



Student Senate

November 2nd, 2015st, 2015
University Union, 1965 Room
5:15pm

- I. Call To Order: 5:16
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from October 19th, 2015. Gretchen moved, Courtney seconded.
Approved.
 - a. Approval of Agenda:
 - Amend to remove Chad and Alex executive voting from the agenda, Gretchen moved, Reed seconded. Approved.
 - Approval of Agenda. Reed moved to approve. Gretchen seconded. Approved.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Public Safety – Conceal and Carry Motion to table public safety until they show up if they do. Sam seconded. Approved.
 - b. Professor Ryan Martin – Conceal and Carry
 - Has an extensive background with gun violence and how it relates to conceal and carry.
 - Data driven facts will only be showed during this talk. There is no real evidence that conceal and carry lower crime. The reason that there is this thought process steams from a “study” or a book claiming that conceal ad carry laws lead to a decrease in violent crime. His arguments have been debunked and he has been called a fraud. This is the most used study to show that conceal and carry works. There is a lot of other research that is out there that says the opposite. Harvard has done a study that shows that a gun increases the chances of getting yourself shot by a gun.



- In a chance were you are the victim of discrimination having a conceal and carry gun does not change your chances of being hurt.
- Access to a gun is a large factor in looking at suicide rates. In states that have guns there is double the risk of suicide. Access to a gun increases the risk of hurting yourself or attempting to commit suicide. Guns are quick and irreversible. Drugs, and alcohol, etc. take time to work and kill you which guns cannot do. Once a trigger is pulled that action cannot be undone.
 1. Q: What is the primary argument for having conceal and carry in public policy?
 2. A: The book that was referenced before is the main reason for why states want conceal and carry. The book is still being sold even when the facts in the book have been debunked.
 3. C: A lot of the research that was done looks at gun ownership and gun violence. The research shows that the more guns in a community the more violence.
 4. Q: At the last meeting, we left the room wanting more information on the statistics. Is there any new questions that people want to have answered while the professor is here?
 5. A: None.
 6. C: Looking at the numbers provided by the counseling and health services on campus it shows that the top two reasons for students visiting the counseling center is for depression and anxiety disorders.
 7. C: Gun ownership has been linked to higher suicide rates. The data provided by the counseling center shows that on our campus there are a number of students who suffer from depression and anxiety, which can lead to thoughts of suicide.

c. Conceal and Carry



- Voting

d. Reed's Resolution – Conceal and Carry

- This bill that is being reviewed simply states that we oppose what the bill is going to do which is to take the right away for schools to prohibit conceal and carry.
- We would like to see another two WHEREAS statements in the legislatures. UWGB is higher when it comes to the questions concerning mental health challenges. I would like to see a statement concerning the high risk of mental health problems on this campus compared to the national average on campus.
- Q: How old is the survey data? Q: Who does the survey?
- This data is part of the benchmark data that the school and other universities nationwide subscribe to. National Survey of College Counseling Centers.
- Q & C: At the end of the meeting last time I asked if there was any data that you all have asked to have? I have gotten that data. 46% of people on campus are 21 and over of the living on campus 28% are 21. Public safety does 3 to 4 safe walks a year. I would also like to say to you all, don't confuse suicide and mental health with each other. Depression doesn't always deal with suicide, we are talking about a small segment of the school. There has only been one case of suicide with a gun on this campus from what I know.
- Q: Has anyone taken legal actions against the bill? What are the legal actions that can be taken if this does pass to counteract the law?
- I cannot think of any case law on if this passes, but there must be an event that will trigger the ball rolling on how to change or counteract the law. I can see a case being brought forth on a student making the teacher feel uncomfortable.



- C: At this phase there is no case study that can be used for this case, this resolution simply states the opinion for the record on what they are doing.
- Q: How many students have committed suicide?
- A: There has been 3 without the use of a gun.
- C: For Selena, according to the schedule, the conceal and carry will not be voted on until next year. Which will allow the students to work and lobby the legislature to fight the bill.
- Gretchen moved to approve this resolution. Reed seconded. 6-9-0. Did not pass.
- Tony motioned to revote. Reed seconded. 6-8-0 Did not pass.
- Call to question to reconsider the resolution.

V. Executive Board Reports

- a. President: Hannah Stepp
 - The app has been voted, there is a campus map, public safety, accessibility, etc. There is a side tab list, laundry, etc.
 - Phase II would have a dining tab be a main tab. The transportation system on campus will also be in the app it will be phased in later on. The start of the spring semester to
 - Please be courteous of people when others are speaking or when there are guests. Since we are representatives of the human body we need to give our all. Please be respectful to each other.
- b. Vice President: Lorenzo Lones
 - Went to a school in the community as a recruiting trip to tell minorities what UWGB has to offer to them, and what programs the school has. There was also a presentation about women and STEM. The students were thrilled and happy to apply to UWGB after the trip.
- c. Speaker: Gretchen Klefstad
 - Senators remember to start in signing in for your office hours the sign-in sheet is in my office, and be nice to your name plaques.
- d. RHAA: Brandi Kochera
 - She is changing up her hours.
- e. Chief Justice
- f. Standing Committees
 - Academic Affairs: Chad Osteen
 1. Last week, Hannah met with Darrell, academic advising, the chancellor is still trying to get 4 advisors for the 4 different schools. There would be a



specific advisors for the 4 colleges, this will alleviate burden for some workers.

2. Fix some of those problems on SIS
 3. Political forum on Thursday at 6pm about ideology, in MAC 206. The forum will show the core values of the different ideologies and share thoughts on an issue. There is freedom to talk about their ideas in a safe environment. The moderator is John Silver, otherwise if there are any suggestions on who should be a moderator please do tell.
- Committee Engagement: Avery Faehling
 1. The App passed, and he has recently created the Childcare UWGB page. The page is set up with pictures, ask for social media posts. Would you guys like me to start an online survey. To figure out what should be on the page.
 - a. Comment: People don't answer their emails.
 - b. Comment: There is a d2l page that might be used for the discussion board.
 - Environmental Affairs: Chrissy Bartelme
 1. PEAC and WLCV is showing Plastic Paradise in the Christie theatre at 7 pm.
 2. Committee meeting tomorrow at 2:30 in the SGA suites, there will be an agenda for it
 - Equity and Diversity: Chris Parker
 1. Carlos and Tanya working on the food drive taking place on the 16-20
 2. Childcare alliance is tabling for the rest of the week, in order to talk to the students about the childcare topic.
 - Health and Safety: Alex Girard
 1. There is a partnership meeting in order to create a collaboration to celebrate Veterans Day.
 - Recreation and Athletics: Sami Dannhauser
 1. First Kress advisor meeting they changed their mission, and value statements.
 2. Intermurals are going well.
 3. The Kress lost a large amount in segregated fees.
 4. The shake ideas at the Kress, would not work, because the students are too picky. They normally just bring their own shakes.
 - Student Resources: Jacob Immel
 1. Phoenix club is starting the half apps again this year. Posters will be going up for it, it will go from 8-12pm.
 2. Humane society project with Fiona, they are going to try to launch a partnership to bring animals on campus in order to relieve stress.
 3. Commuter programs is what Courtney is working on. Ride and share program is something that is being worked on.
 4. Phoenix of the week happening this week



- SUFAC: Eric Kissinger
 1. Counseling is presenting for SUFAC for segregation fees, all senators and chairs are welcome to come to the meeting.
 2. When it comes to the segregated fees, they are not getting less money, there are less people enrolling resulting in less money going to them.
- University Governance: Nate Fiene
 1. Still in discussion with Senator Johnson.
 2. Attempting to get representors on campus.
 3. Discussion with Hannah for over campus media for Flash TV.
- Union and Dining: Jessica Murphy
 1. On November 11th dining forum from 2:30-4:30pm.
 2. November 13th next dining meeting from 7:30-9:30.
 3. November is diabetes month, promoting for the MyFitness App, lots of promotion for that.
 4. Committee members will be contacted over this.

VI. Announcements

- a. Basketball Woman vs St Norbert's
- b. Mac 206, showing of V for Vendetta
- c. Republic meeting cancelled relationship with NBC.
- d. Director of Athletics are hiring for director of Communications, they asked to Chair for communication hiring. If you have feedback on who should work for the communications department.

VII. Adjournment: 6:27, Fiona moved to motion, Sam seconded. Approved.