

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

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 Abagat	x
Senator Bowen	
Senator Carman	x
Senator Crass	x
Senator Crowe	x
Senator DeLuca	x
Senator Galvin	x
Senator Grams	x
Senator Haugen	x
Senator Howarth	x
Senator Kurth	x
Senator McLaughlin	x

Senator Minich	x
Senator Moran	x
Senator Patterson	x
Senator Peil	x
Senators Sherchan	x
Senator Simon	x
Senator Snider	x
Senator Stoeckly	x
Senator Tetzloff	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **approved**

Approval of Agenda: **approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Greek Council
 - Had a Greek Banquet. Proud of them and their amazing work. Greek Council is completely rebranding. You will get to learn about all the chapters we have on campus. If you know any women who are interested in Greek Council send them my way
 - RHA
 - KEAP Council
 - Director of Communications
 - I have headshots of everyone from senate. Just to remind everyone every meeting at the end of the month is our dress up meeting
 - Executive Assistant
 - Bonding event is planned. We are going ax throwing Feb 8th at 5:00pm. I will post a signup on facebook later tonight.
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Just getting ready for my ASO meeting next week.
- Guest Speakers
 - Karen Johnson and Mick Lynch-Mental Health First Aid
 - We want to talk a little bit about Mental Health First Aid. Everyone of you as a student leader could benefit from first aid training.

- Mental health first aid teaches risk factors and how we can help them and connect them to the resources they need. It not only teaches you how to intervene in a crisis but you can help anyone with any crisis. I envision this campus being more mental health friendly. Be the difference. I think all of us here can embrace that tonight if you consider what we ask for you to hear.
- What we are asking about may be a bit of an ask. 1 in 25 people struggle with a mental health first aid crisis. Having those skills can be extremely beneficial. Being able to diagnose and direct them to where they might need. It is important to take care of our mental health. This is us putting our money where our mouth is and taking action
- The cost first hand was \$200. Mick is willing to teach the class of \$25 per person
- Mick: There is a cost that goes towards this. The \$25 is towards materials and a book. If student senate would purchase 30 seats for 30 interested students and then we can continue our talks on how to keep it sustainable. Anyone who does 2 hours of pre-work online does the 6 hours in person. The total ask would be \$750
 - Senator Haugen: Do you foresee the price changing over time? If we buy 30 seats now, if someone wanted to buy 60 would the price change?
 - We do not know. We don't control the prices. We would check with them
 - Senator Howarth: I think this is an amazing idea. Say we do fund for the 30 max seats, would you or the university want to collaborate with the university or the green bandana project, if we have people who are interested. If you get the max of 30, what would you be looking towards?
 - Mick: We work collaborating with all mental health and green bandana to open it up to everyone we can. There are only thirty seats. Academic and athletic.
 - Dean Johnson: I'd like to train as many students as we can. Mick doesn't get paid for this
 - Senator Peil: What are the chances to get something like this a credit class?
 - Mick: That is a long process. There are classes HERS 250 & 252 taught by Connie. It is not very likely that we would get to the point of giving college credit for this class.
 - Senator Carman: I love hearing about this. Do other universities around us offer this training?
 - I'm not sure if they offer the formal class. I know all universities in our system have trainers.
 - Senator Kurth: I think this is great. You mentioned you were tentative on making this sustainable. Would you come back every year for funding?
 - Johnson: not quite positive. The MN state legislature has been generous in giving us funding. If we can depend on our legislature to keep giving us funding, hopefully.

- Mike: Thirty people a year is not many so we are hoping to open the training up to masses of students. If you have ways you known of to sustain this then we are all ears
- Senator Simon: Is a certificate they could put on an application for a job?
 - Yes. You can not get the certificate unless you go through the class. You do get one and I suggest you print it out
- Senator Simon: Is there a lifetime certification?
 - Every three years. And I believe there is a online renewal
- Senator Carman: What is the normal cost without the discount?
 - \$18.95 annual training and \$23.95 for six hour training. Offering it to community members is more expensive
- Senator Carman: How much are you asking?
 - \$25 per person for 30 seats so \$750
- Senator Carman: I feel like putting it on a promotion that it can help your future job would help a lot of people be interested.
- Chair Bainbridge: Why can't those funds be this year from the legislature?
 - It is being used for basic needs, emergency funding, and training for employees for mental health. There wasn't a big amount of it.
- Chair Bainbridge: Does the dollar amount stay the same year that the legislature gives?
 - This is the first year so we hope that it will continue
- Senator Galvin: I think it is important that you have that voice and appreciate it. Is it an overall weekend course?
 - It all in one day
- Senator Peil: How reasonable would it be for \$25 per person to get as many students as we want? Would it be reasonable to increase student fees and use that?
 - I will not be the one to increase student fees. If anyone on that committee wants to propose it they can
- Chair Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - We meet tomorrow and will discuss the military credits that were discussed last semester. There will be a motion next week. We will be talking to faculty and discussing future motions
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
- Whereas, Winona State University prides itself on Diversity, equity, and inclusion,
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Whereas, Winona State University aims to create a feeling of belonging for all,

Whereas, there are many students and community members who live daily with diabetes, among other medical conditions,

Whereas, safety is of utmost concern for all Winona state university students,

Whereas, disposable needles boxes reduce injury risk and provide efficient ways to dispose properly of used needles,

Therefore, be it resolved, WSUSS recommends WSU places Sharps Disposal Containers in all bathrooms on campus where they do not already exist.

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends WSU places signage to existing sharps containers.

Moved by: Equity, Inclusion and Excellence Committee

- Chair Hossain: This helps students who have diabetes. I can't take needles because I am diabetic and I don't know where to dispose of them. This is a recommendation to put out disposal containers around campus
- Senator Carman: This is a fantastic idea. I have been to other campuses and they have these. I think this would be very inclusive.
- Senator Abagat: I am a part of this committee but also a nursing student. This is so important to diabetic students and gender transitioning students with shots. This can also help other students who use injections. Injections are a way for them to get fast treatment and it would be nice for them to be readily available
- Senator Minich: I think that it's an amazing idea. In the cafeteria they post that please do not leave your needles on the trays because it can be harmful to employees so I think this is beneficial
- Senator Patterson: Are there any of these around campus?
 - President Carman: George and I are working on looking into that right now.
 - Chair Hossain: I haven't seen any.
 - Senator Haugen: East lake bathrooms have them. Most resident halls
- Senator Galvin: I have seen some in Minne, I think in the 2nd floor men's restroom. I haven't seen a whole lot around campus. I have seen some in St. Olaf campus in every bathroom they had. We have so many students so it is mind boggling that we don't have any. This should have been passed a long time ago. Should have been implemented when the college was almost founded.
- Senator Howarth: I am on the committee as well, so I think our committee did an amazing job writing this motion. For anyone who may not feel safe with disposing.

- Senator Kurth: I'm in support of this motion and it has been a thing that has been around for awhile. I'm surprised that it hasn't been around on campus that much. We talk a lot about helping mental health but for some reason we stop talking about physical disabilities. I think Winona State doesn't do a lot with accommodating those with physical disabilities. In the gym there are needle boxes in one of the boys bathrooms
- Senator Peil: This is all about access. If you have class somewhere and you have to leave to go to a different floor in the middle of class, this can help so students aren't late to class or miss class time. A lot of students do best focusing on their studies with their medical conditions
- Chair Bainbridge: friendly amendment: where they do not already exist
- Senator Moran: I think this is a wonderful idea. I would want to maybe suggest a friendly amendment for signage for students to know where they exist. If someone wants to make that amendment. Friendly amendment: Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends WSU places signage to existing sharps containers.
- Senator Patterson: For some people this may be life and death. If they don't have a place to dispose of this, I'd feel crappy. I can't imagine that someone is going to want to take a needle out in the middle of class or running across campus to dispose of it
- **Committee recommendation passes**

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

Whereas, having a medical room would be beneficial for Winona State University faculty, students and community members,

Whereas, medical room provides privacy and a safe space for those afflicted with medical condition,

Whereas, public bathrooms contain thousands of germs that make it unsafe to do medical routines,

Whereas, providing a medical room is addressing public health safety for Winona State University community,

Therefore, be it resolved, WSUSS recommends that WSU provide all proper resources legally required for a medical room.

Therefore, be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends that WSU place a minimum of one medical room in all academic buildings.

Moved by: Equity, Inclusion and Excellence Committee

- Chair Hossain: This motion highlights benefits. This would help in sanitary and privacy. I believe that one medical room in each academic building can help. When we have this room, we would suggest that any resources are kept in the room in case of emergency.
- Senator Carman: My only concern is where is the money going to come from? If this was in Kryzsko would this come out of their budget? Where would the money come from for these resources?
 - Chair Hossain: We have a meditation room and prayer room. If we have a spare room in a building, I believe we can use those. We can work with the health services on campus for resources.
 - George Micalone: Space management on campus is kind of a cluster. An idea like this would take a lot of time. The finances to prioritize that would take a lot to plan for. To prioritize money for this would need for you to raise a lot of noise.
 - Chair Hossain: I believe health services have a room already. I will talk to the director of health and services. I believe this is necessary and we can find a way.
 - Senator Moran: friendly amendment: change medical attention to medical condition
 - Chair Bainbridge: As someone who has been fighting this campus, it is difficult to work with people. They only have so much money. I think you need data. Whether you put out a survey or talk to students. Tell them this is what senate recommends. We have a lot of young senators, you can keep pushing this. I don't see it being something that changes soon. I think it is something that has a lot of potential and a big need for students
 - Senator Stoeckly: One of these rooms was actually implemented in my past high school. I think we need to still push for it after this semester so it doesn't get pushed under the back burner
 - Senator Patterson: Since we have limited funding, would there be a way for us to put those resources in gender neutral bathrooms?
 - The reason we wanted to have a room was because bathrooms are filthy.
 - Senator Patterson: Health services are only open a limited amount of hours too that isn't very accommodating to students
 - Senator Haugen: I am extending my energy and time to help you with this. I have in mind a few professors who would like to help with this. I would

like to talk to some people to swab the bathroom to show everyone what germs are in there. We can talk to our faculty members to start this

- Senator Peil: I would like to assume that students are here to make a difference in students' lives. Regardless of if this happens this semester or years to come. This will impact hundreds if not thousands of students to make it more accessible. This can increase student positivity and increase enrollment
- Senator Carman: I think we all agree this needs to happen so let's start with getting data. I would like to table this motion
 - Seconded by Senator Haugen
 - TABLED

Chair report

- Chair Hossain: Two motions are through. We have talked about organizing a trivia night. We are actively looking for a keynote speaker.
- Student Services
 - My committee met today. It will be in February to give transfer students an idea of what we offer for resources. We are doing bingo for students to check out our resources. We are working on emailing people. My committee planned their own bonding event. They planned a hot chocolate bar. Still figuring out the plans for that
 - Senator Patterson: Can I suggest emailing the EIE Keap Center. It is a great resource that no one really knows about.
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda
 - approved
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Senator Galvin: Mental health taskforce meeting is on thursday at 3:00pm. An email was sent out
 - Senator Howarth: Our student in security taskforce is meeting on zoom. We are accepting more people on that committee. There is more room. If interested email Dean Johnson or Dr. Osgood
 - Senator Carman: Can we get times for other committees for the ones we can't go to
 - President Carman: Yes, we will work on that.
 - 1 on 1s
 - I am holding these for everyone on senate. Please schedule a time with me. If you haven't done that please do that.
 - Advocacy Conference Feb. 19th and 20th
 - I can take four more people. It is when we go and lobby at the capitol. First come first serve. You go over a training the first night and then lobby the next day. On Monday and Tuesday. You will have an excused absence written to your professors.
 - Student Death

Whereas, International Club host an International Night every year,

Whereas, International Night has entertainment, food, and drinks,

Whereas, ticket cost go toward a scholarship for international students,

Whereas, International Club is unable to fundraise,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$8,988.67 \$10,727.54 from the SAF to International Club to help host International Night with all remaining funds being returned to the SAF

Moved by: Senator Carman

Seconded by: Senator Stoeckly

- Senator Carman: I think everyone in this room understands that this is an exciting event. Let's talk about the price. If anyone has any ideas about it please let me know
- Senator Stoeckly: I agree with Senator Carman
- Senator Carman: Friendly amendment: from the SAF
- Senator Haugen: Can we get a couple minutes to look over this?
- Senator Stoeckly: I would like to call a five minutes recess
 - Seconded by Senator Peil
 - Recess passes

Roll Call:

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Chair Bainbridge	x
Chair Hermerding	x
Chair Hossain	x
Senator Abagat	x
Senator Bowen	

Senator Carman	x
Senator Crass	x
Senator Crowe	x
Senator DeLuca	x
Senator Galvin	x
Senator Grams	x
Senator Haugen	x
Senator Howarth	x
Senator Kurth	x
Senator McLaughlin	x
Senator Minich	x
Senator Moran	x
Senator Patterson	x
Senator Peil	x
Senators Sherchan	x
Senator Simon	x
Senator Snider	x
Senator Stoeckly	x
Senator Tetzloff	x

- Senator Peil: Obviously \$10,000 is a lot of money. I wonder how sustainable it is to pass this motion and all the other motions tonight. I don't think the full amount is possible but I would like to fund a large portion
- Chair Bainbridge: I do think International Night is a good event. They do already get some funding \$4,600 from the student life fee that they could put towards the event
- Senator Haugen: I think no one is against this motion. They do receive \$4,600 which is more than any other club. I propose that we take off \$2300 from the total they asked for. It is not because I do not believe in this. I think it is fair that they use half of their money to put towards this event
- Senator Peil: amendment instead of the current change that to \$8,427.54
 - Chair Hossain: To use half the money for our club at this point is not possible. We already set up our entire plan. If you ask us to take it out of our current

budget we won't be able to do it. We are funding similar to the warrior entertainment network. I don't see any reason why this is being lowered. It is for the community and for the people. I do not think this amount should get any lower. The plan has already been made

- Chair Bainbridge: This will be a tough conversation because we all love the International Club. We had conversations that students and clubs can't always expect senate to fund their requests. I wish International Club can do everything they can. I think we should hold this to the same standard that senate can't always fund everything
- Senator DeLuca: I agree with a previous chair that they can't expect to get all the funding. I do believe that International Club isn't allowed to fundraise so this should be an exception. Just because it is a big number doesn't mean it is the least important
- Senator Haugen: This isn't about saving money. This is about establishing that senate isn't always going to fund everything. However if students find out that a club gets \$4600 a year. They are using it to go on trips, they said Wisconsin Dells. I feel like funding would disrespect students on campus. I already have students talking to me about this. This is a fair ask. At risk of being the bad guy, I feel like the expectation was already there that we were going to fund this. I think it is fair for senate to establish that clubs shouldn't expect funding. This is coming down to an accountability issue. I feel senate has an accountability issue. What is wrong with having a club held accountable with their lack of planning that senate will fund the entire amount. I always have a plan a b and c. I'm a broke college student. I am not trying to attack anyone in this room
- Senator Carman: I think something we also need to take in consideration, it is January. We still have tons of clubs that will need to go to events to promote networking and further their career. Other clubs will be coming in here asking for large amounts of money. I agree with accountability. It is only January. That is something we need to consider with future clubs coming to us
- Senator Peil: This is no one's fault. Chartwells just happens to be very expensive when catering. I think we also have a conflict of interest because we have a president of the International Club here. It is tough that we have this advantage to know where the money is planned and where it is going. Not every club has that advantage to come in a second time to tell us where the money is going.
- Senator Kurth: I feel like I'm pretty conflicted about this. I want to give International Club all their money. How is this club funded compared to every other club?
 - Treasurer O'Connor: Student life fee. There are 40 groups that get that funding. One of them is the International club and that is \$4600. They get that money while those other groups have to request it.
- Senator Kurth: Just to build on that I feel that this is also a problem that goes on outside of International Night. The reason they were funded is for this event. If it was designated for an event to go towards students it would be a disservice for

the club members to go on a trip. But it would also be a disservice to not allow them not to use the money for other stuff for their club.

- Treasurer O'Connor: clear up something. Tracy told me the reason they were given the \$4600 was given for International Night because they asked so often. However, they can use it anyway they want
- Chair Bainbridge: We are not canceling International Night. Maybe some of the posters will be cut or some of the drinks. We can't tell them how to spend their money. It is not canceling the event, it is having the club adjust it. Last year meeting minutes they said they were going on a trip and international night. We did not fund all of it and they still had the event and still went on the trip. They would just have to adjust some of the things they would like
- Senator Crowe: \$10,000 is a lot of money. Looking at their ticket sales, if they take \$1,000 from their ticket sales they can still put on this event
- Senator McLaughlin: When it comes down to almost \$11,000, it is a lot of money. Other clubs also have a say
- Chair Hossain: To clarify concerns: we can ask groups for clarification. We can also call back groups with advisors because we have done it in the past. We did send emails to clear up any confusion. If you go back to the presentation of the International Club, I see that the food cost is \$8,988.66.
- Senator Peil: Do you look at digital signage more than paper signage? Head nods*. As great as all the promotion is, there may be more ways for them to promote this that are cheaper.
- Senator Crowe: Looking at the clarifying document. It says \$500 scholarships. Where is the rest of that money going?
 - President Carman: As far as I know, no scholarship has gone out
 - Senator Serchan: This is the first year the club is doing the scholarship.
- Senator Carman: I would like to make amendment to the amendment \$8,988.67
 - Seconded by Chair Bainbridge
- Senator Carman: Let's at least fund their food costs because they cannot control the price and adjust it.
- Chair Bainbridge: I think this is a fair amount to cover their food
 - President Carman: Chartwells does have their amount. But the cost can get cut because of the portions and the type of food they asked for.
- Discussion on amendment to amendment
 - Senator Haugen: For someone who has to abstain from a vote they have to have a big part in the vote?
 - President Carman: yes
 - Senator Haugen: In there original presentation it would have been nice to know that their money from last year would be used for this year scholarships
 - Senator Serchan: The people who presented last year are very new. Since Chair Hossain and I are on senate we are not allowed to present. So we have a short amount of time to get them ready. Putting planning in, puts in a lot of effort. Who is benefiting from International Night? The

International students and it would be nice for people to see that this event also goes towards scholarship. WSU is a predominantly white campus. Students who are domestic but have not had their roots outside the USA. I am not getting paid for this position. If this is funded it benefits the campus as a whole.

- Senator Peil: Oftentimes any club asks for money to fund a trip. Usually they have their club money and have the opportunity to fund raise which the International Club does not have. We fund the activity they are doing. Because to our knowledge they have money in their account, they would be able to afford the other means they are requesting for this event. I agree with the current amount. It is a fair ask.
- Senator Galvin: Call to question
 - Seconded by call to question Senator Carman
 - Call to question passes on amendment to amendment
 - Amendment to the amendment passes \$10,727.54 \$8,988.67
 - Senator Haugen: this new number reflects more fairly. This is us allowing them to put on their event with the expectation that college students will always find a way.
 - Senator Minich: the \$4,600 what is happening with that money, has any of the money been spent
 - Treasurer O'Connor: We do know that they have planned trip and do have several events planned for the current academic year
 - Senator Minich: Has the \$4600 been spent?
 - Chair Hossain: yes
 - Senator Minich: Student life fee is for student opportunities on campus. Important to note that I feel like the \$4600 went towards event and then asking for supplemental money and then coming back for requesting money for Wisconsin Dells
 - Senator Kurth: would like to call to question
 - Seconded by senator McLaughlin
 - Call to question passes
 - Amendment passes \$8,988.67
- Discussion on entire motion as it reads
 - Chair Bainbridge: Because this is the first year they are using the profits for last year fundraising stuff. Wouldn't this be considered fundraising? I'm just questioning the legality of fundraising for International student visas
 - George Micalone: By no means an expert on international visas. I think the scholarships is a personal thing. If you are concerned I would table this motion and bring the international advisors back
 - Senator Carman: What year was the \$4600 allocated to?

- Senator Moran: I believe it was 2017, the thought at the time was that they would be able to run this event with this amount and come to us with the other amounts
- Senator Haugen: If we tabled it and went through another week would anything change? Most head shakes no* Because of that I call this motion to question
 - Call to question passes
 - Motion passes

-Whereas the Public Health Club is looking to participate in the Feed my Starving Children event

Whereas, this event would give WSU students the chance to make connections and outreach within the community

Whereas, this event will promote Winona State University

Therefore be it resolved, WSU Student Senate allocate \$500 from the SAF to the Public Health Club

Therefore be it further resolved, any unused funding be returned to the SAF account

Motioned by: Senator Minich

Seconded by: Senator Howarth

- Senator Minich: I think the motion speaks for itself and I'm interested in what you guys have to say
- Senator Howarth: The presenter did a great job, I agree with Senator Minich
- Chair bainbridge: friendly amendment
- Motion passes

- Whereas, the WSU choir program is looking to go to the ACDA conference

Whereas, there will be choirs from all over the Midwest

Whereas, this will be an amazing opportunity for the students and the University to have more outreach as well as build the choir program post-COVID

Therefore be it resolved, WSU Student Senate allocates \$3,476 from the SAF to the WSU Choir program for the ACDA conference with all remaining funds being returned to the SAF

Motioned by: Senator Minich

Seconded by: Senator Howarth

- Senator Minich: I think the motion speaks for itself and I'm interested in what you guys have to say
- Senator Howarth: yield to redundancy
- Senator Peil: Friendly amendment: allocates
- Motion passes

Whereas, Model U.N. is requesting funds to go to the 2024 New York Intercollegiate conference

Whereas, this is an amazing opportunity for students to engage in diplomatic relations and conversations regarding international relations

Whereas, this would be a great opportunity for the students to network in order to promote themselves and WSU on an international scale

Whereas, this opportunity will help WSU students further their education with master's programs, study abroad programs, as well as career insights and opportunities

Therefore be it resolved, WSU Student Senate allocates \$5000 dollars to Model United Nations from the SAF with any remaining funds being returned to the SAF

Motioned by: Senator Minich

Seconded by: Senator Sherchan

- Senator Minich: I think the motion speaks for itself and I'm interested in what you guys have to say
- Senator Sherchan: I think they had a decent presentation. They have done everything in their power to raise money. The least amount of money they asked for was \$4,000. But I think not funding the full amount would be taking away their opportunity
- Senator Carman: I think we should fund the full \$5,000. They did say they saved their SAF funds so they could go on this trip. The registration fee came out of their SAF funds.
 - Senator McLaughlin: If we did get the funding we would still have to pay about \$1,000 so \$100 out of each pocket
- Senator Moran: friendly amendment:
- Senator Howarth: friendly amendment, this would be an amazing opportunity. It is beneficial to go this year.
- Senator Kurth: they have done the requirements we asked. I know the concern they went on a trip last semester. This club exists because they go on these trips. It sounds like a big event that they bring back knowledge with.
- Senator Snider: From what I understand of the last semester presentation they paid 130 dollars out of pocket, however with that said they have done a lot more fundraising this semester for this trip.

- Senator Galvin: friendly amendment, this is a real good program, knowing more about where their funding is going towards. Knowing that they did save money to go towards this.
- Chair Hossain: I disagree that this club is just existing because of this trip. They can delegate and learn in their meetings. Trips are important

- **Motion passes**

-Whereas, Student Band Organization (SBO) represents a hard working sub-section of the WSU student body

Whereas, SBO has been invited for the first time in its history to the MMEA Midwinter Classic

Whereas, this would be a great opportunity for SBO to showcase their talents at a regional level

Whereas, this showcase would be a great opportunity for them to advertise WSU's music program to prospective students

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$3,858.08 to SBO to cover their transportation and lodging costs with the remaining money being returned to the SAF

Moved by: Senator DeLuca

Seconded by: Senator Galvin

- Senator DeLuca: I think this is a great opportunity and they got invited which is also an amazing opportunity
- Senator Galvin: yield to redundancy

- **Motion passes**

- **New Business**

Whereas, this proposal aims to significantly benefit our Winona State community by introducing Senate Office Hours in the KEAP Center,

Whereas, a dedicated student worker, possesses an in-depth understanding of the university's environment gained through active participation,

Whereas, the KEAP Center serves as a central hub for student activity, making it an ideal location for Senate Office Hours that would provide an accessible and familiar space for students to voice concerns, share experiences, and seek support,

Whereas, the proponent, as a representative of Winona State, is committed to understanding and listening to the diverse needs of the student body,

Whereas, the proposal aims to leverage the proponent's established connections within the KEAP Center to create a platform for direct student engagement with the Senate, emphasizing active learning, support, and representation for those facing challenges or feeling unheard,

Whereas, the implementation of Senate Office Hours in the KEAP Center in addition to the senate office as an alternative is seen as a strategic means to bridge the gap between student concerns and effective representation, aligning with the university's commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive campus environment,

Therefore be it resolved, that careful consideration and discussion be given to the proposal for Senate Office Hours in the KEAP Center as a means to enhance the overall student experience and foster a more inclusive campus environment.

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends that the WSUSS Judicial Committee reviews this as an addition to the Winona State Student Senate Bylaws.

Moved by: Senator Patterson

Seconded by: Chair Hermerding

- Senator Patterson: I wanted to do this motion. I have been a worker in the KEAP Center for two years. They struggle with things that made me want to sit on senate and have a voice. I think it is important to go in there and listen to the students to what they need and change. I want to start the change on campus. If you use that space, you use it for the right reasons and promote change. There is an office in the back corner that would be delegated to a senator so students can go in there and talk to them. I think being that voice for them is not. Being their voice is better than not having one at all.
- Chair Hermerding: This was an amazing motion for Senator Patterson to present to me. This is an option for students to go to KEAP to meet their senators. They might not know what we are offering. Professors also use this as way to talk with their students
- Senator Peil: Does this motion make it an option to have this as a office hours?
 - Yes, I want this to be used to make a change on campus. This would be put in to
 - This motion will go to judicial committee and depending what they think it can come back to senate to be put in the bylaws
- Senator Peil: What would Senators do who have the job in the KEAP center?
 - When senators aren't working they can use it as office hours
- Chair Hossain: I think some students are intimidated going into the senate office so I think this is an amazing opportunity to get concerns from students.
- Senator Haugen: Would like to make amendment: how it reads gives off the vibe that this is an option right now. I would like for it to be said as an alternative. As an alternative to the senate office. I stand by this and this is a great place to have office hours. I think as a governing body it is good to have little ambiguity.
- Speaker lists on amendment

- Senator Moran: friendly amendment in addition
- Senator Abagat: I do live in Rochester. One thing I miss was hanging out in the KEAP center
- Senator Carman: friendly amendment: add alternative
- Amendment passes
- Motion passes

Whereas, Winona State University aims to promote diversity for all,

Whereas, many students of color feel unheard and unseen as a campus minority,

Whereas, Winona State university lacks proper representation for students of color,

Whereas, WSUSS advocates for the success of all students,

Whereas task forces have historically been created to create solutions and organizational change,

Whereas, Racial and Ethnic Concerns Task Force would advocate for students, report important findings to the whole university, and work diligently to create new opportunities for students and employees of color,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends WSU create the Racial and Ethnic Concerns Task Force comprised of five students, four faculty members, five administrators, three alumni, three trustees, and one recorder,

Therefore, be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends this committee meets a minimum of once a month

Moved by Senator Peil

Seconded by Chair Bainbridge

- Senator Peil: This idea comes from my diversity paper I did as an undergrad. Student senate is the best way to push that. The five students would be student boys president, one from KEAP center, this whole task force would be looking at concerns and meeting to make a better and improved campus for students of color.
- Chair Bainbridge: When Senator Peil brought this to me I thought it was a great thing to push for. I think we need to have more awareness around it
- Senator Howarth: I read his motion and I'm in full support. In previous conversations, this is a predominately white school. We can encourage inclusivity with this
- Senator Carman: friendly moved by. I love that we are bringing another taskforce. I'm in full support of this motion

- Senator Galvin: I just have a few questions. Would the three students be students of color or would it be a mixture?
 - Senator Peil: as this relates to diversity inclusive, I wouldn't feel right to only have it be students of color. We could possibly open it up to the entire campus. You do not have to be certain race to be on this committee
- Senator Simon: this would open up the university to be more inclusive so that we can hear all different avenues and aspects
- Motion passes

Whereas, Mental Health is an issue that WSU is passionate about,

Whereas, Mental Health First Aid would allow WSU to be better equipped to assist with Mental Health crises,

Whereas, WSU is able to provide a Mental Health First Aid class for \$25 per student with a maximum of 30 Students,

Therefore be it resolved, that WSUSS gives \$750 from the SAF to Mick Lynch and Karen Johnson, with all remaining funds being returned to the SAF.

Moved by Senator Haugen

Seconded by Senator Carman

- Senator Haugen: I don't see a lot of fighting on this. Mental health is something I am very passionate about. I think this is a good baby step to start. To provide 30 students to get training like this. RAs all get training on this and I've had it and it gets very deep and very intense. Eventually I do want to open up the conversation so that there are vouchers so they do not have to present to us next year
- Senator Carman: a lot of employees have to go through this training. This is also a great resume builder. It can help students profile when finding their careers. It can make mental health more appropriate to have conversation with
- Senator Patterson: There is a speech I was going to share when they were presenting. I didn't realize I could go up there so I will present it now. I want to address a matter of utmost importance, one that often goes unnoticed yet profoundly impacts each and every one of us – mental health. It is imperative that we equip ourselves with the tools to support one another, and that is why I advocate for the importance of mental health first aid training for all students. Each one of us is on a unique journey, facing challenges and triumphs along the way. However, mental

health is a universal aspect of our lives that deserves our attention and understanding. It is in this context that I want to emphasize the critical importance of Mental Health First Aid Training for all of us. First and foremost, mental health is not confined to the pages of textbooks or the walls of lecture halls. It's intertwined with every aspect of our lives, influencing our ability to learn, connect, and thrive. Just as we equip ourselves with the skills to respond to physical health emergencies, it is equally vital to be equipped with the tools to address mental health crises. Mental Health First Aid Training provides us with the knowledge and skills to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health challenges in ourselves and our peers. It empowers us to be a source of support and compassion when someone is struggling, creating a campus community that prioritizes the well-being of each member. Imagine a scenario where you encounter a friend, a classmate, or even a stranger who is visibly struggling with their mental health. Would you know how to respond? Mental health first aid training provides us with the skills and knowledge to recognize the signs of distress, to offer support, and to connect individuals with the appropriate resources. Mental Health First Aid Training helps break down the stigma surrounding mental health by fostering an environment where open conversations are encouraged, and seeking help is seen as a sign of strength, not weakness. As future leaders, professionals, and contributors to society, the skills we gain from Mental Health Mental health first aid training is not only about helping others but also about self awareness. It encourages us to reflect on our own mental health and seek support when needed. By fostering a culture of mental health awareness, we contribute to a campus community where everyone feels seen, heard, and supported. Here are some compelling reasons why mental health first aid training is so important. Reducing stigma, early intervention, improving overall public health, empowering individuals By investing in Mental Health First Aid Training, we are investing in our collective well-being. We are fostering a culture of empathy, understanding, and support that transcends academic achievements. Together, we can create a campus where no one feels alone in their struggles, and everyone knows that help is within reach.

- Senator Crowe: friendly amendment: put the comma after resolve and take away the comma. I wholeheartedly support this and its another way to support everyone in any way we can
- Senator Galvin: This is a really important motion. Keep in mind that I am a story of why we need this
- Senator Simon: We all know this is a deep topic in this room. Many of us may be dealing with this themselves or someone they know. This is something I believe in. I think it is really good that we got this training. We will take a step toward it. It is going to bring change. When people believe in mental health they are stuck and lost we can be there to help guide them
- Chair Bainbridge: I am currently going through a class for it. It is a month long class and it is hard. Funding this full thing will
- Senator Moran: call to question
 - No second
- Senator Abagat: I'm in full support of this motion. Psych nursing is one of the most needed jobs in the nursing program. We are here for anyone and anyone who needs help
- Senator Carman: friendly amendment: funds directed towards mick lynch and karen johnson
- Senator Haugen: I want to make sure that we don't get one year out of this. Amendment: Whereas, vouchers will allow the mental health first aid class to be instructed at a later date,

Whereas, 30 vouchers cost \$750 vouchers will allow. This way we can double it and they can use it again

- Senator Peil: If we raise the wellness fee \$5 it will give students the opportunity to take this class. We could hopefully save many lives.
- Speakers list
 - Chair Hossain: Do we still want to give them the money if they get it again from the legislature?
 - Senator Moran: I find it odd to give them more money then they requested
 - Senator Carman: They wanted to see how they want this to go first. I think maybe we do have to wait to see how it goes
 - Senator Haugen: I feel like the justification with the final line is that the remaining money would be brought back to the SAF. That is our safety net. If Mick gets this money and it's too much then it will come back. We can fully fund it. If the legislature gives them money then it will come back to us. \$1500 is a small portion to save one life
 - Senator Kurth: I agree but I can't think of one time that we have given more money then what they asked for. If they want to come back then we can discuss that
 - Senator Crowe: i feel like giving them the amount of money they asked for then assessing next year
 - Senator Howarth: It says all remaining funds will be returned to the SAF. As a campus we are paying for unnecessary things. But this is necessary. RAs are mandatory to do this. I work at the gym and we are not required to do this. This would be a good thing.
 - Chair Hossain: I think before we put out our opinions we need to remember this is for the community. I would like to call to question
 - Seconded by Senator Carman
 - Call to question passes
 - Amendment fails
 - MOTION TABLED
- Comments from the Gallery
 - George Micalone: Sharp containers. At least 100 containers on campus in bathrooms. If there is one closer to where someone needs they would gladly put one in. they only replace/add one if one breaks. Be respectful and mindful. Personal objective: to better know you all. I hardly know half your first names. I want to know all your first names by the end of the year
 - Dean Johnson: Would like to thank you from the gallery from the deliberations and the respect you show each other. Thank you for the discussion on mental health.
 - VP McDowell: Well done student senate for great discussion
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment: 8:29pm
- Consent Agenda:
 - Move to Approve Korean Club

Move to Approve Pay-it-Forward Club

Move to Approve Pre-Nursing Club

Move to Approve Turtle Island Student Association