



A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022, in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, with President Gaitan 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.”

66th Session Roll Call – 10/24/2022

Executive Board

Title	Name	Status (Present, Excused, Unexcused) (P/E/U)
Senate Personnel Director	Anakah Denison	P
Parliamentarian	Thomas Miller	P
AA Director	Sahana Suresh	P
Communications Director	Ivan San	P
ESM Senate Director	Maddie Blong	P
Finance Director	Ben Johnson	P
ITC Director	Joseph Dokken	P
IGA Director	Hannah Kelly	P
SOS Director	Sydney McGuine	P
SOC Director	Bradford Heap	P
UAC Director	Brett Farmer	P
Mascot Coordinator	Kyle May	P



On-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Samantha Consiglio	E
Solveig Dei	P
Austin Lallak	P
Benjamin Myszka	P
Brenna Strojinc	P
Elianna Zimmerman	P

Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Josh Holness	P
Jake Hicks	P
Breanna Renslo	U
Meghan Wiercinski	P
Twyla Alix	P

At-Large Senators

Name	Status
Mei Bean	P
Avery De Ruyter	P
Oliver Gibbs	U
Ben Hurley	E
Taylor Kaplan	P



Matther Lehner	P
Katie Myszka	P
Vivian Ong	P
Allie Russel	E
Allana Valiente	P
Tristan Weasler	P
Rebecca Yoshino	P

Executive Officers

Title	Name	Status
Vice President	Nicholas Johnson	P
President	Rossellin Gaitán	P

Presentation

Entity; Topic	Questions
<p>Chancellor Jim, Introduction and EDI plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: Do you have any plans to reach out to students at MSS or GSRC directly? A: trying to balance announcements and timeliness, keep feedback open for 3 weeks, will include student representatives on the decisions. Want to include the students who have been most affected. Has clearly heard that the students want to make sure they're not losing anything—Caitlyn will be sending out a communication plan for student feedback, there is room to shape what this plan looks like, wants to see gains rather than losses, try to balance time for feedback with how fast we fill the role. If they would like a few minutes, can find time to talk with those students. Q: How can we best support students as this change happens? A: You are the student voice on this campus, your job is to help bridge student voices. We are stronger together, creating a safe environment to share opinions, polarizing people does not beget progress. A good poli sci book is Man of the House, talking about how to resolve differences. What we have now in politics are those



	<p>known for being famous, and those who are working; do better than our current politics. Bring voices together, make progress. If its all or one, you win or lose—if we are together, we can make progress. Part of that is through listening, including those that may be out of pocket.</p> <p>Motion to extend by 5 minutes passes, placard</p> <p>Q: Regarding student representation, is there a reason you only have 2 on the committee?</p> <p>A: Only planning to have 6 people on the committee.</p> <p>Followup: how will they be chosen? A: Going to shared governance, asking for recommendations.</p>
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- Was once in student government as well
- College experience was formative, near to home, Winona State
- Got involved in an initiative to protest a tuition doubling, continued from there
- Tuition increased 146% in his time there; here it has been frozen for 10 years
- Came from modest means, mother was a schoolteacher, father worked as a handyman until 78.
- Worked fulltime in college at a trucking firm
- Missed out on years in college experience because worked 40 hours a week; advice is don't lose out on your college experience, take time to be a student, learn and be engaged
- Was student body VP, ran for statewide presidency, elected as chair of student coalition MN
- Represented 12 mil students nationally
- Worked for a Congressman, helped rewrite laws
- If you have an interest, you'll learn a lot in Washington, had to move several times there
- Upstairs neighbor was Sally Ride, the first woman astronaut
- **Updates:** want to talk about EDISA transition, VC Diaz left about 3 weeks ago
- Given advice to listen, to students and faculty, had 2 meetings with full division, 3 with separate directors, several with student leaders, people have been emailing individually
- As of now: still listening, so if you have feedback, please share with representatives or reach out personally, chancellor@uwec.edu, personal is jschmidt@uwec.edu, only he has access to that account, anything you send is discoverable, so anything sent could become public.
- Not moving forward with national search at this time, too much turnover, 3 people in 5 years, position needs stability, has gone through mergers between colleges, has had 7 presidents in 11 years, has experienced a lot of redirection.
- The strategic plan has been completed, now needs to be implemented
- Want to focus on the EDI work
- Move into permanent leadership after 18 month interim
- Originally started as Assistant Chancellor of EDI, there was a VC of student affairs, after that, reorganized
- Separate to have a singular focus on EDI for that faculty member
- There is a Dean of Students, would remain the same



- Would elevate to have Dean serve on the cabinet to serve on the cabinet team
- Give greater voice to those issues
- Can talk about sustainability efforts, thank you for your leadership—not all leadership comes from me, it can come from everywhere, LEED certification is important, new buildings can have a negative carbon footprint, return energy to the grid
- Thank you for the invitation, your student leaders have his contact, if you would like him to come back to talk, let him know, likes being a part of these conversations, the Superintendent later is also a Blugold!

Open Forum

Entity; Topic	Questions

Misc. Notes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/17/22

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Rossellin Gaitán

Hello, Again Folks and Happy 3rd Day of Diwali!

Last week I attended Q Fest, Met with directors, attended a very well-done ESM meeting, sent out an email with key voting dates, and did some director/intern meetings.

This upcoming week is going to be a good one; we have our IGA/UAC voter event that will take place in the HUB, which I am sure you will hear more about tonight, attend the Finance Commission Organized Activity Presentations as much as I can, have our check in with Chancellor Schmidt, and finally attend the University Planning Committee meeting. As we have Midterms, please take care of yourself this week and give yourself grace and kindness. I believe in you all.

REPORT: Vice President – Nicholas Johnson

Good evening, everyone. I hope you all had a safe and relaxing weekend. President Gaitan and I are currently engaged in discussions with University Centers, as well as other stakeholders on campus and in Davies, regarding potential changes to space allocation in this building. This week, President Gaitan and I have our regular meeting with the Chancellor to discuss updates in our relative spheres of shared governance. This week, there are two very important events occurring within Senate. First, the IGA/UAC collaboration will assist and encourage students to be informed voters in the Hub tomorrow. And the Finance Commission Organized Activities Budget Presentations and Deliberations. These events highlight the key functions of the relevant commissions, and I strongly encourage senators, experienced or not to attend. The issues



addressed in each of these are important in bettering the experience of the student body. If you are interested, please reach out to the relevant commission directors. Finally, last week I co-hosted the legislation workshop with Director Denison, I want to thank everyone who made time to be there. If anyone has questions about these items, please ask them now. Thank you. I yield.

REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Anakah Denison

I hope you all were able to enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend! This past week has thankfully been a little bit slower for me, I continued work on the Senate Retreat, attended ESM and Finance, helped lead the Legislation Workshop with VP Johnson—thank you for your help, and thank you to everyone who attended—working on those Senate skills are vital to the efficiency and legitimacy of this body! Of course, we are more than happy to help with writing, starting, or proofreading legislation at any time. I also attended several films at QFest, which were excellent—thank you to the students who helped make that event happen! This week I will mostly be working on Finance, presenting the Gen Ops budget and participating in presentations, deliberations and voting for several hours this week.

As always, let me know if you have any questions! And I yield.

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San

Howdy everyone, I hope you all had a nice weekend & are off to a great start this week! Last week in Communications, we finished several graphic requests for the Student Organizations Commission, got the current issue of Blu's Bulletin posted, and began the next issue. I also had the pleasure of attending the Student Office of Sustainability's commission meeting where we began talks on an upcoming collaborative Motivation Monday. We also hosted Motivation Monday this morning with the lovely Student Organizations director, Bradford. This week in Comms, we are discussing and reconstructing resolution 66-R-3, I welcome and would love for any of you to join us tomorrow and share your thoughts and feedback. We continue to work on various graphic requests and updating the website with the new photos, which will be sent to you all when I have received them all. I plan on attending the SOS commission meeting again this week to continue our talks of our Motivation Monday collaboration. Finally, this coming Motivation Monday will be hosted in partnership with our IGA commission to promote the upcoming elections. That is all from comms, I wish everyone the best of luck this week on their midterms!

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Maddie Blong

Hello Everyone and Happy Monday!

Firstly, I wanted to give a big shoutout to the Group of Students and the GSRC who planned Q-Fest for the incredible films they brought to our campus. I attended three of the films, screamed, laughed, and cried, and am already looking forward to attending Q-Fest next year!



Last week, I spent a lot of my time planning the ESM budget presentation for the Finance Commission and I am looking forward to our presentation this week at the Finance Meeting! I met with the ESM advisor and discussed EDISA and how ESM wants to contribute to the conversation in regard to the plans for the new VC of EDISA and/or the separation of them. At our commission meeting last week we gave space for the MSS Orgs to voice their concerns about support they are and are not receiving from MSS. On Friday we debriefed those concerns with MSS coordinators.

This week we will be finalizing the budget presentation, planning a question-and-answer period with chancellor in regards to MSS, and attending very fun long and exciting Finance Commission meetings!

See ya around,

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson

Hi all, I hope everyone is having a good rainy Monday. This is a big week for the Finance Commission, we will be having two very long meetings covering Organized Activity budget presentations and deliberations. Presentations will be held Wednesday in Council Oak (Davies 260) and deliberations Thursday in the Chancellor's Room (Davies 311). This past week I had meetings with organized activity leaders in preparation for this week. Friday budget allocations will be announced so if you are leadership in an organized activity be on the lookout. If you are interested in joining Finance Commission, we are always looking for more members, we meet Wednesdays at 5:00 in Davies, the location is decided each week. Have a good rest of your week and I yield.

Q: Can you give this week's meeting times as they are different?

A: This week Wednesday 3-9, if attending let him know because they are catered!

Information Technologies Commission Director – Joseph Dokken

Hello everyone,

It is good to see all of your beautiful faces again. I hope you all had even just a fraction of as good of a weekend that I did.

ITC has been busy working on the annual Student Tech Survey. If you have anything you would like to see addressed in this survey, please reach out to me.

We want you to be a part of the mobile credential's beta test! This beta launch will allow whoever signs up to be able to access their Blugold ID on their phone in order to access buildings, printers, etc. without your physical card! If you want to learn more about this, check out the email I sent or talk to me individually!

Referring to the email, you might have also seen I sent out an email on Friday about mobile credentials beta test. Don't refer to that email for the link to sign up, refer to the follow up that I sent earlier today.



There is a link to an excel spreadsheet where you can sign up for the beta test and that link actually does work!

Even though it was a bye week, all I have left to say is SKOL..

And with that I yield.

Q: When does the beta test start?

A: The email list will be finalized by the end of the week, so likely next week.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Hannah Kelly

Hello Everyone!

Don't forget to visit the HUB tomorrow between 11am-2pm to gain voter information, learn where you're voting, and gain candidate information! Even though the event hasn't happened yet I'd like to send a big thank you to Director Farmer and the UAC chairs for helping coordinate the event. I'd also like to send a big thank you to all the senators and commission members for volunteering to help with this event as well! If you are interested, or if you RSVP'd after 1:30pm please let me know so I can send information about the event!

Otherwise, some IGA things to look forward to includes the Fall Community Walkthrough which currently has a tentative date of Nov. 18th and my amazing housing intern is jut on the brink of finishing up the next housing guide!

And again, for any new faces to Senate, IGA meets Tuesdays 3-4pm in the Pine Room of the AIL office! I yield

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine

Hey everyone! Last week I was busy helping prep for the first day of the AASHE conference, and from what I was able to watch it was awesome! There are two keynote speakers for this week on Wednesday, Kumi Naidoo and Dr. April Anson and if you would like to learn more about them, they are posted on our Instagram @sustain_uwec. This week it is in the Menominee Room in Davies 320F. Currently working with Hazel to write a proposal for the UW System Sustainability Conference on November 10th and 11th. We also planted the first seeds in the hydroponics today, and Jake Hicks is working on a way to involve students more in that process! That is all for today. Have a great week and I yield.

Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap

Good evening,

This week the Student Organization Commission reviewed the SOC Special Allocation Fund, which you will be hearing about tonight, voted on new student organizations, and continued work on the Student



Organization Leaders Banquet. The list of new student organizations will be introduced to this body via a resolution created by Senator Alix and myself, so be on the lookout for that as well at next weeks meeting. The Student Organization Leaders Banquet is coming along nicely thanks to the diligent work of my amazing committee, so kudos to them. As some of you may have seen, we have extended the invitation to TWO officers per student organization, in order to encourage student participation and make participants more comfortable since they will already know somebody there. Again, make sure you RSVP soon, as spots are filling up fast, probably out of the sheer excitement of hearing yours truly speak. For those of you who are new to senate, SOC would love to have you join our commission, which meets every Thursday from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Pine Conference Room in Davies 220. In short, I hope you all continue to have an amazing week, and as always, take care, brush ya hair.

University Activities Commission Director – Brett Farmer

Good evening everyone!

Last week, UAC had a fairly uneventful week, but managed to have our first Bingo night in McPhee and had Landon Conrath playing in Davies Marketplace on Saturday evening.

This week, we are showing Blair Witch Project on Friday in Woodland Theater at 7:00pm. We also have Hana Fleur and Brooke Elizabeth performing in the Cabin at 6:00 and 7:00 pm.

Additionally, as Director Kelly mentioned in her report, our voting information event with IGA is tomorrow in the Hub from 10:00am to 2:00pm. If you are not already, please consider helping out for an outreach hour, or at least attend the event to learn about what you will find on the ballot on November 8th as well as where and how to cast your vote!

Lastly, UAC will be hiring a new concert chair to organize the Cabin concert series as our current chair is graduating at semester. The application will open a week from today on October 31st for about three weeks. If you have any interest or questions for me, please reach out!

For all event information and updates, be sure to follow UAC on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok and reach out to me if you have any questions! I hope to see you all at UAC events very soon, I yield.

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Sahana Suresh

Hi,

Hope everyone is having a good start to the week! Last week was great for AAC! We had Budget Planner; Stephanie Jameleske come in and talk about BCDT to my commission! It was extremely informative and great to have Stephanie answer all our questions! If you were unable to attend my commission but had questions about BCDT; the Powerpoint Stephanie presented is attached along with last week's minutes or you can ask me questions about BCDT anytime! Other than that, I attended the Academic Policies Meeting which was very short but very effective because they made some changes the



COB curriculum which is pretty exciting. I also am apart of the Counseling Services Commission along with Senator B. Myszka and it was great to check-in with the commission and hear about some new things coming in this next month within Counseling Services such as online counseling which will be a wonderful add-on to our counseling services here on campus. Other than that, my newest commission project is to create a AAC brochure pretty similar to Finance and ESM because I'm always finding a way to improve my commission. So if any of you would be interested in helping with that definitely talk to me after this meeting or even better come to my commission meetings on Thursdays from 2-3 in Council Oak! That is all I have for updates this week! With that, I yield!

Personnel Matters

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
Appointed	Livvy Argo	At Large Student Senator
Appointed	Jake Hicks	The Forum Committee
Appointed	Sen. Lehner	Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues for Persons with Disabilities
Appointed	Dir. Heap	Athletics Committee
Appointed	Sen. Bean	The Forum Committee
Appointed	Sen. Weasler	Recreation Committee
Appointed	Sen. Yoshino	The Artist Committee
Appointed	Sen. Bean	The Artist Committee
Appointed	Dir. Suresh	Student Org Conduct Committee
Appointed	Dir. San	Student Org Conduct Committee
Nominated	Sophia Hook	Student Misconduct Review Committee
Nominated	Samantha Robins	Student Misconduct Review Committee
Appointed	Sen. Lehner	Student Misconduct Review Committee
Appointed	Sen. Valiente	Student Misconduct Review Committee
Appointed	Dir. Suresh	Student Misconduct Review Committee
Appointed	Sen. Wierschinski	Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
Appointed	Sen. Weasler	Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences



Nominated	Kayla Daniels	TEPAC
Nominated	Coord. May	TEPAC
Appointed	Sen. Argo	Emergency Preparedness Committee
Appointed	Sen. Argo	Domestic Intercultural Immersion Committee
Appointed	Sen. Kaplan	Petition for Readmission after expulsion
Appointed	Sen Weasler	Comprehensive leadership program
		Bias Incident Response Team
Appointed	Sen Lallak	College of Education and Human Science Curriculum Committee

Misc. Notes

- Secret ballot vote on The Forum Committee, Athletics Committee, Student Organization Conduct Committee, Emergency Preparedness Committee

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May

No report

Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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Misc. Notes:

Introduction:

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Speaker Sentiments:

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AMENDMENTS:

New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
	66-B-6 , Approval of Student Organization Commission New Special Allocation Fund Account	Introduced	

Misc. Notes:



Introduction: Dir. Heap

- Outlines the specifics of the new fund for SOC, what orgs can benefit from it, how much money can be allocated, how orgs will present.
- Q: If this were to pass and an org want to applies, how does the timeline work? Is it rolling?
- A: Yes, rolling application on a case-by-case basis
- Q: Would this be solely for student orgs that missed the original funding opportunity, or as additional funding?
- A: Only for new orgs, reactivated orgs, or those that missed the seg fee process, but if you apply, you cannot use the other seg fees in the same year, so if you want money to get started, you can use that money until June 2023, then you can apply for seg fees fund, but only after that date
- Q: Would the expectations for these orgs be to use the same presentation for the next fiscal year?
- A: Depends on what they are used for, ex chess club applied to purchase new boards, but may be a recurring fee, depends on the situation, outlined in the bill.
- Q: Have you heard of a want for this?
- A: Yes, we have heard need for this from orgs.
- Q: Do you expect/plan to have this continue in future years?
- A: Yes, this would be a recurring bill depending on how many orgs take advantage of it, funds come from rollover from previous years, if used up, plan to extend it in the future.
- Q: If the bill didn't pass, what would you use this money for?
- A: Would continue to put this money towards other initiatives for student orgs

Speaker Sentiments:

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• **AMENDMENTS:**

Entity; Topic	Questions
Superintendent Mr. Michael Johnson, Education Referendum	

Misc. Notes:

- Was a student here 30 years ago, undergrad and graduate school, wife went here as well
- Have had 50-55 of these presentation in the school community and outside
- Good to hear from the community
- Want to hear from leaders on campus like you
- The capital referendum is about buildings, a 98.6 million dollars over 20 years, would get the capital work done, similar to University works
- How many of you are WI or MN Students? Others?
- We have 22 physical schools, ~11,000 students, Oct. 15th, was the last formal presentation
- One of the other school board members is here as well



- EC is a growing community—need to be prepared for it, need capital project to be approved so we don't have to change boundaries
- Ranked low for spending in WI schools
- When he was a student here in the 90s, Uniroyal had shut down, the community was hurting
- The school board at that time levied taxes a bit to ease the burden
- The state implemented revenue tax a few years later, EC was not levying to the max that it could, so once the levy was at a certain amount, it was locked in at that rate, even being frugal, that formula has hurt us
- EC and Altoona are fairly close in what they receive per pupil from the state, about 500 per student down from other similar places
- How do we spend our money? 75% is salaries/benefits,, 17% contracted services (transport, subs), mandated private school cost, supplies, insurance, facility improvement.
- Would take 50 years to use the yearly allotted amount to accomplish this goal
- The only tool for larger capital projects is to go to the public
- As a college student, you likely know how strongly we feel about education here
- A few schools got expansions several years ago pre 2016, then some maintenance needs were addressed eg HVAC
- Increase teacher pay were the last 2
- 14 elementary and early learning facilities, 6 misc. buildings , Service center, administrative buildings, average age of the building is about 60 years old
- How did we get here? 10 year facility study done with architects, plus input from staff, families, boards, look at enrollment trends, attendance boundary, and recommend to the board, then hire a consulting firm to see what would be appropriate
- The provided priority breakdown helped them make their decisions
- Improving learning environment, improving buildings, South Middle School (largest) is rusting inside due to temporary walls, use dehumidifiers constantly because its built into a hill, and the walls are very thin, can hear from room to room.
- Reinvesting in the buildings; EC is very supportive of public schools. Putnam Heights is experiencing growth, don't want to overcrowd the schools, so would need addition there. Memorial and North need expansion, over capacity, class sizes increase, need room.
- The board wanted to impact 7 more schools, Middle and Elementary schools, flooring HVAC, electrical—no expansion, just improvement
- Ex. Memorial, not everyone can fit in the lunchroom—many students go out for lunch, but is not equitable
- Roof project, 3 mil dollars, past warranty
- Auditorium space, turf on the athletic field, only school in the conference with no turf, is better for the environment, saves money, can be used by many groups
- Many of the same at North, classroom remodeling, weight room addition needed so that the cafeteria can be expanded



- Want North and Memorial to both be able to hand 1900 students
- South Middle, if we wait, the deferred maintenance items will only get more expensive.
- South has 2 levels, similar work done at DeLong Middle, would take 2-2.5 years to complete
- Average price of a home in EC is 200,000, \$6.67 per month for that value
- There is more info on the website and info cards in the back
- Have videos for each of the schools

It's a privilege to speak here, thank you for your leadership here on campus.

Q: With these remodelings, is there any contingency for how the new sections will be sustainable, energy efficiency?

A: It is part of our policies, make the materials as recycled as possible, as eco friendly as possible, as part of the purchasing and bidding process.

Q: With the expansion, especially in some of the elementary schools, assuming that they need staffing as well, where does that come from?

A: That comes from the operational budget, or some spaces are too small for the staff that are there.

Q: For college voters, what is something you want them to know?

A: Know that strong schools equal strong communities. As a resident and someone who was a student here, has seen this through the years.

Q: This isn't the first time we've heard about state-imposed limits on municipality on taxes, do you know any work that is being done to advocate for that policy to change?

A: Its been 30 years, but keep trying. Has testified in front of the Legislature, as have coworkers, this is a very important election for education, connect with local and state representatives, and look at how this creates impacts state-wide. Ex. Special education, conduct email lobbying

Announcements

Person	Topic
Dir. Johnson	Looking for a Finance Intern—please reach out for more info, the application is on BC+!
Dir. Suresh	Is the president of BAMS, and first Diwali event this Thursday about its history, providing Indian snacks and sweets, Thursday from 4-5:30, Cent 1920!
Dir. Blong	Finance is taking a lot of time this weekend, so ESM is cancelled this week!
Dir. Kelly	IGA event tomorrow, 11-2 drop in hours, IGA is also looking for an intern!
Dir. Heap	Party registry system is live—please use it, tell your friends about it this weekend!



	Q: Do you personally see all the party requests A: Yes, sees the names
Dir. Farmer	The Forum committee is bringing Monica Lewinski to Zorn this week, tickets are 2\$ right now! The 66 th annual student art show is running until the 16 th , reception is the 3rd
Pres. Gaitan	Tomorrow the Dean of Students Office is hosting an event with Mobile Barber, there are still openings, can get a hair cut! Better for short hair. Also on the website.

Misc. Notes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Note: Roll Call Vote

Legislation: 66-

