



Figure 1: Stout Student Association Logo

Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center
49th Congress 16th Session February 5, 2019

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Acknowledgement of Country
- IV. Roll Call
 - a. Senator Schoenike absent and Senator Franda Excused
- V. Standing Committee Roll Call
 - a. Executive
 - i. All present
 - b. Organizational
 - i. No Meeting
 - c. Financial
 - d. Sustainability
 - i. All present
 - e. Diversity and Inclusivity
 - i. No meeting
 - f. Visibility and Outreach
 - i. No Meeting 01/31/19
- VI. Words of Wisdom – Senator Ramos “I never said to be like me, I say to be like you and make a difference.” - Marilyn Manson
 - a. Nominate senator Gentz
- VII. Open Forum

a. Response to Administrative Inclement Weather Decision on 1/29/2019 -

Ryan Leckel

- i. The decision to keep classes open on Tuesday, 1/29, was one lacking awareness and consideration of students, faculty, and staff who are at most risk. This has and will create dangerous situations for everyone involved and must be considered in future inclement weather events.
 - o Closing of the school last week. The fact school remain open the two days. The time of the release after 3:35 PM.
 - o It was inappropriate in regard to the cancellation
 - o The UW-system is exempt from the executive order #7 that Governor Evers.
 - o "It is state policy to keep severe weather that UW-System president remain open if at all possible if class is cancelled.
 - o This could be a systemic issue that it needs to go to president Ray Cross and they couldn't go against it. I feel there needs to more power to individual campuses to bring the issue. I spoke to a few people and they brought up farmers and local business remaining open and my response to that when lives are dependent having to go to work. When your job are not depending on someone else life I feel it's inappropriate for school to remain open.
 - o Senator Brisbin
 - a. What would you like to see happen?
 - o Ryan Leckel
 - a. One of my classes were cancelling and notice that students were effective weathering gear. I would like to see transparency from the administration and it was vague about cancellation and why that decision is made. I like some consideration for faculty and staff.

- More transparency with students and think the amount of staff and faculty was forced to be at school was inappropriate.
- Senator Vandusartz
 - a. Limiting the offices that were open and a hard line to draw and creates a lot of drama for us to go against that.
- Senator Gunderson
 - a. MSC that offered ride pickups and an obvious sign that people were looking out for our safety.
- Senator Dettmann
 - a. I would feel strongly that students were at those places and set a standard for students to close.
- Ryan Leckel
 - a. They should not be held to the same standards as a business.
- Senator Brown
 - a. I don't think school should be run as a business and school isn't there to make money.
- Senator Dettmann
 - a. I believe it was a solid reason on staying open.
- Senator Gunderson
 - a. One thing that stick out to me they said "in a rare event" the status quo that the campus never close and it's a rare exception.
- The University should not risk student lives in place of precedence. We need to be mindful of the lives we have on campus and the lives that we should be mindful of.
- Senator Dettmann
 - a. Dangerous for some students that not making it and they would have completely understood and a professor needs to make it in the cold and the personal responsibility.

- Senator Londre
 - a. I believe we should get back on topic and talk about the vagueness and delay of the message.
- The fact that the lack of communication with the students shows a good sign in related to this weather.
- Matthew Kotska
 - a. We have to look at the safety and concern for student's safety and concern. Are we going to just look at severe cold or all types of weather that we should think about and consider?
- Ryan Leckel
 - a. I would like to see from this group to see a group of students to step up and take control.
- Senator Brisbin
 - a. Finding a standard for rules to apply. Finding out to create a standard and is tough.
- Senator Brown
 - a. I think student lives be separate from the
- Darrin
 - a. I believe the ending of the 3:35 end time that UW-Stout contemplate on was due to the fact the Buses stop running.
- **Motion to recess**
 - a. Yay: 11 Nay: 9 Abstention: 0
 - b. Reconvene at 7:55 PM
 - c. Senator Schoenike and Senator Franda Absent still

VIII. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes Approved

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

- a. 49.16.01 Student Referendum Vote on Recreation and Sports Complex Facility Upgrades

- i. This motion is to include the student referendum on the 50th congress of the Stout Student Association election ballot.
 - o This motion is to about if we are giving the student body a vote on the referendum. Says, we will have a vote on the student body and it will be an advisory role.
 - o Discuss the need to disseminate proper information and how to provide that information to students.
 - o Being able to send out the referendum to all students
 - o Motion to amend the motion to say “**on April 11th, 2019**”.
 - o **Motion Passed**
 - o Yay: 19 Nay: 0 Abstention: 2
 - o Motion to **49.16.07 omnibus 49.16.01- 49.16.**
 - o Yay:19 Nay: Abstention: 2
 - a. Senator Gunderson resigned from his senator position and will become the Director of Legislative Affairs.
- b. 49.16.02 Appointment of Director of Legislative Affairs
 - i. This motion is to appoint Matthew Gunderson to the Director of Legislative Affairs position.
- c. 49.16.03 Appointment of Senator of International Relations
 - i. This motion is to appoint Kripa Nepal to the Senator of International Relations position.
- d. 49.16.04 Appointment of Senator of College of Education, Hospitality, Health and Human Science
 - i. This motion is to appoint Binu Acharya to the Senator of College of Education, Hospitality, Health and Human Services position.
- e. 49.16.05 Appointment of Senator of Off-Campus Residence and Online Studies
 - i. This motion is to appoint Jennifer Kleinschmidt to the Senator of Off-Campus Residence and Online Studies position.
- f. 49.16.06 Appointment of Senator of College of Arts, Communication, Humanities and Social Sciences

- i. This motion is to appoint Logan Johnson to the Senator of College of Arts, Communication, Humanities and Social Sciences position.

XI. Reports

“reports are doubled due to the cancelled meeting on Jan 26, 2019”.

a. President

- i. This past weeks I answered some non-urgent emails that were left over from Winter Break! I then met with Andrew Cleveland to get an update on the E-sports initiative progress. I will discuss this initiative more once it is officially approved or denied, and I have also invited the people involved with this initiative to come into senate to update you all. I then did some work for my Vice Chancellor search committee, but I am not allowed to speak too much on where that committee is at! I attended the Visibility and Outreach committee, to ask for help in advertising the SSA Debates and Elections. I also attended the Financial Affairs Committee to discuss getting meal tickets for them during the Annual Budget Process. Speaking of Financial Affairs - I also spoke with several orgs that came into the office asking about reallocations and contingency funding! I also had my regular meeting with the Provost, and I updated him on SSA's initiatives, and he updated me on the General Education Consultant that we have coming to Stout. I (and a few other SSA members) also met with Phil, Curtis, Sue, Dan, and others to discuss our Student Tech Fee Policy, and what we can do to fix it. I will be getting students together soon to discuss this policy in more detail, let me know if you're interested! The last major thing I did this week was choose an appointee for our vacant Director of Legislative Affairs position. I created a list of questions to ask both candidates during my office hours, then Deon and I interviewed the candidates. We discussed the candidates at EBC, and ended up appointing Matthew Gunderson to the position.

- ii. I did a bunch of work for the Vice Chancellor search committee!!!! I also answered emails and went over the SSA budget before it got submitted. I also spent emails to Curtis and had meetings with Duey and Justin to talk about the rec complex! But most of my week consisted of answering questions about the Annual Budget, and following up on initiatives related to Student Tech Fee, E-sports, and the Rec Complex.
- b. Vice President
 - i. This past two weeks I did some catching up on the Samuel E wood award process and working on promotion materials for it. I also worked on finalizing the annual budget this week. I continued work on getting work done on a city council ordinance regarding rental property housing. I met with council member Merrill and they are on board with the idea and we are continuing to work on the project.
 - ii. I interview individuals at the city at the table and answered more progress on the Samuel E. Woods and working with Council Merkil
- c. Director of Communications
 - i. This past two weeks, I have been returning to my normal work hours. I attended a Social Media Strategy meeting with other interested social media personnel that would like to create a standard for best practices in the university. I begin to explore ways to get more students inform about SSA events and agenda. I uploaded all of our events onto Facebook and plan to upload our Agenda there as well. Attended the interviews for the Director of Legislative Affairs position. The Graphic Design position that I created from this fall has had a good turnout on applications and I'm super excited about the passionate individuals that applied. I worked on more details for our K-Pop reservation event regarding room layout and I met with Ion Foley from RLC to talk about getting the RA properly trained on how to vote. I'm also setting up a meeting with Bryan Barts (Director of Career Services) to

discuss the possibility of having a student professional development week. The last thing I did was sent out an email everyone over housekeeping tasks.

- ii. I attended an orientation meeting about the SSA Ice Cream social and our role and how we can better make use of the time period. I have held my final interview for the Graphic Design position and the Visibility and Outreach Committee will be helping me decide on a candidate on Feb 7th as our 01/31/2019 meeting was cancelled due to the fatally cold temperatures.

d. Director of Organizational Affairs

- i. I met with 3 orgs to finalize their re-recognition process and scheduled 4 more meetings with other organizations. I also was in contact with orgs that are currently going through the recognition process for the first time. This week I will be meeting with the orgs that have set up meetings with me as well as meet with the remaining organizations to help them through the re-recognition process.

e. Director of Financial Affairs

- i. This past two weeks I have mainly spent my time on the Annual Budget Process. The committee and I have heard from over 100 student organizations this past week. This coming week we will be creating the rules for next year's budgets and then deliberating on each org's individual budget. I also hosted and attended multiple budget workshops before the submission deadline. Finally, I also attended the Student Tech Fee meeting with President Bragelman, Vice President Serier, and Senator Kangas to discuss how the future director of technology position should look like in regard to position description.

f. Director of Legislative Affairs

g. Director of Diversity and Inclusivity

- i. This week have been working on the diversity week and there will be more people in my committee. I've been working with the

h. Director of Sustainability

- i. These past two weeks I focused a lot on trying to make sure projects get quotes in so that I can start presenting motions to senate. I also made a meeting time for the Stout-Bus group to get ready for our February meeting with Dunn County Transit. If you or anyone you know knows that there is something that should be addressed in accordance to the buses at Stout in this meeting be sure to email me. I also had a productive Sustainability Council where we discussed ideas for a template schedule for Earth Week because now we can then look for interesting ways to fill the template that encourages students to be more sustainable or just learn about how Stout is doing in a sustainability sense.
- ii. I had cancelled the Sustainability Council due to the extreme cold, but I still went to the Campus Exterior Development Committee (CEDC) meeting that Tuesday which I wrote a report on. Good note for any senator that is interested, there is an open seat at CEDC for a student. You can message me if you want more information about meeting dates and times. I also met with Advisor Witucki and had a good discussion about solar panels for the Commons and also the possibility of small with turbines.

XII. Additional Reports

a. Shared Governance

- i. Senate of Academic Staff
 - o The Senate was updated on the e-hire task force. A formal recommendation is being prepared and will be sent to the e-hire task force. Personnel committee will review e-hire rules moving forward. The Senate also passed Telecommuting Policy #18-81.
- ii. Campus Exterior Development Committee
 - o During this meeting UW-Stout police chief Spetz gave a presentation on parking pay stations that he plans on having installed on campus to take place of the current coin meters. This presentation consisted of proposed locations for the pay stations and also how they would be beneficial. After that we

received an update about a wire-frame receptacle project that is ongoing, we talked about what we would like to see for the bus shelters that DCT is working on, and finally, we went over recommendations from the night walk that occurred last semester.

iii. Strategic Planning Group

- At the Strategic Planning Group meeting, we received 6 month progress reports on the on Capital Plan (renovations on Bowman Hall, North Hall, Price Commons), the Campus Sustainability Action Plan, the Fundraising Action Plan, the IT plan, and on the Strategic Enrollment Plan. We also provided input on ways to enhance the Strategic Enrollment Plan and how some ideas on putting more emphasis on retention and faculty roll in it. We also talked about the current plans to discuss the possible Sports and Fitness Center renovations, which will require a future SSA vote.

iv. D

- We went over to talk about the committees

b. Standing Committee Reports

- i. Financial Affairs Committee
- ii. Diversity and Inclusivity Council
 - No Meeting
- iii. Organizational Affairs Committee
- iv. Sustainability Council
 - Director Nadeau welcomed us back and we reviewed our current projects. We went over what we want to accomplish in the first month back. This includes getting a final quote for compost bins and foldable receptacles, working with the MSC to get a quote on HVAC software for the MSC, possibly getting more solar panels, and deciding if we want to move forward with the AF LED project. We discussed what we want to do for Earth Week. Each member of the council will contact two outside sustainable organizations about coming

to campus and speaking to students. We will continue to plan Earth Week in future meetings.

- i. Visibility and Outreach
 - a. Went over election planning with President Bragelman and how Visibility and Outreach can help with advertising. Discussed spring semester events. Postponed the finalization of promotional items and Dips and Discussion planning. VAO will be voting on a graphic designer at the next meeting.
 - b. 01/31/19 No meeting

XIII. Announcements

- a. Director Nadeau
 - i. Senator Tanseer, there's an open seat on the campus exterior development committee.
- b. Senator Brisbin
 - i. OAC is going to be hosting a new org educational tabling. We're looking to have it on February 18-19th from 10-2 PM. We are looking for Senator help that could out.
 - ii. This can count as a listening session.
- c. Director Beaulieu
 - i. We will be having the diversity training Thursday and set up a new time.
- d. Senator Brown
 - i. Cupcakes and Crafts in the Qube tomorrow at 6 PM – 7:30 PM
 - ii. The hegemony project 5PM birch room discussing the extremes in our culture.
- e. Director Canon
 - i. Graphic Design position will be hired Thursday and sign up for listening session.
- f. President Bragelman
 - i. Look out for a bowling trip for the SSA
 - ii. SSA Election coming fast and March 22nd is the deadline
- g. Advisor Witucki

- i. Recyclemania launch on Sunday for 6 weeks and challenge all of you to defend our title.

XIV. Adjourn at 8:31 PM