

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Winona State Student Senate Meeting
5 PM, Purple Room, WSU

Call to Order: **5pm**

Roll Call: **Quorum**

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

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

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Greek Council
 - Keap Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Keep sharing senate info and support the social media posts
 - Executive Assistant
 - Thanks to all who participated in the Valentine's Day exchange!
 - Remember to pay for your merch items
 - Clothing/food drive next week
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - No ASO meetings for this month
- Guest Speakers
 - Students United
 - A few representatives from Students United came and spoke on what it's about
 - Made up of students for students

- Brought out a budget survey
 - Budget forum information to come later
 - Get firsthand knowledge of how your money is spent
 - Advocacy conference on April 2, 2022
 - Held in person in St. Paul, but there will be a Zoom option for some parts
 - SU officer applications and scholarships now open
 - Senator Prosser - what kinds of committees do you have?
 - System Affairs, Internal Affairs, Legislative Affairs, Delegative
 - Each university gets 2 spots on each committee
- Elizabeth Caucutt - Winona State Dance Team
 - Sports club with 10 members
 - Nationals coming up in Daytona Beach, FL
 - April 6-10
 - Asking for funds for airfare - \$4,522
 - Senator Larson - vehicle costs are expensive, could we bring it down to fewer vehicles?
 - That is something that can be discussed
 - Senator Senchea - how would the trip impact WSU as a whole?
 - Would represent WSU at the national level
 - High school students attending may be enticed to come to WSU
 - Senator Schiro - are plane tickets paid for?
 - Yes
 - Chair Phillips - who would we designate money to?
 - WSU Dance Team
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - where did already fundraised money go to?
 - Professional choreographer, other trip expenses
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Please ask anyone you know that would be a good speaker at commencement if they would do so
 - Peer advising event Mon. March 21 from 12-2
 - Get volunteer hours done
 - Need 8 more people - let Chair Hytry know
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence

- Events for Black History month are getting underway
 - Getting a motion together to get Enterprise back on campus
- Student Services
 - Condoms and dental dams have officially been ordered

Whereas, the accessible parking spaces located around campus are labeled as “handicap” on parking signs, campus maps, and within the Winona State University website

Whereas, the word “handicap” describes a barrier for a person,

Whereas, the word “handicap” is not an accurate descriptor for an accessible parking space,

Whereas, the word “accessible” describes a parking space in compliance with ADA accessibility guidelines,

Whereas, Parking Services will be conducting an inventory of their signage needs during Summer 2022,

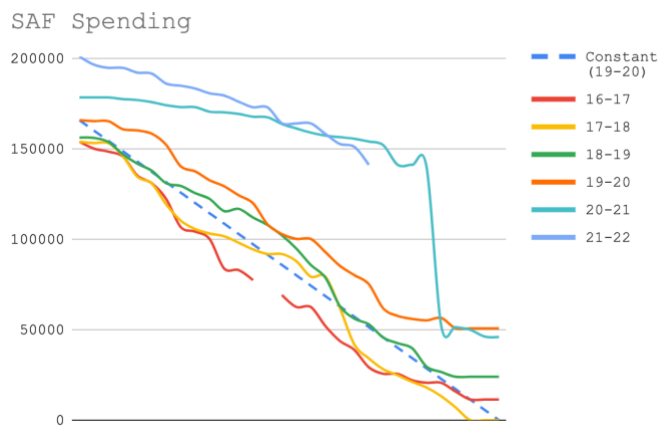
Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends that as a part of this inventory, “handicap” parking spaces signs be changed to “accessible” parking space signs,

Therefore be it further resolved, the language within the Winona State University website and campus maps be changed to say “accessible” rather than “handicap”.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

- Senator Brandon - “handicap” is no longer the correct term for accessible parking spaces
 - Having signs with incorrect language may turn people away from the university
 - Avoid being ignorant as a campus
- Senator Jones - would the picture be the same?
 - Yes, the sign is the same, the term “handicap” would just be removed
- Senator Abagat - not everyday that one notices something to hold theirself accountable
- Senator Evans-Currey - will we also change language on the website as well?
 - Yes - to keep campus accessible for all students
- Committee Recommendation **PASSES**
- President’s Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates

- Orientation week committee - VP Olson - Record-breaking positive numbers for Welcome Week
 - Lyceum committee - Senator Ferguson - Micheal Che is coming to campus for a Q&A
 - Need help with questions - contact Senator Ferguson with any questions you would like answered
 - Facilities committee - Senator Larson - talked about raising parking permit prices to pay for facilities
 - Students United Update
 - Vice President's Report
 - Event Requirement Ideas
 - 2 events you have to do
 - 2 volunteer hours
 - 1 related to Equity and Inclusion
 - Treasurer's Report
 - SFMC Recommendation:
 - WSUSS recommends a [2.03% increase](#) to the Wellness Center Fee as [presented](#).
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - supports the motion for the programs offered through Wellness Center
 - Recommendation automatically **TABLED** for one week
 - SAF Account Balance:
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$150,693.67 (74.92%, **25.08%**)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$141,193.67 (70.20%, **29.80%**)



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- Unfinished Business

Whereas, the PE and H.O.P.E. clubs promote the need for physical education and health education in schools.

Whereas, the SHAPE america conference will help attendees learn valuable skills and information that will aid them in their future careers.

Whereas, attendees are already paying roughly \$460.50 each out of pocket for personal expenses.

Whereas, SHAPE is a good opportunity for students to network with other professionals nationwide.

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$5500 to PE Club from the SAF to help cover the costs to allow PE club and HOPE club to attend the SHAPE America conference.

Moved by: Senator Mulhern-Allred

Seconded by: Senator Senchea

- Director Sok - they are not in good club standing at this time
- Senator Jones - motions to table until next week
 - Seconded by Senator Brandon
 - Motion is **TABLED** for one week

Whereas, the final capstone course for Mass Communications provides unique real-world professional experience to students,

Whereas, students are expected to pay for their own promotional materials that are required for the course,

Whereas, these promotional materials pose a financial burden for students enrolled in the course,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$4000 from the SAF to the Mass Communications department for the purchase of promotional materials for students enrolled in MCOM 440 and 460,

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

Moved by: Chair Gort - benefits students to take the class, and since it's required material

Seconded by: Senator Senchea - can't imagine not being able to afford something

- Senator Roers - is it problematic that 3 of the 16 students taking the class are in senate?
 - They will not be voting
 - Motion **PASSES**
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WSUSS recommends a [1.6% increase](#) to the Technology Fee as [presented](#).

- Senator Hebrink - amends the motion to show a 0% increase - raising fees is not ideal
 - Seconded by Chair Gort
 - Senator Roers - asked for an increase because they will have to start cutting students
 - Senator Senchea - have to get the money from somewhere, and
 - Senator Hebrink - raising student fees is not the only solution
 - Senator A. Carman - where would the money come from otherwise?
 - Senator B. Carman - raising tuition just a little bit is a small price to pay
 - Senator Larson - having better technology
 - Chair Hytry - enrollment is hard to improve due to COVID
 - Senator Hebrink - money would come from more students attending the university and paying tuition. Students already struggle to pay fees
 - Amendment **FAILS**
 - Committee Recommendation **PASSES**
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WSUSS recommends a [1.5% increase](#) to the Health Service Fee as [presented](#).

- Senator A. Carman - if we want to see change, we must be willing to pay for it
- Chair Hytry - great resource on campus
- Chari Phillips - once again, great resources
- Chair Gort - against the motion - it is not the responsibility of students to pay for them
- Committee Recommendation **PASSES**

- New Business

Whereas, the Winona State website is used by all current and future students, faculty and staff, and community members who engage with the university.

Whereas, the website is essential in recruiting Future WSU students and to the success of the future of WSU.

Whereas, the future website will speak to the needs of all current and future students and give them the clear information, tools and direction they need to be successful and well-rounded.

Whereas, the current website format/ interface is outdated and difficult to use

Therefore be it resolved, that the university allocates adequate funding to support a full website redesign in budget planning for fiscal year 2023.

Therefore be it further resolved, that WSUSS strenuously recommends that WSU provides adequate base funding to the WSU Marketing and Communications team for ongoing maintenance and support of the WSU website and university digital communications – to the current and future benefit all current students, future students, faculty and staff, and community who engage with the university.

Moved: Senator Larson - we need a better website for enrollment

Seconded: Senator Dauer - very outdated

- Senator Jones - they had a timeline already, so why motion
 - To expedite the process
- Senator B. Carman - enrollment is an issue, so it's a good idea
- Senator Hebrink - website already set to be finished, increased funding would not have a purpose
- Senator Rieken - is there a way to make sure of the funding status? People aren't going to be confused by our website because young people are good with technology
- Senator Ford - what have constituents been saying about the difficulty of use?
 - Difficult to find their major, cluttered/wordy, outdated
- Senator Mulhern-Allred - What is "adequate funding"
 - Necessary amount of money is required,
- Chair Gort - website is not that difficult to navigate
- Chair Phillips - what will the money go to? Is it coming out of tuition
 - To finish the project
- Senator Jones - not sure what actual funding we can give if not for salaries
- Senator Senchea - like the idea of the motion, but it's not specific
- Senator Senchea - Motion to table
 - Seconded by Senator Roers
 - Motion is **TABLED** for one week

Whereas, the WSU Dance Team is extremely active on campus encouraging a welcoming community,

Whereas, dance and cheer teams can participate in NDA Nationals to compete,

Whereas, participating in the NDA National competitions provides a great opportunity to represent Winona State University at a national level,

Whereas, the competitions allows for a great opportunity for future students to consider pursuing a career at WSU,

Whereas, the WSU Dance Team has presented tremendous work in fundraising funds for the travel expenses for NDA Nationals,

Whereas, members attending the event are paying \$344 out of pocket to attend,

Therefore be it resolved, that WSUSS allocates \$4,522 from the SAF to the WSU Dance Team for their travel expenses to attend NDA Nationals,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends the WSU Dance Team continue working with the sports club council funds for further assistance.

Moved by: Senator Ford - gave them everything except the ground transportation request

Seconded by: Senator Senchea - cheer/dance is very popular, so it's great WSU gets a spot

- Senator Jones - supports the funding for the trip
- Tracy Rahim - they already asked Sports Club Council for ground transportation money
- Chair Gort - amends the motion to reflect the amount originally asked for to allow for airfare
 - Seconded by Senator Ford - agrees that the amount is agreeable
 - Chair Phillips - supports paying for flights
 - Amendment **PASSES**
- Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week

- Comments from the Gallery
 - Tracy Rahim - hosting a Zoom session for new students
 - Needs volunteers for a student panel

- Keep thinking of new ways to promote vaccine campaign
 - George Micalone - Warriors LEAD workshops starting next week
 - Gain valuable leadership skills
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **6:54pm**
 - Moved by: Senator Prosser
 - Seconded by: Senator Brandon

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount