



Figure 1: Stout Student Association Logo

Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center

49th Congress 8th Session October 23, 2018

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Call to order 7:02
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Acknowledgement of Country
- IV. Roll Call
 - a. Director Buchanan Senator Schoenike excused, Senator Gunderson excused, Senator Ruf absent, Senator Timalsina excused and Senator Ramos excused.
- V. Standing Committee Roll Call
 - a. Executive
 - i. Advisor Witucki Excused
 - b. Organizational
 - i. No meeting
 - c. Financial
 - i. All Present
 - d. Sustainability
 - i. All Present
 - e. Diversity and Inclusivity
 - i. Advisor Bisson excused
 - f. Visibility and Outreach
 - i. All Present
- VI. Words of Wisdom – Director Beaulieu
 - a. “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

- b. Next week words of wisdom is Senator Brown
- VII. Open Forum
 - a. Customize Instruction (CI) students – President Bragelman
 - i. **IMPORTANT: The original file has been lost.**
 - ii. **President Bragelman**
 - Presented the idea in regard to the fact that CI students do not pay segregated fees and how big of a concern that would be for CI senators to serve on the Senate.
 - There are 1,493 CI students in Wisconsin alone and 193 in Minnesota.
 - There are 434 CI students in Dunn County and the surrounding counties in total.
 - **Overall Concerns are as followed:**
 - a. Should the CI students be allowed to voice input for segregated fee paying students?
 - b. Should CI students be allowed to sit on the student body?
 - c. Even if we do allow a CI students stay on senate, would that be hindering a valuable vote and a seat from a non-CI student?
 - d. This would include that they are getting paid from the student activity fee, that segregated students have to pay while still in Senate. As such we are facing a dilemma with senators in our current body being a CI student and dealing with our current situation.
 - e. If we do decide to leave CI students out we would have a legitimacy issue inside the SSA.
 - **Potential Solutions (future and current)**
 - a. Vice Chancellor Lyons suggested a radius pay for CI students within a 30 mile radius.
 - b. Should we ask the CI student to step down?
 - c. Allow the CI student to serve on Senate, but have them recuse themselves from any Segregated fee paying matter?
 - d. There are a lot of nuances that the Senate has to work on that would not allow a CI student to participate. Things like shared governance, segregated fee meetings, SSA annual budget, and much more.

VIII. Approval of the Minutes

a. Minutes Approved

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

a. U.S.S. 49.08.01 Appointment of Shared Governance

i. This motion is to appoint student member to shared governance seats.

ii. Motion Passed

XI. Reports

a. President

i. This week I continued the search for University Court Justices and Senators! I also planned senator training a bit and sat down with some senators to discuss their bylaw duties (come see me if you're a senator that has any questions about their duties). I read minutes of some shared governance meetings, and I read through all the data from the results of the Alumni Follow-Up survey. I read all the materials for the Chancellor's Advisory Council meeting that is this Monday, since I will be sending Director Canon in my place. I also had some spicy conversations with people on-campus to make sure that these meetings are more accessible to future SSA Presidents. I also had meetings with people around campus to discuss CI students, the break-in reports, class workload, and the Diversity position.

b. Vice President

i. This weekend I met with advisory Lee and we are working towards setting up a meeting with York from Connect to talk about the housing module and what possibilities there are. I also talked to almost all of the directors for the by law checkups. Then I also set up some senator interviews.

c. Director of Communications

i. Did the normal responsibility of Senate and Visibility and Outreach stuff? I message some senators in regard to their position. Distribute some posters for some buildings on the top of the hill. Message all senators in regard to the importance of attending caucus. Some senators got the idea that caucus isn't a mandatory item. Working on a better system for myself to keep track of attendance and alerting senators when they have reached the 2-point warning. I went to FAC for my rollover request for the Election Watch Party. The Visibility and Outreach Council

will officially have a vetting process for all SSA promotional materials and I will be working on changing the bylaws and notifying all directors and senators of the process.

d. Director of Organizational Affairs

- i. This week I had sent out emails to organizations on the renewal of their org. I also, met with an organization to work through their re-recognition form.

e. Director of Financial Affairs

- i. I spent the majority of my week getting prepared for the first day of contingency hearings which occurred this past Friday. I also had a budget workshop this past Monday for organizations with last minute questions about the contingency process. I also created a second day for hearings due to the large number of organizations requesting money from SSA. In the hours leading up to and after the deadline I was constantly in front of a computer to quickly respond to any last second emails or to notify organizations that the deadline had passed. Finally, I worked on creating an accurate agenda for the committee with a list of each organization presenting. Overall the first day of hearing went well, and I look forward to finishing them this coming Friday.

f. Director of Legislative Affairs

- i. This week I spoke with Tammy Baldwins scheduling assistant to try and set something up for after the election. Additionally, I worked with Director Canon to promote Sen. Schachtner's on campus event on 10/25. Additionally, I reached out to Gov. Walker and Tony Evers to try and get something set up. I would also like to say thank you to Senator Miller for running our collaboration with the League of Women Voters these past few weeks.

g. Director of Diversity and Inclusivity

- i. This week the Diversity and Inclusivity council finalized their initiatives for the year. I am currently working on a resolution that we can bring to senate so that the whole congress is aware of the initiatives this year. I and the rest of the committee also started working on the details of Diversity Week, which is one of the diversity initiatives that we plan to work on this year. This week I also met with Scott Pierson, the Director of the Office of International Education. We talked about how the Office of International Relations is doing as a whole, they are down two

staff members, so work load is very heavy for him (on top of him adjusting to this new position because he started in January). Overall as a whole with the current political climate he said that International Relations has been struggling, because the US is seen as unwelcoming to perspective students. For an example the number of International Students has seen a decline at Stout, last year we had around 150 Saudi students, but this year we are down to around 70. So, his main initiatives this have been focusing on making students feel welcome. One of the ways he plans on doing this is expanding the amount of host families that are in Menomonie. Many International students don't have the privilege to go home on breaks as most Stout Students do, so expanding these host families gives more International Students a place to stay and have a holiday meal on breaks. In addition, he is working on making study abroad programs more affordable and accessible to students After talking about his initiatives, we spoke briefly about some of the problems that International Students on campus are dealing with. He explained that the two main problems that the majority of International Students face are transportation issues, and issues with feeling disconnected from campus, and sometimes feeling unwelcome. After this meeting, in the diversity and inclusivity council discussed possible ways that we can aid in the International Student Population on campus, we came up with an idea of having an International Student Mixer. Lastly this week I attended the HSSO, BSU, and LU meetings this week. At LU we had a pot luck and we played Loteria (Bingo). At BSU, we talked about Cornerstone Caroline, and white people calling the police on black children. In addition, we talked about some moral questions regarding a dispute between two rappers in the black community. We talked about questions related to if it is morally to involve other parties in an exclusive argument, how far is taking things to far in an argument, and do can you befriend one another after a serious argument? Lastly, I attended HSSO. We played a game of Hmong jeopardy regarding food, history, language, lyrics of songs, and the HSSO exec board.

h. Director of Sustainability

- i. This week I had a very productive Sustainability Council meeting. We discussed the LED project in the Commons and why that has stalled and how to get it back up and running again. We talked

about the funds for the installation of solar glass in the Commons and how that project fell through and talked about new ways to reallocate that money. In the end we decided to move forward with reallocating the money to a project that would implement solar panels on the south side of the commons roof with a section of it being visible from the ground. I also had a Stout-Bus group meeting which established a common ground for all members to stand on when we go to meet Dunn County Transit later this month. The biggest topics on that meeting will include potential bus shelter locations and current student complaints about the bus system. I have reached out to Dunn County Transit about when they are available to meet this month but no response yet from them. Also, I found scissors in the office.

XII. Additional Reports

- a. Shared Governance
- b. College Reports

XIII. Announcements

- a. GSA Leather and Lace show
- b. Contingency 2 open Nov 1st to 15th
- c. Dark Money presentation on Oct 25th.
- d. Movie screening with Patty Schachtner 10th district representative

XIV. Adjourn

- a. Adjourn at 8:35 pm