



*Figure 1: Stout Student Association Logo*

## **Meeting Minutes**

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7:00 PM Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center  
49th Congress 19th Session March 5, 2019

- I. Call to Order at 7:03 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Acknowledgement of Country
- IV. Roll Call
  - a. Director Buchanan, Beaulieu excused and Senator Kotska and Londre absent.
- V. Standing Committee Roll Call
  - a. Executive
    - i. All Present
  - b. Organizational
    - i. No meeting
  - c. Financial
    - i. Senator Londre Excused
  - d. Sustainability
    - i. No meeting
  - e. Diversity and Inclusivity
    - i. All present
  - f. Visibility and Outreach
    - i. No Meeting

VI. Words of Wisdom “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” Winston Churchill –Vice President Serier

a. Nominate Senator Gentz

VII. Open Forum

a. Doug Mell class cancellation on inclement weather

- i. Our default is to not cancel class and avoid at all possible cost. The reason for that is everyone in here is paying for each and every class that they attend. We take it very seriously that we have a responsibility if at all possible to access the content would be provided.
- ii. A large portion of our students either live on campus or close to campuses. Those that aren't are online students and a small percentage are commuters.
- iii. We're also different than the Chippewa Valley Technical College and on sight resident's hall. The responsibility that we fill that you can go to class. The two days we cancel class this year, and franklin would have never guessed.
- iv. There were some mitigatory factors that Dunn County Transit would have to shut down at 2 pm.
- v. The process is they monitor the weather closely and the chancellor and I (Doug Mell) will talk in the latest is 5:30 AM. Also, in close contact on what they do at River Falls and Eau Claire to talk about closings. If the Chancellor did make the determination a lot of things has to happen and we have the protocol on who does what. We also

send the information to Chippewa Valley and in Minnesota stations. More likely to cancel in the afternoon rather than morning.

- Senator Schoenike
  - a. Thank you for all the transparency to behind the process to cancelling classes. I understand and appreciate why we do not cancel classes.
  - b. Are there currently any policy that offer protection for students due to inclement weather? Where a student would be allowed to make up work if they miss.
- Doug Mell
  - a. I believe that is a dean of student question. By in large faculty are encouraged to be sensitive to those sorts of issue. This process is not perfect and that was the day of Tuesday where we weren't supposed to get that amount of snow. We should've cancelled that day and fell through the cracks.
- Senator Brown
  - a. You said that you and chancellor bob look for the weather. What is the indicate that you call.
  - b. When you decide not to cancel campus do you think about the students who have to work?
- Doug Mell

- a. We take the advice of experts very seriously.
  - b. Yes, but again we can't close campus is a really big hurdle to get over. We still have to feed you guys and provide work. Those are the jobs that they hold.
- Senator Franda
  - a. I appreciate you take in the factor that you include money and prioritize safety for the 80% of students and I support that you cancel classes on those days.
- Director Canon
  - a. Concerns over preparing for this type of weather in the future as it seems like this will not be the last extreme weather we will see.
- Advisor Witucki
  - a. Dunn County Transit was a good call in that part in -30 and Eau Claire did not close down. I really appreciate Doug communication.
  - b. Closing campus is due to extreme temperatures
  - c. They did a shuttle service and how to handle that in the future. You learn from these things in a crisis response.
- Senator Dumke
  - a. Distinction between essential employees and non-essential employees stay back?

- Doug Mell
  - a. You tell the non-essential employees to not to come to campus. There are certain people that still have to come. Every November HR send a memo to all employees that says inclement weather is coming and we're not going to close campus. You have to make a personal decision on if you feel it safe to come to work. There are employees that don't come. Even if we do close campus there are certain people that will come to work. I just want to say what a good job she does and easily one of the best I've worked with. I've been lucky with great ones and Hannah's easily one of the best. Thank you for scheduling the referendum I think that's an important project. The questions that are written is thoughtful and yield some good results to make good decision down the road.

#### VIII. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes are approved

#### IX. Unfinished Business

#### X. New Business

- a. 49.19.01 Approval of the Contingency 3 Budget
  - i. This motion is to approve the dollar amount of \$8,520.42 to distribute to the student organizations that went through the Contingency 3 process.

- Senator Vandusartz
  - a. Society of automotive engineer wasn't funded,
- Director Halbach
  - a. I don't think there were any rules on why individual was denied.
- Senator Brown
  - a. The waterski team didn't get funded.
- Senator Schoenike
  - a. The spring break trip Habitat for humanity weren't funded gas.
- Director Halbach
  - a. We had a \$2500 + \$500 for event supplies cap.
- ii. **Motion Passed**
- iii. **(19–0–6) Yay – Nay – Abstentions**
- b. 49.19.02 Marijuana Legalization Resolution
  - i. This resolution is to express support of legalization for medical use and the decriminalization of marijuana in quantities of 25 grams or less.
    - Senator Schoenike
      - a. Important to cite the sources if they have those sources I would request that they include them to solidify this important resolution.
    - Senator Gentz
      - a. I don't have the sources with me and I can update the motion with sources.
    - Senator Brown

- a. Would it be possible to send the sources with motions?
    - Director Nadeau
      - a. I move to postpone motion for one meeting.
  - ii. **Motion Passed**
    - **24–1–0 (Yay – Nay – Abstentions)**
- c. 49.19.03 Motion to Amend the Bylaws of the U.S.S. of the S.S.A.
  - i. This motion introduce the bylaw edits for the Stout Student Association.
    - Director Gunderson
      - a. Basically, the plan is for the sake of the bylaw edits to go smoothly as possible to go over all the bylaw edits and up to 6 or 7 senators and each week I would give an open forum on where the committee is at. We won't be putting it into law and at the end we propose to vote on the propose package by the committee. The committee itself meets once a week probably about 2 hours and it would cover your office hour.
    - Motion to take 10m recess and returning at 8:01 pm.
  - ii. Director Buchanan unexcused, Beaulieu excused, Senator Kotska and Londre unexcused
  - iii. **Motion to postpone**
    - **25–0–0 (Yay-Nay-Abstention)**
- d. 49.19.04 Bylaw Ad-Hoc Committee

- i. This motion is to establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to propose larger package amendments to the U.S.S. of the S.S.A.
  - o Director Gunderson
    - a. What I love is if you're interested after the meeting and if we can see an even playing field from each of the major committees.
  - o Senator Schoenike
    - a. I'm in full support of this idea and have seen disorganize bylaw change procedures. I believe this would streamline members.
  - o Senator Dumke
    - a. Have it done in the past and to what success?
  - o Advisor Witucki
    - a. There have been at least 1 formal ad-hoc and years that have been groups of expertise area.
  - o Director Gunderson
    - a. I'm aiming towards later in the week.
  - o Motion Passed
    - a. 25 – 0 – 0 (Yay–Nay–Abstentions)
- e. 49.19.05 Appointment of Senator of Student Life
  - i. This motion is to appoint Joshua Hill to Senator of Student Life.
    - o Motion Passed

## XI. Reports

- a. President



- i. On Monday I met with a concerned student to discuss affairs with an organization. On Tuesday I gave a tour to one of the Associate Dean of EDI candidates and prepared myself for the Student Technology Fee ad hoc committee meeting. On Wednesday I met with the Applied Research Center to talk about the SSA Elections, then later that day I ran the Student Technology Fee ad hoc meeting. Thursday I gave another tour to an Associate Dean of EDI candidate, and I handled some internal SSA affairs. Friday morning, I had breakfast with Advisor Witucki to discuss SSA Affairs, then I met with the Rob Cramer to discuss UW-System issues and the upcoming Rec Complex Referendum. I then spent the weekend writing a few motions, and getting the SSA Election form put together!
- b. Vice President
  - i. This past week, I went to SPG Monday, but it was quite interesting and they talked about a variety of information. Talk about combining financial affairs office and
  - ii. I was also at the meeting at the Student Tech Fee and went to ATL audit. Took care of Samuel E. Wood of 27 applicants.
- c. Director of Communications
  - i. I did my regular responsibility for Senate. I've been working on an incident regarding a poster that had come to my attention through concerned students reaching out to me. This led me to

message Sandi and Sandi referring Jessica and Darrin to give me more establish information. I've been working on getting Ana (SSA Graphic Designer) more hours and attended FAC for that meeting. I've also attended one of the EDI candidate's student interviews and believe that went well. I went to a couple committee meetings General Education Committee and Strategic Planning group and hope to get the reports to Senate at next meeting on March 12th.

d. Director of Organizational Affairs

- i. Last week, I emailed organizations as well as talked with perspective organizations. Due to the career conference OAC was unable to meet. I have been working on making sure that the standing policy is updated for the OAC.

e. Director of Financial Affairs

- i. This past week, I was at the student tech fee meeting. It went really well to go over what the future tech fee meeting look like. FAC we did all of contingency 3 in one day.

f. Director of Legislative Affairs

- i. I spent a lot of this past week preparing for the ad-hoc committee and using the timeline wisely.

g. Director of Diversity and Inclusivity

h. Director of Sustainability

- i. Last week I went to sustainability steering committee and we talk about Recyclemania and earth week. Had a meeting with Dunn County Transit and went to alternative transportation

audit subgroup committee. I also got bylaw edits sent in.

## XII. Additional Reports

### a. Shared Governance

#### i. Sustainability Steering Committee

- During this meeting we discussed the revival of the Waste Reduction Work Group which has its first meeting on Tuesday, March 5th. We also have updated AP047 to include events so in the future all events need to have the required waste bins at all locations. We talked about our status in RecycleMania where we are currently 16th in the nation and UW-Oshkosh is 13th so we discussed ideas on how to improve our performance. We also talked about how Earth week planning has been coming along.

### b. Standing Committee Reports

#### i. Financial Affairs Committee

- There were not many Contingency 3 requests this year, so we were able to finish hearings and deliberations in one day. We also approved rollover funds for additional hours for the graphic designer.

#### ii. Diversity and Inclusivity Council

#### iii. Organizational Affairs Committee

#### iv. Sustainability Council

##### i. Visibility and Outreach

##### a. No Meeting

### c. College Reports

### XIII. Announcements

- a. Senator Brown
  - i. QubieGayla April 4<sup>th</sup> and we will be in the Mabel Tainter.
- b. Senator Schoenike
  - i. To add to that we also have community ally of the year award and we are exciting with our community ally award. Will be presented by Patty Shactner.
- c. Director Nadeau
  - i. We are still in recyclemania and still losing to Oshkosh.
- d. Director Gunderson
  - i. We still have a 100 bottles of expired water in the office to recycle them. PONG is having its last lan of the school year.
- e. Senator Haas
  - i. It's Diversity Week and keep an eye out for the events that are still happening.
- f. Advisor Witucki
  - i. First meeting of the Waste Reduction work group happen today. Director Nadeau was there as well

### XIV. Adjournment at 8:24 PM