



Senate Meeting

11/8/21
5:15 PM
1965 Room

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a) Motion to approve the minutes
 - b) So moved: Isaac
 - c) Second: Gabby
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a) Motion to amend the agenda to remove Abdul
 - So moved: Harrison
 - Seconded: Abbi
 - Motion passes
 - b) Motion to approve the agenda
 - First: Gabby
 - Seconded: Molly
 - Agenda is approved
- V. Guest Speaker
 - a) Matt Suwalski-University Union Director



- The entire report we have is 512 pages long. We are not talking about in a year were a talking about years for this redesign. We will continue to update this group and we will come forward with a final project to get the referendums.
- We requested a union pre-design in October of 2019. We hired contractors to look at the union. June of 2021 to October 2021 is when the work happened. Smaller groups got together to gather information. The groups did a survey and then a draft was issued in October of 2021 and that gave us this pre-design.
- Future timeline
 1. Fall of 2023 or spring 2024 to have a student referendum.
 2. Enumeration
 3. Phase one: 2028-2029
 4. Phase two
- We have our main dining facility located within the union. If we do something to that we have nowhere to feed our students. This is a big factor of the union rebuild.
- Project drivers
 1. Entry point to campus for our students. We don't want to be the main entry point. Recognize that this isn't the main entry. Feedback was that people don't know this is the union and the entrance to the union.
 2. This building is a focus of student life on campus and the layout is unwelcoming.



3. There are code compliance issues. We have to go to the city and state to build things.
 4. The final project will implement sustainability.
- Renovation priorities
 1. Meet the changing need of our diverse population. What students wanted in the past years is not what people want now. We only get one more renovation.
 2. Increase bathrooms and increase gender neutral bathrooms.
 3. Move several of our student services to the main level of the union. Have interaction and make it easy.
 4. Increase the size of the university ball room.
 5. Address existing code compliance. We have a loading dock that is difficult to use.
 - Reasons why students come to the union.
 1. To eat and drink.
 - Barriers to coming to the union
 1. No convenient parking. We need to redefine convenient
 - There was envisioning. Student could select images that they like and concepts that they like.
 - We are slightly below the FTE average. Purple on the photo was so big because that is the primary food service.



1. FTE is full time equivalent. Full time and part time added up and divided up gives us a common number.
- Past timeline renovations
 1. 1975: main building was built.
 2. 1984
 3. 1994
 4. 2006: Bookstore, marketplace, credit union
 - Pictures were shown to envision how union was being built.
 1. Divide building in half and renovate one half at a time. Operation would have to change while renovations were being done.
 - We are rebuilding the library and from that we will have a way to interact with the back of the union better.
 - Questions
 1. The estimated cost as designed for option 1 was north of 153 million dollars. There is a second option which we will most likely pursue with the same square footage in a two-phase approach. We are a primary food service location and we have had a few renovations before and are tied to tunnels and those are things we have to handle.
 2. Harrison: does the \$153 include inflation or is that what it would be right now.
 - a. Yes that is a challenge that we may have to deal with. We are not anticipating construction to start until 2027. The lower amount is \$76



million which is the plan we are looking at right now. The original budget we worked on was 60 million.

3. Harrison: Is that money is coming out of the seg fees?

a. We will have to discuss that and see how to adjust the seg fee if that is what you want to do. We are looking at adding \$300 a year and it will have to be adjusted for the final project?

4. What about grants and fundraising

a. There may be opportunities and I don't think we will get a name sponsor, but we will look.

5. Riley: I saw org storage was put where the SGA suites were, I know right now it is impossible for new orgs to find a place for their stuff will that be accounted

a. Yes.

- This is a long process and there are alternatives. There is a lot of things to consider with current market, inflation, and what students want. We will continue to modify this space to make it what students want.

b) Paul Pinkston-Director of Facilities, Management, and Planning

- Talk about snow plowing and snow removal. What we have is our day-to-day side, residential, events, and weekend residential. We have policies that have been replaced that we teak based on conditions. We have limited number of staff. Long term we are strategizing with university police and RHAA about what is or is not



working. We look at sustainability efforts like salting. We have new and better equipment.

- Plowing
 1. Day to day: University Police would call if there was 3 inches and we would start plowing.
 2. The weekend we have a certain plowing run for the sidewalks. When it comes to snow removal. There is a lot that goes into plowing we have a lot of sidewalks and roads and parking, and it is all spread out. We have events and commuter students that impact these things.
- We found that there is a program called salt wise with a training program and all grounds staff went. You have to be licensed to throw salt down. You can find out how bad salt really is. It can impact water systems.
 1. After the winter 325 tons of salt 150 tons salt sand was used.
 2. January of 20 we implanted different practices. 66 tons of salt this past winter. If the ground is below 15 the salt will not melt.
 3. We did smarter salting and changes to our equipment.
 4. Traded equipment we didn't use. I have a machine for residential areas just for sidewalks. The plowing here can be a challenge due to space and staffing. We have an order of which we plow. Certain parking lots before others
- Changes to make now:
 1. Bring back moving cars after a snowfall to plow easier.



2. There will be times where it will be slippery. We try to do our best and like to have positive feedback. There is a lot of area, and some might be missed so please just let us know positively. We are continuously trying to improve and find a better way.
 3. The main focus is that we want to get people from the parking lot into the first building so that is what is plowed first. From there we end up moving out.
 4. We limit out salt use based on the temperature and then go back and peel off the salt. Once it gets to a certain temperature it refreezes.
- Cassandra: with the new equipment is there a number of additional staff members that would make this easier
 1. We are looking for students it was put out on handshake. We hired a parttime employee.
 - Main points: Less salt usage, new equipment,
 - Questions
 1. Cassandra: Have you looked into other alternatives like brine?
 - a. Used to do brine but problem is that depending on the situation we may not get there in time for the brine to work. Reducing the brine usage made our roads better. We don't have the capability to be here 24/7 but based on that we exceed that the best we can. Our salt trucks have sensors and stops spitting salt when the temperatures are too high.



2. Ted: You limited staff, is that due to budget or
 - a. That is the same number of staff before. People's expectations have just changed. So, it is not that if we get more staff it will be better. Sometimes it doesn't make sense to add more staff but using our tools to make things more effective.
3. Alex: You talked about the hosing parking lots and moving cars. Do you have any concrete plans?
 - a. In the past we used to put out huge flags which was a single that said this parking lot is closed have our car out at this time. With this new equipment it shouldn't take too long. You will get advanced notice and cues but looking at past years and not doing it has been more detrimental to roads and students. This will make things easier and getting out of the parking lot. We will work with res life and parking. We are trying to figure out what notification would be most visible. There is a fine if you don't move your car. It just makes it easier to plow. They didn't do it last year.
4. Abbi: if we have to move our cars, where would we park them.
 - a. Different parking lots or side of the street that is already plowed. We have so much parking that there is plenty of spots.
 - b. It is a much better result if there are no cars.

VI. Reports



- a) President: Last week I spent time interviewing candidates interviewing candidates for chair positions. I have news on the police chief search open forums in the Christie theater for the new candidates. This is a huge deal on campus, and we want to make sure we are there and are asking good questions and making sure that the new chief fits with the campus.
- b) Vice President: I was able to talk to Corey king and Adam and assembling an RA advisory board to educate students and RAs about CSO positions and the importance of them. This just started with low information, and I will update you as u get more info.
- c) Speaker of the Senate: We had lunch with the chancellor 2 weeks ago. All of the execs were there. It was a productive meeting, and they were very supportive of our ideas and are willing to work with us. We have a meeting set up to discuss internship credit. Committee assignments when out and they have started meeting. Cora and I have met with police to discuss amnesty policy dealing with alcohol and if students are underage drinking they will not get in trouble for calling the police in medical emergencies.
- d) RHAA:
- e) Student Court:
- f) Advisor: The scholarship winners have been notified but there is hope if they don't claim their prize by Friday.

VII. Five-minute break

VIII. New Business

- a) Senate Confirmations: Brooke Bayerl, Maddrik Logemann
 - Brooke introduction: My name is Brook I am a freshman majoring in human resource management and minor is communications. I am interested in being a



senator because I like to be involved and make decisions in my community.

Involved in student association of management. I want to diversify myself and become a part of something.

- Q&A

1. Cora: What committees are you interested in?

- a. I am open to any. I like to be involved in different things, so I don't have a top priority.

2. Keely: Are there any issues you see on campus you would like to work on?

- a. I want to make sure everyone feels part of this community

3. Harrison: Are you concerned about the time commitment?

- a. I am not. I have a pretty good balance and I keep my personal life separate.

4. Riley: What is your greatest strength and greatest weakness?

- a. My greatest strength is communication. I like to make personal and professional connections. My weakness is that sometimes I take on too many tasks. I am very goal driven and sometime take on too much and feel overwhelmed.

5. Harrison: What is your favorite class you've taken?

- a. Business statistics. It pushes me to be a better student because it is challenging.

- Close Discussion

1. Abbi: I like how motivated she seems and how open she would be to being



on committees.

2. Sophia: I like that she pushes herself to do more, and I like how she always tries to do the best in what she does and will thrive in student government
3. Harrison: I think she is a strong candidate
4. Riley: What committees did she want on her application?
 - a. First preference was for rec and athletics and second for SUFAC.

Given her statement and what happens in her one on one, I could see her being a part of rec and athletics and I am not sure what her second would be.

- Vote

1. 9-0-0

- Maddrik Introduction: I am Maddrik I am a biology major with an emphasis in ecology be in student government to understand the whys of what happens on campus and to be more involved. I am also an RA.

- Q&A

1. Riley: What is your greatest strength and greatest weakness?
 - a. Strength is I don't procrastinate, and I am very clean and organized and I will get things done when I set a date. My weakness is that I am not super familiar with government procedure, but it is something I want to
2. Keely: What committees are you interested in?
 - a. Union and dining and environmental affairs. Interested in union and



dining because I've seen the students concern and then environment because it deals with my major.

3. Jas: How would you use your skills as an RA to get
 - a. As a RA you learn how to communicate. I would be able to bring them information as I communicate with residents often.
4. Cora: Are there any projects or anything you want to change on campus.
 - a. One concern is with freshman involvement. It was very hard to get involved especially with covid. Now than I am a RA my main goal is getting them more involved and for them to enjoy college life
5. Harrison: What is your favorite course and why?
 - a. My favorite right now is history. I am not a history major, but I find a lot of it interesting.
6. Cassandra: what inspired you to pursue a career in conservation.
 - a. I was in involved in an ag club in high school and I did a lot with that and with FFA and I have a deep appreciation for it which made me want to go into that.

- Closed Discussion

1. Jasmine: I enjoyed that he was able to connect his skills as an RA to SGA.
2. Alex: I think being an RA will definitely help us.
3. Cora: I like that he seems interested in a lot of different things, but he wants to look at interaction with freshman.
4. Harrison: He seems like a strong candidate.



5. Braydon: He does not procrastinate which I don't do.
6. Cassandra: I like how he touched on student life during COVID and how he is seeking ways to make that better for other freshman.
7. Jasmine: He said a course that was outside of his major and that even though it is not something he wants to look at, he was willing to look at outside things.

- Vote

1. 10-0-0

b) Executive Confirmations

- Academics and Governance: Abbi Pflum

1. Introduction: I am Abbi and I am majoring in communications with an emphasis in journalism and public relations and political science. I am in PRSSA. I work in the student engagement center and UTIC. I want to be the chair because I have always been interested in how the academics run and I want to be more involved, and I feel that this position will help me with that. I graduate in spring of 2023.

2. Q&A

- a. Riley: What are your plans for this committee.

- i. I am interested in the early voting on campus initiative. I have been talking to others and making voting a holiday on campus so that way people can actually go and vote.

- b. Keely: Are you worried about the time commitment?



- i. All though it sounds like I have a lot, if there is nothing going on at my job I can always work on stuff during that time.
- c. Cora: What are you most excited about being a chair?
 - i. Being more involved with student government, I am excited to go to an extra meeting and be more involved.
- d. Harrison: fav course
 - i. I would say a poly sci 406 I liked comparative politics.
- e. Riley: What is your greatest strength and greatest weakness?
 - i. My greatest strength is that I am very friendly and am able to talk to a lot of people so that will help in this role. My weakness is that it is hard for me to say no to things.
- f. Jasmine: You have other involvements, what skills will you take from those into this role.
 - i. With PRSSA, it is a public relations org so that has helped me communicate with other people. I have started working on campus and it has helped me learn so much about the university.
- g. Harrison: We had a one on one what made you decide to go for the chair position?
 - i. It interested me because you talked a lot about it, and I feel like I would be good for it. I want to learn more and learn how this role will fit me and the university as well.



3. Closed Discussion

- a. Harrison: I had a one on one with her and based on everything she said I think she is a very strong candidate
- b. What did you see in her that you thought she was a good fit?
 - i. Ted: She seemed willing to make a position work for her strengths. I don't want someone to do what I say, and I want them do things they are good at.
- c. Molly: She is very excited to make the roll her own.
- d. Alex: she seems very passionate.
- e. Cora: It is good she has a lot of other ties to the university.
- f. Cassandra: Considering her major and her goals I think they will pair and be mutually beneficial to each other.

4. Vote

- a. 10-0-0

c) Statewide Student Governance Resolution-First Reading

- Resolution was read aloud
- Harrison: This a preliminary document but the goal is the attempting to create this body is something we as an exec board are in favor off. This would accomplish a lot.
- Isaac: I really like the idea of this, and it has a lot of potential, some of the names that would need to support this I see and not being in supportive of this. Some of the state legislatures that I saw that a good chance that they would fight this and



that doesn't make me hesitant to push it forward, but I think we should be aware of to watch of who we are going to have to work with.

- Alex: I am supportive, and I think it is important to have student representation at a state level.
- Harrison: The actual implementation is something that is going to face opposition from certain groups and there will be issues of how it happens, but it also should be noted that supporting this does not mean it would get this group. This realistically is a statement of intent. Voting for this is not creating the body it is meeting and discussing how the body would look.
- Riley: The law in place makes it seem like it is impossible to fund this, but we would have to look into that and that shouldn't be an impediment in voting in favor.
- Cassandra: This is something that UWGB student government is going to co-sponsor with Stevens Point and if we agree to pass we would pass it and create our own
 1. Yes and no, the goal is to pass the same document beside switch out names pertaining to our campus and location.
- Harrison: what we might do is add names to persons relevant on our campus, so they see the Stevens point has passed this but also Green Bay has passed it.

IX. Standing Committee Reports

- a) Academics and Governance: I know Tristan was talking to Dr. King about the holiday voting, I haven't heard about the logistics but is in very early stages.



- Cassandra: Have you talked about a timeline because they need to approve the location a certain time period before the election.
 - Harrison: Tristan and I were contacted by Casey Hicks so we will pass information along to different people.
- b) Arts and Performance: I have a meeting with my advisor on Thursday and we will go over what Adam and I discussed. I have my first senate meeting at 4 pm tomorrow.
- c) Environmental Affairs: We had our first committee meeting, it more of just an introduction and I informed them of projects. I am meeting with Casey Hicks to talk about his proposal for his 100% energy and how that would look and the university commitments.
- d) Equity and Diversity:
- e) Health and Safety: I had my first committee meeting and we talked about what we would like to see and brainstorming. I have a meeting this Thursday to figure out where to put AEDs in housing. The meeting I had with Adam in Res Life and someone in facilities went really well, and res life would be able to fund. We wouldn't put them in every housing facility, but it sounds like it is possible.
- f) Rec and Athletics:
- g) Union and Dining: Last week I met with my senators, and I went over current projects and sent them off to contact food trucks. We are in talks with Dr. King to try to figure out the CSO positions more. It is also about raising the wage for RA workers. It is about \$1.25 per hour in the summer. How we can make that better and make RA's wanting to do that job
- You have to consider the housing that they are being provided in that cost.
 - The open forum is November 15th form 12:30-1:30 with Matt. We will be going



over dining and Chartwell's. I have a survey for students to take. We want student engagement. Please come it is in the cloud commons lounge. I talked to Matt about the dining app and look to see if you can get coffee house punches online. For boba, it is in the works and hopefully by December we will get it on a limited basis.

- h) SUFAC: We have started hearing budgets. We approved startup funds for painting club and a contingency approved for DECA.

X. Announcements:

- a) Mark: I am so proud of all of the chairs who have had their committee meeting and moving so quickly.
- b) Harrison: there will be an email sent out about the open forums. If you can go please respond because we want someone to go to every session.

XI. Adjournment:

- a) Motion to adjourn the meeting
 - So moved: Gabby
 - Seconded: Alex
 - Meeting is adjourned