Student Senate Meeting Minutes for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

Ricky Staley  
President

Nick Cibula  
Student Speaker

Kervin Blanke  
Vice President

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Student Senate was called to order at: **5:01 P.M. in MAC 109**

Roll Call – See Final Page

The Pledge of Allegiance

Reports:

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Presidential Report:
Ricky Staley
1) The proposed SGA budget has been completed and submitted to the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee. The budget will be presented on December 11th.
2) Senators will soon be receiving performance evaluations for their committee chairs. Evaluations will be handed out at the next meeting, and due at the meeting following that.

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Vice Presidential Report:
Kervin Blanke
No Report

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Senate Speaker Report:
Nick Cibula

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The Speaker yields his time to the Chairwoman of the Ad Hoc Committee, Senator Beckett. Beckett states that the committee has been accomplishing much. Those accomplishments will be made public in our report near the end of the semester. She asks everyone to please remain patient.

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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
Preliminary research on the winter interim has begun. Also, research for
alternative textbook systems has begun.

Athletics Report: 
Jeff Sonntag
Kress advisory committee is still being worked on. The advisor will review the student applications. The committee will select four students for the Kress advisory committee. The Kress center and operations presented their budget to SUFAC. The athletic department will present their budget to SUFAC this week.

Student Resources Report: 
Shan Ragonyi
The student technology survey will be distributed to students this Thursday. It is imperative that students complete this survey.

Health and Safety Report: 
Joel Diny
Preliminary work for a Safe Ride Program has begun. Alcohol and drug usage on this campus has increased this year, and work to alleviate the problem is being conducted in conjunction with University Police, the Health and Safety Committee, and Health Services.

Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee Report: 
Tania Galligan
We have approved the Health Services and Student Life budget. The Board has been working on lots of contingency requests. There are 47 budgets to hear in 8 meetings. That is about 6 budgets a night (every Thursday).

Environmental Affairs Report: 
Position Vacant
No Report

University Governance Report: 
Jamie Froh

Union and Dining Report: 
Brad Fischer
The Board is meeting to address dining concerns regarding pricing information from Sodexo. Also, we have begun investigating a name change for University Union. This is preliminary.

Equality and Diversity Report: 
Position Vacant
No Report

New Business:
Approval of the Smoking Policy: 
Senator Tyrrell motions to approve the smoking policy. Senator Janke seconds the motion. Senator Tyrrell calls the question. Roll call vote: MOTION PASSES 17-2-1.

Election Guidelines: Student Court Chief Justice Ryan Mach:
1) Please refer to the website for the election rules. Section 7 of the Election Mechanics: Representation….the winning ticket must retain 40 percent of the total votes cast. This pertains to the election of write-in tickets. In the event that two tickets reach the 40 percent threshold, a run-off election will be conducted. This is the biggest change made, and was approved by the Senate earlier this year.
2) Referendums: The Court must receive all referendum proposals fifteen days in advance of the election date.
3) See also: Section 5, Subsection 2, Subsection 7- Infractions. Particularly coercion of votes.
4) The candidate contract has also been removed. Write-in candidates must, in order to remain viable, adhere to all campaign election rules and regulations. The candidate contract is no longer necessary. “all write-in candidate must adhere to Sections 3, 4, and 5.”
5) Election materials will be made available March 9, 2009.
6) Materials are due March 26, 2009.
7) Material review and confirmation (the court will review all materials submitted to ensure viability and compliance of the elections guidelines (rules and regulations)) by the court: March 27, 2009
8) Referendum proposals due March 30, 2009
9) Election debate is April 9, 2009
10) Election Day is April 14, 15th, 2009
11) Note: BSU v. SUFAC opinion is still in the process of being written. The opinion should be completed by Friday.

Academic Calendar-Jamie Froh- The Faculty Senate would like feedback from students regarding the academic calendar. If you have any feedback you would like to provide please e-mail Jamie Froh at frohjl13@uwgb.edu

Announcements:

NONE

Adjournment:
The Senate meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m. by President of the Student Senate Kervin Blanke.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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