



*A regular meeting of the 65th Session of Student Senate was called to order at 6:05 PM on Monday October 18th, 2021 in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, President Mikoulskii chairing the meeting.*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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Led by: Adler Kranich

### **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 – 10/18/2021**

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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>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>Heap, Brad</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Ivaturi, Manushri</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Noyes, Eddie</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Holness, Josh</b>	<b>P</b>

**Off-Campus Senators**

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

**Executive Officers**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Schilling, Justin</b>	<b>P</b>



<b>President</b>	<b>Mikoulinskii, Jaden</b>	<b>P</b>
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**Presentation**

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Topic</b>

**Open Forum**

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Concerns</b>

**REPORT: President – Jaden Mikoulinskii**

Happy Monday, and welcome to our guests! Thank you to President Scheder from Stevens Point for tonight's presentation. Our seating arrangement tonight is symbolic and reflective of his message--as elected members of our respective institution's student body, we must remain cohesive and strong as a state-wide unit. More on this to come with tonight's legislation. This week, Vice President Schilling and I engaged in our routine check-ins and meetings with executive members of the university, including Vice Chancellor Felz and Dean Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn of the College of Arts and Sciences. I also participated in various Homecoming events, such as a relay race with Senator Heap (which we won!!!). Vice President Schilling and I emailed you all a link to an anonymous survey regarding your Senator, Director, or Coordinator experience. Not only does the Chief of Staff also have access to this, but so does Program Manager Stephanie Pyykola and Dean Pierce. We will review the results as they come in. Finally, if you are beginning to think about future Senate roles, know that Vice President Schilling and I are always available to meet with you to discuss your interest and shadowing options for Spring 2022. With that, I speak on behalf of both of us in saying that we appreciate you all. Be flexible with you, and we will always do so with you. As we enter the cold season, prioritize your mental health and well being. Thank you for your continued contributions to the Student Body.

**REPORT: Vice President – Justin Schilling**

N/A



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

Good evening my friends, Internal Affairs has been very busy in discussing amendments to the bylaws. We have determined that a weekend retreat is necessary to make sure that we do our discussions due diligence. This will be taking place in November and hopefully will be very productive. This past week I worked with several directors in looking over their bylaws- notably SOS, Finance, and UAC. I also will be convening an informal committee surrounding Student Senate engagement. If you are interested in planning Senate events and being involved in helping senate improve, please reach out.

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**REPORTS: Board of Directors**

**Academic Affairs Commission Director – Elizabeth TenBarge**

Hello All, I hope you are having a wonderful Monday. This past week in the Academic Affairs Commission meeting we did a legislation workshop, going over expectations and how to write legislation. We are excited to move forward with projects and write some quality legislation. Last week I also was able to attend the University Assessment Committee and provide student input. I also was able to attend the University Liberal Education Committee and am looking forward to participating and providing student input when decisions are being made. This year they are going to be re-evaluating R1 criteria, which is the EDI centered courses, so I might be looking for student input in the future. 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. The Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition strives so that all UW-Eau Claire students, regardless of socioeconomic background, will participate in multiple high-impact educational practices before graduation, including at least one of the following: collaborative undergraduate research, immersion experience, and internships/practica. If you are interested in learning more about this process, please feel free to come tomorrow to AAC, or email me at [stusen58@uwec.edu](mailto:stusen58@uwec.edu). Thanks all, I welcome any questions and I yield.

**Communication Commission Director – Yoshi Gaitan**

Hello Beautiful People! This past week the communications commission will be getting kinda busy! If you look in your Outlook Calendar you will see an event called “super fun and exquisite poster making for recruitment” This time will be used to decorate our poster board for Wednesday! We will have some music and overall be a time to collaborate and have you do some bonding. If we finish early, we end it earlier! Why are we doing this? Well Wednesday we will be having a tabling event in Davies to recruit new Senate members from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. During this time we will be there to represent senate and answer any questions. (Myself and Interns will be there!) From here we will also have a QR code to link students to helpful information on senate and the application link. (This is where the Board comes in! Making sure that it looks nice and inviting!) If you are interested in joining us during this time make sure to talk to me tonight after our meeting! Other than that we will be working on putting our media on



our directors and commissions soon! So keep an eye out for that on our social media! Stay safe, drink some water and take care Blugolds.

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

Hello, everyone! First of all, I want to welcome all the guests that are with us today! Thank you for joining us and I hope that we prove to be great hosts for you all tonight! The ESM commission attended Sabor Latin[eau] last week and had a blast listening to the talented singers, enjoying the phenomenal food and celebrating all the award winners of the night. This event was a nice way to spend Thursday night and I cannot wait to attend more events by OMA! In regard to legislation, you will see that Senator Ivaturi of the ESM Commission, first of her name, has written her first piece of legislation that celebrates Hindu Heritage Month. Once again, a member of ESM is stepping up and taking charge, and I could not be prouder. Please take the time to properly read through the legislation as there are many interesting facts that pertains to a very small population on our campus and it is our duty to support students of all communities no matter the size. Speaking of legislation, we all know that ESM has been pumping out different pieces of legislation to celebrate many honorary and celebrational events this semester, such as Orange Shirt Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Latinx Heritage Month, National Coming Out Day, and now Hindu Heritage Month. I have followed through on the commitment that I would meet with Provost Kleine to discuss how we can better celebrate and honor these days as we move forward as a campus. I learned that the detailed academic calendar serves as a way to prove that we are meeting the minimum class hours and days required by the state. That being said, adding the proposed large amount of celebrations and honorary days would only make that calendar less readable and in turn, could get us in unnecessary trouble. To solve this dilemma, Provost Kleine and I have started a project to create a whole new and separate calendar that would focus on and highlight all these respective days throughout the year. I will keep you all in the loop as things progress and I look forward to seeing what comes of this project. Lastly, our ESM Student Director, Jazz Rosario, has been busy discussing the campus climate through the lens of our Latinx Student Association as well as organizing ESM material into google drive in the hopes that ESM documents are easier to access in the future. Director Rosario and I have yet to meet this week so I may fall short on any questions directed for her. That being said, thank you again to all of our guests for coming tonight, and with that I welcome any questions! Meej Tshaj Muas

### **Finance Commission Director – Nick Johnson**

Good evening, everyone. I want to start my report by thanking you all for your patience and participation in the discussion of 65-B-1 last week. After conferring with the Parliamentarian, my motion to withdraw the bill indefinitely was not appropriate for what I was aiming to achieve, nor did I have the standing to make such a motion. My concerns over whether the bill is compliant with UW System 820 policy do not reflect my personal attitude towards the bill. I support the mission of 65-B-1 and recognize the significance of reducing the carbon footprint of the student body. My concerns were addressed in a meeting with Director Loffler, Molly Larson, Student Office of Sustainability education intern, Doctor James Boulter, the advisor to the Student Office of Sustainability and Tracy Drier, Director of Budget and Resource Planning. I also met with Chris Jorgenson of the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center to discuss the



expansion of menstruation product dispensers to gender-neutral restrooms across campus. In the coming weeks I will be reaching out to Chris to schedule a time to present this project to the Finance Commission. The Finance Commission held budget proposal hearings for all Organized Activities last week. The Finance Commission will be deliberating on these proposals tomorrow, and once a tentative funding target and allocation amounts have been approved, said information will be relayed to all Organized Activities, the Chancellor, student media outlets, and of course, all of you. Organized Activities will have until the 8th of November to appeal their allocation amounts following notification. Tomorrow, the Finance Commission will also be discussing a potential piece of legislation aimed at soliciting capital expenditure projects from Organized Activities. That is all I have for now

**Information Technology Commission Director – Brett Swanson**

Hi everyone! I hope you all had an awesome homecoming weekend. I'm going to keep my report brief because we have quite a bit of legislation tonight. Last Thursday, the Library hosted a Digital Studio open house to showcase a bunch of new equipment available for students to use like a recording studio with a guitar, a bass, microphones, a piano, and a drum set which I had a ton of fun playing even though I have never hit a drum. They also have rooms for photography, a VR headset, a 3D printer, and a laser cutter. If you are interested in trying the equipment, head to [uwec.ly/digital-studio](http://uwec.ly/digital-studio) to schedule an appointment or ask the library circulation desk for more info!

**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Bailey Carruthers**

Hello everyone, I hope that you all had a safe and memorable homecoming! This past week was once again a busy one for myself and the IGA Commission. On Saturday I was a part of the Homecoming parade and represented Student Senate, and as mentioned last week, much of my time was devoted to writing and seeking review for 65-R-13, which is being introduced tonight to this body. I will go into more detail about this during its introduction, but thank you to members of the IGA Commission, the ESM Commission, and the general Senate that provided feedback and assistance on this piece of legislation. Following tonight, if anyone is interested in learning more about Critical Race Theory and why it is currently being discussed on a federal level, as a part of free-speech week, a panel is being co-sponsored by the Department of History, Aspiring Educators, and the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies on Wednesday, October 20, from 7:00-8:30 PM in Centennial 1415. It will feature faculty representation of Dr. Duckworth-Lawton, Dr. Eric Kasper from the Political Science Department, and Dr. Roderick Jones from the Department of Special Education and Inclusive Practices. It is structured around open and honest communication, and they hope to have discussion about Critical Race Theory, and why it is necessary. Continuing with updates from the Fall Community Walkthrough, there has already been change enacted following Group 3's analysis of the Water Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection. After discussion with facilities management, they will now be regularly removing trash and litter near and inside of the HAAS bus stop. Until recently, this duty was done by the city in part with their transit program. However, many students were noticing that this bus stop was not being upkeep. This was a large issue that was addressed during the Fall Community Walkthrough, and with the help of the Chancellors Office, it now is under the purview of facilities management, who will monitor and remove trash when deemed fit. This week I will be meeting with our Program Manager Stephanie Pyykola, as well as President Mikoulinskii and



Vice President Schilling to discuss the Winter Advocacy Trip, as we received approval from the Dean of Students Office early last week. This meeting will be to create the foundation of the trip and discuss who we would like to request meetings with, and on what issues. Updates forthcoming. Within the IGA Commission last week, we worked largely to assign and delegate tasks for the amended and passed Legislative Priority Summary. Each member of IGA came prepared with initiatives that they were interested in, and we discussed next steps in order to incite change. Some projects that have begun include: reaching out to UWEC PD and ECPD to discuss their pre-existing body camera policy, working with Sodexo to discuss already available alternative food options and how to expand offerings, contacting CASA to begin work on many overarching projects, beginning conversations with the Vice-Chancellor of EDISA and the Dean of Students to discuss EDI guidepost goals, and rainbow living areas within upperclassmen residence halls. Each IGA member was assigned at least one of these tasks if not more, and will report back with any information that they receive at the next meeting. Because many of these projects require sending out initial emails and perhaps follow-up emails, with many wanting to schedule meetings, and hearing concerns that one week is not enough time to get concrete findings and report back to the Commission, IGA will not be meeting this week. Our next meeting will be on October 27, and I will be sending out an email of this revision to this body and the IGA members tomorrow morning. I believe that is all I have for now until 65-R-13's introduction.

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

Howdy all, this past week the Student Office of Sustainability sent 12 commission members to the AASHE conference virtually. We attended different sessions, ranging from keynote presentations to discussions of campus sustainability accomplishments, such as UW-Platteville's solar array (which students agreed to pay to support, and which offsets the University's electricity by 17% and reduces their carbon emissions by 2,300 tons, and saves \$217,000 annually). UW-Platteville also has a goal to use 100% renewable energy by 2024 \*wink wink\* At our commission meeting on Wednesday, we received a presentation from the BluBox Program implementation team. You may have noticed the big machines in the Davies Marketplace and Hilltop. Those will begin being used in early November when many of the disposable food containers at Marketplace will be replaced with reusable containers. You'll all be hearing from the BluBox team at the senate meeting next week and will have the opportunity to sign up for short shifts to hand out tokens and table. The SOS also finalized our priorities document for the 2021 session, which I will be introducing to you this evening, and began working on a strategic plan for the Student Sustainability Resource Center, hopefully coming soon. I was also able to meet with the Chief of Staff to work on the SOS bylaws and with Director Johnson and other key players to discuss 820 policy in the context of 65-B-1, and open up a larger conversation on the Green Fund in relation to 820. In addition to attending AASHE, SOS Interns are working on updating the SOS webpage, meeting with environmental organizations, interviewing with campus press, and developing senate legislation. If you are interested with working with any of our interns, contact information can be found on our website at [uwec.edu/sos](http://uwec.edu/sos). Later this week I will be meeting with Sara Larsen from Downtown Eau Claire Inc to discuss the DECI Intern position, which should hopefully be advertised to UWEC students soon, and attending the City of Eau Claire's Sustainability Advisory Council. Finally, it's flu season so get your shots and take care of yourselves. Thank you and with that, I yield.



**Student Organization Commission Director – Brenden Hicks**

N/A

**University Activities Commission Director – Brett Farmer**

Good evening everyone and happy Homecoming! This past week, as you all should be aware was Homecoming! UAC is very pleased with how all of our events went last week. Although there were some minor hiccups throughout the week, I could not be happier with the excitement and involvement shown by our campus last week, as well as very proud of all UAC members and chairs for putting so much work into a very successful week. Additionally, I want to say thank you to everyone who helped with or participated in any Homecoming event last week. It was a long, stressful, and exciting week, that could not have gone much better, considering it was the first typical homecoming for more than half of our student population. Most importantly in my report this week, I want to remind you all that our Fall Concert is happening THIS WEEK! Tai Verdes will be performing Wednesday night in the Ojibwe Ballroom at 7:00 pm. 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. Tickets will be sold at the door, but we are on track to sell out on the day of, so I recommend buying yours ahead of time. Doors will open at 6:30, Tai's team will be selling merch, there will be minor, complementary refreshments, and no carry-ins or bags will be allowed inside Ojibwe. Finally, we did not have any Cabin concerts or Film showings last week because of Homecoming, but we will be getting back on track this week, with Micah Ryan performing Friday afternoon out on the campus mall at 3:00 pm and Wyblue in the Cabin Saturday at 6:00 pm. Our film showing this week will be Monty Python and the Holy Grail showing in Woodland Theater at our four normal showtimes: Friday at 7:00, Saturday at 2:00 and 7:00, and Sunday at 2:00. As always, you can find event information and updates on the UAC instagram, @uwec.uac or Facebook page, and if you have any questions at all, you can always ask me directly, email me at anytime, or attend my office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Thank you all so much and I hope to see you all at UAC events very soon

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**REPORT: Special**

**Mascot Coordinator – Zach May**

This past week, Blu went to the Block 1 intramural championship games at Bollinger field on Thursday. On Friday Blu did Blugold Friday, for our guests tonight, every Friday Blu walks around our Davies Center and gives out candy to students wearing Eau Claire apparel. Saturday Blu walked the parade and entertained the crowd at our Homecoming game. As usual, Blu will again do Blugold Friday and will be at the UWEC Club lacrosse game later this week.



**Unfinished Business**

<b>Bill or Resolution</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Vote Method</b>
<b>65-B-1</b>	<b>Subsides for Off-Campus Composting Through Earthbound Environmental Solutions</b>	<b>Tabled for 1 week Passed 25-0-2</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>65-B-2</b>	<b>Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Committee</b>	<b>Amendment A: Change the title of the legislation to: “Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition Ad-Hoc Committee”</b>  <b>Amendment B: Amend lines 27-28 to read: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, following the passage of this bill, the Blugold Differential Tuition Ad-Hoc Committee will be created under the purview of the Academic Affairs Commission; and”</b>	<b>Placard 25-0-2</b>

**New Business**

<b>Bill or Resolution</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Vote Method</b>
<b>65-R-11</b>	<b>Student Office of Sustainability Fall 2021 Priorities Summary</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Placard 25-0-2</b>
<b>65-R-12</b>	<b>In Celebration Of Hindu Heritage Month</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Placard 25-0-2</b>



65-R-13	In Condemnation of Wisconsin State Legislature Bill 411	Passed Amendment: Change the wording of lines 18-19 (Preceding the quote) to: “Representative Chuck Wichgers, Assembly Member for District 83, stated that if passed, the bill would allow parents to state that”	Placard 25-0-2
65-R-14	In Support of Statewide Student Governance	Passed	Placard 24-1-2

**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)
A	Aedam Jeyaraj	SOS Voting Member

**Announcements**

Person	Topic
Director Gaitan	Comms Commission events for this week. Tabling Event on Wednesday, crafts on Tuesday!
Director Carruthers	Updates from IGA, no meeting on Wednesday
Chief Of Staff Schenzel	Creation of an informal Student Senate Engagement Committee for event planning and fostering a positive environment
Director Johnson	Highlights from report- deliberations on budget proposals and tentative funding targets
Director Moua	Update on celebration day follow-ups- met with Provost Kleine to create a new honorary









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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**October 18, 2021**

**PRESIDENT MIKOULINSKII**

**VICE PRESIDENT SCHILLING**

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