

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Winona State Student Senate Meeting
5 PM, Solarium, WSU

Call to Order: 5pm

Roll Call: Completed by VP Hytry

President M. Olson	X
VP Hytry	X
Treasurer Rieken	X
Director Endresen	X
Director Johnson	X
Executive Assistant Strutz	X
Chair Carman	X
Chair Jones	x
Chair Schiro	X
Senator Abagat	zoom
Senator Barutwanayo	x
Senator Brandon	x
Senator Carman	X
Senator Curtin	X
Senator Eichele	X
Senator Ehlers	X
Senator Hermerding	X
Senator Hossain	X

Sen. Kurth	X
Sen. Klatt	X
Senator Magner	absent
Senator McCuskey	X
Senator Minich	zoom
Senator O'Connor	X
Senator Palmerton	X
Senator Peterson	X
Senator Sherchan	x
Senator Tiemthong	X
Senator Weber	x
Senator Westcott	X
Senator Wright	x

HAVE QUORUM

Land Recognition Statement

Approval of Weekly Meeting Minutes: **APPROVED**

Approval of Agenda: **APPROVED**

- Organizational Reports
 - Warrior Entertainment Network
 - Events update
 - Greek Council
 - none
 - RHA
 - none
 - KEAP Council
 - none
 - Director of Communications
 - Digital Signage coming up
 - Executive Assistant
 - Bowling event coming up, look for dates
 - Alliance of Student Organizations Director
 - Spring Club Fair was a success
- Guest Speakers
 - Students United
 - Kaileigh Weber
 - Student Advocacy updates on policies and legislation
 - Updates on projects that are still in progress
 - Treasurer
 - Budget Survey and Budget Breakdown
 - Description of Past Survey Results
 - Delegates Townhall on March 24th
 - Information on how to get involved
 - Night of Black Excellence- Feb. 23rd 5:30-9pm in St. Paul
 - Student Leadership Program
 - Scholarships open today until April 1st
 - Officer Positions are open
 - Sen. Peterson- how much time do you spend on and off campus for this position?
 - Rep. Weber- Drive up to cities twice a month, mostly remote (87% remote and 13% in person)

- Minne Gender Neutral Bathroom Designs - Jim Goblirsch
 - Give design layout currently and updates to be made
 - Currently not a lot of privacy and open space, which will not function well as a gender neutral bathroom
 - Presented 3 options from lowest to highest cost
 - Treasurer Reiken- Which option do you think is the most realistic?
 - Rep. Goblirsch- Recommendation to cabinet would be second (moderate cost option)
 - Chair Jones- committee wanted most cost effective way, but appreciation is shown for options
 - Sen. Carman- what is the time frame for funding on this project?
 - Rep. Goblirsch-Waiting on state legislature, may not be this summer but we will be sure at the end of semester
 - Sen. Peterson- would there always be a possibility of moving to a higher cost option if funds became available?
 - Rep. Goblirsch-Absolutely, it is important to push forward and see what options could be available
- H.O.P.E Club
 - SHAPE Conference
 - Requests financial support
 - Seattle, WA
 - March 28th-April 1st
 - Collaboration with PE club
 - 14 members attending
 - Listed fundraising
 - Volunteering and Academics
 - Total cost ask (after given breakdown) is \$6818 for flight
 - Chair Schiro- do you have mandatory events within the conference?
 - Rep.- Yes, there is structure with going to the conference for going to events
 - Sen. Wescott- Content wise, how are the local conferences different from the national one?
 - Rep.-National conference is much more impactful and academically challenging
 - Sen. Eichele- What would the ideal club be to submit fund, as two requests come in

- Pres. M. Olson- please separate them in the motion
- P.E. Club
 - SHAPE conference fund request (see HOPE club information, as is the same conference)
 - WSU encourages collaboration with HOPE club, as most have involvement in both
 - Total ask is \$8507.33 for hotel and registration
 - Sen. Peterson- do students present research?
 - Mostly, presenters and keynotes, but students can apply to be presenters, but not common
 - Chair Jones- are you under a time constraint for funds?
 - Rep.-Yes, by Feb. 10th
- Anime Club
 - Anime Detour Club Trip April 7th-8th
 - Twin Cities
 - 7 members going
 - \$60 for student ticket
 - Funds needed by Feb. 13th
 - Treasurer Reiken- no need to submit another funding request
 - Chair Jones- What are you doing at the conference?
 - Rep.-No wanted restrictions on events- cosplay events, anime showing, artists fair, panels to watch
 - Sen. Carman-what is the campus benefit?
 - Rep.-Good way to get members possible career opportunities, promote WSU as a whole, hear things not normally discussed in Winona on grand scale
 - Sen. Houssain- any educational benefits or leadership opportunities?
 - Rep.-If our members want to chat with companies there or branch out, main goal is to kickstart this for years to come
 - Sen. Palmerton- does WSU have a big presence at this event?
 - Rep.-Not aware of WSU having a big presence but they have gone before the pandemic, attempted to talk to advisor but is a bit out of the loop

5 MINUTE RECESS AT 6:16pm, RETURN AT 6:21 ROLL CALL INCLUDED QUORUM

- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs

Whereas, Winona State University Student Senate has passed previous motions in the fall semester of 2021 and 2019,

Whereas, Deans are an essential part of the College and should have a positive working relationship with the students they represent,

Whereas, having a student advisory board serves as a way for students to advocate for the interests of themselves and their peers,

Whereas, the College of Business has brought to Winona State a successful template for an advisory board and has implemented this into their program,

Whereas, the C.O.B. advisory board has shown to improve communication with administration, encouraged resolving issues between students and faculty, and has lead to an overall improvement of the student experience,

Whereas, Deans in all colleges are in support of implementing a Dean's Advisory Board within their College,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS strongly encourages the implementation of a Dean's Advisory Board composed of students within the college they represent by the fall semester of 2023.

Therefore be it further resolved, the 2022-2023 WSUSS reaffirms the motions from the 2021-2022 and 2019-2020 WSUSS.

Moved by: Academic Affairs Committee

DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- Sen. Kurth- Speak in Support

- Sen. Peterson- Curious to see if representative from senate could sit on committee for more direct communication

VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES

- Not much happening
- Motion coming up in the next weeks
- Equity and Inclusive Excellence

NEW MOTION

Whereas, diversity and inclusion are important to WSU,

Whereas, drag is an art form that promotes inclusion,

Whereas, drag shows have been highly successful in the past at WSU,

Whereas, professional drag queens will reach a larger audience and promote more engagement,

Whereas, two professional drag queens Allotta Shots and Azalia Iman Diamond will each cost \$750,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1500 to the Student Senate Internal Account to pay for the drag queens.

Moved by: Equity and Inclusive Excellence Committee

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

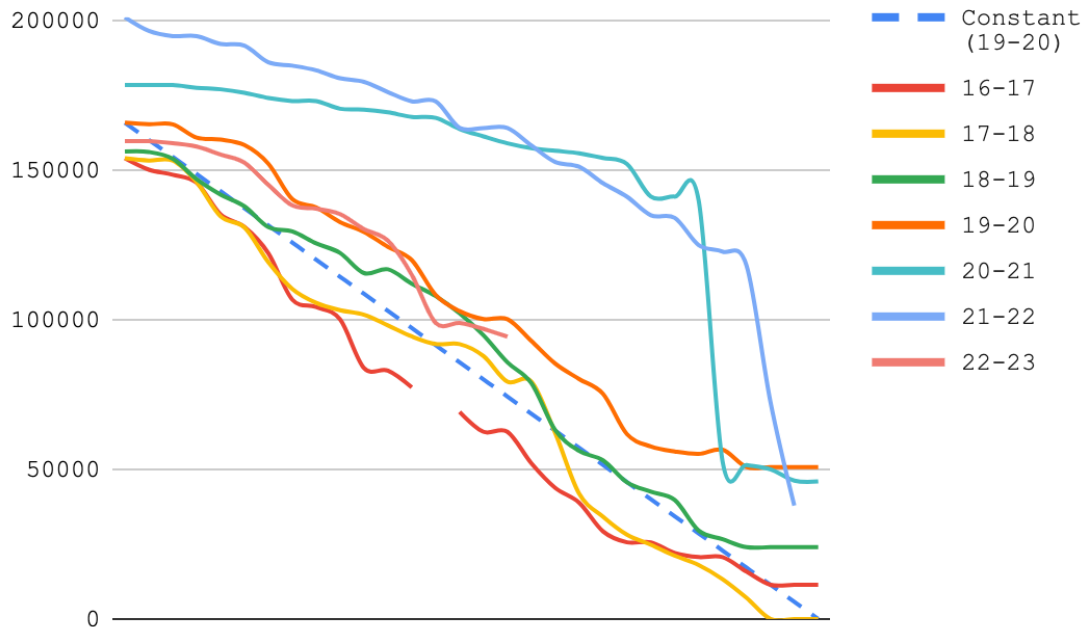
- Chair Schiro- supports motion
- Sen. Brandon- supports motion

AUTOMATICALLY TABLED FOR ONE WEEK

- Student Services
 - `working with fraternities for get home safe campaign
- President's Report
 - Approval of Consent Agenda
 - All University Committee Updates
 - Sen. Wright- Tech Comitee discussed new printing pathways

- Students United Update
 - One more person needed State Advocacy Day Feb. 20th-21st
- Search Committees
 - Would like involved students on these committees
 - Hope for you to share at these committees and ask others to join
- Vice President's Report
 - Rochester Meeting Next Week
 - Meet in Senate Office at 3:45
 - Office Hours/Volunteer Hours and Events
 - Please put those in
 - Safe Space Training
 - Mandatory
 - If you can't make them, please inform me
 - Rochester Meeting is not formal
- Treasurer's Report

SAF Spending



- - SAF Account Balance: \$94,384.73
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Consent Agenda: \$90,114.99
 - SAF Account Balance after approval of Unfinished Business: \$88,294.63

- Senate Account: \$17,479.79
- SFMC recommends a 2.84% increase to the technology Fee.
 - [Presentation](#)
 - [Budget](#)

DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- Sen. O'Connor- good idea for fee raise, very particular with how much they raise fees, skipping a generation of technology, this otherwise would come out of student wages
- Sen. Palmerton- wifi sucks, in support of committee recommendation
- Sen. Kurth- supports recommendation
- Chair Jones- usually anti-fee raising, need this raised for wifi, would not hate to hear other opinions
- Sen. Houssain- supports motion due to wifi

VOTE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASSES

- SFMC recommends a 3% increase to the Health Services Fee.
 - [Presentation](#)
 - [Budget](#)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	\$ CHG	%CHG	
Revenue	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Bud update	Proposed	FROM BUD	FROM BUD	
Fees	\$962,056	\$945,487	\$879,024	\$783,898	\$764,550	\$764,371	(\$179)	0.0%	
SE Tech	\$36,482	\$33,118	\$24,766	\$23,609	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	
Other Rev: Medication, Lab Charge, Med Procedure	\$507,122	\$413,265	\$269,161	\$377,537	\$413,250	\$452,300	\$39,050	9.4%	
Total Revenue	\$1,507,660	\$1,391,871	\$1,162,951	\$1,185,044	\$1,177,800	\$1,216,671	\$38,871	3.3%	
Expenses									
Employee Services	\$1,035,083	\$1,058,439	\$1,178,121	\$1,063,128	\$1,184,069	\$1,240,395	\$56,326	4.8%	
Counseling Employee Services	\$19,177	\$77,631	\$86,578	\$70,541	\$86,510	\$87,041	\$531	0.6%	
Student Help	\$5,676	\$2,328	\$4,779	\$7,264	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0.0%	
Bond/Insurance	\$1,782	\$0	\$1,865	\$2,113	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	0.0%	
Operating Medical Services & Supplies	\$224,916	\$176,003	\$132,784	\$173,385	\$189,000	\$199,000	\$10,000	5.3%	
Other/Software/Equipment Rental (1030)	\$5,405	\$6,305	\$7,955	\$8,663	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	0.0%	
Total Expenses	\$1,292,039	\$1,320,766.51	\$1,412,081.04	\$1,325,093.31	\$1,481,579	\$1,548,436	\$66,857	4.51%	
Surplus/Deficit	\$215,620	\$71,164	(\$249,129)	(\$140,049)	(\$303,779)	(\$331,765)	(\$27,985)		
Operating Reserve Ending Balance	\$753,979	\$793,441	\$544,312	\$404,264	\$100,484	(\$231,280)			
Reserve %	50%	57%	47%	34%	9%	-19%			
Per Credit Rate	\$6.16	\$6.16	\$6.16	\$6.16	\$6.25	\$6.66	\$0.31	5.0%	
Per Semester Rate	\$73.92	\$73.92	\$73.92	\$73.92	\$76.00	\$78.72	\$3.72	5.0%	
Per Year Rate	\$147.84	\$147.84	\$147.84	\$147.84	\$150.00	\$157.44	\$7.44	5.0% (neg 331,765)	
							\$6.44	\$0.19	3.0%
							\$77.28	\$2.28	3.0%
							\$154.66	\$4.56	3.0% (neg 345,747)
							\$6.38	\$0.13	2.1%
							\$76.66	\$1.56	2.1%
							\$153.12	\$3.12	2.1% (neg 352,738)
							\$6.31	\$0.06	1.0%
							\$76.32	\$0.72	1.0%
							\$151.44	\$1.44	1.0% (neg 360,895)

DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Sen. Peterson- besides loss of revenue, what are students getting out of this?
- Treas. Reiken- health services and insurance resources specifically for students
- Sen. O'Connor- originally asked for 5%, they need some extra revenue
- Chair Carman- this is difficult as this fee is an outreach fee, whereas many students do not use it as much, but there are students that use it regularly and they need something to help with pandemic costs deficits

- Sen. Brandon- show support for increase, greatest assets on campus, good accessibility on campus
- Sen. Eichele- provide information on where health services would hurt the most? Such as student wage decreases?
- Treas. Reiken- asked, no exact answer given by health services
- Chair Jones- what made the change from 5% to 3%?
- Treas. Rieken- all fee increases can't be more than a total 3%, 5% was a bit much for them to be in debt, makes process of increasing fee easier (i.e. gradually)
- Sen. Bradon- can you reiterate dollar amounts with that proposed increase?
- Treas. Rieken- (explains graph)
- Sen. Kurth- speaks in support, especially in telehealth
- Chair Carman- point of information from presentation, right now at their capacity, theoretically if their capacity was raised, state level, 3% is happy medium if there is state increased support

AUTOMATICALLY TABLED FOR ONE WEEK

- Unfinished Business

PREVIOUSLY TABLED FINANCIAL MOTION

Whereas, WSU Computer Science Club is a place for students to interact with new technologies and ideas,

Whereas, WSU Computer Science Club requires new technology to attract new members and keep their activities up to date,

Therefore it be resolved, WSUSS allocates \$1820.36 from the SAF to the WSU Computer Science Club to purchase new robotics equipment,

Therefore be it further resolved, any funds remaining will be returned to the SAF.

Moved by: Senator Sherchan

Seconded by: Senator Brandon

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

Sen. Carman- supports motion

Sen. Peterson- taking this to conferences, can collaborate with other universities

Sen. Houssain- Hackathon coming up for WSU hosted event, reflection of goof technology would increase high tech school image, talk about career oppotunities through winona state

VOTE ON MOTION PASSES

- New Business

NEW MOTION

Whereas, students at Winona State University struggle with mental health in many shapes and forms,

Whereas, the common practice of professors is to excuse an absence of a student who misses class due to sickness,

Whereas, students should be entitled to one or several excused absences when dealing with issues pertaining to mental health,

Whereas, the Mental Health Taskforce at Winona State University is looking to push the agenda of mental health to make positive changes on campus,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS strongly recommends that the Mental Health Taskforce of Winona State University considers incorporating mental health days into contractual language for students.

Moved by: Senator Eichele

Seconded by: Senator Carman

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Wright- sounds magical, less excuses
- Chair Jones- speaks in support,
- Sen. Hermerding- creates a good learning headspace
- Sen. Palmerton- encouraging professors to be open to mental health creates less stigma
- Sen. Sherchan- incorporating mental health into contractual language equates mental health to physical health

VOTE ON MOTION PASSES

NEW MOTION

Whereas, Anime Detour is a non-profit, cultural, and educational convention,

Whereas, WSU anime club has attended this event in past years,

Whereas, This conference is an opportunity for WSU students to network and learn more about other cultures,

Whereas, This conference gives WSU students an opportunity to represent WSU in a positive way,

Whereas, Anime Club needs the funding by February 13th,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$541.40 to WSU Anime club to attend Anime Detour.

Moved by: Senator O'Connor

Seconded by: Senator Palmerton

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Sen. Houssain- gaining any organizational benefits, not fully in support of motion
- Sen. Palmerton- good way to encourage more members to join their club and do other things in the future, bring back to their club, recruit younger eventgoers to winona state
- Sen. Eichele- great opportunity to share their club, curious about motivations such as WSU promotion, sees benefit, open to opinions
- Chair Jones- they can show art and cosplay, opportunities to explore talents that are not student connected, which in turn WSU would support, niche communities with connections are valuable
- Chair Schiro- full support of motion, not one of the presenters that we should heavily consider price
- Sen. Wescott- not an academic club, niche-based club, shows WSU supports arts and niche interests
- Chair Carman- do not have to fund just academic things that our major entails, here to make college fun, bring other interests to life
- Sen. Houssain- good motivation to have fun at events, when going to educational institution, you need something to bring back to campus do improve in future

- Sen. Carman- full support of motion as is inclusive to express interests to others with similar views
- Sen. Eichele- great opportunity, personally swayed and in full support after hearing from other senators, sign of support from senate, the club wants to support and reward its members

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NEW MOTION

Whereas, PE Club is attending the SHAPE America Conference in Seattle,

Whereas, each person attending this conference has paid \$520.44 out of pocket,

Whereas, the conference provides great experience and future job opportunities for students,

Whereas, attendance puts a great recruitment opportunity for Winona State University,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$8,507.33 from the SAF to PE Club to attend the SHAPE America Conference,

Therefore be it be further resolved, all funds not used to pay for the trip will be returned to the SAF.

Moved by: Senator Carman

Seconded by: Chair Jones

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

- Chair Carman- supports motion, large dollar amount but PE and HOPE club but have previously brought back good things for the university
- Sen. Palmerton- supports motion, job offers at conference and should support continuity of conference financial support

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NEW MOTION

Whereas, HOPE club is a health and educational club,

Whereas, HOPE club is attending the SHAPE conference,

Whereas, the shape conference will provide educational and networking opportunities for the HOPE club,

Whereas, the HOPE club will bring back information they learn from the conference to WSU,

Therefore be it resolved, WSUSS allocates \$6,331 to HOPE club

Moved by: Chair Jones

Seconded by: Senator Carman

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

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- Comments from the Gallery
 - Dean Johnson- search committees would benefit students especially because you will ask questions of employees, we value your opinions
- Comments for the Good of the Order
- Adjournment 7:34pm Wright, Brandon

Consent Agenda

SILA Jan meeting	\$42.74
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Spanish language club color printing	\$0.75
Sports Business Association	\$1,105.70
Spanish language Cafe y convo	\$18.81
SILA meeting	\$32.28
SILA jan meeting	\$41.69
Cardiac Rehab club welcome back	\$12.89
FRAME T shirts	\$506.40
SOL club fair tabling	\$123.09
Intervarsity week 3	\$27.60
WiCs meeting (1)	\$55.51
Wisc meeting (2)	\$36.24
Movement science club general meeting	\$52.71
ASN apparel	\$350.00
Environmental club tie dye staining	\$71.98
Chinese student and scholars association Making dumpling	\$85.08
Catholic newman center club supplies	\$155.38
Psychology club pizza and coloring	\$45.63
Student Band Organization MMEA conference	\$722.26
WSU Mock Trial	\$783.00
Total	\$4,269.74