



Student Senate meeting minutes for April 7th, 2008

Sara Duginske
President

Joe Tyrrell
Student Speaker

Nick Cibula
Vice President

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Student Senate was called to order at 5:05 P.M. in MAC-204 with Student Speaker Joe Tyrrell leading the meeting.

Roll Call – *See Final Page*

The Pledge of Allegiance

Reports

Presidential Report
Sara Duginske

Vice Presidential Report
Nick Cibula

No report.

Senate Speaker Report
Joe Tyrrell

Joe said as far as the sending out questions, they will be sent out tonight for the next meeting. Joe said that everyone should watch their email.

Good Times Programming Report
GTP said the Packer basketball was Saturday. GTP said there is a poet on Thursday in the Club. GTP said there is a rafting and ropes trip is coming up as well. GTP said the ticket price includes travel. GTP said Saturday evening is a comedian. GTP said the new Exec board is taking over on May 1st.

RHAA Report

RHAA said there is a ball coming up April 24th. RHAA said there is another event May 3rd as well as Res Life days from May 5th-8th. RHAA said RA Idol, Volleyball and other events are planned.

Academic Affairs Report

Steven Schultz

Steven said the plan for textbooks is to put up the book ordering notices on professors door.

Student Resources Report

Shaun Reganyi

Shaun said the podcast and internet broadcast is getting the ball rolling. Shaun said the clicker is good for a pilot this year and next year there will be more professors using them. Shaun said once the bookstore comes to the Union the old space will be a student lounge.

Health and Safety Report

Joel Diny

Joel said he will be gone Thursday thru Sunday. Joel said his committee members should email him any questions.

SUFAC Report

Brad Zuleger

No report.

University Governance Report

Ricky Staley

No report.

Union and Dining Report

Crystal Jushka

No report.

Equality and Diversity Report

Andrei Varney

No report.

New Business

A. UPASS - Crystal said she wanted to give an idea of what is going on. Crystal said in the past 72 hours a lot has happened. Crystal said UWGB has been working with GB metro on the possibility as a shuttle, as well as a one year pilot program for UPASS. Crystal said the UPASS will put into the budget if it goes well and proceeding the following years after tracking it. Crystal said work has been done with other schools as well.

Crystal said it will cost \$35,000 universal access for the bus. Crystal said she wanted to give an introduction to what is going on. Crystal said the city works slow then comes up fast. Crystal said she wants it in place by this summer. Crystal said hopefully as soon as June 2nd.

Crystal said next Monday the proposal will come back to Senate. Crystal said if there are any questions hopefully it will be answered as well as be passed. Crystal said UWGB will also meet with the Metro and St. Norberts. Crystal said as soon as next Monday it might be voted on. Sheila asked if it is passed for just this year.

Crystal said yes, as a pilot. Crystal said the numbers will be processed.

Crystal said the numbers will be tracked by how many passes are sold here. Lynsy asked where the meeting will be held. Crystal said Wednesday at 12 in the Coffee House as well as the Gathering Room at 5pm. Crystal said the Gathering room is

recommended. Sara said she can be contacted regarding it as well.

B. Campaign Infractions - Dan said he wants to fight infractions filed against the campaign. Dan said there was a memorandum written on April 2nd which outlined the complaints filed against the campaign. Dan read a section from the complaint which outlined the use of a personal laptop computer in voting. Dan said specifically there will be 6 total infractions that passed. Dan said 4 separate minor infractions were filed against the campaign for voting with laptops. Dan said Sara specifically told me that because as write-in candidates the rules did not apply. Dan said he did it because he thought he could. Dan said he is appealing the infractions because he doesn't want to be known as a cheater. Ryan agreed. Crystal asked if there is a section of the election rules if votes were counted to become a viable candidate. Ryan Mach said that all write in candidates are candidates.

Andrei asked why is the election commission the student court. Andrei said the election rules stated that the election commission can make election rules without confronting the student senate and asked why aren't the provisions for write-in candidates more expressed in the rules. Dan said it is a hard task to be a write in candidate. Dan said he didn't want to give up and to get over 200 votes it was needed. Dan said he did not know it was against the rules.

Andrei said the last section of the rules can be modified by 4/5ths of the Student Court and 2/3rd vote of the Senate. Dan thanked the Student

Senate for their time. Brenda said for informational purposes that the senate will certify an election or not but what the court did is final. Dan said the court put into the election rules that the rules apply to the write-in candidates so to do that is against Senate.

Ryan Mach said the election rules say that a contract must be turned in to be put on the ballot. Ryan said that is the sole purpose of signing the contract. Ryan said a contract isn't signed with the government so you don't speed. Ryan said under the constitution. Ryan said that under Article 3 section 5 that the Senate is subject to the court. Ryan said the the court is held by Senate to hold a fair and truthful election. Ryan said it is not fair and truthful to solicit votes like they did. Ryan said under the constitution, the court could not allow voter impropriety. Andrei asked if his question would be answered.

Ryan said it is under this and a specific rule isn't needed as it is implied. Ryan said it is a precedent. Andrei asked if it was to be contested who would it be gone to. Ryan said the student court. Andrei said the student court is the election commission. Sara said the court has the right to interpret it. Ryan said on top of that this discussion was had for 2 hours and it was thought out. Ryan said it couldn't be allowed with the infractions. Ryan said Dan and Ryan got votes they probably shouldn't of.

Dan said regarding soliciting votes, they were laptops it doesn't mean it is one ballot. Dan said it was signed on so it was a separate ballot. Dan said the infractions were wrongfully done.

Dan said two laptops is not two ballots. Ryan said he left it up to others. Ryan said campaigning shouldn't be done with computers as it was made clear at a meeting earlier in the year. Dan said there were two handfuls of people that voted for Rachel and Tania on the laptop. Ryan said it is mainly about private polling. Ryan said if the election rules were read under Section 5 infractions, while the court outlines many of the infractions the court is not limited in penalizing regarding the infractions. Ryan said secondly even if they were overturned, the 3rd most votes were had. Ryan said the candidates are trying to regain their good name for next years election. Ryan said the court is the sole venue for any appeals. Andy L said Dan and Ryan walked into dorms and solicited votes. Andrei said there is a conflict that needs to be addressed regarding the election commission and the Student Court. Joe said he is not putting Ryan Mach on trial. Dan said under section 5 we know that the sole venue is had but that is why we are appealing it to Senate. Ryan said that is fine to let the Senate decide. Ryan said the infractions were deserved because of voting soliciting. Ryan said 143 votes were had from the same IP. Ryan said the Court has done a fabulous job of running this election. Ryan said there is no more discussion. Tim said there is no reason to discuss this because the election was lost. Ryan Birdsall said this is not being appealed to get back in because he doesn't want to be known as a cheater. Ryan B said he was wrongfully told. Ryan B said

regarding privacy he was invited in.

Dan said he is not trying to undermine the court's authority because this is an injustice. Andy L said the Student Court can deny any complaint. Ryan M said at this point it was basically the Court's decision is final and there is no more recourse for Dan and Ryan. Joe said if this wants to end please make a motion. Joel said just because you are told something it doesn't mean its right.

Matt made a motion to end discussion. Casey seconded. Nick called the question. Nick said someone needs to make a motion to overturn the infractions regarding Dan and Ryan's campaign. Dan made a motion to overturn the infractions.

Matt seconded. Ryan called the question. Motion failed 2-14-1.
C. Election Results - Ryan said Tania and Rachel seceded from the election. Ryan said on the computer the results are shown. Ryan said Staley and Blanke were at 373 and Tania and Rachel at 316. Ryan said good job. Ryan said the 40% threshold doesn't apply because the opposing candidate seceded. Ryan said there is no need to do a run off. Ryan said the court is going to confirm that Ricky and Kervin won the election. Nick entertained a motion to certify the election results. Dan made a motion. Jeremy seconded. Andy seconded. Motion passed 17-0-0.

D. Smoking Ban - Joel said last week he brought a resolution that was passed via committee. Joel amended it by limited smoking instead of banning. Joel said he would

have one smoking area per building for the innerloop. Joel said the designated smoking area would consist of 4 ash trays with adequate signs. Joel said the areas would be 30 feet from commonly traveled walkways and doors. Joe said since this is an amendment, it is a proposed amendment for Senate to amend it from the original. Joe said what needs to be done it will have to be passed. Lynsy made a motion to approve the amended version. Chris seconded. Josh called the question. Dan objected. Dan wanted a copy of the current original without the amendment. Joe said it was shown last week. Joe said by straw pull it is now amended. Joel said after last week Senate showed the disapproval so Health and Safety still wanted to come up with a different policy. Sara said for the voting more than once, a time stamp and IP address was looked at. Sara said going through 1200 that it happened a handful of times. Sara asked how did that happen. Sara said that is the case for every single survey except for ones that require a username and password. Rachel asked if current ash trays should be gotten rid of. Joel said the ash trays will be consolidated. Andrei asked if it will be 30 feet from doors and commonly traveled walkways where will students smoke. Nick said discretion was left to facilities management. Andy asked what happened to the enforcement. Joel said it would be shot down. Joel said a smoke patrol would be a bad idea. Joel said it would be left to Public Safety, Facilities Management and students. Joel said if it passes it

will go to Faculty Senate. Joel said if it gets that far it will go to the Chancellor. Joe said one of the reasons that designated smoking areas were brought up because it will be more comfortable for students and encourage students to go towards it than be pushed away from doors. Nick said the decision making was brought to the Chancellor and the Chancellor suggested eliminating enforcement. Joel said he is done. Casey made a motion to end discussion. Dan seconded. Chris called the question. Ryan called acclamation. Lynsy made a motion to make it an immediate action item. Casey seconded. Dan called the question. Motion passed 15-1-1.

D. Student Court Justice - Sara said before questions are asked and she knows its late in the year. Sara said she talked with Ricky and Kervin and confirmed everything was ok. Nick said in addition, the court brought forth the new recruit. Leon said he is from Nigeria and is a junior in Environmental Policy and Planning. Leon said since entering college he has participated in extracurricular activities such as being the BSU secretary and subsequent president. Leon said in 2003 he attended a tech school in North Carolina and was a secretary for the international student association. Leon said he has switched majors a bunch and it helps to prepare someone for this kind of position. Leon said hopefully he will graduate as an Environmental Policy and Planning major. Andrei asked if Leon read the constitution. Leon said yes, about three times. Rachel asked

if Leon lived on campus. Leon said he lived off campus. Lynsy made a motion to approve. Ryan seconded. Nick called the question. Motion passed 17-0-0.

Announcements

Adjournment

The Senate meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M. by Senate Speaker Joe Tyrrell.

These fabulous minutes were submitted by

Joy Hanneman