

Wednesday, April 15th, 2020

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

4:30 PM, Kryzsko Commons 247, WSU

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

Roll Call:

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

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

- WSU social media wants Senators to send a quick 20 sec videos of their setup home
 - Executive Assistant
 - n/a
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Working on student involvement awards.
- Guest Speakers
 - President Olson, Vice President Ellinghuysen, & Vice President McDowell: CARES Act
 - CARES act- Federal distribution of emergency funds
 - 75% of the funds were based on how many PELL students
 - Every student has to get something ex \$100
 - Emergency fund for students ex parents died and can't pay rent, car died, etc
 - Big chunk of money by the end of the month
 - If you don't owe the university money, then it would be deposited into the bank account
 - Any student could apply for the emergency fund
 - 2.4 million for students if we set aside the emergency fund
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Wrapping things up
 - Inclusion and Diversity
 - Had the last meeting of the year
 - Student Services
 - Had the last meeting
 - Wrapped up for the year
- President's Report
 - All-U Committee Updates
- Vice President's Report
 - Elections
 - Working Documents Committee Recommendations:
 - Move to approve the following changes to the SAF Fiscal Policies and Procedures

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MYewDMyDoWcEhuhF8SW2DGgOCDKEaZa0bHo45NVAiGk/edit?usp=sharing>

Approved

- Move to approve the following changes to the WSUSS Policies for RSOs

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/15op6xobDKZYqGmuJKhragVnyyYI_pQDBci-G8LSFv-U/edit?usp=sharing

Approved

- Move to approve the following changes to Article 7 of the WSUSS Bylaws

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1du2qeLtwCAoZlpOfiHaB8h-sJBMB5ym8IH_DmYh4cmc/edit?usp=sharing

Approved

- Judicial Committee Recommendation:

- Stipend Reviews

- Treasurer's Report

- SAF Account Balance: \$55840.08
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$55840.08 (33.66%, ↓0%)
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$55,200.08 (33.27%, ↓0.39%)
- Senate Account: \$5,218.12
 - Need to Pay: \$7,440.84
 - Salaries, "Banquet", Plaques, Office Phone, NACA
 - Actual Remaining: \$12,658.96
- SFMC Recommendation
 - WSUSS Recommends a 1.5% increase to [Tuition](#).

Tabled

- Unfinished Business

Whereas, Chinese Student Society held a New Years Event on February 7th and needs to be reimbursed.

Therefore be it resolved, that WSUSS allocates \$640 from the SAF to Chinese Student Society.

Moved by: Chair Hansen

Seconded by: Senator Ruhland

Approved

- New Business

Whereas, Winona State University received a substantial amount of money through the CARES Act.

Whereas, all students are struggling during these times between being laid off or not finding enough funding because of COVID 19.

Whereas, the university shows full support of all students as some students do not have the financial comfort and support from their parents during these times. Because of this students may have to pay for their education, housing, or basic necessities independently.

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS strongly urges that Winona State University distributes the stipend fairly among all students, with an emergency fund set up.

Therefore be it further resolved, that Winona State University dispenses a 55 to 45 split between pell grant students and all other students at Winona State University along with a 15% emergency fund for students who may be dealing with a long term financial burden of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Moved by: Senator Cup

Seconded by: Senator Nick

Tabled

- Comments from the Gallery
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment

Consent Agenda