General meeting minutes of November 21st, 2011

President Phil Rynish
Vice-President Mark Morgan

A regular meeting of the 55th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:01 PM on Monday November 21st, 2011 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
None

Approval of the minutes from November 14th, 2011
Minutes approved

Report of the President

Hello Everyone-

Last week, Vice President Morgan and I attended a meeting with the Schofield Auditorium Steering Committee. We discussed the project in general as well as proposed improvements to the video wall and lighting slated to be part of the project. The lighting proposal is to switch to florescent lights that use a fraction of the energy that the current lights use. The proposal to fund these lights has been forwarded to the SOS for approval. The New Davies Student Center Naming Committee met and we discussed possible names for many of the rooms in the new building. The Steering Committee for the building also met. The building is currently on schedule and on budget, and we should be seeing it completely enclosed sometime in the coming weeks. Those of you appointed to other Student Center Committees will be hearing from the chairs of the respective committees soon to set up a meeting time. This week’s Senate Person of the Week is Carolyn Eagan for her work with the Diversity Newsletter and Diversity Resource Center.

Thanks everyone and safe travels to wherever you may be heading to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday!

Phil Rynish
**Report of the Vice President**

Academic Policies Committee met this past week to discuss the future of several study abroad programs. Study abroad in Beijing was terminated, and a study abroad program in Costa Rica to replace the study abroad program in Mexico was approved by the Committee. The committee will begin discussions over University Education requirements this week and will also be awaiting the arrival of ULEC's Liberal Education framework proposal. Senator Vandelaarschot has more details on the ULEC draft.

The Dean of Arts and Sciences Search and Screen Committee met again last week to finalize the framework for reviewing applicants for the position. December 2nd is the final date that applications can be received and the Committee will meet again after that date.

*Mark Morgan*

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**Report of the Treasurer**

7 people turned out for our first official senate social! The next one is Dec. 7th in the evening (time TBD) for $1 bowling at Wagner’s lanes. It's a senate tradition from several years ago we're hoping to revive. Lastly, please note the senate printer is for senate-related business only. We pay for the toner and paper for it, so please don't print things for personal or academic use. Have a great Thanksgiving!

*Nick Hogan*

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**Board of Directors Reports**

**Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director**

- Funding Analysis Committee met Tuesday, 11/15.
- Did not complete selection process
- Will meet again Tuesday, 11/22, with the intention of finalizing proposal selection
- Final Blugold Commitment spending bill should be introduced before Student Senate December 5th.
- Vote will occur in our first meeting of Spring semester
- Will be available to discuss intricacies of Blugold Commitment during the following times in the Student Senate office:
  - 11/22 Tuesday 3:30-4:30
  - 11/23 Wednesday 2:00-3:00
  - 11/28 Monday 12:00-12:50

Funded proposals will be available to be viewed in the Student Senate office soon

*Jacob Bernardy*

**Report of Finance Commission Director**

Finance Commission will not be meeting this week. Appeals hearings next Wednesday will be at 5:00 pm in the Badger Room in Davies. The Commission will hear presentations from Athletics, CASE, and the Pow Wow. Following will be a special allocation request for the Saturday Night Shuttle program.

*Patrick Martín*
Report of Information Technology Commission Director
The Information Technology Commission did not meet this week. The student Senate will vote on the student technology fee on Monday. The Information Technology Commission will not be meeting this week.

Ben Krall

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director
My meeting last week consisted of introductions and goal setting for Intergovernmental Affairs, and I did not hold a meeting this week. IGA is preparing to hold another voter registration day and legislative contact day after Thanksgiving break.

Corydon Fish

Report of the Organizations Commission Director
No Text submitted this week.

Jessi Van Natta

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director
Public Relations Commission:
Next week Thursday is World AIDS Day and the PR commission will be having a booth set-up to hand out ribbons and materials to advertise the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which will be in the Council Fire Room Dec. 14-16. This Tuesday we will not be having a meeting, but on Nov. 29, we will be meeting and making the ribbons and putting labels on all the coffee holders on campus! Any help would be greatly appreciated and have a great Thanksgiving!

Jennifer Talen

Report of the Student Life and Diversity Commission Director
"Hello,
Student Life and Diversity commission, at its last meeting, discussed the details about tomorrow's event 'Movember' which is an internationally recognized event to raise awareness about prostate cancer. SLD will have a staffed resource table in front of the bookstore in Davies and provide moustaches and some information about prostate cancer and with students' consent; we will photograph the students with the moustaches on. I encourage all the available senators to show their support in raising awareness about prostate cancer.
Moreover, SLD is planning future events that are likely to happen in spring semester. Have a great Thanksgiving!
Thanks."

Linda Lee

Report of the Student Office of Sustainability
-Voting on Schofield auditorium lighting upgrade allocation
-Voting on ZimRide allocation
-Planning for Campus Conservation Nationals
-Chancellors Hall has approved Composting Pilot project
-Finalizing bike deposit program
-SCORE program currently has approximately 60 people signed up
-County of Eau Claire passed Frack Sand Moratorium till May
Have a good thanksgiving!

*Ben Ponkratz*

**Report of the Student Services Commission Director**

Student Services will not be meeting this week. Happy Thanksgiving, everybody!
Thanks!

*Stephanie Mabrey*

**Report of the University Activities Commission Director**

Meetings held in The Cabin on Thursdays at 6:00PM

We have no events this week!

*Kristi Basa*

**Special Reports**

RHA executive board applications are due November 23rd by 4 pm
Elections for the new executive board will be November 30th
Starting in spring 2012, students will need a BluGold card to access all the residence halls, card swipes will be at the front doors and side doors will be locked (can still exit but can't enter buildings), a campaign to inform students of the switch will begin after Thanksgiving ('It's not hard to swipe your card')

*Paige Lofald*

**Unfinished Business**

A. Discussion of Bill 55-B-16, Raising the Reimbursement Rates for Travel for the UW-EC Student Senate, By Krall
   1. Move to amend line 21. Change to “up to date in line with any changes to the food policy of…” , by Miller, second by Krall, Passed by Unanimous Consent
      PASSED BY PLACARD VOTE 22 V. 3

B. Discussion of Bill 55-B-17, In Support of the Proposed FY 2013 Student Technology Fee Budget Ranges, By Krall
   1. Senator Sias abstained from 55-B-17
      PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

C. Introduction of Women’s Volleyball Club Constitution, by Rynish
   1. Call for voice vote, Division, call for a placard vote
      PASSED BY PLACARD VOTE 26 V. 2

D. No Other New Business

**New Business**

A. No Other New Business
**Personnel Matter**
SEARCH & SCREEN COMMITTEE FOR
DIRECTOR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
Van De Laarschot, Steven

ORGANIZATIONS COMMISSION
Chaudoir, Kaleb

**Announcements**
Hogan- Happy Thanksgiving
Krall- only use the senate printer for senate business
Rynish- 1. There will be mandatory meetings with senator Bernardy when the proposals for the Blugold commitment dollars become public 2. Make sure to turn in all legislation to Colleen by Wednesday morning
Ponkratz- on the greet team event outside HAAS, be sure to check it out

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm by President Phillip Rynish.

*Minutes submitted by Emily Mertens, Secretary*
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