

Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Winona State Student Senate Meeting
5 PM, WSU, Zoom

Call to Order: **5:00 pm**

Roll Call: **Quorum**

President Kuerschner	x
Vice President Hansen	x
Treasurer Mercier	x
Director Christensen	x
Director Elliott	x
E.A. Harper	x
Chair Collins	x
Chair Olson	x
Senator Baltazar	x
Senator Beal-Lancaster	x
Senator Cup	EA
Senator Drewry	x
Senator Elford	x
Senator Gort	x
Senator Groebner	x
Senator Huyck	x
Senator Krajefska	x

Senator Lavan	x
Senator Momou	x
Senator Mulhern-Allred	x
Senator Nagle	x
Senator Pfaffenbach	x
Senator Phan	x
Senator Phillips	x
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Starr	x
Senator VandenLangenberg	EA
Senator Wagner	x
Senator Weber	x
Senator Yang	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Audrey-KAD March 5th-look at weekly email sendout for more info
 - RHA
 - Greek Council
 - Director of Communications
 - Headshots done
 - Executive Assistant

- Merch underway, confirm with graphic designer
 - Looking forward to a productive meeting tonight
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Virtual club fair
 - Director Elliott help 8th 10th 11th-social media
- Guest Speakers
 - Warriors for Kids - Carlynn Steele
 - Funding request powerpoint, auction Feb. 25-Mar. 25
 - Replace annual dance marathon
 - Funding and the list of the breakdown

Discussion:

- Senator Groebner-thanks for coming, tried to find funding and why speak to senate and not funding request form?
 - Carylynn-denied, did fundraising less than \$20
 - Senator Phillips-club painting or artist painting or kids painting?
 - Carylynn-Club painting-no artists or fun activity
 - Senator Nagle-thanks, how many people?
 - Carlynn-6 officers, 10-12 members
 - Director Christensen-love Warrior for the Kids, only need \$361 from Senate, itemized list
 - Senator Krajefska-looked into other clubs like art dept.?
 - Carlynn-Not looked into the art dept.
 - Professor Osgood-paint pouring, Gunderson partnering and run the painting event, no money through university, replace event
- CRRSAA - Mari Livingston, Scott Olson, Scott Ellinghuysen
 - VP Ellinghuysen-issues last spring, unclaimed funds, pell eligible, up to date
 - 70 students not 500 students-result of bill from Trump allocate minimum 6 million for institution
 - Mari Livingston- provide additional info from Dept of Education, pell grant, financial aid award, cost of attendance, tuition fees, housing, mental health care, institutional costs-on bill, written approval from students-who can we give these funds too-not international, DACA, undocumented
 - President Olson-affect the motion for Senate-groups of students
 - Senator Lavan-clarify and improve, do better this time compared to last year

- President Olson-60% pell and 40% non pell, amount higher to each student
- Mari Livingston-emergency funds, tuition, pay us back, lost job
- President Olson-debt, student perspective, ways better
- VP Ellinghuysen-fair distribution
- President Olson-Working with Dr. Locust with TRIO office, can't find students
 - Senator Roers-tuition-pay off tuition before funding?
 - Mari Livingston-sign off and option
 - Senator Roers-requirement for emergency fund
 - Mari Livingston-received base fund
- President Olson-what happened when students apply
- Mari Livingston-what provide us, denied-reason and reapply another time, requirements of program
- Senator Nagle-thank you for clarification
- Senator Phillips-when go down
- President Olson-final date due? Motion to cabinet! Write proposal to system office, President Kuerschner-consultation letter
- Mari Livingston-deadline is one year
- Mari Livingston-funds available-take up to 3 months, criteria-run scripts, funds disbursed
- Tracy Rahim-funds available for every student? Confusion on who gets funds?
- President Olson-possibility for those students like DACA and international-future
- Mari Livingston-international and DACA students work opportunity 1996 act prohibit for benefits, new administration with Biden and need more clarification
 - President Olson-motion to students, required to ask senate-emergency and pell
 - Senator Elford-timely manner passed, will seniors graduating not be eligible for funds or receiving funds post graduation?
 - President Olson- after commencement-got check after graduate
- Mari Livingston-no restriction and can go to seniors who already graduated
 - Student withdrawn can still receive funds-answered
 - Senator Roers-pell grant eligible need for funds-get funds need or work that into the split
 - President Olson-almost pell, change split distribution
- Committee Reports
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence: Chair Collins
 - Projects, committee-better on campus, training-3 members in committee RA

- Student Services: Chair Olson

Whereas, the bike rental program at Winona State had 200 rentals in September 2020;

Whereas, the current condition of the bikes does not support such frequent use;

Whereas, sustainable transportation and recreation options are an important part of student life;

Whereas, it is unsustainable to repair the current bikes;

Whereas, the bikes are usually used from March to early November;

Whereas, George Micalone, Student Union Director, is putting in \$3,500 for the project;

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$10,000 from the SAF to George Micalone for the bike rental program to buy 30 new three speed bikes for future student use;

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS requires George Micalone to publish advertising across campus for the bike rental program majorly funded by WSUSS.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

Chair Olson to Student Services Committee Recommendation: 3 speed, not have 1 speed, 2009 year start \$29,000 fund bikes 5000 times year, April-Oct, no promotion-200 times in Sept., students on campus and boost for program

Discussion:

Senator Huyck-new bikes previous replacement? Dispose of old bikes?

Chair Olson-replacing

George Micalone-old bikes damaged or need extensive repair, recycle and 3 speed

Chair Collins-bikeable town, thought to get different sized bikes

George Micalone-adjustable and accommodate sizes-variations-hard to manage with time

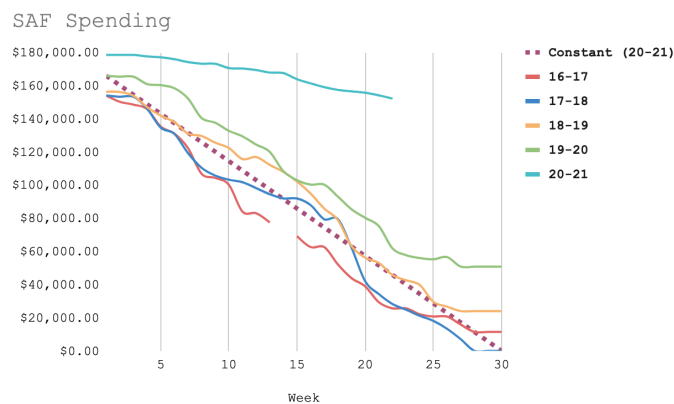
Chair Olson-did take a tour

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Chair Olson-International students next meeting

President Kuerschner: Caucus: recess:10 minutes, return at 6 pm

- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda: **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Meet & Discuss (Feb 24 @ 3pm)
 - More students
 - Senator 1:1s-fun, do it
- Vice President's Report
 - Election Applications Open-Apply
 - Elections Committee Thursday, March 18th, 5:30 PM
 - Leadership Training
 - Saturday 2/27 at 2 PM
 - Please send Lindsay your results!
 - Executive Session Review
 - Professor of the Year
- Treasurer's Report
 - SAF Account Balance: \$154,102.97
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$152,850.44 (85.65%,
↓14.35%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$152,132.71 (%85.24,
↓14.76%)
 - Senate Account: \$ 17,833.44



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- SFMC:
 - WSUSS recommends a [0% increase](#) to the Athletics fee.
 - Treasurer Mercier-Testing athletes and be safe
 - Discussion:

- Senator Mulhern-Allred-work in strength-sports, test is thorough

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- WSUSS recommends a [0% increase](#) to the Student Union fee.
 - Treasurer Mercier: Salaries, operating budget, projects
 - 0%-students struggle for ends meet and not increase
 - Senator Nagle-0% does take into account, not extra money for upgrades
 - Senator Groebner-0% create some not so great feelings with students, receive benefits

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- Unfinished Business

Whereas, Winona State University received a substantial amount of money through CRRSAA.

Whereas, all students are struggling during these times between being laid off or not finding enough funding because of COVID-19.

Whereas, the university shows full support of all students as some students do not have the financial comfort and support from their parents during these times. Because of this students may have to pay for their education, housing, or basic necessities independently.

Therefore, be it resolved, WSUSS strongly urges that Winona State University distributes the stipend fairly among all students, with an emergency fund set up.

Therefore, be it further resolved, Winona State University disperses a 60 to 40 split between pell grant students and all other students at Winona State University along with a 10% emergency fund for students who may be dealing with a long term financial burden of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved by: Director Christensen

Seconded by: Senator Elford

Director Christensen-same thing last week, CARES act and good feedback, repeat motion, emergency fund goes up and money to students goes down, help most students possible

Senator Elford-important for students and good for those in need

Discussion:

Senator Pfaffenbach-support

Senator Yang-thoughtful conversations and good feedback-math-60/40 split, good motion, split appropriate

President Kuerschner-use the spreadsheet, edit

Senator Nagle-support for many students as possible

Senator Huyck-distribution alone, great motion

Senator Mulhern-Allred-vote if pell grant?

President Kuerschner-not pell or not benefit, can abstain

Approved

Whereas, WSU Spanish Language Club educates the WSU community about Spanish Culture.

Whereas, WSU Spanish Language Club worked to promote Spanish Culture to younger generations.

Whereas, the club created activity bags for younger generations at a local daycare.

Therefore, be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$27.73 to WSU Spanish Language Club for the reimbursement for supplies bought.

Moved by: Chair Collins

Seconded by: Chair Olson

Chair Collins-couldn't get reimbursed through SFMC, \$27

Chair Olson-redundancy

Discussion:

Senator Gort-support

Senator Phan-good for young generations and cultures

Senator Pfaffenbach-great thing to support

Approved

Whereas, The Winonan plays an important role in keeping the campus community involved on various issues that affect them.

Whereas, this event will be beneficial to the students attending and their talents.

Therefore, it be resolved, that WSUSS allocates \$690 from the SAF to allow them to attend the National College Media Conference.

Moved by: Director Christensen

Seconded by: Senator VandenLangenberg

Director Christensen-network and good opportunity, fun, spend money

Senator VandenLangenberg-want clubs to be active

Discussion:

Senator Groebner-important for Winona writers and help students

Senator Prosser-learn about journalism

Approved

- New Business

Whereas, Warriors For The Kids raises awareness and hosts fundraisers for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Whereas, Warriors For The Kids is looking to raise money in a safe way through an auction of paintings with the help of Gundersen Health System.

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$361.95 from the SAF to Warriors For The Kids for painting supplies for their auction.

Moved by: Senator Groebner

Seconded by: Senator Nagle

Senator Groebner to motion-good presentation and raise money

Senator Nagle-makeup for dance marathon and great cause

Discussion:

Treasurer Mercier-For clarification, goes against bylaws and not direct donations for charity organization

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- Comments from the Gallery
 - President Olson-Great deliberation
 - Dean Johnson-Winonan shoutout, professionalism in meeting, Week 7
 - Tracy Rahim-busy time and get outside
 - VP Dr. McDowell-stay healthy
- Executive Session
- Enter: Senator Pfaffenbach: 6:34 pm
- Chair Olson: Seconded
- Exit: Chair Olson: 6:59 pm
- Senator Pfaffenbach: Seconded
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment at 7:22 pm, 02.23.2021
- Motion to adjourn: Senator Prosser
- Seconded: Senator Elford

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
WSU-Pre Dental Club	Club Meeting Refreshments	\$15.92
Accounting Association	Club Apparel	\$105.00
Student International Literacy Association	February Meeting Supplies	\$15.81
Women in Science and Engineering	Club Bowling	\$50.00
Society for Plastic Engineers	Canoe Building	\$1065.80