

Tuesday, March 16, 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	x
Senator Drewry	x
Senator Elford	x
Senator Gort	x
Senator Groebner	x
Senator Huyck	x
Senator Krajefska	x

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

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Bingo tonight at 7 pm
 - Lavelle Crawford Comedian, Thursday at 8 pm
 - Trivia Jeopardy Night, Wednesday 3/24
 - RHA
 - Greek Council
 - Director of Communications

- Live tweeting
 - Voting this week-Facebook/Instagram, proof of voting, Amazon gift card-tell people
 - Executive Assistant
 - Please order merch-apparel link in Teams-only 2 people ordered
 - Bonding Event Saturday, 7-8 pm facial masks and painting Oak Rooms 223, 224, 225-please come!
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Lots of clubs last week at the virtual club fair
 - Student leadership involvement awards
 - Virtual, ASO next month
- Guest Speakers
 - International Club - Asanthika Thissanathan
 - Pandemic, free this year, performance day, one hour performances, making into a movie, show day, not dinner, have night instead, had to rush event and dates
 - Senator Pfaffenbach-glad still doing event, costs breakdown
 - Asanthika-talked with International office and club, talked with Jen, budget-not final exactly \$1000
- Committee Reports
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Reach out to registrar's office, graduation fee, housing safe space trained
 - Student Services
 - 2 committee recommendations

Whereas, WSU has a mental health day on March 31st;

Whereas, WSU students should be supporting local businesses;

Whereas, 300 plus students will be able to receive free frozen yogurt and ice cream on March 31st at Nate and Ally's;

Whereas, Nate and Ally's is a local business that supports WSU students and their activities;

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$750 from the SAF to Nate and Ally's with the option of an additional \$250 from the SAF to meet the demand of students.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

Chair Olson-spirit week, Nate and Allys, said yes and agree with paying back

-Clarify-300 students, goes more, advertise hit 400 give up to, have a baseline

Discussion:

Senator Pfaffenbach-spring break day, extra money

Chair Collins-thank you, great way to spend money

Chair Olson-suspend Article 5 Section 2 Subsection A of the WSUSS Bylaws

Seconded by: Senator Pfaffenbach

Approved without dissent

Approved

Whereas, Winona State University students have a mental health day on March 31st;

Whereas, students benefit mentally from physical movement;

Whereas, WSUSS supports local Winona businesses;

Whereas, the YMCA provides a variety of fitness classes, pools, and basketball courts;

Whereas, the Student Service Committee has worked with the YMCA to reserve a variety of classes, such as Zumba, Aqua Fit, and Stretch and Flex the week of March 31st for WSU students;

Zumba- Monday, March 29th 3-3:45pm

Stretch and Flex- Tuesday, March 30th 7-7:45pm

Aqua Fit- Thursday, April 1st 8-8:45pm

Whereas, the committee has also reserved the pool, hot tub, and basketball courts for students on the mental health day; Pool, hot tub, and basketball courts- Wednesday, March 31st 8-10pm

Whereas, the YMCA staff has created a link to sign up for mentally and physically stimulating activities for 178 WSU students; Book an Appointment with Winona State University (Education/Universities) | Picktime (HYPERLINK) <https://www.picktime.com/winonastate>

Whereas, the YMCA requests four volunteers to help run the event on March 31st

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$695 from the SAF to Janneke Sobeck from the YMCA in Winona;

Therefore be it further resolved, the Student Service Committee dedicates four volunteers to carry out the event March 31st;

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS requests Chair Olson sends an all-student email providing the link and information regarding COVID-19 safety for the events;

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS requests Director Elliott creates and posts content for the events.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

Chair Olson-students for mental day

Discussion:

Senator Cup-a lot of info in for the motion, send the message to students, waiver

Senator Roers-activities on campus conflict

Senator Cup-concerned about, students aren't able to participate, go to ymca, pool is not open now and courts for basketball

Senator Prosser-support the motion, relax and allocate these funds

Senator Wagner-thanks to Senator Cup, brought motion to committee, student input

Senator Huyck-be active and great initiative to take

Senator Phan-IWC is opening up more, not aware, great opportunity and experience what we have

Senator Roers-available on March 31st?

Senator Cup-different activities have different dates, flexibility with work

Dean Johnson-IWC is opening up more, open up this weekend, intramurals, coed volleyball, soccer, softball

Treasurer Mercier-well written motion, fought for mental health days, promotion, do leave other facilities, students mental health

Senator Weber-thought about having busing, transportation

Senator Cup-Senate support as a whole, details, find rides

Approved

Chair Olson-Gmw cards-RHA event add the cards

Commencement speaker details coming

- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda: **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - CRRSAA Update
 - Federal guidelines, non pell students, 60/40 split, non pell students-upper limit for funds, estimated family contribution-greater than \$31,000-not eligible to get CRRSAA funds, get money to need
 - Discussion:
 - President Olson-If your EFC is over \$31K you can still apply to the Emergency Fund.
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred-when funds distributed
 - President Olson-VP Ellinghuysen money from feds, proceed, system office did approve, couple weeks
 - Senator Roers-with new info, no reason to change recommendation
 - President Kuerschner-EFC a federal, wsu can technically change it, option-change
 - President Olson-not sure to change, upper limit on eligibility-students in need get most money
- Students United Updates
 - [Officer Elections](#)
 - Due Friday, candidate forum, ask questions, observe, 18th-board members, ask questions, recorded, reach out to Clara-ask questions to the applicants
 - [Scholarships](#)
 - 8 scholarships, due at the end of month, apply
- Things We've Accomplished
 - Warrior Cupboard
 - Neighbors Helping Neighbors
 - COVID discussions on breaks

- Funded activities for clubs
- \$10k to bike motion
- Outdoor seating on campus
- Woke Warrior and bandanas
- Student fees
- April 20 Meeting
 - Last meeting-in person, East room, Chartwells, banquet after
- Vice President's Report
 - Elections-now
 - Approve the constitution
 - 5:30 pm Elections, info about Warrior Lead Summit
- Treasurer's Report
 - SAF Account Balance: \$141,202.64
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$140,386.59 (78.66%,
↓21.34%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$139,903.98 (78.39%,
↓21.61%)
 - Senate Account:
 - SAFC Recommendation:

Whereas, Winona State University wants to maintain a successful student experience during the 2021-2022 academic year;

Whereas, the university has faced a decline in enrollment due to COVID-19 which means the Student Life fee is facing a serious budget cut of up to 15%;

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 \$80,000 from the SAF into the Student Life reserves at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year;

Therefore be it further resolved, the 50/50 split of the Student Life Funds previously agreed upon by the Student Fee Management Committee will be suspended for the 2020-21 academic year.

Treasurer Mercier- President Kuerschner go around each committee, student life fee, students affected, \$80,000 in SAF to spend, clubs be active, hard to be active, each year 50-50 split, active student, spend next year, 1 year bandaid

Discussion:

Senator Pfaffenbach-amendment, therefore-1 year freeze for students, not increase for next year

Discussion:

Senator Cup-support and great idea, love winona, give back

Treasurer Mercier-mn state regulations 25-50% percent reserve, healthy 25-50 reserve

Senator Groebner-support

Treasurer Mercier-\$80,000 not choose lightly, perfect amount for number to be healthy, cut things, give more-fair split for reserve and senate

President Kuerschner-cut fee less likely for next school year

Amendment to motion: Senator Pfaffenbach

Seconded by: Senator Phillips

Senator Pfaffenbach-support motion, students don't think pay more for fees, give money and help out, not increase fee for 1 year

Senator Phillips-yield to redundancy

Discussion:

Chair Olson-support fees, not see amendment-won't raise-concern

Senator Roers-bandaaid , won't fix won't happen next year

VP Hansen-fund and fee, what is freezing

Director Christensen-as a senate, recommend to see future SFMC

President Kuerschner-point of info, language, recommended verbiage

Amendment Approved

Senator Pfaffenbach-amend amendment

Second on amendment: Senator Cup

Senator Pfaffenbach-clearer language

Senator Cup-accurately describes 2 friendly amendments

Senator Cup-amendment on logistics

Vote on one-year freeze

Amendment Approved

Discussion-

Senator Groebner-what is the time frame, other recommendations

Treasurer Mercier-2021-2022 SFMC recommend the following year

Senator VandenLangenberg-no fee increase for next year, freeze student fee for next year

Senator Cup-2022-2023 fiscal?

Chair Collins-fiscal change in july, control of the next year

VP Hansen-0% percent, worrying about wording in motion, 0% increase

Senator Gort-not control for next year

President Kuerschner-SFMC not decision on student life fee

Motion to amend: Chair Olson-cut last phrase

Seconded by: Senator Roers

Chair Olson-recommend admin up to them, future Senate

Senator Roers-out of control, future for students

Vote-strike therefore be resolved

Amendment approved

Discussion-

Elford-confused on concen

President Kuerschner-recommendation-redundant, next year-not feasible

Approved

Chair Olson moves to Reinstate Article 5 Section 2 Subsection 2 of the WSUSS Bylaws

Seconded by: Senator Lavan

Approved without Dissent

Treasurer Mercier-thanks for passing it

- SFMC Recommendation:

- WSUSS recommends a [0% increase](#) to the Room & Board Fee [as presented](#).
- Treasurer Mercier-One more year, note change in dining services food cost-more money

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- Unfinished Business

WSUSS recommends a [0% increase](#) to the Wellness Fee [as presented](#).

Moved by: SFMC

Treasurer Mercier- applicable to this year during COVID-19

Approved

WSUSS recommends the Senior Graduation Fee [as presented](#).

Moved by: SFMC

Treasurer Mercier-mailing diplomas, academic affairs

Director Christensen-use financial aid, not use their grant loans scholarships-out of the pocket

Senator Gort-go to grad experience, special, importance

Senator Yang-equity committee, fund, registrars, scholarships, needs based, available

Treasurer Mercier-set aside funds

Approved

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 \$52.61 from the SAF to the Student International Literacy Association for their bilingual storytime virtual event.

Moved by: Senator Nagle

Seconded by: Senator Gort

Senator Nagle-community involved

Senator Gort- good use of \$52 dollars

Senator Nagle-2 friendly 2nd whereas, an incentive for and add after participate in form of mini

Approved

Whereas, Dream Closet is an organization that successfully collects clothing to benefit the community;

Whereas, they need operative funding for their event;

Therefore be it resolved, that WSUSS allocates \$430 from the SAF to Dream Closet for their clothing drive on March 27th.

Moved by: Senator Beal-Lancaster

Seconded by: Senator Yang

Senator Beal-Lancaster-deserve money

Senator Yang-yield to redundancy

Approved

- New Business

Whereas, the International Club has worked hard to make an event safe and possible during COVID-19.

Whereas, International dinner in the past has been educational and popular among students.

Whereas, it is crucial our WSU students are culturally aware.

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$3,000 from the SAF to the International Club for International night with the requirement that all leftover funds are returned one week after the event.

Moved by: Senator Cup

Seconded by: Senator Gort

Senator Cup to motion-suspend

Senator Gort to second-happy on covid

Treasurer Mercier-needs this asap, time to order

Motion to suspend Article V Section 2 Subsection A of WSUSS Bylaws

Moved by: Senator Pfaffenbach

Seconded by: Chair Olson

Approved without Dissent

Approved

Motion to reinstate Article 5 section 2 subsection A of WSUSS Bylaws

Moved by: Chair Olson

Seconded by: Senator Roers

Approved without Dissent

- Comments from the Gallery
 - President Olson-this week affect in plans in commencement
 - VP McDowell-President Kuerschner-thanks for leadership, continue to check in with each other
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment at 7:14 pm 3.16.2021
 - Motion to adjourn: Chair Olson
 - Seconded by: Senator Weber

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
WSU Biology Club	Plastic Free Event	\$96.53
Women in Computer Science	Meeting Refreshments	\$91.72
Student Council for Exceptional	Meeting Refreshments	\$24.11

Children		
Student International Literacy Association	Sila March Bingo	\$18.25
Winona State Ambassadors Honorary	T-shirts	\$340.00
WSU-Pre Dental Club	Meeting Refreshments	\$45.44
Pi Sigma Epsilon	Pi Sigma Epsilon National Conference	\$200.00

Senator VandenLangenberg to Elections Committee

Senator Elford to Elections Committee

Senator Huyck to Elections Committee

Senator Nagle to Elections Committee

Senator Mulhern-Allred to Elections Committee

President Kuerschner to Elections Committee

President Kuerschner to Judicial Committee

Chair Collins to Judicial Committee

Senator Weber removed from the Judicial Committee

Chair Olson removed from the Judicial Committee