



Senate Meeting

02/01/21

Virtual

5:15 PM

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a) Rachel: So moved
 - b) Riley: Seconded
 - c) Approved
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a) Cora: So moved
 - b) Sierra: Seconded
 - c) Approved
- V. University Union Study – Student Feedback
 - a) Matt: Thank you all for having me. We have a lot of things coming up.
 - b) The union stuff is entering its next phase so we will have internal groups and surveys that are being sent around campus.
 - We need as much information through the surveys and the work groups. We want to make sure we get students invited to give feedbacks
 - We are assessing the current state of the services in the union.



1. You are going to try and think of this when it was Pre-Covid. It will ask what services you used, how often you went to the union, etc.
 2. That will help guide any future directions we can use.
- This is important because of the growing population.
 1. The needs of our building have been changing on how we support our students.
 2. It is important we get the feedback now so we can set up for potential reservations in the future.
 - Update on the coffee shop:
 1. We took the wall down and we are expanding the space because it was heavily utilized.
 - Questions:
 1. G: What exactly you wanted with SGA's involvement?
 - a. I'll send the date and time of the focus group with SGA. I would appreciate if you could share it.
 - b. We are going to invite the new union and dining chair to the committee so that will be SGA involvement as well.
 - c. We are also going to draft an email and send it out to campus.
 2. Mark: Is there any incentive to taking the survey?
 - a. There is no incentive, this was generated by our third party consultant.
 - b. It will be informative, but we don't have any incentives.



3. Mark: Students should think about what life was like back in “normal times.”

Our first year students haven’t had that. Is that differentiated in the survey?

- a. There will be a year questions, the first year students will have their data separated.
- b. WE have had use of the union pick up within this first week that we have had.
- c. We welcome them back to the union for the services and hopefully events in the future.

VI. Reports

a) President:

- Hello everybody.
- In case you do not know me my. Name is Guillermo Gomez, I am the president my pronouns are he him his
- We are going to be working on a lot of things moving forward in the semester.
 1. WE have elections coming up
 2. We have some childcare stuff that we will talk about
 3. Constitutional review.
- That’s pretty. Much it, we have a lot in these next few weeks.

b) Vice President:

- My name is Sarah Bock, she her pronouns
- The main thing I have been working with Caroline Boswell as well as Mark to host a panel with professors on virtual learning and last semester.



1. We had a group of students come on and answer questions and it went really well.
2. We are hoping to look at another one maybe for this semester or future semesters as well.
3. We are happy to take any help when it comes to building a better connection between students and professors.

c) Speaker of the Senate:

- I am Sierra Miller, she her pronouns .
- I have not done a lot.
- I have just been working on getting committees set up again.
 1. You will get your lists after the meeting (executives)
 2. If you don't hear anything by Wednesday, please send me an email so we can get things figured out
- We have lost quite a few senators this semester, so if you know anyone who would be interested in being a senator or someone just interested in government, our meetings are open and they can attend.

d) RHAA:

- Hi I'm Morgan Darr, she her pronouns
- RHAA has been working on getting things set up for the semester
 1. We will be running eboard elections for open positions this month
 2. We are getting ready for programming this semester
 - a. We are hoping to hold bingo on the 19th



- We are also looking for building reps
- Meetings are on Wednesday at 5:15 on teams

e) Student Court:

- I'm Jared Stack, he him his pronouns
- This week we are going to have a student court meeting
 1. We are going to be finalizing election changes and double checking timelines from last year
 2. Double check that all election materials are up to date and make sure they are aligned with the changes we make with the rules.
- We will hopefully present those next senate meeting

f) Advisor:

- Hello everybody I'm mark, he him his pronouns
- I want to thank Sarah for coordinating the student panel and for Joy and Pri for being two of the panelists.
 1. The feedback I got at the conference was that it was one of the best sessions
 2. One of the conversations was about how many people had their cameras off.
- On change from this semester, was that students who live off campus but are coming on campus for classes or work, are to be tested every other week.
 1. Hopefully you saw that email, followed up, scheduled testing and are doing the daily self-assessment.



2. If anybody is concerned, please let me know. I am one of the point people writing all of the messages.

VII. New Business

a) Executive Confirmation: Jasmine Brown

- Introduction:
 1. I am a sophomore here. I am studying history and minor in Women and Gender study
 2. I am an RA, CAHSS, I am also apart of RHAA
- Q&A:
 1. Ted: what is something you have noticed in the union that you would want to change?
 - a. When someone has dietary restrictions, the G8 station is great resource, but on the weekends they don't really keep it up as well. So, as someone with dietary restrictions I think it is really important to provide those.
 2. Cora: Why do you feel like you'd be a good committee head?
 - a. I am someone who is very passionate about UWGB and also I believe that I could use my skills to make a better UWGB specifically in the Union in dining. I have good communication skills and reaching out to people. I use my resources to benefit others.
 3. Sierra: Greatest Strength and weakness?
 - a. Strength: Communication, I love reaching out to people. I am an



easy person to talk to.

- b. Weakness: I pay really close attention to small details so I get wrapped up in it too much instead of focusing on the bigger picture.

4. Sierra: Call the question

- Discussion:

1. The G8 thing for sure, is a good reason for why we should confirm her. I close the union pretty frequently. There's never any food in there, I don't eat in the cloud often but when I close, there's no food. She has a lot of time left on campus that she could see through potential changes.
2. I think it is good that she has a lot going on. She is already making connections and she could bring people into SGA.

- Sarah: Motion to approve Jasmine as the Union and Dining chair

1. Riley: So moved
2. Sierra: Seconded

- Vote:

1. Passes 7-0-2

b) Shared Governance Meetings

- Mark: Really brief history lesson

1. There was a former named Sherman Dreyfuss to become governor of Wisconsin. He wanted the code of the UW System. The important of administration 36.095 (student partake in the shared governance structure)
 - a. With that right, comes responsibilities. We need to make sure we have



students coming to all of these committee meetings.

b. We need to make sure that every meeting is accounted for.

i. Not based on just committee chairs because then Ted would have 6 meetings.

- Cora: I am willing to do any of them if needed
- Drew: I am willing to
- Ted: I would encourage senators to hop on committees, not to say that just being a senator is a bad thing.
- Riley – Academic Actions
- Ted – Academic Affairs
- Cora and Reese – Awards and Recognition
- Sierra - Disability Issues
- Court – Student Misconduct
- Ted- GenEd Council
- Graduate Affairs – n/a
- Emily and Cora – Health and Safety
- Lincoln – Athletics
- Guillermo – University Committee
- Tristan, Pri, Joy, Rachael, Sophia (Tanner and Mohamed potentially) – University Leadership
- Pri, Sarah and Jasmine - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion



c) SGA Think Tank (Mark)

- We have been having some discussions about how we have four independent StuGov associations across all campuses.
 1. How do we get all of these campuses to work together?
 2. We want to bring them together in some fashion.
- We have asked for two students from each of the four campuses, myself, and Nancy from Sheboygan
 1. We want students to come together and sort it out.
- G: Initially, we have talked about having the main leadership team, me, Sarah, and Sierra meet with Mark every week.
 1. Some don't have speakers, one doesn't necessarily have a VP.
 2. We wanted to have a pres., vice pres., and speaker at all of these meetings but now it is someone who is in a higher leadership role attending these meetings.
 3. We are going to meeting with them pretty soon and I think they are all eager to be having this discussion.
 - a. I want the other campuses and us to get concerns out of the way so we can structure things around the concerns.
 - b. So there is no restructuring that would hurt any SGAs in any way.
 - i. We don't want people think their positions or their student government is going away.
 4. We have a few who haven't responded about a meeting time.



a. Hopefully we would want to be done by spring break.

- Listen for updates, but that process is moving forward.
- Questions:

1. Reese: This is off topic but it is parallel, I had heard that some rumors that something similar was going to happen with SUFAC's between the branch campuses as well. Do you have any info about that?

a. If bringing the SGA's together is going to be even more complex for SUFAC. It is going to be further down the line, it won't be happening right away because of where the funding comes. At some point we are going to get to it but not right off the bat.

b. It's taken three years to get to this point.

i. Originally, UW Systems said SUFAC had to stay separate, but they are backing off of it now.

d) SGA Goal Setting

- About committees, how to reach out to students for recruitment, new resolutions, it can really be anything. Things you want to see Student Government do or things that could possibly change. It is more of an open forum on ideas. It could relate to your committee meetings or to student government as a whole.
- Mark: In the past we have talked a lot about programming but with the restrictions, programming is harder. We have been moving forward with legislation or policies. We have been able to make a difference there. Think in terms of policy or the programs that are offered already on campus.



- Ideas:
 1. Ted: I know the union is opening up more with opportunities, we could have an informational booth with flyers for recruitment. I don't know if we have ever done posters to try and get recruitment. But put posters up around campus to try and get people in. Half of student government is leaving in the spring, so we need more people.
 2. Emily: Kind of going off Ted's point and half of us leaving, a lot of the chairs are graduating, so really working on finding a replacement for the chairs and get them ready to step into the position. Make sure there are good resources and information to guide them.
 3. Joy: I think something that I really want to get done this semester is the website. I want to see that cleaned up before I head on out. And with everyone talking about recruitment, I was thinking about making some graphics and starting to spam the Facebook pages and other school social media. I still have to figure out how I want to do that but getting comments from people who are currently in SGA right now and why you joined and stuff.
 4. Tristan: One of the things we started talking about last semester, the concourse tunnel sign project. We also talked about expanding it to other areas on the campus. I think we should bring more interest to that and it would be pretty cool for SGA to pursue and get some plans in the works.
 5. Cora: In regard to recruitment, pretty much everything I have joined I have



gotten an email about it. Maybe we could send out a mass email to students or specific majors or to professors who could forward emails to their students.

6. Mark: Along with everyone who is graduating and moving on to bigger and better things. Work on transition binders and find ways to make them a virtual resource instead of an actual binder that has to be passed along.
 7. Rachael: I have more of a question. Are we still continuing the AdHoc committee of online learning?
 - a. Yes, and the new chair will be Jasmine.
 8. Sierra: A goal of mine is to get Canvas working and it is a source we don't really use, and I think if we could get small groups for the committees worked out it would be a really good resource.
 9. Sarah: Using the Canvas site and recruiting heavily. Working with the concourse tunnel idea, updating the website, I think we have a lot going.
- If you think of anything or have an idea. This conversation is definitely ongoing, and these are not set in stone, these aren't the only goals we can set.
 1. You can email us, talk about it in announcements.
 - If we can't get to it this semester, it is a great thing to continue next semester and future semesters to come.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

a) Academics and Governance:

- Good evening, my name is Ted, my pronouns are he him his



- I don't have much to report on from my neck of the woods.
- However, the constitutional review AdHoc committee is starting soon. I will need representation from Senate and RHAA
 1. If you are interested in the process of reviewing and amending the constitution, shoot me an email and we will start getting meeting times set.

b) Environmental Affairs:

- N/A

c) Equity and Diversity:

- I'm Pri, she her hers pronouns
- Nothing much from me
- I am attending the council meeting on Thursday, that's pretty much it.
- I am still working with LIT and Dare to Divest
 1. I will want to talk about that in an upcoming meeting.
 2. If you are interested in working with us on that let me know

d) Health and Safety:

- Hey everyone
- I am setting up meeting with Amy Henniges and Chief Jones just to touch base and see how things go
- I have a meeting with Wellness Center Advisory board, so I am looking forward to that

e) Resources and Outreach:



- Hey everyone
- I'm Joy, she her hers pronouns.
- I have been making posts on social media
 1. I will start making graphics for recruiting
 2. I can help work on a mass email

f) Rec and Athletics:

- Hi guys, I'm Lincoln, he him his pronouns
- I am setting up a meeting with Jeff this week and then emailing my senators to set up a meeting

g) Union and Dining:

- I'm Jasmine, she her hers pronouns
- I am meeting with Kyla and start to pick up where she left off

h) SUFAC:

- We have met once already last week to start the auxiliary budget process,
 1. We met with Kress and UREC, Maintenance and Athletics budget
 2. This week we have Health and Counseling budget, as well as Union and Office of Student Life
- D-Day is the 20th

IX. Announcements:

- a) Joy: If you didn't know I work in the OSL as the PDA, next week the OSL is having the first take and make of the semester,



- You can stop by the OSL between 10 and 2
- b) Pri: If you didn't know I also work in the OSL, GTP also has some events coming up.

Follow our Instagram for upcoming events.

- We have black history month paint by number kits
- We have a paint and congregate coming up

1. Michelle Obama, Rosa Parks, MLK

X. Adjournment:

- a) Motion to adjourn
- b) Riley: So moved
- c) Cora: seconded
- d) Adjourned at 6:35pm