



**Student Senate**  
5:30 PM October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Location: 1965 Room

- I. Call to Order at 5:32
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Present: Heba Mohammad, Bryan Boeck, Daniel MacSwain, Franklin Rabideau, Chloe Hansen, Melissa Zabkowicz, Jeff Huebner, TJ Fabel, Sergei Sutto, Paul Grover, Adrian Canilho-Burke, Jeff Armbruster, Becky Brown, Emily Carroll, Danielle Eder, Morgan Hansen, Rebecca Krizan, Nathaniel Krueger, Colter Joles, Jack Mellberg, Brianna Mollberg, Taryn Oleson, Kimmy Schwarzenbart, Rebecca Ellenbecker
  - b. Excused: Trevor Fuller, Tessa Kogler, Clinton Isham, Kyle Zellner
  - c. Unexcused: Shawn Cassellius, Matthew Hart, Melissa Kiela, Kong Moua
- III. Recognitions of Guests
  - a. Alex Tilton
  - b. Nick Toyne
  - c. Anna Goelz
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012
  - a. Correction: Jeff A: delete “by taxes” from my statement
  - b. Approved
- VI. Approval of Meeting’s Agenda
  - a. Paul: amendment to add Student Court to the agenda under new business
  - b. Approved as amended
- VII. Reports:
  - A. President – Heba Mohammad
    - i. Started mid semester meetings this morning, if you have not signed up yet, please do so. If the times don’t work for you, please let us know.
    - ii. Shirts for exec board members are here. Exec board payroll paperwork is out so you will be an email about that.

- iii. If someone comes to the office with a questions about the multipurpose space, please try to answer them or give them my or Dan's contact information.
- iv. There will be evaluations of committee chairs by senators and by each other so you will get those.
- v. There is also a Childcare Open Forum with a consultant on November 14th from 1:30 to 2:30 in the Christie Theater.

B. Vice President – Bryan Boeck

- i. A representative from the Board of Regents came to campus today and there was a big discussion. The major issues brought up are childcare, getting more people to athletic events, general phoenix pride, and bringing things closer to campus (such as stores).
- ii. Board of Regents was actually not aware that Student Reps passed a constitution so we'll see if that constitution is valid or not.

C. Speaker – Rebecca Ellenbecker

- i. Not Present

D. RHAA – Andrew Haugen

- i. Not Present

E. Chief Justice – Paul Grover

- i. Working on election timeline so you have two options that will be presented later.

F. Standing Committees:

1. University Governance – Chloe Miller Hansen

- a. 7 days left until the election!
- b. Tammy Baldwin will be on campus tomorrow at 7 in the Alumni Rooms
- c. Come meet Ward Bacon on Thursday At 7 in MAC 237. He is the District 88 candidate for State Assembly.
- d. Next Tuesday from 8:30 to 11 there will be an election watch party in the Union.
- e. If anyone would like to do a class speech, trying to encourage everyone to vote, let me know and I will send you the wording. It takes less than two minutes.
- f. We also have pledge to vote cards down in the office that will be hung up to show people that we are voting so fill out one of those.

2. Environmental Affairs – Daniel MacSwain

- a. Multipurpose space has been started. They are currently clearing the land, and then they will put in tiles to collect storm water for use at Shorewood golf course during a drought. Also, I talked to Paul late last week and told him to make sure that they mow around the trees and not over the roots so that we save them. Also, just so you guys remember, in the top, there will be a native prairie plant garden and two volleyball courts in the Southeast corner. There will be a concrete pad so that bands and other events can be held there. We are also using low mow grass which means that it only needs to be mowed twice a year which cuts down on fertilizers, herbicides and fossil fuel use.
- b. We had a committee meeting and heard from a student who wants to put more hydration stations around campus. She would like to put artwork in them as well.
- c. I also met with WeCar where students can sign up to use a rental car. We are looking into that further.

- d. Also, you should check your email for the Zimride survey that was sent out last week.
- e. Eco Rush week went well. Food Day was huge; we had over 300 people attend.
- 3. Academic Affairs – Franklin Rabideau
  - a. Survey distributed next week in its last draft.
    - i. Regarding study areas on campus and how to improve campus resources
  - b. Some classes have been reinstated, some discontinued by the professors teaching them so the catalog will be updated accordingly.
- 4. Health and Safety – Jeff Huebner
  - a. Meeting with Chief Kujawa to discuss AED locations on campus and how to get those on the campus maps. Also pushing to get more people to sign up for GB Alerts. Also, working on setting up a committee to discuss the parking program.
- 5. SUFAC – Matt Balson
  - a. Jack Mellberg: we are hearing auxiliaries already.
- 6. Recreation and Athletics – Melissa Zabkowicz
  - a. Date for Go Green Game on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Last Women’s basketball game. Focus on Zero waste for the game. Possibly giving away organic t-shirts. It also fits with Recycle Mania week.
  - b. First Kress Advisory meeting two weeks ago. We did a facility tour for all the new members.
  - c. Intramurals start this week.
- 7. Equality and Diversity– Sergei Sutto
  - a. Chancellor’s Council on Diversity and Inclusive Excellence meeting next Friday from 10:30 to 12
  - b. Next Monday, American Multicultural Student Leadership Conference meeting organized by Mai Lo Lee
  - c. If anyone is interested in being an intern in the LGBTQ Center, please contact Vickie Kersten in the AIC
- 8. Student Resources – TJ Fabel
  - a. Committee meeting after this meeting
- 9. Union and Dining – N/A

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ideas for SGA to get involved in UWGB’s Launch of Brand

-“360 degrees of learning”

-Big photo November 14<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the Quad. Rain/cold location is in the Kress.

-Dan: what about spelling out UWGB in the stands of an athletic event or something like that.

-Heba: at our Exec board meeting, we talked about sponsoring an event so if you have any ideas for that, email me or a committee chair

B. Pledge of Allegiance Resolution—Nathaniel Krueger

a. Motion to discuss the Resolution

i. Motion: Nate

ii. Second: Paul

b. Removes the requirement in the bylaws of reciting the pledge, but does not ban it.

c. Bryan: in order to pass this, we need a 2/3 vote.

d. Questions:

- i. Jeff A: what exactly do the bylaws say?
  1. Mark: “The United States flag will be displayed at meetings and the Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited at the beginning of each meeting. Members are not required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance but it is strongly encouraged.”
- ii. Morgan: I don’t see why this is a big deal. If you don’t want to say it, you can just sit down or be quiet.
- iii. Jeff H: I would like to point out that no other branch of student government that has this requirement including Exec Board, SUFAC and Court
- iv. Nate: my main point of this is that this does not add to the Senate meetings. It doesn’t have anything to do with Senate. We are here to make decisions on the school and pledging allegiance to the United States Government seems silly to me.
- v. Franklin: I see no point to remove the flag, but I do entertain the thought to remove the pledge requirement
- vi. Heba: I remember that when I was a senator it threw me off to have to say the pledge, because I hadn’t said it in such a long time and it seemed elementary to me. And this is just throwing the option out there, not saying we can never do it.
- vii. Morgan: when I joined Student Government, I also hadn’t said the pledge in a long time but I still think we are a public facility and we are in the United States. I don’t think it’s a bad thing whatsoever. I just think it’s silly to even bother with this.
- viii. Bryan: under parli pro, it is not a standard part of the general order of business in any meeting unless it is a branch of the US government.
- ix. Jeff A: I just want to add that it doesn’t really hinder anything in our meetings either. I mean we are connected to the US Government. It appears to me that this has already been addressed by saying that people don’t have to say it.
- x. Roll Call Vote
  1. Defeated: 2-13-1

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Student Court: Election timeline

- i. Paul: we would like people to have more time when they are elected to allow for a smoother transition in positions. Currently, the date is May 1<sup>st</sup> but we have a few alternatives. It can either be changed to 14 days before the end of the semester or 21 days before the end of the semester. There is a point where the Senate has to confirm the people that were voted in but that vote falls on different dates in the semester.
  1. Option 1 (14 days):

- a. Feb 25<sup>th</sup>: Paper work becomes available for candidates
  - b. March 12<sup>th</sup>: Referendum questions are due
  - c. March 26<sup>th</sup>: Paperwork is due from candidates
  - d. March 29<sup>th</sup>: Court certifies candidates
  - e. April 4<sup>th</sup>: Debates will be held
  - f. April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: Voting takes place
  - g. April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Senate ratifies the vote
  - h. April 26<sup>th</sup> (the 14th day before end of semester): Official transfer of power
2. Option 2 (21 days):
- a. Feb 18<sup>th</sup>: Paper work becomes available for candidates
  - b. March 5<sup>th</sup>: Referendum questions are due
  - c. March 12<sup>th</sup>: Paper work is due from candidates
  - d. March 14<sup>th</sup>: Court certify candidates
  - e. March 28<sup>th</sup>: Debates will be held
  - f. April 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>: Voting takes place
  - g. April 15<sup>th</sup>: Senate ratifies the vote
  - h. April 19<sup>th</sup> (the 21st day before end of semester): Official transfer of power
3. Heba: so your main issue is that the dates change every year?
- a. Paul: yes but it is also to give people more time be in their position before the school year ends
4. Mark: this May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline was set during an old semester schedule when we had an extra week in each semester just so you all know.
5. Morgan: so for this first option, we don't have to have an extra Senate meeting?
- a. Paul: it would depend on the year. I would personally like to have more time for the transition but that would require a special session.
6. Heba: Personally, I like the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline so even if we do this change, we have to have a special session to approve chairs. I think the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline also makes the people previously in the position to stay around and help.
- a. Paul: we can always change things. I mean we can go back to the drawing board and redo the whole thing.
    - i. Heba: I just like the May 1<sup>st</sup>, but the timeline is okay.
    - ii. Paul: what about when the last day of the semester falls on May 7<sup>th</sup> or something?
      - 1. Heba: I suppose so but I like having a later deadline.
7. Poll:

- a. In favor of changing the constitution
  - i. Majority
- b. 14 days
  - i. 8 Senator
- c. 21 days
  - i. 1 Senator

8. Paul: we will bring a constitutional amendment to the next Senate meeting as well as the official election timeline.

#### A. Approval of New Senate Applicant

- a. Motion to package vote
  - i. Motion: Jack
  - ii. Second: Becky
  - iii. Approved by voice vote

##### 1. Alex Tilton

- a. Junior, want to join because it would be a great way to voice opinions.
- b. Questions:
  - i. Heba: who encouraged you to join?
    - 1. Melissa Zabkowicz
  - ii. Morgan: what committees would you like to work on?
    - 1. Recreation and athletics because I'm already on Kress Advisory board
  - iii. Morgan: what is your favorite color?
    - 1. Blue
  - iv. Rebecca: what other committee would you like to be on?
    - 1. Health and Safety possibly

##### 2. Nicholas Toyne

- a. Sophomore and a half, DJS major, interested in SGA because I was impressed by how much influence there is on campus by you guys
- b. Questions
  - i. Morgan: what do you want to work on?
    - 1. Transparency, diversity and being more inclusive
  - ii. Rebecca: what committees are you interested in?
    - 1. Equality and student resources
  - iii. Morgan: what is your favorite color?
    - 1. Red

##### 3. Approval of package

- a. Roll Call vote
  - i. Approved

X. Announcements

A. Launch of 360 Degrees of Learning \*\*\*November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Noon\*\*\*

--Need Student involvement for Photo taken outside between Mac Building & Library

B. Register to Vote Now...& Early Vote at City Hall up until Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

--Otherwise Visit your polling location and VOTE Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

C. Heba: who is free on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6? We need a Senate rep at RHAA. You get a vote and it's really important. We also need people on the Academic Actions committee and \_\_\_\_\_ committee.

D. Rebecca: I know I sent out the committee spreadsheet so if you have any questions, please let me know.

E. Chloe: class reps tomorrow, see me afterwards.

F. Morgan: have we found a Union and Dining chair?

-Heba: not yet

G: Bryan: if anyone has concerns to bring to the Board of Regents or Student Reps, let me know.

XI. Adjournment at 6:49