



# Senate Meeting

**1965 Room**

05/02/22

5:15 PM

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - a) Motion to approve the minutes
    - So moved: Meg
    - Seconded: Zea
    - Minutes are approved
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
  - a) Motion to approve the agenda
    - So moved: Natalie
    - Seconded: Meg
    - Harrison: Moved to amend the agenda to include Ryan under senator confirmations
      - 1. So moved: Lucas
      - 2. Seconded: Natalie
      - 3. Agenda is amended
    - Agenda is approved
- V. Reports



- a) President: I am super excited to start the new year and I am happy to see new and old faces. Today I met with the president's council, and we discussed beginning things and what we will work on over summer. Friday, Alex, Harrison, and I have a meeting with Dr. King and the chancellor.
- b) Vice President: We went to Manitowoc and met with their student government association
- c) Student Court: Working on the bylaws and reviewing that and how that will work with the branch campuses
- d) Advisors:
- Katie: nice to see you all, I am Katie. I am very excited you ate the cookies. We are looking forward to working with you all with development and training. If you have any questions come talk with us.
  - Adam: I am Adam. Excited to get started here. As we get into summer I am looking forward to what we will accomplish for student government

## VI. New Business

a) Senator Confirmations

- Ryan Thieme
- Tanisha VandenLangenberg
- James Harris
- J.D. Kulis
- Intro

1. Tanisha: I am a psych major. Graduating in spring 24. I am in ZOT and



habitat for humanity. She/her pronouns. I have been a senator and I would like to get back to what I was doing before.

2. James: He/him pronouns. Majoring in democracy and justice studies. I am graduating in 2026.
3. Ryan: Graduating 2025. Majoring in human biology. I am in SAAC. I would like to be a part of SGA to bridge the gap and create more involvement with athletics on campus with engagement and school pride

- Q&A

1. Abbi: What past experience do you have that will help you in this position?
  - a. Ryan: My experience comes from athletics positions with leadership orientation with SAAC and volunteering and meeting with the chancellor and academic side to sort of solve issues prevalent in athletics.
  - b. Tanisha: I have been a senator. I have leadership experienced. Supervisor at outdoor adventure center. Wellness ambassador at a previous job.
  - c. James: Nontraditional student not much so not much with the school. I have been a supervisor at a meat plant I understand how policies impact your average people. This is giving me a new perspective on things
2. Natalie: What committees are you interested in?
  - a. Tanisha: Equity and diversity cause I was previously on it and health



and safety

- b. James: I am interested in equity and diversity and environmental affairs
  - c. Ryan: Athletics and recreations to bring in pride behind the athletics teams.
3. Zea: What is one thing you want to accomplish?
- a. James: There is someone that is pushing for composting on campus and I would like to help with that.
  - b. Ryan: I'd like to change the student experience or create opportunities to expand it or improvement. Create events that create memories so they can walk away and feel like they are a part of something. Create more engagement.
  - c. Tanisha: I'd like to see feminine hygiene products in all restrooms
4. Meg: James: what do you mean by environmentalism. What are you planning to do about that?
- a. This is on campus there is a lot to learn I am in favor of composting but a lot more to learn to see. Passionate about PFAS and improving.
- Discussion
    1. Zea: I think they all have strong answers and see where they go with their purposed accomplishments
    2. Natalie: They all seemed ambitious.
    3. Harrison: There are two criteria in my mind for a senator and that is interest



and demonstrating competence and we have seen that tonight. I will say we recently had an election where they could have gotten one vote to be elected. we should confirm all these applicants.

4. Meg: They have valuable outside perspectives that we don't have

- Vote: Tanisha: 8-0-3

1. James: 8-0-3

2. Ryan: 8-0-3

b) Speaker of the Senate Election

- Meg: I nominate Zea Miller

1. Isaac: Seconded

- Introduction

1. Zea: I use she/they. Double major environmental policy and planning.

Graduation next May.

2. Riley: As speaker you have to come to SUFAC every Thursday at 5:15. You are planning on coming to that?

- a. Zea: Yes

c) Executive Confirmations

- Amend to fix the method of voting to group them all together

1. So moved: Meg

2. Seconded: Maddrick

- Academic Affairs – Abbi Pflum

- Environmental Affairs – Katie Hieb



- Equity and Diversity – Connor Tenor
- Health and Safety – Natalie Ward
- Recreation and Athletics – Declan Rodefeld
- Union and Dining – Molly Frizzell
- Parliamentarian – Riley Drew
- Intro:
  1. Abbi: I am majoring in communication, journalism and political science. There is a lot of ongoing projects I want to finish. Getting more data about OER and we really want to write a resolution on that. I loved my time last year and I hope to continue that.
  2. Katie: I am majoring in environmental policy emphasis in policy minor public administration. Been chair for over a year. Plan to talk more with the chancellor about divestment as we passed a resolution. Get stars report higher. Hopefully more plans in the future.
  3. Connor: He/him pronouns. Major public administration and management and political science. I am graduating in 2024. I am co president of SAGA. Peer mentor. Interested because I have been a senator and been on this committee. A big reason I chose Green Bay was how LGBT friendly it was.
  4. Natalie: I am newly an environmental policy and planning major. Graduating spring 24. Interested because I feel that health and safety are on the high list of priorities on this university
  5. Declan: I am an information science major emphasis in data scient. Member



of SAAC. I am going for rec and athletics chair. Looking to incorporate students' involvements with athletics here. Athletes more involved in students' life. I'd like to be the in-between guy for both sides. I've been looking at previous chairs past projects and getting ideas.

6. Molly: She/they pronouns. Graduating 2024. I am majoring in environmental policy and planning and political science. Interest stemmed from being a part of that committee. Focus on the contract for our dining services as our contract with Chartwell's is ending. Working with environmental affairs for more reusable items
7. Riley: Current vice chair of SUFAC. Appointed position of parliamentarian and I intend to hold both. I am in circleK. Serve as their parliamentarian as well. I will be a Poly sci major and I have a declared major currently, but I don't remember what it is.

- Q&A:

1. Meg: If you don't know your own major how will you handle this job
  - a. It is business management and supply chain management, but I have no intention of completing that.
2. Hannah: If you served on the committee previously what is one obstacle you faced.
  - a. Abbi: When I started as a senator this seat was open and that was the biggest struggle was finding my feet. Running a committee is a lot of work and understanding that and figuring out my place



- b. Katie: Learning how to cordially disagree with people and learn how to run meetings and create agendas
  - c. Conor: The biggest was that it didn't exist for a long time and when we got up and running the chair graduated. We have some things working like feminine hygiene projects in all bathrooms and neurodivergent groups.
  - d. Molly: Struggled to do a lot because we did focus on big projects, but the impact was kind of nil. I'd like to see actual change
  - e. Riley: anyone who was a senator known that I was a stickler for parliamentary so this is just formalizing this role
3. Harrison: Are comfortable with the time commitments with the five office hours holding committee meetings and Mondays senate and exec meetings.
    - a. Abbi: yes
    - b. Katie: Yes. I have also committed myself to other involvements
    - c. Conor: Yes
    - d. Natalie: yes
    - e. Declan: yes
    - f. Molly: Yes
    - g. Riley: yes
- Discussion:
    1. Jasmine: I think that the candidates seem well and even if they don't have experience they are willing to learn. Declan looking through previous





projects is saying a lot to me, and we haven't had that role in over a year so it is necessary

2. Lucas: They all have experience these people are all good fits for their positions

- Vote:

1. 9-0-3

d) University of Wisconsin System Student Government Association Constitution

- Harrison: I am the university president. Project I worked on all year with Ted. You all saw a draft this earlier this year so we will vote to ratify this if you are comfortable. UWSSGA. It is a body designed to represent students from each UW school in a statewide student government organization. Used to exist as the United council. It was very effective and that's what led to the tuition freeze but that is up now. Really effective and it takes all of the schools to say yes we want this. The exact same document is being read at all other schools.

- UWSSGA constitution was read aloud.

1. Hannah: for student regents do those exist or is that new

- a. Harrison: They already exist but they are chosen by the governor. He takes recommendations from chancellors who reach out to staff and their student governments. Theoretically he could just chose whoever he wanted.

2. Anybody from this campus could join any of the committees without having to be apart of the whole senate. They can give input regarding those



committee topics.

3. Isaac: Money. What is the plan for funding?
  - a. None right now. They'd like to get money. The group this is trying to recreate used to get \$4 per student. It covered housing travel expenses and pay. They'd like to do that again but right now that is illegal.  
Potentially someone said we should charter is as a 503 nonprofit.
4. Hannah: How does the student judiciary play in.
  - a. Student judiciary is just for us. A student judiciary can be apart of this but there is no obligations to this organization
5. Mark: under definitions, the last term university colleges I believe has been dissolved.
  - a. Harrison: We aren't meeting again so I think that's just going to stay until next year.
6. Mark: the president will determine the advisor is that president of this organization or the UW system?
  - a. This organization
7. Katie: Does this include UW Madison
  - a. Yes and the seem to be in favor of it. We talked with other schools about this and there are 9 that are tentatively interested and the other four are not interested, non-responsive, or not active

- Vote: 9-0-4

e) Summer Plans



- Advisor “Retreat”
  1. May 7<sup>th</sup>
    - a. We are hoping to gather as many people as possible for training development and team building. This is the earliest/latest we can do this due to finals. We are looking for a 2–4-hour time frame where people might be available
    - b. Natalie: 10 am
    - c. Isaac: how about a doodle poll?
    - d. Harrison: Who is working Saturday that will take up a majority of their day?
    - e. Katie: Does 4:45 work?
    - f. 4:45 and 2 hours at most.
    - g. It will be somewhere here we haven’t reserved anything yet.
- Board of Regents Meeting
  1. August 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at UWGB
    - a. Harrison: There is a meeting they control where the money goes and everything important about your student experience. It is here and if you can be here that would be really great. We will try to get on their agenda.
    - b. James: What time is this meeting
      - i. Alex: It’s pretty much an all day thing. They meet all day Thursday and then one meeting on Friday and they have



various committees that meet at different times. If you are interested put this on your calendar and once you know you can make send an email telling us otherwise we will send one out to you later and then we can email them and say we want to be on your agenda

- c. Mark: They usually meet Thursday which is all committee meetings and Friday is the one big meeting. It is not uncommon for a request to have lunch or dinner with the regents.
- d. Harrison: Some of us have spoken with regent Kyle Wheatherly and he was very kind and interested in hearing from us. They generally care about education given that they are in those positions. I think having those informal meetings will be very productive

- SGA Retreat

- 1. August 20<sup>th</sup> or August 27<sup>th</sup>

- a. It will be an all day thing.
    - b. Riley: I will be in Jersey the 20<sup>th</sup> and my birthday is the 27<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Hannah: The 27<sup>th</sup> is also my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday
    - d. Harrison: So, we will celebrate our birthdays together. Try to get the other campuses involved. Going over how SGA works so you know your rights and responsibilities of your role. University structure. Training on how to implement changes on campus. I'm going to mark this down for the 27<sup>th</sup>.



e. Harrison: For really important trainings I will try to get those recorded. If you are able to make it that would be really cool.

2. Jasmine: RA taring is going on then so it will depend on when we have that training because that is mandatory.

#### VII. Standing Committee Reports (Optional)

- a) Academic Affairs: I yield
- b) Arts and Performance:
- c) Environmental Affairs: We finished up the divestment resolution.
- d) Equity and Diversity: I yield
- e) Health and Safety: I yield
- f) Intergovernmental Affairs:
- g) Union and Dining: I yield
- h) SUFAC: On Thursday we elected a new vice chair which was me by the way. We elected the vice chair pro tempore his name is Brendan Foreman. We are in summer session which means Tristan and I can approved things on our own. Creating a new budget training. Working on a thing for branch campuses. Along with what Katie, said we approved a 2500 request for the sustainability fund for composting.
- i) Student Workers' Rights:

#### VIII. Announcements:

#### IX. Adjournment:

- a) Motion to adjourn the meeting
  - So moved: Connor



- Seconded: Meg
- Meeting is adjourned