



A regular meeting of the 63rd Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 20th, 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 – 04/20/2020

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	P
Kulich, Caleb	P
McKinley, Macie	P
Monson, Alyssa	A
Prellwitz, Sullivan	P
Raatz, Hunter	P
Smith, Erin	P



Spittlemeister, Sophia	P
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Executive Board

Title	Name	Status
President	Johnson, Charles	P

Presentation

Entity	Topic
N/A	

Open Forum

Entity	Concerns
Kayde Langer	The Powwow

Approval of the minutes from 4/13/2020

Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

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

Last Tuesday, I attended the April University Planning Committee meeting where we discussed where we are in the planning process, in light of the pandemic, and what the next steps of the plan will look like. I was also able to attend our monthly check-in with Vice Chancellor Haven. On Wednesday, Vice-President Ziebell and I had a call with the Chancellor to check-in and see how things are going. We will be having our regularly scheduled monthly check-in with the Chancellor this week. I also attended the Sonnentag Project messaging strategy meeting where it was officially conveyed that the project would temporarily be put on hold. The Project partners, which include the University, the Foundation, Mayo Clinic, Visit Eau Claire, and the City of Eau Claire all agreed it was best to make this decision. This information was conveyed to the Student Body on Friday morning in the email I sent out. On Wednesday afternoon, Stephanie Pyykola and myself met with Daniel Botting from the Andrew Goodman Foundation to discuss entering into a partnership. The Andrew Goodman Foundation is a non-partisan organization focused on engaging student civic leaders at colleges and universities across the country. They provide mentorship, yearly grants, a University tailored page on myVoteEverywhere.org, resources,



peer to peer learning opportunities, and much more. A memorandum of understanding is being provided to University Legal this week and it is my hope this can be finalized sooner rather than later as election season is already upon us. I was also able to have a call with City Councilman Jeremy Gragert just to check-in and see if there was anything he could assist with. On Friday I attended the weekly COVID-19 communications meeting, and in the afternoon I took part in interviews with both WQOW and WEAU regarding the Sonntag Project, and Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading.

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 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 Sonntag 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

I have a quick report for you all this evening. Roast resolutions for our graduating Senate members will be sent out shortly. I hope you all have a great rest of your week!

REPORTS: Board of Directors

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

This week I met with the provost to discuss the state of Academic Affairs. We discussed the budget of academic affairs. There have been a variety of unexpected costs within academic affairs including upgrading contracts with online providers, paying for domestic student's travel and board until they arrive back in the States, and providing resources to students who do not have access to devices or reliable internet access. We have exhausted a lot of our savings, but the budget is still looking fine. However, after reviewing the data gathered from the chairs meeting, it appears that all students except twenty have been in contact with their professors within the first week of online courses. Most professors are receiving positive feedback despite a few technical barriers that need to be overcome. The provost and I also discussed the possibility of the University moving to online classes. It appears that the UW system will be making that announcement by July 10th, 2020. However, UWEC is already making preparations in case we do move online in the Fall. Department chairs were instructed to consider going online. Some departments have unanimously decided to move online for the Fall while others are allowing individual professors to make the choice. After attending the UW System Reps meeting this weekend, it appears that most other UW system universities are making similar preparations. Lastly, APC has officially drafted an Opt-In S/U policy and it has been presented to the executive board of faculty senate. The policy is very



different than the one explained at last week's meeting. The Opt- in S/U policy will need to pass university senate and then it will become an official policy of UWEC. However, this doesn't mean that all students immediately get the option of an S/U in any of their courses. Instead, the department/ college will have to decided whether they want their majors to have the option to partake in the Opt-in S/U policy. If the department/ college decides not to offer it to their majors than those individuals will not have the option for an opt- in policy. If the department allows those students, the option to partake in the Opt-in S/U policy than they can and a COVID-19 S/U will appear on their transcript. However, each student will only be given the S/U option for 12 credits for their academic career at UWEC. Therefore, this policy is not as student oriented as was originally planned and the current policy will actually act as a barrier to students and limit the number of students that will even have access to this policy.

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

Hello everyone, last week received a report to update a section of the Student Senate website and had a few difficulties with Athena and am working through those issues. I also checked in with the director Innovative Labs to check on how the project of creating a new, independent digital platform for Senate is going. If any of you have missed my updates earlier in the session, the Communications Commission has been in discussion with Innovative Labs to create a highly customizable digital platform for Senate to use as an extension of our current presence on UWEC.edu. Features of this platform would include Directors being able to make commission minutes and agendas more accessible to the student body, a better place to Livestream our meetings, a large library of all legislation ever passed by UWEC Student Senate, and a digital interface for office hours. If you want any more details, feel free to reach out to me. I also attended the Blugold Ad-Hoc Committee and I am excited to see that legislation come forth next week. I would also like to apologize that the Communications Commission has not been reached out to yet, I was planning on doing it within the past three days but a family emergency arose and I needed to leave town to support my family. I will do an update in the 63rd session's Facebook after this meeting asking for a time to meeting. I hope you all have a good week.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director –Stephanie Hoeksema – hoeksesl5575@uwec.edu

Last week the ESM directors had a virtual campus climate survey meeting with the committee where we discussed further analysis of data and presentation of the reports.

- Last week, I had a virtual meeting with the VCEDISA to check in and discuss the navigation and adjustments to the institution while dealing with the pandemic.
- o we also discussed future measures of institutional research related to EDI and Student Affairs
- o EDI strategic planning process
- o EDI implementation team, all ongoing projects that will be geared up soon



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

Last week the Finance Commission met to discuss a Student Initiative proposal to fund new equipment for Simpson Field. This was an ongoing conversation that I had been having from the beginning of the year. The commission heard the proposal and approved it. I wrote a bill that I will be introducing tonight to allocate the funds. There is no business for the commission as of right now but I will keep the commission in the loop if we will have a meeting this Wednesday or not.

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

N/A

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

This past week, I had a call with the Chair of Eau Claire County Board; they are virtually meeting tomorrow, and a link will be on the county website. I've also been keeping an eye on governmental news in Wisconsin:

“This past week, Governor Evers extended his Safer-at-Home Order until late May; protests against this measure have been reported in Milwaukee as well as the Capitol Building in Madison. Earlier in the week, the results of the April 7th election were compiled. The statewide Marsy’s Law referendum passed; in the Eau Claire area, the CVTC referendum passed, which is a part of a larger trend of supported education referendums throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Air National Guard has received a squadron of new fighter jets, F-35s, which will be stationed at Truax in Madison. While neat from a technological standpoint, these jets do bring the drawbacks of noise and pollution. Both Wisconsin Senators have commended the decision.”

Tomorrow, the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission will be meeting at 6pm online.

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

Good evening all, it's been another busy week for the Student Office of Sustainability. Today marks the close of the Excellence in Sustainability Honors Cord applications. Graduating seniors with exemplary sustainability track records here at UWEC may not be able to walk across the stage this year, but they will be able to receive a 100% recycled graduation cord shipped to their doorstep, commending their commitment to the important intersection. Award recipients will be encouraged to snap a photo of themselves in their cord, tagging the S.O.S. Today is the eighth day of the 10 day countdown to Earth Day that our office has been championing. Starting with "how to give a land acknowledgement", our office has been providing a new recommendation each day including; choosing reusables and picking up stray waste you find outdoors during your daily quarantine walks. To virtually celebrate our 50th anniversary of Earth Day, we're inviting everyone to join EarthZoom, on Earth Day itself (4/22) – our very own virtual mini-party! There will be opportunities for a favorite plant or pet showing, responding to discussion prompts, and a writing workshop or sharing session for individuals who would like to write to a company they want to see sustainable change in. Our body has continued to meet regularly via zoom - which you all are welcome to participate in. Simply reach out to our email with a request for the link. Our collaboration with the UW-Eau Claire Foundation continues. We are beginning conversations about



unveiling and welcoming small dollar donations to our new Sustainable Projects Fund on Giving Tuesday. We are postponing our fruitful discussions and work towards an S.O.S. internship with the Chamber of Commerce and an intern within the Foundation due to the tremendous weight of our current public health climate. I am preparing for you all, and our social media accounts, a summary of the initiatives and accomplishments members of our S.O.S. have been responsible for within this 2019/20 term, and look forward to sharing it.

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

N/A

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

The UAC Film tonight is "Easy A", UAC is hosting bingo on Wednesday, and we are hosting another live performance on Friday with Micah Ryan. If you want to stay in the loop about UAC, please follow us on Instagram and like us on Facebook. That's all I have, and I yield

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Luke Schowalter – schowalr7502@uwec.edu

Hi all! I have no updates due to coronavirus. Have a great week!

RHA Liason- Jamie Siseman- sisemanj3094@uwec.edu

Hello All! It's been quite a while since my last report – 42 days actually – so this will be a quite a bit! Hall Council Round Table has been cancelled, along with Virgin Bourbon Street and our Women's History Month program, Feeding the Resistance. We have now shifted to our social media in order to reach out to students. There are quite a few new things rolling out within the next couple weeks. The first will be little wellness tips, focused on mental health. Those will be posted between our posts about our new virtual programs. Our first set of programs will be Virtual Trivia. This Wednesday (22nd) from 7-8pm there will be a Trivia video, the theme being animals, on our Facebook page. The person who emails in their answers the fastest and most correct will then get a \$10 eGift card to Amazon. The same rules apply for the May 6th general trivia, and the May 20th Disney Trivia. We will also be posting a Virtual Scavenger Hunt every morning at 9am from Monday the 27th until Friday the 1st. We will post one item, five times a day, that you will need to take a picture of yourself with. Email those pictures to the RHA email (housng58@uwec.edu) at the end of the day to win a \$5 EGiftcard to Amazon! Each scavenger hunt day will also have a theme. I am telling you all of this with so much detail because I am hoping that some of you will be able to take these events and do them with other organizations that you may be apart of. Not to mention RHA would love to have a lot of folks participate. RHA is able to give out Gift cards to students despite the spending freeze because we do not get money from Student Segregated fees or housing for our budget.

In other news, the RHA Exec Board itself has been pretty busy. I participated in a virtual meeting with other RHA Presidents of our region, and it seems as though almost all of Midwest housing organizations have been put completely on hold. We also had our last General Assembly two weeks ago, where we



passed the ‘All Gender Restrooms’ resolution. 25 out of our 33 members attend virtually, which I was quite proud of, because all Hall Councils have been closed so there was no point in the delegates attending, but they were there! We also just wrapped up the Executive Board Selection process for next years executive board. All in all, a very productive few weeks! I hope you all stay safe and well during these interesting times, and don’t forget to take care of yourself!

RHA Social Media –

Facebook: UWEC Residence Hall Association

Instagram: RHA_uwec

Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
63-B-17	Adopting the 2020-2021 Student Org Fund Allocation	Passed 25-0-2	Voice Vote
63-B-18	Adoption of the Updates to the Student Organization Constitution Requirements and Guidelines	Passed 25-0-2	Voice Vote

New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
63-B-20	Student Initiative: Simpson Field Renovations	Introduced To be Voted on Next Meeting	
63-R-36	In Support of the Editorial Change to the UWEC Affirmative Action Office’s Discrimination,	Withdrawn by Author	



	Harassment and Retaliation Policy		
63-R-37	In Support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month	Passed 25-0-2	Voice Vote
63-R-38	In Support of National Autism Awareness Month	Passed 25-0-2	Voice Vote
63-R-39	In Support of Upholding the Governing Documents through the Censure of the Sitting President of the Student Senate 63rd Session	Postponed Indefinitely Motion Passed: 23-2-2	

Personnel Matter

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

Announcements

Person	Topic
Senator Spittlemeister	Senate conduct
Director Hoeksema	Question regarding online classes for Fall 2020 and Student Senate Elections
Director Stoutenburg	B.O.B. online registration for Fall 2020
Chief of Staff Schilling	Remaining respectful in online meetings
Director Gulbrandson	“12 Points of Student Senate”
President Johnson	Addressing 63-R-39
Senator Carruthers	Off-Campus Housing Initiative updates; Artist Coloring Association: available coloring pages
Senator Buttafuoco	Upcoming resolution collaborations



Director Becker	S.O.S online updates
Coordinator Schowalter	Recommendations for Blu's social media presence

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	

Minutes submitted by J. Schilling, Chief of Staff