



A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 31, 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 – 10/31/2022

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	P
Solveig Dei	P
Austin Lallak	P
Benjamin Myszka	P
Brenna Strojinc	P
Elianna Zimmerman	P

Off-Campus Senators

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

At-Large Senators

Name	Status
Livvy Argo	P
Mei Bean	P
Avery De Ruyter	P
Oliver Gibbs	U
Ben Hurley	P



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

Executive Officers

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

Presentation

<p>Entity; Topic Jeff Peterson, <i>Free Speech Survey</i></p>	<p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: In the leaked survey, there were questions about students' partisanship, can you speak to that this year? • A: Are still asking qs about partisanship, and do they lean left or right wing, students have the option to not respond • Q: Can you speak to the specifics of what people objected to last year? • A: People felt ambushed, one question got a lot of blowback, something like "have you ever felt that a faculty member ever punished you for your views" and people were worried about faculty being singled out. That was deleted, want the object of the survey to be understanding and capture of the first amendment. There are a lot of people who think students know a lot less than they do, and want to show them that they're wrong. • Q: IRB purview across the campuses and outreach to their SGA's? • A: 10/13 campuses, 2 SGA's don't meet as frequently. IRB has full approval at UWEC and Stout, there were no problems with the proposal, others have just waived since they are a site to collect data,
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	<p>Parkside, Whitewater, Green Bay haven't gotten back to them. Nov 14th is the start date, assuming all the campuses opt in, close on December 14th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to extend by 5 minutes: passes unanimously, Placard • Q: Because of previous backlash, do you have any stats on public perception? • A: Don't have any data, part of the reason they've had these meetings is to get feedback, has been very pleasantly surprised by the feedback, especially from SGAs, the communication was really bad, they own the responsibility from that, having these conversations really help. • Q: Could you elaborate on the goals after you collect the data and what to do with it? • A: They are hoping to get 500 students from each campus, UW System has asked for a system wide report, on diverse viewpoints, whether they feel comfortable expressing views, many questions have been revised from previous surveys, some analyses between links of understandings of first amendment rights and their attitudes, linking how people feel about it and what they understand about it. That will be a systemwide report, there is a question about concerns, one they received is that people will be identified, part of the proposal includes a stance that any subdivision of groups that gives data less than 30 will not be analyzed, as to avoid back-identification. While unlikely, it is a valid concern, so they have taken extreme measures to avoid that possibility. Also have system legal behind them on this.
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Misc. Notes:

- Jeff Peterson, in Poli Sci dept, Assistant VC of Academic Affairs
- Eric Casper, Prof of Poli Sci, Director of Menard Center of Poli Studies
- April Bleske-Rechek, does psych research, professor interested in free speech
- Two others involved that could not be here tonight
- In Fall 2021, Tim Scheel at Stout wanted to do a survey on the first amendment on campus, what students know, etc.
- Similar surveys done in California, but also because there was a lot of discussion of student disruption and events, how does the first amendment apply
- Tim is a philosopher, so recruited Jeff and Eric and April for question design and topic expertise.
- Late 202-22 built survey
- Believed that UW system was communicating about the survey, getting out to the research boards of various campuses
- Communication to the campuses never happened, so in April 2022 there was a PR incident, an old version of the survey leaked, and no one had heard about it
- Because one of the funders was from Menard Center at Stout, people assumed a political agenda



- Was at the Board of Reagent meeting at Steven’s Point—knew the moment it leaked because was surrounded by Chancellors
- People got worked up, several SGAs put forward legislation telling people not to participate, including EC.
- Were ready to give it up, but was approached by UW System because they thought it was valuable, and if it wasn’t done by professionals and scholars, it may be done by people with agendas
- Reworked it, made the survey better
- One decision was to reach out to SGAs themselves, take responsibility for that communication,
- Has been to every campus in the system but one in the last month and a half, talking to anyone who wants to listen about it
- Here to answer any questions
- Don’t expect you to endorse it, love or hate it, just here to answer questions
- Want the process to be as transparent as possible
- May have undergone as much scrutiny as the US census
- Here to hear from you, alleviate any concerns

Open Forum

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Misc. Notes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/24/22

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Rossellin Gaitán

Hello, Again Folks and Happy Halloween and National Carmel Apple Day!

Last week I attended a classroom visit, attended my check-ins, attended the finance commission-organized activity meeting, which was fun, and attended the UPC meeting.

This upcoming week is going to be more relaxed; Nick and I will be meeting with all the Dean of colleges; I hope to try to attend all commission meetings this week, meet with the director of career services about my First Generation Student Handbook ideas and possible collaboration, and besides my regular check-in attend a legislation meeting with a couple directors and senators. I hope that you all had a safe and fun weekend. I hope as we approach the colder weeks here, you all stay healthy! Also, for those who visited my cat chibi today, she loved seeing all of you in her royalty costume!

I Yield.



REPORT: Vice President – Nicholas Johnson

Good evening and happy Halloween, everyone. To avoid this question in the future, I am dressed as myself tonight. This past week was relatively light for me. Aside from my regular director check-ins, I scheduled the last of our vacancy interviews. If my arithmetic is correct, we currently have five open seats. I attended SOC and gave a presentation on funding for the newly formed Chess Club. I also had a check-in with the Chancellor to give updates on current goings-on within the Student Senate. Specifically, we discussed the Senate's initiative to increase student participation in the upcoming election, the current funding process underway in the Finance Commission, and the status of student organizations. Finally, I attended a Free Speech Workshop hosted by the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies. I feel as though this was extremely important to my role in student government. Students are historically likely to have their free speech rights infringed upon. I encourage you all as student leaders to research some common issues students face on campus regarding exercising their rights. Stepping off my soapbox, I am happy to take any questions. Thank you. I yield.

REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Anakah Denison

Good evening and Happy Halloween!

Last week I presented to the Finance Commission on the Gen Ops and Legal budgets, as well as participated in about 12 hours of Segregated Fee presentations, deliberations and voting. While it was quite a process, I'm proud of the conversations we had and the work we completed. I also attended Comms and worked on 66-R-3, which will be reintroduced tonight. I attended my weekly check-in, as well as the IGA voter registration event in the Hub! This week I am hoping to work on streamlining the committee appointment process by hopefully obtaining committee charters and streamlining the budget further for next year. I will also be conducting another interview for vacancy! At week 9, we are solidly through the middle of the semester, I encourage you to reach out if you have ideas for legislation, and once again, send me your outreach hours! For Exec members and all the new at-large senators, as well as any senators who were NOT present at the first training: the planned date for the second Senate Retreat is November 19th—more details to follow. If you have a food allergy/sensitivity, please let me know so we can make arrangements, as breakfast and lunch will be provided. Also, I want to mention that alternate side parking goes into effect tomorrow, Nov. 1st until May 1st, so be aware—fines are \$30! Lastly, shoutout to Sahana for being the first to send in her director's report at 9:10 am this morning!

As always, I am happy to answer any questions, and I yield.



REPORTS: Board of Directors

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San

Howdy everyone, I hope everyone had a great Halloween & is ready for another great week. Last week, we got the next issue of Blu's Bulletin printed from AIL, revised last week's resolution (which will be re-introduced in today's meeting by myself), picked a date for the SOS Motivation Monday, started talks of a fresh batch of projects with my intern Dalton and hosted Motivation Monday this morning in Davies! This week in Comms will be pretty relaxed, but I still plan to have the website's photography updated, continuous graphic design management, working with SOS, and hosting this coming Motivation Monday with the IGA commission! I love all the costumes and wish everyone an awesome week, comms out.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Maddie Blong

Last week ESM had a major budget moment! We finished the ESM budget presentation and presented at the Finance meeting on Wednesday! We then continued to sit through 10 additional hours of finance meetings addressing budgets of other organized activities and then participated in discussions on where the money should be allocated. We would like to thank Director Johnson, our Finance director, for keeping the meetings together and making sure everyone felt confident in their understanding of our University's funding process!

This week we will be meeting with the Center for Racial and Restorative justice and discussing goals for the year. We will also be attending the MSS Dialogue to listen to student's concerns about MSS and planning ESM's next big project for the year!

Anyways have a fun week!

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson

Hello everyone, Happy Halloween. This past week the Finance Commission endured 2 very long meetings, but we made it through successfully. Wednesday the 26th we heard from some of the Organized Activities regarding fiscal year 24 funding. Then on Thursday we heard from 3 more organizations and deliberated on all budget requests. We successfully came to an agreement on all budgets and the following day, Friday I informed every one of their tentative allocations. This week I will be talking with organizations that plan to appeal. Thank you to everyone that attended presentations and deliberations. I hope everyone has a great week and I yield.

Information Technologies Commission Director – Joseph Dokken

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is having a great day, I know you all are thinking it so I will tell you all that my day is going great.



This week has been more of the same, finalizing the tech survey and signing students up for the mobile credential's beta test. Please let me know if you want to be a part of this beta test.

On another note, we will hopefully be voting on some fun stuff this week in ITC so if you want to hear more about that come to the ITC meeting or check out the meeting minutes.

I also want you all to start thinking about initiatives and things on campus that you want to see implemented to help better students' experiences on campus as we are going to be starting to think through and vote on that in the coming weeks. We will be sending out some sort of form to let you submit your ideas to ITC.

That's all I've got for today, but of course SKOL!!!

And with that I yield.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Hannah Kelly

Hello everyone and Happy Halloween!

IGA is busy as usual. Last week in our meeting we discussed what we planned for the final stretch before election day. So, this weekend we will be Chalking on both upper and lower campus to remind students and give them information to vote on November 8th. Also, on November 7th (thanks to the Communications Commission) will be tabling for Motivation Monday!

Not only we be giving out some beverages and snacks, but we will also be giving out stickers and handouts for students to get information for election day! For both of these I will be sending out a sign up email if you'd like to help out (they will count for an outreach hour!)

In our meeting this week we will begin working on the LPS, for now we've decided to work together as a commission on two goals. First, we hope to help out and promote the campus food pantry and spread the word to students. And second, we hope to work with the management of hilltop and Sodexo to improve both the working conditions and food quality. If you would like to contribute to this, make sure to attend IGA meetings! (Tuesdays 3-4 in the Pine Room of the AIL office)

Will all that being said fly eagles fly and I yield.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine

Hello Friends, I hope you all had a great weekend and happy Halloween! Last week we introduced our proposal to fund students to attend the UW System Sustainability Conference and will be voting on that this week. This week we will be hearing a proposal put together by Senator Hicks on having a paid internship to oversee the hydroponics units. Speaking of Hydroponics, Senator Hicks, my co-director Hazel and I will be participating in interviews tomorrow for the



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PRESIDENT GAITÁN

VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON

Leader Telegram on the new hydroponics. I also discussed the NCUR sustainability breakfast today with Hazel. More information to come on that next semester. And finally, the last day of AASHE is this week, it is on Thursday, and we will be in Chancellors Room Davies 311. The keynote speakers are at 10am, noon, and 4pm. We hope to see you there! And I yield.

Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap

Good evening,

This week the Student Organization Commission viewed our first SOC Special Allocation Fund presentation and finalized our plans for the Student Organization Leaders Banquet. The banquet will be taking place tomorrow night, and will consist of presentations about Blugold Connect +, funding opportunities for Student Organizations, ways to be a better student org leader, and fun games and giveaways! For those of you who were able to RSVP, I am excited to see you all there! In addition to voting on the New SOC Special Allocation fund, you will all also be voting on the approval of all the new Student Organizations. In short, I hope you all have a great Halloween, make sure to never trust anybody named Carole Baskin, and as always, take care, brush ya hair.

University Activities Commission Director – Brett Farmer

Good evening everyone!

Last week, UAC hosted a variety of fun events throughout the week! In particular, we started the week with a Pumpkin Painting event in collaboration with Blugold Dining and had a great turnout and involvement from the student body voting throughout the week! We also had a great Voter Information event with IGA and I want to thank Director Kelly, Senator Dei and all of you that helped out! For a new, last-minute event, I think we did a great job educating and preparing students for Election Day next week!

We also showed Blair Witch Project in Woodland Theater on Friday and hosted Hana Fleur and Brooke Elizabeth in the Cabin on Saturday evening.

This week, we have another fun-filled week beginning tomorrow night with Candy Bar Bingo tomorrow night at 8:00pm in Hilltop Lounge. On Thursday, we are showing Mamma Mia with a paint-by-number in the Student Org Complex at 7:00pm. Finally, on Saturday, Tony Williams will perform in The Cabin at 6:30pm.

Finally, UAC is hiring a new concert chair to organize the Cabin concert series! The application is live as of today until November 18 on Blugold Connect+. It's a very exciting paid position with a lot of experience and exposure for people looking to go into the music industry! 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 friends,

Happy Halloween!! I hope you all are having a fun and spooky Monday! Last week was pretty light for Academic Affairs because I just attended a short Academic Policies commission meeting, and we had our commission meeting where we started drafting our Academic Affairs pamphlet which I'm excited to continue to work on. I also had a meeting on Friday with the previous Academic Affairs director to discuss how the semester is going and also to pick her brain on a potential open forum and other projects I'm working on this semester. This week, I will not be attending the Academic Policies Meeting as they canceled due to no new business. But I will also be having my bi-weekly meeting with Associate Dean Pratt and a check-in meeting with Dean Heinselman. I'm also hoping to speak with someone in the ARCC center about a project that my commission is working on. To end the week, I will be attending the Service-Learning Advisory Committee and bringing you back updates on what happens. Other than that, if you have any ideas for Academic Affairs, please come talk to me and attend my commission meetings if possible. I always want to see my commission grow and for the campus as a whole to be the best place, it can be. That is all the announcements I have this week and I hope you have a wonderful rest of your week. And with that, I yield.

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May

No Report

Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
	66-R-3	Passed	Unanimous, 29-0-2 Placard

Misc. Notes:

Introduction, Dir. San:

- Revisions reflect emphasis on archiving
- Why certain platforms
- Comms will share recaps
- Will go into non-binding Operating Document
- Stress engagement and outreach
- Formatting, grammar changed
- Removed stat because did not have source
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Speaker Sentiments:



- As original author, want to thank Comms for their work editing it, as a new senator, it was daunting to introduce it, is in support of the recommendations and edits of this resolution, encourage you to do so as well as it is only a recommendation, thanks to Comms
- Commending the original author and Comms, the Operating Policies is a new addition, so this year is the Parliamentarian’s project so set it up, want to encourage senators to write these kinds of legislation to set the expectations for how they want the body to operation, starting from the starting point that the pres sets
- Wants to commend the authors, was not present for the or meeting, there have been great additions and changes, the suggestions would be great to increase accessibility, we have a big hurdle just getting students involved and understanding what we do, can hopefully boost involvement in Senate
- Will be voting up, commend original author, agree that accessibility is important, especially because Senate can be very daunting from the outside

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• **AMENDMENTS:**

New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
	66-B-5 ,	Passed	28-0-3

Misc. Notes:

Introduction, Person:

- Opens new fund especially for ambitious new orgs, believe it will be very successful

Speaker Sentiments:

- Will be voting up
- Is a good opportunity for student orgs
- Has already been taken advantage of, there is a need for it

• **AMENDMENTS:**

New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
	66-R-5	Passed	28-0-3, Placard

Misc. Notes

- Full list of orgs is in attachment A
- Commend author on the introduction
- 17 new ones to be approved
- Just makes it official
- Look at the orgs that we are approving—we serve a lot of interests

Personnel Matters

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
Appointed	Mia McKeowen	Academic Policies Commission



Appointed	Samantha Robbins	Student Misconduct Review Committee
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Misc. Notes

Announcements

Person	Topic
Par. Miller	Thank you for keeping things professional tonight, we can recommend this to future sessions because we kept our conduct up.
Dir. Dokken	Go to Chipotle and get 6\$ burritos tonight, you get a discount for being in costume! Q: Why would I do that when I can get one at Hilltop for free? A: Do you want a burrito or do you want Chipotle?
Dir. Blong	Tomorrow is the first day of Native American Heritage Month, on Nov. 2 nd , Darren Thompson is a Native flute performer who will be visiting and playing in the Cabin!
Dir. Farmer	Candy bar bingo in Hilltop tomorrow, and Mamma Mia painting event as well!
Pres. Gaitan	Update on EDI advisement committee: Dir. Blong, Dir. Gomez and Pres. Gaitan met today on who should sit on the committee, update since Chancellor came and presented to us. Let any of them know if you have recommendations Q: Will you let us know which student reps have been chosen? A: Yes

Misc. Notes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Minutes submitted by Anakah Denison, Senate Personnel Director