Student Senate Meeting  
Monday, April 1st, 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 11th 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 4th to April 11th 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

   
   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.
      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
Heba: It kind of get rids of the view-point neutrality.

Mark: Motion in the Senate or Court?

Chloe: Senate

Christian: Taking the place of the justice in question?

Chloe: Yes

Christian: Can we change it? Or should we just talk to Nate?

Andrew: We aren’t voting?

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-currucular 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 11th and April 12th.
      a. We are meeting with them April 11th 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 22nd.
   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