



Figure 1: Stout Student Association Logo

Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center
49th Congress 14th Session December 11, 2018

- I. Call to Order at 7:04 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Acknowledgement of Country
- IV. Roll Call
 - a. Senator Alvarez, Timalsina, Gentz, Kangas, Tanseer Excused
- V. Standing Committee Roll Call
 - a. Executive
 - i. Vice President Serier excused and Director Lytle absent
 - b. Organizational
 - i. All present
 - c. Financial
 - i. All Present
 - d. Sustainability
 - i. Senator Kostka absent
 - e. Diversity and Inclusivity
 - i. Advisor Bisson excused
 - f. Visibility and Outreach
 - i. All present
- VI. Words of Wisdom – Senator Haas
 - i. “My wish for you is that you continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness.” – Maya Angelou
 - b. Senator Dettmann: words of wisdom next meeting
- VII. Open Forum
 - a. Transportation Update – Director Nadeau and Transportation Coordinator Meta Adams

- i. Bus shelters was the main task, one big thing with the bus feedback report. If you have any comments complaints criticism you can do the bus system. Most of the feedback reports is complaints and Meta handle the complaints with Dunn County transit. Trying to get card readers on to the bus and work with campus card to get that done. Phil Lyons is paying for all of them.
 - o Senator Miller
 - a. Where is the feedback form located?
 - o Director Nadeau
 - a. It is on the SSA Facebook page.
 - o Advisor Witucki
 - a. Does Alternative transportation also work with Stout Bikes?
 - o Director Nadeau
 - a. Yes, she does work with those 6 outside the library. Nobody has booked the library lockers and housing have gotten access so housing students can rent out. 13 bikes of 20 has been rented.
 - b. We are currently in the hiring process of a new transportation coordinator.
- b. ADA Compliance, Accommodation, and Success – Noel Jacobson
 - i. This semester I done research on American with Disability Acts compliance on campus in specifically Harvey Hall and how it impacts an individual with disability.
 - ii. I conducted observation of Harvey Hall and sent out a survey that collected differences in academic success for students with or without disabilities.
 - iii. I focus on Harvey Hall due to the recent renovation it did not meet ADA compliancy and does not require the building to meet codes. Harvey Hall should have met compliancy. Only a quarter of the door are compliance. The amount of pressure cannot exceed five pounds of pressure.
 - iv. I also measure the ramps and found all of the ramps/mirrors in the bathroom to not be ADA compliant. There is not one specific variable that can measure academic success, I use achievement satisfaction and GPA. Both models did not show a traditional significance.

- v. Majority of individuals who have a disability did not use disability services. They indicated that they rarely or sometimes use the service.
- vi. Majority of my participants identify negative interaction with peers, staff and students on campus. Paint a picture of campus climate. Any of these could cause individuals to doubt their disability. Some cases they was told they have no right to be on campus.
- vii. Disability services does a good job when they have worked with students.
- viii. Things that could be improve, increase classroom accommodation. Right now, it can't offer for in-class levels.
- ix. The accommodation is base level and not all encompassing.
- x. E-textbook reader impact memory, and the reader is password protected and they could not utilize that accommodation. Created a barrier just to access that accommodation.
- xi. Provide further explanation to deny the accommodation.
- xii. Campus improvement, better judgement during construction process. On-campus improvement elevator in the residence hall and more accessible entrances in Harvey Hall. Harvey Hall the main entrances are not accessible and in violation. While their disability prevent them from utilizing stairs, they would utilize the stairs due to the parking lot and entrance.
- xiii. Weren't enough to properly dispose of used needles and in some cases was told self-accommodation was to keep the needles in the backpack.
- xiv. Elevator are too slow. Sliding card access can be a struggle and visibility for handicap parking spots.
- xv. Not seeking out more accommodation individuals mention unaware what is available and want individuals to understand disability. Due to lack of understanding.
 - o Senator Brisbin
 - a. Curious about the demographic of the participants?
 - o Noel
 - a. For the survey I had 195 participants total, 32 indicate having a disability identity and my survey had no requirement for a medical diagnostic.
 - b. For my interview was 6 participants that cause limitation.

- c. For the observation researched which tools to check compliance for buildings.
- Senator Brisbin
 - a. What would you like to see happen?
- Noel
 - a. Some of the small things that could be improve upon, sharp containers.
- Senator Franda
 - a. What are the repercussion for not meeting ADA compliancy?
- Noel
 - a. It should meet building code requirements and there are ways around it, so someone else could open the door for someone.
- Advisor Witucki
 - a. This morning ordering sharp containers and we was talking and update the MSC and Price Commons.
 - b. Talking about construction routes in communication and that was renovated.
 - c. Door closing is governed by building codes and some raise to ADA.
 - d. Card proximity, I think that is coming as we rebate our current system.
 - e. The doors in Harvey is it all doors or exterior?
 - f. Historic preservation accommodation?
 - g. Did you do work for restroom accessory?
 - h. Did you do any work with service animals?
 - i. For the Commons renovation we sought out disability services and did a walk through with them and our architects are verse with ADA code and work on their knowledge base.
- Noel
 - a. I did not study the doors at the main entrance mostly concern with the accessible entrance in the inside doors.
 - b. As far as ADA the main entrance needed to be compliant.
 - c. I did not get to restroom accessory in my research.
 - d. None of my participants utilize service animals.

- Senator Ramos
 - a. I notice time wasn't a common issue? Are there accommodation to work out with students?
 - Noel
 - a. Majority of my participants don't utilize services, where time constraints can impact a person.
 - Senator Reed
 - a. It's about diversifying our campus, and I had a question you ran analysis on the board. No traditional significance.
 - Noel
 - a. As far as doing statistical analysis and significance for the 95, 98, 99 and they are statistically significance.
 - Senator Brisbin
 - a. I sympathize with the researcher not finding the statistical significance, however that doesn't mean there shouldn't be any changes made as a result of this research.
 - c. SSA Graphic Design Position – Director Canon and Senator Larson
 - i. Director Canon and Senator Larson introduced the idea to have create a paid Graphic Design position for the SSA.
 - ii. Overall themes of the conversation was on the need of a dedicated individual to do Graphic Design Work.
 - iii. Concerns was raised in regard to the payment scale and the importance of the Graphic Design position.
- VIII. Approval of the Minutes
- a. Minutes are Approved
- IX. Unfinished Business
- a. 49.13.01 Segregated Fee Recommendations for 2019-2020
 - This motion is to vote on the segregated fee recommendations for the 2019-2020 academic school year
 - **Motion approved**
 - Yay: 23 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 1
 - b. 49.13.02 Appointment of Winter Representatives
 - Motion to appoint Director of Communications Deon Canon and Senator Chris Johnson as Winter Representatives for the 49th Congress of the Stout Student Association
 - **Motion Approved**
 - Yay:23 Nay:0 Abstentions:1

- c. 49.13.03 Appointment of Shared Governance
 - This motion is to appoint students to shared governance committees.
 - **Motion Approved**
 - Yay: 24 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 0
- X. New Business
 - i. 49.14.01 Organization Approval - Competitive Gamers of Stout (CoGS)
 - This motion is to officially recognize the Competitive Gamers of Stouts (CoGS) as an official student organization.
 - a. Our main goal is to help students create teams to go to conference on campus and off-campus.
 - b. Some of the different partnership with TESPA, give the student body to fund
 - c. Receive support from community members and great way to have mentors for the game.
 - i. President Bragelman
 - 1. The University has an E-sport initiative and partnership with NACE/NACK
 - ii. CoGS
 - 1. We will just follow whatever the university does.
 - iii. Senator Brisbin
 - 1. They had a great one year plan and I believe they will be a good student organization.
 - **Motion Passed**
 - Yay: 17 Nay:0 Abstentions:7
 - ii. 49.14.02 Approval of Contingency 2 Budget
 - This motion is to approve the Contingency 2 budget for funding.
 - **Motion Passed**
 - Yay:15 Nay:0 Abstentions:9
 - iii. 49.14.03 Resolution Against Wisconsin Legislature Extraordinary Session Actions
 - The resolution is to criticize the lame-duck session that the Wisconsin legislative done to strip power away from the incoming Governor/Attorney general.
 - a. Senator Franda

- i. I don't think we should take a political stance if we represent all students.
- b. Senator Miller
 - i. We was mostly concern with the multitude of action put through without public approval or vetting at all. The shared governance and student region we should have more say and we had not time or say in that position. Issue with voter turnout and reducing that any further is denying everyone the right to vote. I believe majority of the bill focus on non-partisan issues.
- c. Senator Dumke
 - i. In the second whereas bills pass more power to the legislature. I do not believe it is due to it being a new legislature coming in.
- d. Director Lytle
 - i. I disagree with the bill isn't overstepping their power. What the bill is doing to take power from the governor office and give it to the legislatures.
- e. Advisor Witucki
 - i. Historically you all are dead on that SSA has been non-partisan. SSA however, has not been apolitical and you will see resolutions in the past that do take umbrage with the majority party at the time. Some analysis it was three bills with lots and lots of measures. There are four things that are important: one is the process and how fast it went by, the second is the voter prevision and importance to the student body, and a leap of what's going to happen and healthcare, and the last one is the region appointment that was open for a year and magically appointed at the last minute. Lastly there has been bi-partisan criticism of this change.
- f. Senator Schoenike

- i. It's also not the first time the SSA has publicly condemn, oppose, or support specific legislative actions.
 - g. Advisor Witucki
 - i. One of the recent actions that SSA have took a stance on was DACA and the convergent therapy instances.
 - o **Motion Passed**
 - o Yay:20 Nay:2 Abstentions:0
- iv. 49.14.04 Resolution in Support of Nina Hartley and UW-La Crosse Chancellor Joe Gow
 - o The resolution to show support for Nina Hartley and UW-La Crosse Chancellor over the Free Speech programming.
 - a. Senator Schoenike
 - i. There's a question of objectivity and issue regarding a freedom of expression. Due to this I think denying their raise is an important opportunity for us to hold our system accountable to the values and aware when they are falling short of that.
 - b. Senator Dettmann
 - i. I believe this bill is saying a lot of things at once. We should be indicating how messed it up is that they are reprimanding the pay.
 - c. Senator Schoenike
 - i. I was intentional in addressing all the topics. The purpose was to drive home the severity of the action.
 - d. Senator Dettmann
 - i. Do we stand for freedom of expression, and we are taking a stance on a political issue? It could be misconstrued that we are taking a political stance.
 - e. Director Buchanan
 - i. I view that whereas statement as clarification to understand the historical context of the issue. Clarifying for individuals who may not know about what happen in La Crosse and still put

on the pressure that this didn't have the authority to act upon.

f. Senator Schoenike

- i. The glaring issue with the circumstance about political bias potentially in this. General intention, here is a university that brought in a controversial topic, UW-System punish a chancellor is due to them not liking it. I had a talk with system and I quote they said "We are trying to appease the republican majority".
- ii. Especially when they just protected conservative speech, we need to have it across the board.

g. Senator Reed

- i. I think the substantial amount of whereas is a reflection of the complex system and an opportunity to show how we feel about this. It's about freedom of expression in every single way.

- **Motion Passed**

- Yay: 20 Nay:0 Abstentions:0

XI. Reports

a. President

- i. I spent the beginning of this week addressing several concerns with Vice Chancellor Phil Lyons. I also wrote several emails that took me off the Associate Dean search committee- and put Brandon on it. The way it should be! I also placed myself on the new Vice Chancellor search committee, after being requested to have SSA member serve on that committee. Since the Chancellor is only allowing 1 governance representative on the search committee, I thought that I was the most appropriate SSA representative since I meet with the other governance chairs (Faculty, University and Academic Staff) regularly. I had my 1-on-1 with Chancellor Meyer and had some questions answered. Sue Traxler and I also signed a memo to Chancellor Meyer to inform him of our Student Tech Fee recommendations. I also attended the Chancellors Holiday Party and got to speak to several important university people that I have been waiting to speak to!

And I attended a meeting with Phil Lyons, Curtis, and Director Halbach to discuss segregated fee policy changes.

b. Vice President

- i. I am falling sick from the Flu and I will send all the Samuel E. Wood applications to the seniors and I talk to some landlords.

c. Director of Communications

- i. This past week I learned an important lesson on double checking and open records law. I'm grateful that the 49th Congress holds itself to such a high standards. I went to Strategic Planning Group and told Phil Lyons how we feel the lack of communication with the Associate Dean position. I also subbed in for Senator Laehn at General Education Committee and I witness some unbecoming behavior of a program director. Director Buchanan and I helped tidy up the office and put up lights. Senator engagement will be a big focus for myself and the VAO committee. VAO Fall session has and ended as we will reconvene for the Spring semester. I made an executive decision that it is for the best of the members to focus on school and cancelled the meeting. I am looking forward to working over the winter time and do some much needed reflection to make SSA more engaging with our students and my role as the Director of Communications. I spent a small chunk of time getting ready for the graphic design position presentation to senate. I really believe this position will be a great boost to the outreach efforts for the future of SSA. Lastly, the senator emails is finally finished!

d. Director of Organizational Affairs

- i. I worked on the CoGS motion and had the spicy meeting with Phil Lyons. The rest of the week I worked on emailing organizations and we had OAC on Friday.

e. Director of Financial Affairs

- i. This week I received an update from my advisor on the progress from the Connect budget module, unfortunately the update is still not complete, but we are optimistic that it will be finished before the end of this week. The financial affairs committee and I finished revisions to the contingency 2 budget, while also making preparations for the annual budget process, which begins in late January. Unfortunately, I was not able to meet with the Sport Clubs as I had planned due to the meeting being canceled as the budget window is still not open due to the update. I also attended

a seg fee review meeting with President Bragelman, Vice Chancellor Phil Lyons, and Budget Director Curtis Wieland. At this meeting, we discussed our proposed seg fee budget that will be presented to Chancellor Meyer sometime in January. Other than that, this week has been getting ready for the Connect update to be completed so I can go through and accept or deny each line item asked for so far this year.

- ii. She said it should be done by Wednesday and Thursday will open up for contingency.
 - f. Director of Legislative Affairs
 - g. Director of Diversity and Inclusivity
 - i. This week I was mostly finalizing things for Diversity Week. I set up reservations for events and am in the process of setting up another meeting to finalize more events. I attended several meetings regarding the new Associate Dean of EDI, and next steps to do moving forward. The goal is to finalize the rest Diversity Week, and start the Campus Environment Student Survey.
 - h. Director of Sustainability
 - i. This week I talked I had the Sustainability Council meeting where we discussed the status of our current projects that include compost bins for Sports and Fitness building and foldable compost and recycling. I also talked with a student about an idea for advertising on the bike shelter and how to move forward with that. Also, on Friday I hosted the Sustainability Roundtable for the fall semester which had a productive meeting about current and future initiatives for sustainable clubs on campus. A big topic of the meeting was potential events for Earth Week in the spring.
- XII. Additional Reports
- a. Shared Governance
 - i. Strategic Planning Group
 - o We discuss the Academic Affairs Action plan which consisted of questions surrounding the General Education director position that might come into play. The specifics for this position is not defined as of yet but is in the works. We also discuss the Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion position. Director Canon asked a question in regard to the shared governance and lack of communication in the position and how the lack of SSA involvement is a

serious concern. Phil suggest that here have been communication with the senate.

- We discuss the University Priorities in a bit more detail (1: Support faculty and staff personal well-being and professional development, 2: Expand services for students that promote retention, persistence, and student success and 3: Enhance the environment for diversity. Use metrics to better support and understand our current population to maintain and advance our current level of diversity and accessibility).

ii. General Education Committee

- Director Canon subbed in for Senator Laehn. At this meeting we discuss the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum and how to make it easier for students to transfer over. A member of the committee shared concerns about the declining enrollment in GE courses. Two program directors wanted to add mandator courses into the general education field. That field from what the GEC committee said is meant for students to explore options outside of the field. The program that presented in front of the board showed very poor attitude and manors for a program director.

iii. Diversity Bridge Team

- This meeting was focused heavily on ICM or Intercultural Metrics. We had two individuals from the administration offices come in and talk about ICM and how we can best implement it on campus, as well as where the funding for it would come from (whether or not it should be in the Inclusive Excellence Plan). I will be attending a meeting regarding this next Wednesday to learn more about this topic. The last thing we talked about was the DBT Sub Committees and planning our action plan for next year.

b. Standing Committee Reports

- i. Financial Affairs Committee
- ii. Diversity and Inclusivity Council
- iii. Organizational Affairs Committee
 - So OAC had to make some corrections to some edits we made and approved on the standing policy. Vice Chair Brisbin did some research in the FSL portion of the standing policy and talked to Jessica Jurgella to understand what the

policy was trying to do. We will be voting on Friday to approve the changes the Vice Chair made. If you are interested to find out more, please contact Vice Chair Brisbin.

i. Sustainability Council

- We discussed the Sustainability Roundtable, which was successful. We talked with orgs about working together during Earth Week and discussed the Sustainability Roundtable next semester. Overall, it was a productive meeting. We were updated on compost bins for Sports and Fitness- we would need 13 compost bins and 16 header boards. The quote was \$16,188, and if we decided to buy the bins the Chancellor would match our funds so we would only pay half. We also discussed foldable bins in Sports and Fitness. We had somebody come in and propose putting posters for The Bridge to Hope organization on the bike shelter outside the library. We gave her suggestions about the poster but it is unclear how campus rules on advertising would affect this proposal and who would have to approve it, so Director Nadeau will look further into the issue. We decided to hold a meeting next week on Wednesday, December 19 at 10am. We also picked a meeting time for next semester, but it is not yet final.

ii. Visibility and Outreach

- Promotional items were finalized and we discussed which classrooms we would like to visit to present about SSA. VAO will work on planning the MasterChef-inspired event and Fountain of Knowledge event after break.

c. College Reports

XIII. Announcements

a. President Bragelman

- i. The search committees has been finalized and has started (EDI position). The Vice-Chancellor Mark Parson retiring and I'm on that committee. If you have input please let me know. Director Beaulieu is on the Associate Dean position going into that let him know.
- ii. There's a meeting for ATL on Thursday, at 3:30 - 4:30 pm please come talk to me after tonight's meeting if you're interested.
- iii. Tomorrow in the great hall is having the Stout Game Expo.

XIV. Adjourn at 9:17 pm