



A regular meeting of the 67th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 23, 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 – 10/23/2023

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	E
ITC Director	Drew Morehouse	E
IGA Director	Mei Bean	P
SOS Director	Sydney McGuine	p
SOC Director	Brad Heap	P
UAC Director	Zach Jacobson	P



Mascot Coordinator	Kyle May	P
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On-Campus Senators

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

Off-Campus Senators

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

At-Large Senators



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

Executive Officers

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

Presentation

Entity; Topic	Questions

Open Forum

Entity; Topic	Questions

Misc. Notes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/16/23

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Brett Farmer



Good evening, everyone, Happy Monday, and happy halfway through the semester!

Last week was a very busy one for me, but I had the amazing privilege of bringing some incredible films to campus to share with all of you during Q-Fest. I hope you enjoyed them, and I sincerely want to thank everyone who attended any of the films or presentations last week, we sincerely could not and would not do this program if we didn't have members of this campus community like yourselves you value and appreciate queer art and expression, so thank you. This program was incredibly impactful, and one that I would recommend to any LGBTQIA+ student during their time as a blugold. If anyone in the room has a specific interest, please let me know, and I would be more than happy to connect you with the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, and assist you through the application process!

In addition to Q-Fest, I was able to still do some Senate business. I had lunch on Thursday with Monica Smith, UW Associate Vice President of EDIB, alongside Directors Velazquez and Elizalde and Vice President Consiglio. We talked about the unique sense of belonging that UWEC offers, and how we have rebuilt the culture of EDI in the last year.

This week, I met with Associate Vice Chancellor Mary Hoffman and Director Rafter earlier today to talk about the processes and procedures for university and student learning assessment. I will also be meeting this week with Vice Chancellor Felz, all four College Deans, and the University Centers Advisory Committee, which I will chair on Wednesday morning.

Additionally, Sam and I will be traveling to Madison Thursday evening to attend the UW Shared governance monthly meeting all day on Friday. It appears that the bulk of conversation at this meeting will pertain to a potential statewide student governance constitution, and the current legislative tensions between UW employees' pay plan increase and the calls to cut EDI positions and funding statewide. Aside from formal business, Sam and I are greatly looking forward to finally meeting our colleagues at other universities in person, and connecting about common student issues we've been conversing about all semester.

Lastly, I wanted to touch on the expectations of senators, after the mention in my report last week. To clarify, Sam and I are encouraging and expecting senators to be included as an author on at least one piece of legislation within the session. By saying and expecting this, I want to clarify that this is not an encouragement to beg one of our directors to add your name to the authors list, it is simply a way to encourage all of you to find your own student concerns and issues, and work to have them addressed. One of my goals as president was to give you all the resources and knowledge to navigate this campus as an elected leader and empower you to make or initiate the change that you want to see here. If you ever need mine or Sam's assistance in any way to help you do that, please don't hesitate to ask!

A reminder as we hit midterms and the second half slump, please always take care of yourselves and check in with the ones you love. Thank you, I yield.

REPORT: Vice President – Sam Consiglio



Good evening everyone!

I hope you are all having a wonderful start to your week! This past week, I had the amazing opportunity to have lunch alongside the Universities of Wisconsin's Assistant Vice Chancellor of EDI, Monica Smith as well as with President Farmer, Director Velazquez, Director Elizalde, and other shared governance leaders. Director Eisele and I were also able to meet up with shared governance leaders across campus on Friday to discuss important issues such as building a community on campus and how we can utilize the testing center in the library more effectively.

I was also able to relax this week by seeing some well-dressed dogs at Bark Break and watching many Q-Fest films. Thank you to the GSRC and all of the Q-Fest Interns; your work is inspiring.

This upcoming week, I will be checking in with many administrators including, Vice Chancellor Felz to discuss enrollment and retention, University Center's staff, and the Deans of Colleges. I will also be attending Finance this week to help present for the Senate budget. For those of you who are voting members and involved in the Finance Commission, I highly recommend going to Finance this week to hear the presentations and have discussions surrounding the allocable budget as it is a great way to impact our campus and have your voice heard. Finally, this Friday, President Farmer and I will be attending the shared governance meeting in Madison to meet up with leaders across other universities and give updates.

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

This past week, I had a few check-ins and commission meetings. I was also able to attend many of the Q-Fest films. I want to commend President Farmer and all the other Q-Fest interns who made the film festival possible! If you went to Q-Fest, tell me, because they count as outreach hours! I attended a shared governance meeting with Vice President Consiglio on Friday, and I was able to meet members of University Senate and Council. I also worked stats at the football game on Saturday and went to see the final performance of Godspell on Sunday.

Please make sure you are checking into your office hours. The form is on the window next to my office door.

I will not be in the office later this week because I will be at a conference in New York. I will still be checking my email if you need anything. If you have midterms, best of luck on them! Take care of yourselves and the people around you.

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

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Colin Rafter

Good morning, everyone,

I'm just a lonely constable on his rounds, keeping an eagle eye out for mayhem and malfeasance.



This morning I met with Mary Hoffman and President Farmer to go over the process of assessment at UWEC. We talked all about how assessment is done behind the curtains.

AAC has our first Academic Forum planned! We'll be tabling outside Davies on November 1st from 11-1. We're looking to capture student feedback on all areas of academics, and we're going to be giving out handouts for academic resources on campus. If you're interested in participating, please let me know.

In the interest of academics on campus, I figure its best to end my report by teaching you all something new. Up to 40% of worker ants in a colony pretend to work and don't actually do anything. These ants serve as a reserve workforce if the colony is ever attacked or runs into a loss of membership. Fascinating.

Thank you for your time and attention. I yield.

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San

Howdy everyone, happy Motivation Monday! I'll keep it short and sweet because we have a Vikings game to agonizingly watch. This morning we hosted yet another Motivation Monday, this time advertising the Party Registry System! Last week in Comms. During our biweekly meeting, we put together the proposal for the CVTC + UWEC drive-in movie theater community event. Following that, Zach & I met with EPC & got confirmation on its logistics, so this week I will be communicating with CVTC President Sunem Beaton-Garcia, working out logistics & feasibility of the event. As for other misc. Projects, we are working on several upcoming graphics, a new admin personalization campaign/video series, and planning upcoming events, one of them being next weeks Motivation Monday, cohosted with the LGBTQ+ Mentors group. Thanks for listening & good luck this week, Comms out, I yield.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Emma Velazquez

Hello beautiful people, Happy Monday! This week ESM had so much fun attending Q-Fest! There were so many beautiful stories brought to our campus and we are forever grateful that we got the chance to see them.

Along with the fun of Q-Fest, Angie and I had the chance to meet Monica Smith, UW System Vice President of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging over lunch along with President Farmer and Vice President Consiglio. During, we had the chance to learn a bit about her role and share all the initiatives our campus has taken to ensure our promise to EDI is being fulfilled.

We've been hard at work on our budget presentation which we will give tomorrow at the Finance Commission's presentation night! We're looking forward to representing so many diverse events that are critical to include on our campus!

Our last meeting was a blast as we utilized the maker space to allow our commission members some time to destress by creating some fun little mood boards. This week ESM will not be meeting on Tuesday,



October 24th to prep for our presentation but will resume the following week on Tuesday, October 31st for a Halloween meeting! Come dressed in your costume for a chance to win a prize for the best costume!

This week ESM will be finalizing some information on our passion projects this year, taking part in the UC Advisory Committee meeting, and meeting with Dean Pratt of COB to offer more resources on the EDI survey.

Other than that we'll be making sure to take time for ourselves and reminding each other to be students first, as should you!!! With peace and love, I yield.

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a good weekend and are feeling rejuvenated. This week is a big one for finance commission. Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 24th we will be hearing presentations from all organized activities about their funding requests. Followed by deliberations on Thursday October 26th. Reminder, organized activities are non-fixed obligations that are funded by segregated fees. This is different than student organizations, these are student focused organizations such as legal services and the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center. If you have any questions about the process or what exactly an organized activity is, reach out to me or find me after a meeting. Have a great rest of your week. I yield.

Information Technologies Commission Director – Drew Morehouse

Hello everyone,

Our next ITC meeting will be tomorrow in the Bader Conference Room from 4:00pm – 5:00pm. We are looking to finish our work on the Tech survey can get it ready for students to use. The input from this survey helps us determine what needs and wants we can help meet on campus and how we as a commission can better serve the student body with our innovation budget.

I and the AAC Director Collin Rafter have set up a meeting with the Provost and all Deans to discuss academic policy on artificial intelligence and gather input from each college on how AI is used and abused throughout academic life. We are hoping to use this as a springboard to legitimize and create a conversation around our goals of creating fair and long-lasting policy for the classroom on this topic.

If you have any thoughts you would like to weigh in on this, let me know. I yield.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Mei Bean

Hi everyone, I hope you all had a great weekend.

I know I did as IGA was back to work discussing our upcoming resolution as well as a voting drive coming to you all in early November. We are also rescheduling the fall walkthrough for November 10th. If you are at all interested in coming, please shoot me an email or stop me after this meeting! I look forward to having a great week in IGA with a handful of fun things to talk about on our agenda.



To wrap up this report, the women's rugby team travelled to Stevens Point to secure a 65-7 victory. We head to Platteville next weekend for our last regular season game.

Thank you all, be well and take time to care for yourself and those closest to you.

Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap

Good evening,

This week the Student Organization Commission heard two more presentations for the SOC Special Allocation, and finalized more upcoming deadlines for our student organizations on campus. Now that we are nearing the end of the annual student organization re-registration process, I wanted to share some important dates with you. October 22nd, was the last day for organizations to submit their constitution, and November 1st is the day that all constitutions are required to be entirely completed, otherwise organizations risk deactivation for the remainder of the year, so if you or anybody you know is a part of a student organizations executive board, make sure they know to continually check their email for updates about the status of their form. Looking forward to our next project for the year, SOC is looking to create new governing student organization groups on campus, similar to the currently existing College of Business Student Advisory Council, which houses all College of Business student organizations on campus. If you have any ideas on ways to group our many amazing student organizations on campus, please let me know anytime or come to our next SOC meeting next Thursday. Finally, I was able to spend today during Motivation Monday advertising for the Party Registry System, a fantastic system on campus you should all be taking advantage of, especially before this big Halloween weekend. I hope you all continue to have a successful year, enjoy and take time for yourselves, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine

Hello everyone! Last week we passed a proposal to fund the food pantry intern and discussed a sustainable hand warmer event and new furniture for the SSRC. We are working to get grounds folks to come to an SOS meeting here soon to discuss how they work on landscaping and propose some ideas mentioned in our first meeting of the year. I have written the sustainable menstrual products proposal to introduce on Wednesday as well. I met on Friday to discuss and brainstorm ideas regarding eco-therapy on campus as well. Finally, I attended some fantastic Q-fest films with some great people! I hope you all have a great rest of your weeks and I yield!

University Activities Commission Director – Zach Jacobson

Hi all I hope you are having an amazing Monday!

This week in UAC we have a 1989 T-Swift listening party on Thursday, see the UAC Instagram and or the Taylor Swift Club for more information.

On Friday we will be showing Rocky Horror Picture Show at 11:59 in Woodland, a night you won't want to miss.

We are currently reflecting on past events and pushing forward planning events for winter carnival and springfest.



As always please follow UAC on Instagram, Facebook, and Tik Tok for the most updated information. Please reach out to me if you ever have any ideas for events or if you would like to be involved in UAC.

As we find ourselves in the midst of midterms I leave you with this quote,

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." —Robert Collier

Keep doing what you can each day. You got this, you are strong, smart, intelligent, kind and you can and will do great things.

I yield.

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May

Good evening. We are preparing for our auditions. Those are scheduled to be next week Tuesday and Thursday. We look excited to start to meet new applicants and welcome new people to our team. I yield.

Unfinished Business

Bill	Title	Status	Vote Method
	67-B-2 Amending Section 13, Part 4, Subsection 7	Passed	24-0-3 Placard

Misc. Notes:

Introduction, Director Heap

- Additional rule for SOC Special Allocation
- General guideline for when orgs can apply (once every 3 years)

Speaker’s List

- The attachment shows the first bylaw change that implemented the SOC allocation. This new addition is necessary and provides more consistency. Will be voting up
- In regards to concerns about conflict of interest, you don’t need to abstain from voting on this.
- You cannot abstain from this vote if you did not submit that information to the Personnel Director ahead of time
- **PoO – Sen. Lehner:** I do not think that is correct
- Will be voting this up

Amendments:

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New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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Misc. Notes:

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Personnel Matters

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
Resigned	Sen. Vetsch	At-Large Senator
Resigned	Cora Martin	Finance Commission Voting Member
Resigned	Sen. Garbisch	Finance Commission Voting Member
Resigned	Par. Miller	Vacancy Committee
Appointed	Sen. Strojinc	Vacancy Committee
Appointed	Dir. Heap	Vacancy Committee

Misc. Notes

Announcements

Person	Topic
Par. Miller	He will be leaving UWEC at the end of this semester. Come talk to him if you are interested in being parliamentarian.
Dir. Velazquez	ESM will not be meeting this week due to the budget presentations in Finance. The concern for DEI funding is on their radar, and they are here to support everyone.
Sen. Lehner	The Forum series is hosting David Hogg, cofounder of March for Our Lives, at 7:30pm tonight.
Dir. Bean	She has large IGA stickers, come get one at her desk if you want one.
Sen. Simonet	Swim team has meet at 1 in McPhee on Saturday against Point, come support them!
Dir. McGuine	On Wednesday from 12-1pm, there is a reception for mural project.
Pres. Farmer	We are finalizing the details on the senate fun event for November 5 th . It will be in the early afternoon. We will meet in Davies for food and activities, and afterwards everyone will carpool to a different activity elsewhere.



	<p>In regard to the UW pay plan issue, it is the speaker holding the raises promised to all UW employees if DEI is not cut or defunded. This still affects students, and he is working with Dir. Velazquez and Dir. Bean to address this.</p> <p>Q – Sen. Mandli: Do we hold the EDI budget separate from all other parts of the budget?</p> <p>A: Parts are funded by the state, but things like the GSRC are funded by student fees.</p> <p>We will be having Halloween costumes next GA! Make sure they are appropriate and business professional costumes.</p>
Sen. Lehner	Do not panic about EDI. Keep contacting legislators and put pressure on them.

Misc. Notes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lily Eisele, Senate Personnel Director