

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM, Purple Room, WSU

Call to Order: **5pm**

Roll Call: **Quorum**

President Mericer	x
VP Olson	x
Treasurer Weber	x
Chair Gort	x
Chair Hytry	x
Chair Phillips	x
Director Elliot	x
Director Sok	UT
EA Wright	x
Senator Abagat	x
Senator Ahmed	x
Senator Brandon	x
Senator A, Carman	x
Senator B. Carman	x
Senator Cole	x
Senator Dauer	x
Senator Evans-Curry	x
Senator Ferguson	x
Senator Ford	x
Senator Hebrink	EA
Senator Jones	x
Senator Kennedy	x

Senator Larson	x
Senator McCuskey	x
Senator Mulhern-Allred	x
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Rieken	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Schiro	x
Senator Senchea	x
Senator Sherchan	x
Senator Siewert	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Last grocery bingo of the semester tonight
 - Opening on the executive board for Main Stage Director
 - Email jarod.zobitz@go.winona.edu with any questions
 - Greek Council
 - Keap Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Last day to send in pictures is this Friday (the 15th) for the slide show
 - Executive Assistant
 - Last week's bonding event was awesome! Thanks to all who came
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
- Guest Speakers
 - Alpha Sigma Tau
 - Held every 2 years in Tampa, Florida
 - Vote on bylaws, listen to keynote speakers, and connect with other members

- All fundraising this year went back to their philanthropies
- Asking for \$2,678 from Senate
- Senator Jones - just 2 members going? Yes
- Chair Hytry - asked for clarification on convention fee
- Chair Phillips - gone through the national chapter to get funds?
 - Have not been cooperative on that front
- Senator Jones - have to stay at that hotel?
 - Given for them to stay at
- Chair Hytry - campus benefit?
 - Advocate for our campus chapter and provides leadership opportunities
- Circle K International
 - Requesting \$72.56 for graduation cords to honor graduating seniors
 - 5 cords at \$12 each with shipping
 - Can't get funded through SAFC due to personal property clause
 - Senator Cole - good presentation - thanks for coming
- Nursing Club
 - Clubs on both Winona and Rochester campuses as well as two outreach centers in La Crescent and Red Wing
 - Fundraised through Toppers, badge
 - Requesting \$5000
 - Applied for a grant from the foundation
 - Program is changing scrub bottoms due to white being unfavorable
 - Also asking for graduation cords and supplies for their pinning ceremonies
 - Senator Jones - what would Senate buy?
 - Mainly reception and scrub bottoms
 - Senator Senchea - how much was the grant for and when would you hear back?
 - Maybe end of April? Not sure
 - Senator Larson - can senate fund the buying of cords in bulk?
 - Chair Phillips - different from Rochester nursing? Different ceremonies
 - Representing both campuses regarding scrub bottoms but only Winona for the ceremony
 - Chair Hytry - had to buy scrub bottoms in the past?
 - Term 1 students just spend a bunch of money on scrub bottoms, so just want to alleviate financial burden on everyone

- Have to have students wearing the same color for safety reasons
 - Senator Abagat - where to allocate money?
 - Term 1-3 on both campuses
 - Chair Gort - glad the club is trying to change the scrub bottoms color
 - President-Elect Olson - Senate Operating Budget
 - No changes from the previous year's budget
 - Went over a breakdown of the stipends and operating budget
 - Senator Roers - justify keeping the budget the same even though last year was different due to COVID?
 - Can put that in Teams upon request
 - EA Wright - when's the last time we went to NACA?
 - Not actually flown for a couple years
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Anyone who didn't completely fill it out were disqualified
 - Approx. 600 got taken out
 - Twins donated 4 tickets towards the campaign
 - Campaign closes April 22 at noon
 - Treasurer Weber - When will you draw the winners?
 - April 22 afternoon
 - Have to respond by 9 am on Monday
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Gender neutral bathroom posters are up around campus
 - Student Services

Whereas, having a meditation room makes WSU welcoming and accessible to students of all different backgrounds,

Whereas, the current state of the meditation room is outdated and does not fulfill students' needs,

Whereas, many other university campuses have meditation spaces that are modern and comfortable,

Whereas, the meditation room would make WSU more inclusive and appealing to diverse prospective students,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$25,000 to the Student Union for the renovation of the meditation rooms,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends that these renovations be completed before Fall semester of 2022.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

- Should feel like a welcoming safe space for students
- Student Union would be covering lighting, architectural planning, and anything over the \$25,000 allocated
- Senator Brandon - make campus more inclusive
- Senator McCuskey - researched and found that in Islam it is frowned upon to pray in a room with a toilet in it
 - Point of info - no actual toilet in the room - just plumbing through the walls
- Recommendation **PASSES**

Whereas, sexual assault and harassment is a widespread issue that affects many WSU students,

Whereas, education surrounding these topics is critical to end sexual violence,

Whereas, self defense strategies can be empowering for survivors of sexual violence,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$688 for self defense keychains and resource cards.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

- Senator Brandon - important to learn how to protect ourselves from bad people
- Senator Prosser - hopefully will make students feel safe on campus
- Recommendation **PASSES**

Condoms and dental dams have finally made it to the residence halls!

- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Students United Update
 - Wrapping up the search for new positions
 - President Mercier will only be running one more meeting and then passing the gavel
- Vice President's Report
 - [Committee Recommendation](#)
 - Have not required PACT training for a few years
 - Broadening the language to
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - makes the bylaws more clear on what is expected
 - Chair Gort - amends to rephrase the language to clearly state the requirement of training regardless of ability to
 - Seconded by Senator A. Carman
 - Chair Phillips - if the training is traumatic, then how would this process be good for anyone triggered by the experience
 - Will be handled at the discretion of the Vice President
 - Senator Rieken - what would other options look like
 - Another kind of leadership or bystander training
 - Chair Phillips - PACT has disbanded, is it coming back?
 - May come back or something else may come up that's similar
 - Amendment **PASSES**
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - amends PACT training to bystander intervention training to make it more clear
 - Seconded by Chair Hytry
 - Senator Brandon - asked for clarification on what bystander intervention training is
 - If you see something, say something
 - Senator Rieken - why clarify WSU Staff
 - To broaden who will be teaching the training
 - Amendment **PASSES**
 - Recommendation **PASSES**
 - [Committee Recommendation](#)

- Allows clubs to request SAFC for gift cards, grad cords, and other things that would otherwise become personal property to individuals
- Increased club member apparel to \$12 a shirt
- Ensuring clubs are in good ASO standing before they can request funds
- Senator Larson - amends amount to \$14 per shirt
 - Larger shirts can cost more money than others
 - Seconded by Senator Prosser - sucks to pay more than others
 - Senator Jones - why \$14 specifically?
 - Around the price of many plus-sized shirts
 - Senator Rieken - clarified that it's the collective of all the shirts being ordered - not just the individual shirt
 - Amendment **PASSES**
- Senator Roers - is the \$50 for every purchase? Limit on number of personal property
 - For example, a \$55 board game would not work
- Amends the motion to \$25 to decrease the likelihood that clubs will go wild with personal property purposes
 - Seconded by Senator Brandon
 - Senator Jones - cords look like they tend to be close to \$50
 - Remember - this is per item, so each individual cord would work
 - Senator A. Carman - request has to go through SAFC, so unlikely clubs will request random stuff
 - Amendment **FAILS**
- Recommendation **PASSES**
- Treasurer's Report
 - Consent Agenda Item of the Week: Geology Club!
 - SAFC Shoutout

Whereas, Winona State University wants to maintain a successful student experience during the 2022-2023 academic year;

Whereas, the university has faced a decline in enrollment due to COVID-19 which means the Student Life budget is decreasing in revenue

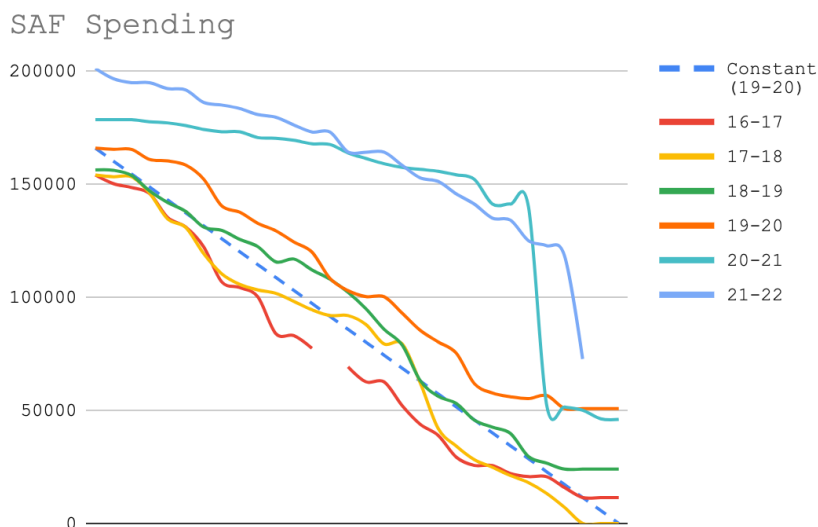
Whereas, Student Senate remains with a large and unprecedented amount of money in the SAF due to decreased club activity during the COVID-19 pandemic;

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS commits to rolling over 25% of the SAF into the Student Life reserves at the end of the 2021-2022 academic year as opposed to the typical 50%

Moved by: SAFC

Recommendation is automatically **TABLED** for one week

- SAF Account Balance: \$170,449.34
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$98,564.63(49.00%, 51.00%)
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$72,698.63 (36.14%, 63.86%)



- Unfinished Business
- WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to Room and Board as [presented](#).
 - Sale of West Campus went back to the reserves
 - Senator B. Carman - amends motion to increase to 2.5%
 - Middle ground number that can help a little
 - Seconded by Senator Larson
 - Senator McCuskey - any other projects in PL other than just the carpet
 - Basement will be redone, painting in other halls
 - Paula made some points of information on how money will be spent
 - Treasurer Weber clarified that room and board has same budget as Chartwells

- Senator Rieken - should go all in - either 5.1% or 0%
- Senator B. Carman - amends amendment to go from 2.5% to 5.1%
 - If increase happens now, it won't go up for a while
 - Seconded by Senator Larson
 - Senator Senchea - get what you pay for
 - Senator Roers - increase is well justified
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - lived there 3 years ago and they were yucky
 - Senator Abagat - don't want students to pay more
 - Amendment to the amendment **PASSES**
- Senator Jones called to question
 - Seconded by Chair Phillips
 - Call to question **PASSES**
- Amendment **PASSES**
- Senator B. Carman calls to question
 - Seconded by Chair Phillips
 - Call to question **PASSES**
- Recommendation **PASSES**

- New Business

Whereas, the 2022-2023 Executive Board is looking to keep the budget as is,

Whereas, there will not be an increase in the overall Senate budget,

Therefore be it resolved, the 2022-2023 Executive Board's budget should be approved as presented.

Moved by: Senator Schiro - clear presentation

Seconded by: Senator A. Carman

- Senator Abagat - good presentation
- Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week

Whereas, the Nursing Club is requesting funds for scrub bottoms, graduation cords, and other things for their members and ceremonies,

Whereas, the Nursing Club has shown their need for the scrub bottoms they have requested funds for,

Whereas, the Nursing Club represents a majority at Winona State while showcasing their hard work and bright futures,

Whereas, the Nursing Club has shown their involvement and support for the Winona State campus,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$5,000 from the SAF to the Nursing Club,

Therefore be it further resolved, all remaining funds will be returned to the SAF.

Moved by: Senator A. Carmanm - clear where funds were going and showcased hard work

Seconded by: Senator Schiro - awesome that scrub bottom color is being changed, sucks that they already have to pay a lot of money

- Senator Abagat - scrub bottoms are expensive and the white ones were uncomfortable
- Senator Prosser - nursing students have to pay so much extra for their program
- Motion is automatically **TALBED** for one week

Whereas, Circle K International would like to recognize their graduates with honor cords,

Whereas, Circle K International has made a tremendous impact at Winona State by volunteering locally and promoting leadership,

Whereas, the five graduating seniors have collectively served over 150 service hours throughout their time at Winona State,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$72.56 from the SAF to Circle K International,

Therefore be it further resolved, all unused funds will be returned to the SAF.

Moved by: Senator A. Carman - 150 collective service hours is awesome

Seconded by: Senator Mulhern-Allred

- Senator Jones - from personal experience, the volunteers work very hard
- Senator Abagat - 30 service hours per person is crazy, very honorable
- Motion **PASSES**

Whereas, WSU's outdoor space on campus does not currently have many different options for outdoor activities;

Whereas, a fire feature would provide students, clubs, and groups for an additional space to gather and enjoy the outdoors;

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends a fire feature be installed on WSU's campus and WSUSS recommends the university also financially support this fire feature;

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS allocates 10,000 from the SAF to the Student Union for the funding of the fire feature.

Moved by: Senator Ferguson - good to have outdoor activity space

Seconded by: Senator Kennedy - fire feature would please current students

- Senator B. Carman - would attract prospective students
- Senator Jones - why \$10,000?
 - Not as much as \$25,000 originally asked for, but should be enough to start
- Chair Gort - would the project still happen this summer even if only given this much
 - Maybe
- Senator Brandon - more important things to fund than the fire feature at this point
- Senator Larson - amends amount to \$25,000
 - Seconded by Senator Schiro
 - Senator B. Carman - with \$25,000, project could start this summer?
 - Yes, way more likely
 - Senator Senchea - that's a lot of money that could go somewhere else
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - campus already has a lot of outdoor places to gather
 - Senator Senchea - where do the funds go if we don't use them? What are reserves
 - Half goes to reserves, other half goes to senate to use next year
 - Reserves are like a cushion to be used in case of emergency
 - Senator B. Carman - do other universities have fire features on campus?
 - Eau Claire has one
 - Chair Gort - SAF money comes from student fees, so we should spend it for students before
 - Senator Larson - at university where he did PSEOs he saw a fire feature and it was utilized well
 - Chair Phillips - way to help students with their own money from fees
 - Senator McCuskey - fire feature may be a novelty when it comes in, but die down in popularity later
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - asked for clarification on who can use the reserve funds

- Senator Ferguson - thought supporting full number was overwhelming, so having a starter number would help in a little way
- Senator Rieken - utilities cost? Senate budget can afford \$25k
 - Student Union would pick up the cost of utilities in the future
- Senator Prosser - bonfires are popular in Winona, and it will benefit clubs
- Senator Brandon - after eBoard crunched the numbers, asked for clarification on exactly how much money will be left over
 - Approx. \$40,000 (give or take the motions we still have to discuss)
- Senator Ferguson calls to question
 - Seconded by Senator B. Carman
 - Call to question **PASSES**
- Amendment **PASSES**
- Chair Hytry - good event for College of Business
- Senator Dauer - RAs could have fun events
- Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week

Whereas, Alpha Sigma Tau is attending their 44th National Conference on June 23rd through June 26th in Tampa, Florida,

Whereas, this conference will give participants opportunities to update constitutions, listen in on keynotes, and connect with other chapters,

Whereas, participants will bring knowledge and leadership experiences back to Winona State,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$2,478 from the SAF to Alpha Sigma Tau.

Moved by: Senator A. Carman - good experience for them

Seconded by: Senator B. Carman

- Chair Phillips - amends the motion to remove the food line
 - Seconded by Senator Evans-Curry
 - Chair Gort - most previous groups funded have paid for their own food
 - Amendment **PASSES**
- Senator Mulhern-Allred - was a delegate in the past and had a blast
- Senator Prosser - they're required to attend, but national level won't pay for delegates to come
- Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week

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- Comments from the Gallery
 - Tracy Rahim - dance team ranked high on the national level
 - 6 out of our 16 sports clubs are going to nationals
 - We have a women's national champion on our wrestling team!
 - Comments for the Good of the Order
 - Adjournment **7:38pm**
 - Moved by: Senator Brandon
 - Seconded by: Senator Abagat

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
Women in Computer Science	Club Meeting Food	\$255.16
AIGA	Club Meeting Food	\$63.35
WSU AdFed	Conference Costs, Club Meeting Snacks	\$147.07
Pre-Vet Club	Club Meeting Food	\$19.33
Financial Management Association	Club Meeting Snacks	\$96.54
Legal Association	End of the Year Banquet	\$1,499.76
Accounting Association	Club Meeting Food	\$96.67
Circle K International	Club Event Snacks	\$21.37
Geology Club	Club Outing	\$633
Asian Student Nation	Club Outing & Event	\$696.40
SCEC	Decorations	\$12.08
WSU Spanish Language Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$94.52
College Republican Club	Club Promotional Materials	\$1,087.51

Wenonah Players	Club Materials & Food	\$325.56
Kappa Delta Pi	Club Meeting	\$12.55
Art Club	Club Supplies	\$211.42
Potato Club	Club Meeting Food	\$128.60
Computer Science Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$25.61
Women in Science & Engineering	Research Event Food	\$546.04
RTTR Student Association	Club Meeting Food	\$528.55
Colleges Against Cancer	Relay for Life, Club Meeting Food	\$690.16
Philosophy Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$55.89
Intersarsity Christian Fellowship	Club Meeting Snacks, Club Expenses	\$47.40
Student Health and Wellness Advocates	Potting Event Supplies	\$194.50
WSU Ambassadors	Member Apparel, Club Meeting Food	\$1,169.33
Physics Club	Club Meeting Food	\$124.90