

**Wednesday, October 18th, 2023**

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM, Solarium, WSU

Call to Order: 5pm

Roll Call:

President Carman	x
VP Ehlers	x
Treasurer O'Connor	x
Director Herman	x
Director Herrick	x
EA Johannsen	x
Chair Bainbridge	x
Chair Hermerding	x
Chair Hossain	x
Senator Arefin	x
Senator Bowen	x
Senator Carman	x
Senator Crass	x
Senator Crowe	x
Senator Daniels	x
Senator DeBates	
Senator DeLuca	x
Senator Galvin	
Senator Grams	x
Senator Haugen	x
Senator Howarth	x

Senator Kurth	x
Senator Minich	x
Senator Palmerton	x
Senator Peil	x
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Schulz	x
Senator Simon	x
Senator Snider	x
Senator Stoeckly	x
Senator Tetzloff	x
Senator Wright	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **approved**

Approval of Agenda: **approved**

- Organizational Reports
  - Warrior Entertainment Network
    - Thank you for the funding for Logan Henderson, events: downtown night, nate and allies, blooming grounds, halloween movie night and DIY painting pumpkins
    - Senator Wright: Could you give us a breakdown of what the Logan Henderson event was like?
      - 300 people attended, well attended event, everyone was very invested, think it went very well
  - Greek Council
  - RHA
    - Senator Carman: You light up my life. Raise money to purchase toys for kids, Nov 10th, door knocking no venmo, if you guys want to also help out then we will do it in the senate office as well
  - KEAP Council
  - Director of Communications
    - Headshots Oct 26 and 27th, posting on student senate facebook and fill it out if you need a headshot
  - Executive Assistant

- Sent out an email yesterday for our October bonding event, sign up due by next wednesday
    - I was told apparel will be here by the end of october
    - I am working on November bonding event, it will be a friendsgiving event
  - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
    - Homecoming club fair went well for being inside. Wgdx was so much funds and the biggest club turnout was 11-12 clubs. We have two more wgdx Nov 4 and nov 11th. Had a new club come through. Tracy and I talked about having an orientation meeting on what it is like being a club on campus
- Guest Speakers
  - Chris Cichosz-Director of Security
    - Keith and Chris:
      - A little bit about security: parking and shuttle services. We have about 12-15 student staff, 16 full time staff. Parking enforcement, ticketing, improving and maintaining lot, one of the few 24/7 operations on campus. Working with the sheriff's office working on radio systems for emergencies and event planning. Upcoming training event: we are planning active shooting de escalation training. Looking at 3 session each day and 40 people per session. I am part of the winona transit committee, they have an opening. Talking to her about having a student representative and she is open to that. I will always be going but it would be good to have one of you there to serve you better on campus or near. They just redid their routes. It would not be a bad idea for transit to stop at kryzsko. The invitation is open and give me a name then i will coordinate with that person
      - Senator Carman: nice to hear updates. Regarding East Lake, is there any way to get the lines repainted? Update on locking doors from last year?
        - We are working on it for next summer to get it resealed and repainted. No update. There were some best practices that came out.
      - Senator Minich: students have approached me about wanting a firearm on campus. Are you in support of that?
        - I have a son that is an outdoorsman in Bemidji and they are allowed to have that up there on campus. I would be in support of it. Going through the right steps and policies in place. In sheehan hall, we don't really have the room for it. Think it is a good idea.
  - Dean of the College of Business-Dean Skalberg
  - Cristall for the advocacy center
    - Executive director. Have a satellite for students. Have two offices, one downtown and one on campus monday- thurs Gildemeister 110. We do a lot during sexual. Clothes lines. There will be names of those who have died of domestic violence. 30 t-shirts with their pictures for ages 4- elderly. We also plan a lot for sexual assault awareness month. If anyone is interested with any more information please contact our advocates and bring awareness.
      - Senator Wright: I remember seeing the purple shirts hanging and that is always a real eye opener when they are put up. Has there been a sign put

up, maybe having something for why people's names for the t-shirts that are hanging up.

- I did not put it up myself. We usually have information on each victim, but I can take a look at that. I agree
- Senator Howarth: there are student on here for advocacy, are you guys looking for more volunteers or is it training
  - Yes there is training. And there are internships, we provide and pay for the training. We have volunteers that put on events on campus. Talking to the advocate in the office or me, we can give you more information
- Chair Hermerding: excited to see the bilingual advocate. excited to work with you guys on numerous things and thank you for giving up more information on the advocacy center
  - Veronica will be here. Most people when it comes to talking about trauma speak in their first language, so it will be great to have her here.
- Senator Daniels: do you feel there is anything you want us to know on violence on campus
  - We are seeing a lot more stalking on and off campus. It is serious and misunderstood and has lethal consequences at times. If you think you are being stalked or are getting text messages, please let us know it is important to document it as soon as possible.
- Committee Reports
  - Academic Affairs
    - *Whereas*, applying for academic classes can be a stressful time for students,

*Whereas*, advising for students has started this week for many students,

*Whereas*, general registration for the spring semester begins Monday, October 30,

*Whereas*, students might feel more comfortable with coming to speak with students about classes,

*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS allocates \$25 total from the Student Senate Internal Account to pay for the s'mores supplies, graham crackers, chocolate bars, marshmallows, and sticks for S'mores Advising with Students.

Moved by: Academic Affairs Committee

- Chair Hermerding: The event name and idea is in the title. Want to change pizza with peers to smores. On Tuesdays from 2-4pm. For people as they pass by. Talk about what classes you should be taking.

- Senator Wright: In the past, set up wise, we have had different goal areas, is that going to be the set up this time? The patio isn't a huge space
  - Kind of, come and go as you please. We could do lines but don't want to take up the place.
  - Senator Wright: Will there be signage so people know to ask questions?
    - Chair Hermerding: Yes, I will create it and have it on the table for everyone to see
- Senator Peil: I think this is a great idea. Been through dars a lot with being in tutoring. I think it is great for those who don't know what's going on in dars. It will be more personal rather than having it be from an advisor with multiple people they have to advise. Think it is good idea to give them what professors work the best for us
- Senator Crass: This is a good idea since I'm a freshman and having to email my advisor so much.
- Senator Carman: Also in support of this motion. Some majors have a major map and sometimes they are not the greatest. I wish I would have known which classes are best to take with which classes
- Senator Simon: Also in support. Being an RA, we get so many questions on so many different majors. Having someone people can go to for that would be amazing.
- TABLED
- Went over commencement video and speakers and sent emails

- Equity and Inclusive Excellence

- *Whereas*, diversity and inclusion are important to WSU,

*Whereas*, drag is an art form that promotes inclusion,

*Whereas*, drag performers are spending time on campus for this event, so they should be compensated with refreshments,

*Whereas*, a fruit and vegetable tray, beverages, and trail mix from Hy-Vee cost \$56.97

*Whereas*, each volunteer performer will be receiving a \$20 dollar purple pass and there are 5 volunteer performers for a total of \$100 dollars,

*Whereas, this event is promoted and advertised by the Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee through posters placed on campus,*

*Whereas, cost to print posters for promotional purposes cost \$70.50*

*Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$227.47 total from the Student Senate Internal Account to pay for the food, beverages, and posters for the drag queens and the event promotion,*

*Therefore be it further resolved, any remaining funds will be returned to the Student Senate Internal Account.*

*Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee*

- Chair Hossain: Talked to Tracy and this is the biggest event on campus
  - Senator carman: This is my favorite event from senate. Great that we have five volunteer performers. Will happily help out,
- Senator Wright: would also like to say that the theme is barbie theme and kryzsko after dark is nostalgia.
- Senator Stoeckly: do you have a date picked
  - The drag show date is Nov 3rd around 10pm. Poster will be out soon, Director Herrick is working on that.
- TABLED

- *Whereas, diversity and inclusion are important to WSU,*

*Whereas, drag is an art form that promotes inclusion,*

*Whereas, drag shows have been extraordinarily successful in the past at WSU,*

*Whereas, professional drag queens will reach a larger audience and promote more engagement, Whereas, two professional drag queens, Allotta Shots and Azalia Iman Diamond, will cost \$1000 each,*

*Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$2000 from the Student Senate Internal Account to the Cultural Speaker cost center 334106 to pay for the drag queens.*

*Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee*

- Chair Hossain: We are late on posting a motion so we put it on a different cost center. The theme is Barbie and has collaborated with

the network. Five student performers. Hope you guys enjoy it and are there.

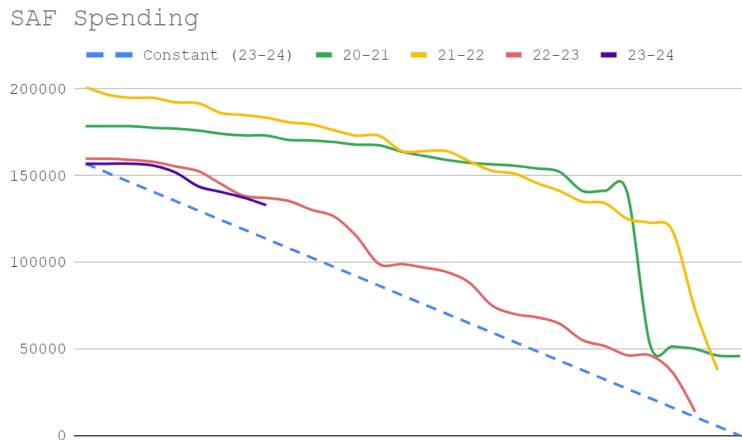
- Chair Hermerding: Are these the same drag queens as last year?
  - Yes
- Chair Hermerding: Saw this last year. And loved it. I will also be there to help.
- Senator Wright: Would this go from saf or senate internal?
  - Saf

- TABLED

- Chair Hossain: Motions are up and can't wait to see people dress up. Do need volunteers, this counts as a volunteer event. We are having conversation on the safe space training and will keep you updated.
  - o Student Services
    - Students flooded, 177 students joined and more even came, but missed the drawing. Now we are focusing on desk uncomfotability movement.
      - Senator Simon: Shoutout to the student service committee and Chair Bainbridge.
- President's Report
  - o Approval of Consent Agenda
  - o approved
  - o All University Committee Updates
    - Vp Ehlers: Moving some regulations and getting more policies. Have another meeting this week.
    - Senator wright: Technology: didn't talk about new things recapped from last year and brainstorming things for this year. Very informative and they love hearing student opinions.
    - EA Johannsen: Enrollment Management advisory meeting. First meeting, had a guest speaker speak about how we can reduce unintentional student barriers to success. We are going to work on this by first starting with talking to students about how we get in their way.
  - o Ted Talk Tuesday
    - In here from 2-3pm and show our senate support to those speakers.
  - o Parade
    - If you were not at the parade and said you could, I will need a valid excuse
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  - o Happy Purple People
  - o Phones
    - No phones during Senate meetings

- Vice President's Report
  - Rochester meeting
    - Sent out van assignments, will be meeting in the senate office before 4. We will be stopping in a little area for supper.
  - Dress up meeting
    - Won't have one this month but will have two next month
  - Zoom Link
    - We are doing this instead of live. So students can join live and they can be put into the website. If anyone asks and I can give them the zoom link
      - Senator Palmerton: Are we meeting in the purple rooms, how is that going to work?
        - You will be meeting in purple rooms. I will send out an email to those soon. I think there is a guest speaker so they will be in there too
      - Senator Howarth: For the Rochester meeting, should we look presentable?
        - You can wear what you want, but at least look presentable.

- Treasurer's Report



- SAF Account Balance: \$132,967.25
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$130,791.03
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$130,291.03
- Senate Account Balance: \$2,069.49
  - Treasurer O'Connor: We are just trucking.
- Old Business
 

Whereas, WSU Student Senate has a history of supporting Winona State's Newman Fellow's travel expenses to the Meeting of the Fellows in Boston, MA,

Whereas, even though the student has already graduated WSU, she deserves the aid Student Senate has provided in the past for our Newman Fellows,



Whereas, Newman Fellows do a lot of work to advocate for issues they believe in that benefit the community,

Whereas, the cost for the student's plane ticket to Boston is \$838.20,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$500 from the SAF to Deanna Goddard for the cost of the student's plane ticket to Boston.

Moved by: Senator Wright

Seconded by: Senator Crowe

- Senator Wright: Did we figure out a cost center?
  - Treasurer: It will happen once it gets approved. Then I can email her. The motion is what I need to tell her.
- Senator Wright: I think the motion is a good one. Personally in favor of giving full amount. If anyone has any more thoughts, would love to hear it.
- Senator Crowe: I want to hear what everyone has to say. I think we need a specific outline in order to make an informed decision.
- Senator Carman: Have a lot of information on this. I am against this motion in its entirety. Here is why: I feel like this is a career advancement for this student. If this is something that happens every year. If they promise the student reimbursement they should have already come to use. This alumni was a previous senator and knew about it. There was a lot of talk about bylaw. Why did we make it if we aren't going to follow it? I feel like if this student went on this trip it was a career advancement. Internships don't get their plane tickets paid for. Don't think it is fair.
- Senator Schulz: Agree that we need more information on the plane ticket. 900 dollars is an extremely high amount for a plane ticket.
- Senator DeLuca: I agree with what a previous senator said. The ticket is extremely high. Right now a ticket is no more than 200 dollars. Maybe when they were promised they would get reimbursed they splurged and got maybe a coach ticket. Maybe they should be reimbursed for what a normal ticket would cost
- Senator Peil: I talked to a respected faculty member and came to conclusion that the ticket must have been bought within a week of the flight due to the extreme pricing.
- Senator Wright: From talking with other senators and seeing messages from those who went on the trip. They booked in august. When we were making this bylaw, why make the bylaw if we are going to suspend it and the other part of discussion is we can just suspend the motion if we feel we need to suspend them. We suspend bylaws all the time.
- Senator Palmerton: As much as I want to support this, I am hesitant. The student is no longer a student here. I was told that she knew that she would be going on this trip last year while she was on senate. She was there during the meeting when the 500 per student per trip. The SAF is meant to support current students

and this may not lie with that. A lot of conversations I've heard, a lot of people have talked a lot of smack. Think we can talk about opinions and respect them. Want to go over why we were put on senate in the first place.

- Chair Hermerding: This is to boston and back to where they were living?
  - No answer
- Chair Hermerding: I don't think fully funding it. Booking in August and going in October. One of my tickets was months in advance and it was also 900 dollars. It makes sense that she asks for these funds. There might be students that ask for this funding and are actual current students.
- Chair Bainbridge: No matter what we decide, I think that someone needs to talk about the Newman Center promising full refunds. Last week I was onboard with the 500. This senator said they did not know about it, but looking back at past meeting minutes they were present when it was passed. It makes me not trust it. With everything that every previous senator has said, we do have a lot to consider tonight.
- Senator Wright: I don't know if the Newman Center would have known about the bylaw change. We have fully funded in the past so I don't think it is on them in this case, but for the future after this.
- President Carman: We don't promise money to anyone. Just because the ask doesn't not mean we give it to them.
- Senator Crass: They did promise her money, but we have funded for those who were current students and not alumni.
- Senator Minich: I believe that they told her it was paid for but not by senate
- President Carman: We have funded them in the past, but that hasn't been for four years. The last time they spoke was two years ago.

- Motion Fails

- New Business

- Whereas, each year, nearly 200 students use military benefits to further their education,

Whereas, there are currently 84 veterans taking classes and using military benefits as of the fall semester of 2023,

Whereas, Winona State University has served over 413 veterans within the past five years, accumulating to over 4.2 million dollars in tuition from veterans, GI bills, and tuition reimbursements,

Whereas, implementing this motion would only help boost enrollment at Winona State University for veterans,

Whereas, Winona State is proud to serve veteran students and students from military families who foster a proud heritage, a tradition of honor, and a legacy of valor,

Whereas, veterans on campus genuinely embody the values and what it means to be a Winona State Warrior,

Therefore be it resolved that Student Senate recommends that Winona State University find a way to align and accredit military classes with **the General Education and Major programs** **any Winona State class that matches the criteria of their program** so that these military classes will count towards students' General Education and Majors credits when receiving their degree for all of the armed forces, foreign and domestic.

Moved by: Senator Minich

Seconded by: Senator Haugen Senator Carman

- Senator Minich: The ways things are right now, when you come back from tech school, you don't receive credits that align toward gen ed. Only one is a phy ed goal. What I do has a lot to do with electrical, my credits don't apply, I would have to reach out to a chair and then go through the process. There is no process right now so this would set up a process.
- Senator Carman: redundancy
- Senator Howarth: Some coming from these schools don't have the same as other students.
- Senator Carman: I think this will also help with numbers and diversity. This would put us on the map so they know that they can use those transfer credits.
- Senator Crowe: Let's say we support this, where does this go from here?
  - President Carman: Go to admin first, as to what they would do, not sure.
  - Senator Minich: It goes to the faculty senate and designates a group towards this.
- Senator Stoeckly: Great idea. We had technical credits in high school, but none of them applied. The enrollment shocked us all and we could increase enrollment with this motion.
- Senator Palmerton: friendly amendment, comma after therefore be it resolved
- Senator Wright: friendly amendment: remove that and make find to finds
- Chair Hossain: amendment: general education and major programs to any class that matches the criteria of the program
  - Seconded by Senator haworth
  - Chair Hossain: There can be a loophole. So any class that matches criteria should be validated and added
  - Senator Howarth: agree, coming as a transfer student it would be nice for all credits to transfer

- Discussion on amendment:
  - Senator Wright: the program to their program. Think that specifies their pathway.
  - Senator Minich: friendly amendment: to clarify two different classes: any winona state class
  - Amendment passes
- Discussion on motion:
  - Chair bainbridge: This is just for veterans, correct? Not just any transfer student?
  - Correct
  - Motion passes

- Whereas, 48,000 people died to suicide in the U.S in 2021, 1 person every 11 minutes,

Whereas, approximately 265 people have considered suicide for every 1 death to suicide,

Whereas, 1 in 5 have had suicidal thoughts,

Whereas, suicide is the second largest cause of death in ages 20-34,

Whereas, the all university Mental Wellness committee focuses on meeting the basic mental health need for students and staff,

Whereas, the all university Mental Wellness committee focuses on a much wider variety of mental health and wellness than suicide, suicide prevention, and mental health surrounding suicide,

Whereas, Oct 10th is Worldwide Mental Health Day,

Therefore be it resolved, WSU Student Senate recommends the creation of the all university Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Committee,

Therefore be it further resolved, Student Senate creates Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Week the week of Oct 10th.

Moved by: Senator Schulz

Seconded by: Chair Bainbridge

- Senator Schulz: I don't believe suicide to be address as much on campus as it should be. We do have a mental wellness taskforce. Although their goals are to

promote mental wellness on campus rather than specifically on suicide. We could do more to educate and help those in need.

- Chair Bainbridge: I think that putting suicide in the committee is a good idea. I feel like it doesn't account for those who deal with past mental wellness. There needs to be a baseline for those looking out for those dealing with this.
- Senator Kurth: all support in this put also there is a taskforce for this
  - This meets the basic mental health needs. Main goal is to provide and examine the state of mental wellness, which is very vague. This would focus specifically on suicide in itself.
- Senator Peil: I am super for this motion. Mental health awareness month is May, mental illness awareness, oct. Possibly moving the date to one of those dates? It should be socially acceptable that it is okay to go through these things. There are probably a lot more people on campus struggling in silence.
- Director Herrick: I think this is a good idea. I think that this would be a good way to show students resources and enforce. I do have a friendly amendment: prevention spelt wrong
- Senator Crass: friendly amendment: In the US, it needs to be lowercase. Think this is a good idea. The way some people have thought in the past is if I died I wouldn't be mad. Focusing on how different people view suicide differently. There are other ways around that.
- Senator Wright: if we decide to go forth with date, having it as a university thing or national thing so people don't get confused. I'm 100% for this but couldn't this be brought up in the mental health committee. Can we tell them this is something we want to prioritize? I don't know how hard it is to make this.
  - Senator Schulz: when making this, I did consider this and make it one of their priorities. Two concerns: one eventually that may no longer be a priority, two they already have their current priorities they are focusing on
- Senator Stoeckly: I think that opening this up to suicide prevention committee would be beneficial. We can get things out like the hotline number and find a way to make it more known
- Chair Hossain: Representing the international seat: a lot of cultures do not take into consideration of mental health. Students traveling and coming here do not know. Talking to new people is hard. Making a week where they can get resources and get more engaged in the community. Alone doesn't make anything better. You don't know about the culture in the U.S.
- Senator Tetzloff: I think this is bringing an ending to stigma. Having a week long or even a day would bring awareness to show what we offer. It can be hard to use the resources and seeing other students use them may help
- Senator Bowen: for this but considered about this date. Homecoming falls around the second week of october so it may be hard to compete with homecoming events
- Senator Snider: This would add another resource for students and it is direct in its intentions.

- Senator Schulz: moving the date, I would be all for it.
- Chair Bainbridge: I am on the mental wellness taskforce and they are in the works right now for the process for the committee with Denise McDowell. I do agree that having a title for what those can get out of a service is crucial. Having a suicide prevention or awareness title would really help
- Senator Carman: mental health is a broad topic, no mental health thing should be prioritized over another. All should be prioritized. Agree with moving date to mental health week
- Senator Minich: in full support. The more awareness you can spread, doing this can create more awareness and mean the world to someone
- Senator Wright: When is this agenda meeting happening
  - Thursday oct 26 3-4pm
  - Senator wright: would want to hear more on the outline of this new committee. If this new committee is already in the works. Having something with a title would say hey this is something we take seriously. Agree that we don't want to prioritize one mental health part over another.
- President Carman: Mental health taskforce is an all university committee
- Senator Kurth: make amendment: instead of week of oct 10th have it be second week of september
  - Seconded by Senator wright
  - Senator Kurth: better represents and doesn't overlap with homecoming.
  - Senator Wright: yield to redundancy
  - Discussion on amendment:
    - Senator Carman: in support of this amendment, seems like we are all on same page with this
    - Chair Hermerding: Stressful for RAs so it will help them and help new freshmen
    - Senator Bowen: It is the week after labor day
    - Senator Prosser: Really good, because people can feel confident if they are having problems. This is around the time when intensity in classes really picks up and you get hit with more projects.
  - **Amendment passes**
- Senator Peil: table this motion
  - Chair Bainbridge seconded

- Comments from the Gallery
- Executive Session
  - Senator Wright
  - Seconded by
- Comments for the Good of the Order

- Adjournment
- Consent Agenda: **Approved**

CS Club 10/17	\$49.73
CS Club 10/24	\$49.73
WSU Students for Reproductive Justice Chalking Equipment	\$15.00
Winona Wordsmiths Club Meetings	\$6.38
Women in Computer Science Weekly Meetings	\$312.08
Dunk Club	\$20.00
Public Health Club SOPHE Summit	\$60.00
Student Association of Social Workers - Halloween Pumpkin Painting	\$53.44
Student Association of Social Workers Bulletin Board	\$11.81
Society of Plastic Engineers - 1	\$54.37
Society of Plastic Engineers - 2	\$54.37
Unified Warriors October Meeting	\$90.18
Movement Science Club	\$63.20
RTTR Student Association Fishing with Gavin	\$100.01
RTTR Student Association Collaging	\$50.23
SOL Homecoming parade Supplies	\$50.34
Psychology Club NAMI conference	\$525.00
InterVarsity Wednesday Night Bible Study 10/11	\$43.40
WSU Spanish Language Club Cafe y Conversacion	\$408.52
Potato Club October Meeting	\$117.55

Colleges Against Cancer 10/18 Meeting	\$40.88
Total:	\$2,176.22

Move to Approve E-Sports Club