A regular meeting of the 55th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:03 PM on Monday March 5th, 2012 in the Council Fire Conference Room, President Phillip Rynish chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Kahlow

Roll Call
See Attachment

Open Forum
Dylan Jambrek on United Council

Approval of the minutes from February 27, 2012
Minutes approved

Report of the President
No report submitted this week.

Phil Rynish

Report of the Vice President
No report submitted this week.

Mark Morgan
Report of the Treasurer

This week I finished the senate board outside the office. All the pictures turned out well. We also had our first social at Dooley’s which was a success and I am already starting to plan another one for after spring break. I also want to remind all of you that the senate printer should be used only for senate materials and no personal use. Lastly, I will be gone next week on a sales convention but I still would like to get attendance records from everyone. Feel free to email me with any questions.

Paul Coates

Board of Directors Reports

Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director
No report submitted this week.

Jacob Bernard

Report of the Finance Commission Director
No report submitted this week.

Patrick Martin

Report of the Information Technology Commission Director
The Information Technology Commission met this last week and discussed the remaining funds for the fiscal year. Additionally, we discussed the potential of expanding wireless printing on campus. Next week, we will meet as usual. We will be introducing two funding proposals and be hearing more about wireless printing.

Ben Krall

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director
No report submitted this week.

Corydon Fish

Report of the Organizations Commission Director
Hello everyone,
Last week the Organizations Commission met at the usual time in the Clearwater room. We discussed and voted unanimously on the definition of "good standing" for organizations. That definition will be presented as a bylaw addition in a bill tonight. We also discussed the changes that will come in the funding process for student organizations. We decided to begin this process in the spring of the 2012-2013 school year. This week we will start making changes to the Funding Handbook that the commission created last year. We will also be brainstorming fundraising ideas for the Student Org Opportunity Fund. There will also be Mandatory Workshops held for organizations are new or have been reactivated since
last September. Only one member must attend one session. The sessions will be at noon on Wednesday in the Presidents' rooms and at 4:30 on Thursday in the Arrowhead room. This week, the Organizations Commission will meet at the usual time and place, 4pm in the Clearwater room, on Wednesday. Thank you and have a great week,

Jessi Van Natta

**Report of the Public Relations Commission Director**

Hello All,
This month will be quite packed with things that need to get accomplished. We will work on promotional materials for the Oxfam banquet and the “Don’t Dump it, Donate it” event! After this week, I will be sending out what items I will need help with, so please be on the look-out for these emails. Next week, I will hold meetings on both Monday and Wednesday to get started on these events. Have a great week!

Jennifer Talen

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

Hello,
A regular update on the Oxfam America Hunger Banquet for this week is that we will continue to work on the details of the event as it will be taking place in this very room in exactly a month from today. I will be meeting with Director Talen to publicize the event in any way possible. If any of you would like to contribute, talk to me or attend our meeting on Tuesdays at 11 in Maple room, Davies 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**

Hello everyone! Sorry I could not attend tonight- I am currently checking out a biodiesel processor at UW-River Falls- the same kind the SOS is hoping to purchase in the near future. Last week, the SOS discussed biodiesel processors, block grant energy funding, and wind source energy. We have also started a sub-committee for planning Earth Week events- if any of you or your commission members are interested in this process, the first meeting will be this Wednesday from 4pm-6pm in the Birchwood room. The Campus Sustainability Network met last week to discuss uniform recycling and waste signage throughout campus- it was decided that single stream recycling (comingled paper, plastics, and aluminum) is probably the better option in all public areas (like hallways, classrooms, etc.). At this week’s SOS meeting we will be talking about campus sustainability maps, Earth Week, and hoop house costs. Everyone is welcome to attend- 5pm Tuesday in the Alumni room.

Brittany Whited
**Report of the Student Services Commission Director**

Last week the Student Services Commission met to discuss the Renting Guide, the expansion of hand sanitizer in computer labs around campus, and progress on a few other projects. We will not be meeting this week, but will resume meeting the following week on Tuesday, March 13th at 4:15. I will also not be available for my usual office hour this week, but will be in the office Tuesday at 4:15 instead. 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 | March 7 | 8PM | The Cabin

Bella Ruse
- Friday | March 9 | The Cabin

The Michael Rambo Project
- Saturday | March 10 | 8PM | The Cabin

**FILMS**

The Bands Visit
- UAC | Thursday- Sunday | March 8-11 | 6 & 8:30 PM | Davies Theatre

**HIGHERGROUND**

Cheezy Joke Night
- Thursday | March 8 | 8PM

Mike Malone Swing Band
- Friday | March 9 | 8-11 PM

Club Mercury Dance Party
- Saturday | March 10 | 7-10PM

*Kristi Basa*
RHA Liaison Report

Sorry I couldn’t make it to Senate tonight! Thankfully I have an extremely short report. The RHA Bylaw revisions were voted on and approved. The Next housing Conference is NUCURH in Boulder, Colorado from June 1st- June 4th. Applications are due March 12th. Any students interested are welcomed to apply. Email me if you want more information (Lofaldpm@uwec.edu).

Paige Lofald

Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Bill 55-B-29, Approval of the Student Organizations Handbook, by Van Natta
   1. move to amend, Van Natta, Second by Burke
      a. after line 11 insert “with the introduction of policy 4.2 to be replaced with the text on page 20 of the handbook” (“The availability of alcohol at any activity sponsored by University-recognized student organizations must comply with the rules and regulations of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and with the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Should a recognized student organization choose to make alcohol available at any event or activity, the following will also apply:”)

      AMENDMENT PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
      BILL PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

B. Discussion of Bill 55-B-30, Finance Commission Bylaw Revisions, by Martin
   1. Motion to postpone until the next meeting, by Martin, second by Montgomery
      a. PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

C. Discussion of Bill 55-B-31, Revising the differential tuition Bylaws: Blugold Commitment Assessment, by Bernardy
   PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

D. No other Unfinished Business

New Business

A. Introduction of Bill 55-B-32, Special Allocation for Upper Campus Book Drop, by Martin
B. Introduction of Bill 55-B-33, Definition of “Good Standing” for Organizations, by Van Natta
C. No other New Business

Personnel Matter

FINANCE COMMISSION
Ross, April

CHILDREN’S CENTER COMMITTEE
Whited, Brittany, non-user

**Announcements**

Krall on Lobby Day and making calls in the SOS office
Streeter on Open Mic night at Acoustic Café 7-9
Quan on International Cultural night ($5 with student ID)
Schmitz on making sure to raise your play card if you second anything
Ross on event production crew applications
Morgan on if you are calling a legislator make sure they are in Eau Claire, to only print senate related things in the office and to be ready for discussions on Student Health Services

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm by President Phillip Rynish.

Minutes submitted by Emily Mertens, Secretary
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