



# Senate Meeting

The 1965 Room

11/13/2023

5:15 PM

I.Call to Order at 5:16 PM

II.Roll Call

III.Recognition of guests

IV.Approval of the Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting.
- Moved by Lucas
- Seconded by Matthew
- No discussion
- Motion approved

V.Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda.
- Moved by Ryan
- Seconded by Matthew
- No discussion
- Motion approved

VI.Reports



a. President – Riley: I only have one important announcement: there is going to be a winter retreat between the dates of January 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. Other than that, I have been continuing to meet with Isaac, Karime, and others regarding the restructuring of Student Government Association.

c. Vice President – Tanisha: For the past week, I've been doing 1 on 1's or 2 on 1's with all of the exec members with Riley. I have also been working on an action plan to expand the menstrual products program; if you want to help with that program, please come talk to me. Karime and I have also been working with the winter retreat. Aside from that, I have also been working with people of power to work on programs for people going through things regarding Title 9.

d. Speaker of the Senate – Lucas: We are still working to fill reserve seats and we actually have a reserve seat for the Pride Center filled tonight which we will be confirming.

e. University President – Karime: I'm currently still working with Riley and Isaac regarding the restructuring of Student Government Association.

d. RHAA

e. Advisors

## VII. New Business

a. Chancellor Alexander Q&A session

- Pay Plan

Chancellor Alexander: Right now, there is a lawsuit that is between Governor Evers who is suing the legislature on the behalf of the board of regents. When we talk about pay plan and the issues



surrounding that, what pay plan means is that the faculty and staff of the UW System do not get a cost of living or an inflationary raise, currently. While this is not the first time that this has happened, the difference this time is that it was signed by the Governor and the Legislature in law. There is also a committee named Joker who have power; they said that all state employees will get their pay plan with the exception of the employees of the UW System. This is not our issue per se, this is an issue within the UW System.

- Enrollment

Chancellor Alexander: Our enrollment is the highest it has ever been. We have shattered the 10,000 student threshold with 10,338 students. Our budget situation, the UW-System has a 68 million dollar structural deficit, we have around a 2 million dollar deficit. Our deficit is caused by us increasing our overall budget over the last 4 years from about 140 million to 168 million. Our revenues did not grow by the same 28 million; they grew about 26 million; so we have to tighten it up to make up for the 2 million.

- Program Array

Chancellor Alexander: Every organization should evolve over time, it's natural, it's human. UWGB is 58 years old; if you look at the original majors 58 years ago, almost none of them still exist. Of course, there are adaptations of them still. Our student to faculty ratio ranges from 3 to 5 students per faculty member in some majors all the way up to over 55 students per faculty member in other majors. This is normal to some degree in every university, but not this wide of a gap. We can't be all things to all people. With this in consideration, we have decided to remove the majors: Environmental Policy and Planning, and Theatrical Arts. Any rumor that you've heard about



students not being able to complete these majors is not true. Any student who is currently doing these majors will be given the opportunity to finish these majors!

b. Senator Confirmation

- Bailey Himebaugh – Pride Center reserve seat Senator
- Motion to approve Bailey as a Senator
- Moved by Lucas
- Seconded by Musa
- Approved

VIII Exec Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs – Isaiah: We have been spreading awareness of registration dates as well as building a plan for expanding certain aspects of the campus cupboard.
- Arts and Performance – Kayla: We had our first committee meeting last week. We talked about the projects that I wanted to work on. I realized that there were some connections between the Arts and Performance committee and Academic Affairs. So we will be talking about janitorial issues that we have been having as well as printing costs. We are also marketing for plush tickets and we've actually outsold them.
- Environmental Affairs – Derek: I met with my sustainability coordinator.
- Equity and Diversity -
- Health and Safety – Jasmine: We had our meeting, not much discussed. Go get a massage at the Wellness Center.



- Intergovernmental Affairs – Isaac: Riley and I have been talking about student court stuff.
- Recreation and Athletics – Riley: Men’s soccer.
- Student Workers’ Rights – Tom: Current goal is to collect as much information as possible from the student union workforce.
- Union and Dining – Erika:
- SUFAC – Nathan: We have been training orgs for the past week for budget training.

VIII Announcements –

X Adjournment –

- Motion to adjourn the meeting
- Moved by Lucas
- No discussion
- Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM