

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**  
Winona State Student Senate Meeting  
5 PM, Purple Rooms, WSU

Call to Order: **5 PM**

Roll Call: **Quorum**

President Mercier	x
Vice President Olson	x
Treasurer Weber	x
Director Sok	x
Director Elliot	x
EA Wright	x
Chair Gort	x
Chair Phillips	x
Senator Brandon	x
Senator Ford	x
Senator Groebner	x
Senator Hyntry	x
Senator Jones	x
Senator Kennedy	x
Senator Mahamood	UT
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Senchea	x

Senator Zeutzices	x
-------------------	---

## Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

## Organizational Reports

- Warrior Entertainment Network N/A
- Greek Council N/A
- RHA N/A
- Director of Communications
  - Takes headshots
- Executive Assistant
  - Working on bonding plans and merch order
- Alliance of Student Organizations Director
  - Club Fair went well
  - I Heart WSU Day will be the next big event

## Guest Speakers

- Mick Lynch - Green Bandana Project
  - Increases awareness for those having mental health difficulties
  - One only needs to watch a video, take the pledge, and receive a bandana
  - “Decrease stigma and increase hope” - if students feel well, they’ll do well
  - Wants to be available to all students
  - Funding request: \$4500
    - Bandanas - \$2500 (\$1/pc)
    - Resource Cards - \$1500 (\$0.31/pc)
    - Marketing Costs - \$500
  - Senator Phillips, Q: Any fundraising for the project? A: Not specifically.  
Q: Are Active Minds the head of the project? A: Sustained by the advisors, but worked on by the students.
- Senator Ford, Q: Any expansion plans? A: Want to expand as much as funds allow. Anyone can join if they are willing to take the pledge and be of help.
- Senator Groebner, Q: What will marketing/tabling look like? A: Marketing can be done by anyone who wants to be a part of the project.

- Senator Kennedy, Q: How active is the project on campus? A: Would be nice to have bigger events to get the word out to more people
- Senator Groebner, Q: Who should we direct the money to if motion is written? A: Green Bandana Project Fund would hold any funds and be managed by Kate Nolke or Mick Lynch

#### Committee Reports

- Equity and Inclusive Excellence
  - Fill out the When2Meet so committee can meet soon
- Student Services
  - Fill out the When2Meet so committee can meet soon

#### President's Report

- Approval of Consent Agenda: **Approved**
- Resignation of Senator Goette
- All University Committee Updates
  - Warrior Game Day Experience - 9 am Thursdays
    - If interested in serving on this committee, reach out to President Mercier
- Elections - Applications Open August 30th
- I Heart WSU Day - Sept. 1st 1 pm - 3:30 pm
  - Senate is having a lot of fun things, so come support
- Academic Affairs Chair application sent out
  - Tell your friends and peers

#### Vice President's Report

- Standing Committees
  - Respond to committee When2Meet
- All University Committee Assignments are done

#### Treasurer's Report

- SAF Account Balance: \$201,144.54
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$201,144.54
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$201,144.54
- Senate Account: \$31,141.75

#### New Business

- Motion regarding Green Bandana Project
  - *Whereas*, mental health affects WSU students from all backgrounds,

- *Whereas*, the Green Bandana Project aims to increase awareness for mental and decrease the stigma surrounding mental health,
- *Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS allocates \$4500 from the SAF to Green Bandana Project.
  - Moved by: Chair Gort
  - Seconded by: Senator Prosser
    - Mental health awareness is essential to everyone on campus
- Seconded: Mental health is important to everyone on campus
- Amendment
  - Chair Phillips: Moves to amend motion to reflect the correct amount asked for (Was originally \$1000). The project affects the whole campus, especially after last year.
  - Second: Senator Groebner - yield
- Amendment **PASSES**
- Motion is **TABLED** for one week

Unfinished Business N/A

Comments from the Gallery

- President Olson:
  - Mask mandate comes from the chancellor. As long as Winona County is in the orange/red zone, masks must stay. If the county goes to the yellow/blue zone, masks can come off.
  - Any university employees must provide proof of vaccination or tested once a week
  - Student athletes and students living in residence halls must attest to being vaccinated
  - If nursing students' clinical sites require vaccination, they must comply
  - Reason for all of this: so we can stay together
- Tracy Rahim:
  - Congratulations on making it through the first meeting!
  - Way to go Director Sok on the first Club Fair of the semester
  - I Heart WSU Day is next Wednesday 1-3:30. Help new students feel welcomed and lend support to returning students
    - 600 free masks to be given away
  - Warrior Game Day Experience starts next Thursday

- 250 free Warrior Pride shirts to give away
- Vice President McDowell:
  - Feel free to call VP McDowell or Dean Johnson with questions about COVID rules

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment at **6:00 pm** on 8/24/21

- Moved by: Senator Groebner
- Seconded by: Senator Prosser

**Consent Agenda**
