



Senate Meeting Agenda

February 9th, 2020

University Union, 1965 Room

5:15pm

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call:
 - a) JD – Excused Absence
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a) So moved: Casey
 - Seconded: Sierra
 - b) Approved
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a) Sierra: Motion to amend the agenda so that New Business A comes before the administration reports
 - Makayla: Seconded
 - b) Motion to approve: Sierra
 - Seconded: Casey
 - c) Approved
- V. Guest Speaker Interim Chancellor Van Gruensven
 - a) I wanted to touch base with you all because Eric Arneson moved to a university in Georgia. Eric was a great leader for our institution and we will miss him dearly.
 - b) We are starting a search for a new vice chancellor; Kate Burns will chair the committee.
 - I am going to ask the committee if we need to add more people.
 - Abbie is on the committee as well as 2 other students
 - We hired a recruiting firm who is known for recruiting high student affairs positions.
 - I created an associate vice chancellor position.



1. Gail is going to be the permanent associate chancellor after her interim position.
 2. Different aspects to the role and it is too much to manager for that role.
 3. This will create a much better job description and will bring in better candidate's
- We need to make sure we have a welcome inclusive environment and this position will focus heavily on that.
 - The search will be kicked off this week and will be posted nationally in the next couple weeks,
 1. You will have the opportunity to sit in on forums for the top finalists.
 - The goal is to have that person start before summer
 - Abbie:
 1. The initial reason we had out interim chancellor to talk about Eric's leaving is because if you have any questions or the restructuring process. I think a few students have questions about the state of the university. A few of us watched the coffee chat.
- c) Questions specifically about Eric Arneson or the restructuring?
- Emily: Is there a timeline for the forums?
 1. For sure before you leave. Probably late April. The committee is working on the timeline this Wednesday. It will happen before finals is the goal.
 - Abbie: With the resturctuing process, would yo be able to elaborate on how it concluded Gail taking the position?
 1. We didn't have a vacancy so we didn't have a position to post. When we try to create a few more levels to not have so much for one person. We don't have a new position to post. Gail has a lot of experience in her role and she deals with a lot of those issues. I oclud have posted it internally but it makes it hard when you don't have a posotio. I talked with her leadership team and they all sent a very lengthy message. She deals with a lot of behavior and mental health issues because of her role in housing. That was the primary



reason and in addition to talking to Eric and his other leaders. It was a difficult decision to do without posting the position. Not the thing I would prefer to do but I had to decide.

d) General Questions:

- Abbie: What are the updates on the chancellor search?
 1. The airport interviews were two weekends ago. The finalists will be announced the week of Feb. 21st. There are four finalists. They are very happy with the candidates. On campus interviews will start the last week of February and the first week of March. I havebn't seen the calendar yet but they will send a schedule out to tstudents for them to meet the candidates. There will be open forums as well for each candidate. I believe those will also be recorded and streamed for the other locations as well. There will be feedback forms as well.
 2. The goal is to be announced the April board of regents meeting. It might be until May or June.
 3. President Cross is retiring so they also kicked off the search for the new Systems President a couple of weeks ago. He will be slesctiong the new chancellor.
- Kayla: There was talk about the resturctuing of graduation and I am graduating this spring and I saw the list of reasoning so could you elaborate on that? And is there going to be a cap on tickets?
 1. Eric led the initiative and that was a recommendation. With the additional campuses, we are going to have one commencement. Spring was getting tight. Student's will not be limited with tickets so you can have more friends and family members come.
 2. WE also heard comments about length of time. Families were coming early to get parking and seats and it ended up being around 4 hours. We walk 750 students in Spring and it became so long.



3. WE thought it was time to move to 2 ceremonies. WE also heard comments that the chairs the students sat on were really uncomfortable so this will give us opportunity to provide better chairs for students to sit on as well.
- Abbie: This came up at student reps, we were talking with UW Sheboygan and how the provost came down and talked to them about academics and such, is it going to continue that upper admin is visiting the branch campuses. A lot of the students feel as though that is a good idea.
 1. I think so. I visited all three in fall. I don't think it was open to students but I met with faculty and staff. Certainly with the provost, he wants to get down there more often. WE do have three great CEOs at the universities. WE do need to stay in touch. They appreciate us being visible and present.
- Makayla: For December is there going to be 2? Will there be unlimited tickets?
 1. Yes, There should not be a cap.
- Pri: isn't it 4 tickets for December?
 1. The graduates also have to sit in the same audience.

VI. Reports

a) President:

- For those of you who don't know, JD is not here today because he lost his mother last week. He is taking time off for grievance purposes. We are going to be sending around a card for you guys to sign and we are going to give it to him from SGA.
 1. Also, if you aren't friends with him on Facebook, he has a gofundme for his mother's funeral.
- We went to Student Reps. It was down in Madison and we got stuck. We had to spend another night in Madison which was lots of fun. We just rolled in at 11.
 1. Passed a piece of legislation – Project pronoun act.
 - a. I can send it if you are interested.
 - b. It is in support of being able to use their correct pronouns on different university documentation. UWGB already does this, you can change your name in SIS but not all the other campuses have something similar to that. This is just saying that Student Reps supports this and then we are sending it to the state to make it universal.
 2. 2 days before the meeting stated, the chair resigned on Facebook and emailed it out to us.



- a. He was amending the agenda so he could have emergency elections so I am now the chair of student reps.
 - i. Essentially it is the chair of the legislative body of the universities.
 - ii. G: I nominated Abbie, you're welcome.
 - iii. I am taking it on for three months and if you want to know more, please come talk to me.
 - Just like our interim chancellor, I am on the search and screen for Eric's position. Our first meeting is this WEdnesday.
 1. With this process, some of the info is confidential but I will keep you updated.
 2. Chantrey and Yasmine Nur
 - 2 on 1s started this week with our executives and we will continue that throughout the week. I am looking forward to being able to sit down and hash out ideas.
 1. Committee assignemnts has gone out this week. If you haven't heard anything, please let Sierra know.
 2. Pease let me knowt hat once the meeting time is set, we can put it on the calendar.
 3. Pri: If it was written in our 1:1, do you want it emailed
 - a. No
 - I am handing this around as well. Adam needs help with volunteers.
 1. They need tour guides for sophomore visit day.
 2. They also need people who can just wander around and talk to visitors
 - a. G: I can speak on behalf of this. The tours are actually really easy so you know exactly where you are going and talking in the Kress is really early.
 - b. Tuesday March 3rd
- b) Vice President
- Im the Vice Presidents.
 - I'm not going to say my report is vrief.
 - Student Reps happened.
 1. I had a weird panic attack. I had a lot of coffee. It was a good time.
 - Abbie and I have been talking with conservation voters and next gen. Regarding the early voting party requesting absentee ballots.
 1. The city is really on board with doing something like this.
 - Speaking of Kayla
 1. Constitutional review. Hopefully Kayla and I will be sitting down soon to discuss it.
- c) Speaker of the Senate:
- Hi
 - I also went to student reps but I don't have a eport on it.
 - Senators you should have gotten your committee assignemnts.



1. IF no one has reached out, let me know.
 - I will not be at my office hours on Thursday I will be there tomorrow instead from 12-3. I will not be on campus on Thursday.
 - We lost a lot of senators so please start pitching SGA to your friends.
 1. Our meeting is open, bring a friend.
- d) RHAA:
- Thanks for the plug.
 - We have been getting ready for bingo on Saturday. WE have prizes, a lot.
 1. Tator tot bar
 2. Big prize is a Bluetooth speaker
 - Our new CC is Tanner Marvin
 - WE have been working on new programs for the semester.
- e) Student Court:
- I had a meeting with Mark about the election timeline and he generously gave us a draft.
 - I am working on getting the updated election rules.
 - Marketing for the election
 1. Going to classrooms and handing out guides.
 - Moving the student court documents to canvas
 1. They are not updated.
 - Talked about student misconduct training started up again.
- f) Advisor:
- I didn't hear anyone talk about org smorg and how that went.
 1. Sierra: WE got a senator maybe

VII. New Business

a) Senator Confirmation

- Sophia
- I am a music education major and hopefully a band teacher someday.
- I am a part of three other orgs – pep band, cyanpte, theta eta alpha.
- I am a junior
- I play the trumpet so if you think I am really loud, I relate to my instrument a lot.
- Questions:
 1. Spock: Greatest strength and weakness:
 - a. How loud I am because if I want to get a point across I can definitely do that.
 - b. How quiet I can actually be if I am worried about offending someone.
 2. Mohomed: What is your recommendation for someone who has never played an instrument?
 - a. I recommend anyone to try music. Even if you have never picked up an instrument. Music is for everyone and anyone can learn music. It



can be something that changes your life. Whichever instrument you seem most interested in.

3. Makayla: What committees:
 - a. Equity and diversity and rec and athletics. I love the fact we have such a diverse campus and that anyone can feel open to do anything they want to do. I just want to keep that going. I don't want anyone to feel hidden. I personally love sports and I am in the Kress like 80 times a week. I love all the stuff that goes on at the Kress. There is always something to do there.
 4. Reese: What's the biggest change you would make?
 - a. There is so much involved with the university so it is hard to narrow it down to one thing.
 - b. The fine arts are definitely underappreciated at this university. One thing I care about is the Weidner center and nobody ever goes into it. I want to find some way to include the Weidner center and more fine arts on campus. I want to include it more. Make it more known because it is such a beautiful building. I want people to go over there and be in awe.
 5. G: Extend
 - a. Sierra
 - b. Mohamed
 6. Jay: how would you relate your band experience to what we do in SGA?
 - a. I feel like in this you have to be a leader in some type of way. You have to lead in order to get something somewhere. Even if it is one small thing. If you get it going and keep it going you can create something amazing. In band you have a conductor but they are creating something beautiful.
 7. Addison: With the organizations you mentioned earlier, do you think there will be any time conflicts?
 - a. No, whenever I get involved, I make sure I am with that 100%
 - b. Even though I am involved in three other clubs I make sure to give it my all. I want to see things excel and be amazing and sometimes I might have to take time off. I like to keep myself involved and keep going. Give it your all.
 8. Reese: Are we... I yield.
- Discussion:
 1. G: I wanted to say two things
 - a. I really liked your question Jay and that she could answer it.
 - b. She was like the entire time, everything was realting to spock and spock was cheesing so hard.
 2. Reese: Yeah, I really liked her answers for every question. I also liked how she could answer my question. She needed sometime to think but she came up with a really good answer. She had consideration for communities and



areas that are unrepresented and she seemed passionate about bringing it to the table.

3. Spock: I liked her positive attitude. It was really represented well in Mohamed's question. That is someone we need in student government. That is who will recruit and push people to get involved. People take well to that bubbly personality.
4. Kayla: I really liked that when Reese gave the option of an easier question, she wanted to answer the first one.
5. Emily: I liked that she was taking time to stop and think about the answers to the questions and she wasn't just saying what we wanted to hear.

- Passes 7-2-0

b) Court Update

- Given by Mark
- So you all know Lacy was our Chief Justice, she is no longer the chief justice so Jared is now our chief justice.
- Abbie: For the next senate meeting, we will have the election updates with the timeline and all that jazz.
- It also means we have a seat open on the court and two more at the end of the semester.
 1. If you know anyone interested, tell them to submit an application.

c) Constitutional Review

- This is just something really quick because we did it last week.
- For those of you who have not been in student government, we do a constitutional review in the spring.
 1. Chair by academics and governance.
 2. We look over the constitution and look at what we like and don't like
 3. Fix wording and grammar
 4. What do we like and not like? What do we want to change.
 5. WE have to start that early because our documents are very long
- Every spring semester we charge an Ad Hoc committee to read through the constitution and the by-laws and pick out the highlighted parts to bring to the senate.
 1. You get to be the core of SGA and get to decide what governs SGA.
 2. I have served on 2 Ad Hoc committees and it is a cool experience.
- We put this on here today is to call for people who want to be on that committee
 1. It doesn't mean 100% but you will receive the first email
 2. Kayla will be reaching out later to get going on the constitution
- Questions?

VIII. Reports

a) Standing Committees:

- Academics and Governance
 1. Mohammed went to Academic Affairs council meeting



- a. Mohamed: If you are taking a chem class, you have to take lab safety and chem 211 need math 204 for this university but if you are at another you need math 102
 - i. Mechanical engineering classes were 2 graded and they became 3 or 4
 - ii. Finance classes
 2. Meeting with resource liaison and I never heard from my other liaison
 3. I planned a number of ideas for elections
 4. I have a meeting with my senators after this.
- Environmental Affairs
 1. I met with my liaison and updated him on SGA and Earth Day 50
 - a. We didn't talk about a whole lot
 2. He has been discussing recycle mania again that they did through res life
 - a. I keep telling him that that's not me bro
 - b. I gave him Tanner's name
 - c. This might happen this year or next year
 - d. If you wanna help I can pass your name along
 3. My goal for this semester is to update the sustainability fund by laws a
 4. Work on Earth Day 50
 - a. We have the committee
 - b. Wednesday at 5:30
 - i. We will meet every week at this time either in the Suites or in the OSU
 - ii. If you can't make it to the meetings but still want to help email me
 - iii. It is an open meeting
 - Equity and Diversity
 1. I was late to my first 2:1
 2. I am working with GTP for my event this semester so I will be talking more with my senators on the committee meeting on Wednesday
 - Health and Safety
 1. I have a meeting with my senators after this meeting about what programs we want to do and how we want to help
 2. Meeting with both liaisons tomorrow morning
 - Recreation and Athletics
 1. I had a meeting with my senators this morning at 11
 2. We talked about event ideas for the semester
 - a. We were talking about doing geocaching and at Earth Day 50
 3. I have my meeting with Jeff on Friday
 - a. Probably just going over basic stuff and black board systems
 - b. If anyone is still having trouble with the Kress, please send them to me.
 - i. They have to pay \$80



- ii. Just send them to me it is easier.
4. Still working on arts and performing chair so please come talk to me
- Resources and Outreach
 1. So we are still trying to find a meeting time and I will probably have to get creative with it
 2. We haven't started planning events but I have ideas on collabs
 3. I still have to make meetings with my liaison
- SUFAC
 1. Oh boy have I been busy
 2. We just continued meeting with the auxiliaries
 - a. 2/3rd are done
 3. D day is still looking to be on schedule
 4. Last week for student orgs
 5. One more meeting for rest of the auxiliaries
 6. I started reviewing sufac bylaws
- Union and Dining
 1. I was supposed to have a meeting with my liaison this week but we did not meet
 2. Hopefully my first committee meeting will be this week and then I will get things rolling.

IX. Announcements

- a) Joy: WE have bingo today at 7 to 8 in the phoenix rooms
 - Theme is game night
 - Two raffles- one at the beginning and one at the end
 - I don't know what the food is but Im sure it is chartwells

X. Adjournment:

- a) Sierra
- b) Jay
- c) Approved