SSA Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

# 6:00 PM | February 27th, 2020 | SSA Office, Memorial Student Center

1. Call to Order at **6:03pm**
2. Roll Call

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| President Canon | x |  |  |
| Vice-President Johnson | x |  |  |
| Director of Communications |  |  |  |
| Director Serier | x |  |  |
| Director McConville | x |  |  |
| Director Gentz | x |  | x |
| Director Beaulieu |  |  |  |
| Director Nadeau | x |  |  |
| Director Kangas | x |  |  |
| Advisor Witucki | x |  |  |

1. Approval of Minutes **Approved both sets of minutes**
2. Approval of Agenda **Agenda is approved**
3. Postponed discussion
4. Discussion
   1. President Canon
      1. Splitting up the Director of Communications Responsibilities **for next week**

**Agenda = Kangas**

**Motions send out = Johnson**

**Minutes = Beaulieu**

**Caucus = Witucki**

**Social Media = Canon**

**Canon: Will look at applications next week Wednesday, Will start interviews end of next week, beginning of next week.**

**Kangas: What is the deadlines for motions and reports? And Where are we meeting next week?**

**Canon: the deadline is up to you I think it was Monday under our former Director, but whatever you think is best for how long you need to make up the agenda to be sent out Monday before 7pm. Ballroom A is the meeting location.**

**McConville: What is the timeline for hiring?**

**Canon: Whatever works best with mine and Johnson’s schedules for interviews. And how many people are interested**

**McConville: I just want to make sure this is taken care of soon, as there is a lot that a lot of us have to do coming up soon, and we shouldn’t ask people to do extra work when they are already busy.**

**Witucki: Just a reminder that the agenda needs to be sent out 24 hours in advance and if possible, we should attach the agenda to the Connect event.**

* 1. Director McConville
     1. EBC Climate

**McConville: There have been some stuff that has come up in the last couple weeks and I just want to give everyone the chance to talk about problems they have been having to get them off our chest, so we can focus on our jobs and making things better for our students.**

**Nadeau: The language of after Director Roberts Resignation, was a bit harsh, felt more like a demand rather than asking for teamwork.**

**Canon: The language I used was harsh, but there was stuff that we needed to get done and sorted before the Senate meeting. I could have done the tone better and I realize that having had some time to reflect.**

**I am very disappointed with the individuals the brought forth the articles of impeachment, as there wasn’t a lot of time to get things put in order between the time, I received the list of concerns and when the articles of impeachment where delivered to me. This I feel goes against the understanding nature of our congress, as there was no time for understanding and change.**

**McConville: It was a lot of things that pilled up to the articles of impeachment, the former director was given a full semester to try and improve with multiple opportunists for improvement, and there where several events that occurred in rapid succession as this semester started to push us this far, as it is students money and time that is being wasted by that position not doing their job. I hope that everyone would do the same, if I was not doing my job.**

**Canon: Did anyone talk to Roberts about all of this?**

**Johnson: I did about the reports, office hours, and making sure attendance was being taken.**

**Witucki: I also talked with them about these things and Caucus too.**

**Serier: I felt like this was the proper course of action, as I came from the perspective of an outside students not involved in Senate. I also felt like there were several times I saw them not fulfilling their Directors duties, with little to no improvement over the Semester that they had. At camp we have a system for individuals that don’t improve or have systematic non-improvement as we don’t have a lot of time to do our jobs and they need to do it right.**

**Canon: Something that I was upset with is that there are a lot of things that can come up with an Impeachment as we are all students and have a lot on our plates, nor do I feel like that it would look good to the student body, as that would show up on the agenda. This was kind of covered with their resignation as it didn’t come up like that. We can use this at a learning opportunity going forward, as we are students and have different stuff going on rather than normal politicians, and we should try and help each other more. There were a lot of opportunities to try and work things out as we are going to have to deal with people not doing their jobs in the future. I do understand now that I have heard more about the breaking points that you all have brought up, because it seems like it was a lot.**

**McConville: I don’t want anyone to take this personally, as it was more a situation of someone not doing their job rather than me not liking them, I liked Roberts as a person, but he was not doing his job and that it would be better for the student body to remove them. Also it was not the delegation of extra work that I have had issue with, it was the tone as you were very hostile about it President Canon, and when VP Johnson said he could help you said “No, Directors only” and that is what made it feel like a punishment, and like this wasn’t a team.**

**Kangas: I would like to see us work as a team more in the future as we haven’t been in the past as much as we should have.**

**Canon: I went with that approach more just to ensure that we would get the job done, I didn’t want to give people the time to say no that they wouldn’t be able to help. As for when VP Johnson spoke up about helping, he has a lot that he is working on now a lot of which is important and needs to get done before we leave office and him picking up extra tasks would ensure that those things would not get done. That is were I came from.**

**Nadeau: I just want to make sure that Director Beluie gets a chance to talk about this.**

**Witucki: President Canon is my 7th president being here, and this is not the first time that this kind of situation came up. As with that there are many different roads that could have been taken and none of them are fun. There are many different dynamics that I have seen over the years too and you are just hitting a storming part which happens to everyone. I feel like President Canon was backed into a corner, but this body has every right to exercise impeachment if they want. I hope you all will forgive each other, and I think you all have done some real good and you still have lots left to finish and I think you all have a lot left to do. Being president is hard and there is no easy way to do it, but it’s a learning thing and that comes with time. I do have regrets too, but we have to work through them and grow. To quickly bring up Asad it sucks but it had to be done, as if they didn’t resign, I would have had to take it to University Court as it was a Constitution violation.**

**Serier: I am sorry for my frustrations in Slack about Asad’s situation as there were other things I was dealing with and did not mean any harm by it.**

**Witucki: I would like to say that President Canon has been one of the most inclusive presidents I have seen in my time, and maybe that change in tone caught people off guard.**

**Canon: We have a lot left to do and I believe we should put this all behind us to finish those things for the Students. I hope things get better and we can finish strong and together as a team. Remember to take care of yourself and take breaks as needed. I feel like just to return us back on track, I want to bring up those goals again so we can remember what we need to do.**

**Break for goals and where they are.**

**Lawyer – getting close lots of backend stuff, need to reach out to lawyer again to make sure they are on-board and build up infrastructure for their arrival. Need help being accountable in getting this done.**

1. Updates
   1. Information **Technology – Wrote SITC Memo and Met with Traxler about priorities.**
   2. Sustainability **– sus council on Tuesday. Meeting with police and parking went well hoping to have another soon, dunn county transit meeting was interesting no Dolly.**
   3. Diversity
   4. Financial Affairs **– Cont. 3 needed to manually schedule times. More annual budget appeals. Need to sort out equipment registry.**
   5. Organizational Affairs **– got 3 more orgs through the mill, lots of stress with that, working on a way to get feedback from orgs we recently approved to ease the process.**
   6. Legislative Affairs **– making own flyers and posters for voter stuff, and had meeting with someone for bringing people on campus, making buttons issues, Governor on campus today, and logistics for election watch party.**
   7. Communications
   8. Vice-President **– Got in contact with UW River Falls President about Northwest compact, more work on off campus housing stuff, and lots of work sending out motions**.
   9. President – **Governor on campus, going to be going to student services and orgs to see what they want to see improved. Gifting that to next president. Motions stuff from two meetings ago, working on elections stuff. Also went to catering director retirement and meet with Chancellor Frank as she is already attending events.**
   10. Advisor **– at Dunn county transit meeting, helping with inventory system for Gentz, retirement for catering director, lots of chatting with Directors about this week’s events.**
2. Announcements – **Witucki: Campus is doing prep work on Coronavirus.**
3. **Canon: All the South Korean Students are being brought back and will be looking at maybe canceling summer travel that way.**

**Serier: Be sure to be clean, wash your hands and take care.**

1. Adjourn **7:07pm**