

Wednesday, April 1st, 2020

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

4:30 PM, Hosted online via Zoom

Call to Order: **4:30 pm**

Roll Call:

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| President Ellgen | X |
| Vice President Casey | X |
| Treasurer Kuerschner | X |
| Director Meurer | X |
| Director Taylor | X |
| Chair Hansen | X |
| Chair Mann | X |
| Chair Mercier | X |
| Senator Braunwarth | X |
| Senator Christensen | X |
| Senator Cup | X |
| Senator Davitt | X |
| Senator DeMaris | X |
| Senator Gillitzer | X |
| Senator Harvey Rigby | X |
| Senator Herbst | X |
| Senator Holtz | X |

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| Senator Lancaster | X |
| Senator Lavan | X |
| Senator Martin | X |
| Senator Nick | X |
| Senator Oldenberg | X |
| Senator Olson | X |
| Senator Onger | EA |
| Senator Palmer | X |
| Senator Pfaffenbach | X |
| Senator A. Pliner | X |
| Senator K. Pliner | X |
| Senator Ruhland | X |
| Senator Schulz | X |
| Senator Wagner | X |
| Senator Wilson | X |
| Senator Yang | X |

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Director of Communications

- N/A

- Executive Assistant
 - N/A
- Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Working with Tracy to work with clubs to end the year and get ready for next year
- Guest Speakers
 - Dr. President Olson, WSU President
 - Grading Choice is until April 14 but can be moved
 - Dr. Denise McDowell, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Life
 - Use COVID- 19 spotlight for information
 - Paula Scheevel, Director of Housing and Residence Life
 - Dr. Jennifer Chernega, WSU Faculty Association President

Q&A Structure:

- Opening comments from each guest speaker
- Pass/No Credit Grading
 - Deans Discussed this morning about the possibilities
 - Students have to make an informed choice. Deans are sending out a list to the possibilities that pass/no credit will affect them
 - Faculty is trying to make it a good experience with their class
 - Hoping that as we continue that things will continue and the class will be easier than in-person class.
 - The reason that some class are Pass/No credit is because of major classes
 - There is a semester limit but trying to see if that limit can be lifted
 - Wants students to talk to their advisors about whether P/NC is a good choice for them
 - P/NC can count towards your graduation but it depends on your college
 - A number of Graduate is online and the grading scale is different
- Financial Reimbursement
 - Working on finding reimbursement
 - Working on Wellness / students fees but taking one thing at a time
 - Block/ kyzkro kass will have an reinbust
 - Student Travel will be reimbursed

- Housing
 - For summer you should stay at home if online but if there is face- face may offer summer housing
 - If you are currently on campus then you will be offered summer housing
 - Internships are day by day
- Commencement
 - There will be some sort of Commencement
 - Have something pre-recorded/ graduation care-package
 - Graduating seniors will be getting an email in the next week or so
 - Looking for student feedback
 - Don't want students to fill overwhelm with the first week of classes
- Any remaining questions
 - Telephone counselling is starting Monday.
 - IWC will be sending out wellness tip
 - Hav donated surgical masks to Winona health
 - Making inventory for future requests
 - Keeping track of who is on campus
 - Gave Tau center to Winona for medical staff who need a place to sleep so they don't expose their family
 - A facebook page “ neighbors helping neighbors” that is for people who can go out and get meals for those who can't

RECESS

Moved by: Chair Hansen

Seconded by: Chair Mann

- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs

-Carepages will be sent free shipping

Whereas, special and unprecedented circumstances require special solutions,

Whereas, the spring 2020 semester has been disrupted by COVID-19 and changed the very framework of coursework, class delivery style, and the overall educational environment,

Whereas, this has negatively impacted the learning and achievement of many students,

Therefore, if it is resolved, WSUS recommends the Pass/No Credit grading system for Spring 2020 to be optional on a class by class basis. Additionally, this will not negatively impact overall degree completion for all students,

Therefore, be it resolved, WSUS recommended each college to take the necessary steps to ensure neither courses nor program prerequisites will be harmed by a passing grade, and follow up with their respective students of how their program would be impacted,

Therefore, be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends this grading system to be available for students for an unlimited number of classes, effective through the rest of the Spring 2020 semester.

- Inclusion and Diversity
 - last meeting April 13th
- Student Services
 - Hoping to pass the rest of the duties from this semester to the next chair
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda: **Approved**
 - Semester Plan
 - Social Media Outreach
 - Executive Board Office Hours
 - Legislative Update
- Vice President's Report
 - Senator Obligations Waived
 - Elections Committee
 - Working Documents Committee Recommendations:
 - Move to approve the following changes to Article 2, Section 4, Subsection B of the WSUSA Constitution
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J5DM46G8dhpWOHH4gQfHfPVqDLQVVRhAofP1H47hLuc/edit?usp=sharing>
Approved
 - Move to approve the following changes to Article 2, Section 6, Subsection B of the WSUSA Constitution
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UGwO9q-IPfnkty1VipzSP11xmop-y0mvmZ6PSBYvHs/edit?usp=sharing>
Approved

- Move to approve the following changes to Article 2, Section 3, Subsection C of the WSUSA Constitution

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PbKmv3s4VSejLvdFFnsK0IeuY8GiGzErbTVyNjWM6LU/edit?usp=sharing>

Approved

- Election Committee Recommendation:

Whereas, WSUSA Constitutional Amendments require ten-percent of the student body to vote to change the WSUSA Constitution.

Whereas, there is a chance that voter turnout may be less than anticipated due to extenuating circumstances.

Therefore be it resolved, that if less than ten-percent of the student body votes in the Spring 2020 General Elections, then the proposed WSUSA Constitutional amendments will be moved to the Fall 2020 General Elections .

Approved

- Treasurer's Report
 - SAF Account Balance: \$57,719.11
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$56,890.08 (34.29%, ↓0.48%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$55,990.08 (33.75%, ↓0.54%)
 - Senate Account: \$6,600
 - Funding Request Reviews (SFRs)
 - SAF Rollover
 - SFMC Recommendation

WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to the [Student Life Fee](#) as presented.

Tabled

- Unfinished Business

WSUSS recommends a [3.07%](#) increase to the [Wellness Fee](#) as presented.

Approved

WSUSS recommends a [2.5%](#) increase to the [Housing & Residence Life Fee](#).

Approved

Whereas, Delta Phi Epsilon plans on attending ILF Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Whereas, Delta Phi Epsilon are learning to promote women empowerment and inclusion and diversity,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$900 from the SAF to Delta Phi Epsilon

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS requests that Delta Phi Epsilon brings back their knowledge to speak to more WSU students in a presentation to the WSU community during the 2020-2021 school year.

Moved by: Senator Christensen

Seconded by: Chair Mann

Approved

- New Business

Group Discussion:

- Pass/No Credit Grading
 - Housing
 - Financial Reimbursement
 - Commencement
 - Any remaining concerns
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- Comments from the Gallery
 - Comments for the Good of the Order
 - Adjournment: **8:34pm**

Moved by: Chair Hansen

Consent Agenda

| RSO | Reason | Amount |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Computer Science Club | Parts for Smart Mirror | \$500 |
| Sociology Club | Club Apparel | \$120 |
| Winona State Hip Hop Team | End-of-Year Banquet | \$133 |
| Her Campus | Craft Supplies | \$76.03 |

Senator DeMaris to Elections Committee
President Ellgen to Elections Committee
Senator Gillitzer to Elections Committee
Senator Harvey Rigby to Elections Committee
Senator Oldenberg to Elections Committee