

Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Winona State Student Senate Meeting
5 PM, Purple Room, WSU

Call to Order: **5pm**

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	EA

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
 - Grocery Bingo Thursday Oct. 28 - Halloween themed
 - 7 pm in the Kryzkoo Ballroom
 - Kryzsko after Dark next Friday the 5th 9pm-midnight
 - Executive Board applications are open! If you are looking for a great group to be a part of, sign up
 - Greek Council
 - Keap Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Sent merch designs to EA Wright
 - Executive Assistant

- Merch will be finalized within the next couple of days
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Giving clubs some time to get their
 - Tell clubs that you know have not made it to ASO meetings that they must meet with Director Sok to make up their missed meetings
- Guest Speakers
 - Dream Closet - Emily Ray
 - Volunteer organization that places big boxes around town and on campus for gently used clothes/accessories
 - Large influx of volunteers this year
 - Once a semester get together for a shopping event for the whole community
 - Next one: Saturday November 6 from 11-2 at the rotunda at the Tau Center
 - Requesting funds to use the event space (\$265), snacks/supplies for volunteers (\$70), and T-shirts for volunteers(\$693.75)
 - Chair Philips - know capacity of Tau?
 - Believe it's ~150. Letting in 30 community members at a time
 - Senator Jones - know exactly what food?
 - Snacks for friday night and a meal saturday (Toppers & Dominos) and water for shoppers
 - Director Sok - contact tracing?
 - Require everyone coming in to fill out a survey and return it to the club
 - Senator Hebrink - \$13/shirt before or after 25% discount?
 - Before - total is after discount
 - Senator Senchea - what do with clothes that aren't taken
 - Donate to other organizations in the community
 - WSU Recruitment Website Update - Elizabeth Berres
 - Goals include a sleeker, more modern design and a more user-friendly interface
 - Academic Program Finder
 - "Search engine for programs"
 - User-centered organization - basically helps users understand which department holds which majors and what programs can be found given personal goals
 - Compares and contrasts majors from WSU to other institutions as well as others inside WSU itself
 - Hopefully launching recruitment website and program finder in December
 - Hopes to start transitioning to redesigned website by Summer 2022
 - Any questions? Email elizabeth.berres@winona.edu
 - Chair Phillips - will the old website still be there when new stuff gets on
 - Yeah, it will be a weird combination of new and old until the whole thing get finished
 - Chair Hytry - will program finder replace eServices?
 - No - mostly just giving information
 - Senator Larson - what can WSUSS do for you guys?
 - This is only one project that's being worked on, so might be able to contract more web creators if the budget is there
 - Senator Roers - will there be times when the website is down during the transition period?
 - No - there might be duplicate pages and redirections at some points, but everything should be available

- Students United - Emma Zellmer
 - 501C3 nonprofit - so there are full-time employees
 - Advocacy group that represents all MN university system students
 - Student-lead
 - President Mercier is our point of contact for this organization
 - Want to get involved? studentsunited.org/students or talk to Pres. Mercier
 - Also, they have info pages on the website for senate-related stuff
 - Chair Hytry - tell us more about student debt campaign
 - Focused on debt created by higher education institutions
 - Fundraising for scholarships
 - Senator Lew - international visa like current program?
 - Looking for better programs for OBD's and sponsorships
 - Getting better health insurance options as well
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - 2 commencement speaker applications
 - Need at least 3 - so please reach out to people (hopefully in College of Nursing)
 - Stay tuned for vaccine incentive and educational/promotional items
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence

Whereas, gender neutral bathrooms play a substantive role in maintaining inclusivity on campus and making all feel welcome,

Whereas, an individual shouldn't have to travel to another building just to feel comfortable to use the bathroom,

Whereas, including gender-neutral bathrooms will relive anxiety and worry for non-binary and transgender individuals,

Whereas, gender neutral bathrooms wouldn't cost anything but just changing the name of one bathroom in each building,

Therefore be resolved, WSUSS recommends gender-neutral bathrooms be placed in Minne, Phelps, and the SLC by Fall 2022.

Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee - supposed to represent all students on campus - even if this is a small number of people on campus, it's important to make people feel comfortable

Senator Mullhern-Alred - students should feel safe and included

Chair Hytry - really inclusive move in the right direction for WSU

Senator Groebner - goes along with feminine hygiene motion from past meetings. Students should be comfortable - especially

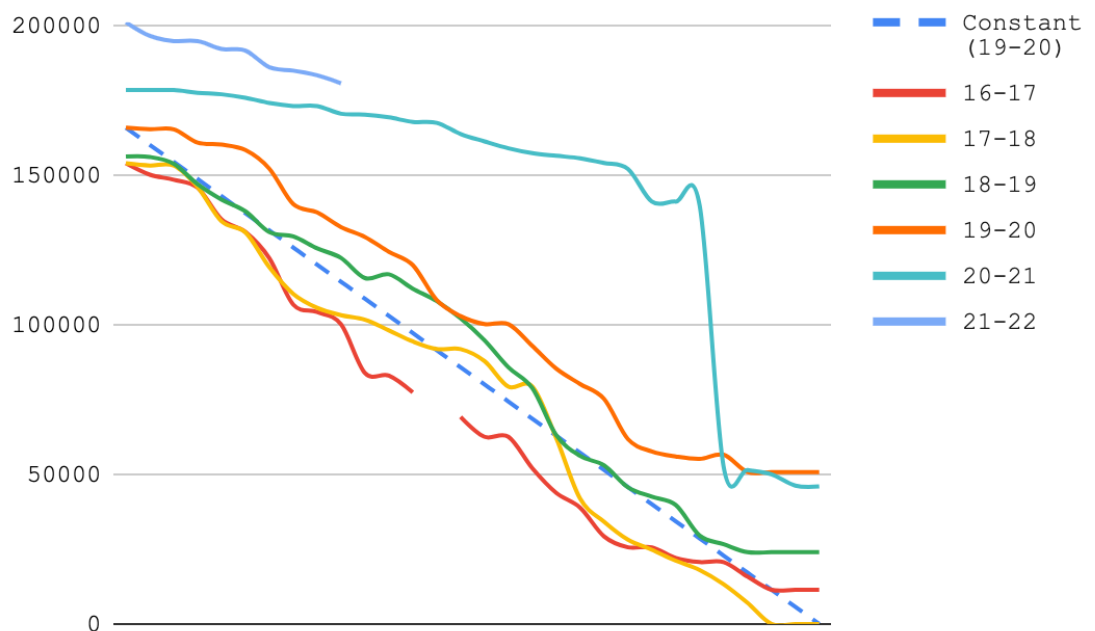
Recommendation is **APPROVED**

*Also - committee is working on message for students standing by them

- Student Services
 - Working on gathering student feedback for the meditation room
 - Getting educational resources for condom/dental dam initiative
- President's Report
 - Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Senator Groebner - Title IX and Affirmative Action committee
 - Committee asked what senate wants to see happen

- Let Senator Groebner know thoughts regarding above bullet point
 - Chair Hytry - Advising Committee
 - Really wants student feedback - let Chair Hytry know your thoughts
 - Meet & Discuss Update
 - Talked about meditation room, transgender speakers, academic affairs, vaccine incentives, COVID update, Get Home Safe campaign
 - If you want to see meeting notes, let President Mercier know
- Vice President's Report
 - Rochester Meeting
 - Message VP Olson if you are willing to drive one of the university vehicles
 - Supplemental Election
- Treasurer's Report
 - SAF Account Balance: \$183,409.89
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$180,751.91 (89.86%, 10.14%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$180,751.91 (89.86%, 10.14%)
 - Senate Account: \$24,296.99

SAF Spending



- Unfinished Business

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Whereas, attendance at the Regional Conference can provide exposure for WSU

Whereas, members in attendance of this event can gain professional marketing experience

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$2,190.71 from the SAF to Pi Sigma Epsilon for gas and lodging costs for the Regional Conference

Moved by: Senator Groebner - members will gain leadership and professional skills

Seconded by: Chair Phillips

Senator Jones - appreciated that the presenters came in prepared

Motion **PASSES**

- New Business
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 - Moved by: Senator Ford - great project every year. Good presentation
 - Seconded by: Senator Rieken - good presentation and more volunteers is a good thing
 - Senator Wecker - great opportunity for families in need in the community
 - Senator Roers amends that funds will come from SAF and not SAFC
 - Seconded by Chair Phillips
 - Amendment **PASSES**
 - **Motion is automatically TABLED for one week**
- Comments from the Gallery
 - VP McDowell
 - Thanks to the moderators for the Warrior Conversation
 - Acknowledged the various feelings as a result of last week's events
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **6:40**
 - Moved by: Senator Brandon
 - Seconded by: Senator Prosser

Consent Agenda

<u>RSO</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kappa Delta Pi	Club Meeting Supplies	\$202.63
Asian Student Nation	Whitewater Hiking Trip	\$198.74
Hmong American Student Association	Whitewater Hiking Trip	\$196.12
WSU Spanish Language Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$109.43
RTTR Student Association	Club Meeting Supplies	\$483.59
Environmental Club	Club Meeting Supplies	\$270.03
Winona Gaming Community	Club Meeting Supplies	\$653.25
Beta Beta Beta	Club Meeting	\$60.98
Student Health + Wellness Advocates	Event Supplies	\$272.08

Anime Club	Club Meeting	\$92.65
Philosophy Club	Club Meeting	\$ 17.24
Psychology Club	Club Meeting	\$11.24
Climbing Club	Climbing Trip	\$90