

Tuesday, March 15, 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	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Club meeting Thursday
 - Grocery Bingo @7 in the Ballroom on Monday
 - Greek Council
 - Keap Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Keep sharing socials
 - Executive Assistant
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Student Leadership/Involvement Awards
 - Nominations close this Friday
 - Ceremony - April 22 at 3:30 in the Ballroom
- Guest Speakers
 - Biochemistry Research Group
 - Requesting funds to go to the American Chemical Society (ACS) conference

- Topic of research - tricyclic antidepressants
 - Work will impact biochem labs around the world
 - Received \$1200 from the Winona State Travel Grant
 - Likely getting \$1500 more from another grant
 - Requesting \$1,492.49 from Senate
 - Senator A. Carman - any personal contribution?
 - Hoping to get everything funded without having to contribute financially
- HOPE Club
 - Health education majors - 7 members going
 - Convention in New Orleans
 - Build connections in the physical education field
 - Worked football concessions and had a garage sale at the club fair
 - Can't get a ton of money from the department
 - Members will pay approx. \$530 per person
 - Asking for \$5,449 for lodging, membership fee, and airfare
 - Senator Hebrink - have they used their SAFC funds yet?
 - Used for conferences in the fall
 - Chair Phillips - what happened to \$5000 already given?
 - That was for PE club - this is for health education majors
- American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
 - Conference in Philadelphia
 - Presenting research and learning from keynote speakers and presentations
 - Not a campus club, so not much opportunity to fundraise
 - Chair Phillips - asked for
 - \$500 for all 4 nights
 - Senator Jones - who to allocate the money to
 - Chemistry Department
 - Senator Roers - asked for clarification for how much money senate will provide
 - \$600 per student
 - Chair Hytry - look at any other flight options?
 - Dr. Ruff (advisor) chose the airlines
- 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:

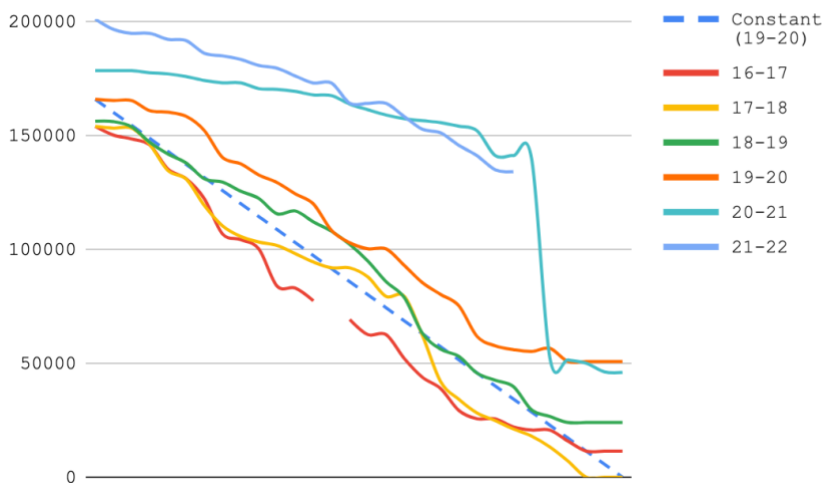
- \$62.00 for 100 posters
- \$390.58 for 25 pizzas
- \$195.00 for one banner & one banner stand

Moved by: Academic Affairs Committee

- Will greatly benefit underclassmen and campus as a whole
 - Senator Roers - event is sure to be a hit
 - Senator Prosser - worked hard to plan it
 - Senator Rieken - asked for clarification on motion at hand regarding tabling
 - Recommendation **PASSES**
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- Deadline extended for commencement speaker
 - Peer advising event next Monday
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Please share the Woke Warrior
 - Student Services
 - Waiting to hear from housing regarding distribution of condoms and dental dams
 - Making progress on Meditation Room
 - President’s Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Senator Ferguson - Lyceum Committee - Micheal Che coming next week - still time to send in questions
 - Student Senate Candidate Forum - Thursday March 17th at 4 pm
 - Be an informed voter - free snacks
 - Spent a week in D.C. to lobby for Minnesota students
 - Got an additional \$400 for Pell Grant students

- Vice President's Report
 - Safe Space Dates and Times - all virtual
 - Monday March 21st from 3-4:30
 - Tuesday March 22nd from 3-4:30
- Treasurer's Report
 - Consent Agenda Item of the Week: Student Health and Wellness Advocates
 - SAF Account Balance: \$134,970.99
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$134,399.21 (66.82%, 33.18%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$134,106.33 (66.67% , 33.33%)

SAF Spending



- Unfinished Business

WSUSS recommends a [2% increase](#) to the Student Union fee as [presented](#).

- Currently \$138.40 per semester
- Pays for student workers, maintenance/repairs, renovations
- Senator Hebrink - informed constituents about the fee, and all said that they were against raising student fees
- Senator Roers - some students willing to pay a little extra to bring about changes
- Senator Hebrink amends the motion from 2% to 0%
 - Seconded by Chair Gort - increase does not align with what student fees should be used for

- Senator A. Carman - plenty of things to be changed, so we need to put money forward
- Senator Prosser - having these amenities for students is a big pull for new students
- Chair Phillips - raising student help payment would be helpful
- Senator B. Carman - as a housing tour guide, brag about the building
- Senator Hebrink - low fees are what makes WSU competitive, so raising fees for a building is not good for students
- Senator Roers - national inflation up almost 5% in the last few years. Student wages increase went up 20%
- Senator Ford - increasing tuition to better the buildings on campus is not worth it when that is not the biggest thing that draws people in. Additionally, losing focus on diverse spaces like the meditation room keeps our diversity down
- Senator Rieken - asked for clarification on current student fee price
 - Currently have the 3rd lowest student union fee in the Minnstate system
- Senator Brandon - only \$6 a year to increase - have to keep up facilities and make campus look decent
- Senator Jones - good to prioritize students who go here right now - talking too much about future students
- Senator Hebrink - not like the Student Union is terrible. Increase looks negligible, but they accrue quickly
- Senator Mullhern-Allred - when was the fee last raised? Need a big gathering spot
 - 2020-2021 increased
- Senator Rieken - asked for more clarification on fee usage
- EA Wright - so many new things being added to the building is sure to drive up prices
- Senator Jones - amends the amendment from 0% to 1%
 - Seconded by Chair Phillips
 - Treasurer Weber - would change to \$139.84 per semester (1%)
 - Senator Abagat - see both sides
 - Senator Larson - 1% might not be enough to cover wanted expenses
 - Chair Hytry - additions to Kryzsko are excessive
 - Senator Roers - 1% increase won't cover wanted

- Senator Mulhern-Allred - covering student wages is important
 - Senator Kennedy - moved to table the motion
 - Motion is **TABLED** for one week
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WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to the Student Life fee as presented.

- Senator Hebrink - supports the motion
 - Senator Roers - nothing needs an immediate increases
 - Recommendation **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

Seconded by: Senator Jones

- Motion **PASSES**
 - New Business
 - *Whereas*, The Hope club is attending the SHAPE conference to learn about health and wellness
 - *Whereas*, The Hope club will be provided with opportunities for their future
 - *Whereas*, the knowledge acquired at the SHAPE conference will benefit the campus
 - *Whereas*, The Hope club needs funding for lodging, registration, and airfare
 - *Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS allocates \$5,449 from the SAF to Hope club
 - *Therefore be it further resolved*, funds that are not used will be returned to the SAF
 - Moved by: Senator Jones - clear benefit to campus
 - Seconded by: Senator A. Carman
 - Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week
 - Chair Phillips moves to take a 5 minute recess
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- Whereas, American Chemistry Society (ACS) is one of the world's largest scientific societies and the premier home of chemistry professionals,
 - Whereas, research from Winona State students have been accepted for the ACS national conference in San Diego, CA,
 - Whereas, their research will benefit to everyone ranging from students to professionals,
- Whereas, the American Chemistry Society will need assistance in getting to the conference,
- Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,492.49 from the SAF to the WSU Chemistry department for all traveling expenses related to the attendance of the ACS national conference.
 - Moved by: Chair Hytry
 - Seconded by: Senator Brandon - good for a smaller campus to get invited to this
 - Senator Rieken - great for these students' resumes
 - Senator Jones - Could be a draw to campus
 - Chari Phillips moves to suspend the bylaws
 - Seconded by Senator Ferguson
 - Bylaws are **SUSPENDED**
 - Motion **PASSES**
 - Bylaws are **REINSTATED**

- Whereas, a WSU biochemistry research group will be attending the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Conference in Philadelphia,
- Whereas, this conference will allow for national recognition of WSU,
- Whereas, WSU students will gain unique opportunities to further their education and careers,
- Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$2400 from the SAF to the Chemistry Department,
- Therefore be it further resolved, any unused funds be returned to the SAF.
 - Moved by: Chair Gort
 - Seconded by: Senator Rieken
 - Chair Hytry - good way for WSU to get recognized
- Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week
- Comments from the Gallery
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **6:40**
 - Moved by: Senator Brandon
 - Seconded by: Senator Prosser

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
RTTR Student Association	Fabric Scissors	\$23.97
Kappa Delta Pi	Cookies	\$6
SILA	Club meeting supplies and snacks	\$58.26
Asain Student Nation	Posters	\$75
WSU Spanish Language Club	Club meeting supplies and snacks	\$64.48
Student Health and Wellness Advocates	Phone Stand and Microphone	\$112.42
Women in Computer Science	Pizza and Soda	\$196.16
Beta Beta Beta	Pie	\$35.49