SSA Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

# 7:00 AM | October 14th, 2019 | SSA Office, Memorial Student Center

1. Call to Order at 7:13am
2. Roll Call

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

1. Approval of Minutes (yes)
2. Approval of Agenda (yes)
3. Postponed discussion
4. Discussion
   1. Director Nadeau
      1. Carbon Neutral by 2050 Resolution  
         Nadeau: Still working on resolution, just bringing up the idea. Had a speaker come in Kate Beaten, she wants a carbon neutral Menomonie by 2050, this resolution is to show support with the Wisconsin Conservation Voters, who would work Menomonie to develop the plan, this motion would be sent to city council, and administration, this is also going on in Eau Claire. Getting push back from mayor. What do we think?  
         Serier: this is good.  
         McConville: Who is giving pushback?  
         Nadeau: the mayor mostly. It’s a big task and not all of it is one term.   
         McConville: city council doesn’t do their own research, so talk to Randy and the Mayor as they basically tell the council how to vote.   
         Nadeau: okay, the plan was to lobby city council but that’ll work instead, Senator Leonhard, is also involved with the Org itself.  
         Canon: the plan has some pretty lofty goals like a 40% jump in 2040. I think this needs to be more balanced and less lofty goals.   
         Nadeau: the reason why it’s a big jump is because the base 10% is hard to do, with a nice base being that 10% which takes a lot, then the bigger jumps come afterwards.  
         Canon: has Menomonie been taken into account? Like the wealth and land?  
         Nadeau: yes the Org will work with the city and Xcel to get land for solar panels and to also have resident buy in, which is a separate commission in the org. but this is not all just on the city.   
         Canon: this just seems like a lot in a short time.  
         McConville: we have the resources and there is a lot of land, the problem is just doing it. 30 years is not that long.  
         Nadeau: Madison is trying to be by 2030.   
         Beaulieu: Madison??  
         Nadeau: yes.   
         Serier: does this take into account for growth in the area or shrinkage of Menomonie, also other campuses are trying for this since they are also like small cities.   
         Beaulieu: we should try nothing wrong with shooting for the star,
   2. Vice President Johnson
      1. Rent College Pads  
         Explanation: We had a conference call with Rent college looking at like what they and offer us and some of their numbers, this was a shared call between Director Serier, Advisor Witucki, and myself. I am just looking for feedback on if we’d be open to working with them or not.  
         McConville: what about the connect group?  
         Serier: yes they should have a product ready in about a week.   
         Beaulieu: I don’t trust them, but if everyone is gun ho about it we can do it.  
         Serier: with campus groups, we have total control. Vs just having the rules for them to follow.  
         Kangas: have you reached out to other universities student government to see how they like the experience with rent college pads?  
         Johnson: no, But I can.   
         Serier: I can have you get in contact with my friend at the U of M, but they also have partnerships with Milwaukee and Eau Claire.

Canon: I want a decision by the end of the semester, we need to make a committed decision for our students to protect them from the landlords.   
Serier: rent college pads was going to give a presentation at senate.  
Beaulieu: we need to give historical context with that, so that they are informed.   
Canon: We need to make sure that we are clear about the personal issues vs the non personal.  
Beaulieu: the Pat stuff while shitty is not really the issue.   
McConville: we should also have a presentation for the Campus groups site.   
Serier: I can do.   
Canon: when will there be a finished Website, in November.  
Beaulieu: what does rent college pads get out of this?  
Johnson: They get the UW-Stout logo, student government sponsorship, and a .edu domain at stout.

* 1. Director McConville
     1. Syllabus and Grade deadline Resolution  
        McConville: this was surprising to me as there are very confusing syllabus and grading practicing deadlines, like one of my classes just gave me the syllabus and another just graded me for the whole semester, this doesn’t really make sense, this came from the idea Interim Chancellor as this is a goal of his to make things make sense.   
        Canon: this would be passed off to faculty senate.   
        Beaulieu: for the student this would be good, but it might piss off the faculty as they have a lot on their plate. With TA’s doing a lot of the grading work.   
        Canon: You should do an open forum about this and then write up a motion on this, then talk to faculty about it to come up with a grading plan because we have a pretty good relationship with Faculty Senate, and we don’t want to make them mad at us.   
        McConville: can I go talk to Faculty senate? Do they have open forums?   
        Canon: You can we have Senator Penoske on there now, but you can talk to them, I don’t know if they have open forums, we all run things differently.   
        Canon: where does it say syllabus’s can be changed? Cuz that doesn’t make sense for me.   
        Beaulieu: this is more to benefit students as it’s a push back of an assignment or whatever.   
        Canon: maybe not barring the changes, but like make it more transparent to the students. What was the next steps of this from SAS?  
        McConville: they were just talking about it, maybe moving towards a stout policy.   
        Canon: sounds like it’ll go to a committee, we have a lot of time I’m guessing.   
        McConville: I more worried it won’t happen, like if Faculty senate says no and just drops it.
  2. President Canon
     1. Higher Education Reauthorization Act  
        Canon: UW Systems Reps Conference call, Dylan Griepentrog, had a conference call with the National Campus Leadership Council about this. It has a lot of changes to the Higher Education world and effects students. With FAFSA changes <100 questions down to ~25. And the student union record ban, which gives access to more student records I think, the pell grant changes, which effects incarcerated persons I believe. And many more. Dylan wants a united statement from UW-System, I don’t know if that’ll happen but we can voice our opinion, I am going to write up how I feel and present it to senate. Anything you want to add VP Johnson?  
        Johnson: I fear the distilling of FAFSA could hurt students by limiting the amount of info needed to get students aid.   
        Serier: would it be possible to make some of the form just like branch off?   
        Canon: I agree with Johnson, it could very well hurt students if they make it smaller, but there is a portion of it that repopulates from last year making it an easier process.   
        Kangas: something that might want to be addressed is that student loan fraud has jumped up 120% according to FTC in 2018. Taking out a loan under someone else’s name but paying it to someone else.   
        Beaulieu: FAFSA Seems to be broken to low income and broken home students, those students who don’t support the students makes it very hard for those students, if parents don’t support at all its detrimental to the students, if your parents don’t do taxes you get no aid.   
        McConville: Who runs FAFSA?   
        Serier: Department of Education, Betsy DeVos.
     2. Serier: a student came in to talk about how its hard for them to get to work on campus at 7am when the buses aren’t working that early in the winter.   
        Canon the busses start at 7:17am every morning. That’s not early enough for students that work with ETC and University Catering, we need to think about how many people would use the bus that early.   
        Nadeau: I feel like this is an issue that would be taken up between student and boss to have a south campus student work that early and have the north campus students start later.   
        Canon: I got a complaint sent about JTC not having a bus stop. In winter this is an issue as its cold and windy up there. Stout recommissioned that building science the south campus constructions that will happen. We should have a stop at JTC.  
        Serier: is it possible to make the JTC stop shorter in duration?  
        McConville: how much different is it to get to the north campus stop vs the tower stop?   
        Kangas: its not too far isn’t it?  
        Canon: with that logic there shouldn’t be any stops at north campus since its not that far,   
        Nadeau: There is also a stop at the student health services building to get if you ask for the bus to stop there.   
        McConville we should take traffic into account for this as a bus would have a hard time getting out of JTC’s lot.   
        Canon: that is valid, but shouldn’t stop us.   
        Nadeau: I have a meeting with Dunn County Transit later this week and I can talk about them with this, they are looking to expand the Stout Route bringing in a fieldhouse stop and maybe some off campus stops too, for a JTC stop there would need to be some concrete work needing to be done for turn arounds.   
        Canon: I see this being a big issue so we should start addressing it?
     3. Beaulieu: My Advisor Jackie left of Thursday, but Dominque offered to step in as temp advisor for a while maybe even a full advisor, this is cool. Speak up is kinda without a supervisor, but they are being watched over by Emily.
     4. McConville: for the student Debt forum I had the idea of having students write down the amount of debt they have as like a way to show how much is owed by the average student.   
        Nadeau: would there be names?  
        McConville: no  
        Kangas: Maybe pass a bucket around and they can do the math later to calculate the average debt at stout and have that to show what’s going on here.   
        Canon: I like the idea, you should talk to that guy Luski (Editing note idk who this is) about this. Also encourage other students to go.

1. Updates
   1. Information Technology  
      Worked on IT Committee meeting tines with the first one being this Friday, attended SPG on Monday. Met with Traxler on Tuesday. Attended IT Advisory board meeting, access stout is going to be going through an update over thanksgiving break so it’ll be down for 4 days but it’ll get a new interface mirroring the My UW user interface. (Beaulieu: I was worried about signing up for classes but that is going to be passed the time of that, will there be teaching programs to teach the new version?) There could be I can ask, but there is also the option to use the current interface after that time.
   2. Sustainability  
      Sustainability council resolution, other conversations that needed advisor who wasn’t there are pushed back to today, sent memo about water bottle stations, and got the burrito event settled, sustainability steering committee to get rewards for people that use alternative transport.
   3. Diversity  
      lots of stuff, final meeting with Jackie, finished diversity initiatives motion (open forum) Search committee stuff phone interviews process, took a pic for faculty senate, working on by-law edits diversity council to EDI director and council, along with emailing. Changing time of office hours and committee.
   4. Financial Affairs

Absent.

* 1. Organizational Affairs  
     tie brokering in Org Affairs vice chair vote, approved more petitions and got more, need people to accept their positions in the orgs to get them approved, sending reminders, chancellors search committee this week that needs office hours rescheduled, attended SPG, rent college pads meeting.
  2. Legislative Affairs

Meeting with Merrill, not happy about it, met with Doug Mell about forming a committee under leg affairs, putting it in by-laws to make it sustainable, did by-law/constitution edits, please go to the student debt meeting.

* 1. Communications  
     sent out motions from last week, chair for shared governance wanted to do an announcement for her at senate and also set up a campus life today? (is this a bad idea?) Canon: she can do it herself.) talked with Deon about who to talk with about vegetarian option in dining, also bringing in more cultural food (Beaulieu: we should talk)
  2. Vice-President  
     This past week I attended EBC, got a reply back from Eau Claire regarding the Legal Services updates that I needed, hopefully will have a rough sketch of that plan by next week, I also had a conference call with Rent College Pads, Director Serier, and Advisor Witcuki (this was just more info from rent college pads about their site and what it can do. I also was a part of the Systems Reps Phone call, which we talked about the reforming of the memorandum of understanding committee for UW-System, the Higher Education Act Reforms and giving a unified statement from the UW Systems schools student governments, I also brought up the Unified Sustainability resolution from the Sustainability conference last week. I also responded to a landlord who was inquiring about our off campus housing plan.
  3. President  
     3 senator interviews, all motions in for agenda, lunch with Johnson and Darrin. Senate chairs monthly meeting talked about Ameritied stuff for benefits also talked about employee handbook and the need for one, asked them about senator training and how to get senators involved, touched base with Traxler about all that fun stuff (she is coming to senate next week) went to constitution/by-laws edits did a bunch of formatting 1500/65000 words so far with video explaining how and why
  4. Advisor  
     excused

1. Announcements  
   Burritos tomorrow, student debt forum, gaming co-lab this weekend. Make sure the senators get the posters for senate out.
2. Adjourn 8:37 am.