

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**  
Winona State Student Senate Meeting  
5 PM, WSU, Zoom

Call to Order: **5:00 pm**

Roll Call: **Quorum**

President Kuerschner	x
Vice President Hansen	x
Treasurer Mercier	x
Director Christensen	ET
Director Elliott	x
E.A. Harper	x
Chair Collins	x
Chair Olson	x
Senator Baltazar	x
Senator Beal-Lancaster	x
Senator Cup	x
Senator Drewry	x
Senator Elford	x
Senator Gort	x
Senator Groebner	x
Senator Huyck	x
Senator Krajefska	x

Senator Lavan	EA
Senator Momou	x
Senator Mulhern-Allred	x
Senator Nagle	x
Senator Pfaffenbach	x
Senator Phan	x
Senator Phillips	x
Senator Prosser	x
Senator Roers	x
Senator Starr	x
Senator VandenLangenberg	x
Senator Wagner	x
Senator Weber	x
Senator Yang	x

Land Recognition Statement

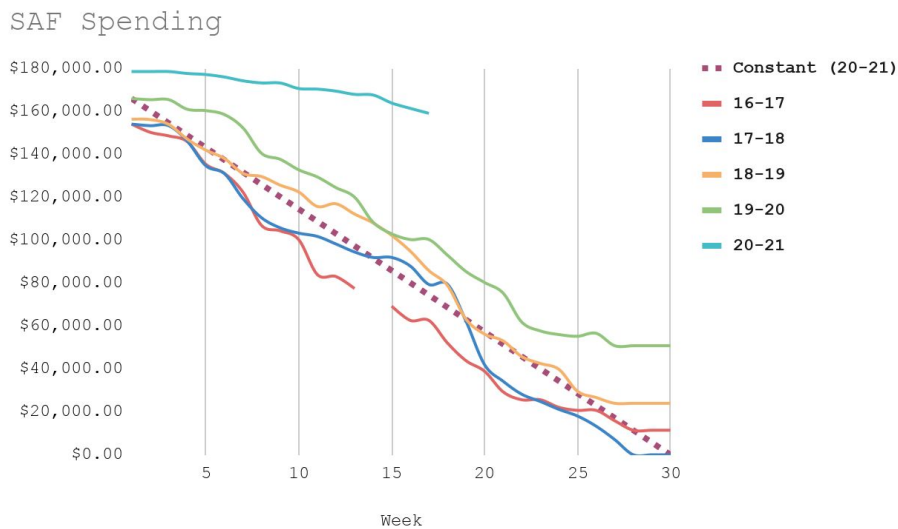
Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **Approved**

Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

- Organizational Reports
  - Warrior Entertainment Network
    - Feb 5th Kryzsko After Dark
    - Meetings Thursdays at 5 pm over Zoom, reach out if want to join in
  - RHA
  - Greek Council
  - Director of Communications
    - Social media: Twitter-check it out!
    - Headshots new senators soon

- Executive Assistant
  - Print out headshots this next week
  - Merch ideas
  - Bonding events calendar setting up
- Alliance of Student Organizations Director
  - Working on weekly meetings and emails
- Guest Speakers
- Committee Reports
  - Equity and Inclusive Excellence: Chair Collins
    - Woke Warrior: 2nd Edition
    - Safe Space: 2-4 pm Feb. 20th
    - Required Safe Space Training
    - Go to Equity office to get stickers
  - Student Services: Chair Olson
    - ½ of Senate, good first meeting
    - Excited for projects
  - Standing Committees
- President's Report
  - Approval of Consent Agenda: **Approved**
  - All University Committee Updates
    - Communication and go to Teams
  - Students United Update
    - Legislative Events
      - Share info in Teams, events in Feb.-Online Advocacy Conference
      - Connect and network with Students United and colleges around MN
      - State advocacy-interest, week of March 1st
      - Advocacy day/week-don't have to attend all of it
      - Info on teams
      - [Google Form](#)
    - Committees
      - Openings on committees
      - Times/Days-email/Facebook messenger President Kuerschner
      - WSU representation
      - Info on teams

- Mid-February meet up
- Vice President's Report
  - Elections Timeline
    - Earlier-School year shorter
    - Applications Open 2/22
    - Applications Close 3/7
    - Ballots Open 3/15
    - Ballots Close and Elections Committee Meets 3/18 at 5 PM
  - Safe Space Training February 20th from 2 PM to 4 PM
    - Can't make it let VP Hansen know
  - Cabinet Positions
    - Reach out to current position for more information
- Treasurer's Report
  - SAF Account Balance: \$159,025.72
  - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda:
  - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business:
  - Senate Account: \$ 20,635.16



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- Unfinished Business

*Whereas*, Winona State University Rochester campus serves predominately non traditional students

*Whereas*, Winona State University's Rochester campus Bachelor of Social Work program does not require the eWarrior Digital Life and Learning Program

*Whereas*, due to the pandemic the need for lessening the technology disparities is a top priority

*Whereas*, Winona State University promotes equitable access to education

*Whereas*, if the eWarrior Digital Life and Learning Program is required, it would help technology accessibility and financial assistance to students that need it

*Therefore be it resolved*, WSUSS supports and requires the eWarrior Digital Life and Learning Program for WSU-Rochester campus Bachelor of Social Work Program for 2021-2022 school year and thereafter.

Moved by: Senator Yang

Seconded by: Senator Krajefksa

- Senator Yang: written form to support motion, pre-pandemic hybrid program, fully online-digital learning
  - Faculty-full support, helpful and software-laptops peers, social work student focus, 250 plus students in Rochester already have tech devices
- Robin Honken: required-financial aid covers program
- Senator Krajefksa-hybrid program, computers essential, work on field placements, write paper-need computers, single moms, poverty, need computers, need to succeed, mental health issue
  
- Discussion:
  - Senator Yang amendment
  - Therefore, for full time-9 credits on rochester campus
  - Seconded by: Senator Wagner
  
  - VP Hansen-specific language
  - Senator Yang to motion: specific
  - Senator Wagner: agree
  
- Discussion:
  - Senator Beal-Lancaster: don't want program, pay service, laptop
  - President Kuerschner: talk about amendment

## **Amendment Approved**

- Discussion:
  - Senator Yang: concerns, feedback, value for students, miscommunication, not aware of what the laptop does, push for new students, already in program won't get it, only new students for program, worry-pay thousands of dollars, techsupport/repairs, financial aid to pay fee
  - Senator Phillips: full support as a college student, for laptop, single moms, afford, help
  - Senator VandenLangenberg: question, WSU campus pay laptops/friends opt out-not required? Financial aid covers confusion, not required, financial aid covers, why not at Rochester?
  - Robin Honken: financial aid is different for everyone, full time Winona-required covered under tuition, opt into-additional fee
  - Senator VandenLangenberg: currently required Winona campus?
  - Robin Honken: covered at Winona-full time only, not part time
  - Senator VandenLangenberg: impact students may not get aid or qualify and now required for 500 more for laptop-need or want, concerned for those students
  - Robin Honken: help them academically, most likely
  - Ken Graetz: same situation on Winona campus, operating eWarrior since 1997 helps student succeed, professionally and academically, assess students, not just about laptop, succeed in an environment, function effectively on and off campus, hybrid program-reliable, mobility, classroom/field, support, access, access to software, data analysis applications
  - Senator Pfaffenbach: clarified, financial aid, want to see motion in the program, exempt from it and not get a 2nd laptop, did we ever see student feedback? Won't support know all benefits, why don't we try to, use software, good for you, focus on importance and education and more supportive, student involvement
  - Senator Yang-point to Senator Krajefska, can't say a lot in terms of rochester student, agree and educating students and decide is important, curious-how to do that and informed and for next students in program, change it
  - Robin Honken: phase it in, students coming from Winona? Transfer? From Winona or other?

- Dr. Mary Kirk-transfer students, from 2 year programs, motion passed-choosing it and stated in the application, choice for applying to the program and eWarrior program
- Senator Krajefska-hybrid, wish it during the pandemic, lose jobs or homes, difficult, loan interest, everything online, paper, presentations, social work competitive job, finances, need help, voice for the people
- Senator Beal-Lancaster: how many students are in the program?
- Dr. Kirk-cohort of 30 people in Fall 2021
- Senator Beal-Lancaster: able to get financial aid
- Dr. Kirk-most students get the aid, statistics over 65% pell grant eligible
- Senator Beal Lancaster: how much for students for pell for financial aid-fee be
- Robin Honken-\$485 per semester, 4 semesters
- Senator Beal-Lancaster-\$1500-485x4
- Robin Honken-\$250, support, software, not going to get amount what they are changing
- Senator Beal-Lancaster-upset about required to buy laptop, cost not worth it in the end
- Robin Honken-think it's worth it, can be expensive
- Dr. Kirk-access to education and equity, opportunities and competitive field, BSW program, field placements, group of students, access to education, Senator Yang motion happen in future, require, choosing, understand participate
- Ken Graetz-collect data to access to tech, 75% students report older than 2 years, 40% older than 3, asked difficulties with device reliable resource person-majority said no or sometimes, support, tough to put a cost, benefits
- President Kuerschner-opt out, can be required-encouraged, case by case basis?
- Robin Honken-opt out, don't typically allow to opt out, medical condition basis
- President Kuerschner-Rochester tech and Winona tech side, consider opt out
- Robin Honken-make motion, allow to be optional-no consistency, make requirement or not
- Senator Gort-support motion, unable to cover fee-show in financial aid, scholarships, hard to get free computer, can't afford fee-aid, can't afford computer, support
- Senator Elford-back to debate, senate need feedback, students as a whole, support students, try to get more feedback
- Dr. Kirk-descriptive survey, caution feedback-negative, couple students gave, but not sure the whole group, no Winona feedback

- Senator Elford-certain select, not representation, believe need more education, new fee on services
- Senator Yang-survey, bias, brought to concern for Dr. Kirk and Senator Krajefska, figure it out, disapproval-in support of motion, pointing out problems, curious if move past/table what do you want
- Chair Olson call to question
- Seconded by: Senator Wagner
- President Kuerschner-Vote on the motion, end discussion
- VP Hansen-2/3rd majority
- Revote
- Senator VangenLangenberg -update zoom
- Ken Graetz-Talking to tech support
- Chair Olson-roll call vote
- President Kuerschner-roll call end discussion
- Call to question passed
- Chair Olson- call roll call
- President Kuerschner-roll call
- Vote-VP Hansen
- **Motion Approved**

Discussion:

- Senator Cup-question only applies to incoming freshmen?
- President Kuerschner-enter Rochester, BSW coming Fall, not be in already in program
- Senator Cup-in program-clarify
- Dr. Kirk-students who are juniors and apply to program on website, communicate through faculty-participation
- Senator Elford-clarify-opt out, don't want computer-have to be in program



- President Kuerschner-worked with Rochester and Winona policy
- Robin Honken-appeal process, access services, not allow it, work with faculty-determine what will be allowed/not allowed, careful in opt in/opt out
- President Kuerschner-similar to WSU strict guidelines
- Robin Honken-start with incoming class, aware of it, less of an issue
- Senator Cup-love to have you all back and changes
- President Kuerschner-contact for questions/future senates/requirement

New Business

Comments from the Gallery

- Tracy Rahim-grades, Fall of 2020 average GPA of senate-3.4 average cumulative-3.38
- Dean's List-Weber, Prosser, Cup, VandenLangenberg, Krajefska, Olson, Harper, Elliott
- 4.0 Elford, Drewry, Pfaffenbach, Roers, Huyck, Gort, Groebner, eBoard-4.0
- President Olson-think through motion
- Dean Johnson-GPA excited and congrats and love support
- VP McDowell-traction about gained, networked pods-focus on 7 dimensions on health-pod leader-invite 5 friends, invite 5 more, talk about-recharge, lift spirits, feel isolated, tired mental pick me up, subgroup, any student interested in leading groups, email VP McDowell, faculty leader, know of a peer, more information on IWC site
- President Kuerschner-2 people from senate-find 2 people for VP McDowell leadership opportunity
- Dr. Kirk-thank you, admire this group, thank you Senator Yang and Senator Krajefska

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment at 6:44 pm

Motion to adjourn: Chair Olson

Seconded by: Senator Yang

**Consent Agenda**


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Senator Momou to Judicial and Working Does