

Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM, Solarium

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	T
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
 - We have selected our new board and are working on getting them transitioned. We have bingo and painting events.
 - Greek Council
 - Have a new board for three ex positions for panhellenic. The panhellenic applications are open. For Greek counsel we have decided to change the outline of the board.
 - RHA
 - KEAP Council
 - Director of Communications
 - Getting some promotional material and getting ready for the study break event
 - Executive Assistant
 - Everyone should have gotten an email assigning them a senator to give a gift for if you signed up for secret senator. Also, I have our apparel and Director Herman and I will pass it out to you after this meeting
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - I had the last first meeting of the semester, it went good. I have another one tomorrow.

- Guest Speakers
 - Warrior Success Center- Ron Strege
 - We have career services, access service, tutoring, and advising. We mainly work with advising students who are between majors or those who are undecided majors. We see about 4200-4300 students a year, it has been a busy week with registration a couple weeks ago. We register PSEO students.
 - Senator Wright: What is the most common thing you get asked that students might not know about?
 - It is really time related. The beginning of the year they realize they don't want to be in a class and how they can work that out. Who's classes should I take? We use grad planners to plan out what you want to take. We do not try to fill in for the counseling center. We do 80-90% of academic warning meetings and how they can work on that and time management.
 - Senator Minich: I was wondering is there anything we can help promote or do for the warrior success center?
 - I think at the end of the day just being advocates and letting students know. Students fall into a free fall and don't know where to go. The more promotion on how we can be of use and help them. The more of spreading the word that you are not alone in this and encourage them to go it. Come ask questions, we won't make you feel dumb.
 - Sigma Sigma Sigma
 - I am the president of Sigma Sigma Sigma. We are a nationally recognized sorority. We have 3 pillars: Learn, Learn and Give. Two people will be attending and they are our VPHR and Honor council Chairwomen. They will work together in prevention. VPHR and Honor Council is the partner in the education of members in hopes to prevent future issues by holding members accountable. For funding it costs \$1000; their flights are \$500 per person. Hotel and food is included. The flight is what needs to be covered. Our chapter will be covering any extra expenses.
 - Senator Carman: Is it exactly 500?
 - I don't remember the exact cost, it was like \$490.
 - Was there any fundraising?
 - There is not a whole lot of fundraising. They are elected and right away go to this. Not enough time to fundraise, it is a quick process.
 - Senator Daniels: What does the whole trip cost?
 - It is through the program, they cover it.
 - Senator Daniels: Have you guys gone in the past?
 - We did not go last year. We have events like this that they have attended.
 - Senator Palmerton: You said it was mandatory, but didn't go last year. How is that?

- Last year was on zoom, it switches every year from in person and zoom.

- Chair Reports

- Academic Affairs

Whereas, many Winona State students are unsure of their academic grades until the conclusion of finals,

Whereas, students have concerns about what their academic standing is throughout the semester,

Whereas, a continuous progress grade would give students an idea of their grades before the conclusion of the semester,

Whereas, in D2L, under assessments, under grades, faculty should utilize the “final calculated grade” feature,

Whereas, a continuous progress grades would give students an idea of areas they need to work on and improve course quality,

Whereas, a continuous progress grade would increase levels of student and faculty communication as well as hold faculty responsible for updating student grades,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends every professor implement the use of an ongoing final calculated grade on D2L for the spring 2024 semester.

Moved by Academic Affairs Committee

- Chair Hermerding: Academic Affairs met and talked about what we should accomplish this semester. Some professors use it and some don't, so students have to figure it out. This would help students get an understanding and also help students use D2L
 - Senator Wright: I am in favor, however my only worry is we did a motion like this last year or a year before regarding midterm grades. The issue is that with the whole IFO Union we can't tell professors how to do their job. I don't know how this is going to be implemented. The one from last year did not work.
 - President Carman: It did go through last year and is still not being used. Last year it was addressed but some professors aren't following through.
 - Senator Peil: There are a lot of general ed classes that are total points weighted. There are several jobs or internships that require grade checks. Do you think that this will fall in line for this?

- Chair Hermerding: I definitely think this could be. If you know how to add this we can add it or work on it in the future.
 - Senator Minich: I think this is a great idea, one thing is using the calculated grade feature. With communication when we are writing motions I think they are more vague and this is more descriptive on letting professors know exactly what we need.
 - Senator Galvin: I look at it as a distinction between contracts with recommend and requires. I think that language will not force professors to do their job.
 - President Carman: Unfortunately we can't require we can only strongly recommend.
 - Senator Haugen: I think this has a power for the education or nursing majors. We can ask the deans and set up a time to meet to ask why this isn't going down. If this motion passes, this is a spot where we as senators have some type of precedent where we say "hey some of these professors aren't doing this". For senators who don't say much, this can amplify your voice.
 - Senator Prosser: friendly amendment: Like to see this go through so I can see what I need to work on and if I need extra credit. There does not need to be a comma after therefore
 - Senator Carman: friendly amendment spring 2023 to 2024. Tomorrow is the withdrawal date and some people don't even know their grades. We need to raise our voices and push it so that it actually happens. If we need to get a signup for it, I'm all for it.
 - Senator Wright: friendly amendment; change grade to progress report
 - Chair Hermerding: Expand on that
 - Senator Wright: The words continuous progress grade don't make sense in my head, the report would make sense.
 - Chair Hermerding: On d21 it says grade so that is why we put grade
 - Friendly amendment declined
 - Senator Crowe; I think it will add some comfort to students. Being a freshman, it is hard to relearn how to calculate my grade so I think this will help.
 - Senator DeBates: Those point classes can still utilize the grade feature. The professor can have the total of the weighted grade to see how you are doing out of the total points for that class. **Call to question.**
 - Motion passes
- Chair report:
 - Chair Hermerding: Three weeks until commencement.

- Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - We are done with a committee for this semester. We are discussing things for next semester. Looking forward to adding new people to my committee so we can discuss more.
 - Senator Stoeckly: Were we supposed to get a safe space training email?
 - We are still working on that, it is a long process. We are still going to work on that and if everything works out we will keep you guys updated.

- Student Services

- Whereas, the week before finals is stressful,

Whereas, students deserve a chance to have a study break and snacks,

Whereas, students need a place to take a break from studying,

Whereas, it is important to take a break in between studying different topics,

Whereas, the event would include snack giveaways, positive notes, as well as resource information,

Whereas, the event would offer coloring pages as well as games that are beneficial for brain breaks,

Whereas, the advertisement for the event will cost \$80,

Whereas, snacks and drinks will cost \$281.45,

Whereas, resource magnets will cost \$110,

Whereas, positive notes will cost \$60,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$531.45 from the Student Senate Internal Budget to promote taking a break during finals week.

Moved by Student Service Committee

- Chair Bainbridge: This is our last event we have been planning. With the end of the semester it is hard for students to take a break with their studying and finals. This is an opportunity to take a study break with snacks.
- Senator Palmerton: It talks about positive notes, what are those?
 - Chair Bainbridge: Director Herrick took business paper and put positive notes that we are putting in the goodie bags.
- Senator Galvin: My hall did something similar and it got a good amount of people. If students got a break, I think this would be beneficial.
- Senator Carman: What kind of snack and drinks?
 - Capri suns goldfish, smarties, etc
- Passes

-Whereas, some WSU student workers are currently being paid \$10.59,

Whereas, many places on campus, such as Jack Kane dining, which many students rely on for meals are short-staffed and close early,

Whereas, students who live on-campus may have to work on campus jobs due to lack of transportation to other locations,

Whereas, International students are dependent on campus jobs and their off-campus opportunities are severely limited,

Whereas, \$10.59 is not a competitive wage as it is the minimum wage in Minnesota,

Whereas, this wage does not encourage students to apply for these understaffed, on-campus jobs due to the opportunity to earn more money through local businesses who pay higher wages,

Whereas, Student Senate has been asking for the past 2 years to raise the minimum wage for the betterment of students,

Whereas, students who are stressed financially do not do as well in school,

Whereas, students should not have to work multiple jobs to continue to live on or off campus and go to school,

Whereas, fighting for a hunger free campus correlates with the financial ability to afford food,

Whereas, other Minnesota State schools already have higher wages for their students, such as:

Minnesota State University Mankato: \$15.00

Bemidji State University: \$12.50-\$13.50

Saint Cloud State University: \$14

Metropolitan State University: \$12.00

Minnesota State University Moorhead: \$13-\$15

Therefore be it resolved, the WSUSS strongly recommends that Winona State University raise the student worker wage to a minimum of \$14 by the Spring semester of 2024 to be more competitive and comparable to other Minnesota State schools and local Winona businesses, to encourage students to work on campus, and to take financial stress off of student's minds.

Moved by Student Service Committee

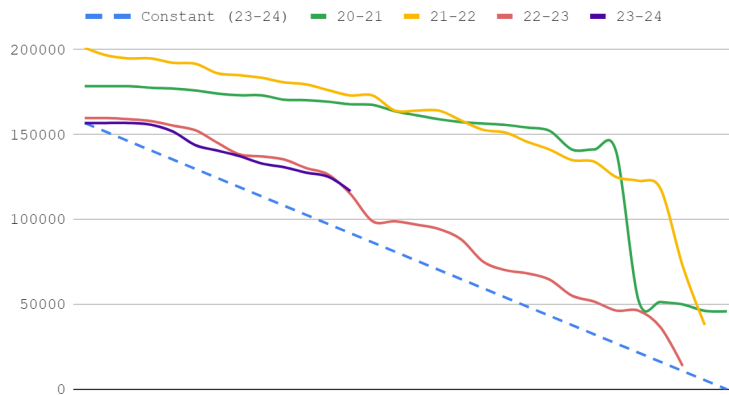
- Chair Bainbridge: I have had to work one campus job and two off campus jobs. International students do not have work study opportunities. Going to the advocacy conference, we are significantly low compared to the other colleges that were there.. Financial stress is the top stress and students should not have to worry about that when they are trying to achieve academic success.
- Senator Carman: We have brought this to senate for the past couple years and nothing has changed. I am a hall resident and still have another job. I have talked to international students and they can't get jobs on campus. I am fully for this motion and hopes it gets taken seriously
- Senator Wright: Friendly amendment: some; I do want to bring up that one of the reasons that departments don't raise it is because it comes out of the departments budget. They have to rework their budget for student workers. When these organizations and departments come in and present, ask them how many student works they have and what they are getting paid. If the min university wide in this, they can pay more. Hold departments accountable. Talk to them and say hey we should pay our students more
- Senator Prosser: For how many hours you are working, you aren't getting compensated. A lot of students don't have access to transportation. It creates problems for students who are getting jobs off campus, safety concerns. You can not survey on 10.59 an hour with rent, food, bills
- Senator Haugen: Call to question
 - Seconded by Senator Howarth

○ Motion Passes

- Chair Report:
- Chair Bainbridge: Doing a student study break and motion went in.

- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Approved
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Senator Howarth: Warrior cupboard task force met and it went really well. We talked about the goal and purpose. We have two meetings set up for january and march
 - Senator Simon: Title 9 met, we are seeing what is not fully up to standard
 - Students united
 - The president stepped down, so applications are open. If you are interested, let me know
 - Wishlist
 - Put something useful and something that you want on your wishlist for secret senator
 - Chair Bainbridge: Can you please note what is in it for those who have allergies
- Vice President's Report
 - Elections
 - Voting ended today and those results will be confirmed tmr
 - Watchlist agreement
 - I will put it on facebook, it is a google sheet. You have to put your signature on it, you can sign it on there or put your signature on it and add an id number. I'd like to have them by friday
 - Thanksgiving Break
 - Don't have to do your office hours next week
 - Events and volunteer hours
 - Hope to have everything in by finals week.
 - Senator wright: Do we want graduating seniors to fill this out?
 - no
- Treasurer's Report

SAF Spending



- - SAF Account Balance: \$116,764.02
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$112,341.11
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$110,367.31
 - Senate Account Balance: \$1,817.02
 - We had a big consent agenda, this was the last meeting you could ask for funding. This year we have more money left than we did last year.
 - Senator Wright: Can I request that we get the presentations out earlier?
 - Yes

- Old Business

Whereas, WSU NAFME is looking to attend the MMEA 2023 Midwinter Clinic,

Whereas, they will be going to Minneapolis, MN from February 15-17,

Whereas, 15 students are attending and covering the conference fee,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocated \$1,973.80 to the NAFME.

Moved by: Chair Hermerding

Seconded by: Senator Carman

- Senator; Howarth: They had a really great presentation when they presented. I think this would be a great opportunity for them. Good that they are running a student booth.
- Seconded by Senator Minich: I think this is a great opportunity for college students to reach out to high school student

- Senator Haugen; I think 15 people and a little under 2000 dollars, we get to have a big influence. Started out as a teaching school and gotta support our teachers
- Chair Hossain: **Call to question**
- Seconded by senator Stoeckly
- **Motion Passes**

- New Business

Whereas, WSU Student Senate is a governing student body,

Whereas, Student Senate has a positive impact on student and campus life,

Whereas, students often view Student Senate in a negative light,

Whereas, Student Senate is for the students by the students,

Whereas, Student Senate wants positive student involvement,

Whereas, a governing student body should be transparent,

Whereas, students should be aware of who represents them on Student Senate,

Whereas, students should have a way to express their concerns,

Whereas, students voices should be heard,

Whereas, having advertising for College and general chair representatives would allow students to recognize and know their senators,

Therefore be it resolved, Student Senate launches a Meet Your Senator Campaign consisting of posters to be placed in all campus buildings with information about the senators, the seat that they represent, and student senate contact info,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS allocates \$70.50 from the WSUSS internal budget to fund posters for the Meet Your Senator Campaign,

Moved by Senator Haugen

Seconded by Chair Bainbridge

- Senator Haugen: I think last year this was also proposed. Students view student senate as (*****). This will allow us to be more approachable and be more transparent about what we do. This gives them an idea to know who we are and what we are. I don't think students should be dm

us. I think we should put out our emails. I have talked to director Herrick putting posters with our faces and information on it. This is going to be in motion and going next semester. I want to get this going now so we don't have to wait until the middle of next semester.

- Chair Bainbridge: I think those who hold an actual seat, you are representing some seat. This campaign allows for people to come to you and allows for you to put your foot out there to set up an event or show your college that you do care.
- Senator Palmerton: I think this is a fantastic idea. I have been told by my friends that they think we don't do anything and I think that putting posters up in Minne. The motion makers talked about putting our emails on there. NOT ma\my students like to go out and talk to you so emails are a good idea.
- Senator Stoeckly: Not a lot of people knew what was going on. Maybe having the college and the seat be a bigger photo so they know where to go.
- Chair Hossain: couple of concerns: We do have a display case in the student commons. That is a display with our names, titles, and emails. What are the senators or chairs going to do if they get reached out to?
 - Senator Haugen: The display case, it is nice but it is behind glass. It makes us look like we are better than them. Little posters like this will humanize us more. The worst thing I feel about student government is an illusion that we think that we are better. Anytime that there is a chance for that to be there allows us to look like we are better. We are elected to this position so if a student has a go get them attributed and email us. I can't tell what a senator should do. If a student is yelling at us over email, we should figure out what we can do. If we don't address, we may not be voted. Power of the people.
- Senator Snider: I think this is a great idea for senators to be recognized by professors.
- Senator Simon: Our faces being by Jack Kane dining, I believe that if you are not a freshman or a student living on campus, that you will not see the display case. I think this will help us be more approachable.
- Senator Crass: this girl I was working with did not know exactly what we consisted of. I was thinking we can use our photos to show our own headshots showing our personality instead of a professional headshot
- Senator Peil: Students don't go in the dining hall to walk past the display case. There are a ton of things on campus that promote a lot of the same things. I don't think it would hurt to have more to promote. The general ed buildings, for the senators who don't have a certain building, i think it would be great for those to be in general ed buildings. Is it possible to get posters to who w. I have friends who don't know where and when we have senate meetings. Can we promote that?
 - Senator Haugen: This idea went through multiple phases. I think that all of those ideas are valid. My thing is that there is no final design that is set. I want as much say as possible. Our fellow students don't know where to meet. If we have a QR Code on the poster with that information. With the website, I didn't know that we had a headshot and contact info on the website. If I didn't know, then students may not know. Email me and give me input on what we need to do.
- Senator Wright: Call to question is great when conversations are going in circles. I don't think it should be used to stop people from talking. What is undesirable about dms or emails? I would rather receive dms or emails. What is the last poster you remember that you actually stop and look at. I don't think that having our faces behind glass is anything different than having our faces

on paper. I think promoting more events like having a senate open house. Letting students know that they are free to chat with us and hang out with us. In support of this but also in support on other ways

- Senator Bowen: I don't think this is bad, \$70 looking at our budget.
- Senator Galvin: When I was looking at the display case before I was in senate. I felt a distance. I think a poster of what we are actually like would show us more of what we are like. We don't all have our pictures up so all of us don't know who we are.
- Chair Bainbridge: I have noticed that we like to take shots at things to help students. Even if it is just one student. Students can go to the wsu website, but it is hard to navigate. It becomes an issue and they no longer search that out. I didn't know we had that display case until after freshman year. The whole idea of this is to highlight you and get involved in your seat. It is merely to help students so we are not a stigma
- Senator Kurth: I am in full support. Posters may not be the most seen thing on campus. If we can get something else out there to help. I think there are also ways to do better and get more engagement. We can table in the college and get more engagement. The last thing they want to do is go into the office so this would be a good idea. I think even tabling in the college for what you represent would be a good idea, maybe make it a weekly thing or monthly thing
- Chair Hermerding: I have two classes that are in person and are in Minne. The professor asked who the dean was and no one knew. Students do not even know the deans so how are they going to know the senators? In front of your name is senator, if you can't take emails and can't talk about difficult topics. Posters are good. If you walk into that office, you are going to see someone from Greek life. Some of you aren't letting people know that you are not inviting people in. You can cc someone in an email if you need a question answered.
- Senator Schulz: I just got done with an interview with a motion that we passed for suicide prevention committee. No one of them knew about this. We should let students know what we are actively doing.
- Senator Haugen: We are a governing body for the students. The fact that tiny posters are getting this much flack is mind boggling. This motion is trying to open the door for better communication for students. As members of WSUSS, students should have a way to contact us. I know that they can find us on a website or on instagram. Not everyone does that. Every student is annoyed with the website but they all have an email
- Senator Minich: I am in support of this. We sit here every wed and we know resources. I don't see a problem in putting our email out. Former president who served a couple years ago, she found out because we sat in the same class. That's how people know about it, through mouth.
- Senator Howarth: **Call to question**
 - Seconded by Senator DeLuca
- Tabled

Whereas, Sigma Sigma Sigma is looking to attend the Prevention Institution in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

Whereas, they are a nationally recognized sorority at Winona State University,

Whereas, their two positions, Vice President of Harm Reduction and Honor Council Chairwomen will be attending,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,000 from the SAF to Sigma Sigma Sigma,

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

Moved by: Chair Hermerding

Seconded by: Senator Prosser

- Chair Hermerding: their presentation was right to the point. I think there are 130 chapters x2 that is how many women will be there. They can learn about what they can implicate at winona
- Senator Prosser; These programs are always insightful and helpful, they give you insight. There are all of the leadership skills that you learn. This is a great opportunity to network and promote winona state
- Senator Peil: Friendly amendment allocated to allocates
- Senator Schulz: I just got back from a conference like this. It gave me tons of ideas for winona greek life. I think this is a great way to bring ideas back to winona.
- Comments from the Gallery
 - Tracy Rahim: A few years ago, one of the thing Senate wrangled with was how we get out to the student body what exactly we do. That year, senate did a great job. Digital signage, emails explaining what you are planning. It took the whole senate to decide what to accomplish this week. We got an update on all university committees. I urge you to tell the students what you are doing. You aren't going to put out a poster every week but find methods and put it out there. Put out the presentations and what we are trying to do. Give us feedback. You can be interacting with students to get their feedback. The Deans can be sending out emails to their colleges on who their senators are.
 - VP McDowell: For the Purple boxes, look into our laptops and look into an email. Fill out this information. I want to send it out for thanksgiving. If you missed that opportunity she gave you something fillable. If we don't get them we are going to send them out and maybe do another round to send out. Use this time to take care of yourself. Hearing a lot of students stressing out. Breathe.
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment: 7:16pm
- Consent Agenda: **approved**

Pi Sigma Alpha Initiation	\$100.93
Student Health & Wellness Advocates Aroma Therapy	\$31.45
Senior Nursing Club Rochester	\$251.98

SILA WGDY	\$1.20
CS Club 11/7	\$49.73
CS Club 10/31	\$49.73
Colleges Against Cancer T-shirts	\$394.20
Student Association of Social Workers - Gratitude Jar	\$67.42
SCEC Second Club Meeting	\$22.80
WSU Biology Club	\$32.60
Environmental Club pot painting	\$25.10
Environmental Club Garden Cleanup	\$17.14
Winona State University College Democrats Governor Meet and Chat	\$184.84
Pre-Med Club Meeting	\$46.11
Biology Club Meeting	\$21.03
Active Minds WSU Stress Management Bingo	\$116.61
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship 11/8	\$38.73
MLS Club meeting	\$51.51
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship 11/9	\$24.92
EMAE November Meeting	\$87.99
Unified Warriors General meeting	\$21.18
Anime Club Meeting - 1	\$28.49
Public Health Club Meeting	\$32.00
RICE Club 3rd Meeting	\$20.75
RICE Club 4th Meeting	\$29.77
RICE Club 5th Meeting	\$10.98
Cadet Club Plaque	\$300.00
SCEC Club November Meeting	\$116.37
Hmong American Student Association	\$70.00
SBO Homecoming Float	\$16.63

Public Relations Student Society of America we're all connected	\$120.70
WiCS Weekly Meeting	\$225.19
SOL Last Meeting	\$94.62
SOL Homecoming Candy	\$21.00
SOL Dia de los Muertos	\$142.19
Math/Stat Club Trivia	\$97.97
WSU Anime Club - 2	\$34.69
WSU Anime Club - 3	\$23.84
NRHH Banquet	\$1,233.00
SCEC Thanksgiving Dinner Dance	\$23.86
Alpha Sigma Tau Philanthropy	\$71.64
Junior Nursing Club Rochester - Relay for Life	\$33.81
Winona Dodgeball League	\$38.21
Total:	\$4,422.91

Senator Howarth to Elections Committee
 Senator Carman to Elections Committee
 Senator Crowe to Elections Committee
 Treasurer O'Connor to Elections Committee
 Chair bainbridge to Elections Committee