

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM via 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 Lavan	x
Chair Olson	x
Senator Cup	x
Senator Drewry	x
Senator Elford	x
Senator Gort	x
Senator Groebner	x
Senator Holm	x
Senator Krajefska	x
Senator Lancaster	x

Senator Momou	x
Senator Nagle	x
Senator Pfaffenbach	x
Senator Phan	EA
Senator Phillips	EA
Senator Podberetskaya	EA
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Rosenberg	x
Senator Starr	x
Senator VandenLangenberg	x
Senator Wagner	x
Senator Weber	x
Senator Yang	x

Roll-Call Vote on Student Services Committee Recommendation

Director Christensen	N
Chair Collins	Y
Chair Lavan	Y
Chair Olson	Y
Senator Cup	Y

Senator Drewry	Y
Senator Elford	N
Senator Gort	Y
Senator Groebner	Y
Senator Holm	Y
Senator Krajefska	Y
Senator Lancaster	N
Senator Momou	A
Senator Nagle	Y
Senator Pfaffenbach	N
Senator Phan	A
Senator Phillips	A
Senator Podberetskaya	A
Senator Prosser	Y
Senator Roers	Y
Senator Rosenberg	N
Senator Starr	Y
Senator VandenLangenberg	Y
Senator Wagner	Y
Senator Weber	Y
Senator Yang	Y

Y: Yes, N: No, A: Absent

Second Roll Call

President Kuerschner	x
Vice President Hansen	x
Treasurer Mercier	x
Director Christensen	x
Director Elliott	x
E.A. Harper	x
Chair Collins	x
Chair Lavan	x
Chair Olson	x
Senator Cup	x
Senator Drewry	x
Senator Elford	x
Senator Gort	x
Senator Groebner	x
Senator Holm	x
Senator Krajefska	x
Senator Lancaster	x
Senator Momou	EA

Senator Nagle	x
Senator Pfaffenbach	x
Senator Phan	EA
Senator Phillips	EA
Senator Podberetskaya	EA
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Rosenberg	x
Senator Starr	x
Senator VandenLangenberg	x
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
 - RHA
 - Greek Council
 - Director of Communications
 - Almost done with headshots
 - Senator of Week Post-2
 - Executive Assistant
 - Senate headshots on website

- Mask pickup
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Old business
- Guest Speakers
 - Alexis Meixner - Student International Literacy Association
 - Educate students on multicultural children books
 - \$56.99 for google home mini for classroom
 - Bilingual story time and motivation for students
 - Practice language skills, community, connection between WSU and public library
 - Incentive for bilingual storytime videos
 - Senator Holm-thanks for powerpoint, funding from library
 - Alexis-not funding yet, volunteer based
 - Senator Prosser-thanks for the presentation, anyone allowed to enter at WSU, enter at community?
 - Alexis-promoted, open to any majors
 - Chair Collins-thanks, wsu students, lived elsewhere
 - Alexis-raffle and device shipping
 - Senator Starr-thanks and supportive

-Kendra Weber - Newman Civic Fellowship

- Discuss donation
- Offered by Campus Compact
- Focuses on civic engagement and education, student involved with higher ed, 1 student every year, virtually
- Treasurer Mercier-meet 100 students across nation, mentors, policing in community, meet people
- Deadline nomination November 19th
- Dr. Mary Kirk - eWarrior Laptop Option for Rochester BSW Hybrid Program
 - Required participation in eWarrior Program, access to laptop, 81.1% personal laptop
 - Device problems
 - Jaidyn Boynton-likes hybrid format, single mom
 - Need access to laptops/webcam/apps
 - Need tech support center/learning center-equitable access
 - Senator Krajefska-need laptop support, need the option to help

- Director Christensen-concern for not a lot of student interest
 - Dr. Kirk-divide, students would opt out for cost, required-opportunity for financial aid, long term-equitable access-need-485 price tag required
 - Director Christensen-backlash, need survey, opt out
 - Dr. Kirk-not equal represented, share the benefits of the program, equity and access issues
 - Senator VandenLangenberg-what do the students think? Survey, low income, first gen, upset-required to pay fee-more money, see more student feedback
 - Senator Wagner-screen cracked, switch out laptop, benefit of college student, appreciative for the program, need feedback
 - President Kuerschner-get info and not motion material
 - Senator Rosenberg-COVID-19 affect for most online, influence be more involved, change opinions, be reliant on technology
 - Dr. Kirk-thankful for technology
 - Senator Yang-cohort how to navigate material, videos/interviews, programs on laptop, accessibility, tuition bill, benefits more than concerns
 - Senator Pfaffenbach-yield for more in discussion
 - Senator Lancaster-breakdown cost
 - Dr. Kirk-\$485 on campus
 - Senator Lancaster-those who can't afford it pay 485?
 - Dr. Kirk-equitable in receiving aid
 - Senator Lancaster-how many students drop the program or classes for not afford it
 - Dr. Kirk-all transfer students, enter in cohort, student profile
 - Senator Cup-finishing last semester? Join a program?
 - Dr. Kirk- February accept appli, start in august 2021, Incoming students
 - Dr. Kirk-thanks and caring, student voice
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs: Chair Lavan

Whereas, WSUSS values the health and wellness of international students

Whereas, international students at Winona State are required by state law to purchase a health insurance plan

Whereas, there is only one insurance plan available and it does not adequately fit their needs

Whereas, international students pay an excessive amount for the care they receive

Whereas, domestic students are not required to pay for health insurance to attend Winona State like international students

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS asks President Olson and his cabinet to advocate for a variety of insurance plans at varying costs for international students.

Discussion

- Chair Lavan-relevant with covid, not healthy, lives, health, safety
- EA Harper-successful and see the need
- Senator Nagle-important issue
- Senator Drewry-fantastic
- Senator Cup-support and going to cabinet

Approved

Chair Lavan-thankful for feedback

Choose speaker commencement thursday

- Equity & Inclusive Excellence: Chair Collins
 - Trans bathroom poster
 - Privilege poster
 - Thanks for Safe Space Training, join next Spring semester
 - unicorns!!
- Student Services: Chair Olson
 - Look out for Counselor Campaign
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda: **Approved**
 - All-University Committee Updates
 - Senator Elford-Nov. 6th, updates-Advising Committee
 - Classes after Thanksgiving
 - List of classes, on covid homepage-Excel spreadsheet
 - Students United/Senate Meet & Greet
 - Great chance for other campuses
 - Cabinet attend-recommend
 - Collaboration
 - Staff members facilitate

- Nov. 6th, Friday, 12-1:30 pm
- Commencement Focus Groups
 - More memorable, special-let President Kuerschner- if graduating
 - 11:30 am tomorrow
- Upcoming Senate Meetings
 - November 3rd election-meet, will be done by 6 pm, action item, no new business, no good of order
 - November 24th-meeting, Tuesday 24th, no classes 25th
 - Spring sem-meetings work Tuesdays? Poll in Senate, Facebook page, and vote for days work best
 - Start at 5 pm regardless of day, Cabinet, explore in person meeting, zoom component
 - Get in FB page
- Vice President's Report
 - [Working Docs Recommendation](#)
 - Update chairs positions and committee positions
 - Senator Pfaffenbach-wonderful updating
 - **Approved**
 - Rewrite affiliated members positions
- Event Attendance
 - Attend events, for cultural competency
- Safe Space Training
 - Do it, in place of pact training, attend Safe Space in Spring
- Treasurer's Report
- Update on clubs, spending roughly 48000 this semester
 - SAF Account Balance: \$172,061.55
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$170,989.20 (95.81%, ↓4.19)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$170,556.70 (95.57%, ↓4.43%)
 - Senate Account: \$ 26,925.64
 - Consent Agenda Item:
- Unfinished Business

Whereas, Winona State Spring Break 2021 is scheduled to be March 8th through March 12th

Whereas, due to the pandemic, the WSU academic calendar is subject to vastly change

Whereas, WSUSS has an obligation to protect the health and wellness of Winona State students and the community

Whereas, WSUSS has sought feedback from fellow Winona State students

Whereas, a two-week quarantine would be ineffective and would jeopardize required in-person learning

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS supports removing the current scheduled Spring Break 2021

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS supports ending the spring semester a week early

Therefore be it further resolved, President Kuerschner writes a letter of support to The Winonan, The Winona Post, and The Winona Daily News justifying Student Senate's position on Spring Break 2021

Therefore be it further resolved, the Student Services Committee will provide students with mental health resources throughout spring semester 2021 to accommodate for the lack of mental health relief that is usually during Spring Break

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS strongly encourages WSU Administration provides students with a day completely free of classes, whether it's online or in person to provide a mental health day for students

Moved by: Student Services

Discussion:

Chair Olson-unanimously passed in committee, no come back after thanksgiving, public health important, detrimental to labs/clinicals, represent students-advocate health

Senator Pfaffenbach-respectful, intent, against due to going on spring break, covid is real

Senator Elford-concerned about the email, Warrior Hub-implications on financial aid

Chair Collins-stand with previous senators, not safe housing, live off campus, breaks to stay on campus, pay extra, loans changed, housing issues

Senator Holm-motion not worth effort, happening 1 week difference, people go on spring break regardless, attendance, 1 day for mental health-tough, motion and intent well written and idea, further options emailed-considered!

Senator Rosenberg-against motion, appreciate intent, hear opinions, plan on traveling, consider the trips, irritating students, time/energy for responsibilities, mental health, events not guaranteed, spring break is, beneficial/hurtful

President Kuerschner-need spring break, financial aid, love motion, negative way for financial, support the spring break cancel-lack of care, health concern, balance scale-spread out 5 days over semester-free of classes, 3 day weekend, mental health break, 1 day in march, assessment in February, responsibility for community safe, impact families, minority communities

Senator Gort-general support motion, cancel spring break, financial aid-complicated, mindful for financial aid, faculty and staff, Warrior Hub, students rely on financial aid

Director Christensen-don't want community sick, worry about mental health, live out a state, more work on those days, worried about the email, have spring, 2 week quarantine

Senator Groebner-support, concerns with financial aid, support of idea effective, Senate obligation to represent students, health and safety of campus and community as a whole, pursuing education, affecting labs, clinicals, impact on graduation and future, student feedback, student consideration

Senator Lancaster-reiterate motion, agree, people go on spring break, lot of work for the Warrior Hub, travel no matter what, good idea

Senator VandenLangenberg-not just about 1 week, rest of semester, hotspots, field experiences, clinicals, huge impact on community, think about public health beyond student body, how it would affect class schedules, how can wsu enforce a quarantine, made decision earlier, recommend to cabinet

VP Hansen-moves for rollcall

VP Hansen-support of recommendation, 2 week quarantine-policy, no discipline-ineffective, fact of matter, decision, cost/benefits-cases spread, human lives lost

Senator Nagle-1st year, financial aid-rely, community affected

Senator Cup-amendment discussed, state amendment, 2nd therefore resolved clause, get decision
Seconded by: Senator Holm

Senator Cup to amendment-spread days out, longer weekend, financial issues-end early, complications, affect financial aid-spread out

Senator Holm-agree with motion maker, good compromise

Discussion

Senator Cup-Amendment only, professors can still assign homework while days off, feel for students on those days, important for those days off

President Kuerschner-academic freedom, advocate for ifo

Treasurer Mercier-well written, mental, housing, graduating, support

Senator Nagle-echo senator, agree motion

Chair Lavan-beautifully written, addresses issues, support

Chair Olson-yield to redundancy

Senator Wagner-redundant, extra days to go on vacation, support it

Senator Groebner-address issues, originally written, call to question

Seconded by: Chair Lavan

President Kuerschner-vote on amendment, end discussion on amendment

Discussion end on amendment

Approved

Discussion

Senator Elford-call to question, vote on whole

Seconded by: Senator Lancaster

Approved

Chair Olson: Roll call vote

VP Hansen: Verbal roll call

Approved

- New Business

Whereas, WSU Active Minds club is providing campus with mental health resources which are crucial during this time.

Whereas, Active Minds is buying t-shirts for their participants and advisors to promote their club and mental health awareness.

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$432.50 to Active minds for the purchase of 50 t-shirts .

Moved by: Senator Cup

Seconded by: Chair Collins

Senator Cup to motion-great ask for money, fully support, promote mental health

Senator Collins-agree with motion maker, agree with purpose of motion

Discussion

Director Christensen-why need 50 shirts for 15 people? Don't support since amount of shirts

Senator Elford-yield to redundancy

Senator Pfaffenbach-awesome, like to see plan, no powerpoint, no budget, no design, need more information

Senator Prosser-agree with senators, clearer presentation, need more information

Senator Rosenberg-agree with senators, confusing, large sum of money for t-shirts-not used

Treasurer Mercier-reached out to club, waiting for club contact

Senator Pfaffenbach-table for more info?

President Kuerschner-table anyway

-SAFC guidelines, age of covid-incentive to attend meetings, over \$170k clubs, get more people involved

Senator Lancaster-call to question

President Kuerschner-can't, auto tabled

Senator Lancaster-redundant questions and need more information

VP Hansen-clarify

President Kuerschner-rules?

VP Hansen-question

Senator Lancaster-call to question to end discussion

Seconded by: Senator VandenLangenberg

TABLED

Chair Olson-5 minute recess

Seconded by: Senator Wagner

Come back at 7:45 pm

7:45 back to order

VP Hansen: Roll call

Whereas, Student International Literacy Association offers WSU students a chance to practice language skills

Whereas, Student International Literacy Association wants to give incentives to students to participate

Therefore be it resolved, that WSUSS allocates \$56.99 from the SAF to the Student International Literacy Association

Moved by: Senator Lancaster

Seconded by: Senator Nagle

Senator Lancaster-simple, good incentive

Senator Nagle-clear and concise, incentive

Senator Cup-questions different total, \$57.98 total

Treasurer Mercier-update on totals

Discussion

Senator Wagner, fun opportunity for new languages, bilingual kids, support in literacy

Treasurer Mercier-update, \$56.99

Senator Cup-make friendly amendments, capitalize WSU in first clause, therefore, capitalize WSUSS

Senator Lancaster-agree with amendments

Senator Cup-cross out should, allocates from SAF and \$ sign

Senator Lancaster-agree with amendments

VP Hansen-inclined to where money is going

Senator VandenLangenberg-make amendment, add name of the club to the therefore

Seconded by: Senator Gort

Senator VandenLangenberg-clarify where money goes too

Senator Gort-clarity

Discussion-n/a

Amendment Approved

Discussion-

Director Christensen-concern on the device

Senator Wagner-concern on amount of money for 1 person, departments interact, sense of more content

Treasurer Mercier-Senate can do whatever with money, not SAFC

Chair Olson-\$57, no issue with it

Senator Holm-concerned helping one person versus group of people, incentives for more people at event, increase motivation for more participation

VP Hansen-plane ticket, give large sum

Senator Rosenberg-prepared, not hard to support \$57

Senator Lancaster-\$56.99 redundant

TABLED

Whereas, Winona State University Rochester campus serves predominately non traditional student

Whereas, Winona State University's Rochester campus Bachelor of Social Work program does not require the eWarrior Digital Life and Learning Program

Whereas, due to the pandemic the need for lessening the technology disparities is a top priority

Whereas, Winona State University promotes equitable access to education

Whereas, if the eWarrior Digital Life and Learning Program is required, it would help technology accessibility and financial assistant to students that need it

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS supports and requires the eWarrior Digital Life and Learning Program for WSU-Rochester campus Bachelor of Social Work Program for 2021-2022 school year and thereafter.

Moved by: Senator Yang

Seconded by: Senator Krajefska

Senator Yang-direct student input, good for program, make friendly amendments, agree with table
Senator Krajefska-agree with tabled for week, get survey, beneficial

Discussion-

Director Christensen-get student feedback

Senator Pfaffenbach-think tabled, majority didn't want it, brought from faculty-confused

Senator Cup-agree with previous senators, ask a question-get feedback-have Dr. Kirk create a survey-data

President Kuerschner-email Dr. Kirk to have survey

Senator Cup-important

Senator VandenLangenberg-get data, Senate come up with question, biased, committee on Senate ask

President Kuerschner-committees, create questions

Chair Collins-ask professor for the survey

Senator Pfaffenbach-access to qualtrics, experience with surveys

President Kuerschner- Work together: Senator Pfaffenbach, Senator Collins, Senator VandenLangenberg

Director Christensen-motion to table

Seconded by: Senator Weber

Discussion-

Director Christensen-think same thing-feedback-task force, unbiased survey

Senator Weber-issues, get information and discuss

TABLED

- Comments from the Gallery
 - Tracy Rahim-great discussion
 - President Olson-good spring break, consultation-take longer, talk to people-takes longer
 - International Motion-lobby for better system
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment:
- Motion to Adjourn: Chair Olson
- Seconded by: Senator Rosenberg
- 8:41 pm 09/27/2020

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
WSU Spanish Language Club	Dia de los Muertos Cultural Event	\$84.88
Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society	Club Apparel	\$80.00
Asian Student Nation	Club Apparel	\$240.00
Student Council for Exceptional Children	Drive-In Documentary Showing	\$456.18
Math/Stats Club	Club Pumpkin Carving Event	\$139.58
Student International Literacy Association	October Bingo Event	\$35.36
Her Campus	Halloween Kahoot Event	\$36.35

Treasurer Mercier to Elections Committee

Chair Olson to Elections Committee

Chair Collins to Elections Committee

Senator Wagner to Elections Committee

Senator Gort to Student Services