

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM, Zoom, WSU

Meeting ID: 985 3782 4057

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Call to Order: **5 pm**

Roll Call: **Quorum**

President Mericer	x
VP Olson	x
Treasurer Weber	x
Director Elliot	x
Director Sok	x
EA Wright	x
Chair Gort	x
Chair Hytry	x
Chair Phillips	x
Senator Abagat	x
Senator Ahmed	x
Senator Brandon	x
Senator A, Carman	x
Senator B. Carman	EA
Senator Cole	x
Senator Dauer	x
Senator Evans-Curry	x
Senator Ferguson	x
Senator Ford	x
Senator Hebrink	UT

Senator Jones	x
Senator Kennedy	x
Senator Larson	x
Senator McCuskey	x
Senator Mulhern-Allred	x
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Rieken	ET
Senator Roers	x
Senator Schiro	x
Senator Senchea	x
Senator Sherchan	x
Senator Siewert	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Kryzsko After Dark on Friday
 - Director of Communications
 - Meet Your Representatives
 - Vaccine incentive campaign marketing
 - Executive Assistant
 - Merch - slide money into the EBoard or find me
 - Once paid, EA Wright will place your items on the back table of the office
 - Bonding Opportunities:
 - Committee food drive competition
 - Week of Feb. 21st
 - Prize incentive
 - Jackbox + food party at a later date once it's safer to be in person

- Valentine's Day exchange
 - Feb 15th meeting
 - Make a little box/receptacle and bring treats or notes
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - First meeting of the semester got done today
 - Another one on Thursday
 - Club fair is looking to have a good turnout
 - Guest Speakers
 - NAFME - Kennedi Kjellberg
 - National Association for Music Education
 - Requesting \$1592.80
 - \$109.00 + \$15.28 tax for 5 rooms for 2 nights
 - \$350 in convention fees
 - Unable to fundraise much due to COVID
 - Senator Jones - how many going in total?
 - 13 - gender splitting requires more rooms
 - Chair Phillips - have you asked the department for any money
 - Technically a club trip, so the department can't give funds
 - Chair Gort - whole campus benefit?
 - "Social justice" theme of the conference will bring knowledge back to campus
 - Campus concerts get to show what they learned from speakers/performers
 - Chair Hytry - in person? Possibility of canceling?
 - Will need convention fees regardless, but in the event of virtual won't need hotel funds
 - Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Marketing materials have all been ordered
 - Working on peer advisor event - logistics to come
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Will be putting up posters/signs up
 - Looking to bring Sam Briton to campus to speak

Whereas, the WGSS program is important to teaching the history of women, gender and sexuality,

Whereas, since the WGSS program has come to WSU, there has been a lot of community-facing work with the Advocacy Center of Winona,

Whereas, the WGSS program has organized many women's in history events, films and speakers on WSU campus and our Winona community,

Whereas, the WGSS program is dedicated to student activism,

Whereas, the WGSS program classes are continually filled each semester,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends that administration maintain current full staffing by supporting a tenure-track probationary position beginning with 2022/23 academic year,

Therefore be further it resolved, WSUSS recommends a fixed-term position for the 2022/23 academic year,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends a commitment for a tenure-track probationary position beginning with the 2023/24 academic year.

Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee

- WGSS program is extremely important on campus
- Would be a shame if the program left
- Senator Jones - supports the motion
 - Students learn so many new things to open their eyes in WGSS courses
- Senator Larson - how many people in the department?
 - Approx. 20 people per class
- Senator Abagat - supports the motion
- Senator Roers - what does staff look like now for the program?
 - 2 professors, but 1 is leaving
- Director Elliot - love the WGSS program - benefited from taking those classes
- Senator Larson - how many classes does a prof teach?
 - Generally 4 3-credit classes per professor
- Senator Cole - heard many positive reviews about the program
- Senator Prosser - fully support the motion

Whereas, Black History Month is a celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S history,

Whereas, movies bring individuals together,

Whereas, *Get out* and *the WIZ* showcase black culture,

Whereas, *Get out* will cost \$800 and the *WIZ* will cost \$650,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,450 from the SAF to purchase two movies for two separate nights in February.

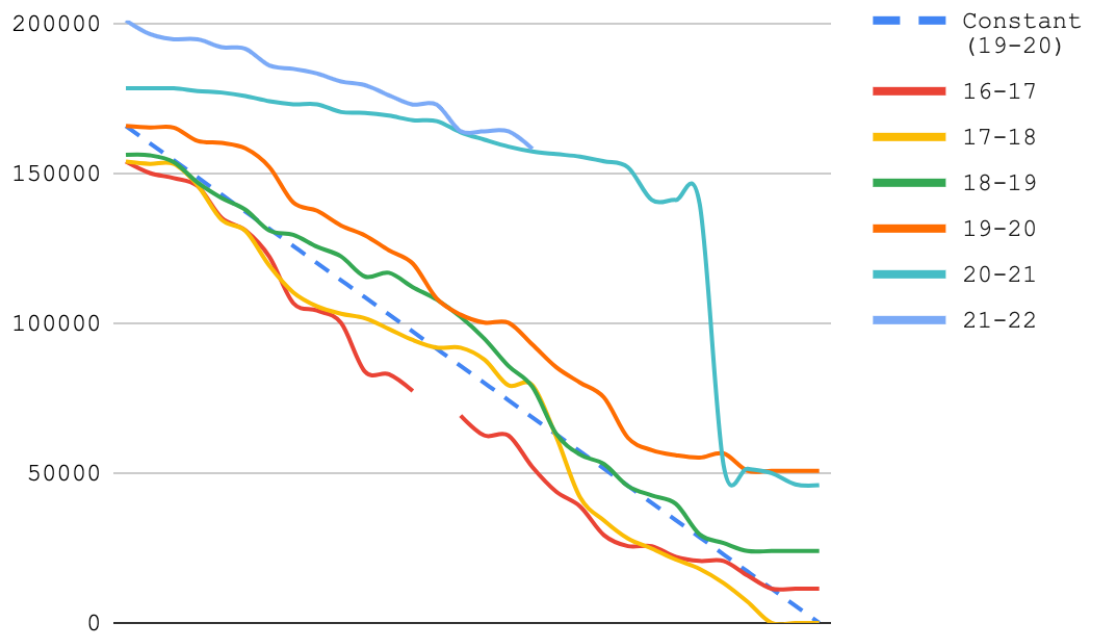
Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee

- Celebrate Black History Month by celebrating black actors/directors
- Senator Abagat - wonderful way to showcase culture and a fun way to celebrate Black History Month
- Senator A. Carman - great way to get involved with BHM
- Senator Brandon - love *The Whiz* -
- Senator Hebrink - good chance to watch these movies if you haven't

- Student Services
 - Working on condom/dental dam distribution
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Senator Jones - Finance and faculty committee
 - Got a rundown of all of the university's finances
 - New Wifi system in place
 - Senator Kennedy - Digital Committee
 - Looked at the new Program Finder
 - Global redesign of the website coming soon
 - Senator Senchea - SVAC - sexual violence advocacy committee
 - Hoping to get posters out with information
 - Students United Update
 - Mental Wellness Taskforce
 - January 27th 3pm - first meeting
 - Meet & Discuss
 - Student Senate Rest of the Semester
 - Week-by-week basis evaluation of whether we can have meetings in person
 - Assessment Day 2/15
 - **We still have a meeting at 5pm!!!!!!**
 - Student Death Update
 - As a student leader, please be aware of the resources available so you can point students in the right direction if asked

- Vice President’s Report
 - Executive Session Reminder
 - E-Board Office Hours
 - Will be on a shared google calendar that will be updated regularly due to conflicting schedules
- Treasurer’s Report
 - Consent Agenda Item of the Week: Ambassadors Honorary
 - Cool little hats
 - SAF Account Balance: \$164,131.64
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$163,483.50 (81.28%, 18.72%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$158,301 (78.70%, 21.30%)

SAF Spending



- Unfinished Business

Whereas, WSUSS committed to holding a vaccine incentive campaign in the Fall 2021 Semester for the Spring 2022 Semester,

Whereas, incentivising WSU students to get the Covid-19 vaccine and booster will keep the Winona State community and city of Winona safe,

Whereas, each tier of the incentives has prizes that benefit academic, physical, and financial well-being,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$5182.50 from the SAF to purchase the following incentive items for the Vaccine Incentive Campaign,

- Tier #1:
 - Apple Ipad: \$353.26
 - Paddle board: \$348.92
 - Target Gift Card: \$250

Overall Price of Tier #1: \$952.18

- Tier #2:
 - Nintendo Switch Gaming Console: \$322.11
 - Kwik Trip Gas Gift Card: \$250
 - Hyvee Grocery Gift Card: \$250
 - Apple Watch: \$299.58
 - Apple Airpod Pros: \$297.36
 - WSU Bookstore Gift Card (Textbooks cost covered): \$250

Overall Price of Tier #2: \$1,669.05

- Tier #3:
 - Minnesota Twins Tickets: \$432.55
 - Ipad: \$353.26
 - Kayak: \$178.52
 - Target Gift Card: \$250
 - Kwik Trip Gas Gift Card: \$250
 - Hyvee Grocery Gift Card: \$250
 - Apple Watch: \$299.58
 - Apple Airpod Pros: \$297.36
 - WSU Bookstore Gift Card (Textbooks cost covered): \$250

Overall Cost of Tier #3: \$2,561.27

Overall Cost: \$5,182.50

Therefore be it further resolved, if there are any extra funds from the incentives, they will remain in the SAF.

Moved by: Chair Hytry - will hopefully convince students to make campus more safe

Seconded by: Senator Prosser - first in our state, to our knowledge, to be doing this

Great that it's student-driven

- Senator Hebrink - supports the motion, cool that it incentivizes everyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Senator Senchea - little to no data that programs like this actually work (as shown by other states)
 - Also, might perpetuate the idea that one should be praised for doing basic good

- Constituents say that students who aren't yet vaccinated might be unlikely to get vaxxed even with the incentives
- Senator Ford - does not support the motion. Following the data shows that it's unlikely to work
 - So much money - would we do this every semester?
- Senator Hebrink - previous senators brought up some good points
 - Still good that it's student-driven
 - Extra money goes back to SAF anyways
- Senator Prosser - incentive articles focus mostly on government-driven ones
 - College students are likely to appreciate
 - Smaller campus, so likelihood is much higher that a student will win
- Director Elliot - has friends that went out and got vaccinated because of the Kwik Trip gift card
 - Also great that everyone - not just folks getting vaxxed now - has a chance to win
 - Eau Claire campaign did well/saw results
- Senator Rieken - are we buying the items before people sign up? Or after?
 - Items will be returned if not enough people
 - Extremely unlikely the first two tiers won't be given out
- Chair Phillips - how long will this go on? Also asked for clarification of tiers
 - Until the end of the semester
- Senator Senchea - hesitant - uncharted territory
- Chair Hytry - chance for anyone to benefit - not just one club or person
- Senator Siewert - choose the prize or stuck with assigned one?
 - Get to choose
- Senator Brandon - supports the motion - the amount of money is worth the risk for the health of our campus community
- Treasurer Weber - still have a large sum of the SAF in our account - this program is but a small percentage of the fund
- Senator A. Carmen - there's going to be backlash regardless of anything we do
- Senator Cole - since it's a different approach than what other campaigns have had, there is potential for it to succeed
- Senator Kennedy - if the motion gets passed and we get backlash, how will we respond to any criticism?
 - Will be assessed on a case-by-case basis

- Motion is **PASSED**

- New Business

Whereas, security is an important asset to campus safety,

Whereas, there has been a higher number of crimes committed on campus,

Whereas, security is understaffed,

Whereas, having security in each building makes students feel safer,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends security have more advertisements on campus and have two full-time community staff members to help assets with campus safety.

Moved by Senator Evans-Curry - lots of high crime around campus and security is short-staffed

Seconded by: Chair Phillips

- Senator Larson - has the director of security been spoken to about this?
 - Not yet
- Senator Kennedy - noticed a decrease in security and increase in crime
 - Would be nice to put out advertising for the positions at the very least
 - Current security officers who are students work super long hours
- Senator A. Carman - supports the motion
- Senator Jones - within her two years on campus, there seem to be more and more emails regarding security breaches
- Chair Phillips - used to have security in each res hall after a certain time
- Senator Roers - concerned that nobody actually in charge has been consulted
 - Motions to table the motion for one week to talk to people in charge
 - Seconded by Senator Larson
 - Motion to table **PASSES** and will be on next week's agenda
- Motion is **TABLED** for one week

Whereas, NAFME provides opportunities for students studying music education,

Whereas, the MMEA Midwinter clinic is a great learning experience for these students,

Whereas, attending the MMEA Midwinter clinic will bring more unique perspectives to WSU as a whole,

Whereas, attending the clinic requires lodging and convention fees,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1592.80 from the SAF to NAFME for lodging and MMEA convention fees.

Moved by: Chair Gort - clear with their reasons for going and using SAF funds

Seconded by: Senator Ford - came well prepared for the presentation

- Senator Jones - everyone in the music program benefits from knowledge brought back regardless of status in the music department
- Senator Siewart - some of WSU's band students get to participate in it
- Motion is automatically **TABLED** for one week
- Comments from the Gallery
 - President Olson - let admin know if they can help with vaccine incentive program
 - Lots of open security positions open currently for students
 - Security already gets paid more than base rate for student employees
 - VP McDowell - thanks to those who volunteered for the Mental Health Task Force
- Executive Session - moved by Chair Phillips
 - Seconded by Senator Ford
 - **APPROVED**
 - Senator Mahamood has been automatically expelled from Senate
 - Accountability marks listed for the whole senate
 - Senator Ford - what's the limit of marks?
 - 12 marks to be automatically expelled
 - Senator Jones - does the marks system start over each semester?
 - No, it does not
 - Chair Phillips moves to exit Executive Session
 - Seconded by Senator Prosser
 - **APPROVED**
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **7:05pm**
 - Moved by: Senator Rieken
 - Seconded by: Senator Kennedy

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
Ambassadors Honorary	Hats	\$289

Winona Gaming Community	Club Meeting Food	\$301.64
WSU AdFed	Event Promotion	\$20
HER Campus	Club Promotion Posters	\$ 37.50

Remove Chair Gort from Judicial Committee

Remove Senator Rieken from Judicial Committee

Senator Mulhern-Allred to Judicial Committee

Senator Ferguson to Judicial Committee

Senator Prosser to Judicial Committee

Remove Senator Jones from Students Services Committee

Remove Senator Jones from Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee

Remove Senator Rieken from Student Services

Senator Rieken to Student Activity Fund Committee