



A regular meeting of the 65th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday October 11th, 2021 in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, President Mikoulskii chairing the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by: Drake Barreyro

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 – 10/11/2021

Executive Board

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



On-Campus Senators

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

Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Barreyro, Drake	P
Delehanty, Ravi	P
Dravis, Drew	P
Weerts, Zach	A
Jacksen Wolff	P
Johnston, Emma	P
Shanahan, Avery	P
Ross, Steven	P

Executive Officers

Title	Name	Status
Vice President	Schilling, Justin	P



President	Mikoulinskii, Jaden	P
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Presentation

Entity	Topic
Olivia Schenzel and Mengcha Moua	Outreach hour requirements and EDI workshop access

Open Forum

Entity	Concerns

REPORT: President – Jaden Mikoulinskii

Happy Homecoming, Blugolds! This week I continued efforts to secure space within Davies for various student-lead initiatives, such as a Student Lounge, a Sustainability Resource Center, and a Recreation Center. I assisted in the solidification of next year's Student Senate budget, proofread legislation, spoke to the Spectator about Campus Issues, attended Commission meetings, and continued planning a Women's History Month Celebration next March. This week I will be meeting with University Exec with the Student Senate Executive Board, attending a Free Speech Seminar at UW-Stout, and working on Special Allocation projects. Oh, and don't forget, plenty of Homecoming activities this week! During tonight's Student Senate Executive meeting, we discussed the lack of reapportionment, which is mandated by the Student Body Constitution, that has been done by Student Senate Executive Boards in the past three sessions. To comply with the Constitution, and retroactively correct oversight in the past session, the Student Senate Executive Board conducted a vote and will extend their executive privilege to conduct this process. We will still, in compliance with the Constitution, review current enrollment data in March. After tabulation, a single seat will be reallocated from off-campus to on-campus. Given that there is currently a Senator vacancy application open, in addition to Executive Board vacancies, we will move to advertise the following: 1 on-campus vacancy, 5 off campus vacancies. Finally, Student Senate will be joined next Monday by 15 members of state-wide Student Governance Organizations, including UW-Stevens Point, UW-Eau Claire Barron County, UW-Stout, UW-River Falls, and potentially UW-La Crosse. Here is the schedule for their visit:

- 2-3:30 PM: Campus Tour
- 4-5 PM: Networking and light dinner in Dakota Ballroom
- 5-6 PM: Executive Board Meeting in Dakota Ballroom
- 6-8 PM: General Student Senate Meeting, including presentation from UWSP



We will be given a presentation from the Student Body President at UWSP regarding the relationship between Students in State-Wide Shared Governance, and increasing transparency and communication between our institutions.

REPORT: Vice President – Justin Schilling

Hello everyone and Happy Homecoming Week! Thank you to all who attended our window painting event last night. If you haven't had the chance to see Student Senate's beautiful mural on the window in the Davies Marketplace, I encourage you to take a look- I firmly believe DaVinci could not have done it better himself if he tried. With that, we still have a few more Homecoming events for you to participate in, which I'm sure will be detailed in Director Farmer's report! One final note on Homecoming Activities, don't forget that the parade is this Saturday, and we're still looking for someone interested in driving the Senate truck along the parade route. If that is something you'd be interested in, please see me after the meeting tonight! Other than that, last week I was able to participate in the Fall Community Walkthrough, the Family Weekend Brunch, and attended the Football game vs. UW-Stout. This week will be pretty slow in terms of meetings with Administration and will mainly consist of my weekly director check-ins. Have a safe and exciting homecoming weekend, Student Senate!

REPORT: Chief of Staff – Olivia Schenzel

Salutations, affiliates, I sincerely hope that you are all doing well. Something I am starting to work on is making the senate office homier. I am looking for suggestions on what you all would like to see in the space. A few ideas that I have are coloring murals, puzzles, and board games. Let me know if you have an input. Another thing to put on your radar is our senate Halloween party! It will be Thursday October 28th starting at 7PM. We will have spooky bingo, a costume contest, Halloween snacks and games, and scary movies. There also will be prizes for the games and contests. I really hope to see you all there! On a more serious note, I would like to remind all senators about the email that I sent last week and the update from President Mikoulinskii today requesting you to communicate what commission you will be attending. If I do not hear back from you about your commissions, it will count as an unexcused absence. This is my least favorite part of my job- I do not want to harass you about answering emails or maintaining a basic level of communication with me. If you cannot attend a meeting, your office hours, or any other senate events, simply send me a text or an email. I have attached my phone number in several emails and am willing to provide it again if needed. Contacting me and letting me know what is going on is as simple as sending a text message. Furthermore, it is my impression that there is a significant number of senators that are feeling overwhelmed with their role. For this reason, I will be requiring monthly check-ins to make sure that we are maintaining open dialogue and you all feel supported. Should you feel that a monthly check-in is not beneficial to you, please communicate that with me. I want to be a resource for you all and try to help you all as best as I can. I will always make time for you if you need it. Whether that be proofreading legislation for you or even just being someone to talk to- I am here. I know that senate can seem daunting or overwhelming, so please reach out whenever you need. I try to be in my office and



available as much as my schedule allows, so feel free to stop by- even if you just want to hang out and do homework. I now have spooky fruit snacks [and] candy! Please remember to take time for yourself and remember to drink water.

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Elizabeth TenBarge

I hope you are having a wonderful Monday. This past week I was able to have my monthly meeting with the Provost and discuss upcoming initiatives and projects, so be on the lookout for some amazing initiatives coming soon! I also had the pleasure of attending the University Assessment Committee and the University Liberal Education Committee and am looking forward to participating and providing student input when decisions are being made. Within AAC this upcoming week, Stephanie Jamelske will be giving a presentation on Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition, so if that is something that is interesting to you, please feel free to attend the Academic Affairs meeting this Tuesday at 6 PM. Thanks all, I welcome any questions

Communication Commission Director – Yoshi Gaitan

Hello Beautiful People! Happy National Coming Out Day, Indigenous Peoples Day, and Yesterday was World Mental Health Day. In recognition of Indigenous People's Day I would like to take a moment of silence for those who honor this day. The Communications Commission has had some big changes this week. First of all, I would like everyone to give some snaps or love to our new Comms Event Intern (Tanessa Kra-sHea-Ski) Okay, now because of this we have had to move some things around for Comms. Our NEW and IMPROVED commission times are Wednesdays from 11-12. Starting this Wednesday! I hope to see you all there, I have music and we have lots of fun. We also have been working on some graphics for some upcoming information that will soon be heard! Stay safe, drink some water and take care Blugold

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Mengcha Moua

Hello, my little chickadees! ESM has been busy this past week writing legislation to honor and celebrate various identities and heritage months. I want to give a huge shout out to Senator Noyes and Senator Gómez for really stepping up and spearheading each of their respective pieces of legislation. It's very impressive how quickly you two have picked up on how to write quality legislation, and I am very honored to have you two in our commission. Other than working on those pieces of legislation, I have also scheduled a meeting with the Provost to discuss adding these celebratory dates to the Detailed Academic Calendar moving forward. Also, thanks to Director Carruthers and IGA's Fall Community Walk Through last week, I was able to discuss putting a pride crosswalk on campus with Vice Chancellor Diaz and was able to get her support in any progression for that project. I look forward to seeing how these projects turn out and will continue to keep you all updated. Our Student Director, Jasmine Rosario, has also been busy meeting with executive boards from different student orgs that represent marginalized communities on campus and asking for them to send a representative to our ESM meetings to



report on any projects that those orgs may be working on as well as feeling out how these respective orgs feel about forming a Presidents Round Table. We are still waiting to hear back from some orgs so nothing is set in stone yet but as things progress, Jazz will make sure to keep everyone updated. With that, please feel free to email me or Jazz with any questions!

Finance Commission Director – Nick Johnson

Hello everyone! Last week the Finance Commission deliberated on the end-of-year balance appeals. Appeals from Legal Services, and the Foster Gallery were approved, and the amount approved has rolled over to their respective current fiscal year balances. Following this, the rest of Organized Activity's end of year balances were clawed back into the Finance Commission clearing account. This clearing account has amassed a huge sum of money, which makes it extremely important that we as a session find capital expenditures that benefit the student body. Again, if you or anyone you know has a project they would like to be funded, please reach out to me or the Finance Intern, Dakota Bokath. This week the Finance Commission will be hearing budget proposals for the next fiscal year. You all received the details for these hearings but to reiterate, they will take place from 3-9 PM in Davies 340A. These presentations and the deliberations that will be taking place next week are extremely important, you should all consider attending at least briefly as a representative of the 65th session. Also, this week, I will be meeting with President Mikoulinskii to discuss potential Special Allocations. That is all for now, thank you and I yield.

Information Technology Commission Director – Brett Swanson

Hi everyone! Happy Monday and happy homecoming week. I hope everyone has a fun and safe time participating in festivities! At ITC on Friday, Kent Gerberich gave a presentation on the current state of this year's ITC budget and one key finding was that we have even more carryover in funds than we had anticipated. This is a great problem to have, but it is going to be very important this year that we work to spend these funds in ways that will benefit students and not let too much of it sit unspent. So that being said, if anyone has any suggestions for tech projects or initiatives on campus, do not hesitate to reach out. Some of you may have heard this news ahead of time, but I wanted to officially announce it tonight with everyone here. I will be resigning from my role as Director of ITC and as a Student Senator with my last day being October 22nd. This decision was by no means an easy one and does not reflect in any way my feelings about anyone in this room. I have been so lucky to get to know everyone here. You have all impacted my life in more positive ways than I can really put into words. I have grown so much as a person through Student Senate thanks to you all and the people of last sessions. Of course, I've made a lot of friends too. Those of you who know me well know I am not typically the person to say no, and especially not the person to break my commitments, but honestly, I have just been too overwhelmed this year and I needed to step back somehow.

I'll still be a member of the Information Technology Commission and if you ever need anything, feel free to reach out. Thank you everyone for your understanding and support.



Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Bailey Carruthers

Hello Everyone, This past week was a busy one. On Tuesday, October 5th, the IGA Commission held its first ever Fall Community Walkthrough. Taken from previous events in prior years like the Bar Crawl and Community Walk, The Fall Community Walkthrough was structured to allow city officials, community members, university administration, and Student Senate to walk through nearby neighborhoods to discuss salient issues. Some items that were addressed were sustainability, infrastructure, transit, and community relations. We had individuals in attendance from all aspects of the city and university including the SSD office here on campus, relevant neighborhood associations, and university police. Follow-up and thank you emails were sent to the respective parties this morning, and we are looking for feedback from each individual regarding the event. On Friday I had a meeting with all Senate attendees to discuss the event in large and solicit feedback. At this event, we also discussed the possibility of a Spring Community Walkthrough, of course taking into consideration feedback and suggestions. I will be bringing this idea to the Commission this week, so check back for updates regarding that soon. Late last week I contacted Dean Pierce about the Winter Advocacy Trip I have been detailing every week in my report and hope to hear back soon. I included agenda items, an itemized itinerary, as well as representatives we would like to meet with. Updates forthcoming. In the Commission meeting last week we discussed the amendments of the Legislative Priority Summary that took place in the previous General Assembly. As many of our commission members are not a member of the General Assembly, I will work to provide them with the amended copy. Now that the LPS is passed, this coming week in IGA we will begin working on some projects explicitly detailed in the document. Commission members will come to the meeting with issues they would like to work on, and we will assign and delegate tasks from there. To the Commissions and its directors directly mentioned in the LPS, look out for emails regarding collaboration from me in the coming weeks. Finally, this past week the Wisconsin Assembly passed a bill banning Critical Race Theory to be taught in schools and government training. Although the bills don't refer to "critical race theory" by name, the phrase has been used as a catch-all to describe concepts and theories including systemic racism and gender inequality. Both introduced by Republicans, the bills passed on party lines. They are now being sent to the Senate, and if approved will be sent to Governor Evers. I will be writing a piece of legislation in the form of a resolution to go in front of this general assembly next Monday in condemnation of this bill, explicitly stating its impact on this university and its students. I will be reaching out to professors that have Critical Race Theory incorporated into their teaching to hear feedback, as well as Jake Wrasse, the legislative liaison for the Chancellor's Office. If anyone would like to assist on this piece of legislation, or just look it over before it is submitted, I would greatly appreciate it, just let me know after this meeting. I believe that it is all that I have and welcome any questions. I yield.



Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Maddie Loeffler

Hello everyone! The Chancellor's Advisory Council on Sustainability and Climate Action had its first meeting last Tuesday. Following in the Task Force's footsteps, the Advisory Council will be working on implementing and assessing the recommendations. The recommendations can be found at [Sustainability-Task-Force-Recommendations-4-21.pdf \(uwec.edu\)](#). Molly, the SOS Education Intern, and I will be representing students on the Advisory Council. If you have anything that you would like to see from the Advisory Council, feel free to email me or Molly. If you would like to reach the entire Advisory Council, send an email to advisorycouncilsustainability@lists.uwec.edu. Last Wednesday, the SOS passed a proposal to allow 12 commission members, including most of the executive board, to attend the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (or AASHE) 2021 conference. Due to the virtual format, the conference is accessible to more of us, so we are looking forward to discussions as a commission about what we learned during the sessions we attended. This week, we will be submitting the SOS Legislative Priorities Summary to you all to be voted on next week. We will also be working on a five-year strategic plan in the next couple of weeks and working to solidify the approval of the Student Sustainability Resource Center. Finally, we are working on the implementation of the BluBox Program, which will bring reuseable containers to Davies Marketplace. You will be seeing a presentation on this in the coming weeks, while the SOS will learn more at our meeting on Wednesday. The SOS now has a Blugold Connect page. Become a member by going to <https://uwec.presence.io/organization/student-office-of-sustainability>.

Student Organization Commission Director – Brenden Hicks

Hello all, I hope you are doing well! Last week SOC decided to not reallocate SUFAC funds for their alumni dinner because it is directly profiting the alumni and not the students. For this week, SOC will not be meeting as we do not have much to discuss. If you have any questions, please let me know!

University Activities Commission Director – Brett Farmer

Good evening, everyone and happy Homecoming! I want to warn you all in advance that this will be a lengthy report as there are many, many events this week so buckle up! This past week, we had a great showing at our Cabin concerts, Cait McGarvey on Friday and our Open Mic event on Saturday, with an additional performance from Sad House Guest. The Lego Batman Movie also went over well with a strong turnout at all four showings. Thank you to all of our performers at the Cabin Concerts and Open Mic, to usher corps for helping out with the film showings, and any of you who may have attended UAC events in the past week. Additionally, in case any of you are somehow still unaware it is homecoming week! President Mikoulskii and Vice President Schilling have decided that this week, you are all asked to conduct your outreach hour at some sort of Homecoming festivity. Last night, we kicked off Homecoming week with window painting down in the Marketplace on first floor! Today was the start of royalty campaigning as well as the first clue to the Medallion hunt. We have seven amazing royalty candidates this year, and I hope you are able to meet them all and don't forget to vote when the survey is sent out on Thursday! Tomorrow we will be starting our Blu's Fan Art competition



which is an art competition of any medium that will be voted on later in the week on UAC's Instagram page. Wednesday is Campus Rec's Nature Calls 5k, 1k, and stroll race event. It is happening at the bottom of the McPhee stairs between 10:30 and 1:30 and participants in any of the three races can win shirts and plants, first come first serve. Campus games will also take place Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 on the campus mall. Any students can come compete in a variety of fun outdoor games. Friday night, Varsity Night Live will take place at 7:00 pm in Zorn Arena. Several student groups including the dance team, Innocent Men, and Singing Statesmen will be performing alongside featured comedian and finalist on NBC's Last Comic Standing, Tommy Ryman. Tickets are \$3 ahead of time and \$5 day of, and they can be bought at the Service Center online at the Ticketing website. Saturday, the parade will take place at 10:00 am on W Grand Ave and First Ave and floats will line up in the courthouse parking lot. The game will of course also be taking place at 1:00 pm at Carson Park against River Falls. Finally, last but not least, the city-wide cleanup, Adopt-a-Block will happen Sunday afternoon starting at 1:00 pm in the Water Street parking lot. As mentioned before, you are expected to attend at least one event for your outreach hour this week, but I highly recommend you come to as many events as possible, given that this is our first in-person Homecoming in two years, I hope you will all make the most of it! I also want to add that these events are created for the students, but are in-part, Senate-run events, so if we do not attend these events that are created for our students, how can we expect that the students will attend the events either? Finally (I promise this is the last thing), we will not have any Cabin Concerts or Films this week due to Homecoming, but if you are unaware, we did announce last week that our Feature Fall Concert will be Tai Verdes, performing next Wednesday, October 20th in the Ojibwe Ballroom. You can buy your tickets at the Service Center as well as online at the ticketing website for \$20 ahead of time, or \$25 on the day of. As always, if you have any questions at all, you can 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. I yield

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Zach May

Blu did Blugold Friday, on Saturday Blu attended the parents weekend brunch and then attended the football game in the evening! Blu has a relaxed week, their only event this week is the Homecoming parade and the homecoming game. I yield. That's all.

Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
65-B-1	Subsides for Off-Campus Composting Through Earthbound		



	Environmental Solutions		
65-B-2	Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Committee		

New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
65-R-7	In Celebration of Latinx Heritage Month	Passed	Placard
65-R-8	In Celebration of Indigenous People's Day	Passed	Placard
65-R-9	In Celebration of National Coming Out Day	Amendment A: Passed After line 35 add: "BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, UW- Eau Claire Student Senate calls on Counseling Services to provide resources for members of the LGBTQIA+ community through appropriate trainings and advocacy to the best of their abilities; and" Passed	Placard
65-R-10	In Support of a Universal Media Policy for Blu the Blugold	Passed	Placard



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)
R	Steven Ross	Housing Coordinator
R	Alicia Long	Internal Affairs
R	Alicia Long	Dining Committee
R	Aidan Voon	Off-Campus Senator
R	Avi Mohan	Off-Campus Senator
R	Alex Stoll	Off-Campus Senator
R	Dakota Bokath	Student Wage Rates and Practice Committee
R	Dakota Bokath	Off-Campus Senator
R	Yoshi Gaitan	Forum Committee
R	Yoshi Gaitan	Student Wellness Advocacy and Counseling Advisory Committee
R	Dakota Bokath	Student Organization Conduct Committee
R	Avi Mohan	Student Organization Conduct Committee
R	Yoshi Gaitan	University Assessment Committee
A	Eddie Noyes	ITC Voting Member
A	Kevin Keller	ITC Voting Member
A	Braden Konop	ITC Voting Member
A	Robert Meehan	ITC Voting Member
A	Avi Mohan	ITC Voting Member
A	Chandler Mueller	ITC Voting Member
A	Jon Wiegel	ITC Voting Member
A	Dakota Bokath	Finance Voting Member
A	Olivia Schenzel	Finance Voting Member



A	Steven Ross	Finance Voting Member
A	Zach Weerts	Finance Voting Member
A	Drake Barreyro	Finance Voting Member
A	Rian Jones	Finance Voting Member
A	Emma Johnston	SOS Voting Member
A	Mark Fiore	SOS Voting Member
A	Emma Gilkerson	SOS Voting Member
A	Aidan Voon	SOS Voting Member
A	Pheonix Leary	SOS Voting Member
A	Jensen Thieren	SOS Voting Member
A	Leah Woodward	SOS Voting Member
A	Ravi Delehanty	SOS Voting Member
A	Annika Yoney	SOS Voting Member
A	Emma Weidmeyer	SOS Voting Member
A	Sydney McGuine	SOS Voting Member
A	Drake Barreyro	SOS Voting Member
A	Eddie Noyes	ESM Voting Members
A	Rian Jones	ESM Voting Members
A	Rosa Gómez	ESM Voting Members
A	Josh Holness	ESM Voting Members
A	Elizabeth TenBarge	ESM Voting Members
A	Zoe Lewis	ESM Voting Members
A	Destini Wilson	ESM Voting Members
A	Brad Heap	SOC Voting Member
A	Ravi Delehanty	SOC Voting Member
A	Elizabeth TenBarge	SOC Voting Member
A	Zach Weerts	IGA Voting Member



A	Thomas Miller	IGA Voting Member
A	Stephen Ruthy	IGA Voting Member
A	Antonia Green	IGA Voting Member
A	Alicia Long	IGA Voting Member
A	Tanessa Krysheski	Events Intern Comms
A	Jackson Wolff	Student Wage Rates and Practice Committee
A	Emma Johnston	Forum Committee
A	Bailey Carruthers	University Artists Series Committee
A	Nick Johnson	SWAT
A	Steven Ross	Dining Committee
A	Brad Heap	Student Organizations Conduct Committee
A	Avery Shanahan	Student Organizations Conduct Committee
A	Anakah Denison	University Assessment Committee
A	Manushri Ivaturi	Academic Strategic Plan Advisory Group
A	Justin Schilling	Teacher Education Program Advisory Council
A	Drake Barreyro	Emergency Preparedness Committee
A	Mengcha Moua	Emergency Preparedness Committee
A	Bailey Carruthers	Petition for Readmission After Expulsion
A	Emma Rislove	Faculty Lead International Experiences Committee
A	Josh Holness	Domestic Intercultural Experience Committee
A	Elizabeth TenBarge	Internal Affairs Commission

Announcements

Person	Topic
Mengcha Moua	ESM meeting cancelled



Student Senate
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2021

PRESIDENT MIKOULINSKII

VICE PRESIDENT SCHILLING

Minutes submitted by O. Schenzel, Chief of Staff