



A regular meeting of the 63rd Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 13th, 2020 via a Zoom conference call, President Johnson chairing the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by N/A

Land Acknowledgment

“I/We acknowledge that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire occupies the sacred and ancestral lands of Indigenous Peoples. I/We honor the land of the Ojibwe and Dakota Nations.”

63rd Session Roll Call – 04/13/2020

Executive Board

Title	Name	Status (Present, Absent) (P, A)
Vice President	Ziebell, Anna	P
Parliamentarian	Rakoweicki, Riley	P
Chief of Staff	Schilling, Justin	P
AA Director	DuChene, Travis	P
Communication Director	Meier, Joel	P
ESM Senate Director	Hoeksema, Stephanie	P
Finance Director	Miller, David	P
ITC Director	Murphy, Joe	P
IGA Director	Gulbrandson, Austin	P
SOS Director	Becker, Lauren	P
SOC Director	Stoutenburg, Mary	P
UAC Director	Rush, Carter	P
Mascot Coordinator	Schowalter, Luke	P

On-Campus Senators



Name	Status
Angelo, Annika	P
Donovan, Franny	P
Hicks, Brenden	P
Langer, Kayde	P
Luloff, Grace	P
Phillippi, Trenton	P
Smith, Anna	P
Yonker, Hannah	P

Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Buttafuoco, Jaclyn	P
Buob, Quinn	P
Carruthers, Bailey	P
Chapman, Lucy	P
Kalwitz, Taylor	P
Kappel, Keisha	P
Keiffer, Gwen	A
Kulich, Caleb	A
McKinley, Macie	P
Monson, Alyssa	P
Prellwitz, Sullivan	A
Raatz, Hunter	P
Smith, Erin	P
Spittlemeister, Sophia	P



Executive Board

Title	Name	Status
President	Johnson, Charles	P

Presentation

Entity	Topic
N/A	

Open Forum

Entity	Concerns
N/A	

Approval of the minutes from 3/16/2020

Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

REPORT: President – Charlie Johnson – johnsoch0968@uwec.edu

Hello everyone and welcome back. Over the past five weeks, I have been in talks with the Chancellor, Dean Peirce, and many other members of the Administration regarding future University operations. We've still maintained our monthly check-ins with Vice Chancellor Haven, as well as further discussion on the future of the Sonnentag referendum. As far as Senate goes, here is the plan. Although elections will be held in the fall, we will put in place certain measures to ensure that it is an equal and fair election. To keep some normalcy, we will be ending the 63rd session at the same time as normal. After this meeting, we will have two remaining meetings, so please get any legislation into Stephanie promptly. Regarding the summer processes of Senate, Senate will be hiring SOS's summer intern, as well as appointing a Mascot Coordinator. Vice President Ziebell will remain in her role until the new President is elected.



REPORT: Vice President – Anna Ziebell – ziebelam7502@uwec.edu

Hello everyone. I hope you have been taking care of yourselves these last few weeks and that your transition to online classes are going well. President Johnson and I have been in weekly meetings for the last 5 weeks surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and how the university would operate. We also were able to maintain our monthly check ins with Vice Chancellor Haven, as well as discussions about Sonnentag and the future of the referendum. I was also able to help Director Stoutenburg and Director Hoeksema with some legislation for this week. This week, President Johnson and I have our monthly check ins with VC Haven and the Chancellor. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out via email or by phone. Have a great rest of your week, and please stay healthy and safe. With that I yield.

REPORT: Chief of Staff – Justin Schilling– schilljp5377@uwec.edu

Hello all,

I hope you are all doing well! I've mainly been keeping in touch with Stephanie in regards to the budget- there hasn't been a whole lot of spending recently. Other than that, there have been periodic check-ins with President Johnson and Vice President Ziebell just to keep up to date on the direction of the Senate. As for Internal Affairs, I'll be reaching out to the members later tonight or tomorrow morning to get their input as to how we can apply this style of meeting to our commission and go about our business effectively.

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Travis DuChene – duchentl0349@uwec.edu

I hope you all are doing well and staying safe during these chaotic times. I'm sure these last four weeks have been stressful for all of us as we adapt to new environments and a new way of living. However, I hope you have found some time to relax and pursue some hobbies with this new found free time. Although Student Senate stopped for the last four weeks, academic affairs never rests. I have been in frequent communication with the Provost, the Deans of the Colleges and Department Chairs about the transition to online classes. I had a phone call with the Provost in late March to discuss the pros and cons of synchronous classes and asynchronous classes and the methods that faculty can use to help provide support to students. Recently, the Provost and I have been emailing about the feedback we have heard from Students and Faculty about the challenges and successes of online classes during the first week. We are still working together to mitigate some of the technical problems that have occurred, like canvas crashing, glitches with collaborate ultra and student access to the internet and devices. I have been keeping in touch with Academic Affairs Directors and Student governments across the state. We have been discussing the impact COVID-19 is having on students education and how that could be unfairly reflected throughout their grades. Most of the schools that I have been in contact with have already adopted alternative grading policies. In case you have not heard, this conversation is also happening here amongst the student body, as there has been a petition going around encouraging UWEC to adopt a P/F grading system. Director Meier and I have been attending Academic Policies Commission of University



Senate to discuss the adoption of alternative grading systems. We have not considered a P/F grading system. Rather we are discussing the implementation of an S/U Policy. First of all, what is an S/U policy? This stands for Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading system. A Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory (S/U) academic grading system would replace the traditional letter grade grading system. This system gives students who earn the equivalent of a letter grade of C- or higher the grade of S (satisfactory). They would earn credit for the course and the S would not affect their GPA. If a student earns the equivalent of a letter grade of D+ or below, students will receive a U (unsatisfactory) and not receive credit for the class or a GPA. Once again, S and U grades do not affect your semester or cumulative GPA. This would allow students who are hardest hit by the COVID-19 outbreak to receive credit or be held harmless. However, this comes with negative aspects as well. S/U policies are traditionally not accepted when applying to graduate programs, nor are they accepted for students who require licensing (nursing, education). This would limit the number of students who would benefit from the S/U grading system. Joel and I are working on a survey that will inform the student body about the alternative grading policies as well as gather student input that we will report back to academic affairs. AAC had our first meeting back last week. We are still meeting every Tuesday at 5:00 PM via skype for business. Please reach out if you would like to be part of that meeting. We will be discussing a lot up until the end of the semester.

Communication Commission Director – Joel Meier – meierje3839@uwec.edu

Hello everyone, as there is a lot on the agenda I will try to keep my report brief. Unfortunately the Candidate Forum Director Gulbrandson and I work working on for the April 7th election was canceled due to the pandemic. Also, the Campus-Wide Tabling efforts are post-pointed until next semester; however, The Communications Commission is looking into creative ways to reach students during this time and help answer any questions they might have about Senate/the University or provide resources to where they can get answers if we do not feel comfortable providing an answer. Right now, I am leaning towards a time where a few senators get on a Zoom/Teams call which is promoted on social media and students can call in if they have any questions. The main project I've been working on is through APC and the possible S/U Policy. I've been in conversations with the Chair who was open to a student survey to find out the body's general opinion on alternative grading systems and how their experience with online classes has been going so far. However, the timeline is pretty short of this. I am hoping to use a student body-wide email but if not, I may be asking for Senators to use their personal social media to share it as it is an amazing opportunity for students to express themselves. I have not received any update about plans to redo the Student Org complex but will keep Senate updated as information comes in. The projects about creating new bullet-in boards in the office are temporarily put on hold however I hope to restart the discussion about this at the Communications Meeting next week. This week, if the Communication Commission approves, I am going to try to create legislation in support of the methods of communication administration has used in the COVID-19 crisis such as email updates twice a week and calling for continued levels of communication about other issues as an educated student body will be a more understanding body. I feel that the decision about the future of Student Senate is a discussion that all voices, whether you are a director, have much experience or are on your first term, must all be included. I am very sorry that the leaders of Senate do not feel this way and I hope future leaders will be more willing to hear feedback from Senate. Be safe and have a good night.



Equity in Student Matters Senate Director –Stephanie Hoeksema – hoekses15575@uwec.edu

Good evening, I truly hope that you're all staying well physically [AND] mentally during these trying times. It's important to remember that this type of health concern has had incredibly significant effects on our mental health, as well as the more visible physical components. The ESM directors have been in close communication throughout this "hiatus" and have worked on narrowing down our priorities as the year draws to a close. As of right now, we have chosen to continue our endeavors with analyzing data from last year's campus climate survey and formulating different forms of reports to be shared with the campus community. We are also collaborating on initiatives with the Commission on the Status of Women for a more equitable gender environment for women and other gender minorities on campus. This is a developing project, so there will be more info to come. We are working on scheduling virtual meetings with our EDISA faculty and staff to talk about what more we can contribute on. Following the State of Wisconsin's primary election remaining as scheduled on April 7th, I initiated a resolution to raise concerns about the prominent voter suppression that this situation caused. This will be introduced and voted on later tonight, and I hope you all have had a chance to take a thorough look at it. I thoroughly believe that this issue had a large-effects on voter turnout for UW-Eau Claire students, as well as across the state and should not be forgotten. Finally, I wish you all a smooth transition among these uncharted waters with regards to your education and wellbeing. The light at the end of the tunnel exists, and these challenging times have affected everyone, but have undoubtably been full of learning in all realms. Please reach out to me with further questions

Finance Commission Director – David Miller – millerda6329@uwec.edu

I hope everyone has been well the last few weeks. The finance commission will begin meeting online this week. We will meet at 4 on Wednesday to discuss a Student Initiative Proposal to new equipment on Simpson Field. Since we last met, I have received several questions from organizations about budgets, ending balances, and requests for the future. I answered those questions and sent out an email to all organized activities today. I would like to give all of you some information that you can pass along to anyone else who has questions. For organized activities, we already have processes in place that will be able to handle the current situation as well as anything that might come up in the fall. Our ending balance policy will not change, so if organizations have a lot of unspent funds it will be pulled back. However, they can appeal this through our normal process if they have a plan to spend that ending balance on top of their usual budget. For student organizations, any unspent allocation will be pulled back as usual. Student orgs will be able to apply for special allocations depending on their circumstances as well. I can't control next year's Finance or SOC but I can say with confidence that no organizations will be penalized during the next funding cycle for not spending their entire allocation this year.

Information Technology Commission Director – Joe Murphy – murphyjc9595@uwec.edu

There's a pandemic if you haven't heard. ITC has not met per instructions from the powers that be. I'm currently working on preparing the budget and sending out the tech survey, so we can cap off our general operations for the year, you should all see these in the coming weeks. Thank you.



Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Austin Gulbrandson – gulbraaj0414@uwec.edu

Good evening. I hope you are well met in these times.

There has been a whirlwind of governmental activity over the past month, especially leading up to the elections and onward. As our voter registration efforts have been limited to an online presence, I posted information on Facebook last week. Tonight, we will see a normal vote counting evening, which started at 4pm – local and presidential primary results will be finalized as each precinct reports their numbers. We should expect these results around 10pm. Instead of dissecting every legislative, gubernatorial, and judicial measure that was taken over the past month in this report, in the pursuit of efficiency, I'm providing a later opportunity to answer any questions or provide further information: "The Intergovernmental Affairs Commission will be meeting next week Tuesday at 6pm online. We will be going over the governmental actions that were taken over the course of the last month; email myself or Intern Luloff to be added to the IGA email list." I've been in virtual contact with the president of the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Association and a representative from the Eau Claire Police Department to ensure that the basic needs of the students living in the area are met. While we may be limited to an online presence, I believe we are still responsible for representing the student body of the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. With an entire month of classes remaining, let us look for practical solutions to continue our student government work.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Lauren Becker – beckerle2606@uwec.edu

The Student Office of Sustainability is continuing our work and our weekly meetings via Zoom conference call. Please email for access to the meeting invitation. Our executive board, general assembly, and energy auditors are all rolling with what comes our way. Our five largest events of the term have been cancelled indefinitely. Instead, we are shifting our focus and attention towards our online social media presence. For more questions regarding our budget, operations, or structure - please reach out to me during business hours via email. This term, although significantly impacted, is not over yet.

Student Organization Commission Director – Mary Stoutenburg – stoutemm7130@uwec.edu

Good evening all,

SOC has 3 bills on the agenda this evening concerning our budget, suspension of the redistributed funds system, and updating constitution requirements. I will be withdrawing the redistributed funds system bill. The commission will continue to meet Thursdays at 4pm over Skype for Business, please reach out if you'd like to attend. That's all for now and I yield.

University Activities Commission Director – Carter Rush – rushc5625@uwec.edu

Hello Everyone, UAC is still staying active during this uncertain time. Tonight join us for our movie night by watching Long Shot on mytv10.uwec.edu, on Thursday there will be the streaming for the 31 Day Video Project submissions at 6pm on Youtube. On Thursday we will be hosting Kahoot Trivia via facebook live, and on Friday at 5pm we will be having a virtual Cabin show with Sam Stein. If you want to be a part of this excellent team then apply for the PR Chair position or the Concerts Chair position. Applications are due this Friday.



REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Luke Schowalter – schowalr7502@uwec.edu

I hope you are adjusting well to online classes! As you can imagine, Blu has had no events. I know that these have been challenging times, so if you ever need someone to talk to, please reach out!

RHA Liason- Jamie Siseman- sisemanj3094@uwec.edu

N/A

Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
63-B-15	Earth Claire	Withdrawn by Author	
63-B-16	Approval of the Blugold Differential Tuition Funding Proposal for 2020-2021	Passed 27-0-2	Voice Vote

New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
63-R-33	In Support of the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center’s Plan to Provide Free Hygiene Products in All-Gender Bathrooms	Passed 26-0-2 Amendments: Line 35: Change “Resident’s” to Residence” Line 61: Add “Kim Wellnitz, Co-Chair, Commission on the Status of Women”; Add “Rose-Marie Avin, Co-Chair, Commission on the Status of Women”	Voice Vote
63-R-34	In Support of Women’s History Month	Passed 25-0-2	Voice Vote



63-R-35	In Condemning the State of Wisconsin’s Role in Voter Suppression during the 2020 Primary Election Amidst the COVID-19 Precautions	Passed 21-5-2 Amendment: Line 37: Add “...,in the city of Eau Claire” after “residents” Amendment passed: 24-2-2	Voice Vote
63-B-17	Adopting the 2020-2021 Student Organizations Fund Allocation	Introduced To Be Voted on Next Meeting	
63-B-18	Adoption of the Updates to the Student Organization Constitution Requirements and Guidelines	Introduced To Be Voted on Next Meeting	
63-B-19	Suspending the Redistributed Funds System for the Remainder of the Spring 2020	Withdrawn by Author	

Personnel Matter

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
N/A		

Announcements

Person	Topic
Senator Spittlemeister	Senate conduct



Senator Luloff	Congratulations to Director Miller's Engagement
Senator Monson	Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Senator Langer	Inclusion of the Land Acknowledgment
Director Becker	Video Conference Etiquette
Director DuChene	Academic Affairs meeting: Tuesdays, 5-6pm, via Skype for Business
Senator Carruthers	Off-Campus Housing initiative
Senator Phillippi	Mental Health priority
Senator Buttafuoco	Volunteering Opportunities

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Note: Roll Call Vote

Legislation: 63-

Senator Status	Name	Vote
Vice President	Ziebell, Anna	
On-Campus	Angelo, Annika	
On-Campus	Donovan, Franny	
On-Campus	DuChene, Travis	
On-Campus	Hicks, Brenden	
On-Campus	Langer, Kayde	
On-Campus	Luloff, Grace	
On-Campus	Meier, Joel	
On-Campus	Phillippi, Trenton	
On-Campus	Schilling, Justin	
On-Campus	Smith, Anna	



On-Campus	Stoutenburg, Mary	
On-Campus	Yonker, Hannah	
Off-Campus	Buttafuoco, Jaclyn	
Off-Campus	Buob, Quinn	
Off-Campus	Carruthers, Bailey	
Off-Campus	Chapman, Lucy	
Off-Campus	Gulbrandson, Austin	
Off-Campus	Kalwitz, Taylor	
Off-Campus	Kappel, Keisha	
Off-Campus	Keiffer, Gwen	
Off-Campus	Kulich, Caleb	
Off-Campus	McKinley, Macie	
Off-Campus	Miller, David	
Off-Campus	Monson, Alyssa	
Off-Campus	Murphy, Joe	
Off-Campus	Prellwitz, Sullivan	
Off-Campus	Raatz, Hunter	
Off-Campus	Rush, Carter	
Off-Campus	Smith, Erin	
Off-Campus	Spittlemeister, Sophia	
President	Johnson, Charles	

Legislation:

Senator Status	Name	Vote
Vice President	Ziebell, Anna	



On-Campus	Angelo, Annika	
On-Campus	Donovan, Franny	
On-Campus	DuChene, Travis	
On-Campus	Hicks, Brenden	
On-Campus	Langer, Kayde	
On-Campus	Luloff, Grace	
On-Campus	Meier, Joel	
On-Campus	Pake, Alyssa	
On-Campus	Phillippi, Trenton	
On-Campus	Schilling, Justin	
On-Campus	Stoutenburg, Mary	
On-Campus	Yonker, Hannah	
Off-Campus	Buttafuoco, Jaclyn	
Off-Campus	Gulbrandson, Austin	
Off-Campus	Kalwitz, Taylor	
Off-Campus	Keiffer, Gwen	
Off-Campus	Kulich, Caleb	
Off-Campus	Kurutz, Alex	
Off-Campus	McKinley, Macie	
Off-Campus	Miller, David	
Off-Campus	Murphy, Joe	
Off-Campus	Raatz, Hunter	
Off-Campus	Rush, Carter	
Off-Campus	Spittlemeister, Sophia	
Off-Campus	Vue, Pazoua	
Off-Campus	Wagner, Michael	
President	Johnson, Charles	



Student Senate
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2020

PRESIDENT JOHNSON

VICE PRESIDENT ZIEBELL

Minutes submitted by J. Schilling, Chief of Staff