

Tuesday, March 30, 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	x
Senator Mulhern-Allred	x
Senator Nagle	x
Senator Pfaffenbach	x
Senator Phan	EA
Senator Phillips	x
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Starr	x
Senator VandenLangenberg	x
Senator Wagner	x
Senator Weber	x
Senator Yang	x

0% Tuition Increase Recommendation

Director Christensen	Y
Chair Collins	Y
Chair Olson	Y
Senator Baltazar	Y
Senator Beal-Lancaster	N
Senator Cup	Y

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Senator Elford	Y
Senator Gort	Y
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Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Museum night
 - Last Kryszko After Dark-April 9th
 - RHA
 - Greek Council
 - Director of Communications
 - Socials-mental health day events
 - Executive Assistant
 - Merch is done, stay updated with information in Teams
 - Headshots up by Kane's Dining Center
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Please attend ASO meeting
 - Monday and Tuesday 4-5 pm
 - Apply for ASO and interest in position, email Director Christensen
- Guest Speakers
 - Spanish Language Club-Greta Anderson
 - Club activity kits
 - Widen community outreach
 - Discover Tree drop off
 - Total \$14.50
 - Sharing Spanish language and culture
 - Dr. Jana Craft - Sustainability Committee
 - Dr. Craft-Green fee
 - Input on idea
 - Jeanne Franz-Collect student green fee 5-6 years, ideas on campus for sustainable-fund lots of projects, SEED garden, excess produce-Warrior Cupboard, outdoor recycling containers-Green fee
 - Sustainable projects, grant process, feedback and ideas for better ways to distribute money
 - Liz Wilson-solar carports, install in Fall, approvals from state, generate electricity, solar on buildings
 - Dr. Franz work on it for 15 years, sustainable project, provide mentors
 - 4 spots on committee

- Pitch contest
- https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2cf57of9icryrk/AAAvHFdjezZYNLO8knIMfSj7a/3.20%20Winona%20State%20Univ?dl=0&subfolder_nav_tracking=1
- Ben Whiting
- Mentorship for ideas
- \$1500-\$8000 ideas, \$10,000 project

Discussion:

- Senator VandenLangenberg-water savings and consumption
- Dr. Craft-facilities, fund, come to us with your ideas
- Senator Cup-biology majors, sustainability, structure? Opportunity?
Available to students
- Dr. Craft-timing, launch in Fall, communicate in idea generation, ideas, pitch contest in Fall, entries on criteria, award at end of Fall semester, entrepreneurial
- Senator Cup-send out student emails, professors speak to classes, specific departments, info session
- Chair Collins-monarch oasis/garden
- Dr. Craft-Arboretum director, proposal meeting today at 3, Nate Engstrom work in spring, location, pitch to committee
- Senator Roers-how many projects looking to fund?
- Dr. Franz-half a dozen
- Senator Roers-applicants, idea and roll with it, mentor, formulate the budget, mentorship before pitch, timeline semester? Short term?
- Dr. Franz-both, garvin heights trail, SEED garden going
- <https://www.winona.edu/green/SGF.asp>
- Dr. Franz-have idea, have the money, please spend it
- Senator Lavan-doable projects, institutional impact, river, lakes, swap out sand
- Dr. Craft-go to facilities, see what we have and what we have done
- Dr. Franz-\$65,000 a year, expenses paid for, excess money, haven't spent money all year, barrier for ideas and getting to fund them
- Student green fee collected annually from each student \$10.08
- jcraft@winona.edu-please contact

- Senator Cup-extra money, look at reducing the fee
 - Dr. Franz-\$5-10 enough, 65k a year, compromise for students, possible in past students want to fund projects, ability to fund \$10 a year good opportunity
 - Dr. Craft-build up for funds, not doing projects this year, haven't had a ton of ideas, haven't been on campus for cash buildup, start more in Fall, transparent
- James Goblirsch & Paula Scheevel - Long Range Housing Plan
 - 2035 plan
 - Live on west-distance and expense, good experience
 - James-aging, point where major investments

Discussion:

- Senator Phillips-new apt. or dorm halls?
- Paula-attract new students, east lake good partnership
- Chair Collins-long term residents, family homes
- Paula-negotiate with university with housing across street
- James-map on screen, housing available housing and conversation, best available, yellow sections available
- Paula-Conway leave, Morey-Shepard and Richards-stay
 - Senator Pfaffenbach-cost and money come from, CICEL
 - Paula-mortgage, students responsible for paying debt on res halls, 30 years
 - James-project not funded in 2020 CICEL, 2022 legislative session, process now, talk with legislators
 - President Olson-In addition, West Campus is very expensive to maintain. Deferred maintenance is about \$1M per year. Not being there would save a lot of money. Plus, we would eventually sell those buildings, which would offset the costs of rebuilding Prentice Lucas etc.
 - Senator Huyck-demolish West?
 - Paula-neighbors appreciative
 - James-future, developers, great ideas
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred-purpose of new buildings, eliminate Conway-gender neutral no Lourdes-single room housing, diversity, BIPOC, future buildings, or veteran or parent housing

- Paula-plans into consideration for future housing and community
- Chair Olson-2035, goal done by 2035, get rid of richards/conway, timelines?
- Paula-see property purchased and progress and groundwork being made, process
- President Olson-green boxes, selling to us, interest around and West campus, not as updated with buildings than other universities around the area, expensive to keep lourdes running, maintenance aspect
- James-net zero, long term, demolition-more costly
- Paula-tours, difficult to compete with competitors, old res halls, clean, gmws
- Senator VandenLangenberg-more parking more carports with sustainability
- Paula-come up with parking solution, look at possibility of storage units, bike storage
 - James-solar carport, energy savings, water savings upgrades, leaking faucets and toilets, irrigation, watch for it next fall
 - Paula-vaccines available now, possibility of double rooms available, no rate increases for next year
- Communities Not Cages
- Committee Reports
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Student Services
 - Purple pass, transition document, cancel stretch class YMCA and Nate and Allys
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda: **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Senator Pfaffenbach: Policy committee, redo policy and procedure structure
 - April 20 - RSVP - Dress Up
 - President-elect Mercier chair meeting, RSVP by Friday, seating and in person, dress up, business casual, required to attend meeting, restrictions loosening
 - Students United - Senate Connect Event (Affordability)
 - Last one, last friday noon-1:30, please attend
- Vice President's Report

- Upcoming Committee Recommendations
 - Joe Reed Award
 - SAFC Rules amendments
- Treasurer's Report
 - SAF Account Balance: \$52,664.67
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$51,453.65 (28.83%, ↓71.17%)
 - Senate Account: \$14,029.52
- Unfinished Business

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

Moved by: SFMC

Treasurer Mercier-climate of world, pandemic, WSU needs more money and not out of students pocket

Discussion:

Chair Olson-support 0% increase

Senator Nagle-support 0%

Chair Collins-not for WSU fairly low tuition, reciprocity

Senator Phillips-support, see no programs disbanded

Senator Krajefska-cheaper, appreciate 0%

Senator Roers-concern, if you don't increase now larger increase in future, future implications, match inflation, difficult conversations

President Kuerschner-higher ed, not allowed to request 3% or specific special permission, in theory, drastic change

President Olson-board of trustees, upper limit, 2-3% maximum, St. Cloud-higher than 3%, keep in mind legislature-opinion, capped tuition, 40% budget-paid by state, state of mn-pay 66% of education, 15 years-mn ignore statute, legislature-upholds statute

Treasurer Mercier-aware of President Olson's cabinet, here for students, students get what they need to be successful

Senator Roers-assuming state fund 40%, 0% is feasible without cutting programs

President Olson-fund what it costs, add \$2-3 million dollars, possible to do 0%, cut employees

Senator Groebner-we aren't final decision makers, in positions for advocate for students, best for students

President Kuerschner-The 67% tuition funding was initially passed in the mid-1980s. 1999-2000 school year was the last time that tuition was funded at the rate promised by State Statute 135A.01. Statistically,

at least half of you weren't even alive the last time higher ed was funded at the rate promised by MN State Legislature

Senator VandenLangenberg-higher % of 1st gen-students-50%, paying for education on own

Senator VandenLangenberg-motion to roll call vote

Approved

WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to the Student Life Fee as presented.

Moved by: SFMC

Treasurer Mercier-student life, increase, students, vibrant student life

Senator Nagle-support

Chair Collins-support and agree with fee

President Kuerschner-affordable for students

Approved

- New Business

Whereas, students and clubs could benefit from having the outdoor feather flags easily placed to identify clubs during club fairs;

Whereas, the flags will boost club involvement;

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS will give \$2,079.44 from the Senate budget from the special projects byline to the Alliance of Student Organizations (ASO) to pay for the outdoor flags.

Moved by: Chair Olson

Seconded by: Senator Phillips

Chair Olson directed Director Christensen-feathered flags, stake/stand, club fairs, display clubs/orgs.

Money to make flags, senate logo, 8 flags, shipping free, beneficial for future ASO

Senator Phillips-yield to redundancy

Senator Nagle-good idea, confusing to get around, incoming freshman, locate easier

Senator Wagner-like their table, tradition, talk to clubs, feedback

Director Christensen-didn't ask clubs, certain areas, first come first serve, sports to iwc, flags for organization and people can see them, tripods/stands-blew over, new ones will hold more

Tracy Rahim-This will also help if/when we have to spread the club fair out more around the courtyard as opposed to our previous club fairs where they were concentrated around the Gazebo.

Director Christensen-custom design flags, market, advertise

Senator Weber-weights/sizes

Director Christensen-weights, rains, move inside if rains

Senator Phillips-sports/greek

Director Christensen-sidewalks, gilde/sac-parking lot, for greek, organized, sports clubs, direct you around the clubs

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Whereas, WSU Spanish Language Club educates the WSU community about Spanish culture

Whereas, WSU Spanish Language Club is working to promote Spanish language and culture to younger generations.

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

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$14.50 to WSU Spanish Language Club for the purchasing of supplies for the activity bags.

Moved by: Senator Gort

Seconded by: Senator Phillips

Senator Gort-funded earlier, promote Spanish culture, \$14, good use of money

Senator Phillips-important to learn, Spanish widely spoken, \$14

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- Comments from the Gallery
 - President Olson-green fee discussion, legacy
 - Senator Phillips-require vaccine in fall?
 - President Olson-no prohibit by MN law, not required, highly recommend
 - Tracy Rahim-guest speakers, engagement
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment at **7:44 pm**, 03/30/2021
- Motion to adjourn: Chair Olson
- Seconded by: Senator Wagner

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
Accounting Association	Shadow Box	\$20.98
Beta Beta Beta	Club Banquet	\$375.00
Student Health & Wellness Advocates	Self Care Zoom Event	\$264.82
WSU-Pre Dental Club	Hiking Event	\$68.55
Financial Management Association	Finance Stock Talk Event	\$55.81
WSU-Pre Dental Club	Last MeetingSupplies	\$11.96
WSU Hip Hop Team	Shadow Box Materials	\$56.85
Women in Computer Science	Pen Testing Event	\$357.05