

**Wednesday, October 25th, 2023**

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM, Rochester WSU

Call to Order: 5:00pm

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	
Senator Bowen	x
Senator Carman	x
Senator Crass	x
Senator Crowe	x
Senator Daniels	x
Senator DeBates	x
Senator DeLuca	x
Senator Galvin	x
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
    - Tonight there is a night out in Winona. There will be discounts at Nate and Allys, discounts at Muddy Waters and Blooming Grounds. Next Tuesday, putting on two movies; Halloween Town and Hocus Pocus.
  - Greek Council
  - RHA
    - Next Tuesday, haunted house. On first floor of Morey Shepard, just have to go to the quad
  - KEAP Council
  - Director of Communications
    - Drag show posters up, headshots
  - Executive Assistant
    - Last day to sign up for the October bonding event. It is this Sunday.
    - Still waiting on an email to finalize the place for the friendsgiving
  - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
    - Reassigned display cases, due on monday.
- Guest Speakers
  - Trisha Karr- WSU Green Bandana Project

- In 2019, students got this idea from other universities. The simple green bandana ties on your backpack. The bandana says if you are having mental health concerns, I can help you. For the past four years we have been making this more accessible. We have a QR code. We have been going into soc classes, freshman orientations, and tabling events. Project took off quickly with 1,000 taking the pledge. We now have over 1600 additional students take the pledge. We see that 99% of participants feel confident in supporting themselves and students. We need money to make this program work. It has been handled as a student club which was distasteful as stability. We worked with several people in student senate. Our total ask per year is about \$2000. We say about because of inflation. We would like to buy table cloths so we can look a little more professional. We are asking student senate today for your understanding of the program, we are asking that you make us a continuous role (line budget). Something that happens every year, \$2000 every year. So that we don't have to ask you every year and free up our time to teach. We are working to keep targeting first year students. We have faculty and staff that are saying they support this program. What we are asking people to do is be forward thinking. One of us would be willing to show you data from the following years. Mental health education was your number goal and this is the number one way to do that.

- Treasurer O'Connor- When we usually budget we don't promise something every year. One of the fees is the student life fee. If we want to do something like this we can bring it up next semester.
- Senator Carman: I know that being a part of the HERS department you have to take the pledge. What other departments take this pledge?
  - No others have. Not enough bandanas. We tried working with Tracy to get things organized but we just thought we would do this with orientation. It is about having the money and availability.
- Senator Bowen: How many bandanas does that cost for?
  - 1600, about a dollar per bandana
- Is this an estimation?
  - This is from last year so those are the current cost from the print shop. The print cost is \$200-\$220 dollars. The table cloth would be a one time purchase.
- Senator Haugen: Is it a requirement that all WSU athletes take this pledge?
  - No, we have presented it to 9 of the 14 teams, and we have not had an athlete say no.
- Chair Hossian: Is the cost with or without tax?
  - We are a tax exempt entity

- Chair 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

- My math was wrong. It was a really big hit. We had a professor stop by, who thought it was a great idea. The cost was less than \$25. The rain didn't hit us.
    - Discussion on committee recommendation
      - Senator Galvin: When I was there, it was really fun. Got interviewed by the Winonan. Would this be a regular thing or a one time thing?
        - To be determined. Looking for other ideas next semester.
      - Senator Wright: Did we count how many people went to the event
        - Didn't count, at least forty.
      - Passes
    - We are moving along with our policy and seeing what we want to run with for this semester.

- 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 purple pass and there are 5 volunteer performers for a total of \$100,*

*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: Drag queens and performers are showing up. We are expecting all five of them to be on board. Hoping to give them a treat.
- Senator Wright: friendly amendment: remove dollar after \$20 and removed dollars after \$100
- Passes

- *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,*

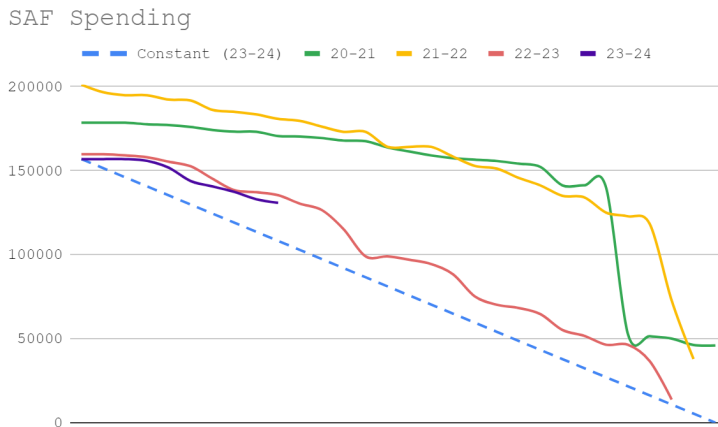
*Whereas, two professional drag queens, Allotta Shots and Azalia Iman Diamond, will cost \$1000 each,*

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

*Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee*

- Chair Hossain: The drag show has been pretty successful in the past year. I recommend this for the drag performers in this show.
    - Senator Galvin: friendly amendment: whereas on a different clause
    - Passes
  - Digital signage is up. More posters are yet to be put up in academic buildings, which will be done tomorrow. Working on the queues on how it will turnout. Working on emcees. Working on a policy motion for the next meeting.
    - Senator Wright: Is there a reason it is on letter size paper instead of poster paper?
      - Director Herrick: I thought it would cost less and have the same effect as the regular size posters
      - Senator Stoeckly: Will you send something out regarding volunteers in senate?
        - Vp Ehlers and I will be working on that. For the bare minimum need 8 senators helping.
      - Senator DeBates: People are pointing out the posters because they are sparkling. So they are doing the trick
- Student Services
  - Committee is working on getting surveys finalized, specifically in Minne. We are also doing warrior success center data collection and getting a hold of the higher ups on information. Just waiting for responses.
- President's Report
  - Approval of Consent Agenda
    - Approved
  - All University Committee Updates
    - President Carman: please keep going to those and giving updates.
  - Purple boxes
    - Deadline is Oct 31st
    - Chair Hermerding: Do you want the names of those we are sending it to or the front desk?
      - Up to you
  - RSVP President Dinner
    - We will all go to the solarium after the senate meeting. Rsvp to that. 6:00 on Nov 8th
  - Governor Walz November 3rd 11am
    - Senator Carman: What else will be going on with this meeting?
      - Bringing questions to him about student needs. 11:00-12:00pm is social hour. 1:00-2:00pm is questions
    - Senator Wright: Where is the meeting?
      - He is coming to Winona, location is secret to only those who are going.
      - Chair Hermerding: They have been working really hard to get the Governor there.
      - Chair Hossain: great way to put up concerns. Way to address the needs, if one of us raises our voice it is a great step. Take it seriously.

- Senator Snider: Is it open to all students?
  - You have to be invited
- Vice President's Report
  - Volunteer opportunities
    - Chair Hossain and I will send out the volunteer opportunities for the Drag show
  - Upcoming election
    - Fall supplemental election. Election on Monday and close the 6th. Polls open on the 13th. Few positions open
  - Game Day Experience
    - If you are going to the advocacy conference and have signed up for wgdX let me know you will not be going.
- Treasurer's Report



- SAF Account Balance: \$130,791.03
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$129,619.02
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$129,619.02
- Senate Account Balance: \$2,069.49
  - Treasurer O'Connor: No old business so nothing really changing.
- Old Business
  - Whereas, 48,000 people died by 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, Whereas, the second week of September is National Suicide Prevention Week,

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 Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week the second week of September.

Moved by: Senator Schulz

Seconded by: Chair Bainbridge

- Senator Schulz: Like I said last week, I believe it is crucial that people find support and we help them find support. Don't think the mental health committee is fully directed towards suicide. Would be open to having this for the second semester if you guys would support that too.
- Chair Bainbridge: Giving it more thought as the week went on. Suicide is an important topic, with the mental health committee focuses on wellness. With this you have more focus on suicide. It puts winona state as a campus with suicide prevention.
- Interim President Janz: We have a recently adopted policy. You would send this to cabinet. We would send it out to SAF, MMA, IFO. They would all comment on it and come back to the cabinet and make a call. When you create a committee, it is a six month process. I support this, however this is not something that gets done in a month.
- Senator Haugen: Friendly amendment: e between rn in awareness. People don't die to suicide they die by suicide. Feel that needs to be changed. I don't think anyone in here is against this. I am more than willing to get this done even with me not being a senator next semester.
- Senator Galvin: With COVID, something that we should have. We know at least one person who has been affected and with this resource it hopefully won't be as bad and can help
- Senator DeBates: I don't think the timeline should deter us. Think we should get the ball rolling. I think it can interest student is the committee to get more involved
- Senator Schulz: Whereas, the second week is national suicide prevention week in place of oct 10th is worldwide mental health day
  - Seconded by Senator Carman



- Senator Schulz: previously had that on oct 10th. Decided to have it during mental health month
- Senator Carman: this accurately reflects a better time
- Senator Kurth: add awareness in front of week
  - Seconded by Chair Hermerding
  - Senator Kurth: prevention is important but also awareness
  - Chair Hermerding: Awareness is very important and it should also be recognized
  - Discussion on amendment to amendment
    - Senator Schulz: it is national suicide prevention week
- Chair Bainbridge: would it be beneficial, instead of saying suicide awareness and prevention week in the last clause
- Senator Howarth: Agree
- Senator Peil: agree with previous senator. It would better reflect the cause to more accurately reflect the motion.

**- Fails**

**- Passes**

- Senator Howarth: This is a sensitive topic for almost everyone. I definitely feel it would be beneficial for everyone, professors as well.
- Senator Haugen: friendly amendment: Capitalize N S P
- Senator Wright: Not against a committee focusing on suicide. Tomorrow they are going to be talking about the new committee. Would like the report on that. Don't think it is good to prioritize a specific part of mental health.
- Senator Carman: I agree, however making this recommendation can speedup that process. Since before it said it had to be sent to cabinet, is admin the same as cabinet?
  - Yes
- Senator Carman: For this motion and this is a super important topic. Good to have a committee for this. Having this can make it a priority without a
- Senator Galvin: friendly amendment add , after nspv
- Senator Peil: Amendment: change to and prevention week
  - Seconded by Senator Howarth
  - Senator Peil: Not beneficial to prioritize one mental health aspect over another. I think it's important to focus in this motion as it is mentioned in a previous clause.
  - Senator Howarth: agree
  - Discussion on amendment:
    - Senator Carman: putting this on the same page
    - Senator Schulz: Reflects the previous clause

**- Passes**

- Chair Bainbridge: Looking at the Mental Health Taskforce Agenda it is item F. It has been on update but has been tabled until Nov meeting which is yet to be set. I personally believed suicide itself it not just a mental health disorder. Should have

a set of people advocating for prevention. I feel like we need something that is going to set focus on people who are and have gone through that.

- Senator Schulz: Creating a specific committee for this would give the mental health committee more breathing room to focus on other mental health tasks and give the ability to work on more mental health things.
- Senator Haugen: Suicide is the end all be all. Any step when it comes to bringing awareness is a step forward. We are getting nit picking on having two committees. What is wrong with having two committees working together towards this.
- Senator Kurth: according to community health needs 4 people tried and 5 did commit suicide. These are the hard stats that we are dealing with in the committee.
- Senator Carman: Hear what the students want and what they want this committee to be. Show our voices with passing this motion.
- Senator Schulz: I think it is worth saying that the specific numbers don't show who we are fighting for.
- Senator Snider: I personally don't care if we go through this and it only helps one person. I think this is important and if anything it is another outlet for those who would need it. As senate we should be that voice for students
- Senator Prosser: Call to question

- Passes

- New Business

- *Whereas*, student involvement in the community is crucial to development,

*Whereas*, students are not always sure what to do outside of campus activities,

*Whereas*, Winona County Health and Human Services wants to host an event to review their 2023 community health improvement plan with student involvement,

*Whereas*, Winona County Health and Human Services would like Student Senate to sponsor the event,

Whereas, Winona County Health and Human Services would like to take their time within the event to ask survey type questions regarding mental health and social connectedness

Whereas, survey questions would engage what type of mental health resources are needed in the community

Whereas, Winona County Health and Human Services would like feedback on what types of events Winona state students like to see off campus to improve social connectedness

Whereas, events would be alcohol-free and inclusive to all students  
Whereas, Winona County Health and Human Services would like Winona state students to participate in a survey regarding their four health priorities

Whereas, the four health priorities are Health Equity, Mental Health, Social Connectedness, and Health Behaviors

Whereas, survey questions would engage what type of resources are needed so that Winona State Students can improve physical, mental and social well being.

Therefore be it resolved, Winona State Student Senate will sponsor the event to engage students in improving health equity, mental health, social connectedness, and healthy behaviors.

Moved by Senator Kurth

Seconded by Chair Bainbridge

- Senator Kurth: My supervisor came to me and wondered what we can do to get an increase in outreach to winona state students. Want to help and see what Winona State students think. Specifically speaking on mental health. A lot of winona state student use drinking as a way to be social connected so this can help

- Chair Bainbridge: I think it is important for places like this to get insight within college students. I think it would be beneficial for students to pull for what the community has to offer them.
  - Senator Minich: Full support
  - Senator Simon: For student to go and express their concerns with the community and for the community to express their concerns to us
  - Senator Wright: What does sponsoring look like?
    - No cost to us and no cost to them. They will just need a table and chairs.
  - Senator Wright: What would senate do to provide these resources?
    - We can probably just use the ones in the union
  - Senator Wright: Are we asking the student union to get the table and chairs or can the Winona County Health just request it?
    - We can probably just give them the ones in the union
  - Chair Hossain: First place people want to go to socialize is the bars. Religious barriers, personal barriers. People feel forced to go there, if there is a safe place for people to connect. However, I want more information on what we are doing for this event.
  - Senator Haugen: We are simply there to help and show our support. Call to question
    - Seconded by senator Carman
    - passes

- Whereas, the Green Bandana Project has made a big impact at WSU,

Whereas, mental health has been a priority for WSU,

Whereas, the Green Bandana Project represents someone to talk to when in a mental health need,

Whereas, over 1600 students have taken the Green Bandana Pledge,

Whereas, first year and transfer students had the chance to take the pledge during student orientation,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$2000 from the SAF to the Green Bandana Project to help with bandanas, resource cards, and marketing.

Moved by: Senator Carman

Seconded by: Senator Prosser

- Senator Carman: Totally for this. I took the pledge through the HERS department. It symbolizes something. To see every backpack with a bandana would be amazing
- Senator Prosser: I am an orientation leader, we got a chance to let all the incoming students take the pledge. See if benefiting a lot of different people. Will do anything to help support them
- Treasurer O'Connor: If we want to make a recurring line item won't happen until spring. For now it would be \$2000 from the saf
- Senator Minich: friendly amendment: From saf
- Senator Kurth: You can take two classes for adult and youth mental health. It gives you a certificate. When it comes up next semester, we should make it a recurring line because mental health is such an important thing.
- Senator Carman: Cost center would this be?
  - Treasurer O'Connor: There is actually a cost center
- Senator Bowen: As a transfer student I was confused. Funding it would hopefully help everyone have a chance to pledge.
- Senator Simon: Green bandana shows that I'm always there for them. I think that it just makes the difference.
- Senator Haugen: Also as a transfer student, I am just now finding out what this is. Funding it would change the stigma that it is just a jock thing.
- Chair Bainbridge: Do you have an estimate that the cost would be added to the fee?
  - Treasurer O'Connor: There is going to be a bill. We don't know if there will be an increase but we will know what that will entail in February.
- Senator Wright: friendly amendment: s on student
- Senator Galvin: Had no clue this was a thing until this meeting. No posters on campus. I think in addition to this motion, if we can have awareness raised for it. Awareness of it would help students or freshmen who don't go to orientation
- TABLED

- Comments from the Gallery
  - Previous Rochester Seat: Thank you for coming over as a representative for Rochester.
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment: 6:35pm
- Consent Agenda: **approved**

Knitting Bees Crochet Hooks	\$17.98
Ambassadors Sunday Meeting	\$83.59
SILA October Meeting - 1	\$42.64
Winona Super Smash Brothers Tournament	\$70.00
SILA October meeting - 2	\$11.75
EMAE October Meeting	\$132.24
WSU Pre-med club meeting - 1	\$46.11
WSU Pre-med club Club fair	\$32.55
WSU Pre-med club meeting - 2	\$21.39
Student Association of Social Workers - Bulletin Board	\$5.57
Student Association of Social Workers - Display Case	\$7.40
Student Association of Social Workers - club Meeting	\$25.05
Student Association of Social Workers - paint the town	\$18.06

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InterVarsity Catalyst Conference	\$21.27
InterVarsity 10/18 Bible Study	\$35.02
Winona State University Orchestra Club - Social	\$145.01
SPE Club Meeting - 1	\$54.37
Environmental Club Pumpkin Carving	\$40.00
Winona Gaming Community Regular Meeting	\$88.53
Winona State University Orchestra Club - concert	\$37.50
Colleges Against Cancer - WGDY	\$86.40
Public Relations Student Society of America - Workshop	\$2.88
LeadHERS - Club Fair	\$5.36
LeadHERS - Volleyball Tournament	\$70.04

Environmental Club table - CoSE Carnival	\$10.00
Environmental Club Table - STEM Fair	\$8.80
Public Health Club - Food Drive	\$52.50
Total:	\$1,172.01