

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM, Solarium, WSU

Call to Order: 5pm

Roll Call: completed by VP Hytry

<b>President M. Olson</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>VP Hytry</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Treasurer Rieken</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Director Endresen</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Director Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Executive Assistant Strutz</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Chair Carman</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Chair Jones</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Chair Schiro</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Abagat</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Barutwanayo</b>	<b>tardy</b>
<b>Senator Carman</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Curtin</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Eichele</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Ehlers</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Hermerding</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Hossain</b>	<b>tardy</b>

<b>Sen. Kurth</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Sen. Klatt</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Magner</b>	<b>Excused tardy</b>
<b>Senator McCuskey</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Senator Minich</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Senator O'Connor</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Palmerton</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Peterson</b>	<b>absent</b>
<b>Senator Sherchan</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Senator Tiemthong</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Senator Weber</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Senator Westcott</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Senator Wright</b>	<b>X</b>

**HAVE QUORUM**

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **APPROVED**

Approval of Agenda: **APPROVED**

- Organizational Reports
  - Warrior Entertainment Network
    - Drew Lynch 7pm
    - Grocery Bingo 18th
    - Destress events last week of classes
  - Greek Council
    - Greek Week Wed 7pm
    - Tues 6:30 volleyball
  - RHA
    - none
  - KEAP Council
    - none
  - Director of Communications
    - EOY stuff
  - Executive Assistant
    - April 19th Rock Climbing
  - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
    - Last ASO meeting happened
    - Leadership speaker after meeting
- Guest Speakers
  - Warrior Entertainment Network
    - 20,000 event funding request
    - Sen. Carman- what mainstage event are you hoping to get?
    - Rep.- concerts or comedian, don't have the money to budget for that quite just yet
    - Sen. O'Connor- what does 20,000 entry level recognition?
    - Rep.- people either know their name or their face
    - Sen. Wright- would this 20,000 include everything for the event?
    - Rep.- potentially for whole event, depends on performer
    - Sen. Weber- could contribute to multiple events?
    - Rep.- no,
    - Sen. Weber- have you discussed what welcome week would look like with this funding?
    - Rep.- not yet, we just started funding, will talk about at club meeting tomorrow
    - Chair Jones- if senate cannot provide, what would your course of action be?

- Rep.- no event, reconfigure budget
  - Chair Jones- do you do fundraising?
  - Rep.- have not thought about approaching
  - Sen. Minich- when would you need it by?
  - Rep.- know by the end of the semester if funds will be provided
  - Sen. Wescott- ticket sales, would that money come back to us or go to your reserve?
  - Rep.- future programming
  - Sen. Wescott- would you be able to wait until next semester, so we can use next year's budget?
  - Rep.- shortens time frame to find good performer, would be nice to have before the end of the semester
  - Pres. M. Olson- last week for asking for funds, any other asks will need bylaws suspended
  - Chair Schiro- what is the lowest you could take to get a better name?
  - Rep.-going under 20k woul result in lower level performers
  - Dir. Johnson- is there any money in your budget that will be contributed to this?
  - Rep.- \*gives budget breakdown\* leading to conclusion that only 30,000 is allocated to welcome week and other single events
  - Sen. Palmerton- if we weren't able to fund all of it, would you be able to fundraise?
  - Rep.- yes, would be a lot of money to try and fundraise
  - Dir. Endreson- If this person were to cancel, would we get the money back?
  - Rep.- money would be used to something later in the semester, or possible next semester
- Hal Henderson - Student Housing in Rochester
    - Breakdown of housing project
    - Around 300 students could be housed
    - 11 floors
    - Building keeps historical context of area in mind
    - Sen. Wright- this is just student housing, not community members?
    - Rep.- correct
    - Sen. Abagat- not a worry about an interest, nursing students often have an issue with housing, love this plan, a recommendation, a study space would be

beneficial, especially rctc students, clarification on other campus you have discussed this first

- Rep.- priority was WSU, rctc,
- Sen. Wescott- looking for feedback from students here, single rooms would be ideal.
- Rep.- that is something to take into consideration with cost
- Sen. Weber- for WSU rochester students, alot of them are nursing students who have upperclassmen status, would not want to regress to dorm style status, most students enjoy a more private space
- Rep.- taking that into account, would impact cost
- Panhellenic
  - \$1000 ask for recruitment “Phierd Up”
  - Sen. Wright- is this a one time fee?
  - Rep.- it is annual
  - Sen. Weber- are any of the sorority members paying towards it?
  - Rep.- just general dues, not for this particular project
  - Sen. Weber- would all of panhellenic have access to this software?
  - Rep.- Our recruitment team will have access
  - Sen. Palmerton- when would you need the money by?
  - Rep.- July
  - Sen. Weber- could you open this to the fraternity?
  - Rep.- there is no need, as this is mostly matching software
  - Chair Jones- how did you find out about this technology
  - Rep.- used this company in the past, found out about this specific software at our conference
- RTTR Club Trip
  - Adaptive Adventures Denver Trip
  - Total Ask: \$1729.84
  - Sen. Wright- how many students will be coming on this trip?
  - Rep.- 4
  - Sen. Wescott- this seems like a really great opportunity, as someone who has a sibling with disabilities, I can see that this is lifechanging
  - Sen. Minich- who should we make this motion out to? And the deadline?
  - Rep.- RTTR student association, we would need this by the end of the semester

- Sen. Houssain- is this only for RTTR students?
  - Rep.- video expresses what we do as an association, RTTR student association is requesting funds, but any students are welcome as they do have to fund on their own
- Committee Reports
  - Academic Affairs
    - Went to IFO committee to talk about midterm motion,
      - long ways to go on this
      - have a good starting point in this
  - Equity and Inclusive Excellence

#### NEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

*Whereas*, menstrual equity is important to the students at Winona State University,

*Whereas*, WSU students deserve access to menstrual products,

*Whereas*, there are limited stores in walking distance to buy menstrual products at an affordable price,

*Whereas*, gender neutral bathrooms are the most equitable space for those who menstruate to receive the products,

*Whereas*, the Student Union has agreed to keep menstrual products stocked in all five gender- neutral bathrooms of Kryzsko Commons,

*Whereas*, Aunt Flow's dispensers allow for more accessible use of the dispensers compared to the current ones,

*Whereas*, cartridge pads cost \$125.00 for the initial stock,

*Whereas*, cartridge applicator tampons cost \$125.00 for the initial stock,

*Whereas*, five model pad/tampon dispensers cost \$1,000.00 total,

*Whereas*, shipping is \$105.00,

*Therefore, be it resolved*, WSUSS allocates \$1,355.00 from the SAF to George Micalone and the Student Union for the cost of the Aunt Flow dispensers, initial stock of products, and shipping.

Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee

#### DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATION

- Sen. Palmerton- in full support

**VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES**

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NEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

*Whereas*, gender-neutral bathrooms are the most accessible to all people,

*Whereas*, people deserve to have access to menstrual products,

*Whereas*, there are gender-neutral bathrooms in Somsen Hall, Maxwell Hall, and Darrell W. Kruger Library,

*Whereas*, these bathrooms have a place to hold menstrual products,

*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS requests that WSU Facilities Services installs menstrual product dispensers in the previously mentioned gender-neutral bathrooms before the start of Fall semester, 2023,

*Therefore be it further resolved*, WSUSS requests that WSU Facilities Services keeps the menstrual product dispensers stocked with pads and tampons throughout the academic year.

Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee

DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATION

- Sen. Wright- could you please explain why this motion and previous motion ask for same thing but different motion
- Chair Jones- this is not financial, the Kryzsko ones will cost us money, the other ones will not
- Sen. Carman- supports motion

**VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES**

- Student Services

NEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

*Whereas*, Winona State Student Senate recommended a 0% tuition increase for all students at Winona State,

*Whereas*, many students pay for part of their tuition themselves and go into debt doing so,

*Whereas*, students have other payments that factor into their lifestyles on top of their tuition,  
*Whereas*, over the past 10 years, on average, tuition has increased by 2.04% every year at WSU,  
*Whereas*, students were impacted by the previous increase in the 2022-2023 academic year,  
*Whereas*, International students pay more for tuition and have many other added costs to begin the process to enroll in higher education,  
*Whereas*, the Minnesota Legislature may enact a tuition freeze in the coming weeks,  
*Whereas*, keeping lower tuition rates would make WSU a more accessible school in comparison to others,  
*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS supports a 0% tuition increase for all students attending Winona State.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

#### DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Sen. Weber- fully supports this motion, shows support as this heads higher
- Sen. Wright- supports motion
- Sen. Eichele- anything that we can do to make this tuition freeze happen is good
- Sen. Abagat- voices support

#### VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES

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#### NEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

*Whereas*, Winona State University Security is dedicated to the safety of students,  
*Whereas*, mass shootings are becoming more common in the United States,  
*Whereas*, the safety of students and faculty is a priority here at WSU,  
*Whereas*, students and faculty have expressed concern about safety in our buildings,  
*Whereas*, making buildings more secure would deter unwanted guests in buildings that they don't need access to,  
*Whereas*, adding more ID scanners and recommending faculty to keep more doors locked can bring a deeper level of security to campus,  
*Whereas*, it is the goal of campus security to ensure students feel safe on campus,



*Whereas*, this would create a safe environment for students to choose WSU to receive their education,  
*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS supports Winona State Security and their initiatives to make a safe campus for all students.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

#### DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATION

- Sen. Eichele- shows support on motion
- Sen. Houssain- supports motion

#### VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES

- Get home safe campaign tabling will be week before final's week
  - Sen. Weber- will we also be using materials from last year?
  - Chair Carman- yes
- President's Report
  - Approval of Consent Agenda
    - APPROVED
  - All University Committee Updates
    - none
  - Students United Update
    - New board members
  - IFO Senate Meeting
    - Getting student stories is one of the most important things to do
  - Homecoming Committee Applications Open!
    - Small stipend, past senators have done this
  - Pizza with the Presidents - May 1st at 5pm
  - Reminder - Meeting April 19th
    - Research day, will still meet
    - Rock climbing after
- Vice President's Report
  - Updated Volunteer and Events
  - Office Hours
    - Calls out Dir. Johnson and Sen. Weber

- Bylaw Change

#### DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Sen. Houssain- supports motion, setting a limit serves justice to everyone, can suspend bylaws if needed
- Sen. Palmerton- I agree that there should be a limit, do not agree on people limit
- Sen. Eichele- having this funding limitation sets a precedent so the majority of organizations understand request limits, bylaws can always be suspended, good baseline
- Sen. Weber-

#### NEW AMMENDMENT (Weber, Wright)

No more than 15 people requesting funds for one trip (does not include other people going on the trip)

No more than a maximum amount of \$750 \$500 per person for the entirety of the trip including all travel expenses (i.e. airfare, lodging, food, transportation, registration costs, ect.)

#### DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT

- Sen. Wescott- can anyone remind me when a really large group came and asked for a very small amount of money
- Sen. O'Connor- supports amendment, music conference was amount per student was less than \$500
- Chair Schiro- numbers do not make sense for this amendment, do not agree with this amendment
- Treas. Rieken- open to opinions on this, agree on changing, focused on the wrong thing slightly, it is the issue of how much we give per person, focus on attention to bottom two lines
- Sen. Minich- we should ammend third line this time
- Sen. Wescott- kept the third line, added a clause about larger groups be open to consideration, talking in circles a bit, keep previous and add a small clause about larger groups being taken into consideration
- Sen. Weber- why i don't like the number 15, i feel like senate is intimidating to present in front of, could turn people away, we need to be accessible
- Sen. Hermerding- how many students will know and or read about these bylaws
- Pres. M. Olson- this will be included in treasurer workshops and ASO meetings
- Sen. Eichele- fine with getting rid of this top line, agree with a lot of things that are being said, if we support this amendment, love to see to put in amendment chang in amount so we don't have a 22.5 amount of person from the total amount
- Chair Schiro- throwing out ideas and should see what sticks (Call to Question)

#### CALL TO QUESTION PASSES

#### VOTE ON AMMENDMENT PASSES

#### DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT

#### NEW AMMENDMENT (Minich, Schiro)

- \$11,250 \$10,000

## DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT

- Chair Jones- cap is more for us to know rather than them, this is information we would tell them, they would just have to ask for less money per person, not specifically saying how many people can come, their ask could only cover a lower cost per person
- Sen. Houssain- we are too focused on the numbers, I would love people to not argue about the money amount too much
- Pres. M. Olson- I would like to hear opinions about why we don't have a max person line anymore
- Sen. Wright- in looking to the math, it makes more sense in this amendment
- Pres. M. Olson- just trying to make it easier and more accessible to clubs with guidelines
- Sen. Eichele- there is an unspoken rule, see argument from previous senator, i know the math works out, i would love to hear from treasurer ricken why this amount is,
- Sen. Wescott- we should have a maximum on request

**CALL TO QUESTION (Chair Jones, Senator Eichele) PASSES**

**VOTE ON AMMENDMENT PASSES**

- DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- Dir. Endreson- my clubs don't look at guidelines for fun, makes it easier for us to have something to point back to, knocks down our questions and have something that is concrete to look at
- Sen. Curtin- so amount of people does not fully matter, the amount of total ask will decrease if more people are included in ask
- Sen. Weber- we have been talking in circles as things have not been clearly discussed about this
- Chair Schiro

## NEW AMMENDMENT (Schiro, Kurth)

- No more than 20 people requesting funds for one trip (does not include other people going on the trip)

## DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT

## AMMENDMENT TO THE AMMENDMENT (Kurth, Eichele)

- However, clubs requesting funds that exceed 20 people may still request funds as long as the total amount does not exceed \$10,000.

**VOTE ON CALL TO QUESTION PASSES**

**VOTE ON AMMENDMENT TO THE AMMENDMENT PASSES**

## DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT

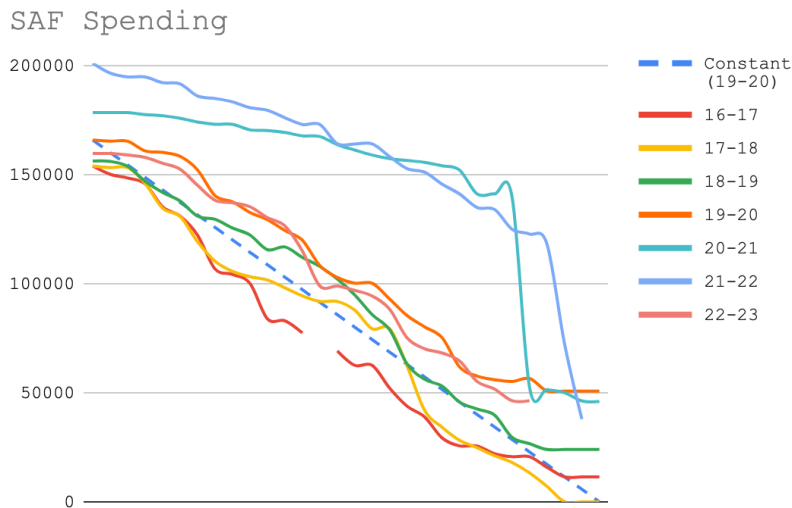
- Sen. Wright- love the clarification

**VOTE ON AMMENDMENT FAILS**

## DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES** (finally)

- Treasurer's Report



- - SAF Account Balance: \$46,376.58
  - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$40,634.33
  - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$37,934.33
  - Senate Account: \$8145.61
- Unfinished Business

*Whereas*, Club Baseball would like to attend the NCBA World Series Tournament in Butler, PA,

*Whereas*, attending this tournament would be a great experience for members to show off their skills,

*Whereas*, attending this tournament will have WSU represented on a national level,

*Whereas*, the club has done fundraising to prepare for this trip,

*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS allocates \$2700 from the SAF to Club Baseball to be able to attend the World Series Tournament.

Moved by: Senator Minich

Seconded by: Senator Carman

#### DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Houssain- supports motion

**VOTE ON MOTION PASSES**

Move to reinstate Chi Alpha

- Moved by Senator Hermerding
- Seconded by Senator Wright

#### DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Pres. M. Olson- very dangerous rabbit hole if there is no legal reason that we cannot approve them, please be very careful, if something happens legally, they can be removed, we have no legal basis currently
- Sen. Weber- we are here to represent, we need to include all, even if we do not like it, this organization is nationwide, we need to support the students who are hurt by this organization, legally we have to support all students
- Pres. M. Olson- elected into this position to represent all students, not to discriminate, support your students
- Chair Carman- nothing I have experienced, we need to treat them as a normal club
- Sen. Wescott- good opportunity for them to create their own bed and lay in it. We have the resources to give those students power once they are reinstated
- Sen. Eichele- as it has been reiterated, this is not the place to put them down, we need to empower students that have been hurt by them and give them resources
- Sen. Carman- we should give them a chance, they gave good answers in judicial
- Chair Jones- look out for your minority students, take care of each other,

#### CALL TO QUESTION PASSES

#### MOTION PASSES

#### 5 minute recess dies

- New Business

*Whereas*, the Recreation, Tourism, and Therapeutic Recreation (RTTR) would like to attend adaptive adventures.

*Whereas* Adaptive Adventures is a nonprofit organization that provides progressive outdoor sports opportunities to improve the quality of life of children, adults, and veterans with physical disabilities and their families

*Whereas* attending this event would be an excellent experience for WSU students to represent their university and gain insightful experience

*Whereas* the RTTR student association has done fundraising and received grants to prepare for this trip.

*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS will allocate \$1,729.84 from the SAF to the Recreation, Tourism, and Therapeutic Recreation student association to be able to attend adaptive adventures.

Moved by: Senator Minich

Seconded by: Senator Westcott

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Magner- good opportunity for those with disabilities and their families
- Sen. Carman- fully supports motion for future students in this major

**AUTOMATICALLY TABLED FOR ONE WEEK**

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*Whereas*, the Winona State University Panhellenic Association governs the three sororities on this campus,

*Whereas*, Phired UP is a software that provides resources for recruitment such as educational training and useful technology,

*Whereas*, the partnership with Phired UP would provide monthly content, quarterly digital education, a one-hour digital keynote, and access to recruitment software,

*Whereas*, several students would benefit from this partnership,

*Whereas*, a yearly partnership costs \$1,000,

*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS allocates \$1,000 from the SAF to the Winona State University Panhellenic Association to partner with Phired UP.

Moved by: Sen. Carman

Seconded by: Chair Schiro

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Weber- supports motion

**AUTOMATICALLY TABLED FOR ONE WEEK**

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*Whereas*, the Warrior Entertainment Network puts on many events around campus,

*Whereas*, many students attend campus events that are put on by the Warrior Entertainment Network,

*Whereas*, the Warrior Entertainment Network would like to have a high profile performer,

*Whereas*, more students would attend an event if the performer was more recognized,

*Whereas*, the minimum amount to get a recognized performer is \$20,000,

*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS allocates \$20,000 from the SAF to the Warrior Entertainment Network to book a noteworthy speaker.

Moved by: Senator O'Connor

Seconded by: Senator Ehlers

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Eichele- we should help in some way, they show up every week and help out the campus
- Sen. Weber- very open ended, i wish we had more clarification about what this event would look like, maybe they could talk about it at their meeting and come back
- Sen. Wescott- I would like to see more clarification
- Sen. Wright- my worry is that this could be an annual request, does senate want to partner, keeping these things in mind, concern about not talking to their club members
- Dir. Endresen- not full satisfied about their answer for cancellations, we would not feel that way about other clubs
- Chair Jones- if we do decide to move forward, we can add a clause for money for another speaker
- Sen. Kurth- leaning more towards supporting this motion
- Chair Schiro- \$20,000 is a lot of money and they're not sure what they want to do with it, we were turning clubs down for the full amount at the beginning of the semester

## CALL TO QUESTION PASSES

## AUTOMATICALLY TABLED FOR ONE WEEK

- Comments from the Gallery
- Dean Johnson- searches for employees, search committees want you!
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment (1954)

## Consent Agenda

Potato club battle of the starches	\$36.83
Intersivity smoothie sunday	\$297.83
Clinical exercise science club intern zoom	\$19.30
Accounting association weekly meetings	\$491.34
Junior nursing club rochester term 1 treats	\$31.96
Clinical exercise science club MNACVPR conference	\$38.39
WiCS weekly meeting	\$324.80
WiCs joint event	\$28.74
WiCS weekly meeting	\$45.73
SOL grad cords	\$39.45
Cadet club send off	\$10.47
Cadet club recruiting event	\$14.94
BSU barbecue	\$33.69
Colleges against cancer relay for life	\$42.70
SOL club Tshirts	\$563.00



RTTR roller skating	\$36.24
Minnesota student nurses association senior members graduation	\$82.45
CS club 11/15	\$33.24
CS club 11/17	\$18.00
CS club 2/7	\$854.58
CS club 4/4	\$624.95
Cs club 1/24	\$542.80
CS club 10/25	\$58.81
WiCS meeting	\$422.58
WiCS meeting	\$313.57
WiCS weekly meeting	\$317.70
Climbing Club	\$38.39
CS club 11/17	\$40.21
CS club 2/7	\$38.39
CS club 4/4	\$30.40
Cs club 1/24	\$38.39
CS club 10/25	\$45.03
WiCS meeting	\$49.92
WiCS meeting	\$36.24
WiCS weekly meeting	\$36.24
Climbing Club	\$64.95
Total	\$5,742.25