



## *Student Senate*

**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**University Union, 1965 Room**

**5:15pm**

- I. Call To Order 5:16
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015
  - a. Allison moved to approve, Robert seconded. Voice Vote. Motion passed.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from Brainstorm Summit (February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015)
  - a. Pam moved to approve, Nate F. seconded. Voice Vote. Motion passed.
- V. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Amendments:
    - Removal of Charles from Approval of Senators due to absence.
    - Chancellor Miller's Presentation moved up after the Approval of Senators.
    - Strikeout Nate and insert Paul for the Resolution Presentation
      1. Sierra moved to approve amendments, Jessica seconded. Voice Vote. Motion passed.
  - b. Pam moved to approve the agenda as amended, Sierra seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Approval of Senators
    - Hannah Sprink
    - Chad Osteen
    - Lauren Pfile
      1. Jessica moved to package the approval of all senators, Robert seconded. Voice Vote. Motion passed.
      2. Allison moved to approve all senators, Nate F. seconded. Roll call vote. 14-0-0

b. Chancellor Miller

- The mission of the school is important, just like the interaction with the community. Changes will be made over the next year to adjust to the budget.
- Discussed the importance of interdisciplinarity and how we must take a contemporary edge to continue to provide a quality education.
- The proposed budget has two changes: 1. Reduce base funding for the UW System. 2. Move from being a state agency to a state authority.
- Reduction in funding for higher education is not new and it is not a partisan issue.
- There is talk about making the cut smaller, but we are preparing for the worst. Discussions about what will be cut.
- Now – March 4<sup>th</sup>: Preparing to talk to Board of Regents about the effects on UWGB.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>: Making preliminary decisions about considerations for cuts.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>: Complete and implement decisions so on July 1<sup>st</sup> we can operate on 4.68 million dollars less from the state.
- These reductions will not increase segregated fees, but a discussion will be had about how those fees are being spent.
- Student Employment will not stop. There is no hiring of faculty and staff members. Staffing levels will be reduced.
- There are concerns of Shared Governance. It is mandated in statutes, but many favor it and tenure. This won't go away even if we move to an authority. This would provide many economic benefits.
- Use your voice with legislators and tell them what you think. Organized responses are critical and helpful. Follow the resolution and try to make an impact.
- For access to a video from this portion of the meeting:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TKKCY9tdfg&feature=youtu.be>

c. Mark Olkowski: Title 9 and Chapter 17 Presentation

- UWS 17 is a state administration code that deals with student rules.
- Currently, there is a limited scope. A change would mean better compliance with federal law, more rights for the victim/survivor/complainant, additional rights for accused respondent, attempt to make a difficult situation more fair and respectful for both sides.
- Next steps may include: referring to a committee.
  1. Final recommendations due on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

d. Robert Sewell: Resolution Presentation

- Discussion about the term “community.” Could this also mean doing things on campus to improve things here

- Definition of Service
- e. Paul Ahrens: Resolution Presentation
  - In relation to WI Statute 36.01.2 which discusses the Wisconsin Idea and stresses the importance of shared government.
  - Suggested Amendments
    1. Add on a point of action “and support the Better UW Initiative”
    2. Separate “Therefore” into three smaller ones instead of one long section

## VII. Executive Board Reports

- a. President: Vanya Koepke
  - Committee Chairs must submit timeline by FRIDAY
  - Volunteer at VA Hospital and local middle schools
- b. Vice President: Tyler Sterr
  - Those interested in letter writing committee: please have it done by 2.27.15
  - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015: Bowling with a Cop. \$10/person. Fundraising event
- c. Speaker: Sam Braaten
  - Safe Ally sign is missing, please return it.
  - Bring binder and nametags to every meeting
  - Include Sam on Executive timelines as well.
  - Speaker Position will be open. Must be a senator and be nominated.
- d. RHAA: Megan Leonard
  - Currently working on legislation for Roommate Selection
- e. Chief Justice
  - There are many open positions-let’s fill them!
- f. Standing Committees
  - SUFAC: Reed Heintzkill
    1. One more organization budget presentation.
    2. D-Day is Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015
  - Union and Dining: Andrew Pfaff
    1. Committee will be meeting biweekly
    2. Working with Avians about new ideas.
    3. Further investigating self-op and Pouring Rights
  - Environmental Affairs: Anthony Sirianni
    1. Committee is meetin every other Wednesday
    2. Currently working on project for students
    3. Earth Day Event: 8-10pm with Environmental Orgs being a huge part of it
    4. Also working on more plans for the committee month, April
  - Academic Affairs: Paul Ahrens
    1. Working on clearly illustrating deadlines to students
    2. Task Force Meeting went well. Working on getting SIS to run smoother and have a GPA calculator available to students

3. Letter writing campaign will be taking place February 23-27 on the lower level of the Union.
- University Governance: Hannah Stepp
    1. Looking for one more senator for Constitutional Review Committee (contact Hannah if interested)
    2. Committee meeting midweek to get the ball rolling.
    3. If you're interested in Mark's presentation and doing something about it, contact Hannah
  - Health and Safety: Alex Girard
    1. CPR Event will be held in April
    2. Interested in partnering with University Governance Committee for Mark's presentation
    3. Relay for Life Team
  - Student Resources: Jacob Immel
    1. Appter 8 has been well attended, it will continue.
    2. Teaming up with the Food Pantry Initiative and Stacie Christian
    3. Shannon is starting a Parent Resource Page
    4. Common Theme: SGA is planning to launch an event
    5. Another Charity Event will occur in March
  - Equity and Diversity: Dou Chang
    1. Met with Justin about the Barber Shop on Campus
    2. In February, interviewing people about why diversity is important to publicize.
  - Recreation and Athletics: Ben Heicher
    1. KAC Meeting 2.26.14 at 4pm at the Kress
    2. Clock Me If You Can – March 11<sup>th</sup>

### VIII. Announcements

- a. Love Your Melon has a Relay for Life Team (April 24, 2015). All are welcome to join our team!
- b. Nik moved to have an emergency meeting next Monday. Motion not considered due to lack of second.
- c. Talk to Jen Jones if you are interested in making phone calls to potential students
- d. UPIC Meeting 12:30 on Wednesday. Let Vanya know if you are interested in attending.
- e. Forward contact information to Tyler and Sam if you haven't done so already
- f. SGA was nominated for Outstanding Student Organization

### IX. Adjournment: 7:30

- a. Jessica moved to adjourn, Nate seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.