



Student Senate

October 19, 2015st, 2015

University Union, 1965 Room

5:15pm

- I. Call To Order: 5:16
- II. Roll Call: Samuel Welhouse late.
- III. Approval of Minutes from October 5th, 2015: Gretchen approved, Reed seconded.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Catherine approved, Gretchen seconded.
- V. New Business
 - a. Rick Warpinski – University Union
 - Dining Services –Seventh and final year of the dining agreement. There needs to be more input from the students, after all the meal plan is for them. The feedback that is being received shows there is a want among the students to move to a base board program. Trying to initiate a change to have more favorable food for students.
 - Q: Is there a way for a forum to be organized in order to get more student feedback?
 - A: Anything is possible, so yes this can be done. An e-mail may be an easier and faster way to get feedback to Rick though.
 - Q: How does the Base program work? Can you leave with the food? Will students be able to take food with them to class? Or to meetings?
 - A: It would vary, it might not be possible to leave with any food. There will still be retail locations were students can buy food in order to take to class. It would not be acceptable to leave the cafeteria area with food.
 - Q: What would happen with pass points?
 - A: No change would occur to the pass points system, they will still be needed for some services such as for doing laundry. There might be a more flexible dining plan considered though to include pass points.



- Q: What would the affect be on the prices for the meal plans? Is there an estimate?
- A: When it comes to the forms of dining, there are a variety of ways in order to implement this. There can be 10-meal weeks, 19-meals, and then there is the unlimited plan. There would be more value in the plan, giving students more options in what they are eating. There will also be less food waste considering that students are taking what they want, not simply hoarding their food. The meal plan may have to go up about 20% in price in order to accommodate the new buffet-style food. The school would still be in the lower cost of meal plans compared to the other UW-schools.
- Q: What happens if I don't eat all the meals per week?
- A: You would lose those meals, once the week is over, it resets. You cannot carry any meal number over to the next week.
- Q: Has there been a time where students could voice their complaints about how A'viands is doing? Would it be possible to see what current students don't like in order to base what vendor is chosen what students don't want?
- A: There are feedback opportunities all the time. Then there is the union and dining committee.
- Q: Is there a possibility that the organizations on campus will no longer need to go through the dining service provider in order to get food for an event.
- A: The more service that is taken away from the vendor the less appealing the contract appears. With that in mind, we don't want to tell service providers that they might lose money by allowing students to bring their own foods to events.
- Required Plan Participation
 1. Only students who live in the on-campus resident hall are required to participate in the dining plan.



2. Should there be a requirement made were all students are required to participate in the dining plan. By having this requirement more vendors may be more interested in the school.
3. Comments: Have an optional dining commuter rate. Commuters should not be forced to pay the dining plan. There would be a large blowback to requiring commuters to get a meal plan.
4. Capital Investment in Dining Operations
 - a. When updates are made to dining operations there is more opportunity to gain money back from the investments. For every dollar spent in renovating the dining operation areas two dollars are brought back in gains.
 - b. To get a dining facility in the resident life area.
 - c. Q: What can be done about composting? Is there a way to go into a contract with something that a vendor can do about creating more opportunities for it?
 - d. A: Pre-consumer waste is being collected and taken to Oshkosh weekly during the academic year. In order to get a composting committee there would be a high cost associated with it. Composting is not the vendors specialty, dining is. The composting should be handled on the campus level not by the vendors.
 - e. C: Would it be possible to have something at the Kress center to provide some sort of healthy option like smoothies, etc?

b. Executive Vote

- Alex Girard and Chad Osteen
 1. Executive members want to have a vote when it comes to the approval of Senators. There has been some discussion over the fact that the



executive board gets no say in who becomes a senator and joins their committee.

- a. C: There should be a separation of powers when it comes to the executive members and the senators.
- b. C: The executive board would only have a vote when it comes to voting on a senator being accepted into the position. They would not have a vote in anything else.
- c. C: The candidates are the ones giving up their precious time to become senators in order to join committees and improve the school.
- d. C: The reason that the executive board should not have a reason to vote in senators is because it can cause a problem in the future. An executive board member could give their vote to a person they know they can influence or someone that directly aligns with their views in order to get their motions passed easier.
- e. Q: Is there a way to look at the constitution in order to see how to decide on this subject? We can look at this for reference on why the voting was set up the way it is for senators. Brenda would know more of this information.
- f. C: When a potential senator's application comes in, the group can only skim the paperwork, and that is the information that the senators vote on. This creates a small window in which the senators are allowed to make an informed decision on voting that senator in.
- g. C: Maybe there can be a way in order to give more time to the senators in order for them to decide if the candidate would be a good fit.



- h. Q: Does the Executive Board not trust the Senators to make the correct decision?
- i. C: The issue comes from the current senators, not personal feelings.
- j. C: I trust the executive board members who have more experience in knowing what a good applicant is.
- k. C: Motioned to table topic to the next meeting. Reed approved. Gretchen seconded.

c. Approval of New Senators

- Tanya Niemi – Student Senator
 - 1. Catherine motioned to motion, Gretchen seconded. 10-0-0
- Sam Dunkovich – Student Senator
 - 1. Catherine moved to motion, Gretchen Seconded. 11-0-0
- Mitchell Goettl – Student Senator
 - 1. Catherine moved to motion, Gretchen Seconded. 12-0-0

VI. Executive Board Reports

a. President: Hannah Stepp

- Concealed carry ban on campus, other school's students have come forth with a statement or resolution. Should there be a survey for UWGB students to see how they feel about the Conceal-and-Carry or should a statement be made right away.
 - 1. This should be discussed more with the students. Before any resolution is made there should be more forums.
 - 2. Get a forum of professors that have facts on the Conceal and Carry changes.
 - 3. A survey has already gone out saying that the majority of faculty and students do not approve of the change when it comes to Conceal and Carrying on campus.
- Faculty Senate meeting is switching professors from a 21 credit load to a 24 credit load.
- New Senators please find the committee you want to join and let them know.
- Educate people when it comes to the Conceal and Carry. What type of position do you put public safety in if everyone has guns? Figure out what the students want. A student survey would be a good idea to see how much the students need



to be educated as well to see their personal feelings.

- Free-flowing discussion within the SGA office might be something that can be done.
- b. Vice President: Lorenzo Lones
- Facility meeting: In order to be accredited as a school of business, the professors in that program need to work under a specific number of hours. This interferes with the plan that the chancellor has who wants to increase the credit load for professors.
- c. Speaker: Gretchen Klefstad
- There is a committee that is formed of faculty, staff, and students that are trying to get a childcare on campus. If you would like to join let Gretchen know.
 - Senators make sure that you get signed up on two committees, you also have to do office hours. When you do the office hours please sign in on the sheet in her office.
 - Avery is looking for someone to help with the social media for SGA.
 - Anything that is wanted on the agenda should be sent in e-mail format to Vanessa by Thursday at 1 pm. If it is not in by then, it will not be included in the following week's agenda.
- d. RHAA: Brandi Kochera
- The Condom machine has been taking out of the CC, but the decision to take it out has not been finalized yet.
- e. Chief Justice
- f. Standing Committees
- Academic Affairs: Chad Osteen
 1. Still trying to find a neutral party and a room for the debate.
 2. Will be setting up a meeting with the academic department.
 - Committee Engagement: Avery Faehling
 1. There was a presentation for SUFAC in order to push the app forward.
 2. Another goal is to show the students that SGA is there for the students.
 - Environmental Affairs: Chrissy Bartelme
 1. Committee meeting on 10/20 in the SGA office at 2:30.
 2. Food day Thursday at 8.
 3. On Friday there will be a trip to Stevens Point in order to see the composting facility and there will be a meeting with the environmental chair of their SGA.
 4. Met with Green Life committee last Tuesday in order to talk about "Make no Mark Week." Events are happening during that week.
 - Equity and Diversity: Chris Parker
 1. Ally conference is this weekend
 - Health and Safety: Alex Girard
 1. UWGB Make a difference day is this Friday. Walk-ins are welcome.
 2. There will be more discussion about the Conceal and Carry.



- Recreation and Athletics: Sami Dannhauser
 1. One-on-one with Jeff, the biggest thing that was discussed was moving some of the men's home games to the Kress. The Kress can seat less than 4,000 compared to what requirements for a game state which is that the event area must seat 5,000. A waiver can be filled out in order to get an exception.
- Student Resources: Jacob Immel
 1. Phoenix talk event on Wednesday October 28th in Mac about community service.
 2. Pie-your-professor event on Wednesday November 18th. There are three professors and three staff members for this.
 3. Fiona is heading up a project to get therapy animals to come in during finals week.
 4. There are also plans to try to get more commuter students involved on campus.
 5. Half-off-app program is coming back this year starting in November every weekend.
- SUFAC: Eric Kissinger
 1. No SUFAC meeting this week, the first budget presentation is next week Thursday.
 2. Org budget training on 10/20 from 5-6.
- University Governance: Nate Fiene
 1. Senator Ron Johnson could be interested in coming to campus. There is a survey out there, please take it. From the initial responses there is a want for him to come to the school. Students are leaning toward wanting to see a debate.
 2. The survey stated that education is a very important topic, with abortion and Planned Parenthood after.
 3. The first committee meeting was today on 10/19.
- Union and Dining: Jessica Murphy
 1. Feedback on the Dining changes would be appreciated. The more info we have the better.
 2. A tentative forum may happen in the union on November 11th.
 3. Next meeting is Wednesday night.
 4. There is a tab collection happening in the Senate meeting.

VII. Announcements

- a. New Communities homeless shelter is looking for volunteers, contact Christian if you are interested.

VIII. Adjournment: Gretchen motioned. Nik Seconded. Approved. Adjourned at 6:54