



A regular meeting of the 67th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 16, 2023, in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, with President Farmer chairing the meeting.

### Land Acknowledgment

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“I/We acknowledge that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire occupies the sacred and ancestral lands of Indigenous Peoples. I/We honor the land of the Ojibwe and Dakota Nations.”

### Military Acknowledgement

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“We acknowledge the sacrifices made by those who protect the physical and diplomatic safety of United States citizens and our affiliates. We thank military service members for their commitment to our country.”

### 67th Session Roll Call – 10/16/2023

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#### Executive Board

Title	Name	Status (Present, Excused, Unexcused) (P/E/U)
Senate Personnel Director	Lily Eisele	P
Parliamentarian	Thomas Miller	P
AA Director	Colin Rafter	P
Communications Director	Ivan San	P
ESM Senate Director	Emma Velazquez	P
Finance Director	Ben Johnson	P
ITC Director	Drew Morehouse	P
IGA Director	Mei Bean	P
SOS Director	Sydney McGuine	P
SOC Director	Brad Heap	P
UAC Director	Zach Jacobson	E
Mascot Coordinator	Kyle May	P



### On-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Logan Ackerman	E
Solvieg Dei	P
Avery De Ruyter	P
Lauren Garbisch	P
Hannah Kelly	P
Matthew Lehner	P
RJ Murray	P
Allie Russell	E
Brenna Strojinc	P

### Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Mary Bolog	P
Ben Calcutt	P
Luke Mandli	P
Sara Multhauf	P
Benjamin Myszka	P
Rachel Stein	P

### At-Large Senators

Name	Status
Prakriti Adhikari	P



<b>Dylan Baker</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Ally Etzler</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Katelyn Hevrin</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Sarah Loecher</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Kyler Simonet</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Aleah Vetsch</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Elijah Williams</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Mallory Williams</b>	<b>E</b>

#### Executive Officers

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Sam Consiglio</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Brett Farmer</b>	<b>P</b>

#### Presentation

<b>Entity; Topic</b>	<b>Questions</b>
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#### Open Forum

<b>Entity; Topic</b>	<b>Questions</b>
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#### Misc. Notes:

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/09/23

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

#### REPORT: President – Brett Farmer

Good evening and Happy Q-Fest week, everyone! \_

In the last week, I had the opportunity to meet with UW System President Jay Rothman with Vice President Consiglio alongside other shared governance leaders on campus. We were given the inside scoop on the since launched rebranding of UW System to be now known as the Universities of



Wisconsin. As a PR major, I was incredibly intrigued but as student body president, and someone who has become very familiar with the operations of all UW schools, I think it is a very interesting, beneficial, and much more modern shift that the Universities of Wisconsin will benefit from and be able to utilize to recruit students.

Additionally, I had a great time tabling with several of you at National Comin Out Day where we enjoyed listening to Uncommon Denominator, blowing bubbles, and supporting LGBTQIA+ Blugolds. Lastly, on Saturday, I had my first official swim meet of the season against UW-Oshkosh, and I wanted to give a shoutout to Directors Velazquez, Morehouse, Johnson, Vice President Consiglio, Katy Rand, and Stephanie for coming to cheer on myself, Director McGuine, and the whole team! Both the men and women won by nearly 100 points.

This week, I am looking forward to spending all of my free time helping out and attending the amazing queer films that will be shown as a part of Q-Fest. I want to remind you all that attending any of these films *will* count as outreach hours, and there will be free candy, popcorn, snow cones, pizza, and prizes if you attend multiple films!

I will also be meeting tomorrow with Dean Heinselman, on Thursday with campus leadership and the Universities of Wisconsin's Associate Vice President of EDI, and on Friday with campus' other shared governance leaders.

This evening, I also wanted to include a bit more in my report about how we conduct business and expectations of you all. I have been incredibly impressed by the meaningful work that this body has done thus far, I just want to give a few reminders to this very young group. First, if you feel new and unsure of what to say or conduct yourself in meetings, please don't overthink it. Every person in this body, myself included has been in your place. Please *always* share your thoughts. Whether they are with or against the consensus of the group, or even if you need to raise your hand to ask how to make a motion or speak on something, we can help you learn. Please also ask questions if you don't understand something or would like more clarification. I'd rather make a minor Parli Pro mistake than make you feel unheard or undervalued in this body. As scary as I—or Parliamentarian Miller—may seem, I promise, we will just help you learn and become more confident for future meetings and speaking turns. And to those who regularly contribute, thank you, and please help share your knowledge and confidence with those who may be less familiar around you.

Additionally, I think we can all work a little bit more on how we conduct business. Particularly on two things. The first is minor, please try to always speak with a microphone, or on the contrary, if you can't hear someone speaking, *please* interrupt with a "Point of Personal Privilege" and ask the speaker to repeat themselves into the microphone or louder/slower. Second, I want to try to encourage a little more respect on the floor. I have noticed a trend of making comments, laughing, or insincerity when some comments are made. Although there are certainly funny moments and I myself am guilty of making comical comments, please do not provoke this behavior or laugh at sincere comments or when conducting business. It is behavior like this that could silence your peers or make members of the body feel unappreciated or misunderstood. It can also be distracting and take away from the business being conducted. I will not kick anyone out of the meeting or resign anyone on the spot for being funny from time to time, but I just want to make sure we are creating a welcoming and sincere environment for anybody that wants to make their voice heard.



I'm sorry to go into a bit of a mini lecture, but I just want to address it directly and make everyone aware of it for the better of the group and to benefit the meaningful work that we do here. I really do appreciate you all and have so much value in everything that each of you do. I know I'm not always in my office and am a very busy person, but I promise (after the stress of Q-Fest this week) that I would *love* to get to know and spend time with each of you. I know we've reached a tough point in the semester, but please keep your head up and reach out to me or anyone that you have for support in your corner if you need anything at all. Please take care of yourselves and check in with the ones you love. Thank you, and I yield.

### **REPORT: Vice President – Sam Consiglio**

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Good evening, everyone! I hope you are all having a wonderful start to your week! This past week, President Farmer and I met with President Rothman as well as other shared governance leaders to discuss the rebranding of the University System. We also had a blast listening to music, blowing bubbles and tabling at National Coming Out Day. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event amazing! I also had a chance this past week to meet with the University Planning Committee and meet a potential candidate for the University Chief of Staff.

In this upcoming week I will be checking in with Dean Heinselman, meeting with Vice Chancellor Crickette and having lunch with Monica Smith, the UW System Assistant Vice Chancellor of EDIB. On top of these discussions, I will also be attending a shared governance leadership meeting along with President Farmer, Director Eisele, and Parliamentarian Miller. I will also be around this week seeing QFest Films and giving a couple tours! As always, if you ever have any questions, want to start new projects, or need anything, my door is always open. Thank you and I yield.

### **REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Lily Eisele**

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Hi everyone! I'm so happy to see all of you!

My highlight of this past week was definitely tabling at National Coming Out Day! Our table looked awesome, and I had so much fun blowing bubbles with everyone who was there. Big thank you to Blu who was able to come last-minute and entertain everyone! I also reviewed some domestic immersion proposals and met with our lovely program manager to fix the distribution list. The template for bills and resolutions is now available on the Teams page, under the folder appropriately titled "Templates"! Stephanie also would like to remind everyone to please wash your dishes!

Over the weekend, I got a much-needed break, and I was able to go home and watch some Halloween movies with my family, if you consider seeing Michael Myers a way of relaxing.

This week, along with my normal business, I'm meeting with members of University Senate for a shared governance leadership meeting, reading more domestic immersion proposals, preparing for my budget presentation to the Finance Commission, as well as going to as many Q-Fest films that I can (which count as an outreach hour)! I'm also preparing for the first meeting of my organization Eye to Eye, and preparing for my trip to New York City next Thursday for a conference. If you have any recommendations of places to go or see in NYC, I would love to hear them!

I hope you all have a fantastic week!! Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help support you.



As always, the first person to turn in their report this week was Director McGuine! I yield.

## **REPORTS: Board of Directors**

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### **Academic Affairs Commission Director – Colin Rafter**

Good morning everyone, say hello to my little report

Academic Policies Met this week!

Changes to the honors programs... want to make it more flexible for students coming in with multiple LE credits already finished (cause a lot of honors courses just cover Les)

Honors 410 and Honors 420 are both a 1 credit course, but they count for 3 honors credits. The goal is to add more classes that increase the flexibility of the program like these.

Making a new program that leadership focused that works the same way, Working on making High impact programs count as honors credits, Putting more support towards research

University Assessment Committee also met, this morning. At 8am. There wasn't anything of note on the agenda today.

We'll be looking at the college of business master schedule and the liberal studies assessment plan. In our upcoming meeting

AAC is beginning to plan our first Academic Forum. We'll be tabling in Davies, or outside if weather permits, to discuss issues that students are having in academics. I'll get back to you all with our official date next week. If you're interested in participating or showing up, get in touch with me.

In the interest of academics on campus, I figure its best to end my report by teaching you all something new. The largest snowflake ever recorded was 15 inches in diameter. Of course, it was found in America, in the state of Montana. Fascinating.

Thank you for your time and attention. I yield.

### **Communication Commission Director – Ivan San**

Howdy everyone, happy Motivation Monday! Since we last met, we had the pleasure of hosting Motivation Monday alongside Brad Heap's SOC, where we promoted the upcoming Student Org Leaders training. Additionally, Zach and I reached out to Tyler Edmonson from EPC to discuss the possibility of a drive-in movie theater this spring. We'll provide more updates on this soon. Moving on to this week we're excited to host another Motivation Monday with Brad Heap, our number one customer, highlighting the Party Registry System. During our commission meeting, we'll be formulating a proposal for the drive-in movie theater. Lastly, I'll be distributing important health resources from the Eau Claire Health Department. As for the rest of the Comms team, they will continue their work on upcoming graphics, planning our upcoming Senate bonding event, and a new video series personalizing our University's exec. That's all for this week, thanks for listening, Comms out. I yield.

### **Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Emma Velazquez**



Good evening student senate it's lovely to see y'all! Last week was a lot for me and I know I started to struggle a little bit. Please make sure you're all taking care of yourselves and carving out some time for fun and rest! I got to go to my hometown this weekend and see my family which was much needed.

ESM was pretty busy last week! I attended IGA's commission meeting to support and collaborate on addressing the legislation introduced in Madison. I'm looking forward to what we can accomplish with our combined efforts.

During our commission meeting, we went over our projects for this year (since I recently realized it would be beneficial to have an official document with them listed as stated in the ole bylaws) as well as heard from our members on what they hope to do through ESM.

On Wednesday, Angie and I tabled for National Coming Out Day. It was a beautiful celebration, and it was so heartwarming to see so many happy students. After that, we sat down and had lunch with Sonia Nazario who shared her experiences with journalism and her time in Latin America. It was such an honor to meet her, and she impacted my point of view heavily.

We've been chipping away at budget stuff and are super excited about the upcoming events that we will be funding! More to come as they are scheduled.

This week we will be preparing for our budget presentation, I will be having lunch with Monica Smith, the UW system assistant vp for EDIB, and meeting with SOS and student health and wellness services regarding our Ecotherapy project.

Other than ESM, I'm busy with CRP things this week which are ramping up! Make sure to check out our fundraisers this week and stop by the Haunted Barn and Trail on Thursday where I will be volunteering!

Have a great rest of your weeks, with peace and love, I yield.

#### **Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson**

Hello everyone, I hope your week is off to a great start. This past week finance commission started combing over Organized activity funding request narratives and budget spread sheets. Getting though 10 of them and we will be going over the rest this coming Thursday as well as hearing presentations from SOS and SOC. I am also continuing prep for the funding presentations meeting will be taking place, Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30 pm. Unfortunately, enrollment is still in a decline for this year compared to last year so the commission will be making some tough decisions, but I have faith that we will work hard to allocate the funds to the best of our ability. There will be many more announcement regarding the funding process to come and if anyone has questions regarding it please reach out or find me after the meeting. Have a great week and I yield.

#### **Information Technologies Commission Director – Drew Morehouse**

We at ITC look forward to the tech survey next month. We are gathering questions from different technology and software connection points around campus to better assess what we can do to support students' needs with technology. Last week we had a great presentation on our innovation budget from our advisor Kent, and are now looking for ways to fill out that budget for our approval in Springtime.

There's plenty more, and if you want to find out more, we'll see you next Tuesday. I yield.



**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Mei Bean**

Hi all,

I hope you're doing well and staying warm. Last week in IGA, we hashed out a lot of final details regarding the resolution supporting trans athletes. I created a draft email which was reviewed and edited by members of my commission. It was reviewed by Jake Wrasse and is ready to go. We will be sending out the email to chosen faculty to gain some knowledge on this bill and its potential effect on trans athletes. On the topic of legislation, if you at any point in the semester have something that you'd like IGA to review before you bring it to the senate floor, please let me know, we'd be happy to help you!

Unfortunately, we will need to reschedule the community walkthrough due to lack of attendance. That opens this week's schedule for IGA to work solely on the resolution and the research we need to conduct to start authoring the resolution itself. I do plan to have a separate meeting, likely after a general assembly for those interested in seeing the resolution before it goes to the floor. At this meeting I'd like to iron out fine details so that we don't have to sit through ten minutes of amendments. To end this ridiculously long report, the rugby team had a great weekend with a win of 77-3 against UW-Lacrosse. Have a great rest of your weeks. Please be sure to care for yourself and to take time to care for yourself. I yield.

**Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap**

Good evening,

This week the Student Organization Commission held our first SOC Special Allocation Presentations for the year, advertised for our upcoming workshop, and finalized the bill before you all this evening. Our first upcoming workshop of the year as part of our Student Organization 101 Series starts tomorrow night at 5:00pm in Centennial 1924, and the topic for October will be Event Planning and Travel. Thank you again to Director San, Senator Murray, and Blu, of course, for helping to put on a great Motivation Monday; it was a good opportunity to advertise for our workshop. As mentioned, the bill for tonight is related to the SOC Special Allocation, so look forward to hearing more about it during my introduction. Looking beyond, SOC will be meeting this week on Thursday at 4:00pm. Tentatively, we are still in Davies 220, but Stephanie is working on finding us a larger room thanks to the fantastic turnout we had at our last meeting, so thank you again to all of our members who were able to make it, and to those of you who have not had the chance yet, I hope to see you this Thursday! That is all I have for you this week, continue pursuing your passions and working hard, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

**Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine**

Hello everyone. Last week was a bit slower as far as SOS goes, but I am planning on picking it up again this week. We discussed two proposals which will be voted on this week, one regarding prizes for students that took the new sustainability orientation and another for funding an intern at the food pantry on campus. I am also planning on bringing the sustainable menstrual products back and will be introducing a proposal for those at SOS this week. That is all I have for this week; I hope you have a great rest of your weeks and I yield.

**University Activities Commission Director – Zach Jacobson**

Hi all,

I hope you had a good weekend and a chance to relax.





This week in UAC we have a cabin concert on the 20<sup>th</sup> Penny Peaches at Noon. That is all we have for UAC this week. Next week we have a Taylor Swift 1989 listening party and Rocky Horror showing, keep your eyes out for that. Please follow UAC on Instagram, Tik Tok, and Facebook to see all of our events. "If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way." — Napoleon Hill

You got this, keep going, keep you head up.  
I yield.

**REPORT: Special**

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**Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May**

Things are starting to slow down in the Blu world, however, we are still moving forward. Blu's UWEC website is now up to date with a new request form, and applications for students to join Blu's team. Auditions and interviews for potential team members are scheduled for early November. Additionally, the Davies exhibit on the 3rd floor has been extended until the display case is need, and we are developing an online version for continued viewing after the fact.

I yield.

**Unfinished Business**

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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Misc. Notes:

**New Business**

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Bill	Title	Status	Vote Method
	67-B-2 Amending Section 13, Part 4, Subsection 7	Introduced	

Misc. Notes:

**Introduction, Director Heap:**

- Adding a missed rule regarding SOC special allocation
- Groups can now apply once every three years
- Ensures that organizations are not taking advantage of the special allocation
- Yellow lines in the attachment are the previously added bylaws from last session
- Q – Sen. Lehner: Can all orgs apply every three years?
- A: Yes, this is to ensure as much participation as possible. Special allocation helps new and reactivated orgs. It can also be used sometimes for emergencies. Both those cases will now be available once every three years, but may be changed due to discretion of the commission.
- Follow up: Is it the same process and timeline as before?
- A: Yes
- Q – Sen. Mandli: Why is it every three years? Is it just for new orgs?



- A: Three years is about when next exec board is there.
- WYLM – Pres. Farmer: Special allocations are separate from normal funding; orgs can apply for normal funding each year.

Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
	<b>67-R-4 Fiscal Year 2024 Organized Activity Year-End Balance Appeal</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>29-0-2 Placard</b>

**Misc. Notes:**

**Introduction, Director Johnson**

- Resolution covers how year end balance appeals are handled
- Can appeal for all or partial amount of left over money
- Seven organized activities appealed
- All decisions were passed unanimously by the Finance Commission

**Speaker’s List:**

- Thanks the author for their work on this resolution, thinks that the work Finance does goes unnoticed, likes the increased transparency on this process, will be voting up
- Will be voting up, this process is done yearly, just don’t usually pass it through the body

**Amendments:**

- Line 6: remove the period before the semicolon
- Line 31: correcting the distribution list to put Abbey Fischer as the Campus Director for UWEC-Barron County
- Title: adding “In Support of” before “Fiscal Year...”
  - **Speaker’s List:**
    - It’s a resolution, so it makes more sense to include that
    - Will be voting up
    - Resolutions are typically written “in support of” or “in condemnation of”. Changing this says that we are supporting what the Finance Commission is doing
  - **Amendment passes 29-0-2**

**Personnel Matters**

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
Appointed	Sen. Ackerman	The Artist Series
Appointed	Sen. Bolog	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Sen. Loecher	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Ben Hurley	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member



Appointed	Erin Hanson	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Maddie Mueller	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Alison Selje	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Sophia Curran-Moore	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Maximilian Petitjean	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Bryan Volla	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Gwen Van Domelen	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Amelia Tauer	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member
Appointed	Madison Moris	Student Office of Sustainability Voting Member

**Misc. Notes**

**Announcements**

Person	Topic
Parliamentarian Miller	Not directed at anyone, but avoid saying people's names during meetings, direct them to the chair instead. This avoids debates being pointed at a person, and to maintain this as a neutral and safe space. Use "the previous speaker" or "the author". He has gotten a couple of questions regarding conflicts of interest. Typically only the President and VP abstain from voting. A person should only abstain when they are directly benefiting from a bill.
Coordinator May	The Blu request form is live on Blu's website, and the form for auditions for Blu is on Blugold Connect+!
President Farmer	Please mark your calendars for Sun, November 5 <sup>th</sup> , because we will be having a social event! It is a casual event and attendance is not required but highly encouraged. Q-Fest is this week! Please talk to him if you are interested or have any questions.



**Misc. Notes:**

**Adjournment**

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**Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.**

**Minutes submitted by Lily Eisele, Senate Personnel Director**