

Tuesday, April 19, 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	EA
Chair Phillips	x
Director Elliot	x
Director Sok	x
EA Wright	x
Senator Abagat	x
Senator Ahmed	EA
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	UA
Senator Hebrink	EA
Senator Jones	x
Senator Kennedy	x

Senator Larson	x
Senator McCuskey	EA
Senator Mulhern-Allred	x
Senator Prosser	EA
Senator Rieken	x
Senator Roers	EA
Senator Schiro	x
Senator Senchea	EA
Senator Sherchan	x
Senator Siewert	x

Land Recognition Statement

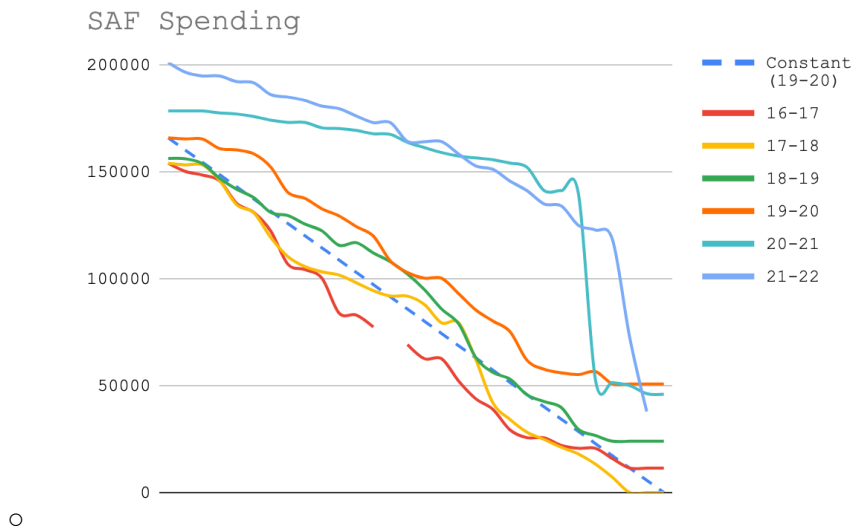
Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Greek Council
 - Keap Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Nothing new to report
 - Executive Assistant
 - Nothing new to report
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Last ASO meetings today and on Thursday
 - Tomorrow is last day to register for Warrior Game Day Experience for Saturday
 - Student Leadership and Involvement Awards Ceremony on the 27th
- Guest Speakers
 - Andrea Northam - WSU Website Update
 - Working on academic program pages
 - Majors, minors, graduate programs, etc.

- Easier to compare to competitor programs and between programs offered at WSU to help new students choose
 - 255 pages to go
 - Redesigning the entire website to give it a fresh new look
 - 4 goals:
 - Modernize tech solutions
 - Clear and consistent messages
 - Streamline and coordinate efforts between departments
 - Prepare the institution to adapt to technology changes
 - Getting a more engaging design - more modern features
 - Global Site Redesign project
 - Completely new homepage
 - Site architecture will be smoothed out
 - Senator Kennedy - digital communications team is working hard and doing well
 - Senator Larson - any chance of having a chat feature?
 - On the agenda, but not currently available
- Students United
 - 3 Major Programs:
 - Student advocacy, student leadership, and student organizing
 - Programs = people + things = budget
 - Went over the great things Students United accomplished over the year
 - Board has confirmed next year's budget
 - Program sustainability is important
 - Senator Larson - besides senate, how is SU reaching out to students on campus
 - Met with other student groups (KEAP council, RHA)
 - Meet students at the Advocacy Conference
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Share the last Woke Warrior
 - Student Services
 - Thank you all for your support this year
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda **Approved**

- All University Committee Updates
- Students United Update
 - Approved a raise in SU fee to help programs for students
- Banquet
 - Last meeting
 - Presents, certificates, passing the gavel, pasta, cookies
 - Dress up - we will be taking a picture
- Vice President's Report
 - [Committee Recommendation](#)
 - Makes it easier for clubs to navigate their requirements
 - Recommendation **PASSES**
 - Volunteer/Event Requirements Due Next Friday, April 29th
- Treasurer's Report
 - Consent Agenda Item of the Week: AdFed business cards
 - SAF Account Balance:\$72,698.63
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$70,441.00 (35.02%, 64.98%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$37,890.44 (18.84%, 81.16%)



Whereas, Winona State University wants to maintain a successful student experience during the 2022-2023 academic year;

Whereas, the university has faced a decline in enrollment due to COVID-19 which means the Student Life budget is decreasing in revenue

Whereas, Student Senate remains with a large and unprecedented amount of money in the SAF due to decreased club activity during the COVID-19 pandemic;

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS commits to rolling over 75% of the SAF into the Student Life reserves at the end of the 2021-2022 academic year as opposed to the typical 50%

Moved by: SAFC - reserves used in emergency situations only

- Treasurer Weber amends recommendation to 75% to increase amount that goes to reserve
 - Seconded by: Senator Hebrink
 - Amendment **PASSES**
- Recommendation **PASSES**

- Unfinished Business

Whereas, the 2022-2023 Executive Board is looking to keep the budget as is,

Whereas, there will not be an increase in the overall Senate budget,

Therefore be it resolved, the 2022-2023 Executive Board's budget should be approved as presented.

Moved by: Senator Hebrink

Seconded by: Senator Siewert

- Motion **PASSES**

Whereas, the Nursing Club is requesting funds for scrub bottoms, graduation cords, and other things for their members and ceremonies,

Whereas, the Nursing Club has shown their need for the scrub bottoms they have requested funds for,

Whereas, the Nursing Club represents a majority at Winona State while showcasing their hard work and bright futures,

Whereas, the Nursing Club has shown their involvement and support for the Winona State campus,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$5,000 from the SAF to the Nursing Club,

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

Moved by: Senator A. Carman - good presentation, shouldn't have to pay for scrub bottoms

Seconded by: Senator Schiro - nursing students already pay a lot of money

- Motion **PASSES**

Whereas, Circle K International would like to recognize their graduates with honor cords,

Whereas, Circle K International has made a tremendous impact at Winona State by volunteering locally and promoting leadership,

Whereas, the five graduating seniors have collectively served over 150 service hours throughout their time at Winona State,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$72.56 from the SAF to Circle K International,

Therefore be it further resolved, all unused funds will be returned to the SAF.

Moved by: Senator A. Carman - good presentation

Seconded by: Senator Mulhern-Allred

- Senator Schiro - good cause to fund
- Motion **PASSES**

Whereas, WSU's outdoor space on campus does not currently have many different options for outdoor activities;

Whereas, a fire feature would provide students, clubs, and groups an additional space to gather and enjoy the outdoors;

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends a fire feature be installed on WSU's campus and WSUSS recommends the university also financially support this fire feature;

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS allocates \$25,000 from the SAF to the Student Union for the funding of the fire feature.

Moved by: Senator Ferguson

Seconded by: Senator Kennedy

- Chair Phillips amends the motion to reflect \$10,000 instead of \$25,000 - Solarium will take half as much as projected, so the Student Union does not need as much as originally thought
 - Seconded by Senator Brandon - good to be able to provide something for students with the money we have left
 - George Micalone - meditation room will cost more than originally planned
 - Senator Larson - why can't senate fund for facilities anymore?
 - MinnState bylaws loophole was exploited by senate for these projects
 - Chair Phillips redacts her amendment, and it dies
- Senator Jones - if it's the last year senate can fund things like this, it's worth it
- Senator Cole - asked for clarification on where the money would go

- Senator Larson - fire feature is important
- Motion **PASSES**

Whereas, Alpha Sigma Tau is attending their 44th National Conference on June 23rd through June 26th in Tampa, Florida,

Whereas, this conference will give participants opportunities to update constitutions, listen in on keynotes, and connect with other chapters,

Whereas, participants will bring knowledge and leadership experiences back to Winona State,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$2,478 from the SAF to Alpha Sigma Tau.

Moved by: Senator A. Carman - good opportunity for them

Seconded by: Senator B. Carman

- Senator Jones - clarified that this is the club e reduced the amount due to food
- Motion **PASSES**

- New Business
 - New Motions
- Comments from the Gallery
 - George Micalone - if anyone has feedback or wants input on how the meditation room will look, let George know
 - Meeting regarding the fire feature tomorrow
 - Changed the building hours for Kryzsko Commons for studying students
 - Open until midnight on finals week
- Stipends
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **6:39**
 - Moved by: Senator Evans-Curry
 - Seconded by Senator Kennedy

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
Pi Sigma Alpha	Induction Ceremony	\$52.02

AdFed	Club Business Cards	\$300.44
Delta Phi Epsilon	Conference Costs	\$1500
Philosophy Club	Club T-Shirts	\$255
Public Relations Student Society of America	Popcorn	\$45.10
Student Health and Wellness Advocates	Candy	\$105.07

Approval of the 2022-2023 Executive Cabinet:

- Academic Affairs Chair: Sierra Schiro
- Student Services Chair: Alizabelle Carman
- Alliance of Student Organizations Director: Taya Endreson
- Director of Communications: Mercedes Johnson
- Executive Assistant: Lucy Woodbury

Approval of the 2022 Summer Consultation Team:

- Malorie Olson
- Anya Hytry
- Dylan Rieken
- Mitchell Prosser
- Calli Roers
- Sierra Schiro
- Kaileigh Weber