



*Figure 1: Stout Student Association Logo*

## **Meeting Agenda**

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7:00 PM Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center  
49th Congress 25<sup>th</sup> Session April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

- I. Call to Order at 7:03 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Acknowledgement of Country
- IV. Roll Call
  - a. Senator Acharya and Gentz excused
- V. Standing Committee Roll Call
  - a. Executive
    - i. Director Halbach excused
  - b. Organizational
    - i. No meeting
  - c. Financial
    - i. No meeting
  - d. Sustainability
    - i. All present
  - e. Diversity and Inclusivity
    - i. Vice Chair Haas excused

f. Visibility and Outreach

- i. Senator Kleinschmidt and Acharya excused and Senator Schoenike absent.

VI. Words of Wisdom – Senator Hill

- a. We cannot be sure of having something to live for unless we are willing to die for it. – Che Guevara

VII. Open Forum

- a. The Electoral College: Past, Present, and Future – Director Gunderson

- i. Discussing the history of the Electoral College and why there have been recent calls to abolish it.
  - Candidate can lose the popular vote and win the electoral college.
  - Articles of Confederation: One chamber of congress and no executive branch, it was designed to be intentionally weak and gives more power to the state.
  - U.S. Constitution, # of votes relative to a state's population, electors appointed by legislators.
  - 1796 elections: they never counted for political parties and no distinction between president and Vice President, the person that receive the second most vote is Vice President.
  - 1800 election: the party begin to run on formal tickets of 2 candidates.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> amendment is how the electoral college is run

today. In 1832 “Jacksonian” Democracy, was limited and led to the creation of the party’s system.

- Elections of 1876 most controversial election and it was mostly a referendum vote who Rutherford B. Hayes was nominated and 20 electoral votes were disputed. The compromise of 1877 gave the 20 votes to Hayes in return for ending Reconstruction in the South.
- Pros: Safeguards against too much democracy, smaller states stay relevant, provide a relatively clean election and recounts can be done per state.
- Cons: Electoral college is outdated, possibility of rogue electors, winner takes all gives too much power to swing states and makes popular vote sometimes feel meaningless, can elect a losing candidate for President and might have been created to benefit slavery.
- Madison wanted slaves to count as a citizen for electoral votes it received and would benefit Virginia greatly and as a result Virginia had 30% of all electoral votes at one time period. This also resulted in the 3/5<sup>th</sup> compromise.
- Bayh-Celler Amendment where the president be elected off the popular vote as long as they received 40% or more of the vote, or else lead to a runoff. The smaller states were afraid this amendment would take away power. In recent

years there has been a shift in opinions on the popular vote with 65% of adults in the U.S. believe the winner of the popular vote should win the election.

- National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.  
Propose alternative “The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact guarantee the presidency to the candidates who receives the most popular votes across all 50 states and District of Colombia. 14 states and District of Colombia.”

#### VIII. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes are approved

#### IX. Unfinished Business

#### X. New Business

- a. 49.25.01 Organization approval – Transfer Transitions (TT)
  - i. Approval of Transfer Transitions (TT) as a recognized student organization for the rest of the 2018-2019 academic year.
    - Director Buchanan
      - Transfer Transition just missed the two year mark to renew.
    - Emily Reiner
      - I’ve been leading this project with Associate Director of Admission Linda Young is to be a support system for

transfer students. There is a giant need for support for transfer students and no way to integrate them into the community. As a transfer student myself is important for transfer students and personal life.

- Director Gunderson

- As a transfer student, I think this org will be a good way to connect with transfer students.

- Senator Schoenike

- One issue is V creep is department utilizing student organization for their own department demand. How are you going to make sure the organization is for students? Keep the student organization dollars within the student organization and admission department money into their own admission.

- Emily Reiner

- We're working closely with admission to have access to the transfer students and she know the students better than most people. The students are the #1 priority and wouldn't allow that. She is cut and dry with the perspective student who is extremely promising.

- Director Beaulieu
  - I fully and 100% support this organization and hearing transfer students experience because they were on campus and making this organization a thing again.

- **Motion Passed**

- **15 – 0 – 8 abstentions**

b. 49.25.02 Organization Approval – Stronger Together (StrT)

- i. Approval of Stronger Together (StrT) as a Recognized Student Organization for the rest of the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

- Director Buchanan
  - These students weren't able to make it today and they want to empower and encourage students to "Be the Change." They first came to us as "We Dine Together" and this will be the first as a college level. They switched it up a little to mostly focus on different aspects of growing relationships.

- Vice President Serier

- Will they just host event to socialize with each other?

- Director Buchanan

- They would like to have meetings to work with the parent organizations of raising

awareness, community advocacy, leadership and resiliency training. Some of these meetings will be lower stress days to not have to think about homework and be a safe space for students.

- Director Beaulieu
  - I support the initiative that they hope to do.
- Senator Brisbin
  - I view this organization as a dips and discussion type organization.

- **Motion Passed**

- **15 – 0 – 8**

- c. 49.25.03 Organization Approval – Stout Students for Life
  - i. Approval of Stout Students for Life (SSFL) as a Recognized Student Organization for the rest of the 2018-2019 academic year.
    - This organization is a new one that we haven't had on the campus, but they're mostly looking at peacefully giving out additional information for parents and students who are becoming parents to promote education for Pro-Life.
    - Theresa
      - Our mission is to provide a pro-life narrative and to provide information for parents and students. Differing opinion

is to listen and we believe that all people are encouraged to attend online classes.

- We want to advocate for this organization, things we would like to do table and offer vents for students who want to learn more and women in Menomonie volunteer for them and do fundraising for them. They also work more with younger parents and the rest of the community as well to work closely with them. Parent-org is Students for Life America anytime we advocate it would be respectful for viewing other people opinions.

- Senator Schoenike

- I really like the discussion of equaling the playing field for parents on access to higher education and do you have any idea with your advocacy look like?

- Theresa

- We would be someone that they can reach out to advocate for them on the professor and having any type of trouble that they would have.

- Senator Johnson



- Thank you so much for coming and I support what you're doing and women and parents are doing for the community. I hope the rest of my colleagues approve you and we will see you on campus.
- Director Beaulieu
  - I know you say tabling and information on pro-life supporters printing pretty graphic things and how you would like to advocate respectfully.
- Theresa
  - Recently there was those people outside the library and they're not affiliated with our parent org, especially with the kind of graphic images. We would have more information for more support places that people can go and providing facts about other things and we would never want to do any events with such graphic images who may have traumatic experiences of the past and we would want to be respectful.
- Senator Schoenike
  - Do you have any plans to be pro-active in regard to choose in children advocating for contraceptives on

campus and wouldn't have to make the choice?

- Theresa

- We want to specifically work on parents of pregnant women and working on getting better health care and they also advocate for women in general. Feminism we would want to work with them for women to have equal rights.

- **Motion Passed**

- **15 – 0 – 8**

d. 49.25.04 Approval of Interest Group Sponsorship

i. Sponsorship of National Fraternity and Sorority Organization Interest Group.

- Director Buchanan

- Since the interest group is currently not here, we will be tabling it hopefully next week and can speak in front of SSA. I would not feel okay with sponsoring without them speaking. This particular interest group is looking for national fraternity.

- **Director Beaulieu motion to postpone for one meeting.**

- **23 – 0 – 0**

- e. 49.25.05 Expectations of the U.S.S. of the S.S.A. for sponsorship of Interest Group for Fraternity and Sorority Life

- i. Approval of expectations for future sponsorship of National Fraternity and Sorority Organization Interest groups.

- Director Buchanan

- We recently got an interest for local fraternity can be sponsored by the SSA. Coming up with a list of expectation and have some wriggle room if they wouldn't be able to find a national organization.

- Senator Brisbin

- Interest Group anyone who is interested in starting a Fraternity or Sorority takes longer than having a regular organization to be fully installed and functional on campus.

- Director Nadeau

- Do these interest groups be people who?
      - Does these NIC people do campus conduct background check?

- Director Buchanan

- This would allow for an official process for students to be able to pick students

from the North America Interfraternity Council and

- Senator Brisbin
  - It wouldn't be uncommon that individuals does have a background check and we want the groups to be upfront if they would like to be on campus.
- Director Beaulieu
  - Potentially wriggle room if they're someone who didn't have a national affiliation?
- Director Buchanan
  - We are not having a local sorority or Fraternities. They all still have to be with a National organization.
  - SSA can also pull out the sponsorship of the interest group isn't doing the part we can pull out right away and stop the search.
- Senator Brisbin
  - NIC and NPC National Panhellenic Conference they decide when things are going to happen and they don't follow everything by our rules and that's why the update and the communication is so crucial.
- Senator Dumke
  - If a member of the interest group would not be a part of the interest group and

just that one member will be removed?

- Director Buchanan
    - Yes, that would be the case.
  - Advisor Witucki
    - Phi Lambda Phi would these guidelines and pillars be helpful if you were a part of the organization.
  - Senator Schoenike
    - Does seem reasonable and consistent.
  - **Motion Passed**
  - **15 – 0 – 8**
- f. 49.25.06 Recommendation of Increase to Segregated Fees to Support Sports and Recreation Complex Renovations
- i. This motion is to recommend option C at an increase-segregated fee by \$11.29, totaling \$338.50 per year on a 30 credit academic load.
    - President Bragelman
      - I have gotten suggestions today from people that aren't students to leave it more open ended to consider more options if cost are more concern to bring to UW-System Board of regents.
    - Director Beaulieu
      - I believe we should give students what they wanted and voted for and this is our voice so this is something we should do.
    - Senator Schoenike
      - I appreciate what's been said previously and I believe we have an obligation o

represent the students I was originally going to propose a friendly amendment to include the percentages of all voting options. They're discussion of plurality, and I think all percentage significantly a large population voted the route.

- Senator Schoenike and Director Beaulieu:
- Move to amend the whereas clause: the voting results for all option. With the options A, B and D receiving \_ \_ \_ respectively.
- **Amendment pass**
- **23 – 0 – 0**
- Director Halbach and we held the referendum it is our obligations to follow that I do understand the concerns from administration.
- **NEED TO GET FROM THE WHEREAS STATEMENT THAT TALKS ABOUT 36.09(5).**  
Director Halbach move to add “whereas,  
Wisconsin State Statute 36.09.
- **Motion PASSED**
- **22 – 0 – 1**
- Senator Dettmann
  - They (Board of regents) can suck my dick, there job is to go up to what the students want and the students make decision.
- Advisor Witucki
  - I talked to Gary Gus and in concern with UW-System they had two rec complex one was 49 million and the other 129 millions

of gift and did not get included in the governor budget. The state only have so much binding budget and there is concern that the future of these projects. When system found out you have option A, B and C and maybe have A, B is also something that you can live with. The goal is to get into the next biennial budget and the project of scrutiny goes down as the price tag goes down.

- Several people now students and that was not me just want to make that clear.
- Director Nadeau
  - I sent you a list of amendments and these are more sustainability focus.
- **Motion to approve the amendment**
- **23 – 0 – 0**
- Senator Brisbin
  - If the regents didn't approve option C budget can we reapply for the project?
- Advisor Witucki
  - That's probably why you have been getting some suggestions and individuals who are afraid of losing time.
- Senator Brisbin
  - I wanted to bring that up and how crucial our timing was and a majority of students voted for some type of renovation.
- Senator Kostka

- Advisor Witucki you were talking about the segregated fee increase isn't the worry as it is the access to bonds is limited. The fact we would increase fees slowly would not matter as much.
- Advisor Witucki
  - The amount of bonding is a bigger concern and be advise that the climate can change drastically with the segregated fees. One of the most vocal critic is now a member of congress and two members of the board of regents is in May.
- President Bragelman
  - There always a flavor of the month of what is important with the board of regents.
- Senator Dumke
  - I think it's important if we forward a few options or be happy with nothing happening at all.
- Director Canon
  - I advise this congress to consider adding stronger language to emphasize the importance of the Sports and Recreation Complex
- Senator Vandusartz
  - Is this an advisement or telling?
- President Bragelman
  - This is lobbying by administration to accept or reject the recreation complex



facility.

- Advisor Witucki
  - Would advise the chancellor and advising to amending and putting more information in addition to your stuff and not listening to the recommendation of not moving forward at all. According to the law and the process work and massage it how they would want.
- President Bragelman
  - We're making a public knowledge on what they would like to do and the chancellor can do whatever they want.
- Director Beaulieu
  - I hear and respect to add another option and wholeheartedly would want to take a firm stance on option C. No matter what the board of regent we don't know at this time to go in and support this option.
- Senator Schoenike
  - I echo the sentiments of previous speaker and the board of regents to try in smooch the board of regents and listen to 36.09(5). I think we have an obligation to stand by our students and this is what a significant number of students wanted. It is our expectation to act accordingly and respect that.
- Senator Logan Johnson

- After hearing many different argument, I would like to reiterate the point I made last week although it has been a valued that in a true democratic system we have at least a majority of the students that we do not have. Majority of the students do not want option C, because C is 49.5% and the other 3 options has 50.5%. If this was a binding effort that we need a majority of solution, it overall failed the referendum. Only 1 in 20 students voted and the fact that people join on board is too hasty.

- Director Halbach

- Advisor Witucki, if we were to lobby to the regents is this something we can past and during that lobbying process should it look like we could simply change our actions mid-way.

- President Bragelman

- Administration going to try to convince the bonds to the board of regents. I would hate to see if we get absolutely nothing out of this project. Going I believe the next Congress should stay vigilant on that.

- Advisor Witucki
  - What this does is to start the process and at system there are building the next budget and next September/October of 2021 to release the budget to the governor. We have until now and then to gauge the waters to do a revised resolution on we did or do more in the meantime. This would get in line of the queue is an important step as well.
- Director Nadeau
  - Corrects the motion with a statement say “the American College and Universities President’s Climate Commitment” then the senate votes on this change. The amendment passes unanimously.
- Senator Brown
  - States in response to a previous speaker and stating that the majority still holds at option C and the rest of the votes were torn between option B, C and D. It was also inappropriate to call the referendum cute.
- Senator Dettman
  - Advocates for the addition of statement talking about how the current recreation complex is unfit to handle our growing campus population. We represent the fuher and there is no such thing as a

perfect vote rate and I yield.

- Director Beaulieu
  - It seems that we are going on and on in circle about this and it has gotten pretty tense.
  - Motion to postpone this for one meeting and make a fully educated meeting for our last meeting.
  - **Motion to postpone for one meeting**
  - **23 – 0 – 0**

## XI. Reports

### a. President

- i. I talked to Gov. Evers to advocate for South Hall and wrapped up the student tech fee stuff. I met with Phil and discussed funding stuff related to the renovation and I also started handling the election and you can see the matrixes of me handling millions of write in candidates.

### b. Vice President

- i. I worked on the Samuel E. Wood stuff and my transition documents and preparing my mind for the first day of the search committee tomorrow.

### c. Director of Communications

- i. Now that everything has been winding down and the Congress is slowly coming to an end. I have been getting ready to transition documents for my position. The last thing I have been doing is working on preparing for my role as the President of the 50<sup>th</sup> Congress.

d. Director of Organizational Affairs

- i. This last week OAC had their last meeting and we worked on motions the whole week and make recommendation to the expectation of the interest group and I worked on my transition documents.

e. Director of Financial Affairs

- i. This has been a pretty light week for me and we finished up our final reallocation and rollover for Director Nadeau.

f. Director of Legislative Affairs

- i. This past week I have been working on my final open forum on the Electoral College. I have also been working with Jane of LWV on the next election this fall and beyond, and I have been working on my transition documents.

g. Director of Diversity and Inclusivity

- i. Most of what I did was to prepare for the listening session and it went really well. I will be having another listening session next Tuesday from 12:30 to 2 pm and I help finish off the governing documents for the committee and I talk to multiple members of the executive board. If anyone would like to know the information I can send it to you. I also work on my transition document and a reflective statement.

h. Director of Sustainability

- i. Last week, I focused on the alternative transportation and audit and I have been getting ready for Earth Week.

## XII. Additional Reports

- a. Shared Governance
- b. Standing Committee Reports
  - i. Financial Affairs Committee
  - ii. Diversity and Inclusivity Council
  - iii. Organizational Affairs Committee
  - iv. Sustainability Council
  - v. Visibility and Outreach
    - Discussed general outreach ideas for next years Congress.

## XIII. Announcements

- a. Director Nadeau
  - i. Earth Week for the remainder of the week 8:30 – 11:30 am free burritos from the SSA office. Tomorrow planting and pisto event from 3:39 to 5. Thursday how to recycle when you live off campus and it is really informative. There also the challenge course is doing open house from 5 – 7 pm from Stout Adventures.
  - ii. Director Beaulieu
    - Tomorrow the QTDND is hosting a DND night and it is super great. We will be doing campaigns crafts, character making and you don't have to be queer or trans and you have to be ally and from 6 – 10 pm in the Qube. Please come be it'll be great.
  - iii. President Bragelman
    - The reason we didn't approve the election results today, is the fact that ARC missed up and didn't allow the Senator of CEHHH so that email
  - iv. Vice President Serier
    - I sent an email for the survey for the SSA picnic and we're going Monday at 7:30 pm on riverside park. If

you want to know carpool details and it is a potluck thing.

- There is a Chanceloor listening session from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Library.

v. Senator Vandusartz

- Chili dinner from next Monday \$4 per ticket for unlimited chili.

XIV. Adjourn at 9:07 pm