



# Senate Meeting

09/27/21

5:15 PM

1965 Room

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - a) So moved: Braydon
  - b) Seconded: Gabby
  - c) Motion passes
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
  - a) Motion to add guest speaker to agenda
    - Braydon: First
    - Abbi: Second
  - b) Motion to put the confirmation of Harrison Thiry to senate
    - First Braydon
    - Second: Abbi
    - Motion passes
  - c) Motion to approve agenda
    - Brayden: First
    - Second: Gabby
    - Motion passes



V. Captain Decker Jena Richter

- a) Captain Decker: Nothing new business as usual. Potential construction projects with library or resident buildings that may cause problems. We are trying to accommodate more parking and convenient parking. Just working on maintenance but nothing is coming down the pipeline with anything big.
- b) Harrison: There is a lot of concern asking us about how they can have access to more parking and more convenient parking. We were talking about ideas such as possibly allowing usage of certain lots that aren't being used or used at different times. Why is parking the way it is.
- Captain Decker: Residential lots are 24/7 lots that are not residential we consider them academic lots are open from 5 am to 11pm and we have to maintain those lots to be open. You have to think about snow fall coming in the next few months and the academic lots have to be empty in order for snow removal. This makes it easier for enforcement because we know which cars should be in there and which cars shouldn't. We know that students come here early, and we think that 5 o clock was fair because it gives snow removal enough time to get in and out before students come it. 11 is fair because the buildings are closed at that time so there is no reason for students to be parked there.
  - As for convenient parking, parking lots are expensive and compared to other schools a student would think this is amazing. Other schools are way more expensive or schools like Milwaukee pay for a permit and they aren't guaranteed a spot to park in. We realize it is not the most convenient, but we are doing our best.



We went through the residential lots, and it states that it is for residents only. We changed it to only residents who can park there so we can keep those free for students.

- c) Harrison: Besides money, is there anything else that would make parking better like more police or better software to track where people or is just money
- I don't think lots are the answer I think it is student behavior and use. Our students use their vehicles to go places instead of walking to class and are complaining that they can't find a spot. I wouldn't say it's a need for more parking. We have 34 acres of parking lots. We have a lot of extra parking and if students lived in housing left their cars in housing and have more walking there would be less congestion and the other lots wouldn't be as full
- d) Braydon: What's in the Kress parking lot?
- It's the mechanical contractors for the people working on the Kress. They are working on the roof. They will be there for a month/month and a half. They've been working on since summer. Its all of the supplies for the work. That's the same thing for the Lab Sciences lot.
- e) Cora: I feel like the parking spots are really tight in the main lot so I don't know would you consider repainting for slanted spots and make the spots less close together
- We know they feel tight, but they are the standard width. If you added any more inches to each spot you would lose capacity really quick especially in main housing. Making them angle has been taking into consideration but they would have to control traffic direction and people don't care about which way traffic is supposed



to go. It would be nice if it worked but in generally doesn't. That lot was made five years ago, and they did a survey on the lot lines and they said the way it was before is the way it needs to be.

- f) Keely: How would assigned parking impact parking?
- We are able to but we have tried numerous times, but students keep saying absolutely not. We have sent out surveys with assigned parking stalls and lots. We could decrease the rate depending on where they park like if they park in the back of the Weidner they would receive a significantly decreased parking price. Two people actually did it and one person didn't show up and the other person did it for a week and they said it was too inconvenient. It is a convenience factor people are looking for. Every time we put that out there they say absolutely not they like parking wherever they want.
- g) Ted: Students drive from residential lots to other lots. Do you know the frequencies of how often that happens?
- We don't have the real way to track residential permits and non-residential permits, but you can see it from being out in the cars. You can see people leaving class you can see a lot of traffic going towards the housing lots. They tend to jump in the vehicles and go and come back. They will drive from lab sciences to wood hall instead of walking to the building.
- h) Ted: Different schools are more expensive, has there been any ideas to raise the cost of parking per semester to get less people to bring cars to campus?



- Parking permits have been very low for a long time so anytime you increase it there will be problems. We need to significantly raise our prices, but we didn't want to burden the people who are here for the next 4 years. In 2019 they were 76 and should have gone up \$6 but because of covid we did not but we will reevaluate. This year they have been increased to \$100 to a semester and \$200 a year and that still puts us at the bottom. We didn't want to increase it to make in cost prohibited to where people can't bring a car to campus because we are still isolated, and we had to keep that in mind. It was taken into consideration but not to the point where it was to get less people to bring cars to campus. So, it was considered but for not that reason.

## VI. Reports

- a) President: We had weekly meetings we talked about upcoming things with sg and recruitment things. On Wednesday I am going to Madison with Dr. Shelton to go to a conference for a bill that would fund the Wisconsin Tuition promise which would essentially make UW system tuition free for families making less than 60,000 a year. I sent out a doodle poll for your one on ones.
- b) Vice President: We talked to Mark with our one on twos. We talked about recruitment. On Thursdays I will be at the chancellor's installation to speak. It is at 11 at the Weidner.
- c) Speaker of the Senate:
- d) RHAA:
- e) Student Court:



- f) Advisor: At our other campuses their advisor resigned so I am it. I am trying to recruit for their campus and getting that off the ground for them. If you live on campus and do not have exemption, you are required to test on a weekly basis. We have students who have missed their second deadline and we are meeting with them this week. Strike three and you will find somewhere else to live. Chancellors' installation is Thursday and a coffee with the chancellor at 2 with President Thompson. If we get to 60% he will do the drawing. We are at 58.5%. Housing students are at 70%. The deadline has been extended to October 31<sup>st</sup>. So spread the word that if they chose to participate they still have time. The vaccine will be available every Wednesday in the wellness center.

## VII. New Business

- a) Senate confirmation: Harrison Thiry

- Intro: My name is Harrison I use he/him. I am the academics and governance chair, but I intend to step down to assume the position of speaker of the senate because we need one to run the senate properly. My major is psychology and I graduate next year in May.
- Q&A
  1. Riley: What is your greatest strength and weakness
    - a. I like to go after extreme and ambitious things and I think things are easy when they aren't. I chase goals that are really out there. For strength I tend to be really dedicated and hope to get more people involved
  2. Jasmine: Do you have any committees in mind that you would like to join



- a. Academics and governance and I are interested in SUFAC and I wish I was more involved and I live on campus so I am excited to go to RHAA. I am interested in environmental affairs but I am looking forward to working with all committees.
3. Mark: I suspect you would have to resign from this position before.
  - a. You can not be a voting member of two positions so if I get elected I will immediately resign however I don't want to leave it empty so I will fulfill all of the duties for this chair until we get a new one, but I will no longer be a voting member.
- Discussion
  1. Keely: He seems very knowledgeable about the constitution and that is something that is important.
  2. Cora: I like that he wanted to push recruitment and committees working together versus on their own
  3. Riley: I like that he wants to be speaker
- Vote: 3-0-0
- b) University Covid Review
  - Ted: Through Mark, it has been made aware that the university admin wants student input on the covid policy and things that are good or want to be fixed.
  - Abbi: My RA told me one thing about the policy, but my friends RA told them something different so that got confusing. I think they are good and easier to understand from last year.



- Katie: I was confused if you get covid there doesn't seem like there is a plan for professors. So like how do we make the transition if we do get sick?
  1. Mark: prior to covid, If a student got ill they could notify dean of students and we would notify the faculty. The faculty would not consider that an official excused abscess, but they would be very good at allowing students to make up their work. We have extended that for covid. When a faculty get notice that the student is out for medical reasons, they don't know that they are out for covid. They are expected to extend deadlines and stuff just like they would five years ago with the same policy.
- Trista: If there is an upswing are we equipped to provide more quarantine housing
  1. Jas: Right now, we have Temp set aside.
  2. Gail: we are capable, but isolation might have to happen in occupied spaces which is not what we did last year. A lot of institution had isolation housing where healthy individuals were also residing. I think that would be fine because students are required to stay in their room. We could relocate from first to second floor for open spaces
- Keely: How are we keeping RA safe because we are going door to door.
  1. We do have a list of spaces that are being used for isolation housing, so the staff knows not to enter that space. If you have to encounter that space you should wear ppe. Typically, we don't have RA in those buildings in isolation housing.
- Braydon: I think it should be up to the person now to wear a mask. I don't think





there should be a mask mandate. You go out in public, and people go without a mask. If you look at the MLB or NFL and they are all vaccinated, and they still test positive so like what's that point. I don't see the need for them.

- Ted: Is there any indication for testing for off campus students
  1. If numbers were rising we would have to figure out how scale up that testing operation but if that is something we feel needed it will be addressed
- H: is there discussion to provide an incentive to anyone that's vaccinated besides just people living on campus. Any students who get vaccinated get an incentive.
  1. Mark: They have not moved in that direction yet except for the 70 for 70 campaigns. But not in terms of a direct reward.
  2. Gail: There has been no discussion. Each campus was allowed to create their own 70 to 70 campaigns.
- Trista: I received an email saying that if you register you would be given a \$100 visa gift card
  1. Gail: If you started your vaccination during a certain time period you would be eligible for that. That is a state government thing and not run by the school.
- Harrison: At this point anyone who wants to be vaccinated is so is there any other message we can give out.
  1. Gail: We believe there are people who are vaccinated but haven't taken the time to register it which is important, but we believe that would make our campus safer and that is why a lot of the messaging continues. I think at



some point the message would shift.

- Tristan: Should the message start including other things to help prevent covid besides the vaccine like to boost your immune system like vitamin c or working out, or healthy diets.

1. We can bring that up to the wellness center.

c) Recruitment Brainstorm

- Tristan: One of things I found useful, and I am doing is going and using the white board space in classroom cause those are free space. Going into freshman seminar classes and plugging SGA and SUFAC. It has been successful for us.
- Riley: I think it would help if the signature requirement should be waved.
  1. Jasmine: it was at 50 and it was lowered to 30.
  2. Ted: They are analogous to votes. You have to go talk to students out of your circle and have people feel comfortable having you make decisions for them and representing them and the campus.
- Abbi: I found out from the white board outside of the office and I feel like that gets a lot of traffic.
- Gabby: Chalk outside on the sidewalks.
- Tristan: Should we consider putting a booth in front of the union where we could promote that almost like another org smog just for us.
- Abbi: We could handout fliers at the coffee shop
- Gabby: Could we get the UWGB Instagram account to promote us.
- Katie: One of the GB Instagram's have a student run it for a week and if one of us



ran it we could talk about student government.

- Harrison: The idea of holding a town hall on specific issues is important. Having answers now makes me feel better and now I can feel comfortable talking to students about these problems.
- Tristan: We could add another board where students bring their issues and then have another board of things that we have done in response to their problems so show we care about their problem
  1. Jasmine: We do have to keep an eye out because people put things on the white board that shouldn't be there
  2. Harrison: I want to look into starting an SGA newsletter. The goal is to be short. This is what we accomplished this past week. People can look at it and engage more
- Cora: Is anyone allowed to sit in on these meetings? We could put a sign out on the doors
- Keely: making posters of joining SGA or for meetings and getting it approved by housing to hang them up there.
- Tristan: We could pay our senators. It may not seem significant and there are concerns but it could draw in more people and retain senators. It has proven to work at other universities.

## VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a) Academics and Governance: I went to the provost candidate interviews. There were a lot of unique candidates. Looking into the possibility of getting credit for senators instead of



- money. Looking into recruitment and reaching out to former advisors from branch campuses.
- b) Arts and Performance: I reached out to Kelly Strickland the director of the Weidner to be my advisor and set up a meeting with her. I want to reach out to the director of the laughin gallery to get that promoted.
  - c) Environmental Affairs: This morning I met with the sustainability committee. The director is making two internships available. One would be data collecting of our energy and the other was to make a program for environmental students to get together and get badges for teachers for doing sustainable programs. I had a meeting for the shoe tree, and we are coming up with options. We have two main ideas floating around and we are trying to come up with a third.
  - d) Equity and Diversity:
  - e) Health and Safety: I went around and figured out the problem areas for lighting. There are a lot of lights that are out, and I am making marks on a map so when we do the safety walk I know where to go and what to talk about.
  - f) Rec and Athletics:
  - g) Union and Dining: I had a meeting with matt. He said he would look at why waffle fries are gone. Looking into a phoenix phresh take over and having a boba spot there for a week to see if that would go over well. We had a bored for where pass points should be accepts. Talked to matt about reaching out to those places. Looking at food trucks in the area to get for food truck Fridays for the spring. We are planning an open forum in the market place where they can ask matt direct questions about union and dining.



- h) SUFAC: We have three new prospects be at large members. We have a pride center appointed because we have three seats reserve for the pride center, MESA and Office of International Education. Tuesday and Wednesday we are doing budget training at 5pm. We approved an org start up for magic the gathering which was \$250.

IX. Announcements:

- a) Ted: There is a day of service for Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> and you can sign up for two-hour time slots for volunteer. As members of student government, you should be present for this day of service.

X. Adjournment:

- a) Motion to adjourn the meeting
- b) Fist: Abbi
- c) Second: Braydon