommendation that we should not violate agreements between the Chancellor and the Student Body.

This week we will be voting on the Finance Bylaw Revision Package that I made weeks ago, if we have a quorum.

Lastly, we will have a special allocation for the WISP program to be finally voted on this week.

Dylan Jambrek
Report of the Information Technology Commission Director
**Meets Mondays at 2:00 PM in OL1122**

No Report this Week.

*Jacob Kampen*

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Report of the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director

With the help of PR commission, the library now has the Census display set up. Census 2010 paraphernalia of all kinds is available in the Student Senate office, but will be primarily used for service learning volunteers later in the month. IGA is also looking into setting up a Lobby Day field trip to Madison at the end of April when our major campaigning is complete. The liaison chairs for Third Ward and Randall Park are still available this semester.

*Katelyn Kufahl*

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Report of Organizations Commission Director
**Meets Wednesdays at 3:15 PM in Oak Room**

Last week we talked about the Lit Drop Policy. I met with Ray Francis again and we will be talking this Wednesday about a System Policy that he thinks covers his Policy. Very soon there will be a letter going out to all the orgs asking them not to pay the Lit Drop fine until we have all of this straightened out.

Also we talked about Org Sync and the culture it has along with its future on campus.

I met with Jodi Thesing-Ritter and Nick Adams about the possibility of starting a Hockey Club. This isn’t possible now because you cannot have club sports where a Varsity sport is already in place. We are hoping to change that if there is no intramural in place.

*Phillip Rynish*

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Report of the Public Relations Commission Director
**Meets Mondays at 4:00 PM in Clearwater Room**

Public Relations commission met this week to discuss the logistics of creating a YouTube video update for students. As a commission we have also been working with SLD on the upcoming Sustainability Showcase. And don't forget Senate Bowling at Wagners, Wednesday March 3rd at 9pm! PR commission will meet next Monday March 8th at 4pm in the Clearwater room.

*Cassidy Brandt*

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Report of the Student Life & Diversity Commission Director
**Meets Mondays at 3:00 PM in the DRC**

Good Evening everyone! In SLD we discussed events for Women’s History Month. Decided to create a poster to celebrate women on campus; past and present who have made a difference. Any nominations for students, faculty or staff are welcomed.

We’ll also be selling t-shirts designed by SLD and hopefully get a panel presentation together. In SLD we discussed difficulty for Muslim students to find a place to pray on campus and talked about the possibility of offering the DRC as a possible venue for students of any faith to conduct prayer/meditation.

Finally we talked about the upcoming Sustainability showcase and having a whole month dedicated to environmental issues with events carried out throughout the month of April. Meetings are Mondays at 3 in the Diversity Resource Center.

*Davendra Raj*

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Report of the Student Services Commission Director
**Meets Tuesdays at 3:15 PM in Clearwater Room**
Since the bill for the Student Savings Club passed yesterday, we'll begin to create a publicity plan to make all students aware of the savings that they can receive through the program! We're also continuing to try and put together a plan for spreading fire safety awareness across campus. Join us for our regular meetings at 3:15 on Tuesdays in the Clearwater Room!

Sarah Tweedale

Report of the University Activities Commission

Please see attached.

UAC Programming Director,

Emily Fiedler


Building Unity is coming up this weekend and we have heard some very promising reports so far. After that, we will be working on Lobby Day and I will be getting you more information as soon as I get any.

Ben Klingenberg

Report of the Webmaster

No Report.

Matt Sias

Special Reports

Dylan Jambrek
Several Senators attended the Hobbs reopening this weekend. We got a tour of the new facilities, which are very nice, and several shout outs for our help from the presenters. We ended up skating and eating lunch. A fun time was had by all.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of Bill 53-B-11, Special Allocation to Student Senate for Student Savings Club Discount Program by Dylan Jambrek
PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 31-0-0

New Business

Introduction of Bill 53-B-12 Changes to the Student Senate Bylaws by Michael Umhoefer

Introduction of Bill 53-B-13 Introduction of the Environmental Endeavors Commission by Michael Umhoefer
  Motion to Table by Jake Johnson
  Second by Ben Klingenberg
  Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote
Tabled until next week

Introduction of Resolution 53-R-16 In Support of the USA Today Campus Readership Pilot Program by Jacob Kampen
  Motion to Amend by Collin Hawkins
  Second by Allie Shilling
  Passed by Placard Vote 27-1-2
  Amend Line 28: "Eau Claire Leader-Telegram" to "Milwaukee Journal Sentinel"
  PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 31-0-0

Announcements

Amber Bretl Come to Bowling and Burgers on Wednesday night at 9!

Collin Hawkins Please attend the L.E. Phillips Library Panel Discussions happening this week. All Senators received a letter in the mail.

Jake Johnson The regular season of Forensics is winding down. We took 3rd and 5th as a team in the last tournament in Illinois.

Ben Klingenberg Those attending Building Unity that did not officially register will get an official letter in the mail this week. Look for it.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. by President Umhoefer.

Minutes Submitted By

Casey Driscoll
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION
Aronhalt, Bethany, resigned

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
Hawkins, Collin

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
STATE GOVERNMENT LIAISON
Tabrizi, Armon

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION
Arnohalt, Bethany

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION
Ponkratz, Ben

STUDENT SERVICES COMMISSION
Sias, Matthew
Mjolsness, Josh

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Ponkratz, Ben

UNIVERSITY HEALTH ISSUES COMMITTEE
Mjolsness, Josh

FORUM COMMITTEE
Ponkratz, Ben

INTERNATIONAL FILM COMMITTEE
Ponkratz, Ben

UNIVERSITY ARTISTS SERIES COMMITTEE
Ponkratz, Ben
## Attendance

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Report of the University Activities Commission
March 1, 2010

Meetings held in Badger Room on Wednesdays at 5:00pm

Cabin
• Wednesday, March 3rd: Jazz at Night
• Friday, March 5th: Open Stage
  o Sign up for a slot in on the UAC Bulletin Board in the Student Orgs Complex; Now through Thursday!
• Saturday, March 6th: Local Talent – Minor Kingdom & Sky Lion
  o Shows are FREE & begin at 8pm

Films
• This Thursday through Sunday, March 4th-7th: M
  o Shows at 6pm & 8:30pm

Higherground
• Tuesday, March 2nd: Smart Renting Seminar at 7pm
  o Off-campus renting information
  o Great info. Plus PRIZES!
  o Free & Open to all UWEC students 😊
• Thursday, March 4th: Karaoke 8-10pm
• Friday, March 5th: Club Mercury Dance Party begins @ 10pm
• Saturday, March 6th: Club Mercury Dance Party begins @ 10pm

For more information, please visit our website: www.uwec.edu/studentsenate/uac
UAC Programming Director,
Emily Fiedler