



Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center
49th Congress 4th Session September 25, 2018

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting begin at 7:01
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Acknowledgement of Country
- IV. Roll Call
 - a. Senator Ruf Absent and Director Lytle Excused, President Bragelman Excused
- V. Standing Committee Roll Call
 - a. Executive
 - i. Vice President Serier - Excused
 - b. Organizational
 - i. No meeting
 - c. Financial
 - i. Senator Gunderson and Ramos Excused
 - d. Sustainability
 - i. No meeting
 - e. Diversity and Inclusivity
 - i. No meeting
 - f. Visibility and Outreach
 - i. No meeting
- VI. Words of Wisdom – Senator Miller
 - a. “Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard to democracy, therefore, is education.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - b. Senator Ramos words of wisdom for next week.
- VII. Open Forum
 - i. Introductions and discussion regarding health insurance – Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Services Phil Lyons
 - **Goals for 2018-19 school year include:**
 - a. Facility maintenance upgrades, (Bowman hall, Price Commons, North Hall)
 - b. Sustainability is active and implementing a second year for a 5-year plan for the waste bins.
 - c. Launching a rfp for a door access system, that will be soon not be supported, so we would need to replace that (Stout Bluecard).
 - d. Sports complex: Want to get a vote for the recreational complex from this body. It could be small, or an idea for the pool area, and this is something that you (SSA) are in the driver seat. I would like to see some type of voice this semester regarding this issue.

- e. We are developing a customer service training session, want to make the customers (students) life easier.
 - f. We are working on fixing the financial aid hold and getting that remove.
 - g. We are hiring an associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, we have formed that committee.
 - h. We would like to create emergency funding to help students in need.
- **Senator Brown** - What do you define as an emergency?
 - **Lyons** – something that is unplanned, manageable and it could even be a loan.
 - Increase student Athlete recruitment and retention, we would like to provide more resources to the number of student athletes here.
 - Health & Safety, continue to implement the water quality initiative, developing and improving the sexual assault awareness campaign. (Orientation program) research replacement for an online training system.
 - Physical Responsibility and affordability (dollar efficiency) trying to buy items like white board in bulk, the roll out of the people soft that track finances, developing a regional procurement system. Investigate financial dashboard for administration. Update the UW-Stout seg fee process, allocable/non-allocable. Implement a new budget system to train campus user.
 - Enrollment: Focus on getting these numbers up normally been around 7000 on campus students and we fallen a little bit. This is one thing that my university are concerned about and focus on increasing the retention and getting back to a point where we are at a campus population where we have been at for many years.
 - **Director Brandon:** My concern that there isn't a student representation for the search committee and we not have received any information.
 - **Phil: *I promise that there will be student representation. I can promise you.*** The search committee identify candidates that come to campus, the engagement that the finalist has will be robust. The search committee will include student input.
 - **Senator Schoenike:** Can we get the new timeline for the diversity position?
 - **Phil:** The job will be posted 6-8 weeks from now, and hopefully we can interview people in the Spring semester. Hoping to get someone hired by the end of the Spring term.
 - **Lyons** - Organization chart for Diversity committee MSS, Aspire, McNair, Trio (I'm missing a couple) LGBTQ+ is not reporting to this position. Focus on Multicultural, McNair, Aspire, and that's not to say this can't change and move on.
 - Why we wanted it to be focus on a certain position, and there was better synergy with that role. We would like to leave that area where it is, and I

created the position ten years ago and it was originally funded from housing dollars.

- **Senator Schoenike:** The subtle messaging with the queer students, isn't being optimized and seeing the LGBTQ office not being placed under the organization chart.
- **Senator Brisbin:** Sexual assault prevention and awareness campaign, what are your plan of action?
- **Lyons:** Speak About it program that raises awareness of sexual assault out early. We are not doing enough in this area and take our resources and doing something that have an impact. We gave 30,000 to the group to come up with this group.
- **Senator Miller:** Health insurance update?
- **Lyons:** I have been talking about with this body is moving us to a position where we're asking where everyone have Health insurance. Would be label as a cost of attendance and covered by certain grants or loans. My belief is that we can have the insurance lower and higher. I would like to do, before the end of the semester, I would like to have a survey and like to know how many of you are not insured. If you're insured what is the services that you have to have. If there was a health plan that was offer, and ranges for appropriate place for that to fall.
- **Beaucanan:** What services would you include?
- **Lyons:** From my perspective, and you have things that are not serious medical attentions we can handle those. Hesitate to move into medical attentions like MRI.
- **Senator Schoenike:** Barring and gatekeeping students from having health insurance?
- The data would get at the heart of what students need. It would be a survey collecting information.
- **Beaucanan:** Will trans services be include?
- **Lyons:** There's an opportunity to include that and more in regard to what services are offered. Let's set down and put the survey together in regard to Health Insurance.

VIII. Approval of the Minutes

- a. In Director Lytle report F: fee increase clarifies dollar amount
- b. We start to feel up: change this.
- c. Title as well.
- d. Minutes are approved

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

- a. U.S.S. 49.04.01: Appointment of Senator of the College of Arts, Communication, and Social Sciences
 - i. Motion to appoint Elle Alvarez-Casas as the Senator of College of Arts, Communication, and Social Sciences

- I have decent experience and looking forward to working with you all as a college senator.
 - Motion Passed
- b. U.S.S. 49.04.02: Appointment of Senator of Athletics
- i. Motion to appoint Matthew Kostka as the Senator of Athletics
 - I was told about the opportunity, I thought it would a great opportunity and looking forward to working with you all in the future.
 - Motion Passed
- c. U.S.S. 49.04.03: Appointment of Shared Governances
- i. Motion to appoint Shared Governances.
 - ii. Motion Passed

XI. Reports

a. President

- i. This week I did even more interviewing and hiring of Senators! And I worked on getting the word out about University Court Justices. I attended the ATL meeting, where we viewed statistics on usage of ATL-funded services. I also attended a meeting with administration, athletics, and Dave Beck about getting an official Esports program at UW-Stout! Everyone seemed super receptive to the idea, and they decided that if we were ever going to have Esports at Stout, we wanted to be the first in the UW-System to do it. Email/see me if you have any questions or want to help get Esports on campus 😊 I also had individual meetings with Bob Meyer, Duey Naatz, and Doug Mell, where we talked about initiatives for the year. The main topics were Retention, the upcoming budget year, the construction program, Esports, and the Director of Technology position we are trying to get within SSA. Duey and I also talked about the upcoming Rec complex referendum- and I asked him to speak to EBC and SSA as soon as possible. I also met with some construction students that are very concerned about the state of their program, and I will be having many follow-up meetings with them and Dean Chuck Bomar in the future.

b. Vice President

- i. I went to serve my office hours and worked to figure out the rent college pads contract and to look to where to go next for the website. Then I stocked office with gummy vitamins and candy. I went to the ATL meeting and in the meeting, it was focused on what happened in the past year with the new services and visiting the use of our tutoring services and also looking to get the audit committee together. Then I attended FAC for which I did for some fun.

c. Director of Communications

- i. Meeting with Mark Parsons, getting the office together, getting my committee together. Helped a student with women pads in the bathroom, need to talk to Pat regarding Watch Party.

d. Director of Organizational Affairs

- i. Met with Krista for org renewal process, all organizations have to renew starting the Summit and have until October 3 at 5 PM. We're going to let them know during Summit. Some orgs came in discussing new organizations.

e. Director of Financial Affairs

- i. First committee meeting this week, meeting with Jennifer and presenting at Leadership Summit on Monday September 24th. I met with orgs for reallocation request/contingency request. Contingency start this week. Training senators.

f. Director of Legislative Affairs

- i. Talk to Jane Peterson LWV, Shane will be handling stuff about that, went to CIC about co-ops, but they did their job. I went to ATL and discuss the introductory meeting and discuss things that are new and different. We are looking at an online tutoring service to explore that option more.
 - g. Director of Diversity and Inclusivity
 - i. I did a lot of little things, cleaning out desk, reading on diversity initiatives in higher education. Main thing, Diversity committee established. Emailing: Diversity organization and meeting with those organizations. Looking at ADA requirements around campus.
 - h. Director of Sustainability
 - i. Working on getting senators availability. Going to pick a time and I have a meeting with Justin, about bike, LED in halls. He also brought up about trash bins on campus and putting trash can as well. Meeting with Sarah later this week. Looking into geothermal regarding north campus and the lake.
- XII. Additional Reports
 - a. Shared Governance
 - i. Access to Learning – The committee discuss segregated fees regarding academic assistance departments like, MTLC, Writing Center, and Brain fuse (online tutoring service) just to name a few.
 - b. College Reports
 - i. No College Reports Submitted
- XIII. Announcements
 - a. Contingency 1 process now open through October 16th.
- XIV. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourn 8:12 PM