



A regular meeting of the 67th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:01 PM on Monday, October 2, 2023, in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, with President Farmer chairing the meeting.

Land Acknowledgment

“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

“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 – 10/02/2023

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	P



Mascot Coordinator	Kyle May	E
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On-Campus Senators

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

Off-Campus Senators

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

At-Large Senators



Name	Status
Prakriti Adhikari	P
Dylan Baker	P
Lauren Dimler	E
Ally Etzler	P
Katelyn Hevrin	P
Sarah Loecher	P
Kyler Simonet	P
Aleah Vetsch	P
Elijah Williams	U
Mallory Williams	E

Executive Officers

Title	Name	Status
Vice President	Sam Consiglio	P
President	Brett Farmer	P

Presentation

Entity; Topic	Questions
<p>Billy Felz, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management; <i>Enrollment & Retention Numbers</i></p>	<p>Q – Dir. Morehouse: Have you used Blugold Connect+ as an engagement monitor? A: Yes, there is a team in my division looking at the data to see who is a retention risk. The Rapid Response Team can do specific interventions (by hall director, coach, supervisor) if the student has not attended any events.</p> <p>Q – Dir. San: Do you know the number of students who apply but don't enroll at UWEC? A: Yes, we can look in a database and see where prospective student went.</p>



- His job is to get students to come to campus, and stay on campus
- Data stamp comes from the 10th day (last day to drop classes and get refunded)
- Full time enrollment (FTE) means the amount of money the campus is making from students
- 2,018 incoming freshmen (down 1.3% from last year)
- Graduated more seniors
- Competing with Madison, who takes more students each year
- Enrollment was predicted to be down by 1.5%, actually 1.1% (UWEC and Barron County)
- First to second year student retention is 81.9%
- Retained more women (62%) than men (38%)
- Students of color retention was 79.2%
- Engaged students retained at a higher rate (athletics, BMB, FYE courses, honors, LLC)
- Undecided/undeclared students are a retention risk
- Putting together focus groups for enrollment and retention

Open Forum

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Misc. Notes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/25/23

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Brett Farmer

Good evening and Happy Homecoming!

Last week was a gloomy one, but we’ve all made it to much sunnier and warmer times, so I hope you are all staying hydrated! In the last week, I was able to have some very productive meetings, namely with Vice Chancellor Felz, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton and Teresa O’Halloran, and Sam and I also had the pleasure of chatting with MSS Director Caitlin Lee this morning. I was also able to tie up some Blugold Welcome loose ends, meet State Senator Jessie James, and meet some of this year’s parent ambassadors at a luncheon on Friday. Among the business, I also contributed with some personal chaos by winning my first intramural pickleball game with Director Johnson, visiting home for the weekend, seeing Macklemore last night, and dropping a class and a certificate to better prepare myself for my final two semesters and graduation in the spring.

All that in mind, I am *finally* starting to find my groove with this semester, and I wish you all the same! This week, I am looking forward to all of the Homecoming festivities, continuing work for Q-Fest, planting a tree on Friday with ESM and SOS, and speaking at Thursday night’s Foundation Board meeting with many alumni and donors.

I hope that you all are keeping up and keeping your head above water. If you ever feel at all uneasy or uncertain of anything, *please* find a time to meet with or chat with me. I truly value each and every one



of you and will gladly be whatever kind of support you might need. Please always take care of yourselves and check in with the ones you love. Thank you, I yield.

Q – Sen. Lehner: Can you share how the meeting with Jesse James went and what you talked about?

A: We talked briefly, mostly about mental health.

Follow up: Anything about EDI?

A: No

REPORT: Vice President – Sam Consiglio

Good evening,

Hope everyone had a great week. Last week was another successful week in standardizing things in the Mascot Department as well as attend the Volleyball Game with the Blugold Hype Squad. We successfully held our first round of Mascot auditions, with special thanks to Kristin Fitzsimmons, Director Heap, and Senators Murray and Garbisch for being on our panel. It was a great way to test out the audition process and work out the small kinks. As a result, we have our homecoming events staffed appropriately so we can bring the best of Blu to each event. We are very excited to see you at each of the different Homecoming events planned this week.

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Lastly, reminder that if you need Outreach Hours, volunteering with Blu DOES count towards this goal, and our team would appreciate the support. I yield.

REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Lily Eisele

Hello everyone and happy spooky season!!

This past week was busy as usual. I attended the IGA commission meeting where the LPS was voted on, which you will hear more about later tonight. I was also invited to sit on a panel and talk to new freshman about my involvement on campus and what I've done to help myself succeed. I really enjoyed answering their questions and they even gave me some great feedback that we can use in Senate. I had my usual check in with our President and Vice President, attended Finance commission where I presented and heard appeals for year-end balances, and attended my first AAC meeting of the year. I was also fortunate enough to have my family come up for Parent's Weekend on Saturday, where we went to the Farmer's Market and I showed them my office, where my brother then proceeded to mess with my computer and vandalize my whiteboard. This morning, I had the pleasure of waking up early for an 8am breakfast with the new Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Student Success, Dr. Julie Amon, with exec board and Dean Heinselman. We shared a lot of great ideas and stories, and she was able to share some great feedback with us as well.



After discussions with President Farmer and Vice President Consiglio, we have decided that we will now require one outreach hour per month, starting this month. There are so many opportunities to get involved on campus, and we feel this requirement makes more sense and will be easy for senators to complete. If you have any questions about outreach hours, please ask! If you are part of a club or know of an event that is applicable, let me know and I can share it with everyone.

I will not be in my office as regularly this week, so if you were going to stop by, just send me an email and we can get something set up either in person or online.

Tonight, we will be appointing nominees to the Internal Affairs Committee, which I am the chair of. Internal Affairs does a variety of things, mostly relating to conduct and complaints within Senate. We hear ethic complaints and review censure and impeachment articles. This year, our big project will be reviewing and revising the bylaws. We will meet once a month and will determine the time and location based on members' availability. The committee has nine members: myself, Parliamentarian Miller, Director Velazquez of ESM, two directors, two on-campus senators, and two off-campus senators.

Lastly, I'm sorry for the mistakes I've made when sending out the meeting materials, like forgetting to send them to the general Student Senate list last Friday. I thought I would have worked out all the kinks with this new role, but I thank you for your patience with me. If that ever happens where you do not get an email from me by the end of the day every Friday with the minutes and agenda, just shoot me an email to double check.

As always, the first person to turn in their report was Director Bean, who wrote it as Director Rafter and I watched while waiting for her to give us a ride after the AAC meeting. I yield.

Q – Par. Miller: How many of the outreach hours need to be EDI related?

A: Two.

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Colin Rafter

Good Morning everyone,

I'm Colin and I'll be your host for this report.

This week I was able to meet with Dr Kasper, the head of the prelaw department, to discuss the prelaw program. Dr Kasper had some very good insights on the program and how and why it operates the way it does.

I also met with Dr. Kong from the language department to discuss some of the individual challenges that the department is facing.

The counseling advisory committee also met this past week. We discussed the state of counseling on campus, students utilization of counseling, and some general mental health and wellness concerns.



In the interest of academics on campus, I figure its best to end my report by teaching you all something new. Did you know that black snub-nosed monkeys sneeze excessively when it rains because rain falls on the tip of their upturned nose? Fascinating.

Thank you for your time and attention. I yield.

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San

Howdy, everyone! I trust your week has begun on a positive note. Unfortunately, last week was a bit subdued in Communications as I was under the weather. However, our dedicated interns stepped up wonderfully, completing the Uncle Blu posters, additional senator spotlights, outlining the office boards, and organizing a Birthday event for Blu this Wednesday.

This week in Communications, we are excited to host Blu's Birthday event during our regular commission meeting, scheduled for Wednesday from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. We are also gearing up for next week's Motivation Monday, updating the external office boards, embellishing the truck for the parade this Saturday, and performing some necessary website maintenance.

Thank you for your attention, and that wraps up today's updates from the Comms team. Over and out! And I yield.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Emma Velazquez

Good evening student senate! Happy Monday, Happy 10th Birthday to Blu, and Happy Homecoming week! I hope you're all looking forward to the fun events that will be happening this week and get involved in some sort of homecoming celebration. I'm personally looking forward to the parade on Saturday and watching the BMB perform!

This past week I had the opportunity to have lunch with the chancellor's exec team where they updated us on where EDI stands at the University, enrollment reports, and the Sonnentag building to name a few. I'm glad the faculty on this team are open to sharing insight with us and hearing student's voices. There will be more of these meetings to come so if you have any questions/comments/concerns that you'd like this team to hear, just shoot me an email so I can work them into the next one. Being in a room with these individuals is a privilege and I want to use it for good by sharing student insight with them!

Other than that ESM met with Heather Moody, director of the American Indian Studies department to discuss where their budget stands and all the ideas they have for events this year. After this conversation, we left feeling proud of all they do to uplift Native voices and are excited to see what they accomplish! I also attended IGA's meeting and Finance's year-end balance appeals presentations to become a voting member of both commissions. Along with that, I attended the Latinx Student Association's Bienvenidos Potluck where I got to introduce myself to their exec board and members and eat some comida deliciosa.

This week we will have a guest speaker at our meeting (tomorrow from 5-6) to talk about their position on campus and mental health resources. I will be volunteering with IGA for their House Day event on



Thursday, October 5th from 11-4. And Angie and I are meeting with Dean Pratt from the College of Business to further discuss resources for their EDI survey.

Thanks for listening to my report, with peace and love I yield.

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson

Hello everyone, this has been a big week for Finance Commission. Last Thursday we heard from 7 organized activities on year-end balance appeals and proceeded to vote on 5 of them. The last 2 will be voted on this coming Thursday, we just had a few more questions on those presentations. This morning I notified the organizations that we did vote on, and Friday will notify the last 2. This Thursday we will also start work on organized activity funding, going over the rules of 820 policy and discussing the budgeting process structure. If you are interested in being involved in Organized activity funding, please reach out to me, or grab me after the meeting. I yield.

Information Technologies Commission Director – Drew Morehouse

Hello everyone,

ITC had a very successful first meeting where we discussed how to spend our innovation budget and where our focus is going to be this year. The topics included parking lot cameras, event sign-in with card readers, and what we will include in the Campus Technological Survey. A large part of our discussion centered on Artificial Intelligence and its impact on each part of our campus. We are looking to create a standard set of guidelines for faculty to use as academic policy in their classrooms. We want to make sure to be considerate of how many employers are embracing this tool, and how we can best prepare students for the workforce in that regard while maintaining academic integrity.

Our meetings will be attempting a bi-weekly setup, meaning that our next meeting will be next week on Tuesday. We have also hired our intern, that being Senator Kyler Simonet, whom we are excited to have on board.

Thank you and I yield.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Mei Bean

Hi all,

I hope you're all doing well and are staying covid free. This week in IGA we passed our legislative priority summary that you all will see today. Please vote it up, or else me and my commission members will cry.

House day is this week so do not miss out on the opportunity to come down and get connected with landlords and housing administration. I will be there along with my lovely intern Phoebe. I know I have said this every week, but Phoebe has been working very hard on this project so if you see her at house day, please thank her. To make sure everything runs smoothly, and to offer advice to students who are thinking of moving off campus, I will be there all day.



This week in IGA, we will be delegating tasks to each of the members and deciding how best to tackle the LPS.

Finally, I'd like to thank the mascot coordinator and his staff for bringing blu to the women's rugby game this past Saturday. I'm sure that it was the fear instilled in half of the team by blu that pushed us to a 127-0 victory over Marquette, our rivals in the conference.

Please remember to take care of yourselves. Have a great rest of your week! I yield.

Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap

Good evening,

This week my intern and I worked on implementing a brand-new SOC initiative: student organization of the week! Each week we will be featuring a new student organization on our SOC Instagram page in order to bring more exposure to their group. If you or somebody you know is on the executive board of a student organization, make sure to be on the lookout over the coming weeks. Following that, I gave a presentation to the Finance commission for the End-of-Year Balance Appeal process, where I am happy to report that SOC was able to get the full allocation amount, we had asked for, so we look forward to continuing to make this a great year for our student organization leaders. Now that SOC has secured the allocation we were looking for, we have officially opened up applications for the SOC Special Allocation fund, so yet again, encourage any org leaders who are interested to apply! SOC will not be meeting this week as I will be in Green Bay on Thursday for a healthcare administration conference, so we will meet next week instead in order to stay on top of our schedule for the year. I wish you all a very happy Homecoming week, please attend and enjoy all the amazing on campus and sporting events going on, encourage your friends to use the party registry system, should they be celebrating, stay safe and be smart, and finally, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine

Hello everyone. Last week we went through three proposals which will be voted on this week. We had another great turnout and will now have a solid location in the Menominee room in Davies for the rest of the semester minus this week. This week we will be in the Ho-Chunk room in Davies. I will also send this information out in the Tuesday emails. This coming week we have our Arbor Day event Friday, joining IGA with the house day on Thursday. I just finished cleaning the Storage room out and there are many brainstorming ideas going on with the SSRC space and how to transform it. We also had a retreat on Saturday with the AOS coordinators and brainstormed a lot of great ideas to work on for the year. Now that I have met with them and the commission, I will draft the LPS and bring that here in the coming week. That is all I have for this week; have a great rest of your weeks and I yield!

University Activities Commission Director – Zach Jacobson

Hi all,

I hope you had a fantastic weekend and were able to find some time to recharge.



At the moment every waking thought that I am having is about Homecoming! I hope you are all excited to build some school spirit on campus and participate in some of the fun events that we have planned for this week.

We are currently in the midst of the scavenger hunt, you can find your first clue on the UAC Instagram. I also wanted to let you know that we had window painting yesterday so you should go take a peek at the windows looking out of Davies at the campus mall. Tomorrow we will be handing out cake outside of Davies from 11:30-1pm so come celebrate Blu with us! Thursday we will be having Varsity Night Live co-hosted by the singing statesmen so be there for some musical entertainment at 7pm in the Schofield auditorium. Then on Friday we will be having toons at noon in the cabin, and the homecoming dance from 6:30-9 with Uncommon Denominators playing live music. Finally the homecoming parade is on Saturday at 10am from Lake st to 1st ave.!

Wowza that's a lot of events and a whole lot of fun so we would love to see you all there.

As always follow UAC on Instagram, Tik Tok, and Facebook! Please reach out to me if you would like to be involved 😊

“There is no path to happiness. Happiness is the path.” – [Buddha](#)

Keep working along on your path and you will make it!

You are all amazing, fantastic, hard working, keep going!

I yield.

Q – Sen. Myszka: What kind of cake is being served?

A: Regular sheet cake.

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May

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Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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Misc. Notes:

New Business

Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
	67-R-1 In Support of the Fall 2023 Legislative Priority Summary	Passed	30-0-2 Placard

Misc. Notes:

Introduction, Director Bean:

- LPS differs from the past couple of
- Passed unanimously in IGA commission
- Q – Sen. Mandli: In 30 words or less, why should I vote for this?
- A: It cover broad topics on campus and is the best way for us to reach all students.

Speaker's List:

- Will be voting up; as a member of IGA, thanks the director for her diligent work, getting the year started well. Glad that supporting EDI is a priority
- Will be voting up; the language is direct and concise, conveys the message well

Amendments:

- Line 4: change "by" to "be"
- Line 5: replace "senate" with "Student Senate"
- Line 8: replace "senate" with "Student Senate"
- Line 10: remove the "to" between "approved" and "this"
- Line 14: change "23" with "2023"
- Line 20: after "Commission and..." add "the Student Senate general assembly;"
- Line 23: replace "bill" with "resolution"
- In the distribution list, remove "Interim" from Vice Chancellor Billy Felz's title
- In the distribution list, change the name of the Student Body President, UW Eau Claire-Barron County to Kirsten Hohweiler



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2023
PRESIDENT FARMER
VICE PRESIDENT CONSIGLIO

- At the end of the resolution, add “Mei Bean, Intergovernmental Affairs Director” under “IGA Commission”

Personnel Matters

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
Resigned	Sen. Dimler	At-Large Senator
Appointed	Dir. Velazquez	Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Sen. Lehner	Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Sen. Strojinc	Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Sen. Etzler	Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Sen. Kelly	Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Evan Frawley	Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Phoebe Pilon	Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Michael Hansen	Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Patrick Hill	The Artist Series
Nominated	Zhander Rowley	The Artist Series
Nominated	Cameron Waldal	The Artist Series
Nominated	Lydia Schultz	The Artist Series
Nominated	Angela Elizalde	The Forum Series
Nominated	Julia Ulman	The Forum Series
Appointed	Anastasia Larson	College of Business Assurance of Learning Committee
Appointed	Dir. Eisele	Internal Affairs Committee
Appointed	Par. Miller	Internal Affairs Committee



Appointed	Dir. Velazquez	Internal Affairs Committee
Appointed	Dir. Bean	Internal Affairs Committee
Appointed	Dir. Rafter	Internal Affairs Committee
Appointed	Sen. Murray	Internal Affairs Committee
Appointed	Sen. Myszka	Internal Affairs Committee
Appointed	Sen. Garbisch	Internal Affairs Committee
Appointed	Sen. Lehner	Internal Affairs Committee

Misc. Notes

Secret Ballot Vote – College of Business Assurance of Learning Committee

Dir. Brad Heap

Anastasia Larson (APPOINTED)

Announcements

Person	Topic
Director Johnson	His report is in the meeting minutes!
Par. Miller	Basic reminders about Parli Pro. Avoid adding compulsory language in legislation, implies that someone must do something. Also be mindful of open meetings laws. Ask him if you have any questions about Robert’s Rules.
Sen. Lehner	The state legislature has proposed three anti-LGBTQ bills, including one that would ban trans athletes in college sports. There is a public hearing on Wednesday for the bills. He will be traveling to Madison to speak on these bills and encourages everyone who can to join him. Sentiments can be sent in as well and shared with members of the committee if you are unable to be there in person. Q – Par. Miller: When is the voting process happening on the bills? A: If the committee votes it through, then it will go to the legislature. Unknown when it will be voted on.



	<p>Q – Sen. Mandli: Is it restrictive of trans athletes who adhere to the gender binary, or does it ban non-binary athletes as well?</p> <p>A: Does not mention non-binary athletes. Bill mostly targets trans women.</p> <p>Q – Par. Miller: Is there a plan within IGA or other committees to bring these issues in resolution format to general assembly?</p> <p>A: We are testifying at the hearings first. Has talked to directors about next course of action.</p> <p>WYLM – Dir. Bean: Will bring it up to IGA commission tomorrow. Would like to keep it in ESM’s commission, thinks they are the best commission in tackling this issue.</p>
Dir. Bean	IGA members meet in the back for a picture!
Dir. Velazquez	<p>Arbor day event on Friday outside of Haas, come plant a tree!</p> <p>The Field of Screams Haunted Trail and Barn is looking for volunteers and actors.</p> <p>In regards to previous announcements, she welcomes any questions, comments, and concerns about the anti-LGBTQ+ legislation. Wants to learn more about the trans community and uplift their voices.</p>
V.P. Consiglio	<p>If you nominated someone tonight, please tell them to check their email. Director Eisele has to send them emails and respond by a certain day, otherwise we have to keep nominating people if they don’t respond/see the email.</p> <p>If you are interested in enrollment and retention, come see her for an opportunity to get involved!</p>
Dir. Jacobson	Come get cake tomorrow and come to all the homecoming events!
Dir. Eisele	If you have not met with her or filled out your office hours form, you need to do so ASAP!
Pres. Farmer	There are opportunities for Senate participation in Homecoming events! Saturday morning, Senate has a truck in the parade. Also handing out ice cream on Wednesday!



	<p>He is very proud of everyone, and thinks you're doing great work in commissions. Anything that you are interested in that should be addressed, we are the way to do so. Ask him if you need help writing legislation. It's our job to address anything happening that should be noticed by the student body. Use Senate as a history book!</p>
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Misc. Notes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lily Eisele, Senate Personnel Director