



# Senate Meeting

**The 1965 Room**

02/27/2023

5:15 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Recognition of Guests
  - a) Professor Jon Shelton
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
  - a) Motion by Lucas
  - b) Seconded by Grace
  - c) Discussion:
    - Riley: They are really good <3
  - d) Motion passes via voice vote
- V. Approval of the Agenda
  - a) Moved by Zea
  - b) Seconded by Natalie
  - c) Discussion: no
  - d) Motion passes via voice vote
- VI. Reports
  - a) President: Last week I had our 3 on 1 and discussed what to put on our agenda and internal external relations. I had a presidents' council meeting and we had a discussion on the



formatting of presidents' council and the differences between campus. Jon Shelton and I were in contact about him presenting today.

- b) Vice President: Yield
- c) Speaker of the Senate: I have an interview with a potential senator, but I did not want to bring them in today due to weather. We have two prospective Senators today and I had the meeting with Adam.
- d) RHAA: N/A
- e) Parliamentarian: I did a few edits on the parli pro presentation.
- f) Presidents' Council/Campus Presidents:
  - Monica- I had the presidents' council meeting on Friday and we are working on our recharge lounge.
  - Emilio- We have SGA meetings on Fridays from 11-12 if anyone wants to join in. Our recruitment has gone from 2 to 8 in the past two years! We are working on improving bus stops, reaching out to faculty, working on diversity, inclusivity and sustainability to reach out to whole student body, updating cameras, intercoms and pas. I attend the USGA presidents' council on Fridays.
- g) Advisors: Time with the chancellor is next week on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We want representatives from SGA. This is the final senate meeting before spring break, so take some time to rest and recharge!

## VII. New Business

- a) Welcome Professor Jon Shelton!
  - Jas- We met to discuss advocacy for more State aid for the UW system. Professor



Shelton is presenting us with a plan to be involved with the professor union and engaging with students to provide advocacy.

- Professor Shelton - I am a DJS professor and the president for the faculty and staff labor union. We have 50 something members and we see ourselves as representatives for faculty and staff in workload issues and in terms of advocating for the university having the things it needs. “The conditions under which I teach are the ones under which you all learn.” You can’t think about labor without student needs. In the spring there is an election and if anyone is interested, there’s an organization doing nonpartisan voter engagement (mayors and supreme court are the spots). If anyone is interested in getting paid for doing voter engagement work, please let me know or connect with Zea or Jasmine. This org that I have been working with is hiring people for fellowships and the pay is \$250 a week. The big thing is this year is a budget year. This budget happens every two years and the UWS is funded in part through state funding. It is much less funding than it used to be. Back in the 70s and 80s students were coming out without debt, but that was when the state was paying at a higher rate. The taxpayers have decided to pay for less of your education and in the past 10 years there have been some very problematic budgets that cut hundreds of millions of dollars from the UW system. You can’t combine budget cuts with the tuition freeze. In 2017, there was a budget that forced UWGB to pay for its own road maintenance, so the campus has had to raise the parking fees. This matters now because this is a budget year, and the legislature is going to take up the proposal to decide what to move forward with.



The important thing is that we need more money because of the cuts. We are having the differential tuition conversation now because the system is underfunded. The only way to fund it more is to either bring in more students or up tuition. Our union is going to be doing a teaching on campus to let people know about the budget and the importance of advocacy. We thought that since this impacted students we would ask to have it cohosted by the union and SGA. We would ask to have a few members help plan the event some people speak to some of these things. We want students to talk to peers and come the event. Ask people to send an email or write a letter to legislators. It is totally fine if you do not want to do it. It does impact students dramatically.

1. Jasmine B- I think this would be a good opportunity for Green Bay and other campuses. We should collaborate to make some change.
  - a. Prof. Shelton - We want to maybe have a small group of people to work to plan it and make it collaborative. We want to start planning this pretty soon.
2. Ingrid- When you have done these things in the past, how much of an impact did it have? How do you foresee this budget piece impacting this initiative?
  - a. Prof. Shelton - We've done things like this in the past. In 2017, it was a panel conversation and a march about funding the UWS. The slogan was "fund the freeze". We had a big event and we were asking legislators to sign a pledge that they would only vote for things that



would fund the system. Governor Evers used the term “fund the freeze” in his 2018 campaign and has put it in every budget proposal. He used the CARES act to fund the freeze during COVID. We have made a big impact and students are really important to it. In terms of the guaranteed admission, the faculty think that that is a very good idea and we understand that some students need more support. Funding the UWS is essential and we need to find ways to raise tuition money. I think the chancellor is doing the right thing, but it is on the backs of students. We either raise tuition or cut things and we don't want to cut things that go to students and their success.

- b. Jasmine B - Look for his book he just published
- c. Logan- I'd like to voice my support
- d. Zea- If anyone is interested, come find me or send me an email. I can make an ad hoc committee.
- e. Riley – Interested in helping
- f. Jasmine P. - Interested in helping

b) Senator Confirmations

- JP Peterson – I use he/him pronouns and my major is undecided. I am interested because at org smorg Harrison pulled us aside and made it a competition to get signatures. I want to see what this is about.
- Devin Strandberg – I use he/him and my major is electrical engineering. Org smorg got my attention. It was really good. I thought the idea of doing something



was cool.

1. Abby – What prior experience do you have that would help?
  - a. Devin - Student council for a year in high school
  - b. JP - none
2. Erika – what committees do you want to be on?
  - a. Devin - Dining and arts
  - b. JP - Dining and environmental affairs
3. Jasmine- Members in SGA should take their roles seriously. You both made senator Instagram accounts that make it seem like you are doing this as a joke. Are you going to take your roles seriously?
  - a. Devin – I mean what I say on Instagram
4. Jasmine - What does “ get your money up, not your funny up” mean as quoted from your senator Instagram page?
  - a. Devin – I’m glad you asked. It is more about sustainability, and it is attention grabbing.
  - b. JP – For mine, I felt like I got really close with the students on campus. I was posting on the UWGB 2023 snap story and through that a lot of people were saying “oh that’s a great idea.” My idea was “getting GB done the GB way.” A lot of people were started following and interacting with it. People I’ve never met started swiping up asking what I am going to do. I am going to find problems and get them done.



5. Jasmine- What does getting “GB done right” mean?
  - a. JP - It is something for everyone on campus. I’ve noticed the waterfalls are broken.
6. Jasmine - What is “bring back the green”?
  - a. JP – I am still interested in doing something for the environment.
  - b. Devin – I joined a sustainability club.
7. Riley- I did look at the Instagram pages and it was a bit of a headscratcher, but if you are telling me it is all to boost engagement and you are going to take this seriously then...
  - a. JP- that is what I meant by it.
  - b. Devin – I’ve had people reach out and support.
8. Erika- What is one issue you would like to address in union and dining?
  - a. JP - By the time I get there, there are no plates, forks, or cups. There are usually very few options by the time that I get there.
  - b. Devin – The food options tend to be slim.
9. Ally –What is something you would like to do on arts and performance?
  - a. Devin - I like performance arts and I want to be more engaged in it
10. Tanisha – Based on the fact that you started laughing and making comments when one of our members walked into the room, are you going to be able to conduct yourself in a professional manner and work well with others in the organization?
  - a. JP – Yes; we were just talking to each other.



11. Jasmine- How are you going to use your SGA social media presence for good?

- a. JP - I believe that social media is a useful tool to promote events
- b. Devin – echoed JP; a lot of people do not know what there is to do on campus.

- Discussion

1. Riley- I understand that some of you have some concerns and I don't think that there is a good case to vote against them.
2. Abby- I agree.
3. Alex - They had good answers.
4. Tanisha - I didn't like their conduct when they came in.
5. Jasmine B. – I have trouble hearing and I cannot see the room, but from what I saw it felt like jokes.
6. Ingrid – I have trouble hearing and it is hard to see what is happening and the context. The question is do we feel like they would add value to the work that we are trying to accomplish.
7. Ryan - They remind me of a lot of different people that I see on campus and I think that having a couple guys that represent that is good and if they can bring awareness that would be great.
8. Jasmine - It is going to be more a joke than getting things done.
9. Motion to approve JP Peterson
  - a. Moved by Lucas





- b. Seconded by Grace
  - c. Discussion: no
  - d. Motion passes 5-2-3
10. Motion to approve Devin Strandberg
- a. Moved by Erika
  - b. Seconded by Ryan
  - c. Motion passes 7-0-3
- c) Motion for 10-minute recess
- Moved by Zea
  - Seconded by Jasmine
  - Discussion: no
  - Motion passes by voice vote
- d) Parliamentary Procedure Training
- Look at his presentation 😊
  - Discussion
- e) Discussion on current University Student Government Association affairs and how to proceed
- Jasmine – We had a resolution to dissolve SGA since it was not favorable for us, but the other campuses did deny the resolution. This space it to air out concerns for SGA.
  - Riley – I was one of the people who was in favor of leaving USGA. After further



consideration, while I would have liked to have seen us leave a long time ago and right now it would not be a good decision to leave. There are problems such as the one campus one vote. We are 88% of the student body and it is not fair to have that count as 25% of the vote. We need to amend the rules.

- Emilio – When you guys brought forward the resolution my thoughts were that I wish USGA had been brought up beforehand. Our SGA is all about communication and to see that there was no author kind of spooked our members. We wish there had been one so we could talk to them. We should not dissolve something that worked well for us, but we understand that there are concerns that we need to look at together. We feel that we do not talk about student wide issues. We basically talk about shared governance, and I feel like we need to talk about more. I want to work with you all moving forward. We only have a few short months left and we should let the student leaders coming in decide what they want to do. We should leave it up to them. We can advise them of our pros and cons, but we should not up and dissolve it. This could be great moving forward if we work collectively.
- Alex – I share similar to Riley. A majority of our students are here and we have presented budgeting for 80% of the SGA. We should have more power to the money.
- Jasmine – The author chose not to say who they were, but those who did work on it will be in school next year. No matter who you are, your opinion is valued. My concern came from a lot of problems that we are addressing did not have



connection to UWGB and it is hard to be somewhere where I have to devote time to not UWGB. I would like to talk about things that affect all campuses and see a unified front without a middle man. One person should not be voicing for 4 and there is planning to have a constitutional committee. There was a plan for afterwards, it was not just an up and leave thing.

- Zea – One of the plans for the new UWSGA is a combined senate. I thought it was a good idea to represent everyone's voices and we want to tackle student issues together.
- Abbi – Would they be joining our committees?

1. Zea – The details still have to be worked out

f) First reading of a resolution in support of transparency concerning snow removal on campus

- Discussion:

1. Ingrid – My committee would like to do something to the sidewalks as well to make them ADA accessible.

2. Adam – Would we invite them in on April 3<sup>rd</sup>?

- a. Yes

- Motion to suspend rules and vote tonight

1. Moved by Jasmine

2. Seconded Zea

3. Discussion: no

4. Motion passes by voice vote



- Previous discussion continued
  1. Logan – Do you want to include dates on snowstorms?
    - a. Riley- yes
  2. Tanisha – Can we add something about damaging cars?
    - a. Riley - yes
  3. Jasmine- Can we add something about attendance impact?
    - a. Riley – yes
  4. Zea – Add the ADA compliance clause.
    - a. Riley - okay

- Motion to approve the resolution

1. Moved by Jasmine
2. Seconded by Grace
3. Discussion: no
4. Motion passes 8-0-4

g) Review of 2023 SGA Election Timeline and requirements

- There is a refresher on the election timeline available online. None of the dates have changed.
- Discussion: no

## VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a) Academic Affairs: Yield
- b) Arts and Performance: March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> is Danceworks. March 8<sup>th</sup> are choir concerts in the Weidner center. March 26<sup>th</sup> is Joe Lovanop with the GB orchestra.



- c) Environmental Affairs: We had a committee meeting last week and want to look at sustainability fund and we are working on a green events guide.
- d) Equity and Diversity: Our committee meetings are after these meetings to work on period equity. I had a meeting with the liaison this week.
- e) Intergovernmental Affairs: I am working on amendments for full body senate.
- f) Recreation and Athletics: N/A
- g) SUFAC: We got an update from business and finance regarding suf funds for vehicular travel. SGA must have a rental vehicle if it plans on using suf funding to travel. We received a duties list from the Speaker.
- h) Student Workers' Rights: Yield
- i) Union and Dining: N/A

IX. Announcements:

- a) Grace – March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm the womens' basketball team is having their final.
- b) Harry – The report I mentioned is uploaded in the canvas.
- c) Adam – March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the black history 101 mobile museum from 10-3. There is a 1pm lecture.
- d) Jasmine – Phoenix law society meets at 5pm tomorrow.

X. Adjournment:

- a) Motion by Jasmine
- b) Seconded by Natalie
- c) Discussion: no
- d) Motion passes by voice vote