



Figure 1: Stout Student Association Logo

Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center
49th Congress 24th Session April 16th, 2019

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Acknowledgement of Country
- IV. Roll Call
 - a. Director Gunderson excused.
- V. Standing Committee Roll Call
 - a. Executive
 - i. Director Nadeau, Buchanan excused
 - b. Organizational
 - i. Senator Vandusartz Excused
 - c. Financial
 - i. All present
 - d. Sustainability
 - i. All present
 - e. Diversity and Inclusivity
 - i. No meeting due to weather

f. Visibility and Outreach

- i. No meeting due to weather

VI. Words of Wisdom – Senator Gentz

- a. “Obstacles are things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.” – Henry Ford
- b. Senator Hill nominated

VII. Open Forum

- a. Relinquish chair to Vice President Serier
- b. Advisory Referendum Results – President Bragelman
 - i. Option A: 103, option B: 276, option C: 631, option D: 265
 - o Director Beaulieu I think we should go with option C because the students voted for it.
 - ii. Director Nadeau
 - o What’s the next step?
 - iii. President Bragelman
 - o SSA can pass a resolution that goes to the Chancellor and the Board of Regents
 - iv. Senator Schoenike
 - o With the referendum that we have is a clear option in C and I think having a referendum explicitly allows is for a seg fee rate and those things. It is important that we honor the voices of the students and move forward with that option and maintain that the

remodel with changes is giving transparency why something didn't happen, but as to the reason behind that.

v. Senator Dumke

- Previous referendum, how does turnout compare?

vi. Advisor Witucki

- In 2008 there was not a referendum for the MSC.

vii. President Bragelman

- In theory we could've made this decision we use the referendum to give us more teeth.

viii. Senator Kotska

- I'm really happy to the increase turnout for the election overall and glad to see the results. Thank you for the U-rec and getting all of this organize and impacting the student.

ix. Director Canon

- When would the segregate fee increase take place?

x. Senator Kotska

- The user fees wouldn't increase until construction started in four or five years.

xi. Phil

- We won't start collecting the fee until we collect the bonds. We want to collect the fee for the design work and not start until construction. We would want to

incremental the fee to cover the cost of the design.

xii. Senator Logan Johnson

- Option C only receive the overall majority and 49.4% of the vote in comparison to the other options total and compare that to the 8k. That is only 6% of the entire student body.

xiii. Director Beaulieu

- So is there an expected increase of 11.29 seg fee.

xiv. President Bragelman

- It will be at the biggest of 11.29 to cover the pre-design study.

xv. Chancellor Meyer

- Regents need to improve that without any some rationale.

xvi. Senator Dettmann

- Do we have an estimated completion date if we go with Option C?
- How long will the construction process be?
- If you look at how many people normally vote it is adequate representation.

xvii. Gary Gus

- They're a lot of approval on Monday and has to go before the legislature and the bonding compacity and we can only speculate.

- We would want to phase this process and easily be in construction for a couple years.

xviii. Senator Kotska

- The referendum was sent out to the entire campus and the student that did want to have a say and represented in the vote total that we have. One option is double for the next closest is less than double. We have to at least take into consideration.

xix. Senator Kleinschmidt

- I think for what we have we need to go with and if we send this out again we wouldn't get that many people. We can't speculate what we could have.

xx. Senator Brown

- The number of votes is not an overwhelming majority of all voters it is the option with the most votes and speak for itself that what the students like.

xxi. Director Beaulieu

- I been on SSA for a couple years and we got a substantial amount of people in this election and we got a decent number of students to vote on this and this is our duty to do something.

xxii. Director Halbach

- We have 500% in improvement for turnout for the voter election. This is pretty good!

xxiii. Senator Schoenike

- In regard to the user fees, I would strongly encourage that the user fee, as soon as any dollars is dismantled was something that drew a lot of students for the option. User fee has long been criticized by students and even if they pay a small amount of segregated fee and double dipping seems unfair to many of the students. Just because it is special issues this could be considered double dipping.
- The minute it is possible to eliminate user fee I would like to see that happen.

xxiv. Chancellor Meyer

- I'm pretty impress with the turnout of the vote. I came really to listen and didn't come here to influence and you all are taking your role seriously. It's a pretty important and exciting issue and hear what the concerns are so we can capture that and represent your point of view down in Madison.

xxv. Phil Lyons

- The user fee pays for the equipment and staffing, I'm not ruling out of removing the student fee and open for conversation. The concern is that people would be able to have the equipment that they need. The accessibility of those issues would be limited and I question that as well. That is the reason behind the user fee. It covers the equipment and staffing and held that fee lower. It was the people that using the

facility pay for this service.

xxvi. Gary Gus

- Tuesday of next week and system administration will be on campus and If you choose to go forward it is the first step in being the excited part of being on this project.

xxvii. Gary Gus

- It is important for the architecture services and if we move forward every word of that document would need input and that would be the way to tailor that project. This group (SSA) will need to be involved all the way through this project.

xxviii. Senator Kostka

- There are lot of a student is for university Athletics and it's not the university recreation and everything that will be upgraded will be for the athletic program and everything else will be for the general students.

xxix. Director Beaulieu

- Will there be gender neutral bathroom included?

xxx. Gary Gus

- That is the standard and we hope to have this included.

xxxi. Director Buchanan

- Will the user fees stay diminished throughout the rest of the time?

- Will the user fee come back after the seg fee go down?

xxxii. Phil

- When we did the NURSA survey the thing students want the most is cardio. It was explained that it was a small footprint that it couldn't be accomplish and that \$100 fee is for equipment replacement. If we want to do it sooner than later let's come up with a plan.

xxxiii. Senator Dettmann

- Are we going to be voting for one option?

xxxiv. President Bragelman

- I think we take one option and recommend that as a course of action for the regents approve.

xxxv. Advisor Witucki

- What will the discussion be about Athletics complex and general student use? It used to be 85% state and 15 student. I wanted to make that apparent to this body that we are for a 100% student.

xxxvi. Phil Lyons

- Recreation facility is not being funded anymore and we don't have Phy Ed classes anymore. The sharing of the facility of the student body and general athletics is a great struggle. I think what benefit is that you have one person that represent both side of

the coin. I think the Senate should remind the person that's in charge of the building to always be reminded by the student body.

xxxvii. Senator Dumke

- Earlier when we was speaking the project has there been any update on potential donors?

xxxviii. President Bragelman

- I can reach out to Duey and ask more about the possibility of donations.

xxxix. Director Halbach

- I think the body should go and see what we will be voting on.

VIII. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes are approved

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. 49.22.01 Motion to Amend the Bylaws of the U.S.S. of the S.S.A.

- i. This motion introduces bylaw edits for the Stout Student Association.

- VP Serier

- **Motion to recess for 10m**
- **Reconvene at 7:59pm**
- **Roll call**
- Director Gunderson excused

- Senator Larson moved and Senator Haas second.
 - Motion to add alt-text for all images: Stout Student Association
 - **Amendment Passed**
- Director Nadeau
 - Friendly amendments for accessibility and accommodation. At the end of roman numeral 3 add a period and period at the end of number 5.
- **Motion Passed**
 - **24 – 0 – 0**

X. New Business

a. 49.24.01 Support of the Creation of the Student Medical Leave Act

- i. This is support President Pechous in her lobbying efforts for the Student Medical Leave act that she created. This was passed at the UW-System Representatives meeting; however, I feel this is also important for our campus to support as well as we can make effective change for our student on this campus.
- Senator Brisbin
 - VP Serier and I went to the UW-System Reps at Riverfalls talk about her lobbying efforts for the Student Medical Leave Act. They don't allow for uninspected circumstances without severe consequences.

In the Fall or Spring if you have to leave at 3-4 week.

- Senator Brisbin reads two quotes from the attachment: ““In treatment programs, they tell you that recovery does not happen just by getting treatment. It is an all-hands-on-deck operation with your medicine, therapist, psychiatric doctor, family, and yourself. There are many parts to a recovery path than just one piece of the puzzle. Universities should understand that they play a part in that, too, since, again, campuses all over the nation are advocating more and more for mental health; therefore, if campuses, on the surface level are advocating for mental health, they must all-hands-on-deck support their students. An affected person’s recovery plan must include the university. In most cases, I believe, it would be actually detrimental to a student’s mental health if they dropped out of classes and isolated themselves from their community connections. “ – *Rosemary Pechous*
- “My story does not represent every student, and Student Medical Leave Act may not fit every circumstance that arises, but neither does Family Medical Leave Act. There are unique circumstances for every person and

situation. However, Student Medical Leave Act would be the first of its kind to protect students and move toward a culture that respects students. Students are held to such discriminating terms” – *Rosemary Pechous*

- Students’ lives are not set in 14-week blocks. We have real issues that arise, and while it would be convenient to deal with those issues over J-term or Summer break, it is unrealistic.

- Director Beaulieu

- I just want to say I support this and take a stand on supporting the President of Riverfalls to have protection by the government, in regard to, the Student Medical Leave Act.

- Senator Schoenike

- Also, advocate for federal and state wide change is ambition, and regardless if anything like this pass and our administration should get on it.

- Senator Franda

- I support this and think it’s a good idea.

- Senator Kangas

- I think this is good to bring this our attention and from personal experience I think this is

good for us.

- Vice President Serier
 - Rose went down to make her first run at this and we didn't get to hear from her and try to figure out where they're at in the process of lobbying.
- Advisor Witucki
 - Whether you pass this or not if you attach the person's narrative with it and work with the person narrative and a lot of grammatical that could be clean up. I would suggest if that is part of this and have them reedit that document to fix up some grammatical errors.
- Senator Brisbin
 - For the nature of this motion is it ok if we pass this as a supportive motion.
- Senator Schoenike motion to add Therefore, Be it Further Resolved, (Get from the end of the motion right before distribution list.)
 - **Motion Passed**
 - **24-0-0**
- Director Buchanan
 - I believe this will be very important for individuals with disability and beneficial for students in the future.

- Director Beaulieu
 - I think this is super important and will make beneficial for future students.
- **Motion Passed**
 - **24 – 0 – 0**

XI. Reports

a. President

- i. Me, Serier, and Chris went to UW-System Reps and the meeting lasted an hour long. We had a person from system come in with a memorandum of understanding to make the UW-System reps to make UW-System Representatives the official student body. I also met with Senate Chairs and I went to the EAB navigation and had breakfast with the Best and monthly meeting with the Provost. I was on the news and Governor Tony Evers and how I support his renovation to South Hall and pay increase to staff.

b. Vice President

- i. I went to EAB Focus group with other members of the SSA Executive board. I also went to student representatives conference call on Saturday. I worked on getting a ticketing link read for Samuel E. Wood and prepped some of my transition documents.

c. Director of Communications

- i. I mainly just worked on the agenda and preparing for my transition documents for the next Director of

Communication. Other than that, I went to Colorado to this Foundation for Individual Rights Education (FIRE) regional conference where we discuss how free speech worked on campus. This was also pretty important because this is the same organization that comes to campuses and file suits against colleges for free speech violation.

d. Director of Organizational Affairs

- i. Last week OAC met twice in the week on Tuesday and Friday in order to go over the organization recognition requests before the end of the congress. We will have the organizations come in on Tuesday to OAC to finalize the approvals and they will be coming to Senate the following Tuesday for recognition. The OAC also finalized the interest group expectations to be brought to senate at the final meeting as well. Today I went to Faculty Senate and we discuss the new representative and Linda Jones is the faculty chair and Nelu will not be running for Chancellor.

e. Director of Financial Affairs

- i. I went to EAB focus group and it was very productive and Doug Mell is a very important person. FAC finish up standing policy and we had reallocation. We also did a JustInTime request.

f. Director of Legislative Affairs

g. Director of Diversity and Inclusivity

- i. This week was a very slow week. I went to two different

meetings a shift session hosted by Tosha Larson regarding Privilege, Power, and differences, as well as the student focus group for the new EAB initiative. Other than that, I spent my office hours working on my transition documents, finalizing our governing documents, and doing some research/ looking over some of the standing policies SSA has.

h. Director of Sustainability

- i. This week I went to the Campus Energy Committee on Monday and I also held the Sustainability Council on Tuesday. I wrote memos for both the outdoor classroom restoration and the AF LED retrofit Green Fee allocations after the motions were passed on Tuesday as well. On Friday I met with Ben Markl to finalize some room reservation aspects for Earth Week.

XII. Additional Reports

a. Shared Governance

- i. Campus Energy Committee
 - o This meeting went over how to proceed with the LED retrofit on Antrim-Froggatt hall and what that all entails. Next we talked about a possible Sustainable Residence project which we decided would need a lot more time to get together so it was proposed to be a charge for the group for next year. After that we discussed the Energy Internship position that was offered for this summer and about what that intern will be doing over the course of their time here.

Finally, we discussed a 10% review that MEP had given and how they are planning to get back on track with the rest of their reviews until the study is completed.

ii. Senate of Academic Staff

- Amy Gullixson was chosen as the SAS Representative for a new committee, Performance Evaluation Form Review.

iii. General Education Committee

- The GEC mainly talked about how to make the committee better and the next year election process. We also approved some classes that updated themselves.

iv. Res/GLP

- The following courses are approved to keep the GLP standing, History of Int

b. Standing Committee Reports

i. Financial Affairs Committee

ii. Diversity and Inclusivity Council

iii. Organizational Affairs Committee

iv. Sustainability Council

- We looked over posters for Earth Week and discussed Earth Week.

v. Visibility and Outreach

- No meeting due to weather

XIII. Announcements

a. Senator Brown

- i. DND with Trans individual 6 – 10 pm at the Qube
- ii. There were individuals walking around anti-abortion and something that was happening.

b. Director Nadeau

- i. Next week Earth Week. Please go to as many as you can.

c. Vice President Serier

- i. I'm organizing the Samuel E. Wood recognition and if you want to help me decorate.
- ii. Get together outside at 6:30 pm on Thursday May 2nd

d. Senator Brisbin

- i. Student For Consent is having a what you wear in the sky lounge and sexual violence upstairs.
- ii. Movie showing on Wednesday and speaker with Emma on Thursday.

e. Senator Dettmann

- i. April 27th Pancakes give me money!

f. Director Beaulieu

- i. Open Forum listening session on the 23rd and the 30th will be in the involvement center for an hour in a half talking and listening to students about some of their concerns about the EDI position and what changes

they want to see on campus.

g. Senator Chris Johnson

i. PONG general meeting tomorrow in Ballroom A you get to meet the exec board.

XIV. Adjourn at 9 pm