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Student Senate Meeting Minutes for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

**RICKY STALEY**  
*PRESIDENT*

**NICK CIBULA**  
*STUDENT SPEAKER*

**KERVIN BLANKE**  
*VICE PRESIDENT*

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The regular bi-weekly meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Student Senate was called to order at: **5:00 p.m. in the Phoenix B Room.**

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Roll Call – *Our attendance list is in the process of being finalized. Please see last pg.*

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The Pledge of Allegiance

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Reports:

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Presidential Report:

*Ricky Staley*

Welcome back everybody. Go Brewers! A few things happened the last few weeks. SGA contributed to the MAX U Day conference. We contributed \$1000.00 dollars to that. We did have our Student Government Association Open House, which I feel was a success. Just a couple reminders: 1) Our Student Government Association is a non-partisan organization, so we should reflect that during the election season.

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Vice Presidential Report:

*Kervin Blanke*

The Vice-Presidential Debate is this Thursday! Watch if you are interested.

Also a reminder, please be encouraging and friendly to the new senators.

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Senate Speaker Report:

*Nick Cibula*

The Annual Safety Walk is October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. All members of the Health and Safety Committee should be in attendance.

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Good Times Programming Report:

No Report

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RHAA Report:

No Report

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Academic Affairs Report:

*Josh Vanden Busch*

All members of the Academic Affairs Committee present: please be advised we will be meeting following this meeting.

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Athletics Report:

*Jeff Sonntag*

I do not really have much of a report. I am waiting to hear back from my committee members to determine when the best available time is to meet.

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Student Resources Report:

*Shan Ragonyi*

I have met with the appropriate representatives to discuss the addition of wireless internet in housing. Please look for updates!

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Health and Safety Report:

*Joel Diny*

No Report

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Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee Report:

*Tania Galligan*

The requirements for budget proposals and contingency requests have changed significantly. Please visit the SUFAC office for more information.

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Environmental Affairs Report:

*Position Vacant*

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University Governance Report:

*Jamie Froh*

On Friday starting at 1 p.m., we will deputize people so that are legally allowed to register voters. Also, we need

volunteers to help with the current voter registration table. The Chief Election Inspector for the City of Green Bay has been on campus registering voters here on campus. He is asking for people to volunteer to man the table at which we register voters. Please see the signup sheets. State Assembly District 88 has State Assembly member elections on November 4<sup>th</sup> as well. We will host a forum in which student may better get to know the candidates that are running for election. Candidates from Assembly District 90 will also be present. Our weekly meetings will be held Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. Also, I met with the Faculty Senate, and we are kind of interested in hosting a joint meeting with them as well as us (Faculty Senate and Student Senate).

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Union and Dining Report:

*Brad Fischer*

I am in the process of meeting with my committee members. Please look for updates.

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Equality and Diversity Report:

*Position Vacant*

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New Business:

**Student Court Update:** Right now we are in the process of getting all the materials together for *BSU v. SUFAC*. We are waiting on a response from SUFAC. That report is due the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. A hearing date will be scheduled shortly. Guidelines for the hearing will be distributed to all involved parties and members. This is an open hearing.

**Ad Hoc Committee Report:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 1 at 12:00 p.m. in MAC 201.

**Senator Approvals:** Denise says she is a sophomore who transferred here. She says she has lots of experience to bring here! Casey says he was a senator last year. He is glad to be back for one more year. I look forward to working with you all again. Dan: I am a junior this year. I am the chief editor and photographer for Phlash TV. I also think that I am a good vessel for student voices because I talk to a lot of them and listen to them. Steven: I've been in student government for the past 2 years. I wanted to rejoin because I enjoy it! Andy motions to package, Ryan seconds, Joel calls the question. Ryan Mach objects to calling the question. Tania: Point of order, Ryan cannot object he is not a senator. Lynsy Beckett yields her time to Ryan. Ryan: What do you returning members have to offer?

Joe recalled the question. **Motion Passes 14-0-0.** Motion to approve the nominated Senators by Lynsy, second by Joe and question called by Andy Locke. **Motion Passes 14-0-0.**

### **Nomination of Diversity and Equality Chair:**

Nominated: Jessica Knox: I would like our school to reach our potential in the areas of diversity and equality. I would like to start working with the AIC (American Intercultural Center) to start a student training program. I would also like to work with the committee and see what the committee would like to do. More goals will be developed with them. I would also like to develop continuity and long term goals to see where the committee will be going in the future.

Joe motions to approve, Andy seconds, Joel calls the question. **Motion Passes 15-0-0.**

### **Discussion of Smoking Policy:**

Joel Diny: Last legislative cycle we were working on a smoking policy. My committee will be discussing it as well. I just want to update you on my thoughts. We are proposing bringing in speakers to discuss its effect on public health. On the enforcement side: there is a state statute that we can follow if we can get Public Safety on board. I just wanted to inform you that we are back in the discussion phase. Questions: Josh: What about the policy that was passed last year? Joel: Because there was a lot of debate last year, I thought it would be necessary to explore the issue again. Last year's policy had a lot of errors. It was a non acceptable product. I was meeting deadlines to get the policy passed. I want to send out one more survey. I am asking you members of SGA to talk to the students about that matter. Ricky: The policy was grammatically in correct and was remanded back to SGA by the administration. Jamie: What exactly is the process? Joel: We basically have to start over with the policy. I need to talk to a number of individuals. The process is expected to take the entire year. Shaun: What is the cost for all of this? Joel: He reminds members of SGA that this is just a discussion, not a debate session. Jamie: I think it would be beneficial to look at policies that other universities have taken up or adopted. I just learned today that St. Norbert's is also a smoke free campus as well. I will look at their policy. Shea: Did you bring this up because there was no consensus? Or because student pressure? Why is this being brought up again? Joel: We are re-addressing this issue to make it more coherent. The current policy is inadequate. The employees aren't even following the current smoking policy.

Dan: What is the current policy? Joel: Currently there is no smoking within 30 feet of buildings or in university owned vehicles. Steve: Are you planning on enforcing the new policy? Joel: We need to work with Public Safety in order to adequately enforce the policy. Public Safety has had their budget cut consecutively. Nick Vlies: What does the state statute say? Joel: The statute is broad. Any public entity that decides to have designated smoking areas must be labeled with adequate signage. Any violators may be fined up to \$100.00 dollars. Platteville charges 10 dollars for violation of their policy. Nick V: Is it required that law enforcement enforce the policy? Joel: It does have to be enforced by deputized police officers. Tania: Along with the process of doing this, do you plan on hosting any open discussion for student? Joel: I did the last year and it wasn't very successful. Matt: Why are we looking into a new policy if last year's senate passed it? Joel: No answer.

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Announcements  
**NONE**

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Adjournment  
The Senate meeting was adjourned at  
5:45 p.m. by Senate Speaker Nick  
Cibula

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Respectfully Submitted By:

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Andrei Varney  
Student Senate  
Administrative Assistant

## Roll Call

### Present:

Senator Beckett  
Senator Birdsall  
Senator Dyer  
Senator Janke  
Senator Locke  
Senator Kuehn  
Senator Lukasik  
Senator Markowski  
Senator Schrieber  
Senator Schroeder, Kelly  
Senator Schroeder, Sheila  
Senator Sternhagen  
Senator Techmeier  
Senator Tyrrell  
Senator Vlies

### Absent:

Senator Warrington-Excused