

Tuesday, October 12, 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	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	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
 - Greek Council
 - KEAP Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Executive Assistant
 - Scavenger Hunt tomorrow!
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - First October meeting concluded today
 - Went over display cases
 - Keeping up with constitutions and renewals
- Guest Speakers

- Jessica Schulz - Advocacy Coordinator & Confidential Advocate
 - Grateful for support from Senate
 - Provides support for students being mistreated (racism, stalking, etc.) on campus
 - Confidential - nothing leaves her office
 - Information on options available - students never told what they should/should not do
 - Working towards an Advocacy Center on campus to provide resources more easily to students who need it
 - Find out how to contact her through the WSU website
 - Senator Groebner: what exactly will you need
 - Only one person available, therefore would only be available 4 days a week
 - The more people that are told about Ms. Schulz the better for recognition
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Picking a commencement speaker over the next few weeks
 - Still working on s2i mechanisms
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - November 4th @ 4 pm - talk about reproductive health and sex education in the KEAP center
 - Happy Coming Out Week! Check out Full Spectrum's events happening all week
 - Student Services

Whereas, there is currently no advocacy center provided on campus for students,

Whereas, the advocacy center would provide response, awareness, and education about sexual assault,

Whereas, the advocacy center would allow for confidentiality, as well as a welcoming environment for students to seek out help,

Whereas, Jessica Schulz would be able to utilize the space as the advocacy coordinator,

Whereas, there is a space available in Gildemeister Hall, therefore funding for remodels will not be necessary, as Gildemeister is being torn down in the near future,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends implementing the advocacy center in Gildemeister Hall for students to utilize by spring semester of 2022,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends that the advocacy center be widely advertised for student use.

Therefore be it further resolved, that the university commits a safe space for the advocacy center to replace the space in Gildemeister Hall in the future.

Moved by: Student Services Committee

- Chair Gort: will have more space to help students and provide resources in an already available space on campus
- Chair Hytry: awesome idea for victims who need a place to go/someone to talk to. Ensures victims know all the options without being told what to do

- Senator Groebner: supports the motion - vital space. Not all survivors feel comfortable taking action, and people need to be held accountable
- Senator Jones amends the motion to include preparation for the future when Gildemeister gets torn down to make way for CICEL
 - Ensures a space even when Gildemeister is gone
- Seconded by Chair Phillips: help for future students as well
- Chair Gort AMENDS the amendment to ensure that even if there is no space in CICEL for the Advocacy Center, one will still be available elsewhere on campus.
 - Important to commit a space once Gildemeister is torn down
- Seconded by Senator Ford
- Chair Phillips: Having an advocacy center in a building meant for math and stats would be strange
- Chair Gort: Space allowing for confidentiality. If not in the new building, leaving the motion ambiguous will still provide space elsewhere
- EA Wright: regarding a previous senator's point, the new building will be a combination of Watkins and Gildemeister, so there will be a variety of things going on
- Senator Groebner: as of now, we cannot tell if there will be space once Gildemeister is torn down, but it is important to ensure a space at least somewhere on campus

Amendment to the amendment **PASSES**

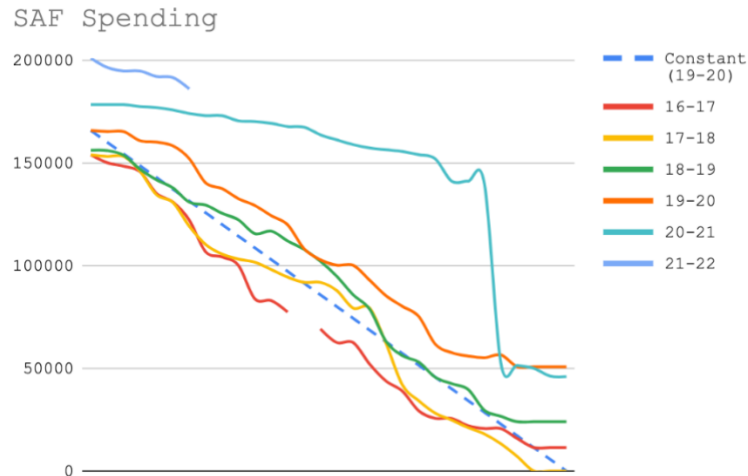
Amendment **PASSES**

Motion **PASSES**

***Note: this motion and its amendments received many friendly amendments that made the whole motion more specific and inclusive. The minutes recorder deemed it unnecessary to dictate all of them as they would clutter the minutes and their redundancy may confuse readers.**

- Committee is also working on getting renovations to the Meditation Room
- President's Report
 - Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Senator Schroeder - Lyceum Committee - educational-based campus speakers
 - Gaining popularity in the university for new and current students
 - Gotten smaller speakers in the past, but committee hopes to get one big speaker that will be advertised throughout the semester
 - Future goal is to get someone who is a household name to come and generate interest
 - Student's United Visit - Tuesday October 26th
 - If you have any questions for them, start thinking now
 - City of Winona Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
 - Looking for a second-year senator who plans to stay on campus
 - Working towards Comprehensive Plan for 2045 in collaboration with Winona's mayor
 - Meet and Discuss
 - Next Friday, October 22 @ 3pm
- Vice President's Report
 - Office Hours Reminder
 - Spring Semester
 - Send VP Olson a message if you will not be filling your seat next semester

- WGDX
 - Anyone who signed up meet in the Senate office before experience starts
- Treasurer's Report
 - SAF Account Balance: \$188,048.87
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$186,116 (92.53%, 7.47%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$186,116 (92.53%, 7.47%)
 - Senate Account: 26,906.77



- Unfinished Business

Whereas, the Warrior Cupboard is a vital resource on campus to help students combat food insecurity,

Whereas, the existence of the Warrior Cupboard is not widely known across the WSU campus,

Whereas, the Warrior Cupboard does not want to use donation money for promotion when it could be used to provide more students with the food they need,

Whereas, more promotion of the Warrior Cupboard to the WSU student body would increase the number of students utilizing this valuable resource,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$500 from the SAF to the Warrior Cupboard for the sole purpose of promotion,

Therefore be it further resolved, the funds for promotional materials including, but not limited to posters/signs in campus buildings, handout cards, boosted Facebook posts, and new directional signage in the IWC,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS will assist the Warrior Cupboard in the distribution of promotional materials,

Therefore be it further resolved, Warrior Cupboard directors seek the help of a student club, organization, or intern for the purpose of PR and marketing,

Therefore be it further resolved, once the funds have been used, a representative from the Warrior Cupboard will present to the WSUSS how the funds were spent and any change in student usage or interaction with the Warrior Cupboard.

- Moved by: Senator Groebner
 - Issue that money that could be used for students goes towards promotion
 - Want to set a precedent to hold organizations accountable by requiring them to come back to Senate
- Seconded by: Senator Prosser
 - Warrior Cupboard is great and should be utilized - hate to see food just sitting there and not being recognized
 - More promotion will allow more students to find out about the space
- Senator Jones AMENDS the motion to recommend the addition of someone in charge of the advertising and PR
 - Properly advertise with most usage possible
 - Clearly have had a tough time promoting, could be because they might need someone's help
- Seconded by Chair Phillips

Amendment **PASSES**

Motion **PASSES**

- New Business
- Comments from the Gallery
 - President Olson
 - Hope you had a great homecoming!
 - If there's a way the university could make the Students United crew more welcome, let us know
 - VP McDowell
 - Books for the volunteer panelists for the Warrior Conversation
 - Kindness awards for Senators who deserve them
 - Be kind and stay safe!
 - Tracy
 - Thanks to everyone who participated in the parade
 - WGDG this weekend partnering with Colleges Against Cancer
 - First 250 people to visit and decorate a luminary bag get a free rally towel
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment @ **6:07 pm**
 - Moved by: Chair Phillips
 - Seconded by: Senator Brandon

Consent Agenda

<u>RSO</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Accounting Association	Food for Club Bonding, Cal Fremling	\$287.33

Volunteer Club	T-Shirts	\$261.50
Political Science Association	Club Fair Candy	\$8.03
Computer Science	Club Meeting Food	\$18.74
Physics Club	Club Meeting Food	\$91.72
Movement Science	T-Shirts	\$750
Korean Club	Club Fair Supplies	\$110.37
Biology Club	Craft Supplies	\$61.02
Pre-Vet	Craft Supplies	\$99.83
SILA	Club Meeting Materials	\$80.86
Pre-Dental	Club Meeting Snacks	\$31.32
AdFed	Stickers, WGDY Supplies	\$96.36
Beta Beta Beta	Club Meeting Food	\$38.59