

April 20, 2016

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5:00 PM, Kryzsko Commons, Purple Rooms, WSU

Call to Order: 5:03

Roll Call: Quorum

President Hanson	X
VP Reinartz	X
Treasurer Stremcha	X
Chair Boss	X
Chair Moon	ET
Chair Livingston	X
Chair Zimmerman	X
Senator Bailey	ET
Senator Bettin	X
Senator Davis	X
Senator Figureido	EA
Senator Finley	X
Senator Folkerts	X
Senator French	X
Senator Illian	X
Senator Johnson	X
Senator Kardashian	EA
Senator Kuhn	X
Senator Lashinski	X
Senator Lehr	X
Senator Lemaniak	X
Senator Lieftring	X
Senator McClanahan	EA
Senator Nguyen	X
Senator Ramsland	X
Senator Thompson	X

Senator Veeder	X
Senator Wittenberg	X
Senator Weiler	X
Senator Zangl	X

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Minutes: Approved

- Guest Speakers
 - a. Alison Bettin - American Democracy Project
 - Civic learning and democratic engagement in Indianapolis
 - Requesting funds for registration fees
 - b. Winona State On the Fly
 - Teach students how to fly fish and make their own flies
 - Requesting funding for tools and materials
- Organizational Reports
 - a. UPAC
 - b. RHA
 - c. Sports Club Council
 - d. MSUSA
 - e. WebMaster
 - f. ASO
- Committee Reports
 - a. Student Services

Mental Health Services, Policies, and Procedures Recommendation

Whereas, the United States Congress and the American Psychological Association have noted there is a growing mental health crisis on college campuses around the country,

Whereas, WSU and other MnSCU institutions have seen a sharp increase in the need for mental and physical health services, and the cap on the Student Health Service Fee has been reached by many institutions but the need continues to rise,

Whereas, many Winona State University students have expressed frustration at the services, policies, and procedures towards mental health issues to the WSUSS and desire to openly voice their concerns,

Therefore be it resolved, Winona State University Student Senate formally recommends President-Elect Zimmerman and Vice President-Elect Veeder compose a letter to the MnSCU Chancellor, Board of Trustees, and others they see fit, to beseech them to increase the Student Health Service Fee cap for MnSCU, through careful consultation with Health Service departments across campuses, to allow for universities to meet the need for physical and mental health services,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS formally recommends the 2016-2017 WSUSS hold an open forum for student voices to be heard concerning their experiences with WSU services, policies, and procedures as it relates to mental welfare, access to services, resident housing, our community, and beyond,

Therefore be it further resolved, the open forum be widely publicized, held in the first full month of the Fall semester and again in the first full month of the spring semester and invitations be sent out to all students on the Winona and Rochester campuses, WSU staff, administration, and faculty, as well as the Winonan and Winona Daily News,

Therefore be it further resolved, the open forum work with WSU Health Services to provide immediate services during and after the forum for all attending students,

Therefore be it further resolved, mental health services in the summer of 2016 investigate the possibility of student access on campus to more companion and therapy dogs such as Winston and events such as “Nuts for Mutts” on a more regular basis,

Therefore be it further resolved, the 2016-2017 Winona State University Student Senate, President-Elect Zimmerman, and Vice President-Elect Veeder, after careful review of mental health policies as well as student, staff, and faculty feedback, craft a proposal for administration to improve mental health facilities and mental health policies and procedures on the WSU campuses.

■ Vote

- Committee recommendation is approved

Stolen Bicycles Recommendation

Whereas, Winona State University security staff and students have observed increased incidents of bicycle theft on our campus and within the Winona community during the 2015-2016 academic year, causing a noticeable decrease in bike usage by students, staff, and faculty,

Therefore be it resolved, Winona State University Student Senate formally recommends the WSU Bike Task Force meet during the fall 2016 semester to devise a plan, in conjunction with the Winona Police Department, Winona State University Campus Security, and administration to enhance bicycle security, and possibly security cameras focused on bike racks within the WSU campus and improvement within the Winona community.

- Moved to refer this motion back to the Student Services

Committee

- Moved by: Senator Kuhn
- Seconded by: Senator Lieffring
 - Approved

Food Insecurity Recommendation

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a condition where persons do not have adequate resources to feed themselves, either nutritiously, or at all,

Whereas, Feeding America, the largest emergency food service network, reported in 2014 roughly ten percent of their 46.5 million adult clients are currently college students and over thirty percent have to choose between paying for food and covering educational expenses at some point in the year.

Whereas, WSU conducted a survey in 2015 to best understand our student's level of food insecurity,

Whereas, the report found 60% of WSU respondents were hungry and didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food as well as 15% of respondents skipped meals daily while 79% either didn't know about or know where to locate the community food shelf,

Whereas, studies have shown food insecurity disproportionately impacts populations already underserved on college campuses including students of color, LGBTQ communities, international students, and student parents,

Whereas, food insecurity has the potential to affect academic performance, student behavior, and health, as well as social interactions and engagement with our community for college students impacting graduation and retention rates,

Whereas, access to food shouldn't be a privilege, but a right, as it is a foundational human need,

Therefore be it resolved, Winona State University Student Senate formally recommends the creation of an All-University Food Equity Committee by the 2016-2017 academic year which would assist administration in identifying and creating avenues for all students to have access to healthy, nutritious food.

Therefore be it further resolved, these avenues be comprised of short and long-term approaches such as a "Swipes" program on campus allowing university students to donate unused meal plan swipes, and a small food pantry with simple, healthy meal options for short term and immediate need to be paired with long-term services from local, state, and national resources.

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS formally recommends the creation of a food resource information packet, available for the 2016-2017 academic year including information on community resources such as coupons, helpful hints and recipes to stretch your dollar, and a collection of local food resources with directions and information on transportation options.

- Vote
 - Committee recommendation is approved

Food Equity Recommendation

Whereas, food is a fundamental human need and as Michael Pollan, an American author, journalist, activist, and professor stated, "Food is not just fuel. Food is about family, food is about community, food is about identity. And we nourish all those things when we eat well."

Whereas, on April 16th, 2016 the Star Tribune published an article highlighting the fact that Minnesota has been ranked as the seventh-worst state in the nation for access to healthy food,

Whereas, students, staff, and faculty – international and local – often lack the resources, availability, and connection to each other’s food culture as well as their own food identity on campus or within our community,

Whereas, Winona State University holds that we are a community of learners and as such should assist in educating our community on the essential nature of how food is grown, prepared, and eaten around the world and here within the Winona community,

Whereas, social change can be spurred over something as simple as a meal together, a garden bed, a grocery cart, or a classroom kitchen,

Therefore be it resolved, Winona State University Student Senate formally recommends that Winona State University examine the creation of a WSU food center during the 2016-2017 academic year to increase the conversation, awareness, and access to sustainable and equitable food systems with our community and beyond,

Therefore be it further resolved, this center should include a teaching kitchen allowing students, staff, faculty, administration, and community members to showcase their own culture and food identity as well as helping them become educated in helping them to prepare their own food now and in the future,

Therefore be it further resolved, this center should include a small stock of herbs, spices, and specialty ingredients available for purchase or free for international students subsidized by grants and scholarships,

Therefore be it further resolved, this center should be a location to organize food buying trips locally and beyond to Rochester and La Crosse so students have better access to international cuisine stores, Costco, Sam’s Club, natural food grocers, gluten free markets, farmer’s markets, and some of the other excellent food sources within our region,

Therefore be it further resolved, this center should include access to facilities which allow for a reestablishment of our connection to how our food is produced and not just prepared including access and usage of greenhouses on campus, urban farming/gardening, local honey production, raising of chickens, or even the induction of a community food forest such as the one recently established in La Crosse, and teach-ins and learning opportunities for students focused on their own ability to cultivate food with their limited resources,

Therefore be it further resolved, this center should include access to healthy cooking classes, shopping trips and assistance, as well as support groups for those with eating disorders, and the promotion of healthy choices on campus within Chartwells dining services,

Therefore be it further resolved, this center should collaborate with all colleges on the WSU campus, Chartwells, Health Services, the Integrated Wellness Center, master gardener groups,

community groups, student clubs and organizations, and local businesses including restaurants, grocery stores, co-ops, wholesale marketers to further create connections to food on campus and into the community,

Therefore be it further resolved, this center should include resources to assist with food insecurity on campus and include a full-time paid staff person to facilitate and foster this community campaign on food equity, security, and sustainability.

- Vote
 - Chair Moon abstained
 - Committee recommendation is approved

Integrated Wellness Center Work-out Equipment Recommendation

Whereas, the world is faced with a looming energy crisis and Winona State University has made a commitment to reduce its energy usage,

Whereas, the Integrated Wellness Center offers a unique opportunity for students to take an active role in energy generation and conservation, while promoting Winona State University's culture of sustainability,

Whereas, other university wellness facilities offer energy producing workout equipment such as Oregon State University, Ohio State, Texas State University, Portland State, University of Arkansas, California State, Howard University, and Montana State University,

Therefore be it resolved, Winona State University Student Senate formally recommends the Integrated Wellness Center investigate the possibility over the Summer of 2016 to retrofit all or some existing work-out equipment to produce energy and assist in reducing the University's net energy usage,

Therefore be it further resolved, WSUSS formally recommends the Integrated Wellness Center to commit to purchasing all future work-out equipment to be energy producing, where financially possible.

- Vote
 - Committee recommendation is approved
- President's Report
 - a. Approval of Consent Agenda

- Treasurer's Report
 - a. SAF Account Balance: \$12,310.02
 - b. SAF Account Balance after approval consent agenda: \$11,837.02
 - c. Current Senate account balance: \$13,629.10
- Unfinished Business
 - **Dance Senior Showcase**

Whereas, our dance majors add an unique and excellent aspect to our academic community and cultural entertainment to our WSU community,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocated \$110 to Ashley Brotherton and her fellow dancers for shoes for their senior showcase.

Moved by: Senator Bettin

Seconded by: Senator Ramsland

- Move to amend the amount to: \$274.45
 - Moved by: Senator Nguyen
 - Seconded by: Chair Zimmerman
 - Vote on the amendment
 - Amendment is approved
- Vote on the motion
 - Motion is approved
 - Senator Weiler abstained

- New Business
 - **Resolution on Outdoor Recycling Facilities**

Whereas, Earth is facing an environmental crisis and one of the ways we can make a difference is to enhance our recycling systems within our community,

Whereas, recycling can save trees, protect wildlife habitat and biodiversity, reduce the use of toxic chemicals, curb global warming, reduce water pollution, reduce the need for landfills, reduce the need for incinerators polluting the air, and create jobs and promote economic development,

Whereas, the addition of indoor recycling has been successful on campus in reducing our waste,

Therefore be it resolved, Winona State University Student Senate formally recommends an outdoor recycling system be one of the first projects to be undertaken and funded through the allocation of the new Green Fee and the Office of Sustainability,

Therefore be it further resolved, Winona State University Student Senate formally recommends the All-University Sustainability Committee and the Office of Sustainability, in conjunction with the Winona State University Facilities Department craft a plan to properly implement the outdoor recycling system as a permanent installation on the Winona State University campus,

Moved by: Senator Bettin

Seconded by: Senator French

- Vote
 - Motion is approved

- **Winona State on the Fly**

Whereas, our connection to the outdoors and the understanding of our unique ecosystem we co-exist with is paramount to the betterment of our community,

Whereas, support of a group of over 30 students at WSU delving into a refined art form such as creation of fly tying represents the tremendous diversity of interests on the WSU campus,
Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocate \$600 to Winona State On the Fly Club.

Moved by: Senator Bettin

Seconded by: Senator Bailey

- Motion is automatically tabled for one week

- **American Democracy Project**

Whereas CLDE 2016 represents an opportunity for Winona State students to engage with students and professors from all around the country and bring positive ideas and change back to campus.

Be it resolved that WSUSS allocates \$ 1,750 to Winona ADP for CLDE 2016

Moved by: Senator Thompson

Seconded by: Senator French

- Move to suspend article 5 section 2 A of the bylaws
 - Moved by: Senator Wieler
 - Seconded by: Senator Thompson
 - Motion is approved

○ Senator Bettin abstains

■ Vote

- Motion is approved
- Senator Bettin, Chair Moon, and Senator Veeder

abstain

■ Move to reinstate article 5 Section 2 A of the bylaws

- Moved by: Senator Illian
- Seconded by: Senator Finley

- Comments from the Gallery
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment 6:51

○ Moved by: Senator Wieler

○ Seconded by: Senator Finley

Consent Agenda

Computer Science Club WSU-R	198	Code Camp in the Twin Cities
Pi Sigma Alpha	175	Graduation Reception
WSU Ballroom Dance Club	100	Silver foxtrot lesson from James Geroux and his wife.