



A regular meeting of the 67th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:07 PM on Monday, November 6, 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 – 11/06/2023

Executive Board

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



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	P



Dylan Baker	P
Ally Etzler	P
Katelyn Hevrin	P
Sarah Loecher	U
Kyler Simonet	P
Mallory Williams	P

Executive Officers

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

Presentation

<p>Entity; Topic Tina Deetz, Eau Claire Transit; <i>University Route Change</i></p>	<p>Questions Q – Sen. Lehner: There is a concern about the service ending at 8:30pm and the solution is to use SafeRide. What is the current wait time? A: Wait times are too long. Q: Current pay? A: Around \$12 or \$13 possibly. Q: To recruit more people, are you willing to raise wages? A: Yes, doing a study on how competitive jobs and wages are. Another alternative is shuttles. Could possibly do a sweep route at the end of the night to pick up stragglers. Q – Sen. De Ruyter: Will there still be a stop at McPhee? A: Yes Sen. Lehner: Transit is not the same as safe ride WYLM I - Dir. Bean: We don't have enough vehicles to accommodate that are street legal, we only have one van. There are issues with funding pay raises and another vehicle. VC Crickette: We have resources to expand the program.</p>
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	<p>Q – Dir. Johnson: When would the proposals go into effect? A: January 30, when next semester starts.</p> <p>Q – Dir. Velazquez: When will you be able reach a finalized proposal? A: We can’t say for sure.</p>
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Misc. Notes:

- New logo from UWEC marketing team
- Will put logo on UWEC designated bus stops, see the stops better
- Now called lower and upper campus routes
- Now going to Sonnentag
- Menominee market addition
- Combining the two signs on lake street
- Moving stop down to Human Services building
- Upper changes: bus leaving Centennial will also go to Davies
- Both Monday through Friday routes
- Upper will go to Sonnentag too
- All 4 buses out in the morning by 7:42, every 15 minutes service
- Not much time adjusted, just a couple minutes within current bus times
- SafeRide wanting to grow program
- Wants to hire more students in CSO
- Only have 8 students right now
- May partner with city for on demand service
- \$850,000 for new bus
- \$6.8 million per year
- Lots of downtime for last few hours
- Saturday university route 10am-7pm, service around Pablo Center
- Going through new transit center when it opens
- New routes started in January, did not have marketing
- Now have 210 extra students per week
- Buses serviced every 15 mins through 7:42-6:15

Entity; Topic Director Morehouse; Implementation of Okta	Questions
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Misc. Notes:

- Easy to set up
- More students who have seen this before Jan. 8th will be the most helpful
 - Don’t want students to email LTS on Jan. 8th
- QR codes passed around for Okta



- Navigate to Octa set up, sign in
 - Different ways to verify through the app
 - Can use face id
 - Push, call, etc.
 - Can add phone number
- Security key/ biometric = finger print set up
 - Can use for Okta
- Can choose to set them up later
- Super easy, download the app on your phone
- Personal experience- Okta has been super helpful
 - Shows you all apps in one place as well
 - Super easy
 - Tell your friends about it, share the process!

Open Forum

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Misc. Notes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/30/23

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Brett Farmer

Good evening everyone and happy one-year-out from Election Day 2024!
I hope you all had a safe and relaxing weekend, and thank you to all of you who came to our Senate Soiree and escape rooms yesterday, it was a great time, and I certainly think we got to know each other a little better!
Last week, I met with Dean Heinselman, attended the Eau Claire Transit Open Forum, met with Senator Adhikari and staff from the Center for International Education, had a working lunch with Jodi Thessing-Ritter, and spent a whole lot of time working on the legislation that I'll be introducing later tonight. Finally, Sam and I met with Chancellor Schmidt this morning, where we discussed tonight's legislation and the current state of the state legislature, and the direction of both Student Senate and the university as a whole.
Outside of senate last week, I presented to Downtown Eau Claire Inc for one final Blugold Welcome commitment, attended two more info sessions with potential graduate schools, and capped off the week with yet another win with the swim team over UW-La Crosse on Saturday. On the legislation I mentioned, I will give you context and more info during the introduction, but I want to clarify a little bit on why Vice President Consiglio and I have written this resolution. For those of you who don't know, the president and vice president typically don't write or introduce legislation so to not sway or influence the direction or action of the body as a whole, however, this circumstance is certainly different. Legislation has and can be introduced by the chair and vice chair of the meeting, it's just not too typical. In this instance,



the situation being addressed in the resolution is one that Sam and I have the most context and understanding on, but also one that we feel passionate about and a responsibility to bring to this body. That being said, I am by no means telling you all that we must be on the same page and pass this resolution. I wanted to do the opposite actually and challenge you all to dissect it, ask questions, and voice your opinion, for or against it.

In other news, this week, Vice President Consiglio will be writing to legislators regarding the Pay Plan situation and meeting with Provost Kleine tomorrow. Aside from that, we'll be conducting all our regular check-ins and meetings, and preparing and advertising for vacancies and executive positions to be filled at the end of the semester.

Continue to be active and involved members of your respective communities, I respect you all so much. Take care of yourselves and check in with the ones you love. Thank you and I yield.

REPORT: Vice President – Sam Consiglio

Good evening everyone! I hope you all are having a wonderful Monday and start to your week! This past week I was busy scheduling interviews and working through logistics of vacancy. We have already had 5 applicants in this past week, and I intend on doing a bit more outreach this week as well. As a reminder, vacancy applications along with the Parliamentarian and Mascot Coordinator positions are open on Blugold Connect Plus. Senator Applications will be open until November 17th, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining this body, I recommend sending them an application.

I also attended the Regional Housing Conference this past Wednesday and was able to hear about zoning reforms as well as affordable housing initiatives in Eau Claire. In addition to the Conference, I sat in on the Transportation Forum on Thursday night to hear about all of the possible changes coming to our busing system. Thank you all for sharing your input tonight as well. I look forward to making the transportation on campus more accessible and reliable for students.

Finally, President Farmer and I collaborated in writing the resolution that you see before you tonight. This is a topic I know we both feel passionately about so please ask questions and voice your thoughts. I rounded out my week attending the Senate Soiree and judging some very interesting pieces of legislation. Thank you to all who attended!

This week, I started off by meeting with Chancellor Schmidt alongside President Farmer to discuss transit updates, the Pay Plan resolution, as well as changes to our Senate Bylaws. In addition to usual business, I will also be meeting with Provost this week to get updates and talk about academic projects. 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

Hi everyone! This past week I had a few meetings related to disability inclusion, including meeting with Director Rafter's intern to discuss syllabi language. This coming week, I'll be scheduling trainings for Internal Affairs, attending the committee meeting for Domestic Immersion proposals, and looking at bylaw revisions.

If you need anything, please reach out! As always, the first person to turn in their report was Director Rafter! I yield.



REPORTS: Board of Directors

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Colin Rafter

Good morning everyone,
I hope you're all having a spectacular week.

Everybody, guess what? The AAC Forum happened this passed Wednesday and it was lovely. I'm not going to say it was the most successful AAC Forum to have ever been held in the history of this university, but I wouldn't correct any of you if you said it. Majority of the feedback we received were complaints about particular classes and professors, ranging anywhere from professors forgoing in person lectures to instead teach using 7 year old videos, to professors turning off Canvas grades and only telling students their grades if they visited them during office hours, where they would calculate the grades by hand. Yikes.

Thursday of last week, I dominated the court on my intramural basketball team. I was a menace, on and off the court. It was at this game that I also saw Director Heap, playing on a different team. Next week, on Thursday, November 16th, our teams will meet and we'll have the greatest showdown conceivable. If you'd like to watch a complete shutout, be there at 7.

On Friday, I also got the chance to speak with John Reichart, the ARCC Director. We discussed the history of the 4 year graduation contract and why it was canned so to say, as well as the possibility of reviving the 4 year graduation contract with the backing and support of AAC. As updates develop, you will all be updated.

This Wednesday, I will be meeting with Director Morehouse, the Provost, and the Deans to finally discuss AI policy in classroom.

In the interest of academics on campus, I figure its best to end my report by teaching you all something new. The fastest primate in the world is the Patas monkey, which reach a top speed of around 34 mph, about 7 mph faster than Usain Bolt's top speed. Fascinating.

Thank you for your time and attention. I yield.

Q – Sen. Lehner: Can you explain the 4 year grad program?

A: In the 90s it existed, and you could plan it with your advisor. The university would compensate if it took longer than 4 years to graduate. It fell through but we are trying to revive it.

Q – Sen. Lehner: Is there funding for compensation?

A: We don't believe it's an issue. Through ARCC there is funding to do it. Hopefully it would work as a retention tool.

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San



Howdy everyone, happy Motivation Monday! I hope you're all doing well and off to a great week 10 of 15, I know I am after that thrilling Vikings win over the Falcons. Firstly, I want to say thank you for coming in earlier than usual to take our lovely photos. Last week in Comms, I was quite busy with schoolwork so it was a quieter week for me, but our awesome Comms team got things done, including some more graphics projects, this morning's Motivation Monday with counseling services, and 2 more admin exec personalization videos. This week in Comms, the team and I will be following up on the drive in movie theater idea, polishing the final touches on our website, planning next week's Motivation Monday with ITC for the upcoming tech survey, several graphics projects, and more. As always, if you'd like to help out, get involved, or log an outreach hour, let me know. That's what I've got for you this week, Comms out. I yield.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Emma Velazquez

Good evening, everyone! Happy Monday and Happy Native American Heritage Month! To celebrate there will be plenty of events to check out! Like tomorrow there will be a screening of the film Smoke Signals in Woodland Theater at 5:30!

This past week in ESM, we had a few check-ins with the faculty we work closely with. We had a great chat with Caitlin Lee of MSS to see where they're at with supporting their students. We talked about what they're doing to ensure communication is prioritized, identified areas where we may be falling short with the students, and what we can do better to combat that.

During our commission meeting, we addressed a few of the issues that are happening at a much larger level such as the Anti-Trans legislation, the WI Budget Pay Plan, and the Israel/Palestine conflict. With so much happening on this large scale, it's hard for students not to be concerned. One of our goals for ESM this year was to provide a space for these concerns to be heard and discussed.

So, tomorrow after our commission meeting, we invite everyone to head downtown and partake in the rally for Palestine. It begins at 5:30 and will start at City Hall on S Farwell St. Come make your voice heard and catch up on the context behind the conflict. Next week, the 14th, instead of our commission meeting we will be attending the open discussion hosted by IGA regarding the Anti-Trans legislation in Centennial 1924 from 4:45 PM to 6:45 PM. This will be an opportunity to gain more education on the topic and help guide our direction for further addressing the issue.

We appreciate everything everyone has been doing this semester and encourage you to participate in these educational opportunities to better understand what effect these current events are having on our students. We're always here to support you in whatever ways possible. Thank you, with peace and love, I yield.

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson

Hello everyone, I hope you are all having a great start to your week. Last week was an eventful one for Finance Commission. We heard 2 appeals from WEUC Radio and Forensics. WUEC was appealing their original allocation of \$36,500 and was granted an additional \$1,000, raising their allocation for FY 25 to 37,500. Forensics was appealing their original allocation of \$40,000 and was granted an additional \$1,000



as well raising their allocation to \$41,000. I notified both organizations of their new allocations on Friday. This week I will be writing that bill and will introduce it next week. This week the finance commission will start working on Non-allocable funding, this includes Athletics, University Centers, AIL, etc. If you are interested in helping in this process, please reach out to me or find me after a meeting. Other than that, I hope you all have a great week and I yield.

Information Technologies Commission Director – Drew Morehouse

Hello everyone,

ITC is putting a final approval on our Tech Survey this week. Expect to see the link in your inbox after Tuesday's meeting. We are working on spreading the word about Okta and we are looking to show off how easy the switch is to make to each of you today. Our meeting tomorrow will include Pizzas for everyone so make sure to stop by.

We are also looking to tour the libraries Digital Studio and Maker's Space to get a better view on what the commission has helped make available to students and find areas where we can improve upon these offerings.

We're chilling and grilling over here. See yah tomorrow and I yield.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Mei Bean

Hi all,

I hope you had a great weekend and are doing well recovering from midterms. IGA had a meeting with Linda Presley from League of Women Voters to discuss how we can best work together to meet our common goal of getting college students out to vote. This voter drive will be hosted next week on Wednesday the 15th from 10-2. We will be tabling in Davis as well as in the HUB. This week in IGA, we will be planning this as well as getting some volunteers for the event.

IGA will also be hosting an open forum surrounding trans athletes as well as how we can best support trans athletes on our campus. This is also going to be an informational session for anyone who doesn't know about AB 378. Faculty and students will all be welcome to attend this meeting. At the very end of the meeting, we will be workshopping our resolution supporting trans athletes. This meeting will be held on Tuesday November 14th at 4:45-6:30 in Centennial 1924.

And of course, to wrap up this report, this weekend the women's rugby team won the Great Waters Conference in a game against the University of Illinois 44-5. We will be heading to Indiana this weekend to play for the regional title.

Thank you all for your time. Be sure to care for yourself, especially seeing as we are amid cold and flu season. I yield.

Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap

Good evening,

This week the Student Organization Commission took a much-needed break during our meeting as we continue to process all of our student organization constitutions on campus. Although there has continued to be many last minute submissions, we hope to finalize the process sooner than later. In regard to our



other work, we are continuing to promote our student organization of the week on our Instagram, as well as advertising for our upcoming Student Organization 101 series on November 14th at 5:00pm in Centennial 1924. If you or anybody you know is involved with student organizations, make sure to let them know about all of our great resources available for student orgs on campus! Finally, I spent my time attending part of the appeal process for the Organized Activity fund during the Finance commission meeting, where there were plenty of questions to be answered, and I also began my recreation basketball league, where such greats like Director Rafter, Senator Mandli, and Senator Calcutt were in attendance, so if watching titans clash sounds interesting to you, stop by McPhee this Thursday evening. Some people may say I lack hustle, skill, shooting ability, and basketball IQ, and they are probably correct. That is all I have for you this week, I look forward to hearing and voting on this critically important piece of legislation before the body this evening, 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 the sustainable menstrual products proposal as well as the new furniture for the SSRC. We also had a presentation from the ground's folks, and it was very interesting! This week we will have at least two new proposals from the reef team and class projects. I will be reaching out to dining for our water bottle reuse event and reading through our bylaws looking for any necessary changes and same goes for our Blugold Connect plus webpage, shoutout to Senator Murray for helping me with that. I am also participating in a lobbying meeting on Wednesday with Derrick Van Orden and today attended a town hall meeting regarding potential geothermal on campus! More to come on all of that. That is all for now, I hope you all have a great week and I yield!

University Activities Commission Director – Zach Jacobson

Hi all,

Last weekend we had the black swan for our film and Mars Galactic in the cabin, and both went well. Personally, I attended Africa's Future put on by the African Student Association. I had a blast, the food was great, and the poetry, dancing, and energy was amazing.

This week in UAC we do not have any events, but, you should go to Gatsby Galla!

Next week we have the menu in the being shown in the Dulaney with free food! As well as an open mic night with nota next Thursday at 7:30.

If you have any questions or have any event ideas please let me know!

As always, follow UAC on Instagram, Facebook, and Tik Tok for all of the most updated information!

A quote that I heard this week, “you are worth it!”

Keep up all of the good work that you do here at UWEC. You are smart, cared for, and you can do big things!

I yield.

REPORT: Special



Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May

Hello everyone,

Just a quick recap from last week, RJ and I interviewed potential candidates for future actors and wingmen. FOR THIS week, not much going on this week except for our actor auditions which are Tuesday and Thursday this week.

That's all I have and I yield.

Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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Misc. Notes:

New Business

Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
	67-R-5 Urging the Joint Committee on Employment Relations to Approve the 2023-2025 University of Wisconsin Pay Plan	Passed	27-0-2 Placard

Misc. Notes:

Introduction, President Farmer

- Inspired by the words of UW System President Jay Rothman
- Gives context and factual evidence
- Speaker has gone on record that they are holding it back because of EDI
- Highlights the importance of staff and programs in the state

Speaker’s List

- Sen. Lehner: Thank you to the authors. Happy to be part of consulting it. Will be voting up. Crucial and timely piece of legislation. Gerrymandered majority has waged war on EDI, including queer people, POC and public universities. Unconstitutional withholding of funds that the committee is doing. Urge everyone to vote in favor. Crucial that our voices are heard. Important to stand up for what is right. Calling the gerrymandered majority out on their crap.
- Pres. Farmer: Forgot to include in intro. Intentions for afterward. Plans to write letters to local legislators and JCOER. Gov. Evers filed lawsuit on behalf. Illegal to withhold money that has already been passed and signed into law by the governor. President Rothman sent some bullet points to be talked about. Bipartisan support that passed the legislation. Wrongdoing of the officials on the committee. Funding ranks 42nd in the country.
- VP Consiglio: Need to support faculty and staff to thrive. Need to support and uphold values. Supporting resolution will show the body supports it.
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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2023
PRESIDENT FARMER
VICE PRESIDENT CONSIGLIO

- Dir. Velazquez: Commends authors for work, so much research. Appreciate the dedication to the issue and speaks volumes for what we stand for as university. Will be voting up.
- Dir. Bean: Commends the authors, making sure that it was well done. Resolution help open the door for lobbying opportunities in the future. We are Nationally ranked in support of EDI. Resources for students should not be and never be political.
- Dir. Johnson: Voice of student body needs to be shared, banding together the show support, will be voting up.
- Pres. Farmer: Portray more personal side of what we have seen of this issue. Faculty have said that they cannot financially commit to this job anymore, not including the raise. Unjust to withhold money from our talented staff that already deserve to be paid more.
- Sen. Lehner: Message to state legislature; pay our university employees. We remember and we vote.

Amendments

- Title changed to Universities of Wisconsin

Personnel Matters

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
Resigned	Aleah Vetsch	Student Misconduct Review Committee
Appointed	Sen. De Ruyter	Student Misconduct Review Committee
Appointed	Sen. Baker	Student Misconduct Review Committee
Nominated	Angie Elizalde	Student Organization Conduct Committee

Misc. Notes

Announcements

Person	Topic
Dir. Eisele	Legislation for next Monday’s meeting will be sent to her this week, not Stephanie. She will be out of the office from Wednesday to Friday. Please send all legislation by Thursday night. If you cannot get it to her by Friday, just let her know ahead of time. If you have any other questions about legislation, please ask her!
VP Consiglio	Vacancy applications are open until Nov. 17. Tell your friends!



Sen Lehner	Thank you to everyone who attended the transit forum and all the questions for the presentation. Wants to get this right and listen to students. Continue to submit feedback.
Dir. Velazquez	Rally for Palestine Israel conflict tomorrow 5:30. Creating posters at commission meeting tomorrow. Going straight to city hall after.
Sen. Mandli	Dining has more updates. Cabin now serve seasonal Starbucks drinks. Kiwibots now can deliver Nascar wings. Complete survey to be entered to win gift card before Nov. 18.
Sen. Simonet	Please fill out tech survey when you get it to email.
Pres. Farmer	<p>Transit maps in office until Thurs. Put sticky note on them. Any thoughts, comments, and questions.</p> <p>Thank you for coming to senate soiree!</p> <p>Email sent about interest in joining campus ambassadors.</p> <p>Q – Sen. Mandli: Is there a uniform? A: Yes if you want.</p> <p>Thank you for contributing to resolution for tonight.</p> <p>New commission possibly about student health and wellbeing. Being done alongside bylaw rewrites. Envelop a lot of things. Might not be done by the end of this session. Want feedback.</p>

Misc. Notes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lily Eisele, Senate Personnel Director