



# Senate Meeting

**The 1965 Room**

03/20/2023

5:15 PM

- I. Call to Order at 5:15pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Recognition of Guests
  - a) Jeff Jacobs- UWGB chief facilities officer
  - b) Chris – project manager with SSC specializing in grounds
  - c) James – regional director of operations for SSC
  - d) Alex Hewit
  - e) Eddie Warzak – assistant service manager
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
  - a) Minutes from February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting
    - Moved by Lucas
    - Seconded by Zea
    - Discussion: No
    - Motion passes via voice vote
  - b) Minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
    - Moved by Zea
    - Seconded by Lucas
    - Discussion: No



- Motion passes via voice vote

#### V. Approval of the Agenda

- a) Motion by Zea
- b) Seconded by James
- c) Discussion: move to amend the agenda to strike the last item of new business by Zea
  - Seconded by Lucas
  - Discussion: no
  - Motion passes via voice vote
- d) Main motion passes via voice vote

#### VI. Reports

- a) President: Yield.
- b) Vice President: Yield.
- c) Speaker of the Senate: I have been working on the website. Please fill out the feedback survey. I am working on gathering input from senators and doing final one on ones. Talk to me if you are interested in this position. If you could not get on the election ticket, come talk to me. There are lots of events and recruitment activities coming up. The idea for the shoe tree is a bonfire ceremony with people's names and thoughts on paper. If you know students who have opinions on this, please talk to me or Daniella.
- d) Parliamentarian: Zea you can never be replaced.
- e) Campus Presidents: N/A
- f) Advisor:



- I am continuing to plan for pass the gavel. There is a big game this evening, you should go. Students were voicing concerns about GB nites and we are providing education around JK Rowling and how to support the trans community.

## VII. New Business

### a) Guest Speakers Jeff Jacobs and James Weishan

- Jeff- We have had the contract for a couple years and we have not met with students. There has been a change in leadership and the unit director is being replaced. We have implemented a weekly operations meeting going forward that gives us a chance to meet with the university to talk about each weather event. We have had issues with student parking. We need help educating students on where we need help. We cannot get too close to the vehicles and student parking is lower on the priority list because there are fire routes and such in place that have priority. You have about 11 miles of asphalt and multiple special events centers and loading docks that need to be plowed. Student parking tends to be at the end of priorities due to resources. We have talked about designating different parking zones for major snow events. We could talk more about designated areas to move to for parking. We really have not worked with anyone outside of facilities and it is going to be important for use to communicate with them on a regular basis. We are committed to doing that.
- Discussion
  1. Abby – What is the process when you are deciding to plow student housing parking lot in terms of communication?



- a. Jeff - Most of that is in the snow plan with respect to priorities.
  - b. James - We notify student housing when we are going to plow a lot.  
We decided not to plow the lot on Friday, so we tried to clear the main lot on Monday. We are working with housing in order to figure it out. We have not had great participation from students. We are working on refining how we send out messages.
  - c. Abby – A little bit of a problem with notifying us that housing emails go to spam for us.
2. Erika- You said you plow the main pathways. In the east housing lot, that was not done with the snow, and I do not have a four-wheel drive car. Is it possible to use the things we used on the sidewalks to help clear parking lots?
- a. Jeff - That should have been done. We missed some things.
  - b. Erika – I couldn't move my car because East housing was not plowed and the Kress is \$10 to park.
  - c. James – The organization that tickets is a different organization.
3. Riley – You said you had organizational changes. When did those happen?
- a. Jeff - End of February, beginning of march.
4. Zea – I am the person that got all the emails and the student feedback. Most of it was pertaining to student accessibility. A lot of students missed classes and got grades docked. There is a lot of confusion about who does what parts.
- a. Jeff - We are primarily responsible yes. We get some assistance from



housing. We need to recruit student workers.

- b. Jasmine – When it comes to halls and buildings. RMs are responsible for doing those. Those people are not necessarily paid for that.
5. Zea – Students want communication to be better. Most of us do not get housing emails because they go to spam. Students liked the text thing. The career fair really disrupted where students could park. Most of the places that students could park were taken. Maybe we could send students to the Weidner center lot.
  - a. Jeff - We will look into that.
6. James – Would it be possible to coordinate more closely with GB parking? There was a police officer ticketing all the cars parked incorrectly despite the fact that when people parked all the lines were covered.
  - a. James - AJ does come to our meetings. We are in communication with them.
  - b. Jeff - We are more in tune with the special events calendar in order to coordinate.
7. Adam – I was curious because I feel like one of the challenges are nights and weekends. What are the overnight and weekend processes?
  - a. Jeff - Snow season is 24 hours from October to may and we work closely with public safety to make sure we are keeping it clear. We are always responsible. We have rented hotel rooms for 14-hour shifts. Days and times do not matter. This is an all the time thing.



- b. James - We are hoping that with investment we can do bringing and pretreating. Salt only works to 20 degrees. That would be a big adjustment.
- c. Jeff - The environmental group is concerned about the amount of salt used because of Lake Michigan and we are conscious of that. This uses less salt.
8. Logan – Do you ever plow some of those priorities simultaneously or do some people go some places and others go to others?
- a. Jeff - Simultaneous. First priority is fire routes and there is prioritization while doing it simultaneously.
9. Erika – They have put sand on the road, have you thought about that?
- a. Jeff - It does not work the greatest. We could try that, but the brine solution is the way to go.
10. Katie – With the brine, how soon would that happen?
- a. We can have it in place in September. We need to educate people on what we are doing and why we are doing it.
11. Ingrid – What are you doing about ADA compliance?
- a. It is a priority and a challenge, and we need to make sure that we are making sure that that is being done. It is something that needs constant attention.
- b) Senator Confirmation of Alejandro Cortes
- Alejandro- I am a sophomore and a computer science major. I use he/him



pronouns. I am a commuter student. The experience for commuters is different. I can feel the disconnect with other students in FYS classes. It has been an interesting experience. I want to get involved. I am here often enough to want to meet people. I have never done anything like this, and I want to put my foot in the door and try something new.

- Q&A:

1. Riley: What committees are you interested in joining?

- a. Equity and diversity and dining

2. Abby – What prior experience do you have that would help you in this role?

- a. I have been working since I was 14. There is a lot of team building working in the jobs that I have worked. You need communication skills. I know how to get things done.

3. James – Are there any specific things you would like to change or improve on campus?

- a. I was told that I should take a FYS class and I felt like I should not have been it because it felt exclusionary. I felt so disconnected.

- Discussion

1. Lucas – It seems like he has good work ethic.

2. Ingrid – What is the term of this position?

- a. Zea - Now until the first meeting in may.

3. Ingrid – Is he understanding that and does he have to reapply for the position?



- a. Zea – Yeah. We will reconfirm them.
  4. Katie – He seemed well spoken and like he has thought things through.
  5. Adam – I feel like he is a good addition and there is a good idea within academic affairs.
  6. Erika – It would be cool to have a commuter.
    - Motion to confirm Alejandro as a Senator passes 6-0-5
- c) The Rest of the Year
- Senate meetings on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and new administration takes over on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please put those in your calendars.
- d) 2023-2024 SGA Budget
- Gotten rid of office fixtures request and decreased the networking based on not wanting to pay for computers we do not use. Committee chairs decreased to 960 to be in guidelines.
  - Riley – Is that the correct number for pass the gavel?
    1. Adam – yes
  - Bumped down food for first two meetings.
- e) Upcoming Events
- Comm Week
    1. “Comm Together” Event @ the Winter Garden, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-7pm
  - Wisconsin Elections
    1. Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>





2. We have contact with many different nonpartisan organizations wanting to help us boost student voting on-campus.
    - a. Tanisha: I'm working with the Campus Vote Project on a booth for next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Monday. It'll be nonpartisan and has info on how to vote on campus and what you need for that. In addition, on the Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be free coffee at the booth, so if anyone wants to get office hours that week then come talk to me.
- Budget Teach-In w/ Prof. Shelton
    1. April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:15pm in the 1965 room

#### VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a) Academic Affairs: We have a committee meeting today after the meeting. We are going to discuss course evaluations.
- b) Arts and Performance: N/A
- c) Environmental Affairs: Conservation lobby day is April 25<sup>th</sup>. Fees can be waived for students. We looked at all of the UW schools and what they are doing with their sustainability funds.
- d) Equity and Diversity: Yield.
- e) Intergovernmental Affairs: N/A
- f) Recreation and Athletics: Women's basketball team is doing the NIT tourney. Won their first game and the second is tonight at the Kress.
- g) SUFAC: I did not send a single email between March 10 and today. We have D Day this



week.

- h) Student Workers' Rights: I was reached out to by the president of the workers and socialist party to put on an event to celebrate student workers. I sent the draft of the survey to Professor Weinschenk to get advice as to how to poll student workers effectively.
- i) Union and Dining: We have a meeting Thursday. Chartwells did win the next seven years. I will send their pitch to Zea.

IX. Announcements:

- a) N/A

X. Adjournment:

- a) Moved by Lucas
- b) Seconded by Natalie
- c) Discussion: no
- d) Motion passes via voice vote
- e) Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm