

Tuesday, January 30th, 2024

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM, Solarium

Call to Order: 5:00pm

Roll Call:

President Carman	x
VP Ehlers	x
Treasurer O'Connor	x
Director Herman	x
Director Herrick	x
EA Johannsen	x
Chair Bainbridge	x
Chair Hermerding	x
Chair Hossain	x
Senator Abagat	x
Senator Bowen	x
Senator Carman	x
Senator Crass	x
Senator Crowe	x
Senator DeLuca	x
Senator Galvin	x
Senator Grams	x
Senator Haugen	x
Senator Howarth	x
Senator Kurth	x
Senator McLaughlin	x

Senator Minich	x
Senator Moran	
Senator Patterson	x
Senator Peil	x
Senators Sherchan	x
Senator Simon	x
Senator Snider	x
Senator Stoeckly	x
Senator Tetzloff	x

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **approved**

Approval of Agenda: **approved**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Tommy Olson
 - I am the marketing director. We have three events in the next two weeks. Grocery bingo tomorrow. Bowling night on thursday, transportation provided. Tote bag event on Feb 7th, stop by paint a tote bag and candy is provided for the bags.
 - Greek Council
 - RHA
 - KEAP Council
 - Director of Communications
 - Elections are coming soon, tell your friends to vote. Also I have headshots coming soon to be printed. I want to take a photo of everyone dressed up after the meeting
 - Executive Assistant
 - Last day to sign up for the bonding event is today. We are going axe throwing next Thursday at 5:00pm. We will carpool there. Senate will cover a portion of the cost depending on how many students are going.
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - I have my first aso meeting on Wednesday and Thursday. We are probably going to have a spring club fair. I will be working on the details.
- Guest Speakers
 - Professor Ferstl

- Institutional planning and assessment management. My request to you all today is to encourage people you know to take those surveys. They will be emailed like past years.
- Chair Reports
 - Academic Affairs
- Whereas, students enrolled in winter term coursework pay for winter term fees in addition to spring term fees,

Whereas, paying for winter as well as spring term fees is unsustainable and infeasible for students,

Whereas, many students do not stay on campus during winter term and therefore do not utilize campus services,

Whereas, Winona State offers reduced fee rates for summer term classes,

Whereas, per Winona State's current policy, students residing 35 miles away or more from Winona State campuses qualify for reduced summer term fees,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS recommends implementing a Reduced Student Fee Request that matches that of the summer term for 2024 Winter Term courses school year and beyond.

Moved by: Academic Affairs

- Chair Hermerding: It was brought forward to me that winter fees were an issue. We went back to the old winter fee motion that was written last year and changed it. We decided to have a fill out form on warrior space saying you are this many miles away and taking a class during this term. This can let the university know that you are taking a class and do not need the fees to be added
- Chair Hossain: There is no separate semester for this. I had concerns. If this winter term is combined with the spring term, then why are we being charged these extra fees? I do not get all the fees I am paying for. I think this is a great motion and has people thinking about this.
- Senator Howarth: I am in favor of this motion. I do live in the cities and I have never done a winter course but have done a summer course. I do think we should pay when we are not on campus. I think it will be more beneficial to students on campus to have those utilities they can have
- Senator Galvin: I took a winter course this last winter for my major. I know people who live far away that shouldn't have to pay for it. Question for the Chair. What exactly are the fees that are getting reduced?

- Chair Hermerding: good question, don't know the complete answer
- President Carman: From my understanding any fee that is charged is what we are trying to reduce with the winter term. The IWC you aren't able to utilize that. I don't know every fee that is charged in the winter but there are some. All fees that you normally get are charged, in the summer you get reduced fee but it is not an option in the winter which is what we are trying to reduce
- Senator Kurth: Ideally we want every fee reduced but we would like it like the summer fees. If you are away from campus you get a reduced fee. That was the thought process and having it match up with summer classes
- Chair Hermerding: I had a fee waiver that took 305.62 off.
- Senator DeLuca: This is a question for a Chair and could be an amendment. Can we make it more clear to make it similar to the summer term. Would you consider this a friendly amendment? "Reduced Student Fee Request that matches that of the summer term"
 - yes
- Chair Hossain: Mention a few fees. Winter wellness fee, union fee, health service fee, technology fee. There are a lot. They are a small amount of money that adds up to a large amount of money and that adds up for students. For students I think this a great motion for students and anyone on campus.
- Passes

Chair report

- Chair Hermerding: first motion is out, next couple of weeks we will put out another one that we are working on

- Equity and Inclusive Excellence

- *Whereas*, diversity and inclusion are important to WSU,

Whereas, having a medical room would be beneficial for Winona State University faculty, students and community members,

Whereas, medical room provides privacy and a safe space for those afflicted with medical condition,

Whereas, public bathrooms contain thousands of germs that make it unsafe to do medical routines,

Whereas, providing a medical room is addressing public health safety for Winona State University community,

Therefore, be it resolved, WSUSS recommends that WSU provide all proper resources legally required for a medical room.

Therefore, be it further resolved, WSUSS recommends that WSU place a minimum of one medical room in all academic buildings.

Moved by: Equity, Inclusion and Excellence Committee

- Chair Hossain: There is more work and research that is needed to be done. I have started working with people and I think it will take a few weeks to work with them and get answers. Would like to withdraw this motion
 - Objections?
 - Motion withdraw

Chair Report:

- Chair Hossain: We have decided on a date and time for the trivia night and prices. We have found a keynote speaker and emailed facilities to get sharp containers in the bathrooms. We are going to try to get those containers in as soon as possible and effectively.

- Student Services
 - Whereas, student success is a priority at Winona State University,
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Whereas, Spring semester students are not offered the same amount of orientation as fall semester students,

Whereas, students are not always aware of resources WSU has to offer,

Whereas, students need the opportunity to familiarize themselves with resources to ensure success,

Whereas, WSU Resource Fair will offer transfer students, international students, as well as returning students with a chance to better their understanding of what resources WSU has available,

Whereas, Warrior Resource Fair will offer educational material, access to face to face connections with resources on campus, awareness of what WSU can do to ensure success, and to meet people who care about their success,

Whereas, students will prioritize their success and have access to materials and resources to assist in succeeding,

Whereas, giveaways for a prize drawing will cost \$40.00 for an Amazon Echo Pop,

Whereas, stickers and pop-its to give away will cost \$122

Whereas, snack give aways will cost \$25,

Whereas, posters for the event will cost \$60

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$247 from the SAF to the Student Senate internal budget,

Moved by: Student Services Committee

- Chair Bainbridge: We are doing the resource fair again. We are pushing for Feb 26th in Baldwin Lounge. It is good to have this for transfer students. We have added more resources and are trying to get more information on what is helpful for students.
- Senator Simon: I had three different resources come up to me and tell me about how amazing this opportunity was. Having this again will only increase people knowing this is going on and hopefuling continuing
- Senator DeLuca: Had a friend who was a transfer student friend come to me and say he couldn't find everything so this would be nice for them.
- Senator Stoeckly: The gift basket is all of the student services favorite snacks as a thank you from students services
- TABLED

- Chair Report:
 - Chair Bainbridge: Validating from people to hear and validate that we are doing good with pushing for everything. We are working on getting the desk motion written right to help everyone understand what exactly we want for future students

- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Approved
 - All University Committee Updates

- SAF Account Balance: \$78,909.11
 - Currently sitting at this. We are no longer sitting at a higher position than last year
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$75,243.54
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$74,493.54
- Senate Account Balance: \$1,400.12

- SFMC recommends a 5.9% increase to the Health Services Fee
 - [Presentation](#)
 - [Budget](#)
- They requested this increase. We have a link to the presentation as well as the proposed budget. They are currently at a negative and are hoping for an increase to dig them out of this. This is where you are painting for a service if you need to get lab work this is where you would get it
- President Carman: It will be good to look at this prior to the meeting and will be talking about it next week
- Speaker List
 - Senator Peil: Covid was a pretty big factor and ever since then they have been negative. This would be getting them out of this just in case something else were to happen to them. Sometimes there are outbreaks on campus and this can go to students to get them vaccines and will prevent an epidemic on campus. We did not think a \$5 increase would be the end of the world
 - Senator Grams: As the speakers touched on, they have \$-92,000. This is to help lessen that burden and we can help them climb out of that debt that they are in
 - Senator Galvin: question for treasurer: current health
 - Treasurer O'Connor: If you look in the green box area you can see the per rate currently you are paying.
 - Senator Howarth: Looking at the numbers I am in favor of this. Everyone gets sick around the fall, I go to the Health and Wellness and can get the flu shot and everything we need. It can give the health and wellness center more support because not many students use it. It is \$5 extra and this is a beneficial area to be taken care of. Health and mental wellness is important.
 - Senator Peil: As a graduate student, only taking 6 credits so fees are cut in half. I keep in mind most students are paying full fees. Employees were also laid off

because of this. They would be seeing the same amount of students every year. Regardless of how many students enrolled. The service does not see an increase or decrease in students using this

- Senator Abagat: In general I think we are in approval of this budget. This specific budget is one of the biggest things we are in support of. Otherwise as a Nursing student as public health safety, I am in full support of this.

- Old Business

Whereas, Mental Health is an issue that WSU is passionate about,

Whereas, Mental Health First Aid would allow WSU to be better equipped to assist with Mental Health crises,

Whereas, WSU is able to provide a Mental Health First Aid class for \$25 per student with a maximum of 30 Students,

Therefore be it resolved, that WSUSS gives \$750 from the SAF to Mick Lynch, with all remaining funds being returned to the SAF.

Moved by Senator Haugen

Seconded by Senator Stoeckly

- Senator Haugen: Talk about this last week. Friendly amendment: can we remove Karen Johnson from this motion?
- Senator Stoeckly (picks up second): I think we went around this and that mental health is important and relevant in this world.
- Senator Carman: I am 100% in support of this motion. This is a great cause and hope that in the future they can get the funds for this in the next year
- Senator Stoeckly: Just for clarification, why was Karen Johnson removed?
 - Senator Haugen: We had a meeting and she requested to be removed
- Motion passes

- New Business
- Comments from the Gallery
 - Dean Johnson
 - Senator Haugen and I had a meeting about this. We found \$1000 worth of vouchers for students to use for the next future years
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment: 6:07pm
- Consent Agenda: **Approved**

Student Association of Social Workers Self Care	\$17.36
Psychology Club Bingo Night	\$44.53
Geology Club Meetings	\$451.77
Sigma Tau Gamma - Webb Academy	\$500.00
Geology Club Science Museum Trip	\$585.60
WSU Students for Reproductive Justice Tabeing	\$55.74
WSU Pre-Medical Club Meeting - 1	\$30.02
WSU Pre-Medical Club Meeting - 2	\$11.24
WSU Case Study Club First Club Meeting	\$29.76
RTTR Student Association Bowling	\$112.07
Winona State Nursing Club Oath of Honor Ceremony	\$37.50
Alpine Club meeting	\$198.00
InterVarsity Wednesday Night Bible Study	\$29.28
Society of Plastic Engineers Club Meeting	\$54.37

Society of Plastic Engineers Egg Drop	\$23.06
Student Health & Wellness Advocates Random Acts of Kindness	\$75.00
Financial Management Association	\$341.92
Unified Warriors	\$17.99
Math/Stat Game Night	\$217.91
Ambassadors Honorary	\$62.58
SILA	\$12.84
Clinical Exercise Science Club	\$38.30
SBO Bowling Social	\$200.00
Accounting Association	\$36.84
Alpine Club 1/24/24	\$113.50
Nursing Club Oath of Honor	\$60.00
WSU Anime Club - 1	\$34.69
WSU Anime Club - 2	\$45.13
WSU Anime Club - 3	\$22.06
Student Association of Social Workers Mug painting	\$67.60
Psychology Club kahoot	\$15.30
Student Society for Human Resource Management	\$123.61
Total:	\$3,665.57