

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**  
**Winona State Student Senate Meeting**  
**5 PM via Zoom**

Call to Order: **5:01 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 Lavan	x
Chair Olson	x
Senator Cup	x
Senator Drewry	x
Senator Elford	x
Senator Gort	x
Senator Groebner	x
Senator Holm	EA
Senator Krajefska	x
Senator Lancaster	x

Senator Momou	x
Senator Nagle	x
Senator Pfaffenbach	x
Senator Phan	x
Senator Phillips	x
Senator Podberetskaya	x
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Rosenberg	x
Senator Starr	x
Senator VandenLangenberg	x
Senator Wagner	x
Senator Weber	x
Senator Yang	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
  - Warrior Entertainment Network
    - Jayda
    - Comedian in kryszko
    - Open Election for Director positions
  - RHA
  - Greek Council
  - Director of Communications

- Taking headshots-going well
- Graphics
- Any social media reach out
- Almost done with headshots

Executive Assistant

- Merch-masks picking up Tuesday 27th
- International student forum tomorrow

Alliance of Student Organizations Director

- Shadow box
- Weekly email

- Guest Speakers-Active Minds
  - Emily Jacobs
    - SAFC for additional funding
    - For mental health on campus
  - President Kuerschner-how much money
  - Emily-50 shirts for \$432.50
    - Senator Momou-what is the club and impact of mental health awareness
    - Emily commented on seek awareness of mental health and encourage to seek help, not a support group
      - Green bandana project
    - Senator Momou-supportive, commend the club
    - Director Christensen-10 members
    - Point of Information-update info on amount of club members
    - Director Christensen-t-shirts for meetings or giveaway?
    - Emily-to meetings and officers, 13 people
    - Director-total cost \$432.50
  - Chair Olson-yield to redundancy
  - Senator Phillips-thanks for speaking, what is on the t-shirt design?
 

Emily-have active minds on there, slogan-"so much more" more than mental health

    - Senator Phan-thanks, 50 shirts, plan for extras?
    - Emily-wait for a few meetings, give them to WSU students
  - President Kuerschner-discuss after meeting
- Committee Reports
  - Academic Affairs: Chair Lavan

- Commencement-PR and applications due tomorrow
  - No one applied
  - International Student Forum: Wednesday
- Equity & Inclusive Excellence: Chair Collins
  - MarComm-Newsletter
  - International Student Forum
  - Meet with Dr. Locust
- Student Services: Chair Olson

President Kuerschner read committee recommendation

*Whereas*, Winona State Spring Break 2021 is scheduled to be March 8th through March 12th

*Whereas*, due to the pandemic, the WSU academic calendar is subject to vastly change

*Whereas*, WSUSS has an obligation to protect the health and wellness of Winona State students and the community

*Whereas*, WSUSS has sought feedback from fellow Winona State students

*Whereas*, a two-week quarantine would be ineffective and would jeopardize required in-person learning

*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS supports removing the current scheduled Spring Break 2021

*Therefore be it further resolved*, WSUSS supports ending the spring semester a week early

*Therefore be it further resolved*, President Kuerschner writes a letter of support to The Winonan, The Winona Post, and The Winona Daily News justifying Student Senate's position on Spring Break 2021

*Therefore be it further resolved*, the Student Services Committee will provide students with mental health resources throughout spring semester 2021 to accommodate for the lack of mental health relief that is usually during Spring Break

*Therefore be it further resolved*, WSUSS strongly encourages WSU Administration provides students with a day completely free of classes, whether it's online or in person to provide a mental health day for students

- Chair Olson-unanimously passed
  - Same idea, quarantine after spring break-at risk
  - Public health safety versus vacation
  - Mental health-priority
  - Need committee opinions

- President Kuerschner-reminders-tone of voice, in motion, use titles, back to Robert's Rules
- Discussion
- Senator VandenLangenberg
  - Nursing Dept., directly affected, direct impact on learning and careers, job dependent, missed out clinicals
  - Quarantine 2 weeks-no clinicals, no capstone
- President Kuerschner- reminder to gavel off time
  - Senator Pfaffenbach-
    - Thoughtful motion, intentions great, representing class and people
    - In favor of spring break and quarantine,
    - Classes online-don't see how mental break would be harmful, burnt out, adjustment
    - In favor of spring break for mental health, risk, realistically-help/originally intended, respectful discussion
  - Senator Elford-understand issue, science based friends, plan on going on spring break even if don't have one, people still go on breaks
    - Motion is going to backfire, see 2 week quarantine, support, need tweaks more with student body
  - Senator Groebner-WSUSS obligation to protect the safety of WSU students and community, spring break-proactive approach, plans can change, learn, future education
    - previous speaker-2 week quarantine-affecting internships, clinical, focus on why we are in college and end goals, WSU motto
- President Kuerschner-SMU cancel easter and spring break
- Senator Podberetskaya-agree with motion, agree for seniors, 2 week quarantine, interfere with graduating seniors, health and safety
- President Kuerschner-Robert's Rules reminder
- Chair Olson-reiterate the motion, online, cancel spring break

- Deter the travel-cancel spring
- Senator Phillips-support the motion, hard for nursing students, talking to students, affecting people of color, health and safety of all students
- Chair Lavan-agree with motion, think about the community, agree with previous senator, wasting money, education they deserve, be active on it
- Chair Collins-support the motion, end in april, worry about students-all of May on their leases, get out of dorms, support not having spring break, people in dorms, live off and on campus
- Director Christensen-concerned about the mental health of students, no break-worry for mental health
  - 2 week quarantine after, worried for people out of state, classes online, burnout rate
  - Families, hope come to decision, partially agree, see changes, keep and do 2 week quarantine
- Senator Krajefska-agree, poverty, get sick, pay bills, being a parent, mental health-someone to talk too, look into different activities for self care-yoga
- Senator Roers-feel burnout, visits go up-counseling, 3 day weekend
- Senator VandenLangenberg-mental health, ways to cater to mental health, Fall 2020-no long weekend
  - quarantine proposal-WSU can't control quarantine, 2 weeks after-can't stay inside, no enforcement, resources to enforce
- Senator Gort- the argument is mental health, burnout-issue, COVID risks are very real, sake of community-faculty/families, smart thing to do to cancel, fully support motion
- Senator Momou- yield to redundancy, represent liberal arts, covid serious issue, need to take responsibility, long weekends, accommodate students mental health

- Director Christensen-long weekends, no university improvement day, labs, clinicals, professors-day off-classes on, burnout rate, mental health issues, travel-long day-4 day
- Senator Cup-support of motion, mental health important, amendment
- Seconded by: Senator Phan
  - Senator Cup to amendment: talking in circles, day off, focus on mental health, no online or in person, wait to see what Senates opinion, adding in points to the discussion
  - Senator Phan to second-going in circles, this day or couple to have class free-break need, include labs, agree with addition
- Chair Olson- if day approved, Student Services work on mental health resources/activity/relief
- Senator Groebner-having a day off for mental health break, didn't add in originally, encourage admin to ban class
- Senator Nagle-agree with amendment
- Senator Rosenberg-rule in place, need to monitor each professor agreed with statement, monitored happening with students, unfair to student workers- make sure student workers don't work
- Chair Lavan-agree with addition, 1 day-valuable, programs to help students
- Senator Momou-support the day, press admin to approve day free of classes, break before finals, midterms
- Senator Pfaffenbach-redundancy and support

## **Amendment Approved**

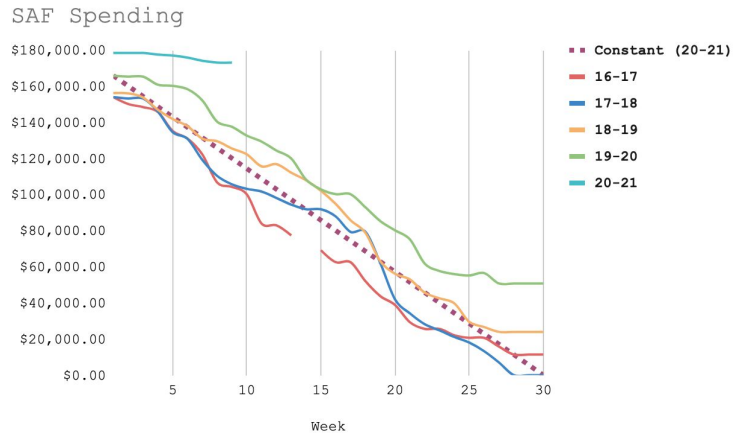
- President Kuerschner-discussion on motion
- Senator Phillips-mental health important, burnout, school bettering self
- Senator Wagner-no vote tonight, point of info and talk to counseling what we can do for next semester, max capacity
  - Get in touch with counseling, resource for students-videos-help with burnout, update videos, communication with counselors and touch with students
- President Kuerschner-talk to counselors and housing
- Senator Nagle-Yield to redundancy
- Senator Yang-support of motion and new amendment, follow with SMU, poverty and healthcare-students in mind
  - Motion passes-students rethink decision, appropriate to travel-standards, take the break, mental health-resiliency of students, change-tackle mental health, support amendment
- Chair Olson-meet the counselor campaign, introduce themselves, social media soon, open to ideas to move campaign to Spring

## **TABLED**

- Chair Olson:
  - Meet counselor campaign, dates set
  - Great meeting
- President's Report
  - Approval of Consent Agenda: **Approved**
  - All-University Committee Updates
  - [Students United Committees](#)
    - Need by Monday of next week



- Treasurer Mercier, Senator Wagner, Senator Krajefksa, Senator Lancaster, Senator Weber
  - Pass/No Credit Fall 2020-Spring 2021
    - IFO-extend deadline, through last day of classes to switch
  - Student Experience Survey
    - VP McDowell-fill it out
    - Academic Affairs-results
    - Spring Semester-better
    - Check email for the survey
- Vice President's Report
  - [Judicial Committee Recommendation](#)
    - 3 filled, 2 people tied-4th at large seat
      - Update in bylaws/constitution- about tied
      - Next ballot
      - Vacant until next election
      - Discussion-
      - Senator Pfaffenbach-support committee, things in place
    - **Approved**
  - Elections Committee - Thursday, December 3rd at 5 pm
    - Sit on-let VP Hansen know
  - Graduating Senators
    - Let VP Hansen know, seats on elections
  - Judicial and Infractions
    - Not participate in meetings
    - Obligations with bylaws
    - Relaxed with expectations
    - Recommend infractions
    - Accountable for elected to do position
- Treasurer's Report
  - SAF Account Balance: \$173,163.48
  - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$173,131.48 (97.01%,  
↓ 2.99%)
  - Senate Account: \$ 26,925.64



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- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Comments from the Gallery
  - Tracy Rahim-good discussion, represent constituents, take a flu shot
  - President Olson- great discussion
  - Dean Johnson-great discussion, pass/no credit-changes-confer with advisor
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment at 6:52 pm
- Call to adjourn: Senator Pfaffenbach
- Second: Senator Rosenberg

**Consent Agenda**

RSO	Reason	Amount
Winona State Hip Hop	Club Yard Sign	\$32.00