



Senate Meeting

10/11/21

5:15 PM

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a) Motion to approve
 - b) First: Braydon
 - c) Seconded: Gabby
 - d) Motion passes
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a) Motion to approve the agenda
 - First: Abbi
 - Seconded: Gabby
 - b) Amend the agenda to move Josh Moon to the beginning.
 - First: Gabby
 - Seconded: Abbi
 - Motion passes
 - c) Motion to remove spot 7 Wendy Woodward
 - First: Gabby
 - Seconded: Abbi



- Motion passes

d) Agenda is approved

V. Guest Speaker: Josh Moon- Director of Athletics

a) I have been here a couple months and I am looking forward to meeting and engaging with more of you and discussing division one athletics and what that means. I am from Wautoma, Wi. I am excited to work with you all. Working with this group is a key source of funding for the operations of athletics and we'll get more into that with SUFAC. We have 14 division one sports and about 240 athletes. We really need your help, and we really can't do it without you. We have a couple programs on life support like the ski program. That really comes down to funding. We won't sponsor ski because we don't have enough people. For us this is really important. We have a student athlete advisory group that meets tonight. My goal is to bring everyone together and I know division one athletics is really important to this campus and how we can make that experience better for all of you.

b) Harrison: There is a student athlete advisory? Can you tell us more about that?

- The student athlete advisory committee is to be the voice of student athletes.

There are students from every sport. They do a lot of community services. There is a food drive they do. A lot of the community service runs through them. They try to be positive role models for the community.

c) Tristan: Do we have a reserved seat for someone on athletics?

- Ted: It is not reserved for someone specifically in athletics, but we have the rec and athletics chair that is our attachment to athletics. Josh's position would be an advisor for that position.



- d) Harrison: Per the constitution there is actually a reserved seat for a senator from the athletics department. That is Section 102 item C.

VI. Reports

- a) President: We are currently working with the exec board members to reach the vaccine rate and we are going to first year seminar classes to make sure there aren't any students who are vaccinated and haven't submitted or aren't vaccinated. That has been the main focus for the past week.
- b) Vice President:
- c) Speaker of the Senate:
- d) RHAA:
- e) Student Court: We talked about the election's rules. I got an email regarding a case coming up within the week.
- f) Advisor: I can tell that students are getting stressed. Take care of yourself and take care of others. The Phoenix Cares website is available for students that need help for things that are issues outside of academics and it affects academics, and they can fill something out to get the help they need to be successful.
- Gail: We have 350 more people that need to verify their vaccination to hit that 70% and I think there are people who are vaccinated that haven't submitted. If we don't hit 70% and unlock the scholarships, that money doesn't go back to the UW system, those go to other students from other campuses. That is why I am pushing because you guys deserve those scholarships. So please help spread the word.

VII. New Business



a) Senate Confirmations: Cassandra Erickson, Isaac Erickson, Molly Frizzell

- Cassandra: My major is political science. I am elected on the Brown County Board of Supervisors. I was elected in 2020. It is right in the middle of budget season, so all of these conversations are really important and relevant.
- Discussion:
 1. Cora: Do you have any goals or ambitions in mind for student government.
 - a. Any position I serve in I just want to be a support system. This is one small step. I want to apply to law school so with the experience I already have and maybe the ability to find out that. This student government is a tremendous example of what our normal government looks like.
 2. Tristan: What is something you've seen on campus that you want to change.
 - a. I'm 32 so the idea of me going back to school was a really great push for me and I think I'm at a point where I can give back and give this my all. So honestly, I'm still learning about campus and how things are run and it's not what I would change but what I can do to support and build relationships and encourage people to join because it is not a democracy without everybody.
 3. Riley: Can you tell us about your time on the board.
 - a. I first ran in 2018 because my representative voted against the anti-discrimination ordinance twice and I knew I couldn't vote for him, so I decided to run instead. At that point there were no women on



De Pere City Council. I did not win but was asked to run in 2020.

But covid came and it disrupted everyone's campaign cycle. It reset a lot of the dynamics we were seeing from the county board. It really gave more of the supervisors a time step out of their comfort zone. My perspective of the board when I was a citizen from when I was on the board has been very different. Some things I was really proud that I have worked on was that we passed a resolution to declare racism as a public health crisis and we developed a racial equity committee. Finally got the sustainability commission started and have a clean energy commitment from the county. This was a big step in the right direction. Learning about capital improvement plans and things like that and I am on ed and rec committee. So that is Museums, parks, zoos, golf courses.

- Closed Discussion
 1. Tristan: She does seem very qualified and has a lot of ambition and great past experiences that she can teach us about.
 2. Sophia: I love how she is involved in the city council and that she is involved and is bringing that to campus.
 3. This is a viewpoint from someone that is very different from anyone that we have.
 4. It's good that she's a non-traditional student because that is a perspective that we don't have.



- Vote
 1. Motion to approve Cassandra as a senator
 - a. First: Harrison
 - b. Second: Abbi
 - c. Motion passes 4-0-0

- Intro Isaac: My name is Isaac. I am a political science major. I learned more about student government a couple weeks ago and thought it would be a good opportunity. I am a sophomore and transferred from a school in Michigan. I thought this would be a good way to reach out and experience campus and take on some projects that I can help with.

- Q&A
 1. Tristan: What prior experiences do you have that would make you a good senator.
 - a. I worked for a local state senator this past summer for an internship.. It was pretty low key, but I got to experience how the legislative branch works. This is going to be different, but it helped to see where I can encourage things to move on along with things I learned.
 2. Cora: Do you have any committees in mind?
 - a. Not specific off the bat but I am open. I saw there was one or two that I saw that I would be interested in.
 3. Keel: anything to improve or change
 - a. I don't know. There's nothing that comes to mind that has to change.



I would love for student government to grow a little bit. As a transfer student there wasn't a whole lot I could do to learn about campus right away. I would want to see that change because it is a difficult transition.

4. Cassandra: What made you decide to enroll in UWGB?

a. My parents were moving to Green Bay. I lived in Wisconsin my whole life. With Green Bay itself, my parents were going to be in town. My other school was extremely difficult academic wise so I couldn't do much else. So, if I went to a typical university and still get a good education, I could do more of stuff like this on the side.

- Closed Discussion

1. Abbi: I like how he brought up the transfer student stuff because I am a transfer student myself and I didn't know anything. Obviously freshman have the orientation stuff but there wasn't much for transfer students.

2. Cora: I think he seems very eager to help where he is needed and could offer a unique perspective since he went to a different school before. It might be interesting to see what he could draw from past school or experiences.

- Vote

1. Motion to approve Isaac as a senator

2. First: Harrison

3. Seconded: Braydon

4. Motion passes 5-0-0



- Intro: I am Molly, and I am majoring in environmental policy and planning and political science, and I transferred here this year. I want to be a part of student government because I missed out on my freshman year and getting involved with a lot of Covid things going on, so I am looking forward to getting involved in this environment. Seeing things that are present on my prior campus that I don't see on this campus especially environmental sustainability.
- Q&A
 1. Riley: Which committees are you interested in?
 - a. Environmental or equity and diversity
 2. Tristan: What prior experiences do you have?
 - a. I came from a completely different program, and I came here for the environmental policy and planning program. So, while I don't have a ton of experience in this field I am looking forward to getting involved.
 3. T: What would you change on campus?
 - a. With what Isaac said with coming here this year, I don't have a ton of ideas or things that I see that need to be changed right now but composting isn't a big, huge thing but small things that can be implemented.
- Closed
 1. Cora: I like that she already knows what committees she wants and that she's passionate and knows what she wants to change.



2. Katie: I have the same story and transferred here for the environmental and policy planning program. She seems very excited in the issues she wants to change.

- Vote

1. Motion to approve Molly as a senator.
2. So Moved: Harrison
3. Seconded: Braydon
4. Motion passes: 6-0-0

b) Speaker of the Senate Elections

- The speaker is responsible for coordinating senators and assigning them to committees and stuff like that.
- I would like to open the floor for nominations.
- Harrison: I want to nominate myself.
- Harrison Intro: My name is Harrison, and I am majoring in psychology with an emphasis going towards IO psych. I served a few weeks as academics and governance chair until I discovered this position and saw how important it is. The focus is to coordinate the legislative process on the committees and assign senators to committees to make sure they are doing stuff.
- Q&A
 1. Riley: What is your biggest strength and weakness?
 - a. My greatest strength is that I despise this question and my weakness is that I am willing to tell you about it to be put in the minutes. For



the sake of being diplomatic, I am very ambitious, but I will reach for things that are not necessarily achievable.

2. Tristan: This position wears a lot of hats, does that worry you.
 - a. I felt limited in my academics and governance position and ideas kept coming up that weren't in my job so I think this will be a better in that I can find people for the job and give them the resources to reach them.
3. Keely: Do you have any ideas or goals you are currently working on?
 - a. I'm working with Cora on amnesty, but I want to make it more official. Alcohol amnesty for underage drinking that report medical emergencies. It is a program that sort of exist but isn't really known. To get a better understanding of the policy and the other thing is credit for student government association. Submit a form to GBOSS and receive credit for the work they are doing. They Put a lot of hours and deserve compensation and credit is the best way to do that.

- Closed Discussion:

1. Cora: I think Harrison would make a great speaker already has ideas of what he wants to change and made a good point where he doesn't want to limit to working on one committee but with all.
2. Keely: He saw this need and knew he could take this on, and I think that's really great.
3. Braydon: I think he seems like a good person for the job.



4. Abbi: It is beneficial to have a speaker because I don't really know what I'm doing
5. Gabby: I think he is really ambitious in making sure we know what we are doing.
6. Cassandra: I appreciate how eager and enthusiastic because that will carry a committee so when anyone is that excited it is really important to empower people into those positions

- Vote

1. Motion to approve Harrison as speaker of the senate
2. Moved: Cassandra
3. Second: Abbi
4. Motion passes 6-0-0

c) Recruitment Time Selections

- We have a few more senators but we still need a few more to make our committees run smoothly. Our plan is to get booths set up by the cloud commons and the garden café. Right now, I am looking for weekdays in the 10-2 range because that is when most students are moving in those areas. An exec and a senator at the table would be ideal and for an hour and a half time slot. If you are available just raise your hand.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a) Academics and Governance:
- b) Arts and Performance: I don't have much, I am meeting with Kelly Strickland and scheduled



a meeting with Emma Hitzman the director of the Lawton Gallery on Thursday.

- c) Environmental Affairs: Not too much going on but finalizing ideas for the shoe tree. I am going to reach out to see the feasibility of the ideas that we have.
- d) Equity and Diversity:
- e) Health and Safety: We are working on the amnesty policy and will have several meetings with various people. Meeting with Amy so I have that Thursday to discuss things she would like to see and things I would like to see and bouncing ideas. Contact facilities about lighting and touching base with them to see about solar lighting.
- f) Rec and Athletics:
- g) Union and Dining: We are having an open forum with Matt on November 15th from 12:30 to 1:30 in the Cloud Commons lounge to ask questions about union and dining. Working on food truck Fridays getting the certificate for insurance.
- h) SUFAC: We are in our busy season. We are in limbo where we have org budgets that are due on Sunday and making sure everyone is trained. We have had 5 budgets come in so hopefully there is more to come. Tristan is presenting to a first-year seminar class later this week. Budgets are due October 17th if you are an org officer they need to be in. We have four new members since giving my last report. We are up to 9 total members. Circle K was approved for contingency and org start up. One of the funds was for pumpkin carving. And Tristan is wearing a suit.

IX. Announcements:

- a) Katie: It is Indigenous Peoples Day, and we are on Ho chunk and Menominee nation land.
- b) Riley: The Brewers lost.



- c) Harrison: Senators can expect an email from me soon to talk about committees so look for that.

X. Adjournment:

- a) Motion to adjourn the meeting
- b) So Moved: Harrison
- c) Seconded: Gabby
- d) Meeting adjourned at 6:19