



*A regular meeting of the 65th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 6, 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 – 12/06/2021**

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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>Josh Holness</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>AA Director</b>	<b>Elizabeth TenBarge</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Communications Director</b>	<b>Rossellin Gaitan</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>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

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

### Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Barreyro, Drake	P
Delehanty, Ravi	P
Dravis, Drew	P
Weerts, Zach	P
Johnston, Emma	P
Shanahan, Avery	P
Bartle, Alex	P
Packard, Emma	P
Johnston, Emma	P



### Executive Officers

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

### Presentation

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Entity	Topic

### Open Forum

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Entity	Concerns
Jaden Mikoulskii	Transit Seg. Fee

### Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/29/21

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Minutes approved unanimously.

### REPORT: President – Jaden Mikoulskii

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Hello everyone! I had numerous conversations this past week regarding what travel can and should look like for Student Senate starting in January. I spoke with Vice Chancellor Crickette multiple times about segregated fee spending, and several, specific initiatives that are ongoing for seg fee spending. I worked with several members of the Executive Board to work on specific projects as well, such as authoring legislation and current projects. I participated in a Statewide Student Governance meeting on Thursday to talk about relationships between the comprehensive UWs, and with the state legislature. I co-chaired the University and Student Senate Executive meeting on Friday, where we discussed various initiatives like Non-Allocable (Counseling Services, Services for Students with Disabilities, Health Services, etc.),



Mental Health Initiatives for Spring 2022, Campus Sustainability, and a Campus Wide Connection Platform (replacement for Blugold Connect). I participated in the selection process for the December Commencement speaker, and met with members of the Student Senate Executive Board to talk about my own professional and leadership development. Finally for last week, I had a few interviews with the Spectator and external news outlets and held a visit with Admissions about the Rent College Pads Contract and subleasing posts. For this weekend, I participated in Internal Affairs both on Friday and Sunday, and attended the Student Senate December Banquet. From last Monday to this, I've clocked in about 35 total hours towards Student Senate.

The past few weeks I have also been having conversations with Parking + Transit with Enrollment Management about increasing fees for student Transit. If all goes well, I would've talked to you all during open forum about what those numbers look like. Additionally, I would like for you all to know that Justin and I raised the radically decline in food quality, particularly on upper campus, with Chancellor and his exec team. Please do know that it is being handled.

Justin and I participated in an Auxiliary Budget Review for the entire Student Segregated Fee package as well as Housing and Meal plans. Please know, due to inflation and decreased enrollment, cost increases are coming. I'm happy to answer the questions I am able to about this.

Finally, this morning I participated in the Press Conference for Sonnentag. I gave a speech to local and regional media outlets, community stakeholders, and those involved in the project. I networked with state legislators, UW system representatives, and others affiliated with the event. Justin and I also had the privilege of having lunch with important contributors to the project, such as the Sonnentag family.

If you are interested in hearing about on-going projects I am working on, my role, or my purview, please let me know. I am in the office every day of the week, and would be happy to meet with any Senator in particular to talk about my work.

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

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Hello all. I hope you each had a safe and relaxing weekend and continue to do so as we prepare for the start of finals week next semester. Last week was relatively quiet, only consisting of director check-ins and meetings with Vice Chancellors. Earlier today, the President and I attended a press conference and luncheon with the John and Carolyn Sonnentag, where we expressed our immense gratitude and appreciation for their generosity toward our University. We were also able to meet with many members of our administration, as well as State Senator Smith and Representative Emerson. While it was brief, we were able to touch base with them about some concerns on behalf of our student body and ways in which the state can help begin to address those. Additionally, I was able to attend an Auxiliary Budget Review for non-allocable segregated fees with the President and Director Johnson. Later this week I'll have one final meeting to discuss the Recreation Auxiliary Budget with department staff. This is just a reminder



that we will be meeting next week, as finals week doesn't begin until next Wednesday and we have a few final business items to take care of for the semester. Enjoy the rest of your week

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

What's the word, hummingbirds?! I hope you all had a wonderful weekend and I hope you've been staying warm with the subzero windchill! :D It was amazing to see so many of you at last night's banquet. I hope those who attended had a wonderful time! I sent out a crewneck/sweater size survey. This survey will be used to order crewnecks for Motivation Mondays! Our amazing events and graphic design interns, Tanessa and Avery, will be working on the design. We're hoping to have a finalized design for you all to review soon! Hoping to have a design finalized for you all to see and then go into next semester. More information to come soon, but for now, please fill out that survey as soon as possible. One thing I will say is that if you will be returning in the spring, either for graduation, study abroad, whatever it may be, you will not be able to receive a sweater. Other than that, Tanessa and I are diving headfirst into planning our January Shared Governance Symposium. We are still confirming and working on details, so please listen out for that. I will have more for you all next week! Finally, I have a few more check-ins this week and a meeting with UW-LaCrosse Vice President on how we can improve in providing more insight on our senate functions, inner-workings, and overall environment for the the student body! With all of that, please take time for yourself. If you need anything, do not hesitate to reach out!

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**REPORTS: Board of Directors**

**Academic Affairs Commission Director – Elizabeth TenBerge**

Hello All, I hope you all had a great weekend. This week in AAC we will be holding our last meeting of the semester. Although we didn't get to as many projects as I had hoped, I am looking forward to Winter Break and Spring Semester to accomplish projects. This past week as AAC Director, I have been re-working the AAC Bylaws and held the AAC Open Forum in the Hub. We did get a small number of students that did participate in the forum, with hopes that the next forum will be held earlier in the spring. I would like to remind you all that even with all of your commitments, to remember that you are a student first, and with the impending finals, to focus on yourself! Have a great rest of your week, and I welcome any questions.

**Communication Commission Director – Yoshi Gaitan**

Hello Beautiful Blugolds! Thank all of you for being so quick with getting me those headshots. If you have not gotten that to me please schedule it through the link, in the email I sent last week. Thank you. Last week I got in contact with OMA's Interns/ Dang Yang and talked about including their graphics and media in our Senatorial to ensure that media is shared to its fullest potential. I also started looking into how to transform the outside area of the student senate office such as the bulletin board and talked with the communications commission on feedback and ideas. Overall we are planning and looking towards the future! Like always stay safe, drink some water, and take care Blugolds. Thank you and I Yield.



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

Hello, everyone! ESM had another slow week due to the semester winding down and much of our focus, especially mine is focused on academics at the moment. That being said, the commission spent last week's meeting discussing and planning potential plans for an outreach event next semester specifically in February. This event will most likely revolve around Black History Month and will be ironed out over winter break. The commission was also sent out the Director feedback reports for myself and Director Rosario, I ask that our commission members please fill that asap, and if you haven't received that yet, please get in touch with me. Separately, I met with Dean Pierce last week and had a great conversation about how the senate and the ESM commission can function more productively and efficiently moving forward, I look forward to implementing some of these practices into how I operate within this senate in the future. Chief Of Staff Holness and I also met with Dr. Heather Moody a little over an hour ago and discussed many topics and projects that ITSC brought to our attention a few weeks ago. We got her thoughts and concerns about land recognition statements on campus, the use of tribal flags on campus, assisting with changes within the AIS Department, and many more. I feel more confident in finally making progress on these projects and my commission will keep you updated as we take these things on. Overall, ESM is going to have a relaxed end of the semester but will hit the ground running once we all reconvene in February. I wish you all the best in our final week of classes and I welcome any questions!

### **Finance Commission Director – Nicholas Johnson**

Hey everyone, I hope you had a safe and relaxing weekend. This past week I have primarily been working on the legislation that I will be introducing tonight. Both allocation requests passed the Finance Commission last Tuesday and the bills were authored by myself shortly thereafter. Aside from that, I have primarily focusing on academics as the semester comes to an end. That being said, I have numerous non-allocable budget reviews in the coming weeks. More information to come on non-allocables later. I will now take any questions you may have. I yield.

### **Information Technology Commission Director – Stuart Scamehorn**

Hello, Everyone! This past week at ITC, we finalized the questions that will be included in this year's Student Technology Survey, and are planning on sending it out before the end of the semester to the entire student body. Additionally, we discussed legislation regarding a laptop program here at the University. Based on data from last year's survey, the commission decided that the best course of action would be to change the scope towards expanding long-term rental options for laptops here at the university as well as wait until data comes through for this year's survey in order to have more up-to-date information. At this week's upcoming meeting (December 10th), the Library is planning on presenting data they have regarding their current short-term rental program for laptops. If that is something you would be interested in hearing, please let me know! As always, if you are interested in joining ITC, feel free to reach out so I can make sure to add you as a voting member. That is all I have, and I welcome any questions.

**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director- Bailey Carruthers**

Hello Everyone, Last week Tuesday the Interest Form for the possible Spring Lobbying Trip closed. We received responses from over half of this body, which allowed the IGA Commission to comfortably deliberate on the results. Just over 50% of the responses that were received indicated that they would like to attend this trip, with even less responding in the affirmative that they would attend the mandatory training sessions required to go. However, after discussion within the IGA Commission last Wednesday, we still believe that facilitating a trip of this nature would be important and impactful to those that attend. So, after an auditory vote, the IGA Commission will now be moving forward with the planning of the Spring Lobbying Trip. In the coming weeks, we will be sending out forms and interest surveys to you all once again as an invitation to attend. You are all invited and encouraged to go on this trip but are not required. If you are planning on going, you must fill out the respective forms you will receive in the coming weeks. More details to come on that soon. IGA only has two meetings left of the semester, with this week being the last time that we will conduct business. This week we will be resolving finished items from the Fall LPS, assigning optional winter work, and beginning the formulation of the Spring LPS which will come in front of this body the first few weeks of Spring semester. Last week I also met with members of the Winter Advocacy Trip to discuss alternatives in the wake of the new COVID-19 restrictions and the Omnicron variant, held check-in meetings with Intern Long, and last Friday presented to the University Executive Team on the Counseling Initiatives that are currently happening in IGA. The final IGA Meeting of the Semester is on December 15, the first day of finals, as a Semester Wrap-Up Party. There will be no agenda or work, but we will be watching a holiday movie and having snacks. If you would like to attend and take a break from finals, or perhaps get to know the Commission members not a part of this body, let me know and I can send you the invitation. I believe that is all I have for this evening. I yield.

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

Hello all, Last week, the SOS passed a resolution in support of initiating land back through our commission and heard a presentation about art as a catalyst for social change. You'll be seeing the resolution next semester. This week, the SOS will be holding a more casual and in-person meeting for our last commission meeting of the semester. The BANFF Mountain Film Festival is taking place tonight and tomorrow night at the Pablo Center. Tickets are \$5 for students instead of \$20, subsidized by the Green Fund. SOS will be tabling both nights before the films start doors open at 6:30 and films start at 7 - I'll be at tomorrow's showing, stop by and say hello! Today is the first day of BluBox in Davies Marketplace. Tokens are available at the old printing services center 9 am-1 pm this week. I'll be there during my office hours this Thursday and at the info booth for a bit on Wednesday. Other than that, I will be attending the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Sustainability and Climate Action tomorrow, as well as continuing work on SOS bylaw revisions. As a reminder, SOS intern applications are open on Microsoft Forms. The link is in previous emails from me and will be in the commission email tomorrow. Applications are due this Friday at 11:59! That's all for now - thanks!



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

Hello all, I hope you had a safe and relaxing weekend. SOC hosted its last Seg Fee presentation on Thursday. SOC will not be meeting for the rest of the semester. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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

Good evening everyone! This past weekend was the conclusion of our scheduled events for the fall semester! We held our last two cabin concerts, with Parker Reed performing Friday afternoon and a live stream of Moon Tide Gallery on Saturday night. UAC's Late Night committee also held their final fall semester event with a successful archery event Friday evening! Our Chair applications closed this past Wednesday and we began our interview process earlier today and will continue through the week, hoping to select our three new committee chairs by the end of the week! I look forward to updating you all on who these new additions to our amazing team will be! I have also continued to work on our spring event campaign targeted toward improving mental health, the Happiness Project, reaching out to several individuals, organizations, and groups about potential events this spring. 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**

On Friday, did Blugold Friday. In the evening, Blu walked with Volleyball Team in the winter parade. I was able to get Blugold Friday and Blu promotional materials from Director Gaitan. There's a wrestling match in Mcphee this Wednesday at 6pm. I will also be resigning on Monday Dec. 13th as I will not be here in Spring 2022.

#### **Housing Coordinator – Katie Loff**

Happy Monday everyone! This past week, I met with Vice Chancellor Crickette to discuss what Senate can do about safety in upper campus parking lots. Following our conversation, we planned a meeting with Chief Dobson to discuss potential solutions and to get a better understanding of the issue. This meeting will be happening on Wednesday. I also talked to several administrators in Housing and Residence Life who were able to provide insight regarding safety and theft concerns on upper campus. In terms of the off-campus



housing guide, Harry Hartel and I met last week, and he was able to provide a lot of helpful insight through his experiences with Eau Claire housing. Coming up this week, I will be in contact with Parking and Blugold Central to seek any additional input they may have regarding transportation, parking, or finances for off-campus students. If anyone has a housing concern or issue that you would like to make sure is addressed in the off-campus housing guide, please feel free to reach out to me before the end of the week!

### Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method

### New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
65-B-5	Student Initiative: Activities Commission Spring Concert	Introductory Period	To Be Voted on Next Meeting 12/13/2021
65-B-6	Special Allocation: Counseling Services	Introductory Period	To Be Voted on Next Meeting 12/13/2021

### Personnel Matters

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










**Minutes submitted by Josh Holness, Chief of Staff**