

Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Winona State Student Senate Meeting
5 PM, Purple Room, WSU and ST 110, RCTC Campus

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	x

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	EA
Senator Schiro	x
Senator Wecker	x
Senator Schroeder	x

Senator McCuskey	EA
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
 - Greek Council
 - KEAP Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Thanks to all who came to WGDx
 - Next one, we will go down to the field
 - Executive Assistant
 - Will be contacting people about merch orders
 - Next bonding opportunity: this Sunday November 14
 - Board games, snacks, Just Dance
 - Somsen 321

- Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Last ASO meeting of the semester next week over Zoom
 - Please let club members know they need a representative to show up - a lack of complete club affairs will result in dissolution of club
- Guest Speakers
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs

Whereas, COVID-19 and its many variants are still prevalent and highly contagious as we continue in-person classes and activities,

Whereas, wearing masks, social distancing, and getting vaccinated have all been shown to reduce the spread or lessen the symptoms of COVID-19,

Whereas, educating the WSU student body on the COVID-19 vaccine, can inform students on ways to stay safe,

Whereas, clear and accurate information about vaccine clinics, correcting misinformation about the vaccine, and the rates of vaccinated individuals on campus will help to educate students on their choice to get vaccinated,

Whereas, vaccination rates provided by the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection database confirmed that 72% of all WSU students on the Winona campus and 77% of all WSU students on the Rochester campus have received at least their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine,

Whereas, students can get overwhelmed by the amount of information they receive from all campus updates about various topics on a daily basis

Whereas, students may be more receptive of researched information from student led organizations,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS Academic Affairs Committee commits to working with Health Services to run a vaccine campaign,

Therefore be it further resolved, the vaccine campaign will include, but is not limited to,

- Print and social promotional materials
- Sending out all student emails
- Providing vaccine incentives that will be decided in the spring of 2022

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends that WSUSS President Mercier write a letter to Chancellor Devinder Malhotra and Students United to urge them to recommend and provide vaccine campaign materials to all of the other Minnesota State Universities and Colleges to help educate all students throughout the Minnesota State system on the vaccine.

Moved by: Academic Affairs

- Working with Dr. Locust to make this an equitable opportunity for all students
- Getting help from Health Services to check over factual information
- Vaccine incentives will start next semester
- Senator Prosser - talking about this for a while, and glad it's happening
- Senator Groebner - comprehensive campaign led by students that will hopefully be more impactful towards WSU students. Also, providing this info to other MinnState schools may promote more discussion

- Senator Carman - worked hard on it, and it will help with education
 - Senator Jones - most of us want to stay in person, and a higher vaccination rate will make that transition back faster
 - Motion **PASSES**
- Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Focusing on next semester
 - May host a movie event about forced sterilization in America this semester
 - Student Services
 - Suggestion boxes in meditation room
 - Working out details for Winter Fest event

Whereas, sexual health and safety is 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,

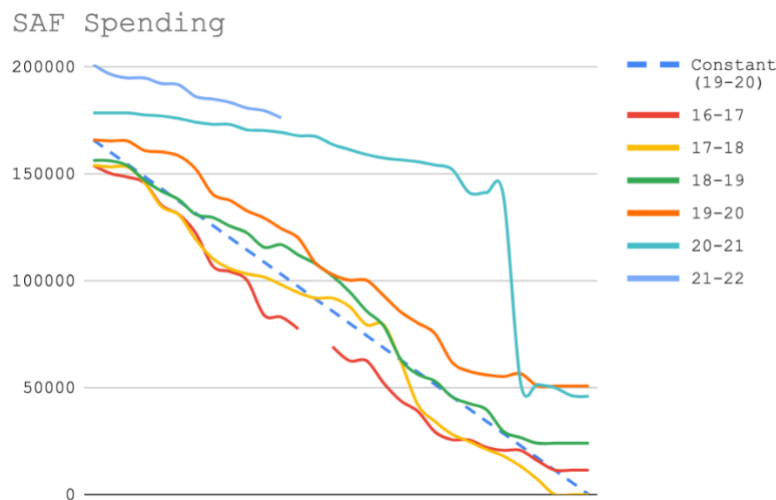
Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS commits to use \$2,600 from the SAF to purchase and distribute condoms and dental dams and educational materials in the residence halls,

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

- Sexual safety is extremely important - especially on college campuses
 - Spreading awareness of the resources available to prevent this diseases is crucial
 - Money budgeted 2 condoms and 1 dental dam (50% of them latex free) per student living in the residence halls
 - Senator Groebner - really need to promote products and resources so students know every possibility
 - Senator Larson - where will these be distributed
 - Either in bathrooms, front desks, or by the RA
 - QR codes to reputable sites to show how to use the products
 - Senator Jones - not a lot of dental dams available on campus, so these will be great
 - Senator Prosser - some people might not have money to purchase safe sex products, so this is great
 - Motion is **TABLED** for one week
- President's Report
 - Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Spring Semester Meeting Time: Tuesdays at 5 pm
 - Please block off time until 7 - 8 just in case meeting runs long

- Students United Advocacy Conference
 - Saturday November 20
 - Chance to advocate for things on more than a local college level
 - Attendance puts you in lots of raffles for swag and prizes
 - Can count for your event attendance requirement
 - Sign up due by November 17
- Vice President's Report
 - [Committee Recommendation](#)
 - Some clubs have very strict membership requirements and so have fewer than 10 members as required by RSO policies
 - Will be given some extra time to try to get more members if approved
 - ASO Director Sok - have winter break to figure themselves out
 - However, letting this go on would just be a waste of resources for us
 - Chair Hytry - good to give clubs time while holding them accountable to find more members
 - Senator Groebner - apply only to tier 1 clubs or all?
 - All tiers would have this new language
 - Motion **PASSES**
 - Last WGDY
 - This Saturday (November 13)
 - Reminder: required to go to at least one
 - Stipend reviews next week
- Treasurer's Report
 - Consent Agenda Item of the Week: Women in Science and Engineering
 - Honorable Mention: Orchestra Club
 - SAF Account Balance: \$179,553.29
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$177,377.71 (88.18%, 11.82%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$176,149.71 (87.57%, 12.43%)
 - Senate Account: 23,227.78



- Unfinished Business

Whereas, the WSU Winter Fest event will provide fun and de-stressing opportunities to students and community members,

Whereas, the event takes place throughout the day on December 3rd,

Whereas, WSUSS supports making this event accessible to all students,

Whereas, the Bud King Ice Arena will be reserved for up to three hours for student use,

Whereas, the ice arena costs \$125 per hour,

Whereas, ice skate rental for the time allotment would cost \$300,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$675 from the SAF for the purposes of the ice skating event for Winter Fest on December 3rd,

Therefore be it further resolved, any leftover funds are returned to the SAF one week after the event.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

- Senator Prosser - great opportunity for people to destress before finals
 - Senator Groebner amends the motion to remove “to George Micalone” in first therefore it be resolved clause because Senate is paying for the event and he is an advisor and so already has access to the cost center
 - Seconded by Senator Prosser
 - Amendment **PASSES**
 - Senator Hebrink - should give students a variety of opportunities to destress before finals
 - Motion **PASSES**
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Whereas, the Noble Man institute allows for the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma to gain experience in networking and communication,

Whereas, the brothers going can represent Winona State in a positive manner,

Whereas, Brothers in Sigma Tau Gamma will learn information to break stigmas that are sometimes represented in fraternities to feel more secure,

Whereas, the Noble Man Institute gives other members of the Fraternity that are not on E-board, a chance to attend a conference,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$553 from the SAF to Sigma Tau Gamma for traveling costs to and from the conference.

Moved by: Senator Rieken - good presentation, and it's the only event that members could go to

Seconded by: Senator Ford

Senator Prosser - lots of great things happened at the retreat, and lots of education

Senator Groebner - support

Motion **PASSES**

- Comments from the Gallery
 - Tracy Rahim
 - Thanks to everyone who has come to a WGDY
 - Will hang the gifted photo from Coach Sawyer in the SAC area
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **5:56 pm**
 - Moved by: Senator Prosser
 - Seconded by: Senator Rieken

Consent Agenda

<u>RSO</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Potato Club	Club Meeting Food	\$45.48
WSU Chemistry Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$159.72
Women in Science and Engineering	Club Meeting Snacks	\$51.05
WSU AdFed	Club Memberships, Club Meeting Supplies	\$269.78
Beta Beta Beta	Event Snacks	\$17.87
Warriors for Life	Club Meeting Snacks, Conference Registration	\$1162.42
Student Health and Wellness Advocates	Club Apparels	\$120
Computer Science Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$38.59
Orchestra Club	Tax	\$4.92
Student Council for Exceptional Children	Club Meeting Snacks	\$12.88
Winona State College Republican Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$187.23
WSU Spanish Language Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$105.64

Chair Hytry to Elections Committee
 Senator Mulhern-Allred to Elections Committee
 Chair Phillips to Elections Committee
 Chair Gort to Elections Committee
 Senator Hebrink to Elections Committee