



A regular meeting of the 65th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday November 1st, 2021, in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, President Mikoulskii chairing the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

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 – 10/25/2021

Executive Board

Title	Name	Status (Present, Absent)
		(P, A)
Chief of Staff		
AA Director	Elizabeth TenBarge	A
ESM Senate Director	Mengcha Moua	P
Finance Director	Nick Johnson	P
ITC Director		
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	P
Gómez, Rosa	P
Krysheski, Tanessa	P
Long, Alicia	P
McGuine, Sydney	P
Heap, Brad	P
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	P
Jackson Wolff	A
Johnston, Emma	P
Shanahan, Avery	P
Ross, Steven	P



Executive Officers

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

Presentation

Entity	Topic

Open Forum

Entity	Concerns

REPORT: President – Jaden Mikoulskii

Hello everyone. This week, I spent a significant amount of time working on projects from a distance, as I continue to recover from my illness. Thank you to Vice President Schilling for filling in for me last week Monday. In addition to routine meetings that could be attended virtually, the vacancy committee completed the second wave of Senator interviews for the semester! We still have two off-campus seats open, and come next semester, we are anticipating three off-campus seats and one on-campus seat to be vacant. Vice President Schilling and I are exceedingly pleased with the quality and well-roundedness of our five new Senators. This morning, I made the trek to Rice Lake to meet with Barron County's SGA to discuss campus issues, attend their Collegium (essentially a combination of University Senate, Student Senate, and University Staff Council at Barron County), and get a student-lead campus tour. Within my observations and conversations, I have a few things to note: 1.) After assessment of current technology access and issues, including a conversation with the LTS Director at Barron County, it is apparent that there is a need for a university-wide laptop policy. 2.) The relationship between Barron County and UW-Eau Claire follows a "building upside down" format. If you were to "tip a building upside down, anything that would fall out is UWEC jurisdiction". Essentially, any non-permanent fixtures in their academic buildings fall into the purview and financial responsibility of UW-Eau Claire. This restriction is put into place by the Board of Regents, rather than Eau Claire's lack of interest or commitment to supporting our sister campus. I implore



a call to action not only to the Board of Regents, but also to UW-Eau Claire Administration to openly inquire what areas of support are needed from Barron County. An example of this is seen through how every permanent logo still reads as previous names and identities they have held.

3.) I encourage future conversations, to which I will facilitate individually too, regarding spaces for student use at Barron County. If any department has surplus for recreation equipment (Pool Tables, Foosball, Air Hockey, etc.) or fitness equipment (Treadmills, Ellipticals, etc.), I recommend a meeting with Barron County to discuss potential for their use.

4.) Moving forward, President Arrigoni and I will have a weekly meeting to touch base about concerns at UWECBC, as well as to facilitate a bylaw review process and ample legislation training. An important part of continuing to be open with Barron County might include distributing legislation to them for consideration in advance, as well as including Campus Director Gary Wheeler on legislation. Continuing on, we have three vacancies on the Executive Board. One will be presented for your consideration this evening. The Chief of Staff application is currently open, and depending on the vote on tonight's legislation, will be open for any current Senator, Intern, or Director to apply for. To clarify any confusion: Yes, this legislation was discussed, decided on, and approved on with Dean Pierce and Stephanie Pyykola. Dean Pierce has been advising student governments for over a decade, and our Senate for nearly three years. We may move to suspend a part of the bylaws with a vote from the Senate, and look forward to your feedback tonight. Given that only two members of our Senate currently qualify for the open position, and neither have applied at this point, we will still move forward with presenting this to all of you. Here is the allocation of duties until then:

1.) Outreach hours: we recommend that you still make conscious efforts to attend EDI trainings and workshops, campus guest speakers, and attend events sponsored by other organizations. They will not be tracked until next semester.

2.) Office Hours: these will still be required and tracked, with an updated sheet put on the Chief of Staff's door next week.

3.) Questions or Concerns: Questions about projects and legislation can be directed to Vice President Schilling and I. If you have larger concerns about the Senate, please fill out the anonymous survey. ***This survey is not to be used for targeted attacks of any members of Student Senate. If you feel you have an issue with a specific member of Student Senate, direct it to Dean Pierce, Vice President Schilling, or myself.*** In two weeks, we will be given a presentation from President Kim Way from the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. This will clarify any updates to the project, and misconceptions. To confirm, the project is still going on, and there will potentially be future proposals regarding additional funding for Sustainability. If you have any questions or a need to discuss Student Senate's involvement in the project, or specifically mine, I'm happy to have a conversation with you directly. President Way and I recently touched base on the project, and Student Senate's messaging regarding it, and I can answer any questions until her presentation. Two Fridays ago, I attended the UW Presidential Council to discuss state-wide UW System issues and 820 Viewpoint Neutrality. Please let me know if you have any questions. Finally, Vice President Schilling and I are pleased to announce that we have narrowed down our Housing Coordinator selection process to our final candidates. We are so thrilled by



their backgrounds, ambition, and commitment to serving the Student Body. We look forward to having them appointed within the next three meetings.

REPORT: Vice President – Justin Schilling

Hello all and happy Monday! Last week we wrapped up the vacancy interviews-welcome new prospective Senators! Other than that, last week I had my monthly check-in with Vice Chancellor Crickette, as well as a meeting with the Dean of the College of Business to discuss some exciting upcoming academic initiative. For the time being, please reach out to me with any absences that you may anticipate in relation to Senate. That's all for now, have a great week!

REPORT: Chief of Staff – N/A

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Elizabeth TenBarge

Hello all. I hope you are having a wonderful Monday and had a safe Halloween weekend. This past week I have not been feeling my best, so one of our Academic Affairs Interns, Manushri Ivaturi ran the Academic Affairs Meeting. I would like to thank her again for stepping up to the plate and doing amazingly! Within the committees I serve on, I was able to attend the University Liberal Education Committee and start to brainstorm how we can get student input on the R1 rubric. I am excited to be working on this specific project, and I am excited to collaborate with Director Moua in the future on this. Additionally, I was able to attend the University Assessment Committee where I am going to be helping to review some departments at our university. We will be hosting our open forum soon, so be looking for that information. Thanks all, if you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them via email!

Communication Commission Director – Yoshi Gaitan

Hello Beautiful Blugolds! Happy November! I hope everyone had a safe and great weekend! The communications commission was pretty relaxed this week. We did not have a meeting this past week, but we did do some posting on Halloween! We are hoping to see you all at our meeting this week and we will be working on media for trans awareness week! If you have any questions or want to help, please let me know! Stay safe, drink some water and take care Blugolds.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Mengcha Moua

Hello, everyone! ESM has been very busy this past week! On Friday, we cohosted a Halloween party that exceeded 100 guests throughout the night, which was way more than we were expecting to be there. While there were some things that fell flat and needed to be more planned out, we are very grateful for everyone that showed up, and we hope to see you at the winter dance/social that we will hopefully be throwing in December! Other than that, at last week's ESM meeting, we started to plan out legislation for Native American Heritage Month as well as Veteran's Day. If any of these interest you, please let me know and I will get you in contact with the respective ESM member that is taking a leadership role for each respective legislation. Along with planning the legislation, we also started to brainstorm different events that ESM can do to



increase engagement with students. Director Rosario is taking the lead on following up on the ideas that were discussed at our meeting, so if you have any more ideas for things ESM can do, please contact Director Rosario. Nothing is set in stone yet, but Director Rosario has access to a bunch of Black skin and hair care products so one idea we have so far is to do some sort of tabling event where we would hand those out, either on our own or at an ESM hosted, resource fair centered around marginalized identities. We are very excited to see what is to come and Director Rosario will keep us all updated as we progress through the planning process. I hope everyone has a great rest of their Monday!

Finance Commission Director – Nick Johnson

Good evening, everyone. Last week the Finance Commission met to deliberate on Organized Activity budget proposals. Tentative allocations were approved for most Organized Activities. Budget deliberations for UAC, Artist Series, and Forum were tabled and will be discussed this week as some additional financial information was requested. This week the Finance Commission will also continue its discussion on a tentative segregated fee for the next fiscal year. Once tentative allocations for all Organized Activities are approved by the Finance Commission, I will notify each Organized Activity in writing their approved amount. This information will also be distributed to the Chancellor, student media outlets, and all of you lovely people. Last week the Finance Commission also discussed and passed 65-R-15, In Support of Soliciting Capital Initiatives from Organized Activities, which is now on tonight's agenda for your consideration. I have received formal Special Allocation proposals from Services for Students with Disabilities as well as Counseling Services. This week I will be working with representatives from those offices to set up a time to present their proposals to the Finance Commission. This week also marks the beginning of my committee work. I will be meeting with the Physical Plant Planning Committee as well as the search committee for a new Director of Procurement within the Office of Budget and Resource Planning. I will now take questions if you have any. Thank you, and I yield.

Information Technology Commission Director – N/A

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director- Bailey Carruthers

Hi all, this past week has been on the quieter side for IGA, as members faced the busy season of midterms. Intern Long worked diligently to compile a memo summarizing the events of the Fall Community Walkthrough, and it has been sent to all respective individuals and departments. All of you should have received a student wide email on Wednesday, October 27, from Vice-Chancellor Diaz detailing the reconstruction of a curb at the intersection of Garfield and Park Avenues to “add an elevation change so people with visual disabilities have a physical indication they are entering a roadway and leaving the campus’s shared pedestrian zone.” I can gladly report that this project was discussed and considered within the Fall Community Walkthrough, specifically Director Moua’s group, which Vice Chancellor Diaz was a part of. This past week I met with a writer of the Spectator with President Mikoulinskii and Director Moua to discuss space allocation of marginalized identities around campus, specifically focusing on Davies. Also last week I met with Stephanie Pyykola to finalize much of the logistical aspects of the Winter Advocacy Trip following approval from Dean Pierce. Intern Long, Vice-President Schilling, and I are now compiling individuals that we will request meetings with and are drafting an official



letter to be sent out tomorrow. I also had a meeting with University Area Housing and Investment Realty to discuss off-campus housing and Rent College Pads, and how to expand. Hearing concerns the past few weeks about Counseling Services and their long wait-in-take times, myself, Intern Long, the IGA Commission, and the Communications Commission will now be working to advertise non-university affiliated therapy to those that would like to meet before December. IGA will be meeting this week to continue to discuss updates for individual projects from the LPS and assign next steps where needed. This will be a time to allow members that could not attend last week's meeting to share their progress. The IGA Commission still has voting members seats available, so if you are looking for something to do on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM, please reach out to myself or Intern Long about applying. Finally, I was recently reached out to by the UW-Stevens Point Legislative Liaison who would like to organize a UW System-wide lobbying trip in early March for all shared governance. I have asked for more information but will be asking the opinion of this general body on the idea in the coming weeks.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Maddie Loeffler

Hello good folk. This week the SOS had a Halloween-themed commission meeting and discussed ways that we can have a more sustainable Halloween. Don't throw out your pumpkins! Compost them or throw them into your local woods to feed the forest animals. Some of the executive board also got together this weekend to carve pumpkins, which you can see on the SOS Instagram. I also was able to meet with folks about the Subsidies for Off-Campus Composting Bill on Friday. The future of the Bill remains uncertain, but luckily, we still have a week! More on this to come at the next Senate meeting. Additionally, I received the position description for the DECI Internship, and the SOS will be advertising for it as soon as possible. Molly, the education intern, and I also attended and spoke at a rally put together by City Council Member Jeremy Gragert during the farmers market to support the Build Back Better Act. This Bill sets aside federal funding to support climate action and mitigation. If you would like to contribute to helping this pass, contact our federal Congressman Ron Kind and tell him to support the Build Back Better Act, as well as the Infrastructure Bill and Carbon Tax. One thing for your radar: the BluBox Program will begin in the next couple of weeks. As representatives of the student body, we will serve as resources for them when changes like this occur. The SOS and wider Student Senate have been asked to take shifts handing out tokens to students and staffing an information booth. I will send out the SignUp Genius when I receive it and would appreciate it if you would consider signing up if you have the capacity to.

Student Organization Commission Director – Brenden Hicks

Hi all. I hope you had a safe and relaxing weekend. Last week in SOC, we discussed methods on how we would like to proceed with the funding of our university wide platform implementation. We did not come to a conclusion about how the funds would be obtained, but we narrowed it down to a few options. Additionally, we discussed how we are going to proceed with our student segregated fee funding workshops. This year we are opting to host 2 presentations throughout the semester for those to come and get more information on the process. If you have any questions, please let me know.



University Activities Commission Director – Brett Farmer

Good evening everyone! This past week, UAC had a very successful and eventful week, showing four well-attended screenings of Halloweentown, A Cabin concert Friday afternoon by Sam Lakmann, and a fun Pumpkin Painting event hosted by our Late Night committee. Sadly, due to some COVID complications, Dad Bod was unable to perform Saturday evening, but their performance will be rescheduled for the spring semester. A huge thank you to our performers and UAC chairs, EPC and usher corps for helping run our events, and everyone who attended our events. This coming week, we have a few exciting events planned. Today marks the start of our new fall film project, Film in a Fortnight. This two-week-long film project competition was previously known as the 48-hour film project, and is open to any students, staff or community members that would like to participate. We have decided to rebrand and extend it due to a drop in participation last year and to accommodate to students' schedules and allow more creativity. The information sign-up session is being held this evening from 6-7 pm, but if you are still interested, you are certainly still welcome to participate, you should just email the uac email uac@uwec.edu, reach out to us on social media, or email our films chair directly at frodlm7650@uwec.edu. Finally, in regards to Film in a Fortnight, if you are interested in seeing the projects, but not creating one, we are excited to announce that this year we are partnering with GeekCon, thanks to the help of Rob Mattinson, a long-time supporter of UAC's film projects, to show all submitted projects at GeekCon on December 4th from 12-1 pm. This weekend for Cabin Concerts, we only have Miles Boulevard performing Saturday at 6:00 pm, because we have an Open Mic taking place on Friday from 5-7 pm. If you would like to perform at the open mics you are welcome to email UAC or reach out to us on social media for more information! The films committee is showing the 2021 comedy, Barb and Star Go to Vista del Mar, in Woodland Theater at our four typical 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 Facebook or Instagram, @uwec.uac, 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. I yield.

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Zach May

Hi everyone, I hope you had an eventful Halloween weekend. By now, you should know that just about every Friday, Blu does Blugold Friday. And last Friday was no different, with Loki and a hunter at their side, Blu was on the hunt for justice around campus as Bluth Bader Ginsbird. In unrelated news: Blu's fall sports season is winding down, their winter season is starting up, blu attended their first hockey game on Saturday, they had a lot of fun. Thanks for listening.

Housing Coordinator – N/A



Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method

New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
65-R-16	In Support of a Temporary Bylaw Suspension (CH. III, S. III, Line II)	Passed	Placard 23-2-2

Personnel Matters

***All votes casted in closed session were conducted via Secret Ballot.**

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
A	Lan Yang	On-Campus Student Senator
A	Katie Loff	Off-Campus Student Senator
A	Alex Bartle	Off-Campus Student Senator
A	Jaylen Janssen	Off-Campus Student Senator
A	Emma Packard	Off-Campus Student Senator
A (In Closed Session)	Stuart Scamehorn	Information Technology Commission Director

Announcements

Person	Topic
Director Hicks	Student Seg Fee Funding Application Open
President Mikoulinskii	Chief of Staff Application Open

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

