



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 30, 2023**  
**PRESIDENT FARMER**  
**VICE PRESIDENT CONSIGLIO**

A regular meeting of the 67th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 30, 2023, in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, with President Farmer chairing the meeting.

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**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.”

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**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.”

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**67th Session Roll Call – 10/30/2023**

Executive Board

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



<b>Mascot Coordinator</b>	<b>Kyle May</b>	<b>P</b>
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### On-Campus Senators

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

### Off-Campus Senators

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

### At-Large Senators



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

#### Executive Officers

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

#### Presentation

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Entity; <i>Topic</i>	Questions

#### Open Forum

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Entity; <i>Topic</i>	Questions

#### Misc. Notes:

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

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Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

#### REPORT: President – Brett Farmer

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Good evening and Happy Halloween Eve, everyone.



Last week was a little more relaxed schedule-wise, but still very busy and eventful. Wednesday morning, I chaired the first University Centers Advisory Committee meeting of the semester where we had some transparent conversations about the inner workings of Davies, some new and developing spaces within this building and how we run and fund the Student Center. Later that day, Sam and I met with Vice Chancellor Felz where we discussed the structure of parking on campus, dining concerns, and how are students are doing through the semester thus far, and all four Deans, where we discussed ongoing projects and academic concerns across campus. Thursday, Senator Lehner and I met with some folks from the City of Eau Claire and Councilman Jeremy Gragert to talk about the new university transit schedule and changes, and I also attended a few sessions of the 2023 Snapchat DEI Innovators Summit to learn about the legality of EDI in today's world, and how to persist in what can feel like a losing battle.

Finally, Thursday night, Sam and I traveled to Madison where we met with all thirteen UW universities shared governance leaders on Friday. We heard from UW President Jay Rothman about the status of the Pay Plan/EDI issue in the state legislature and had some incredibly valuable conversations with student leaders from other UW campuses about things like messaging and communication surrounding EDI, this year's Lobbying Day, and student engagement. I'd be lying if I said that Sam and I did not learn a lot from this trip, and we are now in much closer contact with many other schools and look forward to working with them more throughout the year.

I ended my week with a victory over UW-Stevens Point at our meet on Saturday, so thank you to Directors Velazquez and Johnson, Vice President Consiglio, and Senators Murray, Mandli, and Garbisch for coming to cheer on Director McGuine, Senator Simonet and me.

This week, I will be meeting with Dean Heinselman on Tuesday, initiating a project with the Center for International Education and Senator Adhikari on Friday, and attending the City of Eau Claire Transit Open Forum on Thursday at 5:00 (which you all received an invite to).

I am looking forward to yet another productive week and watching some great projects come to fruition within this body. I want to give one more charge to you all to consider noticing and working to address the issues that you see as students. I am very glad that this week's meeting will be a quick one and thankfully is only our first meeting with nothing on the agenda, but I do not want us to make a habit out of it. You are all here for a reason. Whatever it may be, you brought yourself here and joined this body for a reason. Don't hesitate to have a meeting with me, Sam, or anyone on this campus to learn more about an issue and start making change yourself. You are all incredibly capable and motivated people, and I want you to feel like you can use your leadership and motivation here to make this campus a better place.

Thank you all for inspiring me and bringing me joy each week, and please continue to 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 your week is off to a wonderful start! This past week was a fairly busy one. I was able to present with Director Eisele for Senate and attend the allocable portion of Finance for their segregated fee process. Thank you to Director Johnson and the commission for all their amazing work and the long hours they put in last week. I also had meetings with the Deans of the Colleges to get updates and discuss academic projects for the semester, Vice Chancellor Felz to discuss his enrollment



cabinet and projects to increase retention, and the University Centers Committee. I also finalized the timeline and logistics for the spring semester vacancy process. Applications went live today, so if you know of anyone who would be interested in contributing to this Body, let me know or send the Senator Application their way! Applications will be open until November 17th, and I will be reaching out to individuals and departments this week to spread the word.

Finally, President Farmer and I had the amazing opportunity to attend a shared governance meeting in Madison on Friday. We met other student governments and leaders from across the state, discussed collaborative projects, and learned about the climate at other universities. We hope to continue to connect with these leaders and work towards collaborating on things like the Chippewa Valley Rally and other programs.

This upcoming week, I will be continuing to work on vacancy materials and outreaching to students as well as attending both the transportation forum on Thursday and of course the Senate Soiree this Sunday! I highly recommend attending the forum this Thursday in order to share your inputs on public transportation in Eau Claire. 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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Hello everyone,

Happy (almost) Halloween! I do not have much to report on from this past week, as I went back home on Wednesday night for my flight to New York Thursday morning. Currently I'm trying to adjust to the 30-degree weather after it was 75 to 80 degrees in New York City. This past Monday, I met with staff from the SSD office to discuss the upcoming installment of a sensory-friendly space in Davies. On Tuesday, I presented alongside VP Consiglio at the Finance budget request meeting and watched many presentations from other orgs on campus. On Wednesday morning, I attended the University Centers committee with President Farmer, VP Consiglio, and several directors. This week, I'll be attending a few meetings, going to several commission meetings, and attending the Academic Affairs forum.

Please reach out if there is anything I can do to support you. As always, the first person to turn in their report was Director McGuine, for the third week in a row: congrats! I yield.

#### **REPORTS: Board of Directors**

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

Good morning everyone,

First and foremost, Boo! I hope I terrified you.

As many of you probably noticed, I am dressed up as the AAC Director, Colin, for today. But nobody tell him! The look on his face when he comes in and sees me will be priceless.



Academic Forum happening this week, this Wednesday, this 11-1, in Davies! 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 know anyone who has complaints about professors, class structures, advisors or anything else academic, point them our way.

In the interest of academics on campus, I figure its best to end my report by teaching you all something new. The Patas Monkey is the fastest primate in the world, reaching a top speed of about 35 miles per hour. They have a 0 to 33 of three seconds. 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, firstly, I'd like to take a moment of silence for the loss of Kirk Thuggins of the MN Vikings... thank you. We hosted MM this morning with the LGBTQ+ teacher mentors group, we took on a new project after meeting with University Centers, we're almost done with a few different graphics, admin's team personalization campaign interviews start this week, and we're looking to plan the first open forum of the year this week. Our commission meeting will not be held this week as we will be communicating with CVTC about the Drive-In Theater event, more to come on that. We are planning upcoming Motivation Mondays with counseling services, local orchards, and will continue to look for more groups on campus to partner with, as always, I'd love to have you or an org you're passionate about, cohost with us! I hope you all had a fun Halloween & have a successful week 9 of 15, Comms out, and I yield.

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

Hello, student senate! Happy Halloween, I hope you all had a fantastic weekend!

This week ESM received their 2024-2025 allocation which we are so grateful for and happy to have completed! We can't wait to work more with the Finance Commission on ESM's budget process.

We also met with the University Centers committee to become more informed on decisions being made within our student center. We had a lot of great questions brought up from students like you and got some clarifying answers.

Finally, we met with Dean Pratt again to work on the diversity survey. It has proven to be a complex entity and we are still working on the question development to be sure we don't miss any important data that could help us identify what we can do better to support EDI within our departments and on campus as a whole.

This week ESM will be resuming our meetings! Tomorrow 10.31.23 we will be meeting in Davies 320 A/B at 5:00 PM. We'll have candy and a costume contest! We will be voting on the best costume and the winner will get a \$5 gift card to Acoustic Café!



ESM will also be tabling with AAC on Wednesday for their open forum. Stop by and complain to us!

Make sure to take care of yourselves this week. If you need anything don't hesitate to reach out to Angie or I, we're always here for y'all! With peace and love, I yield.

**Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson**

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a fun, safe halloween. Last week finance commission met from 3:30-9:00 Tuesday to hear all organized activity budget presentations. Telling up the accomplishments they have had this year and spend expenditures for next year. There was a slight mix up with the room so thank you to everyone who came and adapted. Then Thursday we met from 3:30-8:00 pm to deliberate on all budgets. We made a lot of tough decisions and voted unanimously on all but 1 budget. Friday allocation memos were sent out to all organized activity leaders, and they had to notify me by 5:00pm today if they want to appeal. I heard from 2 organizations, Forensics and WUEC Radio, those appeals will be heard and voted on this Thursday. Again, thank you to all finance commission members who came to the long meetings. And if anyone has any questions about the process, we are currently doing please let me know. Have a great week and I yield.

**Information Technologies Commission Director – Drew Morehouse**

Hello everyone,

Happy Halloween and I hope you all enjoyed this last weekend as much as I did. Our Tech Survey will have its first version ready by the end of this week as we look to keep our timeline moving with innovation budget proposals in spring. We are looking to have one of our meetings in the fall be a tour of the digital studio and maker's spaces in the library since we want to keep our members informed as to what our money has gone towards in the past. We will be making an e-form available for anyone interested in petitioning for the money and sending it out to department heads.

We are getting started on our university transition to Okta as our dual-factor security solution. In that spirit, an email will be sent out from LTS with a 3-step process for enrolling yourself. Essentially, you just need to download the app and get signed in. Come January 8<sup>th</sup>, all students who have not already enrolled will be forced to get on the system to be able to access UWEC accounts.

That's the deal guys. Happy Halloween. Thank you and I Yield.

**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Mei Bean**

Hi all,

I hope you had a great halloween.

This week in IGA we will be meeting with LoWV to discuss how we can best work together to promote voter registration. We are also working on creating the routes for the fall walkthrough which is still



scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>. We are also working on scheduling an open discussion about Bill 378. If you are at all interested in that please let me know!

And of course, to wrap this up, rugby won 44-0 in our last regular-season game. We will be going to Oshkosh this weekend to play for the conference title.

Have a great week, good luck with any remaining midterms. I yield.

### **Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap**

This week the Student Organization Commission continued to work on approving all constitutions for our organizations, as well as prepared for our upcoming plans for the year. SOC will be meeting this week on Thursday at 4:00pm in Pine Conference Room, so if you are able to make it, we would love to see you there! Thank you for all the great work from the Finance commission this past week, although it is always a grueling process, the lovely members who were able to be there always make it better. I also spent this week advertising for the party registry system during motivation Monday, which saw great success this past weekend! In exciting news, the party registry has taken large steps towards being more autonomous, through the direct access of the form by Eau Claire PD, with more on that to come later in the year. That is all I have for you this week, I hope you all have a safe and fun Halloween, try not to get run down by the invisible boat mobile as I peel out of Davies, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

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

Hello everyone! Happy almost Halloween, I hope you all had a fun and safe weekend! Last week we passed the funding for the sustainable handwarmers event, so look forward to that in the coming future! This week we will be voting on the sustainable menstrual products proposal as well as getting a presentation and discussion with folks that work in and run grounds. Last week I met on Wednesday with the University Centers Advisory Committee and had a lot of great conversation. I also met with my co-director Jake, and we brainstormed more fun events for students in the SSRC, so more to come on that! I also attended the mural presentation on Wednesday, and it really was amazing! That is all I have for this week, have a great Halloween and don't forget to get cheap candy on Wednesday! I yield.

### **University Activities Commission Director – Zach Jacobson**

Hi all this past week in UAC was great!

We had Rocky Horror Picture Show at midnight on Friday and an AMAZING T Swift listening party with over 100 people in attendance, see Senator Garbish for more info or exact numbers but I had a blast!

Black Swan is this Friday and Saturday at 7-9 both days and Sunday at 2. We are also having a Jazz night in the Cabin on Thursday.

Keep pushing through we have made it over the hump of midterms.

I was at a conference this weekend and I took away this piece of insight. A to become a body builder, someone does not walk into the gym and pick up the 100 pound dumbbell and start curling. They make





the decision to pick up the light dumbbell and the decision to go back and work out and get better little by little every day. With that your dreams are not going to fall on you one day but will be the sum of small works that you make the decision to do and follow each day.

You are amazing, appreciated, hardworking, and you can do it.

I yield

Simonet what time is the jazz band on Thursday

Unsure, check social media and bc+

**REPORT: Special**

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**Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May**

Good evening,

Not too much to report tonight, except this week we start our in person interviews for Actors and Wingmen. These are just getting to know you interviews. If you would like to sit on the Blu selection panel next week Tuesday and/or Thursday 5:00-7:00 PM, please let me know.

I yield.

**Unfinished Business**

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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Misc. Notes:

**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. E. Williams	At-Large Senator
Resigned	Aleah Vetsch	The Forum Series
Resigned	Par. Miller	Student Organization Conduct Committee
Resigned	Par. Miller	Student Misconduct Review Committee



Resigned	Sen. Lehner	Vacancy Committee
Appointed	Sen. Ackerman	Vacancy Committee

**Misc. Notes**

**Announcements**

Person	Topic
Sen. Lehner	<p>He shot a deer this weekend. If you want venison, talk to him! He has plenty.</p> <p>This Thursday at 5pm, there is a transit forum to give feedback. He will also author a resolution next week to support route changes.</p> <p>Q – Dir. Eisele: How are we communicating the changes to students?</p> <p>A – Pres. Farmer: Still ironing out details, probably advertising at least a month before changes apply, hopefully starting at beginning on semester.</p> <p>Q – Sen. Lehner: We will also share to social media platforms.</p>
Dir. San	<p>We are taking GA and Exec pictures next week, be here at 5:45pm to take the picture at 6pm.</p> <p>Q – Dir. Jacobson: When is the Exec photo?</p> <p>A: Hopefully 5:45.</p>
V.P. Consiglio	Vacancy applications are open until the 17 <sup>th</sup> !
Sen. Mandli	The Dining Committee is extending the customer satisfaction survey to the 18 <sup>th</sup> .
Sen. Murray	Directors, check your inboxes for an email from him about setting up your Blugold Connect+ pages.
Dir. Eisele	Please fill out the office hours check in form!
Pres. Farmer	<p>He has updates from the UW Shared Governance meeting. UW Platteville, Oshkosh, and Milwaukee are closing branch locations. Many UW schools are in significant financial deficits, including UWEC.</p> <p>In regard to the UW Pay Plan, a resolution will be coming next week about it.</p> <p>Q – Sen. Lehner: What is our overall debt?</p>



	<p>A: There are contrasting numbers. He will be asking the chancellor about correct numbers, but it is a significant number.</p> <p>We have our Senate Soiree on Sunday! An invite was sent today. There will be food in the senate office, and then we will go to an escape room.</p> <p>Q – Sen. Strojinc: Will it be longer than 4:30pm?</p> <p>A: If you need to be back, we can make arrangements.</p> <p>There is an opioid and Narcan training in two weeks, information was sent to your email.</p> <p>Exec board open position applications will open next week. If you feel like you need to leave senate, please let him know.</p>
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**Misc. Notes:**

**Adjournment**

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**Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.**

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