



*A regular meeting of the 65th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday October 4th, 2021 in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, President Mikoulskii chairing the meeting.*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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Led by: Steven Ross

### **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 – 10/4/2021**

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#### **Executive Board**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status (Present, Absent)</b>  (P, A)
<b>Chief of Staff</b>	<b>Olivia Schenzel</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>AA Director</b>	<b>Elizabeth TenBarge</b>	<b>A</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>P</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>P</b>
<b>Bokath, Dakota</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Delehanty, Ravi</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Dravis, Drew</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Mohan, Pavithra</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Stoll, Alex</b>	<b>P</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

**Open Forum**

Entity	Concerns

**REPORT: President – Jaden Mikoulskii**

In the promotion of mental health and a proper work/life balance, I am pleased to say that I took the entirety of Friday off. Last week, I also participated in Dear World--to those of you who participated in both the Brain Tadoo event, as well as the Story Celebration, thank you for your engagement and empathy. I feel that this was a very successful event for this campus, and for our Senate community. I also worked on individual projects, such as a memo for housing, a Free/Hate speech project, the Fall Community Walkthrough, COVID-19 planning on this campus, and upcoming opportunities for the Senate. With that being said, let's start with Homecoming. You were all sent a variety of Outlook Invitations for Homecoming Events. I would like for each of you to choose one of these to participate in as your Outreach hour, unless you have pre-determined events or your schedule will not allow. Each event invitation includes whether or not it can be counted towards your Senator roles. The first event is this Sunday, which will be window painting in Davies Marketplace. *Please go through and accept or decline each request if you will be attending with Student Senate.* I have invited every UW system school to come to our campus for networking and to observe our Senate proceedings on Monday, October 18th. Please be prepared to welcome state-wide shared governance leaders at this meeting. Director Gaitan are also planning a potential networking event in January.

Upcoming projects include my co-leading the University Centers Advisory Committee, a Sustainability Resource Center, a Mental Health resource Center, a Student Recreation Center, the Intersectional Women's Center, a Women's History Month celebration and advocacy symposium, and more movement



around university COVID-19 policies. This session's first true pieces of legislation are being put forward this evening. As a reminder, each piece of new business will consist of an introduction period, a speaker's list, and placard voting. If you have noticed grammatical or content issues with a piece of legislation, you may ammend it even if you are not an author or in the relevant commission. If you have not already, you should read each piece of legislation thoroughly before each meeting. You will recieve it in physical and digital formats prior to every meeting, and at least 24 hours in advance. I also encourage that each of you, especially for legislation heavy meetings like tonight, speak on at least one aspect of the legislation---for, against, or just observational. With this, please do also note the importance of yielding to redundancy--if it's already been said by previous speakers, you need not re-emphasize it. Finally, to make tonight's meeting go as smoothly as possible, you do not have to wait to join the speaker's list if someone is already giving their sentiments. Just raise your placard, and Vice President Schilling will add you to the list. Finally, I cannot stress the importance of balancing your personal and professional lives while still being involved in this organization. While Student Senate can be extremely rewarding and fulfilling, it can be extremely taxing and consuming to advocate on behalf of a 10,000 person student body. In short, if you don't like it, you do not have to stay. As harsh as that sounds, we want to prioritize your wellbeing, all academic, emotional, and physical, over the organization. Instead of discussions like "will they/won't they" for resignations, or continuing the same cyclical process of commenting on work conditions or packed schedules, be deliberative and decisive. We would love to have you stay and continue with the Student Senate family. If you do not see yourself within that picture, communicate that to us in a timely manner. *If you cannot do your job well, and advocate to the best of your ability while still fulfilling your responsibilities, your consistuents deserve someone who can.* Thank you.

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### **REPORT: Vice President – Justin Schilling**

Hello everyone, I have a pretty short report for you all this evening. Last week consisted of my weekly check-ins with directors, all of which went very well and brought about thoughtful discussions. The President and I also met with Dean Pierce to talk about how the session is going so far and ways in which we can further improve Senate's operations as we continue. Tonight, I'll be introducing legislation regarding the replacement of costume pieces for Blu and I look forward to answering any questions you may have on that process. Have a great rest of your week!

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

Greetings, everyone. I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather last week and had a great weekend. A few quick announcements, office hours must be completed every week. There is a sign-in sheet on my office door to track them. If you do not sign in and I am not there to see you, I cannot verify that you have done them, and it will be counted as an unexcused absence.

In addition, we are beginning outreach hours this week! Hopefully, we will have a form that can be completed soon- we are working with LTS to get one set up. For now, please send me a selfie/picture of you at the event for this week. Missing one of these will also count as an unexcused absence. This week I will be attending end-of-year balance appeal deliberations in the Finance Commission. I will be serving as the Finance liaison to Student Senate, Legal Services, the radio show, and GSRC as they formulate their budgets. In addition, Internal Affairs will be meeting for the second time this week. If you have any questions about the committee, please let me know. Reach out if you need anything.



## **REPORTS: Board of Directors**

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### **Academic Affairs Commission Director – Elizabeth TenBarge**

Hello everyone, as you might know, UW-Eau Claire is currently working on several planning documents designed to guide how we move forward over the next five years or so: the university plan, an EDI plan, a sustainability plan, and an academic strategic plan. The purpose of the academic strategic plan is to identify steps to enhance teaching and learning and student academic engagement at UW-Eau Claire. The Academic Affairs Commission will be discussing the Academic Strategic Plan this upcoming week, so if you are interested in providing insight into it, please come to the AAC Meeting this week on Tuesday at 6PM. This week we are also going to be discussing legislation and doing a small legislation writing workshop in preparation for future resolutions and bills. I am happy to announce that AAC has two amazing individuals to be interns for this upcoming session, Manushri Ivaturi and Rosa Gomez. I know these individuals will do an amazing job and I am excited to work with them in the future! As this concludes my report for the week, I hope that you all have a great week! I yield to any questions!

### **Communication Commission Director – Yoshi Gaitan**

Hello Beautiful People! This past week I have stayed extremely busy! From talking with Coordinator Ross about surveying for off-campus students, working with Avery making graphics for our campus-wide refugee drive, making templates for updating the student body about what we do during meetings, collecting office hours pictures from various of you lovely folks, planning a couple of possible really fun senate involvement on campus, and connection making events (with Jaden) and finally and starting directors bio write-ups with a bunch of really good info. I also had a meeting this past week and will begin wrapping up the processes for the Comms Events Intern. Hopefully interviews this week! If you have any questions about what I talked about Feel free to email the comms email Stusen59@uwec.edu or talk to me directly or stop by my desk during office hours. \*I have LED's at my desk. Stay safe, drink some water and take care Blugolds.

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

Hello, all you fiscally responsible individuals! Happy "Roger that!" Day! ESM has been working hard on getting legislation done and written. As you can see, today we have a piece of legislation to recognize and support Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day was last week but we as a commission felt that it was better to acknowledge this day a little late rather than never acknowledging it. Thank you to everyone that showed your solidarity last Thursday by wearing your orange shirts, I got many nice words from some faculty and staff in appreciation of our initiative to spread awareness of this day and these issues. Moving forward, ESM will be writing legislation to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month as well as Indigenous People's Day. If these things are something you are passionate about, please reach out to me and I would love to include you in this writing process! This week our Student Director, Jasmine Rosario, will start meeting with different student orgs to increase participation in ESM as well as to enlarge our outreach on this campus. If you are in any OMA Org, please tell your exec to check their emails, because we have yet to hear back from some. This is something we would like to get done as soon as possible. Overall, ESM is starting to pick up a little bit and I am very excited to see what we do as we move forward! My commission members are going to make great changes on campus this year and I invite everyone that wants to be a part of that to join us on Thursdays every week. Love, Mengcha <3



**Finance Commission Director – Nick Johnson**

Hello everyone! Last week the Finance Commission heard end-of-year balance appeal presentations and began deliberations. Deliberations on appeals are scheduled to continue tomorrow during our regular meeting time of 5:30. Tomorrow is also national eat fruit at workday. I'll be having an apple. The following week the Finance Commission will be hearing presentations from organized activities on their Fiscal Year 2023 allocation requests. Presentations will start at 3 PM and will go till 9. Should be fun. I have also begun a dialogue with Chris Jorgensen from the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center on a potential Special Allocation project, more details to come. That is all for now, thank you and I yield.

**Information Technology Commission Director – Brett Swanson**

Hi everyone! Happy week before homecoming! Last week Sara Thommesen presented to ITC about the status of Blugold Connect and talked about what platforms other UW schools use as we move forward on our discussion of renewing Presence or purchasing a new platform. We also have started working on the Student Technology Survey and made some good progress so far. This Friday, we will have a presentation from the CIO and Director of LTS about the current state of the ITC budget, so we can start making funding decisions. Thank you everyone and have a great week!

**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Bailey Carruthers**

Happy Monday everyone, Tonight the Legislative Priority Summary will be introduced to this general assembly Senate body. The LPS in its entirety is attachment A for 65-R-5, and is divided into campus, city, state, and federal initiatives that the IGA Commission hopes to work on this semester. I will go more into this piece of legislation once it is introduced and look forward to your questions. The Fall Community Walkthrough is taking place tomorrow, October 5th, in Ojibwe C 330. Thank you to all of the individuals attending and check back next week in my report to see how the event went. As mentioned in my report last week, I have been meeting with President Mikoulinskii, Vice President Schilling, and Stephanie Pyykola about a winter advocacy trip. Following more discussion, I will be reaching out to Dean Pierce via email correspondence to hear his thoughts and hopefully gain approval for this lobbying trip. More concrete details to come on this matter soon. Finally, the Fort McCoy donation drive is in full swing for Senate until October 8<sup>th</sup>. After discussion with Director Moua and Team Rubicon, a non-profit volunteer group that is working with us on this drive, we WILL be accepting gently used clothing. We ask that it is separated from new clothing if possible and sealed in a large bag. As a reminder, the blue cart to donate items can be found in the Senate Office next to the round table with clear signage posted on top of it. If you have any questions, please let me or Director Moua know after this meeting. Thanks, everyone!

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

Hello all! This past week the Student Office of Sustainability passed two proposals: the DECI Internship, and Subsidies for Off-Campus Composting Through Earthbound. I am currently working on the Bill, for the Earthbound proposal, which you all should be seeing next week. The DECI Internship position will be advertised as soon as we receive the position description, and any UWEC student can apply. We are also preparing for the Fall Community Walkthrough hosted by IGA. Three SOS interns and I will be attending the event tomorrow. Finally, the SOS Exec Board and commission members collaborated on a document to establish our priorities for this session. Please see the document attached in the minutes and feel free to make suggestions for things you would like to see from the SOS this year.



**Student Organization Commission Director – Brenden Hicks**

Hi all, Last week during SOC we went over more constitution forms and an outlook on the rest of the semester. This year we are going to attempt to implement a university wide platform, so that students do not need multiple apps to access similar things.

If you have any questions, please reach out! Thanks!

**University Activities Commission Director – Brett Farmer**

Good evening, everyone, This past week, we had a great showing at our Cabin concerts, Will O'Brien on Friday and Nick Anderson and the Skinny Lovers on Saturday. Mamma Mia also went over well with a strong 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. Also, as many of you should know, we finally were finally able to host our incredible Dear World event. I personally want to thank anyone who helped out, took part, and especially to those of you who were brave enough to share your stories. It seriously meant so much to me to hear so many of your stories and I hope all of you got just as much out of the event as I did. If you enjoyed the event and want to continue sharing your story or hearing others, UAC along with AIL, GSRC, and IMC are exploring different ways to move forward with some of these incredibly moving portraits and stories, and we would love your input if you have any. Additionally, Homecoming is NEXT WEEK. We have two more information sessions this week: one happening tonight (as we speak) and the other happening Wednesday at 6:00 pm on Microsoft Teams. All of you should have received invitations on Outlook from President Mikoulinskii for the wide array of events that will be occurring next week. I highly encourage you all to attend as many events as possible and if you have any questions please ask me or refer to our website and/or Instagram page. This week's movie, as part of our Fall Film Series, will be the Lego Batman Movie, showing at our four typical showtimes: Friday at 7:00pm, Saturday and 2:00 and 7:00pm and Sunday at 2:00pm. This week for Cabin concerts we have Cait McGarvey performing out on the Campus Mall at 3:00pm on Friday, and Saturday will be our Open Mic Event at 6 pm in the Dakota Ballroom. Sam Stein's band, Sad House Guest will be performing a small set followed by a handful of student performers. If you or someone you know is interested in performing at the Open Mic, you can contact myself, Sam Stein, UAC in general, or just refer to our Instagram and Facebook pages for more information. 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 Fridays 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 Bark Break which was also on Friday. I have been in contact with the Olympus mascot company, the one that makes our beloved mascot, about ordering some new costume parts, more detail on that will be in New Business later this meeting. We hope to have Blu at the volleyball game this Wednesday and then on Saturday an event for Parents weekend and the football game later that evening.



**Housing Coordinator- Steven Ross**

Good evening, everyone, last week was full of meetings. Next week appears to be more of the same. In between meetings, I had an interesting email from an alumnus regarding frustration with leasing in the downtown area post-graduation. In addition, I had a student reach out to me to review their lease for the next leasing term. I am glad both students came forward and encourage other students to do so if they would like help with looking through leases or airing grievances with current housing conditions. This week I am meeting with City Council President Terry Weld to discuss the early leasing period in the downtown area. It will be great to communicate some of our students concerns and explore how the Eau Claire City Council may be able to help. To formalize my efforts to investigate the early leasing period and its effect on students, I drafted 65-R-6. I hope all of you have had a chance to read through it and I can field any questions you may have. In addition to the resolution, I encourage any student who feels comfortable speaking their mind on this issue to email me or even appear at open forum this month. Hearing multiple perspectives on this issue, which effects every student, is certainly beneficial.

**Unfinished Business**

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
N/A			

**New Business**

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
65-R-3	In Support of Budgeting Additional Funds Into the General Operations Account for New Blugold Mascot Costumes	Passed  Amendment I: “Add line item on attachment A, which reads “Shipping Costs and Additional Fees” and add a \$200 Cost, matching the total cost laid out in line 17.” -Amendment Passed	Placard
65-R-4	In Support of Orange Shirt Day	Passed	Placard
65-R-5	In Support of the Fall Legislative Priority Summary	Passed  Amendment I: Add “Halal, Kosher, and other religious	Placard



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65-R-6	In Support of Examining the Early Leasing Period for Students Living in Non-University Sponsored Housing	Withdrawn	N/A

**Personnel Matter**

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

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

**Announcements**

Person	Topic
Brenden Hicks	SOC needs members- specifically on Tuesday October 5 <sup>th</sup> in Colleen Bader at 11:30









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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**October 4, 2021**

**PRESIDENT MIKOULINSKII**

**VICE PRESIDENT SCHILLING**

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