

Tuesday, October 5, 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	EA
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	x

Senator McCuskey	x
Senator Carman	x
Senator Larson	x
Senator Ahmed	x
Senator Hebrink	x
Senator Dauer	x
Senator Evans-Curry	x
Senator Mulhern	x
Senator Abagat	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Homecoming concert 8 pm in the ballroom
 - Sign up for tickets online!
 - Craft at the club fair
 - Club meetings 5 pm in the Purple Rooms
 - Greek Council
 - Director of Communications
 - Headshots are done! Link is on the Facebook page
 - Working on merch - preview coming soon
 - Executive Assistant
 - Made Facebook events for bonding - check them out
 - Updated senator page on the website

- Once headshots are printed they will be going up into the display case
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Oct. 12 in Baldwin at 3:30 - 1st option for ASO meeting
 - Oct. 14 on Zoom at 6:00 - 2nd option for ASO meeting
 - Volunteers for club fair - 2 for 10 am and 1 for 2:30 pm
 - Chair Phillips, Senator Groebner
- Guest Speakers
 - Natalie Williams - Homecoming Safety & Warrior Discussion
 - New admin assistant to VP McDowell
 - Please keep each other safe during this homecoming week!
 - Chair Phillips recommended adding apps to the safety fliers
 - Senator Mulhern-Allred: look into shuttle extending past midnight
 - Warrior Conversation - Oct. 19th 7 pm
 - Panel discussion - looking for 2 individuals to facilitate conversation
 - Touching on future of empathy
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs

Whereas, the following motion was passed in the fall semester of 2019,

Whereas, Deans are an essential part of the College and should have a positive working relationship with the students they represent,

Whereas, having a student advisory board serves as a way for students to advocate for the interests of themselves and their peers,

Whereas, the College of Business has brought to Winona State a successful template for an advisory board and has implemented this into their program,

Whereas, the C.O.B. advisory board has shown to improve communication with administration, encouraged resolving issues between students and faculty, and has lead to an overall improvement of the student experience,

Whereas, students are open and willing to advise and advocate for their education, as well as their experience in their college through an advisory board,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS strongly encourages the implementation of a Dean's Advisory Board composed of students within the college they represent by the fall semester of 2022.

Therefore be it further resolved, the 2021-2022 WSUSS reaffirms the motion from the 2019-2020 WSUSS.

Moved by: Academic Affairs Committee

- Chair Hytry: would be beneficial because students of any college would have a voice, not just College of Business. It was also already passed, so getting it done would be good.
- Senator Groebner: not a new idea - want to continue work by past senates and hold the university accountable.
- Motion **PASSES**

- Equity and Inclusive Excellence

Whereas, transgender men still have periods,

Whereas, the bathroom should be a comfortable space for everyone,

Whereas, the anxiety of using menstrual products and not being able to dispose of them secretly can be uncomfortable,

Whereas, sanitary trash cans and accessible menstrual products being available will be helpful with that anxiety,

Whereas, most of the transgender community is in low economic status,

Whereas, having these sanitary trash cans will break the stigma of periods,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends Winona State University installs sanitary trash cans and menstrual products in all men's restrooms on campus by the end of Spring Semester 2022.

Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee

- Chair Phillips: even though it may be a small community on campus, we want them to know they are heard and valued
- Senator Groebner: important thing that is often overlooked. Aside from embarrassment, it's also a safety issue
- Senator Senchea: have only cared about cisgender people for a long time. Want to be known as an inclusive campus. There are definite economic shortcomings in a lot of the trans community, so having menstrual products available is good. Also, having it in a secretive spot would be healthy.
- Senator Brandon: absolute support for the motion. Truly needed
- Senator Larson: Are these products already available in gender neutral bathrooms and female bathrooms?
 - Yes
- Motion: **PASSES**
- Working to get cool new information out there about reproductive rights
- Student Services
 - Meeting with advocacy coordinator on campus and working on getting an advocacy center on campus
- President's Report
 - Consent Agenda **Approved**
 - All University Updates
 - Senator Groebner: will be getting more information on Policy Committee by the end of the week - not the full picture yet
 - 1 on 1's
 - If you have not filled out the form to meet, please do this. Very important meeting, but they're very chill

- ARP Funding
 - Glitch within the system office, so if you did not see the funds disbursed yet, they should be now
- Homecoming Safety
 - Please please please be safe around yourself and your friends
 - Do not do anything unbecoming of a senator
- Covid-19 Vaccination for Workers & Residents
 - October 8th is the last day to submit information
- Vice President's Report
 - Event Requirements/Volunteer Hours Reminder
 - Homecoming
 - Parade: meet at senate office at 9:30
 - Wear any Winona apparel
 - Don't wear Senate apparel if going out and about
 - Watchlist
 - Must maintain 2.0 GPA to be a senator
 - Fill out the form sent out in Teams
- Treasurer's Report
 - Consent Agenda Item of the Week!: Junior Nursing Club - Putting on a Midterm Event to help distress students!
 - SAF Account Balance: \$191,695.95
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$188,048.87 (93.49%, 6.51%)
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business:\$188,048.87 (93.49%, 6.51%)
 - Senate Account: \$28,172.55
- Unfinished Business
- New Business

Whereas, the Warrior Cupboard is a vital resource on campus to help students combat food insecurity,

Whereas, the existence of the Warrior Cupboard is not widely known across the WSU campus,

Whereas, the Warrior Cupboard does not want to use donation money for promotion when it could be used to provide more students with the food they need,

Whereas, more promotion of the Warrior Cupboard to the WSU student body would increase the number of students utilizing this valuable resource,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$500 from the SAF to the Warrior Cupboard for the sole purpose of promotion,

Therefore be it further resolved, the funds for promotional materials including, but not limited to posters/signs in campus buildings, handout cards, boosted Facebook posts, and new directional signage in the IWC,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS will assist the Warrior Cupboard in the distribution of promotional materials,

Therefore be it further resolved, once the funds have been used, a representative from the Warrior Cupboard will present to the WSUSS how the funds were spent and any change in student usage or interaction with the Warrior Cupboard.

Moved by: Senator Groebner

- Great presentation last week about the importance of the Warrior Cupboard
- Problem they're facing is that they could choose to spend their money on promotion or food
- This motion alleviates that burden - only to be used for advertising

Seconded by: Senator Prosser

- Warrior Cupboard is a great campus resource
- College is rough - money management is a new skill to learn
- Buying the correct food is important
- Numbers of people using it would go up if advertised better

Chair Phillips: full support - would not know about it if not on Senate

Senator Hebrink: exactly what the Warrior Cupboard needed

- Motion **TABLED** for one week

- Comments from the Gallery

- President Olson:

- Please be safe on this homecoming!!
- COVID attestation process for employees has almost concluded
 - Almost 90% of employees are vaccinated!
- Process for residence halls or athletes is still happening

- George Micalone

- Lyceum committee needs student representation
 - Gets speakers on campus
 - Meeting starts sometime next week

- Dean Johnson

- Really really want you to be safe
- Also want you to be spirited and engaged, but safely
- Sanctions increased for this week
 - Don't be dumb

- Executive Session

- Comments for the Good of the Order

- Adjournment **6:24**

- Moved by: Chair Phillips

- Seconded by: Senator Kennedy

Consent Agenda

<u>RSO</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Accounting Association	Club Meeting Food	\$192.37
WSU Biology Club	Club Craft Supplies	\$22.90
Math & Stat. Club	Utensils/Plates/Napkins	\$100.67
AdFed	Wagon, WDGX Supplies	\$57.98
Colleges Against Cancer	Craft Supplies & T-Shirts	\$291.79

Junior Nursing Club-WSURoch.	MidTerm Event Supplies	\$ 25.52
Japan Club	Homecoming Parade Supplies	\$33.22
Art Club	Art Supplies	\$240.61
HOPE Club	Conference Reg, T-Shirts	\$1,226.50
College Democrats	Club Meeting Food	\$59.02
Physical Education Club	Conference Reg., T-Shirts	\$1,396.50