



*A regular meeting of the 65th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday November 22nd, 2021, in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, President Mikoulsinskii 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 – 11/22/2021**

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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>AA Director</b>	<b>Elizabeth TenBarge</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Communications Director</b>	<b>Rossellin Gaitan</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>Stuart Scamehorn</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>Katie Loff</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Adler Kranich</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>A</b>
<b>Noyes, Eddie</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Holness, Josh</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Yang, Lan</b>	<b>A</b>

**Off-Campus Senators**

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



<b>Packard, Emma</b>	<b>P</b>
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**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>Mikoulskii, Jaden</b>	<b>P</b>

**Presentation**

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

**Open Forum**

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Concerns</b>
<b>Correy Mahnke</b>	Searching for Student Speaker at December Commencement
<b>Drake Barreyro</b>	Student Senate Mental Health Conversation and Initiative Start-up

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from: 11/15/21**

Minutes approved unanimously.

**REPORT: President – Jaden Mikoulskii**

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a restful weekend. I worked on a number of projects this past week! I presented to the Finance Commission and successfully secured our appeal for the 22-23 FY Student Senate General Operations Budget! I visited the SOS Executive Board meeting, and had a conversation with Vice Chancellor Crickette about 820 Policy and Segregated fees. I chaired the Chief of Staff Hiring Committee (thank you to the seven others who participated!). I met with UW-Madison's Student Senate for an hour, spent two hours with Barron County's SGA on Wednesday, including a tour of our Campus Closet, and met with Provost Kleine to talk about midterm grade updates and other academic initiatives. I participated in an interview with UW-Stevens Points' Student Publication about Statewide-Student Governance Issues. Finally, I met with Dean Pierce to talk about the current state of the Student Senate, in



addition to resolving high-turnover issues and with the Student Senate Events Intern and Interim Chief of Staff to discuss eight upcoming Senate events! With all of that being said, I would like to welcome our Interim Chief of Staff, Josh Holness. While Josh did not participate in the previous session, he has made multiple efforts to get involved in the organization in previous years. He will be appointed on a 30 day trial basis, with discussions of a formal nomination at the end of December. Congratulations, and welcome Josh!

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**REPORT: Vice President – Justin Schilling**

Hello all. I would like to take a moment to congratulate Chief of Staff Holness on his new position! It may have taken us longer than anticipated, but at last, our Executive Board is complete and back to where it should be, even if only for a moment. Earlier this morning, The President and I met with Dean Pierce to update one another on how the Senate is doing. While we may have had a few bumps along the way, I am confident that we will finish out the semester stronger than ever. I also sent out a letter to the Volleyball Team and the Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams on behalf of Student Senate today, congratulating them on their hard fought seasons resulting in qualifications for the NCAA DIII Championship game/races. That being said, I'm hoping for this process to become a yearly motivator for the President and Vice President to congratulate teams on their seasons in an effort to build better relationships between Senate and student athletes. Other than that, my fall break starts tomorrow at 3:15PM, but please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns throughout the duration of break. Take this time to relax and decompress. Just remember, after this week, it's only about three weeks until the end of the semester. I can't speak for you all, but for myself, that is a momentous motivator to finish out strong. Enjoy your Fall Break!

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**REPORT: Chief of Staff – Josh Holness**

I've been given a list of tasks and to-do's to get done and get started on. One of them is office hours! Some of you may have noticed a QR code on the circle table by the mailboxes and then another one on the Chief of Staff door. The one on the table is a sign in and the one on the door is a sign-out. I wanted to NOT print something off every week. But also, it's to hold you a little more accountable. The plan is that I will check both forms, compare, and then if there are any concerns address them with you. The forms are for the rest of this semester, so fill them out. If you miss your office hours or can't make them, just shoot me an email and let me know. The next thing I have is senator check ins! These check-ins are mainly for new senators, however, I will be reaching out to all of you and asking if you would like to have one before the end of the semester. Then starting next semester, hopefully, we can get back into a rhythm of doing check-ins at least once a month or more at your own discretion. Other than that, I hope you all have a wonderful and restful fall break and look forward to the future with all of you! I will have much more to report in the coming weeks about events and what we all can do as a senate body.



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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 we had our AAC meeting and had a presenter come and discuss Study Abroad. We will be looking into Research Fair ideas as well as possible graduate school expansion options for Eau Claire. As Director, I was able to take part in multiple meetings this past week including work in the University Assessment Committee working on evaluating programs, creating a game plan to evaluate the R1 Rubric in ULEC, and meeting with my lovely interns to go over the Academic Affairs Commission bylaws. I am excited to finalize the AAC bylaw draft over Fall Break to be brought forward to you all in the spring! Our Academic Affairs Open Forum will be taking place during the week of the 29th, specifically Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the Hub. Please come with any academic feedback or concerns and we will try to address them. Thanks all, I would be happy to answer any questions!

**Communication Commission Director – Yoshi Gaitan**

Hello Beautiful Blugolds! Happy almost Fall Break! I hope everyone had a safe and great weekend! Comms wrapped up a couple of projects last week. We finished our bulletin board and submitted the senatorial. Overall we are excited to continue working after our little break and make the most of December before our large break! Like always stay safe, drink some water, and take care, Blugolds.

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

Hello, everyone! Last week in ESM we had our regular Thursday meeting where we discussed forming an ESM Mission Statement, White Savior Groups on our campus, as well as a possible lobbying trip to Madison in the spring semester. Overall, it was kind of a slow week due to meetings with important groups on our campus being postponed because of illness or unforeseen circumstances. Unfortunately, there really isn't much to update you all on. We hope to hit the ground running after Fall Break and have more to update the general body on. That being said, I do have something I would like to personally say to our Senate body. After speaking with a few faculty and staff members on campus, I know that this is a shared sentiment. I do apologize if this comes off as pointed, but quite frankly this situation is exhausting and must be resolved. What I say to you now is out of love, even if tough love. We need to do better at thinking critically. This session is struggling to demonstrate any kind of critical consciousness and it's getting in the way of many things. On my end, as well as many other exec members, it seems like every time we try to get something done, someone calls for a resignation or makes audacious claims. We then have to take time away from real issues on our campus to resolve this immaturity. The buzzword this year seems to be transparency and it's getting really old to hear about how we need to be more transparent. These same people then have nothing to say when they are here, but then go out and tell people that Senate is performative, toxic, or unchecked. If you want transparency, start speaking up and having those conversations here. That's quite literally what we were elected to do. Transparency is a two-way street and I feel like many of you are not holding yourselves to a high enough standard to respect that. I really hope many of you will be more willing to speak up about solving issues moving forward. It is so disheartening every time we ask for help and all we get are whispers about how unhelpful we are.

But if you are to take anything from my little spiel today, I want you to hear this. Just because we disagree does not mean we cannot work together. We should be attacking ideas, not the people presenting them. We did not get elected or appointed by our peers to quit every time someone disagreed with us or gave us constructive criticism. We should be better than that. Learn to separate personal issues and professional issues. We should not run to other departments, Advisors, or friends to call for the resignation of our leadership. We should not be calling out a single member of a hiring committee just



because the whole committee decided that another candidate was more fit for the job. Things like this are so irresponsible and reckless, especially when we live in a world where students of color have to live in hotels because they don't feel safe in our residence halls, or in a world where white supremacists can come to our neighboring cities, murder people, and be found not guilty. We are all on the same team here, but it seems that we have lost our focus. Be professional in Senate business, and leave your personal interests and opinions behind. Take criticism and feedback, and know how to separate your Senate life and your personal life. To wrap this up, all that I ask moving forward is that you self-reflect on how you are operating as a student representative. Is what you are working on really going to make a difference to the students, or are you spending your time more focused on your own personal vendettas? Are you working to solve the problem, or are you just adding to it? Are you happy and intentional with the work you have done, or are you just going through the motions? This group has so much potential to get things done and I can't wait to see what we do in the latter half of this session; we just need to learn how to get along first. I hope you all seriously consider what I have said today and I welcome all questions!

**Finance Commission Director – Nicholas Johnson**

Good evening, everyone. I am very excited to have two outstanding bills from the Finance Commission to introduce to you all. The first is the special allocation for Services for Students with Disabilities that I spoke about briefly in my report last week. The second is the Organized Activities budget bill that the Finance Commission has been formulating since September. This past week the Finance Commission held two meetings to finalize appeals from Organized Activities. Aside from facilitating those meetings, I have primarily been working on the bills before you tonight. I will leave further details for my introductions of the bills. I will now take questions if you have any. Thank you, and I yield.

**Information Technology Commission Director – Stuart Scamehorn**

Hello Everyone! This week in ITC, we discussed any final changes or additions to the Student Technology Survey. We have a test version completed, and are going to have all commission members complete the survey and give any additional feedback regarding its structure or content. We also discussed adding some sort of incentive to the survey to increase student participation. Last year, the library provided a custom laser-cut notebook cover for one participant, and we are checking in to see if they would be willing to provide that again. According to the LTS Report, the Campus Cable TV Service contract will expire in August, and discussions are currently ongoing regarding rolling back the service and renegotiating that contract. Additionally, in Open Forum, there was discussion regarding Phishing Emails. LTS runs a Phishing campaign once a month, but as always, if you have any emails that you think are suspicious, report them to the LTS Help Desk. Lastly, if anyone is interested in joining ITC, please let me know! If anyone has any questions, please let me know!

**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director- Bailey Carruthers**

You should have all received an email recently containing a Spring Lobbying Trip Interest Form. Following questions about my report from 2 weeks prior, and to perhaps garner more responses instead of individual emails, I created a Google Form for you all to fill out. This survey is not entirely binding, but I wanted to create a space where people can share their thoughts, ideas, and questions with me in one streamlined manner. Due to the intense planning that would be required for this trip, the form will close next Tuesday, November 30, 2021. I will be placing reminders in my reports to ensure we receive as



much response as possible. Please fill out this form at your earliest convenience. Even if you are unsure if you want to go, or are not interested in any capacity, any response is much appreciated.

Within IGA recently the discussion about a Counseling Resources sheet was continued in the commission, with large discussion being based on how to disseminate it. After a vote of 4-0-1, The official proposal is as follows:

- Reach out to R. McGrath to discuss a potential partnership of Counseling Services, Student Senate, and the IGA Commission of this initiative.
- Work with Counseling Services to provide this resource on their website and in-person, citing it as an alternative for those that would like to be seen sooner.
- Draft and disseminate a counseling resources sheet through 3 facets, online websites, social media, and physical print.
- Include Counseling Services but provide other therapy services, indicating those with specialized catering to those of marginalized identities.
- Provide Counseling Services resources at the conclusion of the media of the immediate crisis services offered.

I reached out to Director Riley McGrath of Counseling Services following the passage of the proposal and am happy to report that himself along with Counseling Services is willing to partner with us on this initiative and include the resources both in-person and on their website. In the coming weeks we will be working on creating this material with the Communications Commission to have prepared shortly following Fall Break.

Last week I also worked with Stephanie and Dean Pierce to discuss revisions to the Winter Advocacy trip, met with President Mikoulinskii and Coordinator Loff to begin the onboarding process of the Housing Coordinator position, discussed a new initiative regarding the library and the Rest Nest, and met with Intern Long to create a comprehensive timeline of tasks for the rest of the semester.

As a reminder, IGA will not be meeting this week due to the university closure for Fall Break, and last week within the commission, we discussed our meetings for the rest of the semester. The remainder of the meetings will be focusing on closing out tasks from ongoing projects from the LPS, discussing any initiatives that would like to be worked on over winter break, and the formulation of the Spring LPS. The commission decided that we will be having a meeting on Wednesday, December 15, as an optional 'party' to celebrate our work this semester. More details to come on this soon. I believe that is all that I have and welcome any questions. With that, I yield.

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

Hello my snowpeoples, at this week's SOS Commission meeting, we were supposed to have a reintroduction for the Intersectional Women's Center, but it had to be withdrawn for the administration's 820 concerns. As I've previously stated, this is an ongoing conversation. We heard a proposal for incentives for the campus-wide transportation survey and it passed, and we also had a presentation and resolution introduction from Molly, the SOS Education intern. Please take the transportation survey when you get the chance! It will help with the campus carbon footprint assessment. Last week I also attended the City of Eau Claire's Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting, during which we heard from Aryes Associates on sustainability at the Sonnentag. They acknowledged the advocacy of students for particularly LEED certification and plan to move forward in some capacity, as you heard from



Foundation President Kim Way. Additionally, the SOS is hiring! We have opened the application for a Communications Intern and Design Intern, as well as an Events Intern! The Events Intern is a new addition and will be primarily focused on planning our annual Earth Claire event which takes place during Earth Week. Information has been posted on our Instagram, and an email will be sent out soon. Applications are on now on [Microsoft Forms](#) and are due December 10th, with interviews the following week. Feel free to reach out if you have questions, and share with people you think may be interested! BANFF Mountain Film Festival Tickets (subsidized by the Green Fund) are available now! They are \$5 for students and will take place at the Pablo Center on December 6th and 7th at 7pm. SOS Exec board members will be tabling at the event before the show! Tickets can be purchased on the Pablo Center website. The SOS will not be meeting this week. Have a great fall break, take care of yourselves, and stay safe.

### **Student Organization Commission Director – Brenden Hicks**

Hello all. Thanks to everyone who came to our seg fee funding presentation last Wednesday! I hope that it was informative and gave you a better understanding of what SOC does. This week SOC is cancelled due to the break. Take the time to yourself. If you have any questions, please let me know.

### **University Activities Commission Director – Brett Farmer**

Good evening, everyone! This past week, UAC wrapped up its fall film series with four successful showings of the Hunt for the Wilderpeople. We also had two more strong Cabin Concerts. Moose Lucas performed Friday afternoon, while Westkorea performed Saturday evening. Given that it is the week of fall break, we have no Cabin Concerts or film showings this weekend. However, our chair application is still open. Once again, we are currently hiring for two Festivals Committee chairs and one Concerts Committee chair. These paid positions can expect anywhere between 5-10 hours per week and are a great way to get experience within the commission, especially if you have any sort of interest in the UAC Director position in future sessions. You can find application materials on Handshake until December 1st, and if you have any other questions, you can contact myself or UAC advisor Joann Martin. Lastly, I wanted to bring up one last thing that is on the horizon for UAC as I would greatly appreciate some input from some of you. UAC is planning a multifaceted campaign or event series for the spring semester promoting students' mental health, well-being, and sense of belonging, while trying to increase engagement through active and passive programming across campus. Many more details to come in future meetings, but I wanted to speak specifically about one part of this campaign, Unpack It, a program that UAC has done in years past that we will be revamping and bringing back to bring students' thought and opinions on pressing topics to the forefront. Unpack It is a series of presentations formatted to more of a conversation or discussion, led and conducted by students for students. In the past, UAC has partnered with other groups and organizations on campus to talk about these issues. Some examples include a conversation about sustainability and the impacts of reusable bags with SOS, a conversation about an Intersectional Women's Center with Women United and Fighting, or a conversation about Self Care with SPARC and counseling services. With all of that said, we are in the process of planning our Unpack It series lineup for the spring. If you, your commission, or a group/organization that you are a part of has an idea that they would like to talk about or help facilitate, please reach out to me. This is one of the best ways for students to openly talk about real issues on and off-campus and have their opinions be heard in a safe and respectful place. 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 any time, or attend my office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Thank you all so much and I hope to see you at UAC events very soon. I yield



**REPORT: Special**

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**Mascot Coordinator – Zach May**

Blu welcomed admitted students to our campus last Friday! Please reach out with any questions.

**Housing Coordinator – Katie Loff**

Hi all, happy Monday and I hope you are all looking forward to some rest and reflection in the coming days. I wanted to share how excited I am to be serving in this position, and I would like to thank President Mikoulinskii and Director Carruthers for providing guidance and insight regarding this role. In the past week, I began working on updates to the off-campus housing guide for future students. It has not been updated for a while, and this should be a helpful resource for students looking to move off campus. Additionally, last week, I attended the RHA meeting to acquaint myself with the general assembly and to educate myself on housing issues within the residence halls. Looking forward, I will be meeting with Terri in admissions to work on the continued monitoring of the “class of” pages, so that sublet posts continue to be redirected to Rent College Pads. I also hope to pick up where the last Housing Coordinator left off to continue developing our university’s relationship with Rent College Pads. I just received access to the housing coordinator email this afternoon, so more to come on that in the future. Finally, as this position was established relatively recently, I hope to spend some time prior to winter break to develop materials that will help guide the next person who will be filling this position. Have a wonderful break and take care of yourselves.

**Unfinished Business**

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<b>Bill or Resolution</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Vote Method</b>
<b>65-R-19</b>	<b>In Support of Investing in Locally Sourced Produce for Campus Dining</b>	<b>Withdrawn by author(s)</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**New Business**

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<b>Bill or Resolution</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Vote Method</b>
<b>65-B-3</b>	<b>Special Allocation: Services for Students with Disabilities</b>	<b>Introduced: to be voted on next meeting</b>	<b>N/A</b>



<b>65-B-4</b>	<b>Adopting the 2022-2023 Organized Activity Budget</b>	<b>Introduced: to be voted on next meeting</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Personnel Matters**

<b>Appointed or Resigned (A/R)</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>	<b>Entity(ies)</b>
R	Jacksen Wolff	Off-Campus Student Senator
A	Josh Holness	Chief of Staff (30 Day Appointment)
A	Ben Johnson	Finance Commission Voting Members

**Announcements**

<b>Person</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Nicolas Johnson	Organized Activities Budget Hearing Monday, 10-11AM.
Bailey Carruthers	City Participatory Budget Hearing November 29th.
Justin Schilling	Legislation is due to Stephanie by 2PM this Wednesday. End of semester banquet RSVP due tomorrow.
Jaden Mikoulinskii	Spring lobbying trip survey

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.

**Note: Roll Call Vote**

**Legislation: 65-**

<b>Senator Status</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>








**Minutes submitted by J. Schilling, Vice President.**