

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Winona State Student Senate Meeting
5 PM, Solarium, WSU

Call to Order: 5pm

Roll Call: Completed by

President M. Olson	X
VP Hytry	X
Treasurer Rieken	X
Director Endresen	X
Director Johnson	X
Executive Assistant Strutz	X
Chair Carman	absent
Chair Jones	x
Chair Schiro	X
Senator Abagat	zoom
Senator Barutwanayo	x
Senator Brandon	x
Senator Carman	X
Senator Curtin	X
Senator Eichele	X
Senator Ehlers	X
Senator Hermerding	X
Senator Hossain	X

Sen. Kurth	X
Sen. Klatt	X
Senator Magner	excused tardy
Senator McCuskey	x
Senator Minich	zoom
Senator O'Connor	X
Senator Palmerton	X
Senator Peterson	X
Senator Sherchan	x
Senator Tiemthong	x
Senator Weber	absent
Senator Westcott	X
Senator Wright	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **APPROVED**

Approval of Agenda: **APPROVED**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - KAD Fri. 24th Decades theme
 - Sip n Paint 24th
 - Twolves 15th
 - Looking for new members
 - Greek Council
 - none
 - RHA
 - none
 - KEAP Council
 - none
 - Director of Communications
 - Wrapped up commencement stuff
 - Elections documents and posts
 - Executive Assistant
 - Feb. 26th bowling
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Finalizing things for next week's ASO meetings
- Guest Speakers
 - AMA Presentation- Chuck, Abby
 - Promote education and career development for marketing
 - Whitewater, WI for competition and did well since first time after pandemic
 - 25 active members each week, would love more
 - March 30-April 1st
 - New Orleans, LA
 - Connections, Competitions, and Awards
 - Gave agenda for conference
 - Campus benefits- international recognition, join clubs, potential job and intern offers globally,
 - Invoice of Prices- \$6448.05 for vans, AMA tickets, hotel, food, parking,
 - Could fund out of pocket, but came to senate first
 - Fundraising plans, nothing official yet

- Sen. Wescott- international available conference, how many countries have participated?
- REp.-3 countries outside of united states, assuming that there will be more this year
- Chair Schiro- planned on fundraising, where do you plan to use it?
- Rep.- help out for next year or this year's cost, cover meals “
- Chair Schiro- what is the lowest amount you would accept and still be able to go?
- Rep.-Driving cost could be covered out of pocket, food, and parking
- Sen. Peterson- (To Treas. Reiken) Can club funding roll over?
- Treas. Rieken- you are not able to get more club funding if they do not use it
- ACS Conference Review (no presentation, only questions)
 - Sen. Wright-did you contact department head for chemistry for funding?
 - Rep.-Yes, said did not have any funding
 - Sen. Hermerding-I know there were mentions of flying to indianapolis, I recently drove to Indianapolis
 - Rep.-Talked about it and thought about it, one group is traveling at one time and another group at another time, alot have work schedules that would take 4 vehicles even if it was our own or campus vehicles and we would have to pay for parking overnight and day parking, which would add on to funding, all together they are about the same, to clarify, if not getting full amount this will not go to flights or modes of transportation as there was a travel grant from the university
 - Rep.-7 bought plane tickets already
 - Sen. Houssain- Updated price chart (referring to presentation)
 - Pres. M. Olson- this is the same one as last week. MOtion on table is a different amount
 - Sen. Houssain- cannot afford trip if do not get full amount?
 - Rep.-Yes
 - Sen. Houssain- still hold same stance?
 - Rep.-Yes
 - Sen. Brandon- Looking for reimbursement on plane tickets
 - Rep.-Yes
 - Sen. Brandon- paid all conference fees?
 - Rep.-Yes, not looking for reimbursement for plane tickets that have been purchased, did not know if all were going to get travel grant and now we were all

accepted, designating at most \$450 to plane ticket and leftover expenses for registration

- Chair Schiro- about \$600 for travel grant received for each, \$6000 total,
- Rep.-Money requested will pay for hotel rooms which is \$1200 max for total time there, some people are coming in at a different time, money requested pays for hotels, which is why we are saying and standing our ground that some of us will not be able to go “I do not have the \$1200 to pay for that
- Chair Schiro- registration and airfare would pay for themselves
- Rep.-Yes, we would like the full amount to cover all expenses
- Dir. Johnson- needing clarification, comfortable paying for food, uber, and transportation, minimum would be lodging, correct?
- Rep.-Airfare and registration fees will be covered from travel grant officially given, which is different than last week, this is breakdown from total, not all of the money is being requested from the table
- Dir. Johnson-only asking for \$5441?
- Rep.-No, asking for the 8200 as minimum and Maximum
- Rep.-We are not a club, do not get designated money from clubs, all 10 are working on different projects, wrote manuscripts for project, had to apply, be accepted, would be a big thing for winona state to go to conference, we will be able to have a chance with winona states name and our name tha tother students can access to do research on pubchem.
- Sen. Carman- Airfare and registration is covered by 6000 grant
- Rep.-Yes, already subtracted in total amount
- Sen. Carman- If we cover lodging, are you still able to go
- Rep.-Yes, but keep in mind that is an estimate, some of us have not booked hotels
- Chair Schiro- circling back, asking for 8288, but lodging is less than that and you said that it would be about 1200 a person, wouldn't that be 12,000?
- Rep.-Full 6 days, but not all of us are staying that long, so estimate includes different nights for different people, when did it originally, we did decrease it so we subtracted amount
- Rep.-Clarify, 8200 is meals and ground travel in addition to lodging
- Sen. Carman-What days do you need to be there
- Rep.-Sat. March 26th- April 1st

- Sen. Wescott- would this have a negative impact on campus if you were not able to go
 - Rep.-Campus wise, it would have a negative impact as only 3 minnstate schools attended this conference, 10 different people that are advocating for Winona State's Work
 - Sen. Peterson- what was timeline of your application and then eligibility to go?
 - Rep.-Sept and then didn't find out until December or around new year's
 - Sen. Wright- minimum would 8200, if airfare and registration is covered, then why do you need full 8200 if being covered already
 - Rep.-Not all of us have money to book hotel rooms, the longer we wait the more expensive this will get
 - Sen. Houssain- if we provide the lodging, you can go to conference?
 - Rep.-Yes
 - Sen. Houssain- you can pay for meals?
 - Rep.-Prefer not to, but would be able
 - Rep.-There are some students that have block plans that normally don't pay for meals, full-time students, treat ourselves with meals, not saying going out for a fancy meal every night, would not like stress of working now to eat at conference. The big worry is being able to eat at the conference
 - Sen. Houssain- As far as what I have heard, if you can get lodging amount, you can attend conference
 - Rep.-I think most of us can, if students can not afford food than they cannot go
 - Rep.-Personally, I would not be able to
 - Chair Jones- (clarifies pricing ask in presentation)
 - Rep.-Would like to express that this amount was at \$15,000, working hard to get it to minimum
 - Sen. Barutwanayo- Lodging, whole trip it would be \$1200 for all six days?
 - Rep.-Varies per person, this is just an estimate for all six days
 - Sen. Barutwanayo- How much would it cost per day?
 - Accounted for all days, not singular days
 - Sen. Carman- would like to say something for the group, money is tight, we are trying to give you money but also give other clubs the same opportunity, trying to see what we can do to maintain our budget and support you
- International Night 2023

- Requesting Funds and Inviting Senators
- No technical allocation for funding from the international office
- 157 international students
- Ticket's sold 135 at \$13-15
- Lowering cost for student- 274 tickets , \$10 for students, \$20 for community,
- 12 dishes cost breakdown
- *gives cost breakdown of food* \$6946.83
- Promotional cost breakdown- \$1148.14
- Estimate of money gained from tickets- 3740 w/o taxes
- Asking \$8370.79
- Great impact on Winona State by recognizing diverse community at winona state, any programs or mentions of international events brings in prospected international students
- Chair Jones- in the past years, has the international office funded you?
- Rep.-No, the international office has never funded
- Chair Jones- does international office help with this?
- Rep.-Set up and guidance
- Treasurer Reiken- there is some money from student life budget, do you plan on using that?
- Rep.-Plan on using that money for a spring break trip, but any money would be helpful
- Sen. Abagat- went to last year's international night, highly suggest to go, otherwise wanted to support international club, feel love from diversity on campus.
- Dir. Endresen- Using any money from ticket sales to go to this or next year's?
- Rep.-Want to donate it to scholarship or diverse community needs
- MSSA Conference Ignite the Spark in You
 - Social Work Practicum group Representation
 - Largest conference of it's kind in the midwest
 - 15th to 17th of March
 - Gave topic breakdown at conference
 - Total cost of conference: \$598.65 fro lodging
 - Sen. Eichele- what is campus benefit?

- Rep.-Social Work is a broad field and could bring back what we learn at conference to professors and students for job opportunities
- Sen. Eichele- have students gone in the past and done similar things?
- Rep.-Yes
- Sen. Hermerding- what do you do in the local area? I love to see the local impact that people make
- Rep.-Practicum has to make a certain amount of hours to fit criteria, Advocacy Center, Bridges
- Sen. Palmerton- just allocating money for rooms?
- Rep.-Yes
- Peer to Peer Mentor Group
 - Unfortunately participation has been low
 - What we see, students often do not need to talk to a licensed professional, just need a peer to leaf through those things
 - Without participation, will still continue with program and student graphic design worker
 - Wants to put peer counselor in the residence halls
 - Recruiting for peer counselors
 - peersupport@winona.edu for questions
 - Sen. Eichele- just for clarification, would it be preferable if those students lived in the residence halls?
 - Rep.-Not necessarily, this would be great for the freshman coming in but they can relate to those that have lived or live in the residence halls
 - Sen. Carman- are you seeing more sign up for counselors rather than peers?
 - Rep.-Yes, demand will continue to increase, we could end up with a waitlist again
 - Sen. Carman- add more PR with peer-to-peer on it for more engagement
 - Chair Jones- question about those that want to become a peer counselor, what kind of training?
 - Rep.-8 hours of mental health training, safe space training, 6 hour mental health counselor training
 - Sen. Wescott- survey about why you are seeing a counselor, could there be a way to incorporate peer-to-peer?
 - Rep.-That is definitely a possibility

- Sen. Palmerton- how many a people a week use peer-to-peer?
 - Rep.-None, have 5 peer counselors with appointments and drop in hours
 - Sen. Sherchan- what does the sign up process look like?
 - Rep.-Students can drop by the well and sign up, it's a very basic survey
 - Sherchan- do peer-to-peers get trained in privacy?
 - Rep.-Yes, they are trained in privacy and mandating reporting
 - Sen. Wright- have you thought about some kind of chat function, like texting a problem?
 - Rep.-Would involve student input and money, but that would be an interesting concept
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs

NEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

[Dean's Advisory Board Constitution](#)

Moved by: Academic Affairs Committee

DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

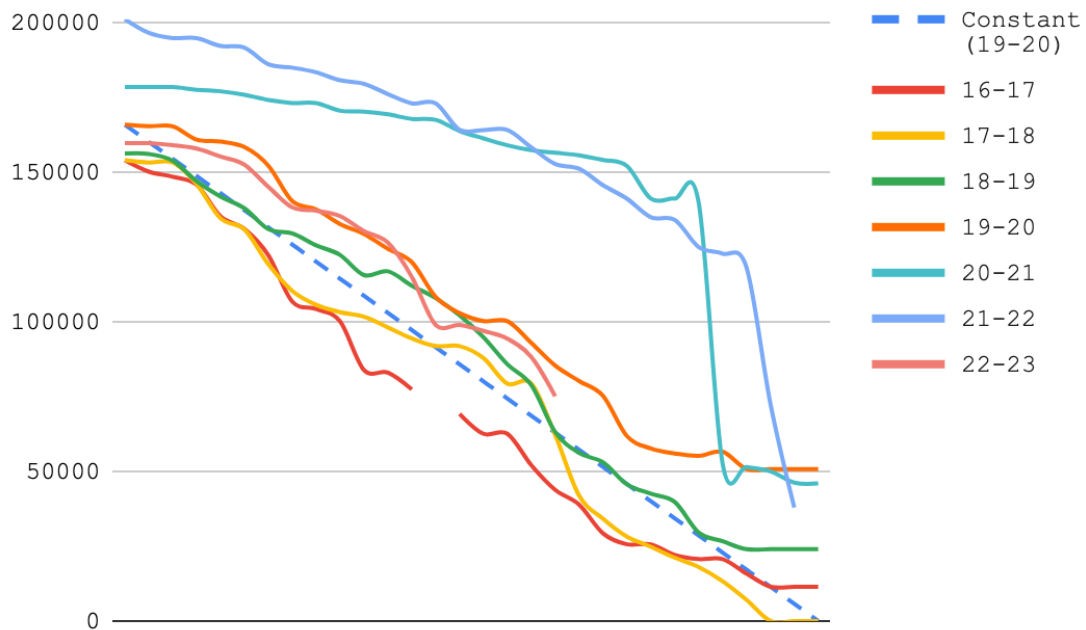
- Chair Jones- voices support for motion
- Sen. Palmerton- voices support for motion
- Sen. Peterson- voices support for motion
- Sen. Magner- voices support for motion, especially for events

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES

- Gives update about commencement speakers
- Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Gives update about the drag show, GMW appreciation, Black History Month events
- Student Services
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda: APPROVED
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Dress up Meeting Next Week and Photos
 - A Night of Black Excellence - 2/23 at Can Can Wonderland
 - Rally for Free College - 2/21 at 12pm
 - Front steps of the Capitol, free busing available
- Vice President's Report

- Office Hours
- Volunteer and Events
- Student Senate Elections 2023-2024
 - Applications Open February 27th
 - Elections Open March 20th
- Treasurer's Report

SAF Spending



- - SAF Account Balance: \$75,107.89
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: 74,604.26
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: 69,135.86
 - Senate Account: \$17,631.67
- SFMC recommends a 3.18% increase to the Wellness Fee

PREVIOUSLY TABLED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- [Presentation](#)
- [Budget](#)

DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Sen. Palmerton- Voices support for motion
- Sen. Eichele- reminds what this fee goes towards, things we often take for granted

VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES

- Unfinished Business

PREVIOUSLY TABLED MOTION

Whereas, movement science club is a club that helps prepare students for graduate school.

Whereas, volunteer hours are a key aspect to graduate school applications.

Whereas, Feed my Starving Children is a great way to gain some volunteer hours for students.

Whereas, Feed my Starving children requires a registration fee for groups to volunteer.

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$500 from the SAF to the Movement Science club.

Moved by Chair Schiro

Seconded by Chair Carman (Sen. Ehlers to fill in due to absence)

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. O'Connor- did we ever hear if they wanted to use their SAF allocation
- Treasurer Rieken- they do not want to use their SAF allocation
- Sen. O'Connor- voices support
- Sen. Wescott- if we do not pass this motion, will they use their SAF?
- Treas, Rieken- no clear answer, probably will use SAF if that happens, however, Public Health Club did this same event in their SAF
- Pres. M. Olson- point of reference, at the end of the day this still is the same money out of the SAF
- Chair Jones- we cannot tell them how to spend their money

VOTE ON MOTION PASSES

PREVIOUSLY TABLED MOTION

Whereas, the WSU-Rochester Senior Nursing Club has many students who work extremely hard for their club through fundraising, pinning ceremonies for all nursing students, and advocacy,

Whereas, Nursing is a very honorable profession and requires extreme and tedious work,

Whereas, Stoles represent honors in many clubs and some majors for graduating seniors who are eligible,

Whereas, Stoles are reused every semester,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$310 from the SAF account to WSU-Rochester Nursing Club.

Moved by: Senator Westcott

Seconded by: Director Endreson

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

Sen. Peterson- voices support for motion

Sen. Abagat- voices support of motion

VOTE ON MOTION PASSES

Whereas, ten WSU chemistry research students are attending the National ACS Conference in Indianapolis,

Whereas, these students have completed research projects and have the opportunity to present their findings at a national conference,

Whereas, this conference provides many opportunities for education and networking in their fields,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$4658.40 from the SAF to the WSU Chemistry Department for the students to go to their conference,

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

Moved by: Senator Brandon

Seconded by: Senator Wright

AMMENDMENT (made by Sen. Brandon and Sen. Wright)

\$4658.40 **\$6000**

DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT

Chair Schiro- do not agree with this amendment, the original amount is much more clear than the new amount proposed

Sen. Wright- this new amount reflects for food, and doing our least to support them while they are there

Sen. O'Connor- while amount should be amended, they stated the minimum amount and we should honor that and not just adding a random amount to help out

Sen. Eichele- I personally do not feel comfortable funding them fully, we should aim for the lodging

AMMENDMENT TO THE AMMENDMENT

Chari Schiro and Sen. O'Connor- \$4658.40 \$6000 \$5441.80

DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT TO THE AMMENDMENT

Sen. Eichele- with this amount, we can afford lodging for them, happy medium for dropping from 8 grand number while not having such a drastic drop

Sen. Houssain- supports this amount

Sen. Brandon- confused as to why some of them can go and some of them cannot

Sen. Wright- they all put in the same amount, all got travel grants, why should we fund some and not others?

Sen. Houssain- would love to fund everyone, and I think the new amendment is the entirety of lodging, if they have lodging cost they can go

Sen. Brandon- recalling correctly, if lodging was paid, some cannot afford food

Sen. O'Connor- already decided that 8 grand would be what they needed to go, don't think that allocating more will help

Sen. Wescott- just a tad confused, groceries were an issue for them, able to buy groceries here with block plan, could you not afford it there?

Sen. Palmerton- in support of amendment to the amendment, needed full 8000 previously, now just need for amount of lodging, put on "big boy/big girl/big they/them pants"

AMMENDMENT TO AMMENDMENT PASSES

UPDATED MOTION

\$4658.40 \$5441.80

DISCUSSION ON UPDATED MOTION

Sen Houssain- supports motion

Chair Schiro- supports motion, one of the speakers said that if they didn't have what they needed the could come back and get reimbursed

Sen. O'Connor- original amount was what they asked for

VOTE ON AMMENDMENT PASSES

VOTE ON WHOLE MOTION PASSES

- New Business

NEW MOTION

Whereas, MSSA is the largest and most comprehensive health and human service conference in the Midwest,

Whereas, this conference provides an educational opportunity for senior social work students,

Whereas, 3000 health and human service professional from across Minnesota will be in attendance to provide information,

Whereas, the 6 attending students require lodging for the conference,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$598.65 to the Social Work Practicum Students to attend the MSSA conference.

Moved by Senator O'Connor

Seconded by Senator Westcott

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Houssain- one of the biggest conferences in the midwest, this would be great for them, supports motion
- Sen. Peterson- great opportunity for these students, some get hired on the spot

- Treas. Rieken- request was submitted does not have cost center, do you have an advisor that this could go to?
- Sen. Peterson- did need a cost center to be created, as there is no club attachment

AMMENDMENT by Sen. Wright, Chair Jones

Add “Dr. Anne Vande Berg”

VOTE ON AMMENDMENT PASSES

AUTOMATICALLY TABLED FOR ONE WEEK

NEW MOTION

Whereas, WSU values its population of international students,

Whereas, there are students enrolled at WSU that represent 41 countries,

Whereas, International Night allows international students the opportunity to celebrate their cultures and show both students and people in the local Winona area,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$8,370.80 from the SAF to the International Student Office for International Night,

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

Moved by: Senator Hermerding

Seconded by: Senator Wright

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Palmerton- not convinced to give full amount, but half does not need fair either
- Treas. Rieken- gives point of reference, if we give them the full fund, if fund all of this and they do not use it, the money is lost
- Sen. O’Connor- supports event, we have lowered dollar amount in past weeks so that money is not lost and shows consistency

- Sen. Brandon- makes me sad that there are not funds from the international office, likes the idea of using the money from the tickets for a scholarship
- Dir. Endreson- since low on funds, looking for a way to cut our cost, if they could use some of funds from tickets, 4600 if they used money from ticket sales, agree that it should be decreased
- Chair Jones- have spent no money of their funds this year
- Treas. Rieken- \$1132 spent this year
- Sen. Hermerding- clarify that this is one of the biggest events that winona state offers that brings the community together, price is so high due to partnership with chartwells, international students are able to use this event as community service
- Sen. Kurth- this is a big dollar amount, this is something for the whole WSU community, not for a few students, and there is a huge benefit to campus and everyone involved
- Sen. Houssain- to give context, we are working really hard for this event, this is the only big event that international students have on campus, previously could manage due to covid, this year we want it to be really nice post-covid, if this counts as a diverse volunteer hours, that would be beneficial to us, whatever food ordered is per chartwells, this is non-negotiable, international students do not work on campus- this is a big opportunity for them to enjoy one night the entire year for cultural appreciation campus-wide.
- Sen. O'Connor- big point is that this group has other ways of funding and in the past they have been able to manage it

AUTOMATICALLY TABLED FOR ONE WEEK

NEW MOTION

Whereas, the American Marketing Association (AMA) is the largest international business professional marketing society,

Whereas, the AMA engages in the science and ethical practice of marketing disciplines

Whereas, the AMA will be traveling to the 2023 International Collegiate Conference hosted in New Orleans from March 30th - April 1,

Whereas, the AMA has competed in past competitions and has ranked highly in categories,

Whereas the Winona State University campus will benefit from this conference by gaining international recognition, networking, and career insight,

Whereas, 12 students are traveling to get potential job/internship offers around the globe,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$6,448.05 from the SAF to the Winona State American Marketing Association.

Moved by Senator Ehlers

Seconded by Senator Eichele

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Treas. Rieken- using SAFC funding, currently do not have request, would be wise to add amendment that has 1500 in there.

AMMENDMENT (Sen. Brandon, Sen. O'Connor)

\$6,448.05 \$5,968.05

- Sen Palmerton- we should stay consistent on not funding food for groups

VOTE ON AMMENDMENT PASSES

NEW AMMENDMENT (Sen. O'Connor, Sen. Brandon)

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,500 from Winona State's AMA SAFC allocation

DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT

VOTE ON AMMENDMENT PASSES

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Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$5,968.05 from the SAF to the Winona State American Marketing Association,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,500 from Winona State's AMA SAF allocation.

DISCUSSION ON UPDATED MOTION

Chair Schiro- mentioned that they could pay for food and driving if they cannot get full funding from senate

AUTOMATICALLY TABLED FOR ONE WEEK

- Comments from the Gallery
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment 7:39pm

Consent Agenda

Psychology Club Self love night	\$55.76
PRSSA valentines and resume	\$16.08
Warriors for life club meeting	\$13.21
Spanish language cafe	\$6.42

convo	
ASN fair poster work	\$124.68
Math stat club game night	\$64.13
WiCS meeting	\$43.73
Unified warriors general meeting	\$11.94
Clinical exercise science club cards for the community	\$18.90
SHRM meeting	\$61.72
Spanish language cafe y convo	\$5.99
Spanish language valentines day event	\$81.07
Total	\$503.63