



Student Senate Meeting
Monday, March 11th, 2013
At 5:15pm
1965 Room

- I. Call to Order 5:23
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Minutes from February 25th Meeting
 - a. Motion: Christian
 - b. Second: Kyle
 - c. Call to Question: Trevor
 - d. Ayes-- Approved
- V. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to Approve: Kyle
 - b. Second: Jack
 - c. Motion to Amend to make old business VI and new business VII: Nick
 - d. Second: Kyle
 - e. Call to Question: Christian
 - i. Amendment Approved
 - f. Call to Question: Christian
 - g. Agenda Approved
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Approval of the Segregated University Fee Rate
 - b. SUFAC Chairs explain the budget once again.
 - i. Motion to Approve the Segregated University Fee Rate \$1,378- Kyle
 - ii. Second-Nick
 - iii. Call to Question: Becky
 - iv. 20 Ayes- 1 Abstention

VII. New Business

- a. First Reading: Constitution Revisions
- b. Comments, Questions, Concerns
- c. Section 101
- d. Section 102
- e. Section 103-Committees
 - i. Student resources to Information and Technology.
 - ii. Brianna: I like it better, and it is more specific
 - iii. Heba: I like it better because it is not as broad and gives you more information as to what they actually work on.
 - iv. Nick: Every committee could technically be an ad hoc committee under Student resources. It is more specific.
 - v. Melissa: I agree with Heba, we would have to redefine what the chair actually does other wards.
 - vi. Kyle: It is just a strict name change. What it does is still up for debate. Information is broad enough, and just a name.
 - vii. Christian: What if we called it Resources and Technology?
 - viii. Taryn: it's just a name change. If we want to restrict it further we should look at the guidelines. It is too restrictive.
 - ix. Kyle: Example? State department, what does it do? The name isn't too restrictive
 - x. Straw Poll
 1. Resources and Technology
 2. Student Resources-Most popular
 3. Information and Technology
 - xi. Equality and Diversity and Equity and Diversity
 1. Heba: Changes the connotation, not just looking at the culture but also the policies and what affects students.
 2. Jack: I like the way it is right now, but people won't get it. I do like what you are trying to do though
 3. Christian: Equity makes it more active. I think that it is an important distinction. We should be participating. If it is explained, students would get it.

4. Brianna: In context I understand, but I was confused at first. This does need to be stressed.
5. Kyle: Required to meet once a month? We changed it to in session so you don't have to meet over break

f. Section 104

- i. Shawn: SGA is just like every other organization. SUFAC should do it.
- ii. Brianna: I agree, it's not fair for us to do this.
- iii. Kyle: History of it. What is the difference of it? But SUFAC is a sub-committee of it.
- iv. Chloe: We are laying it out more in the by-laws. It has to adhere to all of the SUFAC guidelines.
- v. Christian: Senate approval, SUFAC observance. We still have to adhere, and SUFAC can
- vi. Kyle: We actually break SUFAC regulations
- vii. Christian: What do we break?
- viii. Kyle: Mostly dollar limits
- ix. Christian: Maybe we need different guidelines for us?
- x. Kim: As long as it gets presented to SUFAC I don't really care, someone is always here. SGA exceeds dollar limits.
- xi. Heba: We should do a hybrid model. President should present and get recommendations. I do like the idea of different guidelines. It is something to talk about.
- xii. Jeff: We are in a legal mess if we have different guidelines. You are putting one organization on a pedestal.
- xiii. Brianna: I agree.
- xiv. Nick: In the Preamble: SUFAC and SGA is the same thing. In compliance with a Wisconsin State Statue.
- xv. Straw poll
 1. Keep Hybrid option in Bylaws-3
 2. Put it in Constitution-11
- xvi. Chairs on SUFAC
- xvii. Kim: No, I don't think it should be allowed. It could be biased, and they have too much power. There is a conflict of interest.

- xviii. Jeff: I feel like SUFAC has too many internal controls for the issue of bias. Chairs don't really have that much power. Seg fees are something that students should have a decision on.
- xix. Megan: Kim's point, wouldn't technically any one in any other org have the same conflict of interest
- xx. Kyle: Chairs don't have power; they are advisors to the president. The problem with SUFAC is that president can remove chairs. Presidents could influence a vote in that way.
- xxi. Mark: How many at large members can you have?
- xxii. Kim: 8 at large
- xxiii. Mark: How would chairs would you allow to be at large members. Where does it end?
- xxiv. Chloe: This could be in the SUFAC or Senate by-laws
- xxv. Heba: It would be strange to have someone serve as two positions. The opportunity should be given to other people.
- xxvi. Shawn: We could add positions to be exec board members rather than giving at large members spots to exec board members
- xxvii. Christian: Have we looked at other campus's SUFAC and Senate relationship.
- xxviii. Jeff: Power and President, if that was the case, we have the student court. We could stack it with the exec board. You have to approve at-large members. There are internal controls.
- xxix. Kyle: The court has no say in it. The president has the right.
- xxx. Straw poll
 - 1. Chairs cannot serve period on SUFAC-
 - 2. Limit to how many chairs in SUFAC bylaws-6
 - 3. Limit in the constitution

g. Section 105-RHAA

- i. Christian: I think the group should be open to housing students. It is more than just a small group of people. Opinions should be heard.
- ii. Chloe: I have a two-step process; create multiple models and then present to a larger group.
- iii. Christian: That should be open to everyone.

- iv. Chloe; I disagree, we need more structure.
- v. Andrew: What if the RHAA representatives don't agree with the models?
- vi. Chloe: They would agree with these models. Then anyone can talk about it.
- vii. Jack: I agree with Christian. There are too many opinions, and not everyone understands. Since everyone could have an opinion than I agree with Chloe
- viii. Jeff: We should move on, since nothing has actually been changed.
- ix. Mark: If you look at how the changes have come about, this is more open than any other section.
- x. Shawn: We are encompassing what students want as SGA.
- xi. Christian: I need to understand how SGA thinks and others. It's not open to all of Senate. It should be open to all of RHAA and senators.
- h. Section 201
- i. Section 202
 - i. Megan: For A, shouldn't that also include ad-hoc committees?
 - ii. Chloe: No, it should. Committees and chairs are separated.
- j. Section 203
 - i. Heba: For A, removal doesn't have to be approved?
 - ii. Chloe: We are thinking that since they are advisors, removal is appropriate
 - iii. Kyle: They only have to be confirmed, so removal doesn't need to be confirmed.
- k. Section 204
- l. Section 205
 - i. Heba: Why was the fourteen day appointment period here?
 - ii. Chloe: It was reactionary, and we felt like it was beneficial.
 - iii. Kyle: It was a compromise. We don't want an entire shift of power to happen. Automatic shift, you could be losing too many senators.
- m. Section 301
 - i. Jack: The court should decide on a new chief justice, it's internal
 - ii. Shaun: I agree.
 - iii. Mark: What do you do for a tie?

- iv. Chloe: We would add a clause
 - v. Kyle: I prefer that the court would choose. I feel like it would work out. Tie-breaker could be like regular decisions.
 - vi. Christian: What if no one wants it?
 - vii. Chloe: It will happen, and it's a by-laws. Tie-breaker could be a by-law thing, but we can put it in the constitution
 - viii. Mariah: Is the chief justice one of those 5 justices? Yes. Then what about voting?
 - ix. Heba: We are talking about regular voting. Clarification issue.
- n. Section 302
- i. Kim: It starts with the court first? It should first be an appeal to the SUFAC chair, and then to the court.
 - ii. Chloe; We just pulled this from the court first.
 - iii. Kyle: It would be after the SUFAC chair appeal yes.
- o. Section 401
- i. Christian: GPA should have a buffer between the students who won't be able to focus attention on the Senate. I think it should be a 2.3
 - ii. Kyle: Restricting our membership. I don't feel like people should be excluded from it.
 - iii. Jack: I think the one semester grace period is a good enough of a buffer.
 - iv. Megan: I suggested 2.25, but it's not that restrictive. If you are at a 2.0, you need to focus on your academics.
 - v. Kim: It should stay at 2.0. It should be as open as possible. It's not our say as to how people should spend their time. We can't tell them what they should or should not be focusing on.
 - vi. Kyle: Kim just explained my point.
 - vii. Jack: This is an individual choice. We should look at it as a case by case basis.
 - viii. Mariah: The more active I am, the better I do at school.
 - ix. Franklin: I don't think we should be afraid to pull it up. We could send a message that it isn't a priority.

- x. Mark: Dean of Students- We have a growing number of students whose GPA's are slowly falling. I would recommend that you have a semester GPA of 2.0 and a cumulative GPA of 2.0
- xi. Shaun: I like the dual idea. I don't feel like this is a discussion we should have. I don't see the point of changing it. That is the academic standard.
- xii. Andrew: We shouldn't be limiting numbers. Sometimes organizations are what keep students going. Do you also raise the executive board expectation to? I don't think we should raise it.
- xiii. Brianna: 2.0, you really aren't trying. You should have extra motivation for Student Senate to have above a 2.25.
- xiv. Mariah: I agree with the dual GPA standard. People, who still want the degree, should not be limited because not everyone is book smart. Semester grade should be higher.
- xv. Melissa: I think that if you are able to attend school, you should be in Senate. We can't be academic elitists.
- xvi. Christian: The point of being in college is to get the degree and be educated. The point at which someone is at a 2.0, they should be looking at their grades.
- xvii. Heba: I agree with Christian and Franklin. We should have some sort of standards. I think we should have some sort of standards.
- xviii. Nick: Being at 2.0 gets you a degree
- xix. Straw Poll
 - 1. Dual Requirement- 16
 - 2. No Dual requirement-3
- xx. Straw Poll
 - 1. Remain the same-10
 - 2. Change it-11
- xxi. Straw Poll

Motion to recess for 5 minutes: Kyle

Second: Nick

Call Meeting back to order: 7:17

VIII. Reports

- a. President: Heba Mohammad

- i. Edible Book fest at the Library—Asked if SGA would like to partner, we are partnering.
- ii. United Council: They wanted to talk about why we aren't joining it. I responded no. We only talk to our one representative
- iii. Faculty Senate:
 1. The misconduct was approved.
 2. The new programs were tabled because of too many questions
- iv. Child care committee. We could look at vouchers for the demand.
 1. Kyle: I tried contacting Bev Carmichael, and I have emailed her.
- v. Renewing D2L contract within the UW systems. They left it open to look at systems if needed.
- vi. Talk about a 30 credit core that would be transferable, and it is close to be solidified.
 1. Nick: What would the core bring together?
 2. Heba: Basic general educations that would transfer. I don't know what it includes.
- vii. We have a new admin assistant Becky! We are organizing our office!
 1. Chloe: This is our record-keeping system person, and we need this person. We need a system of record-keeping and filing. Binders and computer organization so we don't lose things. Ask Becky if she needs help please.
 2. Becky: Junior, second job on campus. She works with ATS, and D2L. I am in two different orgs, and this is my opportunity to be in student government.
- viii. Election Timeline is out and nothing has been turned in. Don't worry about other people, worry about what you want to do. We all have our own ambitions.
- ix. Opinion—I have a friend who is involved in Student Government at Carthage, and we want to stage visits. We are going to do it over spring break on Tuesday at 9pm.
 1. Have them sit in on Senate or Executive?
 2. Christian: Which would show them the best parts of our student government?

3. Heba: Executive board would be the best idea.
 4. Kim: they are welcome whatever.
 5. Heba: Is this a good idea?
- b. Vice President: N/A
- c. Speaker: Megan Leonard
- i. New Senate Application that we created. It is very similar, it just looks nicer.
 1. 50 student signatures and then one faculty signature
 2. Kyle: No, membership should not be on faculty membership.
 3. Heba: I think it is important, because faculty is interested in student government. I don't think that it is difficult to find one.
 4. Jack: I don't see the point. What does it accomplish?
 5. Christian: If it is so easy to get the signature, what does it demonstrate? I don't think that it demonstrates anything.
 6. Mariah: Isn't that what you have students do? Students don't really ask questions. It's just extra support.
 7. Megan: We want senators to have more of a connection with a faculty member.
 8. Melissa: Freshmen are going to be intimidated.
 9. Jack: I don't think it matters
 10. Brianna: A recommendation from the faculty, because a signature doesn't do anything.
 11. Nick: Off of Melissa's point. If you are asking them to sign, than they already have that relationship you wanted.
 12. Danielle: It is more of looking for a job than anything else.
- d. Senate Retreat?
- i. An extra meeting, not mandatory for senators. The responsibilities and elections. It would be the Friday after spring break.
- e. RHAA: Andrew Haugen
- i. Our NCC and WCC elections are coming up.
 - ii. National Conference in Pittsburg are due March 13th at 7.
- f. Chief Justice: Stephany Haack
- i. Election Materials due March 26th

g. Standing Committees

i. Environmental Affairs: Daniel MacSwain

1. Go Green Game was a success.
2. Last week's meeting they talked about tree planting resolution and hydration station awareness.
3. Meeting with the Chancellor
4. Wednesday March 13th Mac 301-Multi-purpose space that they want to approve park supplies and a prairie.
 - a. Christian: Swing Set? Recommendation

ii. Academic Affairs: Franklin Rabideau

1. Looked over the commons and the visibility boxes. General message was food and childcare.
2. Informative Pamphlet about scheduling classes. How to do it, who to contact for each major and helping people out.
3. Visibility—looking at table toppers in the union.

iii. University Governance: Chloe Miller Hansen

1. Constitution
2. Presented the Executive By-laws, and voting on them next week.
3. Finish Constitution tonight,
4. Senate By-laws started soon.
5. Keeping an eye on legislation
6. Look at the Supreme Court election and register to vote.
 - a. Heba: Supreme Court Election? Get out to vote?
 - b. Chloe: April 2nd, we will be increasing emails, and social media.

iv. Union and Dining: Mariah Pursley

1. Looking at nutrition facts, and pamphlets. There is a binder with nutrition facts that is four years old.
2. They don't mark the seven big allergens that all US products are required to display.
3. Talking about the SGA office areas more productive for us. We have committee meetings, and have a larger office.
 - a. Heba: Something like the 4e office would be nice.
 - b. Franklin: Our current set up isn't working
 - c. Megan: She agrees. She loves the 4e office.
4. Plastic Bags price will be enforced, and reusable will be enforced
 - a. Brianna: Bags aren't really used
 - b. Melissa: We should raise the price so it is more effective. It should be more effective.
 - c. Andrew: The bag charge is common
 - d. Jeff; this has been passed by the Senate last year.
 - e. Brianna: Where does the extra money go?
 - f. Mariah.: Good question
 - g. Nick: Reusable bag for \$.15 or plastic bag.
 - h. Megan: I agree with Nick
 - i. Heba: I know proposals are being looked at, are you apart of that? Should others?
 - j. Mariah: I will be involved soon.

v. SUFAC: Kim Dawson/Shawn Brown

1. Thank you for approving the rate

- vi. Recreation and Athletics: Melissa Zabkowicz
 - 1. Go Green Game was good
 - 2. Multi-purpose space
 - 3. Kress Center Committee—Intermural fee, and
- vii. Equality and Diversity: Sergei Sutto
 - 1. AMSLAC- we get the torch passed to us next spring, and if you want
- viii. Student Resources: TJ Fabel
 - 1. 5:15 Tuesday for a committee meeting
- ix. Health and Safety: Jeff Huebner
 - 1. License plate camera is here, but the actual
 - 2. AD stickers are on order, and training happened last month.
 - 3. Improved signage.
 - 4. PR poster almost done.
 - 5. Scrapping campus bike registration and just going with the Green Bay registration.

Constitution:

- Section 601
- Section 602
- Section 603
- Section 604
- Section 701

Heba: D- the Vice President would be the court, the entire court?

Chloe: No, the Vice President would preside.

Megan: I agree with Heba, you should reword it.

Section 801

IX. Announcements

- a. Christian: RHAA is proposing to combine the Bus and funds chair and the Vice President, opinion?
 - i. Heba: Why?
 - ii. Christian: More of a stream-lining
 - iii. Melissa: Is it too many duties for one person?
 - iv. Kim: Is there legislation to look at it? I would like to see it.
 - v. Megan: Email it out so people can respond
- b. Heba: Transition binders, and look for successors if you aren't coming back. Also mid-semester reviews, please remember!

X. Adjournment 8:09