

Tuesday, March 29, 2022
Winona State Student Senate Meeting
5 PM, Purple Room, WSU

Call to Order: **5pm**

Roll Call: **Quorum**

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

Senator Larson	x
Senator McCuskey	x
Senator Mulhern-Allred	x
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Rieken	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Schiro	x
Senator Senchea	EA
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
 - If senators need volunteer hours, this is a great opportunity
 - Justin Wilman event next Thursday at 5pm in the Ballroom
 - Greek Council
 - Greek Week next week
 - Keap Council
 - RHA
 - Director of Communications
 - Send senate-related pictures to Director Elliot for the slide show
 - Executive Assistant
 - Bonding opportunity
 - After next week's meeting (April 5th)
 - Free food, games, and a study space
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Last ASO meetings happening over Zoom

- If you're a club leader, have incoming officers come to see what it's like
 - Get some clubs signed up for WGDx
- Guest Speakers
 - Vice President Ellinghuysen - Tuition Budget
 - FY23 budget deficit of \$4.5M
 - Requesting a tuition increase of 3.5%
 - COVID expenses were very high
 - Enrollment, new entering freshmen, and transfers are down dramatically
 - Inflation is rising
 - Largest state budget surplus in a while
 - 29 vacant positions will be removed from the budget
 - No layoffs taking place
 - Chair Phillips - if tuition is freezing, why the increase
 - Legislature can override plans
 - Senator Ford - how much money in scholarships are given out every year?
 - Budgeting a million
 - Senator Schiro - how many student employees' pay comes from tuition
 - Approx. 600 students
 - Chair Gort - applications and housing deposits are up, so why the increase in housing?
 - Total enrollment is down, but applications and deposits from the presentation are only from the incoming freshman class
 - Senator Roers - if tuition is frozen by the state, will it still go up 3.5%?
 - Some years it's frozen and university is not given money, so can't rely on income. 3.5% increase would stay at 0% if tuition is frozen
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs
 - Continuing marketing for the vaccine campaign
 - Volunteer hours for tabling
 - Currently around 1200 applicants for the campaign
 - Equity and Inclusive Excellence
 - Last Woke Warrior of the semester
 - Red flags on dating apps
 - Student Services

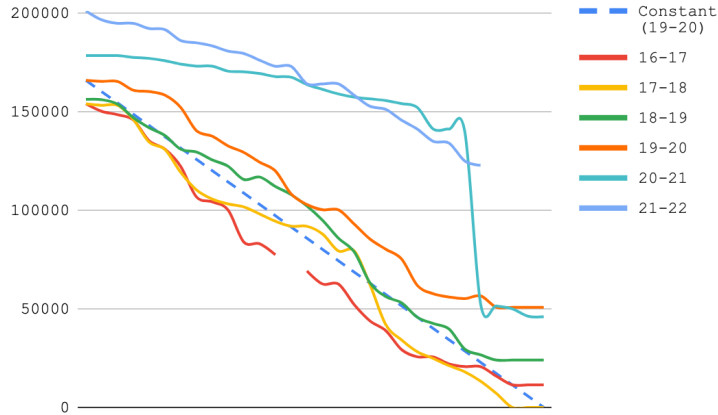
- Still working on meditation rooms and the angel shot
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Students United Update
 - Advocacy Conference - let President Mercier know if you're going
 - Scholarships Close April 1st
 - Only 13 applicants, so go apply!
 - Leadership Applications Close April 1st
 - Elections Committee Recommendation for Academic Year 2022-2023
 - President: Malorie Olson
 - Vice President: Anya Hytry
 - Treasurer: Dylan Rieken
 - Senior Seat: Kaileigh Weber
 - Senior Seat: Joseph Eichele
 - Junior Seat: Mitchell Prosser
 - Junior Seat: Malia Hermerding
 - Sophomore Seat: Alizabelle Carman
 - Sophomore Seat: Brian Larson
 - College of Nursing and Health Sciences: Calli Roers
 - College of Nursing and Health Sciences: Brianna Carman
 - College of Nursing and Health Sciences: Graham Wibstad
 - College of Science and Engineering: Kyler Phan
 - College of Science and Engineering: Ahlea Wright
 - College of Business: Samina Sherchan
 - College of Education: Sierra Schiro
 - College of Education: Sophia Westcott
 - College of Liberal Arts: Ember Brandon
 - College of Liberal Arts: Makayla Stromgren
 - College of Liberal Arts: Mackenzie McCuskey
 - Committee Recommendation **PASSES**
- Vice President's Report
 - [Committee Recommendation](#)
 - Added the International seat to the bylaws

- Chair Hytry - makes language more clear about eligibility
 - Committee Recommendation **PASSES**
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 - Changed language for the length of voting period from hours to days
 - Director Sok - accurate for the way voting worked before, but now it's streamlined
 - Committee Recommendation **PASSES**
 - Event Requirements and Volunteer Hours
 - Get those done before the end of the semester
 - WGDY
- Treasurer's Report
 - SFMC Recommendations
 - WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to Undergrad and 0% to Graduate tuition as [presented](#).
 - Senator A. Carman amends to change to WSUSS instead of WSU for clarification
 - Seconded by Senator B. Carman
 - Amendment **PASSES**
 - Senator Brandon amends the motion to change the increase percentages to zero - increasing tuition might cause enrollment to go down
 - Seconded by Chair Phillips - higher possibility of freezing tuition
 - Chair Gort - keep tuition competitive with other universities
 - Senator Hebrink - increase will only hurt students - we've increased tuition in many years previous
 - Senator Roers - after talking to students, general consensus is for no increase in tuition
 - Chair Hytry - raised multiple fees already
 - Senator Ford - tuition is already hard to pay
 - Senator Kennedy - as a first generation student, low tuition is great
 - Amendment **PASSES**
 - Senator Larson asks what would happen if tuition is not frozen
 - University would just have to find that money within the budget - cut expenses, etc.

- Senator Hebrink - fellow students don't want to increase tuition
- Recommendation is automatically **TABLED** for one week
- WSUSS recommends a 0% increase to Room and Board as presented.
 - Senator Hebrink amends the increase percentages to 0% - not a fee that applies to most students, but freshmen might not like
 - Seconded by Senator Rieken
 - Senator Larson - costs for housing expenses have gone up, so students should pay for these
 - Senator B. Carman - money from increase goes to where?
 - Staff, so not RA's or CM's
 - Senator Cole - upkeep is important
 - Chair Phillips - if west campus is sold and we can't use Prentiss-Lucas, why can't that money go towards what this increase is going for? Also, why did training for RA's cost \$3000
 - Dean Johnson - housing lost \$3 million due to COVID
 - RA training includes materials and outside sources
 - Senator Larson - costs have gone up, so paying into it would be beneficial
 - Senator B. Carman - as an RA, it's important to support them so they can better support students
 - Senator Rieken - is this year different due to COVID or is it a yearly thing?
 - This would pay back the deficit from COVID
 - Senator A. Carman - as a freshman, pays way more than what she gets. Making students pay more money would not work
 - Senator Hebrink - not good to make many people pay for the payment of a few
 - Chair Gort - can't justify making students pay more for housing
 - Senator Brandon - asked for clarification of who would pay for
 - Only will apply for those living in residence halls
 - Senator Kennedy - East Lake increase as well?
 - Only on campus - not East Lake residents

- Senator Ford - living on campus required for freshmen? Explain reserves? Also, increased room and board rates might deter new students from coming to WSU
 - Not required for freshmen
 - Reserves are any additional revenue that isn't spent - can be used as a safety net
- President Mercier - money is not going towards RA's to get more money
- Chair Hytry - already cheaper living off campus than the residence halls, so if more students are turning away from the residence halls, the fee will only have to increase in the future
- Senator Cole - asked for clarification on where budget money goes
- Senator Abagat - living on campus is great for bonding opportunities, so making dorm experience more available is vital
- Amendment **PASSES**
 - Senator Larson - have to pay for increases at some point
 - Senator Roers - some students that currently live here do support the increase, and we will only pay into it later
 - Chair Phillips - just a recommendation at the end of the day
 - Senator Brandon - asked for clarification on meal plan requirement
 - Anyone living in the traditional residence halls is required to have a meal plan
 - Recommendation is automatically **TABLED** for one week
- SAF Account Balance: \$125,000.60
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$122,805.43(61.05%, **38.95%**)
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business:122,805.43(61.05%, **38.95%**)

SAF Spending



- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Comments from the Gallery
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment **6:56 pm**
 - Moved by: Senator Prosser
 - Seconded by: Chair Hytry

Consent Agenda

RSO	Reason	Amount
History Association	Club Meeting Snacks	\$69.32
Computer Science Club	Club Meeting Food	\$38.59
Financial Management Association	Quest Speaker Food	\$140.55
AIGA	End of Year Banquet Supplies	\$511.96
Sports Business Association	Conference Expenses	\$1,106.44
WSU Spanish Language Club	Taco Bar	\$295.29
Alpine Club	Additional Tax, Snacks	\$33.02

Remove Senator Dauer from Student Services Committee
Senator Dauer to Judicial Committee