

**Tuesday, February 22, 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	x
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	EA
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
    - Kryzsko After Dark this Friday at 9pm
    - Main Stage Director board position open
      - Link in their Instagram page @warriornetwork
  - Greek Council
    - Recruitment season - 16 potential members
      - Bringing back fun new events
  - KEAP Council
  - RHA
  - Director of Communications
    - Meet the Representatives are up
    - Keep liking and sharing social media posts
  - Executive Assistant
    - Keep bringing in food/clothing donations
      - Bags in the office
  - Alliance of Student Organizations Director

- Next ASO meeting in Baldwin & on Zoom
    - Leadership/Involvement Awards
      - Wednesday April 27
- Guest Speakers
  - Cheerleading Club - Katherine Kramer
    - Involved in the campus community
    - CANAM Cheerleading Nationals trip
      - March 17-20
      - First national competition for this team in 20+ years
      - Recruitment possibilities for new students
      - Fundraising
        - Toppers, raffles, GoFundMe, Sports Club Council
      - Personal contributions
        - Food, Uber fare
      - Requesting \$8,700 (total trip cost \$15,454.18)
        - Already covered registration fee, charter bus, hotel, some flight
      - Senator Mulhern-Allred - is the entire team going or just competitors?
        - Everyone competes, so yes
      - Senator Schiro - is everyone going currently enrolled in WSU?
        - Yes
      - Senator Cole - asked for clarification on cost breakdown
      - Senator Roers - 50/50 raffle end date?
        - Closes March 11
      - Chair Phillips - when do you need to start booking flights?
        - In the next week if possible so prices don't rise
  - Bookstore Transition - Vice President Ellinghuysen
    - Bookstore has been self-operated until now
      - Owner retired in August
      - Not competitive with current alternative options (Amazon, Barnes, etc.)
    - Only Winona and Moorhead have self-operated bookstores in Minnstate system
    - Brings new advantages to students - more options, lower prices, mobile app
    - New options for professors to switch up course material
    - Currently negotiating for a five-year agreement
    - Will be transitioned by the end of this semester

- Chair Phillips - will it be a full B&N store?
  - No - Now a separate business from B&N College
- Senator Kennedy - will the current workers still be able to stay on?
  - Current staff of 3 people will have the option to stay
- Senator Prosser - are the scholarships currently generated by the bookstore continuing?
  - Yes - they will still be available
- Senator Schiro - can we still charge to student account?
  - Yes
- Chair Gort - would the university get the commission if we did the fee per credit option?
  - Yes - still counts as a sale
- Senator A. Carman - still have the software to search for books for each class?
  - Yes - will be the same if not better
- Senator Schiro - will B&N also be doing apparel?
  - Yes - will even have more options
- Senator Ferguson - will Purple Pass work?
  - Yes - just have to work through IT side of it
- Senator McCuskey - will B&N membership discount work?
  - No - just like at chains already on campus
- President Mercier asks for thoughts so she can write a good letter of recommendation
  - Senator Brandon - excited for eBook opportunities and better merch is amazing
  - Chair Hytry - if it's basically the same thing but better, it's a good decision
  - Senator Jones - seems to have no downsides
  - Senator Abagat - seems like nothing will change except good things for students
- Committee Reports
  - Academic Affairs
    - Working to plan peer advising event
    - Keep promoting the vaccine campaign
  - Equity and Inclusive Excellence

- Sam Brinton event Wednesday at 5pm
- Get Out at 7pm on Thursday

*Whereas*, Free public transportation is important for students to be able to travel around the city,

*Whereas*, some students do not have access to their own vehicle,

*Whereas*, having a rental car service on campus will benefit a lot of students,

*Whereas*, Enterprise was already on our campus before COVID-19,

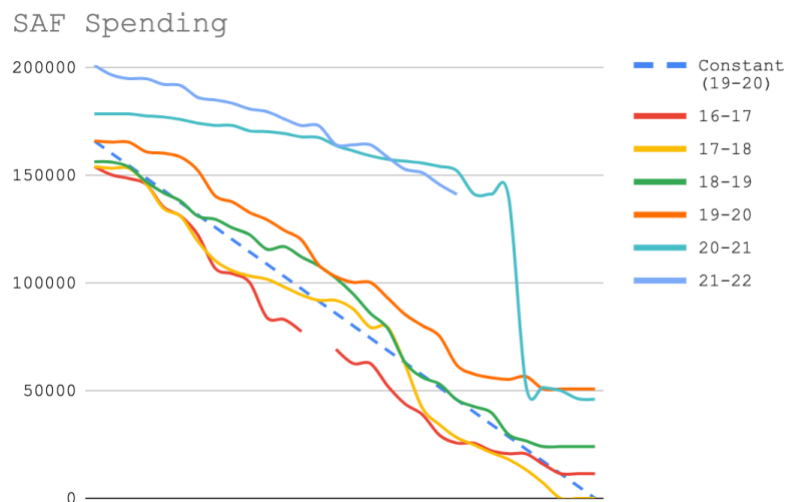
*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS recommends WSU security bring Enterprise rental service back to campus by Fall 2022,

*Therefore be further resolved*, WSUSS recommends advertisement be placed around campus and on the website to better promote this service to students.

Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee

- Important for those who don't have cars
- Chair Hytry - supports motion
- Senator Roers - free public transportation + rental service?
  - Free for students before, will look into future
- Senator A. Carman - basically just keep a car?
  - Rent it for a certain time
- Senator Dauer - how many would be available to rent
  - Before pandemic - 2
- Senator Larson - doesn't university have its own pool?
  - Not for individual students
- Committee Recommendation **PASSES**
- Student Services
  - Director Elliot working on new promotions for condoms/dental dams
  - Developing plan for renovate the meditation room
- President's Report
  - Approval of Consent Agenda **Approved**
  - All University Committee Updates
    - Senator Kennedy - Digital Committee - excited for new website launch
    - Senator Ferguson - Lyceum Committee - looking for questions to ask Micheal Che when he gets here - send to Senator Ferguson
  - Students United Update
    - Apply for scholarships
  - Student Senate Elections

- Open next week
  - Student Death
    - GoFundMe and food drive in her honor
    - Please be aware of mental health resources available
      - If not for you, be a resource for others
- Vice President's Report
  - [Committee Recommendation](#)
    - Reevaluate numbers for allocating college seats on Senate
    - Chair Hytry - keeps seats proportionate to ensure proper representation
  - Safe Space Training
- Treasurer's Report
  - SFMC Recommendation:
    - WSUSS recommends a [0% increase](#) to the Athletics fee.
      - Staying at \$54.96 per semester
      - Chair Gort - happy to see a fee that does not increase financial burden on students
      - Recommendation is automatically **TABLED** for one week
  - Consent Agenda Item of the Week: Student Band Organization
  - SAF Account Balance: \$147,187.24
  - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$145,677.36(72.42%, **27.58%**)
  - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$135,655.36  
(67.44%,**32.56%**)



- Unfinished Business

WSUSS recommends a 1.08% [increase](#) to the Wellness Center Fee as [presented](#).

- 1000-2000 swipes per day into the IWC depending on the time of year
- Senator Hebrink - does not favor increase to fees. Majority of this would be used for repairs and for track that
- Senator Mulhern-Allred - track team has won national championships and members are breaking records
- Senator B. Carman - IWC isn't just used by track team - available to students
- Senator A. Carman - if we are to appreciate the facilities we have, we have to pay into it
- Chair Gort - if repairs are actually a safety hazard, shouldn't come out of student fees
- Senator B. Carman - track team doesn't just use the track
- Senator Mulhern-Allred - not just for the track, repairs needed for machines and other parts of the IWC
- Treasurer Weber - updating for the track team so they can run with their cleats
- Senator Roers - impacts so many students - if they cannot make it financially, might have to start opening up to community members
- Senator Cole - students are essentially paying the fee to use the spaces, so adding more money to cover repairs seems bad for students
- Senator Larson - have to pay for things that are falling apart
- Senator Hebrink - cannot justify raising student fees to benefit a small track team
- Chair Hytry - don't have to pay for a gym membership
- Senator Ford - increase not agreeable especially for students who aren't financially stable
- Director Sok - want to be competitive, but it's already hard for students. Supporting current students is essential
- Senator Cole - see the benefit of increasing fee, but why should increase in fees be applied to all students?
- Senator Larson - have to raise fees due to inflation - have to have good equipment to attract students
- Senator Ford - what new things are being put into the track? Would that all effect current students without cleats? Should raise fees in other departments that would be more beneficial for students
  - New materials for cleats and railing
- Senator Abagat - heavy burden for students financially - money will be better spent in other ways

- Senator Senchea - if new track gets put in, would we hold events in the space?
  - Unsure, sounds like it will just be used for WSU campus
- Senator Roers - track team would use the space 1-2 hours per day when they can't be outside, so not that long
- Senator Jones - makes an amendment to change 2.03% to 1.08% - polarizing debate, so making the amount not as much might appease the most people
  - Seconded by Senator Hebrink
  - Senator Brandon - will changing the fee eliminate track funds?
    - Don't get to choose where exactly the money goes to
  - Senator Mulhern-Allred - SMU has not been available for track
  - Senator Ford - smaller increase is agreeable
  - Senator Hebrink - not in favor of any increase
  - Senator Mulhern-Allred - 6 track girls went to nationals last year
  - Amendment to the recommendation **PASSES**
  - Recommendation **PASSES**

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*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 - quality presentation

Seconded by: Senator Senchea

Motion **PASSES**

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*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 by: Senator Larson - digital communication is essential to the university

Seconded by: Senator Dauer - website is important for new students

- Chair Gort calls to question
  - Seconded by Chair Phillips
  - Call to question **PASSES**
- Motion **FAILS**

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*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 - bring a lot of recruitment/positive attention to WSU

Seconded by: Senator Senchea

- Senator Mulhern-Allred - proud of the team
- Senator Jones - supports the motion
- Motion **PASSES**

- New Business

- *Whereas*, the WSU Cheerleading Club promotes WSU by positively supporting campus events and organizations,
- *Whereas*, the WSU Cheerleading Club will be competing at the CANAM Cheerleading National competition in Myrtle Beach,
- *Whereas*, this competition would promote WSU on a national level,
- *Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS allocates \$8,700 from the SAF to Cheerleading Club.
  - Moved by: Chair Gort - clear about campus benefit
  - Seconded by: Senator Schiro - impressed with fundraising
    - Senator Abagat - great presentation - good math
- Chair Phillips moves to suspend Article 5 section 2 subsection A

- Seconded by Senator Jones
    - Bylaws are **SUSPENDED**
  - Senator Cole - came well prepared
  - Senator Jones - tabling opportunities a great idea
  - Motion **PASSES**
  - Chair Phillips reinstates Article 5 section 2 subsection A
    - Chair Hytry seconds
    - Bylaws are **REINSTATED**
- Comments from the Gallery
  - Karen Johnson
    - Thank you for sending flowers for student who passed- student was a pillar of the campus community
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **6:59**
  - Moved by: Chair Phillips
  - Seconded by: Senator Kennedy

**Consent Agenda**

<b>RSO</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Circle K International	T-Shirts	\$121.10
Kappa Delta Pi	Club Meeting Food	\$43.42
Kappa Delta Pi	Note Card Holder	\$17.17
American Choral Directors Association	Club Outing	\$118.70
Physics Club	Club Meeting Food	\$71.88
WSU Spanish Language Club	Club Meeting Food	\$12.65
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Full Spectrum	Bingo Supplies	\$93.07
SILA	Bookmarks	\$12.36
Student Band Organization	Honor Band Lodging, Gas,	\$678.98

	Parking	
Pi Sigma Epsilon	Club Meeting Food	\$47.79
Computer Science Club	Club Meeting Food	\$77.18
Climbing Club	Ice Climbing Park Passes	\$200