



## *Student Senate*

**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**University Union, 1965 Room**

**5:15pm**

- I. Call To Order: Dylan called the meeting to order at 5:16 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
  - i. Members present: Elijah, Valeri, Abbigail, Justis, Josiah, Ethan, Sara G., Shane, Sarah D., Linnea, Courtney, McKenna, Kayla, Selena, Eric, Kia, McKinley, Nathan, Dennis, Ashley, Mark, Dylan, Nik, Eduardo
  - ii. Members late: Myles, Alex
  - iii. Members absent: Fiona
- III. Approval of Minutes from 04.17.17: Abbie moved to approve the minutes. Elijah seconded. Approved.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Abbie moved to approve the agenda. Ethan seconded. Approved.
- V. New Business
  - Constitutional Review
    - Section 1.03: non-constitutional because you can't cross branches
    - Right now, it is not constitutional
    - This could be an exception to the rule, possibly
    - This would take a lot of power away from the president and the vice-president, because they would no longer be allowed to choose their chairs
    - Exec members would then be able to vote, but they would have to wait until the end so that they would not sway any senators' votes
    - The election process would then get very complicated: would 20 senators sit in on one interview?
    - Would the president and vice-president be able to fire their chairs? Yes.



- Who would step up to take in interviews? Would the managerial portion be taken away, seeing as the chairs would be subject to themselves?
- Would the speaker of the senate need to vote themselves back in?
- These changes would be put into effect today!
- Not everyone who applied for an executive position this year filled out all the senator paperwork, which would need to take place
- This changes chairs from members of an executive cabinet to a congressional committee
- Is there anything barring execs from submitting resolutions? No- they just need a senatorial cosponsor.
- Could this portion be implemented in the following year?
- Shane moved to amend the section by putting it in effect in September 1, 2017. Abbie seconded.
- Would the 17-18 senate vote on the 18-19 senate, or would the 18-19 senate vote on the 18-19 senate? – The 17-18 senate would vote on the 18-19 senate.
- For the purposes of the amendment: execs would still be chosen before the summer.
- Dylan entertained, sara g, Josiah to vote 11:1:0
- Shane 2.03 A amend to include that section 1.03 effectively ends on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Linnea seconds
- Mckinley proposes that we wait and discuss, but then it would take a few months due to multiple readings next academic year.
- Would there then be executive board meetings? Yes, because the president and vice-president would still be supervisors of the chairs.
- Could we opt to eliminate chair pay?
- Need to change 2.03 C as well.
- Does not pass 5:7:0



- Shane moved to amend 2.03 A to eliminate both “nominations” and change them to “approvals” and to add that the changes take place on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Linnea seconded.
- How would the president go about removing chairs? The president and vice-president would bring that to the senate.
- The president and vice-president would have the same ability to remove chairs, but then the senate could reappoint them.
- What would the exec board really be in control of then? Or would it just be how it is now? What would hold exec accountable? What would hold chairs accountable?
- This might bring a lot of dismay into student government and possibly ruin friendships- there would be a lot of negative consequences.
- We have regressed so far that it might be more beneficial to move these changes to next year so we can feel more confident to vote.
- To Eduardo: what is better, to pick your own execs, or to have them be subject to approval by the senate? Well, you can’t follow through with anything if you aren’t actually the one that hired a chair.
- Maybe working on this as a project for next year would be better.
- Maybe executives could appeal to the court if there is a problem with voting
- Dylan entertained a motion to vote. Abbie Elijah 2:11:0
- Chairs (in the bylaws) are advisors to the president and vice-president.
- Josiah moves to remove the first amendment. Alex seconded.
- Would the vice-president get a vote in certain situations?
- Josiah called to question
- Vote 13:0:0
- Section 2.01 Mark: this is illegal because of the fair and equal pay act. Also, they are scholarships, not honorariums- and this would be a heck of a time for SUFAC because you’d then have to budget for scholarships.



- In the past, honorariums would be all or none.
- Chief Justice should not be in the amendment unless it's just talking about the judicial branch.
- Faculty cannot determine the budget for a student organization
- What would be the motivation for a senate to want to add more people if they know they may lose their scholarship?
- Clean up language of advisor/resource
- A scholarship is not necessary: many senators joined because they wanted to make a difference
- Courtney moves to amend all “honorariums” to “scholarships” with the necessary grammar. Shane friendly accepts.
- Courtney moves to amend “faculty advisor” to “executive resource liaison” and “senate liaison.” Shane friendly accepts.
- Courtney moves to amend the amendment to remove “chief justice” and change to “SGA Vice- President.” Shane friendly accepts.
- Valeri calls to question.
- Linnea objects. Valeri removed her call to question.
- Val moves to strike “in a meeting pursuant to WI state statue 19” and add “and provide rationale to the scholarship recipient” instead. Abbie seconds.
- Linnea moves to add a section about putting this into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Shane friendly accepts.
- Abbie called the first amendment to the amendment to question. No objections. Passed 12:0:0.
- Abbie called the entire amendment to question.
- Abbie retracts her call to question.
- Shane calls to question. Does not pass 2:10:0



- Abbie moves to amend the honorariums in the first portion to scholarships. Nik friendly accepts.
- Shane calls the amendment to question. Does not pass 3:9:0.
- McKinley proposes to change the use of “honorariums” to “scholarships.” Abby moves. Val seconds. Approved.
- Rights of Non-Voting Members section
- Linnea moves to amend to add “all student-body direct voting can be overridden by a simple majority.” Shane friendly accepts.
- Would this be the best avenue constitutionally to engage students in the senate?
- Linnea moves to amend “majority” to “2/3.” Shane friendly accepts.
- Surveys might have to be crafted by a specific class because they need to be specific.
- Maybe we should wait until we see how the resolution works before adding it to the constitution.
- This doesn’t “make” the senators get out and really do their job.
- There are many checks on this- a student’s vote counts as 1/100 of a vote, while a senator’s counts for 452 of a vote.
- Courtney calls the amendment to question. Does not pass 2:10:0
- Justis moves to groove for 5 minutes. Eric seconded. Approved.
- Abbie called to question. Passes 10:2:0
- Amendment passes 10:2:0
- Section 3.01 Student court does not approve of this. Although, every student has the right to be heard. Student court, then, could refuse to hear a case.
- The court thinks presenting old cases as new would be the best case to go.
- Shane calls to question. Abbie objects due to clarification. Shane withdraws.
- An appeals process would make it mandatory for student court to hear out the case.



- Courtney entertained a motion to extend discussion by 5 minutes. Abbie moved, Linnea seconded, approved.
- The makeshift appeals process did not work well this year for student court.
- Abbie calls to question. Valeri objects. Abbie retracts her call to question.
- Dylan entertains a motion to vote. Valeri moved. Abbie seconded. Passes 12:0:0.
- Section 3.03 states that you need to follow the courtroom guidelines.
- Shane calls to question. 4 objections. Shane retracted his call to question.
- Abbie moved to change “dismissal of the claim” to “dismissal of the person from the hearing.” Valeri seconded. Dylan called for acclimation. Passed.
- Abbie called to question. Passes 12:0:0
- Sections 1.02 B and Article 4 Section 4.01 H Abbie moves to change “May 1<sup>st</sup>” to “the second to last Sunday of the academic year.” Linnea seconded.
- Dylan entertained a motion to package the two. Linnea. Abby. Dylan called for acclimation. Passed.
- Dylan entertained a motion to vote on the amendment. Abbie moved. Ethan seconded. Dylan called for acclimation. Passed.
- Dylan entertained a motion to vote on the entire constitution. Elijah moved. Ethan seconded. Passes 12:0:0.

#### -Senate Bylaws

- Courtney moves to table discussion and voting until the next academic year. Justis seconded. Passes 12:0:0.

#### -Senator/Exec of the Year

- Senator of the Year: Shane Kanneberg
- Exec of the Year: Courtney Zambon

## VI. Executive Board Reports

- a. President: Nik Austin  
-Thank you for a great year.



- b. Vice President: Dylan Tritt
  - Execs, make sure your transition binders are almost done.
- c. Speaker: Courtney Zambon
  - Thank you for all of your hard work. Senators, regardless of whether or not you are coming back, ask about how you can incorporate your experiences into a resume, etc.
- d. RHAA: Ashley Keenan
  - LDD position is being sent out, Res Fest May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Chief Justice: Dennis DeBeck
  - Justices and chief justice are all returning.
- f. Standing Committees
  - Academic Affairs: Mckenna Kelsey
    - No report.
  - Community Engagement: Eduardo Navarro
    - Collecting donations for food drive.
  - Environmental Affairs: Kayla Billett
    - Earth Week was a huge success. All data is in for composting.
  - Equity and Diversity: Selena Deer
    - No report.
  - Health and Safety: Fiona Somers
    - No report.
  - Recreation and Athletics: Eric Fischer
    - Can koozies still being given away.
  - Student Resources: Kia Murray
    - No report.
  - SUFAC: Mark Fischer
    - Entered summer session. Encouraged people to join next year.
  - University Governance: McKinley Lentz
    - Leaving instructions for next year. Foresee good things for next year.
  - Union and Dining: Nathan Rousseau
    - Composting data compiled. Sushi demo May 5<sup>th</sup>. Lost Rick.

## VII. Announcements

- SPECIALTHANKS TO HANNAH!!!!!!

VIII. Adjournment: Dylan entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 P.M. Valeri moved to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded. Approved.