

Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Winona State Student Senate Meeting
5 PM, Solarium, WSU

Call to Order: 5pm

Roll Call: completed by VP hytry

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

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

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **APPROVED**

Approval of Agenda: **APPROVED**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - March 15th-Timberwolves
 - March 20th- Bingo
 - Greek Council
 - Tabling for victims of international earthquake- Turkey and Syria
 - Starting to plan greek week
 - RHA
 - none
 - KEAP Council
 - none
 - Director of Communications
 - Posters made!
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 - Executive Assistant
 - March 18th- International Night
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - sophomore/junior day for admissions department
- Guest Speakers
 - Nancy Denzer- WAPS Referendum
 - 2 question referendum
 - April 11th
 - 72.5 million for classroom and building improvements
 - 21.7 million for gym high school space
 - Failed referrendum for over 80 million, passed referendum for 9 million for safety concerns
 - Task force studied 12 options to improve WAPS
 - Improve and embrace building
 - November 2021 referendum for improved air/environmental quality
 - Major areas of concern- classes and faculty in basement with accessibility issue, fitness center, remodeling music area
 - Key Message- investment in students, feeds institutions such as schools, business, and partners
 - Looking for suggestions and energy

- VOTE
 - Tabling
 - VP McDowell- what assurance would we have for female restrooms?
 - Rep.- there will be female locker rooms, we're going big and bold to have people understand why we need this
 - Sen. Hermerding- what are you doing for the places that have low funding, such as fine arts?
 - Rep.- we're discussing how to partner with those in the community, group of people in industrial tech because all these things should be integrated and respected.
- Trent Dernbach- WSU Rochester
 - Student Activities
 - Students purchasing tickets for events
 - Generally well attended
 - Most programs have gone online/hybrid
 - Guests that are not students are often brought
 - Rochester campus access to online ticketing purchasing
 - May need to raise prices for non student tickets
 - Struggles with getting students to participate
 - Was given feedback from students, which resulted in low affordability remarks
 - Would you see an issue of old practice of ability to buy two tickets at student price?
 - Next few events could be a trial to see if that fixes the issue or completely new idea is needed
 - Chair Jones- no problem with old way, should accommodate non traditional students and their support system
 - Sen. Weber- good idea to go back to prices, a part of college is those social experiences
 - Sen. Peterson- safety net of peers which could cause more approachability to create connections
 - Pres. M. Olson- would like a motion to be created if this is what the senate believes
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs

- Commencement application closed, sent out audition times, due in a few weeks
- Adding private facebook pages for each college, passionate about this, met with comm department today, sending out poll on instagram story sometime this week
- Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Drag show work
 - GMW appreciation
 - Bringing motion shortly
 - Happy Women’s History Month!
- Student Services

NEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Whereas, Winona State University is passionate about mental health and mental health education,

Whereas, it is important for Winona State students to be educated on mental health in general, how to assist someone in a mental health crisis, and what to do if they are struggling with mental health,

Whereas, Joshua Rivedal’s keynote provides personal experiences with mental health crises and educational material regarding mental health,

Whereas, this event will give students the opportunity to learn more about how to navigate mental health within themselves and others,

Whereas, Winona State University’s mental health resources will be highlighted along with nationwide resources,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$2,000 from the Special Projects Byline of the WSUSS Internal Budget to Joshua Rivedal for his program called, “How to Live Mentally Well and Crush it in College: An Event Combining Standup Comedy and Mental Health” on March 28th, 2023.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Sen. Houssain- supports motion due to personal side of keynote

VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES

PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Whereas, safety is a priority at Winona State University,

Whereas, cup covers will provide protection to the drinks of students whenever they feel they need extra protection,

Whereas, Night Cap™ provides cup covers with scrunchies and keychains,

Whereas, 100 cup covers will have scrunchies and 100 will be keychains,

Whereas, the cup covers cost \$4.75 each,

Whereas, Sigma Tau Gamma will sponsor the event and provide \$125,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$825 from the SAF to be transferred to the Student Senate Internal Account to pay for cup covers.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATION

Sen. Peterson- in support of motion due to conventional use

Sen. Eichele- supports motion due to prevention, similar to logic in handing out condoms

Sen. Wright- since we are a dry campus, we do not allow alcohol unless special circumstances, condoms are not inductive of anything prohibited on campus, better to just “watch your drink”

Sen. Houssain- we care about our students, want our students to be better safe than sorry, people might get distracted

Sen. Carman- voice support for this, understand concerns, people still do it, some are uneducated, still happens all the time even when we know what to do, can be anybody, don't see a problem as it is sad of what we have to do, what would be an alternative?

Sen. Brandon- good idea, not specifically for our campus, better way to protect students would be to give out info, having 200 does not protect all students, if you want on eo bad, just purchase one

Sen. Wescott- students are going to drink anyways, can be something that students remember for years to come, touring campuses and seeing safety is a big deal for enrollment, good to teach about drugs but not effective enough

Sen. Eichele- an analogy is cooking, better to have materials to stop fire than fire marshal saying “you should have been more careful”

Sen. Weber- look at history of cup covers, they indicate drinking and alcohol, students already given alcoholic training

Sen. Palmerton- only getting 200 is not ideal, still supports, people are going to do it anyway, should do as much as we can to promote safety

Sen. Curtin- also doing education things along with this cup covers, freshman do zone out of mandatory training

Chair Schiro- this is a form of protection, talked to family about protective device and they invested for other family members, would hate to look back on this as a senate and see we did nothing when we could do something

Sen. Hermerding- think about how you are speaking, wording can be taken differently

Sen. O’Connor- supports motion, protect students in all situations

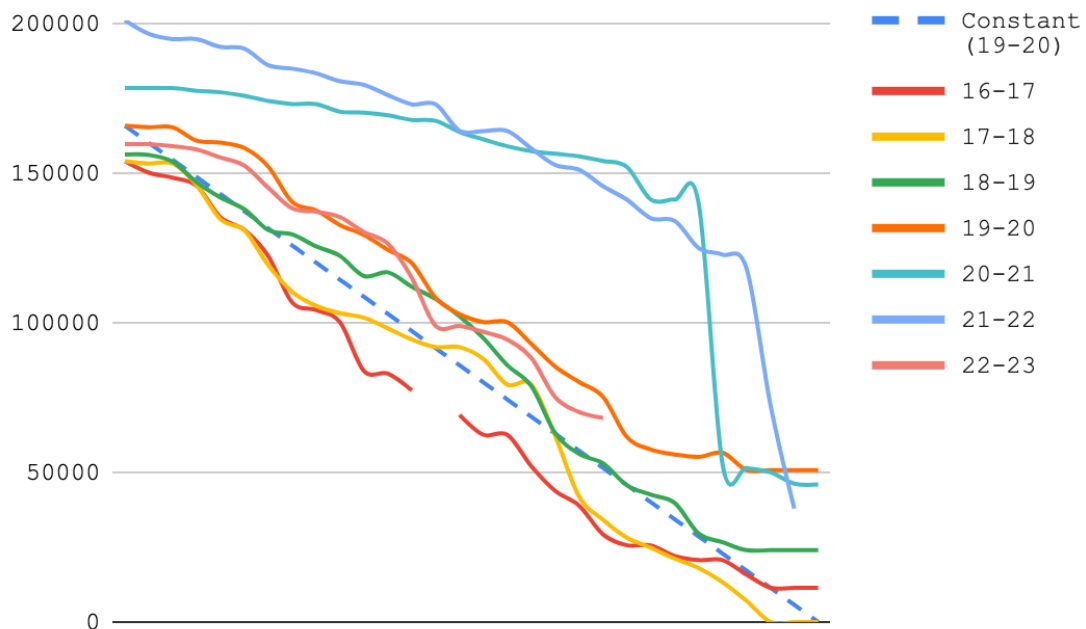
Sen. Weber- call to question (Sen. Carman)

MOTION AS A WHOLE PASSES

- Angel shot promotion and local bars
- Discussed with mayor to implement more streetlights, in the works, will have more information soon
- President’s Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda- **APPROVED**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Sen. Eichele- sustainability committee looking to launch website about energy conservation and environmental concerns on campus, solar panel updates,
 - Sen. Peterson- fitness center will update flooring, as it is past it’s life expectancy

- Students United Update
 - Scholarships open
 - Board applications close March 17th
 - Sen. Weber also advocating on federal level
- Vice President's Report
 - Applications for Next Year are Open
 - Currently have 10
 - Submit Nominations for Professor of the Year
 - Office Hours- None Next Week
 - Volunteer and Events
- Treasurer's Report

SAF Spending



- - SAF Account Balance: \$68,235.51
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$67,388.56
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$64,574.39
 - Senate Account: \$14,353.69

PREVIOUSLY TABLED RECOMMENDATION

- SFMC recommends a 0% increase to Student Union Fee
 - [Presentation and Budget](#)

DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Sen. O'Connor- we should discuss this again, it was a close vote last time
- Chair Schiro, Sen. O'Connor

NEW AMMENDMENT

0%, 2.95%

DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT

- Chair Schiro- wages would decrease if the percent increase is left at 0%
- Pres. M. Olson- they *might*
- Sen. O'Connor- same building we use for all meetings, many of our events, show it off on tours, should support it
- Sen. Wright- point made last week, when we discuss fees, every department will be impacted, there are some fees we should prioritize increase,

AMMENDMENT TO AMMENDMENT (Sen. Wright, Sen. Peterson)

2.95%, 1%

DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT TO THE AMMENDMENT

- Sen. Kurth- supports, some services not justified right now, paying for reoccurring expenses that are not used
- Pres. M. Olson- clarification, once fee is increased, George can choose how money is used, we do not dictate that
- Chair Schiro- not in favor of amendment, 1% will not do anything, passed increases with less information, we have a very detailed presentation and now we want to pick on this more
- Sen. O'Connor- speaks against amendment, this amount does not cover, as a point it is required to staff fire feature
- Sen. Weber- 1% is not adequate, as some presentations give a range, this one did not
- Sen. Carman- talking about fees last year, it almost has to be an all of nothing, give full amount they ask for
- Chair Schiro- even if a small increase, that is still a huge jump.

VOTE ON AMMENDMENT TO AMMENDMENT FAILS

DISCUSSION ON AMMENDMENT

- Sen. Kurth- with clarification, I am in support of this fee increase
- Sen. Sherchan- when recommended 0%, how did you come to that conclusion
- Treas. Rieken- a vote, many opinions, I did not vote so I cannot give opinion
- Sen. O'Connor- SFMC member, discussion was had, one vote away

- Sen. Houssain- even though it is an increase, I would be happy to pay for these improvements in Kryszko, fire feature could have more use with more staffing, whatever money we invest, we want something we can utilize
- Sen. Carman- not allowed to use below 32 degrees, utilize for beginning of the year, towards end of the year, that is the reason for less usage this time of year
- Sen. Palmerton- I struggle with it is all laid out how money will be used, but it is not a guarantee
- Pres. M. Olson- clarification, there were unrealistic issues with the meditation room, not purposeful neglect
- Sen. Weber- a lot of people come in with a lot less than George did, came in with good presentation, was respectful to students, did a lot more than the majority of the bodies asking for a fee increase
- Sen. Wright- not in support, recent years has already put forth funds to student union, students have already put money towards these things

VOTE ON AMMENDMENT PASSES

VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES

- Unfinished Business

PREVIOUSLY TABLED MOTION

Whereas, Winona State Term four nursing students practice clinicals in Blair, WI,

Whereas, Residents in Blair struggle with food insecurity ,

Whereas, Creating a self sustaining little pantry would allow 24/7 access to food with no stigma surrounding it,

Whereas, The project undertaken by these WSU students will help their studies as well as future students entering the healthcare field,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$376.97 to Samantha Brown to be used to build a little pantry in Blair, WI,

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

Moved by: Senator Weber

Seconded by: Senator Wright

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Brandon- supports motion

VOTE ON MOTION PASSES

PREVIOUSLY TABLED MOTION

Whereas, Sigma Tau Gamma attended Webb Academy for a national training program,

Whereas, the training they attended allows the fraternity to learn and help there chapter,

Whereas, hotel stay, three meals a day, and snacks were covered by nationals,

Whereas, travel to the airport and meals before the trip were paid out of pocket and with chapter funds,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,220 from the SAF to Sigma Tau Gamma to help cover cost for the flights taken.

Moved by: Senator Carman

Seconded by: Director Endreson

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Hermerding- speaks in support

VOTE ON MOTION PASSES

PREVIOUSLY TABLED MOTION

Whereas, the Dance Society is attending the American College Dance Association at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on March 12th-15th,

Whereas, 10 members are attending and will gain more dance experience through classes taught by experienced professionals,

Whereas, the Dance Society received money from the THAD department,

Whereas, the Dance Society needs money to cover the costs of travel and lodging,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,217.20 from the SAF to the Dance Society.

Moved by: Chair Carman

Seconded by: Senator O'Connor

VOTE ON MOTION PASSES

MOTION FOR 5 MINUTE RECESS JONES AND CARMAN RETURN AT 6:45pm

ROLL CALL COMPLETED BY VP HYTRY **HAVE QUORUM**

- New Business

NEW MOTION

- *Whereas*, WSU Rochester is a non traditional school where students don't have the same on campus opportunities as traditional students,

Whereas, WSU Rochester is attempting to grow the community and communication between students,

Whereas, the recent increase in ticket prices for non students have cause ticket sales to decrease,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS supports WSU-Rochester offering one additional ticket for the student cost when WSU Rochester students purchase tickets.

Moved by: Senator Peterson

Seconded by: Senator Weber

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

VOTE ON MOTION PASSES

- Executive Session
- Comments from the Gallery

- VP McDowell- enjoyed deliberation, TedTalk Tuesdays were great, if you didn't go, there are more opportunities
- Opportunity to cosponsor, senators could be speakers
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment Kurth, Wright

Consent Agenda

Pre-med Logo Design	\$15.00
PRSSA Meeting	\$8.18
AdFed Renewal	\$250.00
College Republicans Meetings	\$104.42
WSU Ambassadors Snack Cart	\$152.17
Bangladesh Club Cricket	\$24.70
InterVarsity Week 7 Meeting	\$15.24
Colleges Against Cancer	\$110.03
WSU ACA Meeting	\$128.07
InterVarsity Meeting 3/1	\$39.14
Total	\$846.95