

Tuesday, April 5, 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	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Schiro	x
Senator Senchea	x
Senator Sherchan	x
Senator Siewert	EA

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Justin Willman (magician) in
 - Relay for Life table
 - Main Stage Director position is open
 - Contact jarod.zobitz@go.winona.edu
 - Greek Council
 - Greek week
 - Lip Sync tomorrow @ 6 pm
 - Keep an eye out for more events
 - Keap Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Send Director Elliot pictures of senators so she can put them in the banquet video
 - Executive Assistant
 - Head to Minne 110 after the meeting to enjoy bonding time with other senators
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director

- Last ASO meeting - April 19th at 3pm and April 21st at 6pm
 - WGDY - Saturday April 23 from 11-2
 - Students who were nominated for Student Leadership/Involvement Awards have received an email
- Guest Speakers
 - Dylan Hilliker - Midwest Musicfest
 - Nonprofit music festival based in Winona
 - Approx 70 musicians from surrounding areas
 - Mental wellness components like yoga on the levee
 - April 29-30th
 - \$20 for the whole weekend with student ID
 - Midwestmusicfest.org for more information
 - Senator Roers - looking for volunteers
 - Contact dylan@midwestmusicfest.org if interested
 - Colleges Against Cancer - Relay for Life
 - Fundraiser for Winona county to end the fight against cancer
 - Friday 6pm - midnight
 - Lots of fun activities - pageant, luminaria bags, speakers, relays, and more
 - Requesting \$400 to cover expenses for clubs
 - Raised more than \$3600 so far this year
 - \$1 per drink sold this weekend at WAV Nutrition as a fundraiser
 - Senator Cole - asked for clarification on what the money is for clubs
 - Advertise club at the event and create an event/activity
 - Senator Rieken - where should senate allocate the funds
 - Colleges Against Cancer
 - Club Volleyball - Mens/Womens
 - Girls Team - 2 teams that pay dues
 - Boys Team - also pay dues
 - Both going to Phoenix, AZ for the nationals tournament
 - Club members paying for around ½ their own plane tickets themselves
 - Food and transportation once there will be paid for by the members
 - Fundraisers through WAV nutrition, line judging, and reffing at Cotter Schools
 - Women's team ranked 7th in the nation, so could bring recognition to the university

- Both teams requesting \$4000 each to help with costs
 - Chair Phillips - ask Sports Club Council
 - Approx. \$2000 from them
 - Senator Jones - factor in that \$2000v in final costs
 - Senator Ford - asked for clarification on how money could be allocated and when they need the money
 - As soon as possible - don't need it desperately, but they leave next Tuesday
- Pi Sigma Epsilon
 - Went to the national convention last week
 - Coed marketing fraternity
 - March 23-26 in Minneapolis
 - Students get to network and build professional development skills
 - Requesting funds for lodging, travel, and part of the registration fee
 - \$2,457.36 in total
 - Senator Jones - do any fundraising?
 - Qdoba - raised \$400, but most of that has been used up already
 - Senator A. Carman - was the hotel money
 - Have to add it to the total
 - Chair Phillips - asked for clarification on registration fee reduction
 - Just want to alleviate financial burden for club members
 - Senator Rieken - asked for extra hotel fee number
 - Approx. \$158 (one of the members won an award, so they had to stay an extra night)
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - 1664 people signed into the vaccine incentive
 - Goal is 2000 people
 - Tell your friends and
 - One last tabling event - Tuesday April 12 1:30-2:30
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Last Woke Warrior coming out this week
 - Student Services
 - Angel shot posters are being distributed today

Whereas, having a meditation room makes WSU welcoming and accessible to students of all different backgrounds,

Whereas, the current state of the meditation room is outdated and does not fulfill students' needs,

Whereas, many other university campuses have meditation spaces that are modern and comfortable,

Whereas, the meditation room would make WSU more inclusive and appealing to diverse prospective students,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$25,000 to the Student Union for the renovation of the meditation rooms,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends that these renovations be completed before Fall semester of 2022.

Moved by: Student Services Committee - the room is all

- Senator Brandon - working towards a more inclusive campus is essential for a welcoming environment
- Director Elliot - everybody deserves to feel safe
- Director Sok - lot of money, but it's worth it for
- Chair Hytry - heard of some people practicing their religion outside, which should not happen
- Senator Ford - everyone should get a voice
- Senator Jones - would be nice if we got a breakdown of costs
- Senator Larson - does the total cover furnishing? Also asked about the lactation room
 - Chair Gort - \$10,000plumbing, \$12,000 demo, \$3000 flooring, \$11,000 architectural drawing - covered by student union, \$1000 lighting - covered by student union
- Senator Abagat - full support for the motion

Whereas, sexual assault and harassment is a widespread issue that affects many WSU students,

Whereas, education surrounding these topics is critical to end sexual violence,

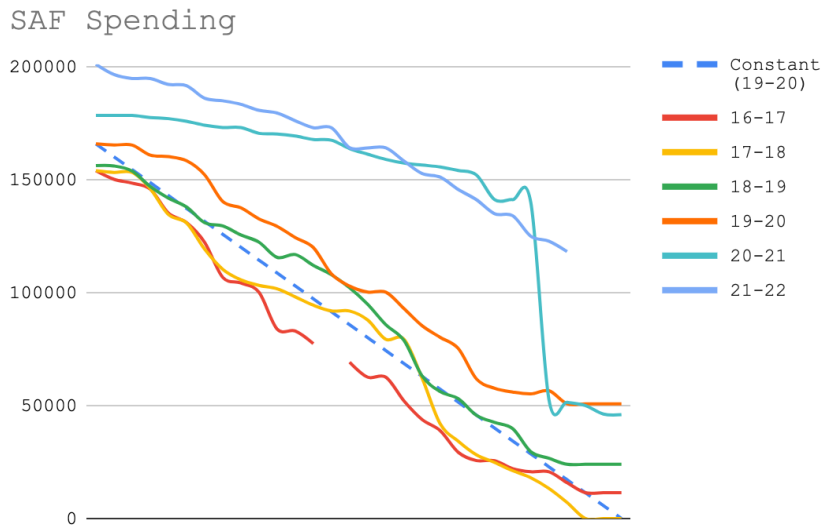
Whereas, self defense strategies can be empowering for survivors of sexual violence,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$688 for self defense keychains and resource cards.

Moved by: Student Services Committee - have little stabby ends for self defense. Resource cards designed by Senator Brandon that provide for a safe trip home

- Senator Abagat - fan of self defense keychains
- Chair Phillips - good to provide some personal security
- Chair Hytry - just in case is al
- Senator Jones - has one, definitely recommends
- Senator A. Carman - showed off her own keychain that looks the same
- Senator Larson - how will they be distributed?
 - Student Services committee will table and hand them all out
- Senator Prosser - Winona does not have great lighting, so extra security is important

- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Senator Larson - Finance & Facilities - making \$13 increase happen
 - Senator Jones - Finance & Facilities - working on their budget
 - Students United Update
 - Advocacy Conference
 - Thanks to all who came!
 - New board appointments are happening soon
 - Radio Show with President Olson - April 11th on KQAL
 - Final Meet & Discuss
- Vice President's Report
 - Event Requirements and Volunteer Hours
 - Get them done
- Treasurer's Report
 - Consent Agenda Item of the Week: Special Olympics!
 - SAF Account Balance: \$122,805.43
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$118,205.26 (58.77%, **41.23%**)



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- Unfinished Business

WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to Undergrad and 0% increase to Graduate tuition as [presented](#).

- Chair Hytry - no need to increase
- Recommendation **PASSES**

WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to Room and Board as [presented](#).

- Senator B. Carman - asked for clarification on who would benefit from the funds
 - Paula from Housing & Residence Life - maintenance workers, GMWs, IT, basically anyone that a student living in the halls interacts with gets paid through this budget
- Senator Ford - where would the funds go that had come from selling part of West Campus?
 - Went to the budget reserves for the residence halls
- Senator Cole - if the budget can't take the
- Senator B. Carman amends the motion to reflect a 2.5% increase instead of 0%
 - Seconded by Senator Larson - lots of people returning to res halls expect them to be nice
 - Senator Ford - why 2.5%?
 - It's about halfway from the original recommendation
 - Senator Brandon - good priority to care for students who live on campus
 - Senator Roers - have to talk about dining portion of the budget as well
 - Chartwells is asking for a 7.94% increase

- Senator Ferguson moves to table the discussion for a week to get a more concrete number regarding the different percentage increase
 - Motion is **TABLED** for one week
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- New Business

- Chair Phillips moves to suspend Article 5 section 2 subsection A of the WSUSS bylaws regarding waiting a week for financial motions
 - Seconded by Senator B. Carman
 - Bylaws are **SUSPENDED**

Whereas, Pi Sigma Epsilon did attend the PSE National Convention March 23rd-March 26th in Minneapolis, Minnesota,

Whereas, the convention will give members an opportunity to network with other chapters, connect with recruiting business, learn from several marketing speakers, and compete in a variety of events,

Whereas, there will be plentiful opportunities for members to build a reputation for Winona State University,

Whereas, Pi Sigma Epsilon needs funds for lodging, travel, and some registration expenses,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$2,457.36 from the SAF to Pi Sigma Epsilon to cover reimbursement costs.

- Moved by: Senator A. Carman - gave a good presentation and it was a good opportunity
 - Seconded by: Senator Schiro
 - Senator Cole - good presentation, they came prepared
 - Motion **PASSES**
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Whereas members of the Men's and Women's Volleyball Club pay an entrance fee to purchase jerseys and replace any necessary team equipment,

Whereas, both the Men's and Women's Volleyball Clubs have fundraised a total of roughly \$2,000,

Whereas, the Men's and Women's Volleyball Club is planned to attend Nationals April 12th through April 17th,

Whereas, the Men's and Women's Volleyball Club have not been able to attend a National's event since 2018 due to the pandemic

Whereas, attending the National event would benefit the WSU campus through recruitment and connections

Whereas the Men's and Women's Volleyball Club has received roughly \$4,000 from the Sports Council for the trip,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends allocating \$4,000 from the SAF to the Women's Volleyball Club

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends the allocation of \$4,000 from the SAF to the Men's Volleyball Club

- Moved by: Senator Ford
- Seconded by Senator Larson
- Chair Phillips - supports the team and the motion
- Motion **PASSES**

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- Chair Phillips moves to reinstate Article 5 section 2 subsection A of the WSUSS bylaws
 - Seconded by Senator Hebrink
 - Motion **PASSES**

Whereas, Colleges Against Cancer has been successful in their events previously,

Whereas, the event allows for students and community members to come together for a good cause,

Whereas, there are a total of six clubs participating at the event happening on Friday, April 8th

Whereas, each club has used their funds for the event,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends allocating \$400 from the SAF to Colleges Against Cancer,

Therefore be it further resolved Colleges Against Cancer disperses the requested money appropriately to each club

- Moved by: Senator Ford
- Seconded by: B. Carman
- Senator Jones - full support for the motion
- Senator Rieken - asked for clarification on when senate would need to allocate the funds
 - Senator Ford - club is not in a rush for the funds because the money will be later refunded to clubs
- Senator Abagat - good idea to get clubs to participate in the event
- Senator Ford moves to suspend article 5 section 2 subsection A of the WSUSS bylaws
 - Bylaws are **SUSPENDED**
- Senator Brandon - supports the cause

- Motion **PASSES**
- Senator Ford moves to reinstate article 5 section 2 subsection A of the WSUSS bylaws
 - Bylaws are **REINSTATED**

- Comments from the Gallery
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **6:58**
 - Moved by: Senator Brandon
 - Seconded by: Senator Mulhern-Allred

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
WSU Students for Palestinian Liberation	Speaker Costs	\$500
Computer Science Club	Club Meeting Food	\$216.99
Dream Closet	Event Supplies	\$681.20
Hmong American Student Association	Club Meeting Food	\$452.42
SCEC	Event Decorations	\$20.13
Math/Stat Club	Club Meeting Food	\$127.56
College Dems	Tabling Supplies	\$700
Republican Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$108.84
Dodgeball League	New Dodgeballs	\$340.55
Special Olympics	Cookie Supplies	\$26.95
SILA	Club Meeting Supplies	\$34.72
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	Club Meeting Food & Conference Fees	\$1203.46
Psychology Club	Club Meeting Supplies	\$48.37

Philosophy Club	Board Game	\$26.84
Student Organization for Latino/a/x	Club Meeting Food	\$80.55
WSU Spanish Language Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$31.59