

**Tuesday, February 6th, 2024**

Winona State Student Senate Meeting

5 PM, Solarium

Call to Order: 5:00 pm

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	x
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
    - Last week was a busy week. This week we have DIY on Wednesday painting tote bags. Valentine's dance is on Monday. There will be games, a DJ, and donut holes. Our saying for the dance is "Bring a friend or make a friend".
  - Greek Council
  - RHA
  - KEAP Council
  - Director of Communications
    - The display case will have more headshots
  - Executive Assistant
    - We have our bonding event on Thursday and I will start working on the display case now that headshots are taken.
  - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
    - Had the first ASO meetings of the semester. About 80% of clubs that went want there to be a club fair
- Guest Speakers
- Chair Reports
  - Academic Affairs
    - Look out in two weeks to see when our event date is and our upcoming motion
  - Equity and Inclusive Excellence

- *Whereas*, WSU recognizes the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusivity in creating a welcoming and enriching orientation experience for all participants,

*Whereas*, WSU recognizes that diverse communities are vibrant, innovative, and supportive,

*Whereas*, embracing diversity contributes to the overall success and well-being at WSU,

*Whereas*, WSU's commitment to equity and acknowledging the importance of all provides individuals with fair and equal opportunities to engage in orientation programs,

*Whereas*, having the knowledge that an inclusive orientation experience fosters a sense of belonging, promotes positive relationships, and sets the foundation for a diverse and harmonious community,

*Whereas*, WSU acknowledges the value of respecting and celebrating diverse identities, including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, religion, and socioeconomic background, within WSU,

*Whereas*, incorporating diverse perspectives and experiences in orientation materials, presentations, and activities would be beneficial to the campus community,

*Therefore, be it resolved* that WSU modifies Orientation content to better promote diverse perspectives and experiences,

Moved by: Equity, Inclusion, Excellence Committee

- Chair Hossain: This motion is pretty self explanatory. We do have orientation but we want to improve it. We want it to include diversity and include information that we provide. We want the information to be more diverse to people on campus.
- Senator Galvin: I didn't really get the inclusive orientation that other students got. I got a new students day that was in the ballroom and that was mostly it. Would this apply to transfer students too? I was a transfer student and I didn't get a tour.
  - Chair Hossain: It will be inclusive to all students.

- Senator Howarth: As a committee we wrote this motion. It is supposed to be engaging for all students, not just freshmen. The content that we have right now is amazing but we definitely can improve the knowledge of our university for other students
- Senator Peil: Another Chair might be bringing in a motion for orientation for transfer students. There may also be a motion to better set a standard for transfer students coming in for the second semester.
- Dean Johnson: To the motion writer it might be good to specify the orientation and orientation week
  - I will work on that

- Passes

- *Whereas*, the Winona State University-Rochester Campus should be acknowledged as a valuable option to WSU students.

*Whereas*, affirming our commitment to inclusion and equality for all students on both campuses.

*Whereas*, recognizing that WSU-Rochester Campus does not receive the same resources as WSU-Winona campus does.

*Whereas*, acknowledging that WSU-Rochester campus culture is different than WSU-Winona campus culture.

*Whereas*, promoting the WSU-Rochester Campus to students during campus tours, freshman orientation, and WSU related events will inform students of a wonderful opportunity and possible asset to their student career.

*Whereas*, incorporating WSU-Rochester current or past student's experiences in promotion would be beneficial.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, WSU shall advertise WSU-Rochester Campus more frequently to students.

*Therefore, be it further resolved*, WSU shall engage with WSU-Rochester students and faculty to further improve the WSU-Rochester Campus life.

Moved by: Equity, Inclusion Excellence Committee

- Chair Hossain: The last couple years we have had a Rochester seat. There are a lot of nontraditional students who may not be available to resources and information. I think it is a good thing to communicate between both campuses.
- Senator Abagat: Mainly I want Rochester campus to for sure have a standing that we are here and we want to be acknowledged. A lot of students and faculty feel like they aren't heard. There are a lot of suggestions towards more conversations that Rochester campus is here. Just recognizing that the culture is also different. We have more of a commuter campus that WSU needs to recognize. I think the motion speaks for itself on what Rochester campus needs
  - Passes
- Chair Hossian: Working on miscellaneous stuff for the trivia night. We are also waiting on the guest speaker's availability and booking the place once we get that.

- Student Services

- Whereas, student success is a priority at Winona State University,

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,

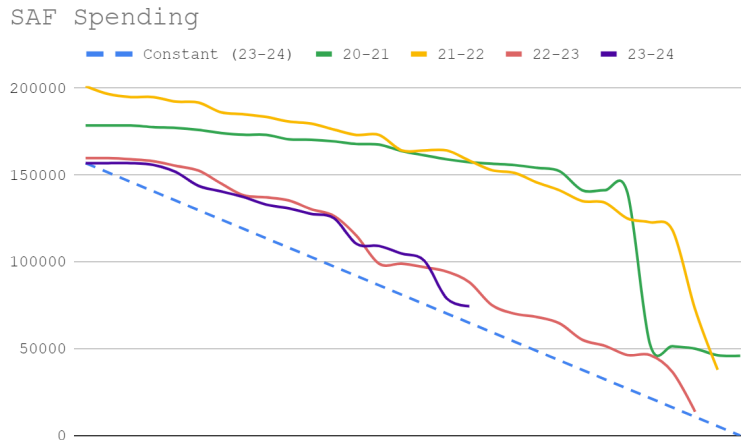
Moved by: Student Services Committee

- Chair Bainbridge: It is the resource fair times two. It's the resource fair again
- Senator Stoeckly: I think this is a good event that was last year. And I think a lot of people are looking for resources in the second semester that can help
- Senator Simon: If we continue to promote the resources on campus then it will become second nature to them. More people will continue to talk about where they are and what they are
- Senator Crass: we had 300 students show up last year so it will be impactful so keep that in mind
  - Passes
  
- Chair Bainbridge: Writing motions and working on committee rec with my committee
  
- President's Report
  - Approval of Consent Agenda
    - approved
  - All University Committee Updates
    - Senator Stoeckly: Later last week senators and I met with the Dean of the College of Education to do a tabling event. There will be a college of ed event in April with food trucks and bouncy houses.
    - Senator Sherchan: They are looking for more student representation. They are looking to add to the community calendar. Another thing is they are working on guidelines for accessible communication. So communication is inclusive, picking up people who are not able to pick of the communication in a non accessible way
    - Senator Howarth: On valentines day, orientation committee will met for the first time



- Senator Galvin: I noticed that there are 4 liberal art seats and there are only two running
  - There was a mistake with the first email. It will be fixed with the email that goes out tomorrow. It is clear to the committee

- Treasurer's Report



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- SAF Account Balance: \$74,493.54
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$73,418.29
- SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$73,171.29
- Senate Account Balance: \$2,910.19
  - Readjusted the internal budget so if you have any ideas let me know
- SFMC recommends a 5.9% increase to the Health Services Fee
  - [Presentation](#)
  - [Budget](#)
- Treasurer O'Connor: You can see that the health service fee needs an increase to help. You can see it on the presentation
- Senator Crowe: It is like a \$10 difference and it is a small increase for us but an impactful increase to help them

○ Passes

- Old Business
- New Business
- Comments from the Gallery
  - Dean Johnson: I just want to put a plug in for tomorrow night. We have a design team that is coming in for the new building. The building will open in 2027 and you may see the demolition of Watkins hall. It will be the first net 0 building in MN state campuses. There is a presentation time night about green buildings and I think it would be really interesting to go to.



- Interim President Janz: We have a combined cabinet meeting with RTCT campus. If you have any suggestions, I would love to hear them as we will meet with RTCT.

- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment: 5:54 pm
- Consent Agenda: **approved**

R.I.C.E. Semester at Sea	\$57.92
Active Minds Bracelets	\$141.74
PRSSA meeting	\$10.48
Alpine Club Meeting	\$94.00
Environmental Club Documentary Watching	\$42.18
Cadet Club Monthly Meeting	\$47.19
Pre Med Club Meeting	\$57.13
Active Minds WSU Bracelet Making	\$48.91
Ambassadors Tie Blanket Making	\$69.71
Ambassadors Monthly Meeting	\$10.24
Dream Closet Sorting Events	\$495.75
Total:	\$1,075.25

Move to Approve Club Golf