A regular meeting of the 55+th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:02 PM on Monday, September 12th, 2011 in the Council Fire Conference Room, President Philip Rynish chairing the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Ross

Roll Call
See Attachment

Open Forum
Presentation by Tom Fountain regarding the Spectator.

Approval of the minutes from May 9, 2011
Minutes approved

Personnel Matter
Motion to move Personnel Matter to before the Report of the President by Rynish, second by Krall, Passed by unanimous consent.

OFF-CAMPUS SENATOR

Sutherland, Hannah, resigned

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION

GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Zinser, Nick, Chairperson

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Zinser, Nick

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Larson, Bryan
Kahlow, Stephen
Streeter, Benjamin
Van De Laarschot, Steven
Regenauer, Stephanie
Johnson, Kayla
Kaveny, Philip
Wood, Zach

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Kust, James, Off-Campus
Lee, Linda, On-Campus

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION

Schmidt, Roxie, Director, resigned

STUDENT LIFE & DIVERSITY COMMISSION
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dunaway, Dana, Chairperson

COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

Shilling, Allison, College of Arts & Sciences
Coates, Paul, College of Business
Stommel, Elizabeth, College of Nursing & Health Sciences

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Emmanuelle, Catherine
Van Natta, Jessi

STUDENT WAGE RATES & PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Martin, Patrick, Finance Commission Director
Rynish, Phillip, Student Body President
Tweedale, Sarah, Student-at Large

CHANCELLOR’S DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Vargas, Monica

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Burke, Brianna

UNIVERSITY HEALTH ISSUES COMMITTEE
Burke, Brianna
Rynish, Phillip
Van Natta, Jessi

WUEC-FM ADVISORY BOARD
Van De Laarschot, Steven, Senator
Armstrong, Meredith
Dahl, Karen
Morfitt, Scott
Tierney, Joseph

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tan Gim, Amelia
Lopez-Ortega, Etzel

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Bernardy, Jacob
Duffy, Timothy
Rynish, Phillip

CHILDREN’S CENTER COMMITTEE
Stuckart, Katherine, Senator
Vaughter, Kim, Non-User
Gullickson, Melissa, Parent User
Allen, Amber Jo, Parent User
Boettcher, Laura, Parent User

FORUM COMMITTEE
Duffy, Timothy
Fishbeck, Jacob
Mabrey, Stephanie
Wesely, Kat

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES RENTAL COMMITTEE
Lee, Yeoi Lin
Mabrey, Stephanie
Van De Laarschot, Steven
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Sias, Matthew, ITC Director

UNIVERSITY SENATE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Sias, Matthew

INTERNATIONAL FILM COMMITTEE
Gerstenhaber, Camille
Hoelzen, Justin
Krall, Ben
Ross, April
Tan Gim, Emelia

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Bernardy, Jacob
Coates, Paul
Rynish, Phillip

UNIVERSITY ARTISTS SERIES COMMITTEE
Kust, James
Wesely, Kat

VIENNESE BALL COMMITTEE
Henry, Ann
Nerison, Rachel
Van Natta, Jessi
Vargas, Monica

UNIVERSITY SENATE ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
Bernardy, Jacob, Academic Affairs Director

UNIVERSITY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE
Martin, Patrick, Finance Commission Director

COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Sias, Matthew

PARKING APPEALS BOARD
Hofmann, Gregory
Fish, Corydon  
Stommel, Elizabeth  

**UNIVERSITY LIBERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
Bernardy, Jacob  

**STUDENT MISCONDUCT REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
Johnson, Kayla  
Lee, Yeo Lin  
Rice, Aaron  
Sias, Matthew  
Van De Laarschot, Steven  

**UNIVERSITY CENTERS & PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Rynish, Phillip, Student Body President  
Morgan, Mark, Student Body Vice President  
Martin, Patrick, Finance Commission Director  
Mabrey, Stephanie, Student Services Commission Director  
Van Natta, Jessi, Organizations Commission Director  
Basa, Kristi, UAC Representative  

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS**  
Dunaway, Dana, NTSA Chairperson  
Introwitz, Terry-Lynn, Arts & Sciences  
Vrieze, Mary, Business  
Erickson, Joel, Educ & Human Sciences  
Frasel, Tracey, Nursing & Health Sciences  

**SERVICE LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Hogan, Nick  
Opitz, Melissa  

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**  
Durdahl, John  
Mabrey, Stephanie  

**FIREARMS POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
Coates, Paul, Off-Campus  
Morgan, Mark, Off-Campus  

**EAU CLAIRE TRANSIT COMMISSION**  
Kust, James
PROVOST’S ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION & PUBLICATIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISING COMMITTEE--EIT ACCESSIBILITY WORK GROUP

Sias, Matthew

TEACHER EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ballard, Kelly

DAVIES STUDENT CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

Rynish, Phillip
Jambrek, Dylan

A COMPREHENSIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Hogan, Nick

LAB VIRTUALIZATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Sias, Matthew
Kust, James

MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Rynish, Phillip
Morgan, Mark

SPACE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Rynish, Phillip

STUDENT MASCOT COMMITTEE

Rynish, Phillip, Chairperson
Jambrek, Dylan
Heaton, Frank
Kahlow, Stephen
Krall, Ben
Kust, James
Ross, April

TEXTBOOK WORKING GROUP

Morgan, Mark

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Schmitz, Michael, Parliamentarian
Montgomery, Jarrel, On-Campus
Streeter, Ben, Off-Campus
Martin, Patrick, Executive
Fish, Corydon, Student-at-Large
Report of the President

First off, welcome back, it is good to see you all made it back safely and I think we are all ready for another productive year in Student Senate. A lot has happened over the summer and it has set up a lot of work for us for the coming school year.

The Schofield Auditorium project came in well over budget due to the need for improved electrical works in the building. The projects demands for electricity would be too much for an older building like Schofield. Thankfully, the State saw this as a worthwhile project and the original grant they gave, a small projects grant, was upgraded to an All Agency Project, which meant the State picked up the entirety of the over budget portion. The project was originally slated to be done very soon, but the funding delay has caused a delay in construction and the space will likely remain closed until next semester. All student orgs that had originally planned to hold events in the Schofield space, have been rescheduled elsewhere at the same rate as they would pay for Schofield, which is the cheapest space of its size on campus.

The student mascot was launched and merchandise can now be found in the bookstore. The mascot committee will be meeting soon to talk about goals for the mascot and the design and funding for an eventual full mascot costume.
The move for self-operated food service here at UW-Eau Claire continued to progress, albeit a little slowly. We will be going to UW-Stevens Point at some point during the semester to tour their facilities as they recently switched from a food vendor to self-operated. If you are interested in this project, please let me know.

The new Davies Student Center project continues to progress. As you all have probably seen, a lot of progress has been made over the summer. It should be completely enclosed before winter so internal work on the building can be done.

Our new Assessment Director, Dr. Jennifer Fager, has arrived on campus. Student Senate will be working with her primarily for the Blugold Commitment process. Dr. Fager’s office is currently in CETL if you would like to welcome her to campus yourself.

The new Children’s Center has experienced some issues in the design process. All bids came back at least $700,000 above budget. Several different options to alleviate this problem are being explored. The new education building continues to progress on schedule.

As you probably have all noticed, the Garfield Hill is now closed to vehicular traffic. The reasoning for this is mainly safety concerns. Also, the master plan for campus calls for an eventual conversion of the hill into a complete pedestrian walkway. Other facilities concerns occurred after the June rain event that flooded the basements of the Campus School and Brewer Hall. Some work is being done to repair the damage, while other work will wait until the new Education Building is complete.

With the passage of Concealed Carry and Voter ID legislation, the campus has been working to determine how to deal with both. Stay tuned for updates.

Two new counselors were added to Counseling services, this is a great help as demand for their services continues to increase. Several issues with Health Services on campus have arisen. We will be seeing some of them come before us soon, so please pay attention as I present information on this in the future.

Finally, University Senate has been working diligently over the Summer to improve its governance processes. Their new processes should be much more efficient and we are all excited to see how they work.

Thanks everyone, and good luck with the start of your classes!

Phil Rynish

**Report of the Vice President**

No Text submitted this week.
Report of the Treasurer
No Text submitted this week.

Nick Hogan

Board of Directors Reports

Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director

- List possible meeting times (Mondays @ noon/ Wednesdays @2pm)
- Call for commission members
- Currently working with Administration on fine-tuning an implementation and approval timeline for the Blugold Commitment this fall
  - Blugold Commitment process should be easier as much of our funding will likely go to previously funded multi-year proposals
- Working toward finalized assessment package with new UWEC Director of Assessment
- Looking for a Student Senate member to serve on ULEC

Jacob Bernardy

Report of Finance Commission Director

There will be no Finance Commission meeting this Wednesday (the 14th), but we will be meeting next week after the membership is formalized (if possible by Friday). A list of interested Student Senators was gathered at the Senate meeting, and an email will be sent to heads of departments for non-senators to contact me tonight or tomorrow morning.

Several special allocations are waiting to be put on the calendar, and those will get scheduled early next week.

Patrick Martin

Report of Information Technology Commission Director

Hello everyone,
The Information Technology Commission is in the process of scheduling meeting times for the current semester. We plan to hold a meeting as soon as we can after finding a confirmed meeting time. Our first order of business will be to review and recertify our copyright compliance policy to remain in accordance with federal laws.

Many of our initiatives from last spring are now appearing on campus. The upgraded video editing lab is up and hugely popular, Windows 7-compatible scanners are installed, and the Student Equipment Checkout equipment is all in order. Student Senate never received a response
from the Chancellor regarding the new stand-up computing station in HSS, so this project is on hold. Meeting times, dates, and locations will be announced very soon. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Matthew Sias

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director
The Intergovernmental Affairs commission is back for the semester. The summer was spent working with the United Council, as the official delegation leader for the UWEC Student Senate. I helped set the Legislative Agenda for the upcoming year, and will continue to work with them as a representative for the university. I also worked with the Chief of Staff and the President in planning the event for Constitution Day, which will be held September 16th. The library donated 1050 pocket-sized constitutions that we will be handing out to students, and we will be quizzing students with sample citizenship tests for candy.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission meetings are still yet to be determined.

Ben Krall

Report of the Organizations Commission Director
The Organizations Commission will have the first meeting of the year on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 pm in the Oak Room. We will be discussing the Segregated Fee Funding procedure, the mandatory organization meetings, the funding handbook, and the expectations and goals for the year. We will also review constitutions that may be presented at next week's meeting. If you are interested in the Organizations Commission, please feel free to attend the meeting tomorrow.

Jessi Van Natta

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director
First Meeting for Public Relations Commission: Monday September, 19th from 4-5 p.m. in the Cabin (Davies Center)

- discuss goals for the year
- brainstorm different ways to promote Senate events/ happenings in Senate
- explain what the Senatorial is to members who are unaware -- fill commission on plans to expand as well as get feedback on what changes they would like to see made
- talk to commission members and get a feel for what areas each member is interested in (for ex: graphics & design, contacting media, hanging posters, distributing table tents etc.)

If anyone is interested in joining the PR commission, please feel free to contact me: talenja@uwec.edu.
Jennifer Talen

Report of the Student Life and Diversity Commission Director
Currently there is not Student Life and Diversity Commission Director.

Report of the Student Office of Sustainability
No report submitted this week.

Ben Ponkratz

Report of the Student Services Commission Director
Over the summer, LTS began developing an interactive Renting Guide website, which will hopefully be live by the end of the semester. It will allow students to view feedback on off-campus properties. We are currently working on Fire Safety Month promotional materials, which will begin appearing around campus at the end of this week. We will soon begin preparations for House Day, as well as continued promotion of Places4Students and the Student Savings Club. Also, the Saturday Night Shuttle was extremely successful in its first weekend, and they were actually having to turn students away. I am working on putting together a meeting time, so please get me your schedule if you haven't already. We have several chair positions available, so let me know if that is something that you would be interested in as well.

Stephanie Mabrey

Report of the University Activities Commission Director
Meetings held in The Cabin on Thursdays at 6:00PM

Cabin

- Friday | September 16 | 8PM | Local Talent- Wisconsin Built
- Saturday | September 17 | 8PM | Open Stage
  - Sign-up in the Student Senate Office

Festivals

- Sunday & Monday | September 18 & 19 | 6:30-9:30 | Varsity Night Live Auditions
  - Auditions will be held in The Cabin
  - Sign-up sheets in the Activities, Involvement & Leadership Office (Davies 133)

Films

- Black Swan
  - Thursday- Sunday | September 15-18 | 6PM & 8:30PM | Davies Theatre | UAC
Higherground

- Friday | September 16 | 8-11PM | Live Swing Band
  - Club Mercury to follow
- Saturday | September 17 | 10PM | Highlighter Dance Party

Special Events

- Mystical Arts of Tibet - Mandala Sand Painting
  - Mon-Fri | September 12-16 | Skylight Lounge, Davies Center

For more information please visit our website: www.uwec.edu/uac

Kristi Basa

Report of the Secretary/Webmaster

No report submitted this week.

Emily Mertens

Special Reports

RHA Liaison Report

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished news to Report.

New Business

No New Business to report.

Announcements

Van De Laarschot- Dr. Linda Young Named Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Sias- Lynn Wilson is the new director of counseling services.

Phillip Rynish- On the retreat Tuesday September 13th
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm by President Rynish.

Minutes submitted by Emily Mertens, Secretary
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