



**Student Senate Meeting**  
Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013  
At 5:15pm  
*1965 Room*

- I. Call to Order 5:18
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Minutes from March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - a. Motion to Approve the minutes: Christian
  - b. Second: Jack
  - c. Call to question: Becky
  - d. Voice vote: approved
- V. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda: Christian
  - b. Second: Jack
  - c. Move Campus Mediation to A under new business
    - i. Second: Jack
    - ii. Amendment: Approved
  - d. Call to question: Christian
  - e. Voice vote: approved
- VI. New Business
  - a. Conflict Mediation Presentation by Adolfo Garcia
  - b. Election Update – Student Court
    - i. Stephany: We need more time, a friendly amendment to campaign
    - ii. Motion to change the dates of the debate from April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup> on the election timeline: Christian
    - iii. Second: Nick
      - i. Passes 15-0-0

- ii. Debates will be held in MAC 208 at 4:00
  - iii. Andrew: Do we know who the candidates are?
  - iv. Stephany: The website will be updated tomorrow.
- c. Approval of New Senators
  - i. Charles Reimer
    - i. Associates at Marinette, Air Force, Bachelors in Business Administration emphasis in Finance.
      - a. Taryn: What committees would you like to be a part of?
      - b. Charles: I am not sure; I don't know much about the Senate.
      - c. Mariah: We have a Union and Dining Committee if you don't like A'viands.
    - ii. Motion to approve Charles Reimer as a Senator: Taryn
    - iii. Second: Anna
    - iv. Call to question: Christian
    - v. Roll Call vote: 16-0-1
  - ii. Amr Saeed
    - i. Egyptian Student, second year at UWGB, he was in a similar organization and he thought it would be a good idea to try.
    - ii. Major in Economics
      - a. Taryn: Ideas for committees?
      - b. Saeed: Not quite yet
    - iii. Motion to approve Amr Saeed as a Senator: Christian
    - iv. Second: Taryn
    - v. Call to question: Anna
    - vi. Roll Call vote: 17-0-2
- d. Tree Planting Resolution – Dan MacSwain
  - i. Tree Campus USA—Run through the Arbor Day Foundation.
  - ii. There are over 148 campuses. Our university should be a part of this.
  - iii. Becky: Where are you going to plant them?
  - iv. Dan: The multi-purpose area, other areas
  - v. Christian: What type of trees?
  - vi. Dan: Fruit Trees
  - vii. Chloe: Who will be responsible for the upkeep?

- viii. Dan: Grounds keeper
- ix. Charles: How much is in the fund?
- x. Dan: \$18,200, we have spent \$7,000
- xi. Christian: New trees correct?
- xii. Dan: Yes, and even native trees
- xiii. Brianna: When?
- xiv. Dan: Arbor Day, and other people should help.
- xv. Motion to approve the Tree Planting Resolution: Rebecca
- xvi. Second: Becky
  - i. Mariah: People want the fruit tree idea. It's a good idea
  - ii. Christian: Trees are good
  - iii. Taryn: There has been a lot of campus outrage about the multi-purpose area.
- xvii. Call to question: Becky
  - i. 23-0-0
- e. Native Plan Resolution – Dan MacSwain
  - i. Reduce the amount of invasive species.
  - ii. Helps the air, water, and environment
  - iii. Heba: When it comes to picking, do we have a say in that?
  - iv. Dan: No, it's non-binding. Help the University go down the better path.
  - v. Mark: How would this change current practice?
  - vi. Dan: Their policy is that they try and plant native species, but it is more trees. It is for perennial gardens, not annual.
  - vii. Dan: This isn't a completely new idea, other universities have adopted a similar resolution. Florida to Ohio. We should lead.
  - viii. Motion to approve the Native Plant Resolution: Nick
  - ix. Second: Rebecca
  - x. Call to question: Becky
    - i. 23-0-0
- f. Team Building Resolution – Heba Mohammad
  - i. HAHA. April Fools.
- g. Executive Bylaws Constitutional Amendment – University Governance Committee
  - i. Chloe: We need to give the executive board power.

- ii. Motion to approve Executive Bylaws Constitutional Amendment: Melissa
- iii. Second: Anna
- iv. Call to question: Christian.
- v. Objection: Nick
  - i. Nick: What was the discussion?
  - ii. Chloe: The vote already stands, and we don't have to re-vote.
- vi. Call to question: Christian
  - i. 18-0-3
- h. First Reading: Senate Bylaws
  - i. Article 1
  - ii. Article 2
  - iii. Article 3
    - i. Christian: Where do we post specific office hours?
    - ii. Chloe: Sign in or regular hours?
    - iii. Christian: Sign in.
    - iv. Jack: Sign in.
    - v. Mark: I meet on the off weeks of senate with the Speaker of the Senate
    - vi. Mark: Who is in charge of the website? Is there an intern?
    - vii. Chloe: I want an intern for SGA.
    - viii. Christian: I think it's a good idea.
    - ix. Heba: Will it be a steady internship?
    - x. Chloe: It could be.
    - xi. Heba: We should have it in the by-laws just in case.
    - xii. Chloe: We can add it by the archives.
    - xiii. Megan: The executive and senate assistants collaborate.
    - xiv. Chloe: We will talk about it more
  - iv. Article 4
  - v. Article 5
    - i. Megan: why did we change from month to days?
    - ii. Chloe: To be in line with the constitution.
    - iii. Gino: Committee meeting enforced? Or as a reason.

- iv. Christian: With three excused absences they will be terminated?  
Should the speaker have the ability to make a judgment call? Maybe it should be “ may result in termination

## VII. Old Business

### a. Second Reading: SGA Constitution

- i. Nick: Raise the GPA
- ii. Gino: I like it at 2.0
- iii. Christian: There aren't enough people to take a new straw poll. We need more people. Why hasn't the last straw poll taken into account?
- iv. Chloe: I was looking at other things.
- v. Charles: What was the raised for?
- vi. Ashley: 2.25
- vii. Megan: Does anyone severely object to raising the GPA?
- viii. Chloe: 2.0 gets you a degree. We should encourage people to refocus their priorities.
- ix. Christian: It's already being restricted. I think there should be a buffer there in their grades without having to worry about their grades. A 2.5 will not severely limit anyone.
- x. Jack: 2.25 I can live with. Every person has their own responsibility, what you choose to do on your own time is your own choice. At a 2.0 that is fine as it is. We don't want to limit people.
- xi. Andrew: If you can be in school, you should be able to be here.
- xii. Mariah: If I don't have other activities, I won't be motivated. It can be a motivation tactic.
- xiii. Christian: What grade is a 2.0. We aren't making this a ridiculous requirement. We need a good standard.
- xiv. Heba: I agree with Christian. I don't think that we should be afraid to expect more from our senators.
- xv. Megan: This will come up when we are voting. So we can amend it. We should move on.
- xvi. Chloe: The justices would probably excuse themselves, Nate suggested this.
- xvii. Heba: They would become 5 people?
- xviii. Chloe: I don't remember

- xix. Heba: It kind of get rids of the view-point neutrality.
- xx. Mark: Motion in the Senate or Court?
- xxi. Chloe: Senate
- xxii. Christian: Taking the place of the justice in question?
- xxiii. Chloe: Yes
- xxiv. Christian: Can we change it? Or should we just talk to Nate?
- xxv. Andrew: We aren't voting?
- xxvi. Chloe: No we are voting on Senate-by-laws and Constitution at the same time.

## VIII. Reports

### a. President: Heba Mohammad

- i. Met with the Chancellor the Friday before Spring Break, he is looking at the Seg Fee
- ii. Child care is moving along.
- iii. Dan also met with the chancellor.
- iv. I registered for the Student Representative Conference
- v. We had a Leonardo Da Vinci statue donated to us, and it is going in the chancellor's office. Only 5 universities have got it
  - i. Credit Union, Winter Garden

### b. Vice President: N/A

### c. Speaker: Megan Leonard

- i. Eric Kissinger Resigned
- ii. If you want to run for student senate speaker come talk to me about that.
- iii. Saeed and Charles come talk to me after the meeting.

### d. RHAA: Andrew Haugen

- i. We have applications for positions available.
- ii. Megan Leonard won the election for NCC/WCC for next year

### e. Chief Justice: Stephany Haack

### f. Standing Committees

- i. Academic Affairs: Franklin Rabideau
  - i. Drafted a pamphlet for class scheduling
  - ii. Next Meeting is 7 pm Wednesday
  - iii. Begin asking academic services for extra-curricular transcripts
- ii. Environmental Affairs: Daniel MacSwain

- i. Hydration stations progress is coming along for the awareness
- ii. Goals for the end of the year
  - a. Sustainable development (surveys), encourage housing to use composting, encourage the university to convert turf to prairie,
  - b. Next Meeting from 1-2 next Wednesday
  - c. Next and final iPat film at 7pm in the Christie Theater about going vegetarian
    - i. Christian: Composting available to residence life?
    - ii. Melissa: yes
- iii. Equality and Diversity: Sergei Sutto
  - i. Met with Dana Schultz from the 9-5
  - ii. Sexist Ice cream sale from 11-5 next Tuesday by the Cloud.
  - iii. Next meeting this Thursday from 11-12
- iv. Health and Safety: Jeff Huebner
  - i. Talked about the sexual assault website. We are just looking at handing out paper information
  - ii. Meeting with the chief about issues for next year, AED stickers, and Public Safety now has a presence in the community center.
  - iii. We are finally finishing the poster for Public Safety.
- v. Recreation and Athletics: Melissa Zabkowicz
  - i. Meeting with the multi-purpose space, big events for the kick-off for the fall. Sub-committee for who gets to
  - ii. Intermural charge? \$5 a sport per person, and maybe a deal
    - a. Heba: We are the only UW school that doesn't charge, but it is disadvantageous.
    - b. Christian: Where would the money go?
    - c. Jeff: More competitive, and goes into the running of the intermural.
    - d. Rebecca: Less people might do them.
    - e. Christian: How many sports are there.
    - f. Jeff: You can't really pin it down. There is going to be a bunch. It's a number being tossed around.
    - g. Christian: Could there be a maximum amount and you can pay all of them.
    - h. Rebecca: Fee for team?
    - i. Jeff: No that's a good idea. It could fall on the captain to collect it.
- vi. Student Resources: TJ Fabel
- vii. SUFAC: Kim Dawson/Shawn Brown
- viii. Union and Dining: Mariah Pursley
  - i. Dining consultant is coming to campus April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - a. We are meeting with them April 11<sup>th</sup> 5-6 PM Talk to committee members if you need help.
    - b. Melissa: Can people outside of SGA come?
    - c. Mariah: Can I talk to Rick and then email you? I'm not sure.
    - d. Heba and Megan want to go.
    - e. Christian: Should I announce it to RHAA?
    - f. Mariah: I mentioned it last week.

- g. Rebecca; Correct me if I'm wrong, you didn't want a large group of people correct? Just really good questions.
- ii. I am also meeting with Rick
- ix. University Governance: Chloe Miller Hansen
  - i. Spring election is tomorrow. I will be there almost the whole day. Everyone should be there please. The library has a voting guide with resources and links to get informed.
  - ii. Thank you for bearing with me for the readings. We will be voting soon.

IX. Announcements

- a. Megan: We have another meeting very quickly to vote on the election results on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- b. Heba: The exec board meeting is cancelled. Look out for new people
  - i. Christian: Does one have to have senate experience to apply?
  - ii. Heba: No
  - iii. Chloe; There are many different programs coming up.
- c. Melissa: Please take the survey that was sent out.
- d. Christian: RHAA has been look at gender neutral housing so the chancellor and board of regents needs to approve that.

X. Adjournment 7:35