

Tuesday, September 14, 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

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Charlie Berens went great
 - Reza the Illusionist at 7:30 pm on Friday the 17th
 - Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7 pm Grocery Bingo
 - Greek Council
 - KEAP Council
 - Director of Communications
 - 2 weeks (the 28th) headshots available for everyone in Senate
 - Executive Assistant
 - Senators: please fill out my Google Form regarding bonding dates and ideas
 - A full bonding calendar will be made available by next meeting

- Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Club registrations are due - status email was sent today
 - Working through constitutions and approving clubs
- Guest Speakers
 - Connie Kamara - SANE Training
 - Not enough sexual assault nurses in our area
 - Properly trained nurses do a better job with trauma and are more knowledgeable
 - SANE = Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
 - Require lots of training - must be a RN and go through many hours of training
 - More likely victims will report if there are resources for them that don't include more trauma
 - WSU currently has a SANE nurse, but the community does not
 - *Having more SANE nurses available would greatly benefit the community
 - M-F 7:30-4 the SANE nurse is in the WSU clinic
 - Request: Alumni House accommodations for 3 presenters
 - 5 night, 2 presenters; 1 night, 1 presenter for \$413.39
 - Chair Phillips - Who's the training open to? Thanks for coming in
 - Some from Winona Health, other towns, across state lines

Motion to take a 5 minute recess: **Passes**

- Moved by: Chair Phillips
- Seconded by: Senator Prosser
- Attendance after recess: **Quorum**
- Chair Gort - Where would funding go towards?
 - Cost center or directly to Alumni House - whatever is easiest
- James Herbert - Racial Course Graduation Requirement
 - Senators received a petition
 - Mr. Herbert is currently taking a course at WSU and has a relative here as well
 - Problem and residues of racism are still prevalent in our society
 - Requesting the implementation of a required course to graduate WSU informing students of the issue of
 - Will be difficult to accomplish, but it's a vital enough issue that it should happen anyway
 - U of M Twin Cities now has a Social Justice requirement

- Shouldn't be implemented because it's a trend but because it needs to be done
- Chair Gort - what would you like WSUSS to do about this issue
 - Mr. Herbert - Not sure how it works, but is aware that WSUSS has a recognized voice on campus
- Chair Phillips - redundant for POC and minorities to take a class about an issue they are already aware about
- Senator Ford - what would the next step be after getting the signatures?
 - Mr. Herbert - Give them to the committee currently considering this class already
- Chair Hytry - clarification on the committee/what other things does the committee do
 - Mr. Herbert - only effort is to obtain signatures and provide the evidence to the committee
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Please respond to the When2Meet to let Chair Hytry know when available to meet
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence

Whereas, A drag show will bring different aspects of culture to WSU,

Whereas, 4 drag performers will be \$400 each,

Whereas, Poster Promotion for Residence Halls and Academic Buildings will be \$75,

Whereas, Facebook Event Boost will be \$75 for 15 days,

Therefore be resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1,750 from the SAF to Full Spectrum.

Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee

Will bring more aspects of culture and a great experience for those who need diversity in their life

- Senator Groebner - when will it take place and who will take the brunt of planning?
 - Answer - joint effort between Warrior Entertainment Network, Full Spectrum, and
- Senator Jones - will bring a lot of diversity and good vibes to campus

Amendment: Senator Groebner moves to remove “Equity and Inclusive Excellence recommendation” from the motion

Seconded by Senator Roers

Cleans up the wording and makes it clearer what the motion is for.

Amendment **PASSES**

Motion **TABLED** for one week

- Working on diversity pamphlets
- Student Services
 - Getting the swipe donation program ironed out as well as some other new projects
- President’s Report
 - Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committees
 - Dress Up Meeting 9/28
 - Headshots will be taken an hour before meeting starts
 - Volunteer Opportunity - Professor Alzate
 - Hosting a World Cafe
 - Need students to run the deliberation and take notes
 - Sept. 30th afternoon
 - Luncheon - Former Governor Arnie Carlson
 - Sept. 17 11:30 am to 12:30 am luncheon
 - 1-2pm Q&A
 - Looking for 3 available students
 - Meet & Discuss 9/17 @ 3-4:30 pm
 - Chair Phillips, Senator Ford, and Senator Groebner
- Vice President’s Report
 - WGDX Reminder 10:45-1:15
 - Meet Director of Communications in Senate office at 10:45
 - Homecoming Nominations
 - President Mercier and Director Elliot
 - 30 Senate applications
- Treasurer’s Report
 - SAF Account Balance: \$195,577.18
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$194,853.33

- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$194,853.33 (96.87%,
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 - Senate Account: \$29,201.25
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
 - *Whereas*, sexual assault affects WSU students and the surrounding community,
 - *Whereas*, training for sexual assault nurses ensures that the proper steps are taken to care for sexual assault victims,
 - *Whereas*, WSU is hosting presenters to lead training for sexual assault nurses,
 - *Whereas*, lodging in the Alumni House for the presenters will cost \$35 per night, not including tax,
 - *Whereas*, presenters will need lodging for 11 nights,
 - *Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS allocates \$413.39 from the SAF to the Alumni House.
 - Moved by: Chair Gort - clear benefits to community and immeasurable impact on individuals by not re-traumatizing them.
 - Seconded by: Senator Ford - lot more people who are victims than you may think. Many of these victims still struggle with what happened due to lack of proper nurse training
 - Motion **TABLED** for one week
- Comments from the Gallery
 - George Micalone
 - Student legal advocate is resuming business hours
 - Tuesdays 5-7
 - Bikes are on severe back order for bike share program
 - VP McDowell
 - TED Talk Tuesdays are back!
 - First one on Tuesday, Sept. 28 @ 2 pm
 - This year the talks will focus on the “War on Kindness”
 - If interested in facilitating a talk, speak to VP McDowell
 - Warrior Conversations about the “War on Kindness
 - Dean Johnson
 - Still have a few days to fill out short student survey to help the university prepare for accreditation committee (recall Prof. Ferstl’s talk from last week’s minutes)
- Comments for the Good of the Order

- Adjournment **6:12**
 - Moved by: Chair Phillips
 - Seconded by: Senator Prosser

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
Sigma Tau Gamma	Rush T-Shirts	\$261.19
Computer Science	Club Meeting Snacks	\$55.40
RTTR	Several Events and Club Activities	\$125.17
Psychology Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$36.52
Student Council for Exceptional Children	Club Stickers	\$116
Colleges Against Cancer	Club Meeting Snacks	\$19.96
SILA	September Meeting Supplies	\$46.40
WSU-PreDental Club	Club Meeting Snacks	\$18.20
Korean Club	Club Meeting Food	\$45.01

President Mercier to Elections Committee

Chair Gort to Elections Committee

Chair Phillips to Elections Committee

Chair Hytry to Elections Committee

Senator Prosser to Elections Committee

Approve Potato Club

Approve WSU Golf Club