

Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Winona State Student Senate Meeting
5 PM, Purple Room, 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
Chair Hytry	x
Senator Brandon	x
Senator Ford	EA

Senator Groebner	x
Senator Jones	x
Senator Kennedy	x
Senator Mahamood	x
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Senchea	x
Senator Lew	x
Senator Rieken	x
Senator Siewert	x
Senator Schiro	x
Senator Wecker	x
Senator Schroeder	x

Senator McCuskey	x
Senator Carman	x
Senator Larson	x
Senator Ahmed	x
Senator Hebrink	x
Senator Dauer	x
Senator Evans-Curry	x
Senator Mulhern-Allred	x
Senator Abagat	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Last grocery bingo of the semester tonight
 - New board has been selected!
 - Greek Council
 - KEAP Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Thanks for coming to WGDG!
 - Working on some promo stuff
 - Executive Assistant
 - Please follow the link for the Secret Senator!!
 - This allows you to make a wishlist of your favorite kinds of items

- This will take at our last meeting (Nov. 30)
 - Cap is \$20, but have some fun with it
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Club renewal process is finally done!
 - Last ASO meetings for the semester are underway
- Guest Speakers
 - James Goblirsch - WSU Facilities
 - Guaranteed Energy Savings Project (GESp)
 - Funded through university savings
 - New energy-saving equipment
 - New solar panels
 - Center for Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Engagement, and Learning (CICEL)
 - First net-zero energy building in MinnState system
 - Replacing Gildemeister and Watkins
 - Developing a comprehensive plan to outline what they want to do with the university
 - Would love student members on the Comprehensive Planning Committee
 - Reach out to fellow students to participate in events and surveys
 - VP Olson - what time does the committee meet?
 - No regular times scheduled now, but next semester will be regular
 - Senator Larson - when will the new res hall be built?
 - Open Fall 2024 (if all goes according to plan)
 - Senator Lew - also house international student office?
 - No definite answer, plans will
 - Chair Phillips - projects are amazing! Can't wait to see result
 - Senator Hebrink - how will this plan affect students financially?
 - Hopefully no impact on student costs - consume less on campus
 - Chair Gort - what is the desired outcome for Congress tours
 - Capital Bonding Bill is decided upon by them and giving them a good impression is important
 - Senator Larson - anything paid for by student fees?
 - Nothing by students, but new res hall will charge room and board
 - Student Council for Exceptional Children - Allison Athman
 - Offshoot of Council for Exceptional Children
 - Promote inclusivity of those with disabilities
 - Event a couple weeks ago to make tie blankets for HCO residents in town
 - Requesting funds for tie blanket fundraising event
 - Treasurer Weber - point of clarification, products being bought were donated, which cannot be funded through their allotted funds as a club. That is why they're presenting to Senate
 - Chair Gort - have the blankets already been distributed?
 - Yes - made 8 in about an hour
 - Senator Groebner - why no fundraising for this event?
 - Thought of the idea too late
 - Dance Society - Jillian Pino
 - Largest number of registrations for the club in a while, so they're doing great
 - Different fundraisers - Culver's, Project Compass, selling merch
 - Difficult to fundraise during COVID, so not as much funds as usual
 - Requesting funds for American College Dance Festival in Milwaukee, WI
 - Get to take classes from professionals from around the country for 3 days
 - Chair Gort - lodging fee numbers look weird?

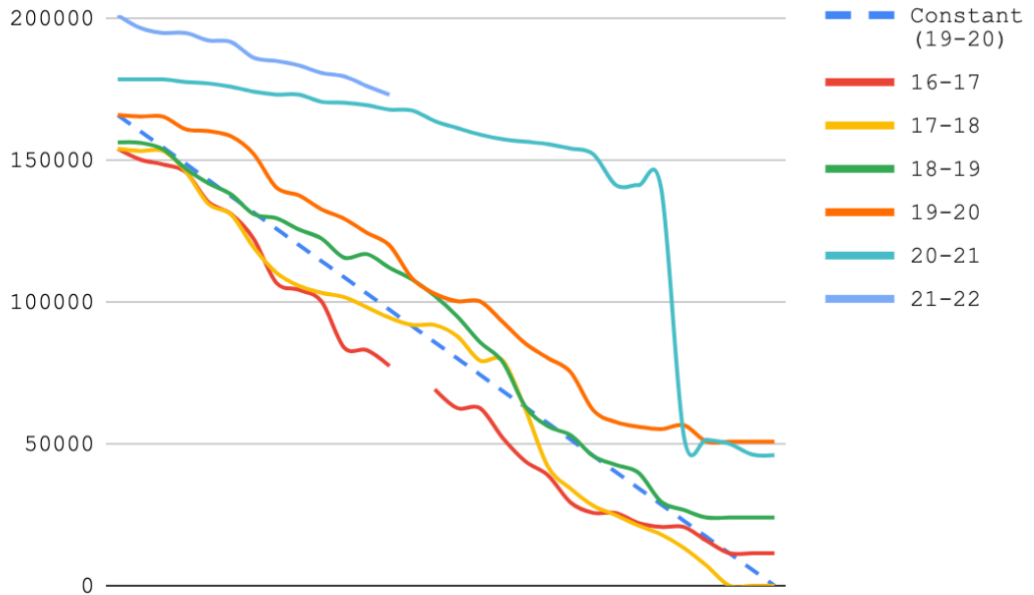
- Dance department is covering some of it
 - Chair Phillips - how many dancers are going?
 - 15
 - Senator Abagat - do the dancers have background or no experience?
 - Wide variety of backgrounds - some with no dance experience
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - any fundraising happening before March?
 - Connections have been restricted due to COVID mandates, but hope to partner with some other clubs to put something together
 - Director Sok - how will this benefit the campus overall?
 - Bringing in new experiences and giving new experiences to dancers who haven't done anything like this before
 - Collab with other universities at the event and represent WSU
- Pi Sigma Alpha - Gillian Oliver
 - National Political Science Honor Society
 - Fall Induction Ceremony last Thursday
 - Recognized and celebrated new members and graduating seniors
 - Chose to purchase honor cords collectively for the members
 - Requesting \$76 (violates personal property rule of the SAFC)
 - Senator Hebrink - any fundraising?
 - Weren't expecting to pay for them in bulk, so it was too last minute
 - Senator Schiro - hoping to buy cords in the future?
 - Hoping to continue to keep on par with other honor societies that pay for members' cords
 - Senator Groebner - last year a graduate wanted honor cords but couldn't get them until last minute, so it's good to get them all at the same time
- Bowling Club/Team - Tyler Upham
 - Competitive bowling died out due to COVID, but numbers are close to 50 this semester
 - Currently 9 people on the coed team
 - Lots of expenses for out of state tournaments
 - Requesting \$9,807.96 for
 - Chair Hytry - what would the \$40 membership fee go towards? Since request is an estimate, is there a plan if there are leftover funds?
 - Perhaps a pizza night or pay for neon lights at the ally
 - Maybe add more
 - Senator Groebner - would be getting funds from sports club council and SAFC? Any chance of another sponsorship to cover costs in the future? Would the membership fee be required for a less frequent bowler
 - Club team instead of collegiate team, so not many options for sponsors
 - Fee would be discussed - it's just an idea at this point
 - Senator Rieken - what's the biggest expense? Does Westgate know of your outstanding expenses?
 - Westgate - they have been talked to
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - would the team pay more than the club in dues? Have you taken anything out of sports club council or SAF? Any chance of adding collegiate teams
 - Team dues would be more due to personal expenses
 - Did not know about the financial options available
 - Director Sok - fundraising attempts?
 - Rochester bowling fundraiser, Qdoba still hasn't reached out with totals
 - Senator Hebrink - more detail about Qdoba night and Toppers night?

- Qdoba - any sales during certain time the team gets 15% of sales
 - Toppers - 20-25% 3 hour time slot
 - Senator Kennedy - talked about reduced prices to Westgate?
 - Yes, reduced for games and shoe rental
 - Senator Senchea - rough estimate from Qdoba?
 - Not at all
 - Senator Jones - what do with fundraising money once you get it
 - Hopefully roll over to next year and provide a cushion for expenses
 - Senator Brandon - might some of the \$40 membership fee go towards club/team costs?
 - Could use it to pay for lanes/games
 - Senator Larson - would membership fee decrease current costs
 - Yes, that's the plan
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - using those SAF and sports club funds and charging team members would bring expenses down significantly
 - Senator Rieken - have you thought about the commute to Rochester instead of Westgate?
 - Might be hard during the week for students and league games
 - Senator Schiro - any new ways of new member recruitment?
 - Club fairs, put up signs at Westgate
 - Senator Jones - considered asking the previous coach about sponsors?
 - Maybe bowling ally itself could help, but conversation hasn't happened
 - Senator Prosser - considered reaching out to alumni for donations?
 - Didn't think of that yet, but it's a good idea
- President Olson
 - There is no place for racism, homophobia, transphobia, etc. at WSU
 - Time for comments/concerns/questions about any thoughts on the matter
 - Chair Gort - apparently there's a place for discrimination in a class syllabus
 - Campus attorney is looking at what is and is not allowed in a syllabus
 - Extraneous material shouldn't be allowed, but a judicial process must be followed so legal stuff is followed
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - this isn't politics, it's treating students with respect. This also happened in 2001 with the same prof. What does a formal complaint do to a tenured prof?
 - Referred to nondiscrimination policy for the campus
 - Tenure does not mean professors are protected from everything
 - Strike-out process to determine severity
 - Senator Evans-Curry - what to do regarding prof's webpage?
 - Harder to get to than a syllabus
 - Senator Rieken - no place for personal views on a syllabus
 - Senator Senchea - has the prof in question gotten an oral reprimand ever?
 - Not totally sure
 - Senator Jones - lots of LGBTQ+ constituents feel threatened by the disbelief of safe spaces by the prof in question. Could anyone file a Title IX report?
 - Safe space training for admin & faculty (can't be required, but can be incentivised)
 - Anyone can file that report anytime - can also talk to department chairs
 - Chair Phillips - it's hard feeling unsafe and then getting asked by potential students if they should come to WSU

- Senator Groebner - observed the event. Videos that came out after the event of the silent protesters contained negative comments directed at a student group. Disheartening to hear people inciting negative comments
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred - prof's website is a courses.WSU website and it's not appropriate to call a student out by name
 - Senator Larson - regarding chalking the sidewalk, brainstorming things that can happen to make that more of an issue
 - Director Sok - how to make clubs enforce masks for anyone who comes to events
 - Looking to be more stringent on those protocols
 - Senator Rieken - could we get feedback about what's going on about the syllabus and stuff
 - As much as is allowed
- Senator Wecker motions for a 10-minute recess to be resumed at 7:53
 - Seconded by Senator Prosser
- Roll Call after recess: **Quorum**
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Student Services
- President's Report
 - Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Reminder: No Meeting 11/23/21
 - Meet & Discuss Wednesday December 1st 3 pm
- Vice President's Report
 - [Committee Recommendation](#)
 - Makes it easier for clubs to reinstate status after inactive for the COVID year
 - Recommendation **PASSES**
 - Volunteer Hours/Event Requirements Reminder
 - Stipends Reminder
 - Dress Up Meeting 11/30
- Treasurer's Report
 - Consent Agenda Item of the Week: Biology Club!
 - Raised butterflies as a club!
 - SAF Account Balance: \$176,149.71
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$173,049.34(86.03%, **13.97%**)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$170,449.34(84.74%, **15.26%**)

- Senate Account: \$22,137.43

SAF Spending



- Unfinished Business

Whereas, sexual health and safety are important for students living in residence halls,

Whereas, high school sex education does not provide sufficient information about STD and pregnancy prevention,

Whereas, students deserve access to STD and pregnancy prevention devices,

Whereas, the resources currently available are widely used and run out quickly,

Whereas, there are approximately 1,650 students living in the residence halls,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS commits to use \$2,600 from the SAF to purchase and distribute condoms and dental dams and educational materials in the residence halls,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS commits to providing education materials to students in residence halls about sexual health and safety.

Moved by: Student Services

Increase access to items that will educate students and keep them safe.

Senator Mulhern-Allred - good thing for students

Senator Groebner - essential to provide these resources for students for safety in the res halls

Chair Hytry - good to further this in the res halls for students

Recommendation **PASSES**

- New Business

Whereas, the Warrior Cupboard is an essential resource in helping to combat student food insecurity,

Whereas, student use has increased since the beginning of the promotional campaign and the addition of the Warrior Cupboard Access form to WarriorSpace,

Whereas, the Warrior Cupboard currently has the resources and capability to provide off the shelf and refrigerated foods,

Whereas, frozen meals and products would provide a greater variety of food to students and could be prepared using the microwaves around campus,

Whereas, the Warrior Cupboard has the space needed for the addition of a new freezer,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,000 from the SAF to the Warrior Cupboard for the purchase of a freezer.

Therefore be it further resolved, any funds allocated beyond the price of the freezer shall be used to purchase frozen goods.

Moved by: Senator Groebner - frozen meals, frozen vegetables, other good things for students to
Seconded by: Senator Prosser - got an opportunity to tour the Warrior Cupboard and realized the lack of a freezer. Lots of quick meals are available that require a freezer
Senator Jones - lots of frozen meals that can have some nutritional value
Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week

Whereas, Student Council for Exceptional Children promotes inclusivity of individuals with disabilities/exceptionalities on and off campus through volunteering, fundraising and raising awareness,

Whereas, SCEC collaborated with Home and Community Options (HCO) to provide tie-blankets for residents,

Whereas, this event was held in a manner that was respectful of HCO's concerns about COVID,

Whereas, this event provided students an opportunity to volunteer their time to help members of the Winona community,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$129.68 from the SAF to SCEC for supplies to make tie-blankets.

Moved by: Senator Kennedy
Seconded by: Senator Groebner
Senator Abagat - great because it's coming back to the community
Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week

Whereas, the Dance Society club promotes the exploration of different cultures through dance,

Whereas, Dance Society club members want to attend the American College Dance Festival,

Whereas, the event provides opportunities for education in the field of dance,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,500 from the SAF to Dance Society for transportation and event costs.

Moved by: Chair Gort

Seconded by: Senator Rieken

Senator Siewert - seemed passionate about going to the festival

Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week

Whereas, Pi Sigma Alpha is an honor society that provides important enrichment opportunities for members,

Whereas, many honor societies have honor cords to recognize and celebrate graduating members,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$76 from the SAF to Pi Sigma Alpha for the purchase of graduation cords.

Moved by: Chair Gort - provides opportunity to recognize club members

Seconded by: Senator Brandon - should get the recognition they deserve

Whereas, Bowling Club provides fun opportunities to make friends for WSU students,

Whereas, Bowling Club has allocated funds still available to them,

Whereas, the club is in debt and needs to get out of debt,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,607 from the SAF to Bowling Club.

Moved by Chair Gort - not comfortable with giving them unknown funds

Seconded by: Senator Mulhern-Allred

Senator Brandon - so many new club members weren't anticipated

Chair Phillips - doesn't say what the given money is for

Senator Rieken - Any way to make them aware of the funds they haven't spent yet

Yes, can be emailed by Treasurer Weber

Chair Hytry - presentation was underwhelming

Senator Jones amends the motion to clarify the fact that the club is in debt - they were iffy about their funds, and it should be made clear that the funds are to help them get out of debt

Seconded by Senator Siewert

Amendment **PASSES**

Senator Roers - need to find a way to help the club help themselves

Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week

- Comments from the Gallery
- Executive Session
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **8:40 pm**
 - Moved by: Chair Phillips
 - Seconded by: Senator Kennedy

Consent Agenda

<u>RSO</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Physics Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$97.79
Management Information Systems Association	Arduino Kits!	\$182.50
Math/Stat Club	Finals Study Sessions Snacks	\$75.49
Accounting Association	Case Competition	\$100
AdFed	WGDX Backdrop supplies	\$84.23
Pi Sigma Alpha	Initiation Ceremony Food	\$102.62
Biology Club	Club Meeting Activities	\$225.29
Warriors for Life	Club Meeting Snacks and Apparel	\$285.62
Art Club	Clay for Club Members	\$35.97
AIGA	Club Meeting Supplies	\$519.09
Catholic Newman Center	Apparel	\$380.
Student Health and Wellness Advocates	Destress Event Snacks	\$21.08
Potato Club	Meeting Supplies	\$45.36
Colleges Against Cancer	WGDX Supplies	\$96.78
Student International Literacy Association	Club Meeting Supplies	\$91.18
Student Council for Exceptional Children	Club Meeting Snacks	\$18.91
WSU Spanish Language Club	Club Meeting Snacks/ Apparel	\$504.55
Wenonah Players	Homecoming Parade Supplies	\$37.39

Student Organization for Latina/o/x	Club Meeting Snacks	\$77.52
Hmong American Student Association	Club Meeting Food	\$119.

Remove Chair Phillips from Elections Committee
Director Sok to Elections Committee