



## *SGA Executive Board*

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

***Alumni Rooms A&B***

**5:15pm**

- I. Call To Order 5:17pm
- II. Check In
- III. Executive Board Reports
  - a. Academic Affairs: Paul Ahrens
    - Working on academic advising process for students. So students don't feel lost when going through school and graduation. Pushing interdisciplinary and 360 degrees of learning. Daycare on campus applies to this. Make college more practical and affordable.
  - b. Environmental Affairs: Taryn Oleson
    - Trying to figure out who committee members are. Attended first sustainability committee meeting- new: environmental learning comm. 15 students integrating set of classes along with fieldtrips projects. Eco reps program through RHAA- 4 eco reps job to promote environmental and sustainable things in res halls. Recycling, composting and renewables. Sanimax? Deal- composting waste through the union- will pick it up and take to Oshkosh to convert compost to energy. Projects: Green wall/ vertical garden, contact with Art Agency- installed hydration stations and working on more.
  - c. Equality and Diversity: N/A
  - d. Health and Safety: N/A
  - e. Recreation and Athletics: Melissa Zabkowicz
    - Athletic director moved to different school- did interviews over the summer. Open presentations for 5 final candidates. Melissa is on the committee to interview. Record attendance last year at the Kress. User

fees for intramurals, ice skating rink, multipurpose space. Go green game are all potential projects,

f. RHAA: Tony Hinkel

- First meeting tomorrow. Few exec and chair positions open still. Don't have a director of housing officially in place right now. Gail will take on position in Oct.

g. Student Court: Stephany Haack

- Heba: looking for court members- 3 empty positions.

h. Student Resources: Chloe Hansen

- I have emailed Debbie Furlong and department heads asking to be passed on their assessments of faculty advising. We will be preparing our recommendations of a base line advising process during our first committee meeting. Meeting with Rajeev next week about the Tech Plan.

i. SUFAC: Kim Dawson/Shawn Brown

- Office hours since 1<sup>st</sup> day of school- starting over with new board/senate members except 2. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting next thurs. Busy with orgs coming in and requesting money.

j. Union and Dining: Mariah Pursley

- No meetings yet with Rick. Greens and grains- more specialized sandwich shop in union. Also serving salad- rotating salads and making other changes. Weekend hours changed for dining: marketplace 10-8pm weekends serves breakfast 10-2pm and entrees for dinner. Grille and Erberts and Gerberts closed weekends. New LED boards and TVs run via wifi. Hoping to put nutrition facts on the boards.
- Taryn: Who paid for the LED boards?
  1. Mariah: I will find out for you.
- Brenda: faculty and staff upset that signature salads are gone- too many sandwich places on campus already. I want to get more of a sense from students on what they want. Get more feedback from others through RHAA or other groups talking to students.

1. Mariah: I will work on that.
  - The pamphlet that was put in residence housing mentioned that students should only have a snack and one meal per day because of money allowances. This was disturbing.
- k. University Governance: N/A
- l. Speaker of the Senate: Anna Goelz
- Recruitment is top priority. Was in touch with mostly incoming freshman candidates. First meeting Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Wants committee meeting times to be turned in and posted for others to see.
- m. Administrative Assistant: Amy Reese
- n. Vice President: Morgan Mason
- o. President: Heba Mohammad
- Most people attended the retreat before classes began. Need to plan a dinner to invite advisors to come to and speak with them. Tuesday night? October 8<sup>th</sup>? Have something prepared to report on with advisors. Received email from professor concerned about not enough student representation on committees. Child Care- survey done and ready to be sent out- should we send it out even though we don't have the money to act on the childcare?
    1. Shawn- pointless to gather info on something you can't do.
    2. Paul- would still be useful.
    3. Taryn- Good to collect the data now and have supporting evidence for the future.
    4. Tony- Having the survey may inspire someone to take that idea and run with it. That person could use the info for the future years.
    5. Paul- We could put one or two questions on our survey to be sent out (20 question survey already).
  - Heba- preliminary vote: yes to the survey.

- We have less money than we thought we would have for the Phoenix Park. Make the volleyball courts a priority, and have biofilter second for later in the year?
  1. Taryn: No one put in a bid for volleyball courts and the one that did put in \$90,000- which is more than the budget for entire park. The slab is placed too close to the sidewalk and may cause even more flooding on sidewalk. The biofilter may become the first priority.
  2. Brenda: out of the \$150,000 budget we only have \$25,000 left.
  3. Melissa- everyone is noticing that there are no volleyball courts. They were excited to have more courts and that was going to be the main attraction of the new space.
  4. Heba- we may need to raise more money for biofilter and volleyball courts and use the remaining \$25,000 for something else
  5. Brenda: Paul Pinkston said the biofilter would make more sense in an area with mostly concrete, but the space now is mostly grass and is already environmentally friendly for the most part. Is there something else that we can do that would be more environmentally friendly such as a green wall?
  6. Taryn: The big thing with the biofilter is to incorporate all different types of native plants and make it an educational opportunity with plaques detailing all the types of plants.
  7. Brenda: we need to choose one or the other: volleyball or biofilter.
  8. Paul: so how much will each thing cost?
  9. Heba: volleyball will be \$50,000 and we have \$23,000.
  10. Mariah: we had many people attend the Res life Olympics.
- Heba: Vote: Volleyball: 5 Filter: 2
- Heba: Student Reps meeting October 4<sup>th</sup>. Talking about attack on shared governance by WI politicians.
- Heba was selected to be on the search committee for the UW system president.

p. Advisor: Brenda Amenson-Hill

- Stepped down from focus co-director because job had been expanding. Doesn't want to lose student contact. Thinking of doing some sort of advisory committee to get student input. What if I invite people to lunch/ breakfast to speak with them and see how things are going? What do you think would work?
  1. Mariah: I think getting a random email invite to go to lunch with the Dean of Students would make me feel excited.
  2. Brenda: I want to make sure I have an accurate sense for what the students are thinking. Something fun and informal.

#### IV. UPass Updates

- a. Met with Lieutenant Gross and Chief Kujawa about UPass. Looked at past 4 months of usage- mostly Learning in Retirement students and those that have graduated already. Neither of these groups pay into Segregated Fees, but we are paying for them to use the bus. Over summer, highest usage was those LiR students, but they do not have class on campus. What should we do about graduated students?
- Taryn: how much of Seg Fees goes to UPASS?
    1. Heba: about \$6000, I believe.
  - Heba: should we cut off learning in retirement people or charge them a small fee?
  - Paul: if you are using the system, you should have to pay into it so the budget doesn't get drained. Graduated students should pay if they are using.
  - Taryn: I agree with Paul. The learning in retirement people could pay a small fee- smaller than the graduated students.
  - Mariah: I don't think people realize that we are funding their bus rides and don't understand where are the fees go to.
  - Heba: Talk to the students and public safety, and the Learning in Retirement Center.

#### V. Ice Rink

- a. Heba: Paul Pinkston doesn't want to do the ice rink. Talked about doing a hockey sized rink in multipurpose space.
  - Melissa: I don't think it would be used since most students are gone during the prime usage times. It was way too much effort and money last year for upkeep.

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment 6:30