



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2021
PRESIDENT MIKOULINSKII
VICE PRESIDENT SCHILLING

A regular meeting of the 65th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 13th, 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 – 11/22/2021

Executive Board

| Title | Name | Status (Present, Absent) (P, A) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Chief of Staff | Josh Holness | P |
| AA Director | Elizabeth TenBarge | P |
| Communications Director | Rossellin Gaitan | P |
| ESM Senate Director | Mengcha Moua | P |
| Finance Director | Nick Johnson | P |
| ITC Director | Stuart Scamehorn | 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 |
| Housing Coordinator | Katie Loff | P |
| Parliamentarian | Adler Kranich | 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 |
| Yang, Lan | P |

Off-Campus Senators

| Name | Status |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Barreyro, Drake | P |
| Delehanty, Ravi | P |
| Dravis, Drew | P |
| Weerts, Zach | A |
| Johnston, Emma | P |
| Shanahan, Avery | P |
| Bartle, Alex | P |
| Packard, Emma | P |
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Executive Officers

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

Presentation

| Entity | Topic |
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| Jill McGraff | Improvements for McIntyre Library |

Open Forum

| Entity | Concerns |
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Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/15/21

Minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Jaden Mikoulskii

Hello folks! One more push toward the finish line for this semester! My week started with the Auxiliary Budget meeting for Recreation. Some important things to note include an intention to add turf to Tower's Field within the 2024 FY Budget, as well as a new process for paying for intramurals. This process would be individual memberships for participating in intramurals rather than captains needing to submit entire payments for a full group. I also conducted multiple meetings in association with Vice-Chancellor Billy Felz regarding a Student Organization Engagement Initiative. This initiative would incorporate financial incentives for organizations to participate in recruitment strategies for prospective Blugolds. I conducted my regular Director Check-Ins and completed some end-of-semester housekeeping items. Finally, for this week, I conducted virtual meetings to discuss senate positions for next year as written in the bylaws as well as an information session with a prospective Housing Coordinator. Between last Monday to this, I spent 33 hours on Student Senate-related activity, including projects and meetings. For the future week, I will be conducting Executive Member End-Of-Semester Reviews. We had over 120 responses to our



Senate Executive Survey. Thank you to all of you for your insight on our performance. We will take your feedback and continue the promotion of equity, transparency, and authentic advocacy moving forward. Over January, I will be overseeing the physical completion of a Davies Student Recreation Center, the Student Sustainability Resource Center, and the revamping of the Hub. If you are interested in winter projects, please let me know. I will also happily answer any questions about specifics for these projects. In addition to this, I will be involved in meetings with state and federal Legislators to discuss current student issues. I will be assisting in the planning of spring Student Senate events, including the Intergovernmental Affairs Block Party, Student Senate Spring Retreat, Wisconsin State Student Government Symposium, and the Women's History Month Celebration. With Vice President Schilling, we will also begin election-related items. I will be reaching out to every Senator in January to extend the option for discussing potential projects and overall involvement in Student Senate for the Spring Semester. The Internal Affairs Committee is wrapping up the first draft of the 66th Session Student Senate Bylaws. I am hopeful that Chief of Staff Holness, Myself, and Director Carruthers will have the completed draft distributed to the Student Senate no later than January 3rd, 2022. You will have until January 24th at 4 PM to submit suggestions, questions, and edits our way. We intend to submit the first of 5 bills on Monday, February 7th. After the end of this semester, we will have 9 Student Senate Vacancies. 3 are for On-Campus students, and the other 6 are for Off-Campus students. The Communications Commission will have media out around the second week of January to promote these positions and solicit applications. It is my ask that you assist us in the recruitment process. This can be done through word of mouth, or simply resharing media that will be posted from the Student Senate Instagram and Facebook. Vacancies in mind, I would like to say a cordial, if not preemptive, goodbye to Senators Yang, Gomez, Loff, and Coordinator May. We wish you the best with your forthcoming graduation and study abroad commitments in mind. For those of you who will return to UWEC after your worldly travel, we welcome your return to Student Senate with open arms. For our graduates, the best of luck in your future endeavors. Thank you for the impact you have left within this organization and the campus as a whole.

REPORT: Vice President – Justin Schilling

Hello all. Happy (almost) finals week! Please remember to take care of yourself during this time. This week, the President and I will be meeting with each of the directors to go over their end-of-semester evaluations. Additionally, we'll be ensuring that they have projects and some degree of business to work on over winter break. Over winter break, I'll be meeting with a few members of the Administration to discuss what Senate's spring semester will look like as well as working with our Program Manager and Communications Commission to begin working on promotional materials and tactics for the Senate Elections at the end of April. I know it seems like a world away, but believe me, elections tend to sneak up rather quickly, and the more information we can give students, the better. I encourage you all to take some time this break to envision what your future in Senate will look like. I bring this up now for two reasons: one, it's the last meeting of the semester, and two, because rumors about who will run have already begun swirling. One of the implied duties that the President and Vice President have is to make sure there are parties intending to assume these offices. With that, we have been advised not to discuss campaigning or election-related topics beyond December 31st. We will be strictly adhering to this. So, if



you have any questions about what campaigning for either of the executive offices or just as a senator looks like, please reach out before that deadline. Finally, I'd like to extend a farewell to both of our coordinators, and a warm welcome to those filling their shoes. Good luck on your finals!

REPORT: Chief of Staff – Josh Holness

This past week I wrapped up some check-ins, had a meeting with UW-LaCrosse's student association Vice President, and jumped into full gear for the planning of the January Shared Governance Symposium. As of right now, the plan is to hold the symposium over two days filled with relationship building and professional development. You all will receive an outlook invite in the coming days. If you cannot attend both days, then I suggest attending one day at the minimum if you can. The agenda for the symposium will be attached to the Outlook Invites, so when you have a chance, take a look at that! For the remainder of the week, I have a few more meetings to discuss Motivation Mondays, the symposium, February Vacancy Recruitment, and what next semester can look like. Those are all the updates I have, for now, however, I have one last thing. Tonight I will be put in front of all of you to give my whole spiel about being your Chief of Staff nominee and what I want to do in the future. Regardless of tonight, I am happy to be a part of this body and to be working with so many great people and I look forward to whatever next semester looks like! I yield.

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Elizabeth TenBarge

Hello All, I don't have much to report this week, as most papers were due for students at the start of this week. Please have a wonderful break and good luck on finals season. Over break, I am going to be working on Academic Affairs Initiatives including: Increasing language immersion opportunities in the Eau Claire community for those that either has a major, minor, or certificate of a second language, Looking into the Academic Suspension Policy on the UW-System wide scale, Exploring the feasibility of additional Graduate School Offerings for UWEC, Brainstorming solutions for the Research Fair, Understanding how in-depth the Gold For Blugold changes can be, Planning out the R1 Rubric Review sessions with student groups, And more... Have a great winter break!

Communication Commission Director – Yoshi Gaitan

Hello Beautiful Blugolds! Comms did not meet last week due to finals coming up and wanting to make sure that everyone got a break. To those who have given me the headshots, Thank you! If you have not gotten them to me yet, please do and email them to me! The Senatorial was updated and we have posted more on our Senator and Director Spotlights. I hope that everyone takes care of themselves this week and knows that you deserve a break from studying every once in a while so make sure you take at least 5 minutes to yourself and know that you got this. We are almost there. Like always stay safe, drink some water, and take care Blugolds.



Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Mengcha Moua

Hello, everyone! ESM had a slower week this week! Due to many of us focusing on finals and classwork we decided to just plan out next semester's meeting time, which is continuing to be Thursdays @ 6PM – 7PM. We also just took time to fill out director feedback surveys. Like I said, a very slow week. While Directors Moua and Rosario will be doing work over break, we look forward to starting things back up as a commission in the spring! Have a great break and see you all next semester!

Finance Commission Director – Nicholas Johnson

Good evening everyone. This past week I chaired the last Finance Commission meeting of the semester. I am extremely thankful for all the hard work that the Finance Commission members put in this semester. The Finance Commission heard an unprecedented amount of projects and initiatives, to which the members of the commission put in many hours of thoughtful debate and deliberation. Given this, and considering the new landscape of financial policy we find ourselves in as an organization, I am extremely pleased with the outcome of the Finance Commission's work this semester. On to actual updates, the Finance Commission approved a special allocation for the Foster Gallery, whose financial ask is humble in comparison to the relatively large allocations the commission has approved thus far. The bill for this allocation will be authored by myself and the Finance Intern Dakota Bokath, whose hard work this semester I want to subject to particular praise. This bill will be submitted for your consideration early next semester. I am continuing to meet with non-allocable budget advisory committees. This past week I met with the advisors for Parking and Transportation to give input on the budget formed following the discussion of segregated fee increases in this body last Monday. All non-allocable budgets will be presented to the Finance Commission on February 8th. For your reference, that is the second week of spring classes. Finally, the Finance Commission meeting time for next semester has been changed to 4:45 PM on Tuesdays. Thank you all for a wonderful semester. I yield.

Information Technology Commission Director – Stuart Scamehorn

Hello Everyone! The Student Technology Survey has been completed, and I plan on getting that sent out to the entire student body by the end of the semester. If anyone is interested in joining ITC, please let me know! We are going to be changing meeting times for next semester, and a survey will be sent out for that in the next few weeks, so if anyone has any interest in joining, let me know so I can make sure that the poll gets sent out to you!

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director- Bailey Carruthers

Hello everyone, IGA had its last official Commission meeting this past Wednesday where we resolved the completed Fall LPS tasks that were assigned to members and discussed the formulation of the Spring LPS. This week we will be having an informal Holiday Party at our usual meeting time on Wednesday at 5:00 PM in Centennial 4612. 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. Last week I worked alongside President Mikoulinskii and Coordinator Loff to interview and nominate a new hire for



the Housing Coordinator position as Coordinator Loff is graduating this weekend. I can happily say that after discussion and an interview, we have found a great fit for the role for the remainder of the employment term. Over break, I will be working with President Mikoulinskii, Chief of Staff Holness, and Intern Long to begin planning the Spring Block Party and Spring Lobbying Trip. More concrete details on both of these items once we return from Winterim. Thank you to Intern Long and the rest of the IGA Commission members for the great work they have done this semester. I cannot wait to see what we accomplish in the Spring.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Maddie Loeffler

Hello friends! This past week the SOS tabled at BANFF Mountain Film Festival and covered some shifts for BluBox token distribution and information tabling. Additionally, I attended the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Sustainability and Climate Action. If there is anything you'd like to see from the university in sustainability and climate pursuits, let me know and I will do my best to advocate for it. The SOS had our last commission meeting of the semester last week, and are looking forward to the spring semester. This week, I'll be doing interviews with applicants for SOS intern positions to be hired soon. Over break, I'll be onboarding our new interns, meeting about spring initiatives, and planning. I hope you all have a great winter, take care of yourselves.

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 canceled 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, due to the busy time of the semester, just before finals, UAC held no events or activities as a commission. However, it was still a busy week for me personally, as I continued putting things together and contacting individuals for spring events and The Happiness Project. Additionally, I conducted interviews and held deliberations with the help of current UAC committee chairs and our advisor Joann Martin. After a long week of consideration, I sent decisions to all of our applicants Friday afternoon, and I am excited to introduce to you our new UAC chairs for the upcoming spring semester. Our new Concert Committee Co-Chair is Ben Ostertag. Our new Festivals Committee Co-Chairs are Emma Packard and Alicia Long, and our new Late Night Committee Co-Chair is Gracie DeWan. These four will join our five returning committee chairs for training right away in the spring semester and get to work immediately as the first full UAC exec board since I joined the team three semesters ago. If I don't introduce them to you myself, I encourage you all to say hi if you see them working or holding their office hours in the AIL office, or at my desk! I am so excited to have a full team on board for the busy and eventful semester that lies ahead for UAC, and I look forward to keeping you updated. 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 or email me at any time. Thank you all so much and I hope to see you at UAC events very soon.



REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Zach May

As the semester comes to a close, I would like to thank President Mikoulinskii and Vice President Schilling for appointing me as Mascot Coordinator in Fall of 2021. Going into the academic year, I found myself having to reconnect Blu to the Campus due to being away for a good chunk of the two years. I was swamped with requests for Blu. Unsurprisingly, Blu was a hot commodity for welcome week events. I was able to hire 6 amazing actors this Fall semester who helped bring Blugold Spirit to numerous events. I am impressed by each of them. Although I am sad to leave the position, I know that I am leaving it in good hands with my successor, Alex Stoll. I hope that he can continue in reconnecting Blu to Campus and our students. Please do not hesitate to come to him with ideas. I will miss seeing you all in the office, and I will miss seeing you all around these tables as we are doing right now. With that, I hope that you all will welcome Alex into the position with the same warmth and open arms that you did with me.

Housing Coordinator – Katie Loff

Happy Monday, everyone! In my last week as housing coordinator, I worked on finishing the off-campus housing guide, and I met with Chief Dobson and Vice-Chancellor Crickette to talk about campus parking lot safety. Although we were not able to reach a consensus on a solution moving forward, they were able to provide insight into the issue that can be used in the future. Last week, a new housing coordinator was selected as well. My position will be taken over by Sam Consiglio, and I am very excited to see what she will do in this role. I was impressed by her enthusiasm and interest in housing, and I believe she will make a positive impact on the Senate and the student body. Finally, I'd like to express how grateful I am to have been a part of the Student Senate. Even though it has only been a short time, I have learned so much from working with each of you, and I admire the effort you all put into making this university a better place for its students. Catch y'all on the flip side.

Unfinished Business

| Bill or Resolution | Title | Status | Vote Method |
|--------------------|--|--|----------------|
| 65-B-5 | Student Initiative: Activities Commission Spring Concert | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment 1: New line 31: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This concert would take place no later than Saturday, April 30th, 2022; and" after Line 30. - Amendment Failed | Roll Call Vote |



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| 65-B-6 | Special Allocation: Counseling Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment 1: Remove line 26 because it is empty and contains no clause or language. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved by the Chair. | Placard Vote - Passed: 19-1-2 |
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New Business

| Bill or Resolution | Title | Status | Vote Method |
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| 65-R-19 | In Support of Investing Locally Sourced Produce for Campus Dining | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment 1: Remove highlight from lines 41-43. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved by the Chair - Amendment 2: Correct spelling of Mark Throton” to “Mark Thornton” in line 74. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved by the Chair - Amendment 3: Add Tracy Drier, Director, Budget and Resource Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved by the Chair | Placard Vote - Passed: 20-0-2 |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment 4: Add Allie Russell, President, Dining Committee - Approved by the Chair | |
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Personnel Matters

| Appointed or Resigned (A/R) | Name(s) | Entity(ies) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| R | Mascot Coordinator | Zach May |
| R | Recreation Committee | Zach May |
| R | Housing Coordinator | Katie Loff |
| R | Off-Campus Student Senator | Katie Loff |
| R | On-Campus Student Senator | Rosa Gómez |
| R | Queer and Trans Action Committee | Rosa Gómez |
| R | Student Disciplinary Action Committee | Rosa Gómez |
| R | On-Campus Student Senator | Lan Yang |
| R | On-Campus Student Senator | Brett Farmer |
| A | Mascot Coordinator | Alex Stoll |
| A | Housing Coordinator | Sam Consiglio |
| A | Chief of Staff | Josh Holness |
| A | Dining Committee | Drake Barreyro |
| A | Eau Claire Transit Committee | Maddie Loeffler |



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| A | Forum Series Committee | Sam Consiglio |
| A | Recreation Committee | Brad Heap |
| A | Queer and Trans Action Committee | Josh Holness |

Announcements

| Person | Topic |
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| Brett Farmer | New UAC Late Chairs, Concert Chairs, & Festival Chairs |
| Adler Kranich | Clarification: president can move agenda items, but not add new agenda items |
| Eddie Noyes | Good luck on Finals! |
| Drake Barreyro | Bill deliberations |

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:53PM.

Note: Roll Call Vote

Legislation: 65-B-5

| Senator Status | Name | Vote |
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| On-Campus/Chief of Staff | Josh Holness | Yes |
| On-Campus/AAC Commission Director | Elizabeth TenBarge | Yes |
| On-Campus/Communications Director | Rossellin Gaitan | Yes |
| On-Campus/UAC Director | Brett Farmer | Yes |
| On-Campus | Denison, Anakah | Yes |
| On-Campus | Gómez, Rosa | Yes |
| On-Campus | Krysheski, Tanessa | Yes |
| On-Campus | Long, Alicia | Yes |
| On-Campus | McGuine, Sydney | Yes |



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Minutes submitted by Josh Holness, Chief of Staff