



**Student Senate Meeting**  
Monday, November 12, 2012  
At 5:30pm  
*1965 Room*

- I. Call to Order at 5:31
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Minutes from October 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - a. Motion: Kyle
  - b. Second: Jack
  - c. Call the Question: Kyle
  - d. Approved by voice vote
- V. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion: Kyle
  - b. Second: Jack
  - c. Amendment
    - i. Paul: add election timeline, election rules changes and constitutional amendment after senator approvals
      1. Approved by voice vote
    - ii. Jeff: move senator training to after reports
      1. Approved by voice vote
- VI. Reports
  - a. President: Heba Mohammad
    - i. If you look at the Union and Dining section, we have changed that to a subcommittee under Student Resources with Morgan Hansen as the head

- ii. Also, if you did not get your evaluations in by today, please come talk to me
- b. Vice President: Bryan Boeck
  - i. Not present
- c. Speaker: Rebecca Ellenbecker
  - i. Thank a 360: you can write a card to an Alumnus who has donated money to the University. These donations go to study abroad, the library, scholarships, etc. These will be going around in during the meeting
  - ii. We are scheduling office hours. There is a page for each day of the week, please put your name in two of the slots.
- d. RHAA: Andrew Haugen
  - i. We passed legislation making duties for our committees. If you would like to look at the legislation, you can come see me. Also, I would like Student Government to take a stance on it.
    - 1. Heba: do you want that now, or would you like to do that next meeting?
      - a. Andrew: next meeting is fine.
- e. Chief Justice: Paul Grover
  - i. Finalized election timeline, rules and our amendment. There was also an issue with constitutionality with a section of SGA so we will be working on that.
- f. Standing Committees
  - i. Environmental Affairs: Daniel MacSwain
    - 1. We also talked about our Zimride survey. We also discussed using part of the sustainability fund to purchase things for the multipurpose space. Melissa and I have scheduled a join committee meeting to see what we all really want. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, let me know.
    - 2. Sustainability Committee meeting: we talked about STARS so we are looking to that to see where we can become greener.
  - ii. Academic Affairs: Franklin Rabideau
    - 1. Attended the AAC, additions to courses have been made. There were additions especially to the music department. I believe this will be implemented this next year. If you want more information,

- please let me know. The credit hour definition will be sent to the federal government for approval.
2. Our survey is only waiting for approval from the exec board
  3. We would like to work with other committees to make drop boxes to get student's input on SGA and us
  4. Heba: who is the chair of the AAC?
    - a. Kaoime Malloy
- iii. University Governance: Chloe Miller Hansen
    1. Elections went well we had 1800 people vote here on campus.
    2. We are now working on legislation, visibility and better record keeping. I would also like to be more of a resource for the student body.
    3. Bryan: will you be doing joint meetings with Franklin?
      - a. Probably
  - iv. Union and Dining: Morgan Hansen
    1. I set up a meeting with Rick Warpinski for tomorrow so hopefully I can find out what he's working on. If you're on my committee, please email me back. I have my own ideas but if anyone else has anything they would like to see done, let me know. We are also going to be putting together a survey to get more student input.
  - v. SUFAC: Matt Balson
    1. Still working on auxillary budgets, this week is dean of students and union. Then we are going to move on to student org budgets which are due this Friday at 11:59 PM
  - vi. Recreation and Athletics: Melissa Zabkowicz
    1. Jeff: There is a Kress Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow. Also meeting with Paul Pinkston this week to discuss getting an ice rink for this winter.
  - vii. Equality and Diversity: Sergei Sutto
    1. Chancellor's Committee on Inclusive Excellence meeting this last week
    2. AMSLC: meeting next week
    3. We had our first committee meeting today
  - viii. Student Resources: TJ Fabel
    1. Working with Academic Affairs on a survey as well as with Union and Dining on a survey talking about weekend dining
  - ix. Health and Safety: Jeff Huebner
    1. Next Monday, meeting with the Chief to talk about fire evacuation policies highlighted by our small fire in the Union
    2. Also, in the next few weeks I will be going down to Oshkosh to look at their training program for student escorts
    3. We will also be starting our committee meetings after every Senate meeting, starting the next meeting
- VII. Senator Training: Bryan Boeck
- a. Motion to go into informal discussion

- i. Motion: Jeff
- ii. Second: Jack

VIII. Old Business

- a. 360° of Learning – Heba Mohammad
  - i. This Wednesday is the 360 Degrees launch photo in the quad at noon. After the photo, there is a ping pong ball drop and if you get one, then you get to go up the outdoor staircase, across the student services roof (and that's exciting!) and to the bookstore. They will also be previewing the new promotional video in the Commons, along with some free food.

IX. New Business

- a. Proxy Voting Resolution: Heba Mohammad
  - i. Heba: we have been having a lot of quorum issues because people have not been coming to the meetings and not proxying their votes. Frankly, this is really crappy for those of us who are here and participating. This resolution makes an amendment to the Senate bylaws to require Senators to notify the Speaker of the Senate at least 24 hours before the meeting and leave a proxy vote for anything that is to be voted on. You can always have a proxy vote that is abstaining as well, if you do not feel prepared to vote on an issue.
  - ii. Questions:
    - 1. Kyle: this isn't going to be completely strict correct, I mean if something comes up?
      - a. Heba: yes it would be up to the discretion of the Speaker and the President, so Rebecca and Bryan
    - 2. Rebecca: am I supposed to find someone to take those proxy votes?
      - a. Heba: yes, you will be the collector of it, but not the voice
    - 3. Matt B: can a nonvoting member take a proxy?
      - a. Bryan: I would prefer that it were a voting member.
      - b. Heba: so there's nothing saying that it can't happen, but if you would like to add that requirement you can
    - 4. Andrew: isn't that giving a senator two votes?
      - a. Heba: no, they just get to voice someone else's votes
      - b. Andrew: well how do you know that they're voting correctly
      - c. Heba: we do take roll call votes so we could always go back plus I would hope that they have the integrity to not do that.
    - 5. Mark: what if something was brought up that changed someone's vote but they had already proxied?
      - a. Bryan: well they can reconsider their vote at the next meeting if they were on the winning side of the vote.
      - b. Heba: Also, if you have concerns, I encourage you to table it and use the reasoning and that you don't feel comfortable.

6. Rebecca: how would you propose that I punish them?
  - a. Heba: well it is up to you and that is why you are put in this position, along with Bryan
  - b. Bryan: we could do a parliamentary censure so everyone else basically gets to talk about the person that did something wrong.
7. Stephany: how would someone punish Bryan or Rebecca?
  - a. Heba: it would be a checks and balances so they could punish each other but Bryan is not a voting member so we shouldn't have to punish him.
  - b. Bryan: but the Senate can vote me out
8. Mark: just a historical perspective, this is the first year in my four years that this is a problem so I just think there could be another alternative.

iii. Debate

1. Kyle: what would the disciplinary actions be?
  - a. Rebecca: I don't know!
  - b. Heba: it is completely up to them.
  - c. Bryan: well if it becomes a habit, we will probably fire you. We did that earlier this year to solve a quorum issue.
2. Franklin: the worst position you can put yourself in as a senator is dismissal. This is very important and something needs to be done so I agree with this.
3. Chloe: is there any point in making an amendment to adding a 2 or 3 strikes you're out rule?
  - a. Heba: that is in the bylaws
4. Clinton: I don't like the 24 hours rule because there are times that I can't make it and don't know until close to the meeting
  - a. Bryan: we would accept it if it is a legitimate excuse
5. Stephany: how will you determine if it's legitimate
  - a. Bryan: well if someone has a trip planned, they should know to proxy but if something comes up, we'll be lenient.
6. Christian: it seems to me this isn't trying to punish anyone who something comes up it's to punish those who are lazy and repeatedly don't come to the meetings because they don't want to.
7. Andrew: what happens if you leave early from the meeting?
  - a. Bryan: if someone has to leave by 6, then they should know to proxy their votes because we will still be on reports. It's not that difficult to pass it off to the person next to you.
8. Clinton: have we even voted for anything yet? I mean I have missed a couple meetings but I don't remember anything being voted on.
  - a. Heba: well it's usually senator approval but we also had the pledge amendment
9. Paul: what exactly is quorum?

- a. Bryan: a majority of the voting body
- 10. Kyle: I was originally concerned about the 24 hours rule but if you think your punishment wasn't fair, you can always bring it to the Court.
- 11. Becky: I think one of the reasons people aren't coming or are leaving early is because we keep getting out later and later than we were last year.
- 12. Paul: I might recommend that part of the punishment is requiring more office hours for them.
- 13. Heba: this is not saying that removal is the punishment for this violation.
- 14. Bryan: it's not that difficult to stay here for a few hours each month and
- 15. Christian: if people have issues with only a few people making the decision for punishment, maybe the whole body could decide?
  - a. Rebecca: I agree because I personally think that this is the right way to go at it. I say that because I feel it will create negative feelings with people that maybe have issues currently. Also, I don't want to make anyone mad by giving them a bad punishment.
- 16. Franklin: but I feel that we have complete discretion to be sensitive to those situations. We need to be taken seriously. It is imperative.
- 17. Nick: I believe it is the duty of a senator to come to the meeting and stay for the whole time. It's only a couple hours a month and it's not that difficult.
- 18. Jeff: this is pretty much already in our bylaws, it currently says you may proxy your vote, this is saying you must proxy your vote.
- 19. Nate: Motion to end debate
  - a. Second: Franklin
  - b. Approved by voice vote
  - c. Resolution tabled until next meeting
- b. Approval of Senators
  - i. Motion to package vote: Becky
    - 1. Second: Kyle
    - 2. Approved by voice vote
  - ii. Christian Hampton
    - 1. I want to be a senator because I like being able to give my input and I feel like SGA is one of the biggest parts of that on campus. I also like being a part of great things on campus and I believe that Senate is one of those great things.
    - 2. Questions
      - a. Heba: what is your major?
        - i. Philosophy
      - b. Heba: who is your favorite philosopher?

- i. Myself, just kidding! I can't decide on a favorite because they all have pros and cons
- c. Danielle: which two committees would you like to be on?
  - i. University Governance and Health and Safety probably
- d. Nick: what do you think you can bring to the Senate?
  - i. I like to voice my opinion, I have held a lot of leadership positions such as RA for 3 years, now CA, I have been to multiple leadership conferences, I have also been involved in RHAA
- e. Jeff H: how do you plan to connect learning to life?
  - i. I believe they are inextricable. You cannot go through life and not learn.
- f. Andrew: could you elaborate on how you want to learn about the connection between SGA and RHAA?
  - i. I think it's important to work on this relationship so that both organizations can support each other.
- g. Nate: what changes or criticisms would you make to the current relationship between SGA and RHAA?
  - i. I don't know that I criticize it, I want to learn more about it to make it better
- h. Heba: we are in need of a senate rep to RHAA; would you be interested in doing that?
  - i. I would be!
- i. Kyle: what is your favorite color?
  - i. Pink because it's not actually a color. It is actually green.
- j. Sergei: if pink isn't a color, what is your favorite color?
  - i. Green because it can be two colors

iii. Anna Goelz

1. I am a junior Environmental Policy and Planning major with a business minor. I want to join because I have a lot of good ideas for campus. I have been involved in a lot of leadership positions before.
2. Jeff: how would you connect learning to life?
  - a. I've learned from a lot of my life experiences and I think everyone else does too
3. Kyle: what issues would you like to work on?
  - a. I would like to see more accommodations for off campus students such as childcare. I would also like to see family style housing.
4. Kyle: point of information, when is the consultant coming?
  - a. Heba: it has been cancelled but will be rescheduled and we will let you know when that is.
5. Kyle: what is your favorite color?

- a. Purple
  - 6. Danielle: which committees would you choose?
    - a. Probably governance and diversity
  - 7. Nate: do you have any particular goals you would like to pursue in those committees?
    - a. Childcare center, as a woman the equality and diversity committee appeals to me.
- iv. Vote
  - 1. Roll Call Vote
    - a. 16-0-0
- c. Motion to go into a 5 minute recess
  - i. Motion: Jeff
  - ii. Second: Rebecca
  - iii. Approved by voice vote
- d. Election Timeline
  - i. This is our current timeline. This is without the constitutional amendment but we also have the one with the constitutional amendment. We would like to submit this for approval of the Senate.
  - ii. Questions:
    - 1. Heba: so the two options are if the constitutional amendment is passed or not?
      - a. Paul: yes
    - 2. Rebecca: can you go over this for new senators?
      - a. Paul: paperwork comes out on February 25<sup>th</sup> and there is a list of materials to be on the election ticket. You will need to fill out an application and get 50 signatures. If there is a referendum question, it will need to be sent to the court by March 12<sup>th</sup>. All candidate paperwork will need to be in by March 26<sup>th</sup>. April 4<sup>th</sup> we will have debates between the presidential candidates. Then April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> will be the vote. Senate will approve the election on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and then all new elected people will take office on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Election Rules Changes
  - i. The election rule changes are shown by anything being cut in red strike out and anything being added in purple.
  - ii. The first change is that we want to eliminate the word physical because you can campaign electronically.
  - iii. We also added a definition of campaigning
  - iv. We made sure there will be no excuse for not knowing the rules by adding links to public safety and the union policies
  - v. We have also added that if someone is in a position of power, we do not want them adding that title to their email when discussing campaigning unless that student organization approves of that.
  - vi. We added a section that says that anyone holding office in SGA can't use their title to endorse a particular candidate or referendum position



- vii. In the infractions section, we cleaned up a lot of the wording because it was very confusing and wordy
  - 1. Heba: what does it mean the “referendum position”?
    - a. Paul: it means taking a yes or no stance on a referendum.
- viii. In election mechanics, we will change it so that someone can vote for more than one person if there is more than three candidates. Conventionally, you can only vote for one person but if there were three or more candidates one of those could take away votes from the best candidate.
- ix. If you have any questions, you can feel free to email us at [stcourt@uwgb.edu](mailto:stcourt@uwgb.edu)
- f. Constitutional Amendment
  - i. We want to put this into effect to give us a little more time and resources for new people coming into their jobs.
  - ii. Heba: how will the last part be enforced?
    - 1. Paul: any infractions can be brought to the court. And if people don’t get their resources before they leave, we can step in and help them out plus encourage the old person to come back.
    - 2. Stephany: we are looking into how much control we have over their honorariums.
    - 3. Paul: but this at least gives us a foothold to start enforcing this
  - iii. Christian: have people not been getting their resources?
    - 1. Stephany: it has been brought to us
    - 2. Rebecca: the last speaker resigned and I didn’t have any help.
  - iv. Heba: personally, I don’t like this because that was a very special case but I don’t see how this is any better.
  - v. Chloe: yeah I ran with Michael for president and vice president and we were already planning our chairs before we were elected, just in case. And I actually met with Jeff who was the previous chair and he wasn’t much help.
    - 1. Heba: was that because of the date or his personality?
      - a. Chloe: part of both I suppose
    - 2. Paul: going back to Christian’s question, we also want to keep a consistent amount of time between the change of the power and the end of the semester because the academic calendar changes every year.
    - 3. Matt: whatever date it is, honorariums are already approved so it won’t matter
    - 4. Christian: is there a reason it is attached to May 1<sup>st</sup> in the first place?
      - a. Paul: I believe that there was an extra week.
      - b. Mark: yes, when this was approved, the academic calendar was one week longer each semester than it is now.

5. Paul: also, this will make it easier for us to make the election timeline each year so that there is enough time between each thing on the timeline.
- vi. Debate:
1. Heba: I personally feel that this doesn't help us at all. I really don't know why we're changing it.
  2. Christian: to me, it seems that this is not really addressing the problems that need to be addressed. Why couldn't you do some sort of training session? And then people could ask questions.
  3. Paul: as a senator, if you would like to propose an amendment or resolution to change that, you are more than welcome to do so. We personally think that this is a solution to our problems.
  4. Kyle: from discussions in the senate office, we have talked about this and this guarantees that there is a senate meeting before the end of the school year.
    - a. Heba: point of information, we usually call an emergency meeting anyway.
  5. TJ: I've been on the exec board for 3 years now and I don't feel like it's that big of an issue with people not sticking around.
    - a. Paul: but if there is language in the constitution then we could bring the range of experiences to the optimal level
  6. Nick: I think that moving it back, brings it farther from finals.
    - a. Heba: point of information, nothing changes except the transfer of power
  7. Christian: although this has good intentions, you have no teeth in this. There isn't anything you can do to keep them checked in.
    - a. Stephany: I think you're missing the main focus of this but our main concern of this is changing the date to make our timeline easier to make rather than having to change it every year.
  8. Heba: then the originally stated major problem of having people need better guidance is not true and it is mostly to make it easier for you.
  9. Mark: to move up that transition of power, you are also making it more difficult for senators to get into things when they are focused on school.
  10. Paul: we also had a 21 day option which could provide a little more leeway for having a senate meeting but most senators seemed to prefer the 14 days.
  11. Matt: so does the last day of classes include finals week or not?
    - a. Paul: no it is from the last day of classes which is a week before the end of finals week.
  12. Heba: when you took that informal poll at the last meeting, was there a "don't change it" option.
    - a. Paul: yes there was

13. Andrew: Move to end debate

a. Second: Rebecca

X. Announcements

- a. Chloe: it's Jeff's birthday today!!
- b. Andrew: it is pink week so go over to Studio Arts and check out all their work, it's just for fun and to celebrate a color.
- c. Chloe: it is also Justice Week so check out some of those things. Wednesday is Wear Blue Day for ending sex trafficking
- d. Danielle: there are some cool things sponsored by GTP this week so check those out
- e. Rebecca E: we are working on our float so if you can help, let us know. In the Studio Arts Scene Shop, there are lots of things going on so stop by 12 to 2 Tuesday and Thursday. Also, if you can walk in the parade on Saturday, come see me.

XI. Adjournment at 8:08