



*A regular meeting of the 65th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday September 27th, 2021 in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, President Mikoulskii chairing the meeting.*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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Led by: President Mikoulskii

**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.”

**65th Session Roll Call – 09/27/2021**

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**Executive Board**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status (Present, Absent)</b>  <b>(P, A)</b>
<b>Chief of Staff</b>	<b>Olivia Schenzel</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>AA Director</b>	<b>Elizabeth TenBarge</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>ESM Senate Director</b>	<b>Mengcha Moua</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Finance Director</b>	<b>Nick Johnson</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>ITC Director</b>	<b>Brett Swanson</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>IGA Director</b>	<b>Bailey Carruthers</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>SOS Director</b>	<b>Maddie Loeffler</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>SOC Director</b>	<b>Brenden Hicks</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>UAC Director</b>	<b>Brett Farmer</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Mascot Coordinator</b>	<b>Zach May</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Housing Coordinator</b>	<b>Steven Ross</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Adler Kranich</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Communications Director</b>	<b>Yoshi Gaitan</b>	<b>P</b>



**On-Campus Senators**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Denison, Anakah</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Gómez, Rosa</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Krysheski, Tanessa</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Long, Alicia</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>McGuine, Sydney</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Brad Heap</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Manushri Ivaturi</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Eddie Noyes</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Josh Holness</b>	<b>P</b>

**Off-Campus Senators**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Barreyro, Drake</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Bokath, Dakota</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Delehanty, Ravi</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Dravis, Drew</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Mohan, Pavithra</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Stoll, Alex</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Voon, Aidan</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Weerts, Zach</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Jackson Wolff</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Emma Johnston</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Avery Shanahan</b>	<b>P</b>



**Executive**

Title	Name	Status
Vice President	Schilling, Justin	P
President	Mikoulskii, Jaden	P

**Presentation**

Entity	Topic
N/A	

**Open Forum**

Entity	Concerns

**REPORT: President – Jaden Mikoulskii – [mikoulja3649@uwec.edu](mailto:mikoulja3649@uwec.edu)**

This week I conducted my regularly scheduled check-ins with Vice Chancellor Felz and Chancellor Jim. Within these meetings, we discussed ongoing projects such as the Intersectional Women's Center, Parking concerns, Housing and Residence Life concerns, as well as the future of Student Senate. In particular, I've had a lot of conversations regarding who will be strong candidates for taking leadership roles in Student Senate. If you are someone who is interested in a Directorship for next year (I know, kind of early to think about it), please begin attending the commission meetings for your respective area. If you would like to meet with Justin and I to coordinate a "shadowing" opportunity this year, you are always welcome to reach out to us. I also completed an orientation and pseudo-training for the Communications Director, where we created goals for this semester and a feasible timeline for projects.

**REPORT: Vice President – Justin Schilling – [schilljp5377@uwec.edu](mailto:schilljp5377@uwec.edu)**

Hello everyone! Last week, the President and I attended our monthly check-ins with the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor Felz. We talked about a wide variety of topics, including on-campus housing issues, parking, the Blugold Emergency Fund, and the future of shared governance here at UW- Eau Claire. Other than that, I held my weekly check-ins with members of the Executive Board, all of which caught me up to speed about initiatives and goals for each of their respective commissions. This week will



consist mainly of weekly check-ins, as well as a meeting with the Dean of Students. Have a great rest of your week!

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**REPORT: Chief of Staff – Olivia Schenzel–**

Hello, all! This past week was incredibly busy for me as I have begun check-ins with many new senators. I have a few more coming up this week as well. I am very excited to work with you all! As a reminder, office hours are being tracked starting last week. If you do not complete them, it will be counted as an unexcused absence. In case you did not see the email that I sent last week, outreach hours are suspended until October 4<sup>th</sup>. President Mikoulinskii and I are working on a comprehensive form to track them and a running list of events for senators. Internal Affairs met for the first time this last Friday. We have a wide array of projects to work on from grammatical checks, to larger conversations such as adding graduate student seats in senate. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Internal Affairs business, please reach out. As always, if you ever need anything, I am just an email or message away- so don't hesitate to contact me if you need help. Remember to take care of yourself!

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**REPORTS: Board of Directors**

**Academic Affairs Commission Director – Elizabeth TenBarge**

Hello everyone, I hope you all are having a great Monday! This past week Academic Affairs has had its commission meeting on Tuesday at 6 PM in Davies 320E, and we were able to discuss upcoming projects and answer questions! If you are interested in joining Academic Affairs and working to represent students' academic needs, please let me know and I can add you to the email list! Everyone is welcome! Personally, this past week I was able to attend my first meeting for NCUR, planning the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, and I am overjoyed to embrace that role! Also, the Academic Advisory Strategic Plan meeting is scheduled for later this week and I am incredibly excited to participate in that committee as well! I am currently in the process of scheduling meetings with higher administration in regards to specific projects, so I am sure you will hear about those in the future. One important note, the Academic Affairs Commission will NOT be meeting this week (9/28) and instead I am asking you all to attend the Story Celebration for Dear World, as is happening at the same time. This is going to be a great event that should be meaningful and impactful, so I encourage all of you to participate as much as you can. Thank you and have a great rest of your week.

**Communication Commission Director – Yoshi Gaitan**

Hello Beautiful People! I hope everyone had the most magical of weekends (: I have had the great honor of catching up last week! I am currently in the works to meet with Steven Ross regarding policies for surveys and distribution methods for Off-campus Issues, figuring out the perfect way so we can have adequate live streaming for our meetings, and overall adjusting to directorship. Now, is anyone here thinking "awe man, the senate is so cool and I wish I could do more and also working with Yoshi cause she is so cool and comms is amazing" You're in luck! A position to be Comms Event Intern is Open! If you are interested, I will be talking more about this at my first comms meeting this week! But if you cannot make it but are still interested in this position. Feel free to email the comms email [Stusen59@uwec.edu](mailto:Stusen59@uwec.edu) or talk to me directly so we can get started on the process. I also am having my first Comms meeting this



Wednesday from 6-7pm (space pending) until I get a confirmed room, It will be on Teams! Please let me know if you have any questions and I hope you all have a beautiful week.

**Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Mengcha Moua**

Hello, all of you good looking people! ESM had it's first meeting last Thursday and already, we have a pretty good list of things to tackle. These things include, fixing accessibility buttons on campus, the lack of closed captioning on campus, microphone usage in classrooms, getting more sanitary wipes in Davies, concerns about the lack of faculty and staff wearing masks, SHS screenings and their costs, free hygiene products in campus, having more drivers for conveyance vehicles, and tokenization of students of color, specifically in housing. If any of these issues resonate with you, I implore you to join ESM! The more people we have, the more we can get done this session and if we want to get all of these previously mentioned issues properly covered, we are going to need significantly more people to help out when it comes to helping others write legislation as well as attending the appropriate meetings. Other than our meeting last week, I have also been meeting with Women Uniting and Fighting with Senator Gomez, Director Gaitan and President Mikoulinskii regarding planning a Women's Rally this coming Saturday. After many conversations, collectively we all have decided to postpone this rally and plan to cohost this event on a later date. It was a tough decision, but this will ensure that intersectionality is better represented at this event. Lastly, today some senators and I started working on legislation to support Orange Shirt Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day and Latinx Heritage Month and hopefully those will be introduced as new business in next Monday's meeting or the meeting after that. Like I mentioned before, a lot of the members that are joining ESM don't have experience writing legislation quite yet, so I ask that you be patient as we all learn and try to write quality legislation together. And with that, I welcome any questions!

**Finance Commission Director – Nick Johnson**

Hello everyone! I hope you all had an enjoyable and rejuvenating weekend. This past week I have been preparing for end of year balance appeals, which will occur tomorrow in Davies 211 at the regular Finance Commission meeting time of 5:30 PM. Following presentations from the organizations that are appealing their end-of-year balances, the Finance Commission will deliberate based on the merits of the expenditures being presented. In addition, the Finance Commission began the process of allocating segregated fees to Organized Activities. Organized Activities were delivered budget and narrative instructions last Wednesday, the 22nd, and have until this Friday, the 1st of October, to deliver said materials. As Finance Director, it is my duty to relay allocation requests from the previous and current year, as well as the schedule for budget hearings, which will take place on the 12th of October, to the Student Senate as well as members of administration. Next week the Finance Commission will be discussing and developing the fiscal year 2023 tentative funding target for Organized Activities.

**Information Technology Commission Director – Brett Swanson**

Happy Monday everyone! To start off I have some good news about the Transact Mobile Credentials project. The project has finished procurement and has moved into the hands of your technical leads who will be working on implementation. We are still hoping to have it rolled out by the spring! You may have noticed CampS's new updated look that was implemented over the weekend. Our UWEC website should



be updated with articles to reflect the changes, but if you have any issues, contact the LTS Help Desk. The library is reporting that tons of students are using the new Digital Studio, the makerspace, and the library study rooms since they have been opened in the fall. There is going to be a Digital Studio open-house walkthrough event on October 14 and more details will be posted on the library website!

### **Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Bailey Carruthers**

Happy Monday! It's been a busy week for the IGA Commission and its upcoming projects. Intern Long and I are still working diligently on preparing for the Fall Community Walkthrough that will be taking place on October 5, 2021, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. The purpose of this event is to have university administration, community members, and elected city officials walk through and discuss issues within residential areas where a large portion of our student population lives and discuss ways to alleviate them. Some items on the agenda to discuss are sustainability, problem intersections that do not have crosswalks, on-street parking, bikeways, sidewalks, and much more. Following a discussion with Jake Wrasse, we will not be discussing off-campus housing or student leasing dates at this event, due to the fact that this event is catered to a multitude of groups within the community, and many attending cannot speak to this issue. I will be reaching out to a few members of the executive board and general assembly to help facilitate and attend this event and serve as group leaders for when smaller discussions take place. If this is something that you are interested in helping with, please find Intern Long or I in the office after this meeting. Also, this past week, I met with President Mikoulinskii, Vice-President Schilling, and Stephanie Pyykola about a winter advocacy trip. We discussed the possibility of a January lobbying trip, and what we might advocate for on behalf of all students at this university. More updates to come on this soon. The IGA Commission also had its first meeting this past Wednesday, and we appointed 5 voting members to the commission. It is comprised of 2 senate members, and 3 students at large. As per the bylaws, "The voting members must be a majority student senators" so we are still looking for Senators to join the commission. As a reminder, IGA meets weekly on Wednesdays, from 5:00-6:00 PM in a hybrid format, so if this is something you are interested in, please send me an email. During our last meeting, we began to formulate the Legislative Priority Summary, and will be doing the same thing this week as well. As the bylaws state, "The Legislative Priority Summary must be formulated and voted on by the IGA Commission for approval by simple majority no later than the third Student Senate meeting in September." This means that you will see the IGA LPS in the form of a resolution during the fourth Student Senate meeting next Monday, October 4, 2021. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the LPS, either prior to that meeting, or during the question period and speakers list when it is introduced. Finally, the Fort McCoy donation drive is underway for the Senate between now and October 8<sup>th</sup>. We have ordered a Senate cart specifically for this event, and that, as well as donation boxes that the items will be sent out in, will be delivered tomorrow, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Once those are delivered you can find the cart, along with the graphic sent with Director Moua's email a few days ago in the Senate office. Every evening the donations will be locked in a safe space until they can be sent out. If you have brought any donations in this evening, please find myself or Director Moua following this meeting, that way we can ensure that nothing gets misplaced. Thank you all for being patient with me last week while I navigated Outlook and Calendar for the first time, and a special thanks to those who



helped me resolve the issues. I believe that is all I have for now, but I look forward to fielding any and all questions you might have. And with that, I yield.

**Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Maddie Loeffler**

Hello all! This past week the SOS has been absolutely scheming. Our biggest news is that we have the OK from Purchasing to proceed with the Earthbound proposal, which will be voted on in the SOS meeting this Wednesday at 7 pm on Zoom. Look forward to the introduction of the Bill soon. We will also be holding a vote on the DECI intern position, which will be advertised to UWEC students following its passing. The SOS interns have been hard at work presenting for groups across campus, exploring sustainable, local merch options, setting up a Blugold Connect page, updating our website, and organizing a banner drop for divestment from fossil fuels. I was also contacted by Councilmember Kate Beaton about a biking and climate action event on the 29th in collaboration with Andrew Werthmann and Jeremy "The Bike" Gragert. Our education intern Molly will be speaking at the event on upper campus by the heating plant on Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Finally, we are working on finalizing a priorities document for this semester, to be evaluated at this week's SOS meeting. If you have any suggestions, send them my way! Additionally, we are still in need of 2-3 more voting members for this semester or session. If you are interested in being a voting member, see me post-senate meeting or shoot me an email, or slide into my DMs.

**Student Organization Commission Director – Brenden Hicks**

Hello all, I hope you had a safe and relaxing weekend! Last week in SOC we discussed the pursuance of enhancing our organization platform, and potentially bringing this to a university wide platform so that students do not need to access a bunch of different apps to get what they need. Furthermore, we continued approving constitutions! Either today or tomorrow I will have an outline for all of you on how to approve constitutions, and what SOC is looking for when doing so. This project is for all of those who have nothing to do during their office hours and would be a huge help to myself and the rest of the commission. Next SOC will be meeting again on Wednesday as you all likely saw in the agenda, I sent out today. Finally, my advisor Sara Thommesen and I will be meeting with Vice Chancellor Crickette to discuss the implementation of a school wide platform, and potentially bringing this directive to the UW-System. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**University Activities Commission Director – Brett Farmer**

Good evening, everyone, I hope you are all doing well and starting to get in the groove of your new schedules in a new semester. This past week, we had a great showing at our Cabin concerts, Sam Ness on Friday and Joe Flip on Saturday. Lion King also went over pretty well with a decent turnout at all four showings. Thank you to both of our performers at the Cabin Concerts, to usher corps for helping out with the film showings, and any of you who may have attended UAC events in the past week. You should all be aware by now that this week is UAC's special event, Dear World. Some of you have already been introduced to the event earlier tonight, but if you haven't, PLEASE come to the open photoshoot tomorrow in Davies Marketplace any time between 10 am and 5 pm. Lastly, whether or not you took part in today's event or tomorrow's open photo shoot, I gladly invite you all to attend the Dear World Story Celebration tomorrow in Scholfield Auditorium starting at 6:30 pm. It is an event that is certainly



worth your time, and I HIGHLY encourage you all to attend as well as inviting and bringing along any friends or family that are able! A reminder that the photoshoot tomorrow is open and welcome to whoever is able, faculty and staff included, and you should ALL take part. Please feel free to ask any questions if you have them and take part in this unforgettable event. Additionally, Homecoming is now even closer, occurring the week of October 10th-17th. This is just another reminder that our three information sessions for Homecoming this year will be Thursday, September 30th, Monday October 4th, and Wednesday October 6th. All information sessions will be virtual via Microsoft Teams at 6:00pm and the links can be found on the Homecoming page of the UAC website. All royalty candidates must attend at least one info session and orgs competing in spirit week get points for attending one as well. If all of this information sounds like a foreign language to you, then I would highly suggest you attend the info sessions as well to learn more! Lastly, in regard to Homecoming, Varsity Night Live will take place on Friday, October 15th. I am well aware that this event has been declining in interest and appeal the past few years, but we are working on revamping it this year, so to ensure that students can once again be excited for it, I encourage you all to attend. Comedian Tommy Ryman will be performing alongside several student groups, and tickets are for sale online in the Homecoming section of the UAC page, as well as at the service center desk on the first floor of the Davies Student Center. This week's movie, as part of our Fall Film Series, will be Mamma Mia, showing at our four typical showtimes: Friday at 7:00pm, Saturday and 2:00 and 7:00pm and Sunday at 2:00pm. This week's Cabin concerts will be Will O'Brien out on the Campus Mall at 3:00pm on Friday, and Nick Anderson & The Skinny Lovers on Saturday in the Cabin at 6:00pm. Rain location for all Cabin Concerts will be the Cabin. With all of that, if you have any questions at all, you can always ask me directly, email me at anytime, attend my office hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays or check our Instagram @uwec.uac. Thank you all so much and I hope to see you all at UAC events very soon

## **REPORT: Special**

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### **Mascot Coordinator – Zach May**

Blu did BluGold Friday and attended the UWEC Mens soccer game on Saturday. As for the hiring process, we had great interviews, the decisions will be made later this evening! Thank you; I yield.

### **Housing Coordinator- Steven Ross**

Last week, I consolidated complaints from the on-campus housing forum in the form of a drafted memo. If any of you would like a copy of this memo upon its completion, please email me. RHA officially began last week Wednesday and I look forward to working with their executive board in the future over on-campus housing issues. Last week was primarily an introductory meeting. If you are interested in attending RHA meetings, they meet every Wednesday at 7PM in the Towers Social Lounge (basement). If you have an issue you would like directed towards RHA, please let me know. On Friday, Director Gaitan and I discussed the logistics of surveying off-campus students. This week we plan to draft and execute to create and distribute the survey. It is our goal that this survey will create a roadmap to surveying off-campus students in the future. In addition, I have been conversing with the Spectator on running a story regarding the early leasing period in the City. With the Spectator's help, I hope to draw



media attention to what students face every year as they attempt to rent an apartment off-campus. If you, or any of your constituents, have questions regarding lease renewals, tours, or other matters concerning off-campus rentals, please send me an email. Jake Wrasse and I also met last week to discuss student concerns in the City. I was informed City Council President Terry Weld was interested in discussing the early leasing period and its effect on our student body. I reached out to him last week and hope to hear back shortly on how Senate and the City can work together in solving this issue which effects every student at our university. Apparently, the 63rd Session worked extensively on improving City lighting conditions and even held conference calls with the City and Xcel Energy to find a solution. The most important takeaway from their efforts is that it is easier to lobby Xcel Energy since they own a majority of the power lines and posts in the area. In addition, Jake provided me with contact information for a community relations representative from Xcel Energy. I reached out and hope to hear back soon!

#### **Unfinished Business**

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<b>Bill or Resolution</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Vote Method</b>
N/A			

#### **New Business**

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<b>Bill or Resolution</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Vote Method</b>
N/A			

#### **Personnel Matter**

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**\*All confirmations/rejections and deliberations were conducted in closed session, concluding with a secret ballot vote**

<b>Appointed or Resigned (A/R)</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>	<b>Entity(ies)</b>
R	Adler Kranich	At Large Internal Affairs Commission Member









**Student Senate**  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**  
**PRESIDENT MIKOULINSKII**  
**VICE PRESIDENT SCHILLING**


**Minutes submitted by O. Schenzel, Chief of Staff**