

Tuesday, September 28, 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	ET
EA Wright	x
Chair Gort	x
Chair Hytry	x
Chair Phillips	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
 - Friday, Kryzsko After Dark - Candyland themed - @ 9
 - Drag Show @ 10
 - Homecoming concert feat. PUBLIC and Jax
 - Reserve (free) tickets online
 - Find them at the club fair with a craft
 - Greek Council
 - Keap Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Everyone looks great in their headshots!

- If you did not get a headshot, contact Director Elliot to get that done
 - Executive Assistant
 - Look out for the Senate bonding dates and times on Facebook!
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Still a couple clubs in the yellow
 - If you or someone you know needs additional information to help your clubs get into the green, let Director Sok know
 - Next ASO Meeting
 - October 12 in Baldwin
 - October 14 6pm over Zoom
 - October 8 - club fair 12-2:30
- Guest Speakers
 - Vice President Olson
 - VP for University Advancement
 - Alumni office, print shop, marketing & communications
 - Senator Groebner: how can the foundation better support students?
 - Freeing up more scholarships (\$100,000 this year)
 - Total assets over 70 million
 - Chair Phillips: marketing for the whole university or just the foundation? Ways to improve?
 - Just got together to plan new ideas
 - Working with an outside vendor to help get ideas from people with more expertise
 - Senator Ford: still going to be requirements for certain scholarships or changing it up for more availability?
 - Different donors have specific criteria, but they're working on getting more general ones
 - Treasurer Weber: where does the money for scholarships come from?
 - University funds and alumni
 - Provost Newton
 - Great to see people back on campus!
 - Lots of experience with students at many different universities
 - Provost is faculty where deans report to for insurance of quality education
 - Senator Groebner: plans for future of academic affairs?

- Want to give more opportunities for students and make it easier for them to get an education at WSU
 - Chair Hytry: what are some new academic policies that you're working on?
 - More online presence
 - Working in collaboration with Rochester and corporate partners
 - Senator Ford: anything you're doing besides tech that is including Rochester
 - Offering great programs on that campus and elsewhere
- Vice President Locust
 - Associate VP for Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Educating campus about the experiences of underrepresented groups
 - Making sure students have equitable opportunities on campus
 - Equity 2030
 - To address education gaps in race, ethnicity, and first-time students
 - Identifying policies & procedures that create these gaps
 - Chair Phillips: how can WSUSS better support BiPOC and LGBT+ students?
 - Reaching out to KEAP council and working with other groups on campus to raise awareness/host events to spread information
 - Come to events for support - Expanding Perspectives series
 - Race Matters study groups for faculty
 - Space for people to openly ask questions about race and experiences
 - Working to get something like this for students, but with less time commitment
 - Let VP Locust know if you see any inequitable policies or anything of the like around campus
 - Chair Hytry: what is your plan for the future of equity and inclusive excellence?
 - 2 years ago created an I&E 5 year plan (currently in year 3)
 - Making campus as inclusive as possible
 - Director Sok: Would there be a chance to repeat the gathering of diversity groups on campus for meetings like last year? Do you believe events like that will be directed to the KEAP center?
 - KEAP council meetings every other Wednesday at 9 pm
 - Seminar talking about wealth gaps and a series talking about students of color and other underrepresented groups

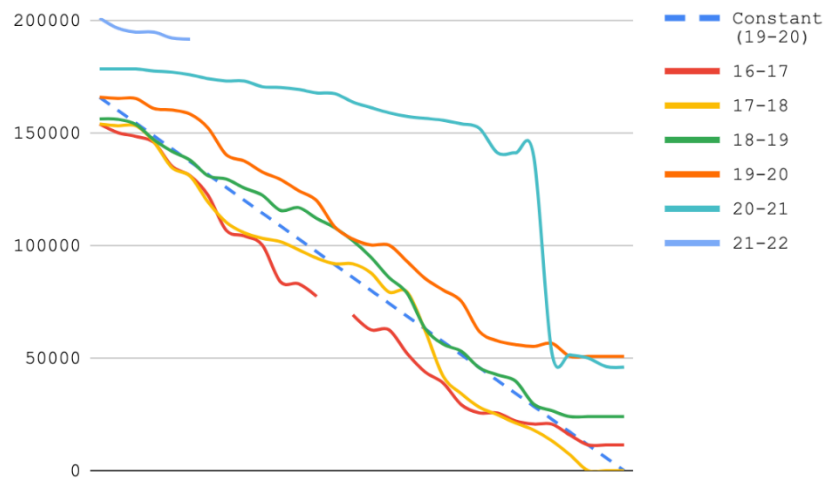
- Senator Mulhern-Allred: what are some ways you can set up opportunities for students who aren't as involved on campus?
 - Show up to a meeting for a club you're interested in
 - Sharing leadership opportunities in these groups
- Dean Johnson and Professor Osgood - Warrior Cupboard
 - On campus student food shelf (1 of 3 in the community)
 - Opened August 2017
 - Currently about 80 students (roughly 10 a week) with access
 - \$200-300 a week spent on groceries
 - \$11,000 spent on groceries in 2021 Academic Year
 - Senate, Chartwells, private donations support the cupboard
 - Normally managed by Kate Nolke, but some other people are
 - Dean Johnson and Ron Strege are both resources - if you know someone who would like access, let one of them know (it's completely anonymous)
 - Working on WarriorSpace request form
 - WSUSS is the only continuous funder for the cupboard
 - Senator Prosser: Anything as Student Senate to spread awareness?
 - Any ideas would be helpful - email aosgood@winona.edu
 - It's in a private location, so not much foot traffic
 - Senator Ford: if you were to advertise to all students, how would you do that without making them feel uncomfortable or offended? Advise: advertise that it's free and all the benefits
 - The people that are actually interacting with students are friendly
 - New WarriorSpace form will help with anonymity
 - Chair Gort: what does food insecurity mean? Are you able to take food donations from the community?
 - Not having enough of the right kind of food. Healthy - not ramen!
 - Yes, have received produce from the garden on campus as well as locals
 - There is a basket by the cupboard for donations
 - Money donations are better/more flexible for odd items
 - Senator Jones: Idea for advertisement: mention it on tours
 - Senator Hebrink: Is there any signage or advertising around the actual area?
 - Some on the front door of the cupboard, new ideas are welcome

- Senator Ford: Is there an option for totes that make it look anonymous? Is there a suggestion system to know what students want? Do you need volunteers?
 - Bags are provided - working on getting tote bags
 - Many students bring their backpacks
 - Suggestion box + whiteboard + emailed students directly
 - To keep it anonymous, nobody staffs the inside, so no volunteers needed
 - Senator Mulherd-Allred: have you worked with other groups on campus?
 - Not specifically, but clubs that need volunteer hours are welcome to help
 - Senator Senchea: any hygienic products?
 - Yes - shampoo, soap, feminine products
 - Senator Rieken: Do you pay attention to what you buy? I.E, brand names, too much sugar, etc.
 - Try to buy things for a more healthy diet, but there is a wide variety of items
 - Treasurer Weber: still have recipes?
 - Yes, but they are somewhat limited at the moment.
 - Senator Abagat: How far into the WarriorSpace form are you? When is it open?
 - Couple weeks away - by end of semester
 - Open anytime the IWC is open
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Meets Wednesdays at 3 pm
 - Writing a motion regarding dean's advisory board
 - Working on getting s2i in all colleges
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Getting trash cans in men's bathrooms
 - Gender neutral bathrooms all over campus
 - Students for Reproductive Justice collab
 - Wealth Education Seminar this month lead by students for students
 - Student Services
 - *Whereas*, food insecurity is an issue that many college students face,
 - *Whereas*, a meal swipe donation program would provide a stable source of meals,
 - *Whereas*, some students on a block plan do not use all of their meal swipes each semester,
 - *Whereas*, the Warrior Cupboard and Chartwells are willing to help facilitate meal swipe donation drives,

- *Whereas*, the dining dollars donation initiatives have been successful in past semesters,
 - *Whereas*, financial policy would support a meal swipe donation program,
 - *Whereas*, technological systems would allow for the transferring of meal swipes,
 - *Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS recommends that a Meal Swipe Donation Drive be held at the end of each semester beginning with fall semester 2021.
 - Moved by: Student Services Committee
 - Chair Gort: This is something the committee has been working on for a long time. It's going to be very beneficial for food insecure students who may not have resources to make their own lunch
 - Will only work for block plans - easier for Chartwells
 - Senator Groebner: When will the drive be?
 - Similar to donation of Dining Dollars last semester
 - Designated time block for students to donate
 - Chair Phillips: Affects a lot of people - agree with recommendation
 - Senator Prosser: is there a plan to let students on a block plan
 - Yes - want to advertise to as many as possible
 - Senator Roers: Will this just be a pool when they need it, or will students sign up? Will it be over after the fiscal year?
 - Pool - WarriorSpace form so students can register for swipes
 - Won't transfer over fiscal years
 - Senator Ford: Support the motion
 - Senator Jones: Highlights that it's anonymous, and that's great
 - Recommendation **PASSES**
- President's Report
 - Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Welcome new senators!
 - Everyone has been added to the Microsoft Teams group
 - Next week we're going into executive session regarding stipend reviews
 - Senator Ford: When are the Minnesota state councils meeting?
 - Varying times: Mostly on November 12th, one on November 20th
- Vice President's Report
 - Elections Committee Recommendation:
 - Freshman: Luke Larson
 - Freshman: Alizabelle Carman

- Junior: Mackenzie McCuskey
 - Senior: Joshua Schroeder
 - At-Large: Dylan Rieken
 - At-Large: Elle Siewert
 - At-Large: Sierra Schiro
 - At-Large: Kyle Wecker
 - International: Dennis Lew
 - College of Business: Sadaat Ahmed
 - College of Liberal Arts: Taylor Dauer
 - College of Liberal Arts: Ethan Hebrink
 - College of Nursing and Health Sciences: Syerah Mulhern-Allred
 - College of Nursing and Health Sciences: Jasmine Evans-Curry
 - College of Nursing and Health Sciences: Megan Abagat
- All-University Committee Assignments
- WGDY and Homecoming Reminder
 - If you signed up for the next WGDY, be there. Contact VP Olson for reminder
 - Unless you are a leader/working on a float for the homecoming parade, you are required to walk with WSUSS
- Treasurer's Report
 - Consent Agenda Item of the Week: Physics Club!! Great stuff happening with them
 - SAF Account Balance: \$192,227.12 (95.57%, ↓4.43%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$191,695.95 (95.30%, ↓4.70%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$191,695.95 (95.30%, ↓4.70%)
 - Senate Account: \$28,172.55

SAF Spending



- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Comments from the Gallery
 - Ron Strege: Director of Warrior Success Center
 - Thank you senators for the work you all do
 - Tutoring, access services, academic advising, career exploration
 - Next week is 11th annual major and career exploration fair
 - Held in the Kryzsko Ballroom Tuesday October 5th
 - Tracy Rahim; Associate Director for Student Activities (also Senate advisor)
 - Congrats on first actual meeting
 - Homecoming updates <https://www.winona.edu/sal/homecoming.asp>
 - George Micalone, also one of Senate's advisors, introduced himself
 - Karen Johnson, Dean of Students
 - VP McDowell
 - Relief funds will be distributed tonight!
 - TED Talk Tuesday today went well, be sure to come by again
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **6:43**
 - Moved by: Senator Jones
 - Seconded by: Senator Prosser

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
AdFed	Stickers	\$13.87
Physics Club	Club Meeting Snacks and Activities	\$100.26
HER Campus	Club Meeting	\$32.88
Computer Science	Club Meeting	\$53.61
Circle K International	Clean-Up Supplies	\$5.33
WSU Students for Reproductive Justice	Club Meeting	\$13.37
Financial Management Association	Club Meeting	\$54.99
Colleges Against Cancer	WGDX Supplies	\$15.95
Student Band Organization	Homecoming Parade Float	\$240.91

EA Wright to Student Activities Fund Committee

Sierra Schiro to Student Activities Fund Committee

Luke Larson to Student Activities Fund Committee

Ethan Hebrink to Student Activities Fund Committee

Joshua Schroeder to Student Activities Fund Committee

Sadaat Ahmed to Student Services

Mackenzie McCuskey to Student Services

Elle Siewert to Student Services

Taylor Dauer to Student Services

Syrah Mulhern-Allred to Student Services

Dylan Rieken to Student Services

Jasmine Evans-Curry to Equity and Inclusive Excellence

Megan Abagat to Equity and Inclusive Excellence

Dennis Lew to Equity and Inclusive Excellence

Alizabelle Carman to Academic Affairs

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