

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM, Purple Room, WSU

Call to Order: **5 pm**

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	EA
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	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
 - New Main Stage Director confirmed
 - Free bowling tonight - free transportation every 15 minutes
 - Greek Council
 - Keap Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Keep reposting socials
 - Executive Assistant
 - Thanks for donating to the committee vs. committee food/clothing drive!
 - SAFC wins with 40 points
 - Senate-wide bonding activity
 - Jackbox games/board games/study corner/free food
 - April 5 after the Senate meeting
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
- Guest Speakers

- Special Olympics - Mya Tiernan
 - Promotes and teaches inclusion
 - Unified Champion School
 - Made tie blankets to donate to group homes in Winona
 - Asking for \$292.88 to cover funds for blankets
 - Sold T-shirts in the Fall and stickers sometime in the Spring
- Tamara Berg - SFAC
 - Works closely with the Advocacy Center of Winona
 - Grant funding has not renewed since 2019
 - Oasis Center on campus with a confidential student advocate (Gildemeister 110)
 - Mission to empower victims of sexual and domestic violence
 - Staff of 6, 2 locations (Oasis and downtown spot)
 - Chair Gort - asked for elaboration on the 2 positions being asked for
 - Mentor for peer advocacy groups & education coordinator on campus
- George Micalone & Nate Anderson (Landscape Arboretum Director) - Fire Feature
 - More opportunities for outdoor gathering spots
 - Over 1400 trees on campus - 51 of 53 native Minnesota trees represented
 - WSU is missing a designated universal outdoor gathering space for students
 - Looking to create an “outdoor living room”
 - Fire will add an extra engagement opportunity
 - Operated and supervised by the Student Union staff
 - Key required to turn on
 - Anticipated budget - total: \$70-\$99k
 - Construction: \$50 - \$60k
 - Landscaping: \$10 - \$19k
 - Furniture: \$10 - \$20k
 - Senator Larson - what can Senate do to make this happen?
 - Financial contribution
 - Senator B. Carman - consider building more throughout campus?
 - Of course - many new locations and would need support
 - Senator Dauer - asked for safety clarification
 - Will be someone trusted that is on Student Union staff
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - rented/scheduled on EMS?
 - Not for individual students, more student groups/organized function

- Senator Ford - how will finances for maintenance look long-term?
 - Part of operating expense - similar to vacuum breaking down
- Senator Roers - how long can this work before breaking down? Energy consumption?
 - Parts will be built with Minnesota winters in mind
 - Fire pits have burners that can have a short lifespan - 10 years
 - Energy consumption will come down to use
- Senator Jones - when does your committee meet
 - 2nd wednesday of the month 12:30-2 this academic year
- Chair Phillips - can it be used all year round?
 - Can function year round, but unlikely during extreme weather
- Senator Ford - struggling to hire people for security, so how would they be there?
 - This is why Student Union would handle it
- Chair Hytry - how much money asking for?
 - Not technically asking for anything, but no support from Senate would prolong the project and make it less expensive
- President Mercier - minimum amount of funding you would want from Senate?
 - \$20-\$25k to maybe half
- Senator Rieken - planning to output heat or just look nice? Have to get money soon?
 - Will generate heat - controlled burn, so more or less heat can happen
 - Money would have to be allocated soon for it to happen this fiscal year
- Senator Jones - how long will it take once money is allocated
 - 6 weeks for construction, but longer for contracting
- Senator Hebrink - reached out to donors?
 - Not been discussed quite yet - much longer process
- Chair Hytry - asked for clarification on funding
 - Cannot pay exclusively from Student Union at this time

- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs

Whereas, students often struggle to find goal classes that are best suited for them,

Whereas, registration windows open the first week of April,

Whereas, students can give valuable insight and advice regarding goal courses as they have first hand experience taking these courses,

Therefore be it resolved, Academic Affairs will host “Pizza with Your Peers: A Peer Advising Event” on March 21st from 12pm-2pm to assist students in finding appropriate courses,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS allocates \$647.58 from the SAF to Academic Affairs in order to purchase the following supplies for the event:

- \$62.00 for 100 posters
- \$390.58 for 25 pizzas
- \$195.00 for one banner & one banner stand

Moved by: Academic Affairs Committee - need supplies and food to entice students to come, good for students to work with peers who know what they’re doing

- Senator Cole - excited for the event
- Chair Phillips - further support for the recommendation
- Senator Prosser - would have loved this freshman year
- Committee Recommendation is automatically **TABLED** for one week

Still need 2 more people to apply to speak at commencement

- Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - 2 events last week went very well
 - Sam Brinton was amazing!
 - New events for Women’s History Month coming soon
- Student Services

Whereas, Winona State does not currently have a Prevention Education Coordinator,

Whereas, prevention education is currently handled by the Title IX Office,

Whereas, a Prevention Education Coordinator would inform and provide resources to students about the prevention of sexual violence and harassment,

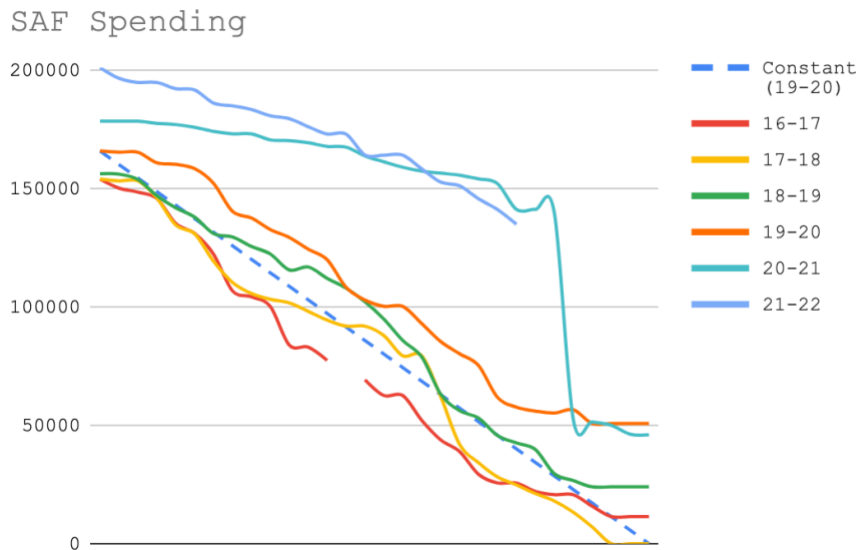
Whereas, a Prevention Education Coordinator would work with campus advocacy services to provide such resources,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends that Winona State administration hire a qualified Prevention Education Coordinator by the beginning of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Moved by: Student Services Committee - wants to signal that a Prevention Education Coordinator is important to students

- Dean Johnson - added to a current employee's job and tossed around, but would be good to have someone specifically for this
- Chair Phillips - should be an individual person
- Senator Larson - asked for clarification on job descriptions
- Chair Hytry - having someone focusing solely on sexual assault prevention is important
- Senator Ford - prevention education is worth more than budget concerns
- Senator Abagat - worked at the Advocacy Center and really wants to see it restored to its former glory
- Senator Larson - full time position?
 - Yes
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - Long Range Planning Committee - strategic enrollment management
 - HLC report - 16 out of 18 criteria were met with no concern
 - Assessment Day surveys got back
 - Students United Update
 - Spots for the advocacy conference are filled
 - Can still go for \$100
 - President Mercier flying out to D.C. next week
 - Student Senate Applications
 - Opened on Monday
 - Tell your friends!
 - Meet & Discuss
 - March 14 2-3:20
 - Spring Break
 - No official Senate business next week
- Vice President's Report
 - Safe Space Training
 - Executive Session Reminder
- Treasurer's Report

- SFMC Recommendation
 - WSUSS recommends a 2% increase to the Student Union fee as presented.
 - Student wages, operating expenses, building maintenance
 - Senator Kennedy - “face of the campus”
 - Chair Phillips - lot of cool stuff happening in Kryszko
 - Committee recommendation is automatically **TABLED** for one week
 - WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to the Student Life fee as presented.
 - Committee recommendation is automatically **TABLED** for one week
- SAF Account Balance: \$135,655.36
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$134,970.99(67.10%, 32.90%)
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$134,970.99(67.10%, 32.90%)



- Unfinished Business
 - WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to the Athletics fee.
 - Senator Jones - great to have no increase
- New Business
 - New Motions

Whereas, Counseling Services is important for student’s mental health and well being,

Whereas, Counseling Services currently has a waiting list for new students to see a counselor,

Whereas, there is a vacant position as of winter break 2021,

Whereas, this vacant position has been budgeted for thus far,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends the vacant position be filled by the beginning of fall semester 2022,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends the five counselor positions and director position stay funded through the Health Services fee, Wellness fee, and general funds budget.

- Moved by: Senator Rieken
 - Been missing a position since winter break
 - People have been getting waitlisted and dropped out
 - Seconded by: Senator Prosser
 - Not okay to not have support for mental health
 - Chair Gort - talked to counseling services, and they would love to see this
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - full support - tragic issue nationwide
 - Motion **PASSES**
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Whereas, the Special Olympics club bought and made tie blankets

Whereas, the blankets were donated to Home and Community Options' group homes,

Whereas, the tie blanket donations benefit the community and build relationships between WSU and community organizations,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$292.88 to the Special Olympics Club.

- Moved by: Senator Roers
 - Couldn't fund through SAFC, but the blankets went to good use
 - Seconded by: Senator Jones
 - Slfjksd
 - Senator Roers amends the motion to the full amount
 - Seconded by Senator B. Carman
 - Amendment **PASSES**
 - Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week
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- Comments from the Gallery
 - Tracy Rahim
 - Less than 10 clubs came to the Tuesday ASO meeting

- Keep up the good work!
 - George Micalone
 - Warriors LEAD Summit - Saturday April 2
 - Dean Johnson
 - Thank you for passing the counseling motion
 - VP McDowell
 - Some students and personnel are directly affected by the crisis in Ukraine
 - Keep them in mind
- Executive Session
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **7:07**
 - Moved by: Chair Phillips
 - Seconded by: Senator Brandon

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	Club Meeting Food	\$15.32
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	Club Meeting Food	\$26.81
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	Club Meeting Food	\$25.20
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	Club Meeting Food	\$17.16
Psychology Club	Icecream	\$16.99
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	Club Meeting Food	\$30.37
Psychology Club	T-Shirts	\$178
AdFed	Conference Registration	\$98.74
Tie Dye Club	Tax	\$9.51

Winona Gaming Community	Chartwells Dining	\$145.76
Accounting Association	Club Meeting Food	\$81.92
Computer Science Association	Club Meeting Food	\$38.59