



Student Senate meeting minutes for February 4th, 2008

Sara Duginske
Nick Cibula
President
Vice President

Joe Tyrrell
Student Speaker

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Student Senate was called to order at 5:04 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

Sorry I was late I had a meeting with Brenda. Welcome back. If you haven't noticed, the president's blog is up and running. I encourage you to visit. The newspapers will be delivered starting tomorrow as well as Newsweek. Conservation Lobby Day was cancelled due to weather. We have a new Press Secretary, Ben Kotenberg. Lastly, Nick will not be here Monday nights anymore due to work.

Vice Presidential Report
Nick Cibula

Senate Speaker Report
Joe Tyrrell

Welcome back. I'm excited to start again. As a lot of you may know, in the last issue we had a whole list of what the committees were working on and there were a lot of things on that list. Part of a Senator's job is to help out the Secretaries, so please do. If there are any concerns that senators or secretaries have, just let someone know. Also, I am always open to new ideas if there is anything senators do notice. The first thing that was mentioned last semester was that Parle Pro is used here. Some of you know how to do it and some of you don't. I'm not going to do an orientation because I don't want to waste everyone's time.

Good Times Programming Report
Jamie Froh

Spring brochures are done so I will pass those around. We just started recruiting for the Exec board and the applications are available outside the GTP office. Those are available and there are honorariums. Wednesday night is Ha Ha Tonka at the Phoenix Club and this weekend we have an illusionist for the Lock in.

RHAA Report

Ellen Domine

We met last week and discussed landline placement. We cut them so we would like public phones available for student use. I do have a cheat sheet for Parle Pro if anyone needs one. We went to WURHA and basically cleaned house. We won program of the year as well as other awards. Tonight is Casino Night, so please hop over to the Phoenix rooms after the meeting.

Academic Affairs Report

No report.

Environmental Affairs Report

Crystal Osman

Crystal resigned due to work related issues. The shuttle system is still being worked out for all universities around here. There are blue books used in class and we are looking to invest in green books which are recycled books.

Health and Safety Report

Joel Diny

Welcome to the new semester. First thing I want is emails from everyone on my committee of their schedules. The smoking policy is a little iffy right now because of the state. Public Safety said they are looking to recruit two long rifles to the campus as well as tasers. The Brown County Swat team takes 3 hours to mobilize, so with the rifles, Public Safety would be able to counter any attack. Tasers are there in case anyone gets unruly. Tasers are safer than pepper spray and billy clubs. Parking is an issue and will be discussed this semester. I will be doing a Student Life Safety Report sometime this semester and investigate what areas are unsafe around the campus. If you see anything awry on campus, call Public Safety. If you have any questions, email me or visit me in the office.

SUFAC Report

Brad Zuleger

Not much to report except we had our 2nd meeting this semester. We had a few requests and org budgets every meeting. D-Day is on March 1st.

University Governance Report

Ricky Staley

I just want to let my senators know that I need your Spring schedules. We will talk about issues when we get to meetings.

Union and Dining Report

Crystal Jushka

There is a meeting tomorrow.

Equality and Diversity Report

Andrei Varney

No report.

New Business

- a. Approval of Chief Justice Ryan Mach - Ryan Mach said he is a senior Political Science major. Ryan said he is an investigative intern at a criminal defense office and his job is to investigate certain cases to find evidence. Ryan said unlike class where students learn theory, Ryan said he has a practical application of law. Ryan said he is a dedicated student who plans to go to law school. Andy made a motion to approve Ryan Mach. Tania seconded. Edward called the question. Motion passed 18-0-0.
- b. FERPA – Family Education Rights & Privacy Act - Brenda introduced herself as the Student Dean for campus life and the advisor of SGA Exec and Senate. Brenda wanted to prep everyone on FERPA, and asked how many people feel they know about it. Brenda passed

around brochures for FERPA and explained it is put in place to protect students. Brenda said if a student's parent wanted to know grades of a student, this act would protect the student. Brenda said it would only be released if there was a health or safety issue. Brenda said if a student would be hurt or think about hurting themselves, all bets are off. Brenda said if a student wants their parent to access the grades or financial information, that is available. Brenda said there is a FERPA form for download on the website. Brenda said that is controlled by the student. Brenda said that directory information, info that is public knowledge, such as majors or residence, that can be verified. Brenda said the private information will not be given out, such as grades. Brenda said the brochure is pretty student friendly. Brenda said FERPA is talked about during orientation. Brenda said Melissa Jackson drafted the handout. Brenda said she wanted to make the legal things more student friendly. Brenda said this is a prep session really. Brenda said Melissa Jackson will come to a meeting soon where senate can ask questions. Brenda said the university is erring on the side of caution and when push comes to shove, information can be released. Brenda said she just wants the students informed of the documents and whether or not it is helpful. Brenda said if a student is in a stalking situation or a bad situation, there is a time and a place when UWGB should be protective of directory information. Brenda said health and safety is number one. Brenda said the trend is more and more parents want to get in on student's business, which needs the student to sign off on that. Brenda said the culture has changed in the past ten years.

- c. Approval of Academic Affairs
Steven Schultz - Steven introduced himself as a Sophomore and said he had been in SGA for almost a year. Steven said he was on Academic and Environmental affairs. Tania made a motion to approve Steven. Andy seconded. Joel said his combat brigade has been tasked with a 3 week drill and trying to work with state to get that

done to see if soldier's can miss school and wants to know if in the future if this is viable. Steven said that is something that will be looked into but cannot see why this won't be worked around. Steven said DOS tries to accommodate everyone. Erica asked why Steven wants to be Academic Affairs Chair. Steven said he has sat on many committees and said this is a new way to get even more involved than he already is. Josh called the question. Motion passed 18-0-0.

- d. Approval of Nicki Manske & Rachel Gerth - Nicki said she was a sophomore business administration major who wants to be on senate to be more involved. Rachel Gerth said she is a sophomore and a history major who wants to be more involved and know what is happening on campus. Andy made a motion to approve. Andy seconded. Joel asked what is their overall mission. Rachel said she wants more people to know there actually is a senate. Nicki said she wants to become more involved. Tania made a motion to package Nicki Manske and Rachel Gerth. Josh seconded. Chris called the question. Motion passed 18-0-0.

Announcements

Ricky said this isn't SGA related, but as of last week UWGB has a chapter of Amnesty International and senators can just email Ricky if you have questions or would like to join. Sara reminded everyone that Wednesday in the EC is Scott Nichols Memorial. Kervin said he wanted to meet with his committee after this. Joel said he would like to meet with his committee as well. Brenda said RAs and Student Ambassadors are happening right now so if you are interested, please contact Residence Life or Student Life. Joe said everyone needs to check agendas for meeting rooms and added he will try to keep consistency. Joe added if anyone didn't get a nametag, just come up to me or email me. Joe added that Nicki and Rachel should come see him.

Adjournment

Chris made a motion to adjourn. Edward seconded. Joel called the question. Edward called acclamation. Meeting is adjourned at 5:36 PM.

These fabulous minutes were
submitted by

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