



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2022
PRESIDENT GAITÁN
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A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 7, 2022, in the Woodland Theater 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 – 11/07/2022

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	E



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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	P
Jake Hicks	P
Breanna Renslo	P
Meghan Wiercinski	P
Twyla Alix	P

At-Large Senators

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



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

Executive Officers

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

Presentation

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Open Forum

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Misc. Notes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/31/22

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Rossellin Gaitán

Hello, Again Folks and Happy First Day of First-Gen Students Week. To all my fellow First Gen Peers, we are here, and I am proud of you.



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This past week was not as calm as I thought it was going to be! I had a conversation with someone about my First Gen Handbook and got in contact with a great alumni resource to help me with my project. I also had a legislation meeting talking about some things in our bylaws that you will all hear about in the coming weeks and amazingly met Senator Bernie Sanders. Very cool!

For this upcoming week I have my normal college student duties like classes and papers as well as check in with our directors. On top of that I also have a meeting scheduled with some folks at the end of the week to talk about First Gen students again. I hope that you all have a great week and stay bundled up as we enter colder weeks now. Also, reminder that tomorrow is Election Day, which I am sure you all know about, so make sure to vote. P.S you can vote in the Davies Center! Please make sure you go vote, every vote counts and invite a friend!

I Yield.

REPORT: Vice President – Nicholas Johnson

Good evening, all. This past week has been a whirlwind of fun. On Tuesday, I met with Deans Doran and Manning to discuss a multitude of student issues. First, we discussed the reorg of the College of Business. I will leave it to our capable Academic Affairs director to offer more detail, but essentially a department is being split in order to improve efficiency. We discussed increased transit coming in January, increased Counseling Services via the online system being implemented system-wide, the ongoing budget processes in the Finance Commission, and the general campus climate. I also attended the student organization leaders' banquet Tuesday evening. I want to thank Director Heap and the planning committee for getting such a diverse group of student leaders together and engaging them in and informing them of SOC processes. I met some very interesting groups and am happy to report Chess Club was well received. I am happy to take questions on any of these items. Remember to vote tomorrow! Thank you. I yield.

REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Anakah Denison

Happy Monday all,

I hope you all enjoyed the stormy weather this weekend! Last week I conducted a vacancy interview, attended Finance, and attended Darren Thompson's flute performance for Native American Heritage Month, and started the process of reducing our printing usage, as well as normal behind-the-scenes work. This week I will be attending Finance Commission seg fee appeals. I also wanted to let you all know that the fish tank will be undergoing maintenance for the next week or so, so please be aware of increased traffic in the office. Also, shoutout to Sahana for being the first to turn in her Director's Report again, at 9 am this morning! Additionally, I will be assisting with information sessions for the Galapagos Summer Internship Program, so if you are a biology student, watch for that information, or come ask me!



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Fun fact, there is a lunar eclipse tonight, peaking at 5 am!

As always, if you have any questions, I am happy to answer them, and I yield.

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San

Howdy ya'll, I hope everyone had a good last week & are ready to have an even better one this week. Last week in Comms I went to the MSS Authors dialogue, attended/ helped at SOC's Leadership Banquet, and started creating a plan with SOS for our upcoming Motivation Monday Collab! This week, we're looking into spicing up the complex with some art from the artist series and student-made art. As usual, I'll be managing graphic design projects throughout the week and several other small projects for the Senate. I hope you all have a great, successful week & wish you all the best, we're 2/3d's done, we got this.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Maddie Blong

Hi,

Last week was very event heavy! On Tuesday we celebrated dia de los Muertos with the Latinx student association. On Wednesday we also sat in on the MSS dialogue, and then sprinted over to watch the Native American flautist help UWEC open Native American Heritage month! Then, on Friday we sat down with the Dean of The College of Business, to discuss potential projects to collaborate on in regards to EDI. Then on Saturday went to the African dinner to support our friends in ASA! It was a spectacular show.

Today we met with MSS to discuss changes in accordance to the MSS dialogue last week! I'm excited to see what they are able to do!

Anyways I am looking forward to our first ESM meeting in 3 weeks in the Chancellors Room on Wednesday! See you all there.

I yield.

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson

Hi everyone, I hope you are all having a good Monday. This week in the finance commission we will be hearing organized activity funding appeals from Forensics, Artist Series, WUEC Radio and Spectator. The meeting will start at 5:00 and then presentations starting at 5:10, location to be determined: CENT 3815. This past week I met with various leaders of appealing organizations in preparation for this week. Starting Friday, I will be meeting with non-allocable organization leaders to discuss their budget. These consist of, Recreations, Athletics, Parking and Transportation, University Centers, Counseling Services, Student Health Services and the Nature Academy. The rest of this semester is a busy time for finance so be on the lookout for legislation coming soon. If you plan on attending this week's meeting, please let me know as we will be having pizza and I would like to have an approximate number of attendees. I hope everyone has a great rest of their week and I yield.



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Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Hannah Kelly

Hello Everyone! Today I had a great time with the Communications Commission during motivation Monday! Where we got to hand out hot chocolate and candy to students while also giving them any last minute information for election day tomorrow!

This week in IGA we will be continuing to work on the LPS, think of more way to promote our lovely campus attorney Harry Hartle, and consider sending out a ‘post election’ survey to students to find out why they did or did not vote, hopefully this information will help sessions in the future continue to promote voting. If any of this interests you feel free to stop by Tuesday 3-4pm in the Pine Room of the AIL office.

My final remark is that every who is able to, better be voting tomorrow, or have already sent in their absentee ballot a long while ago. Please make sure you vote tomorrow, I will know if you don't. If you need any last minute information please come to me and I will help in everyway I can! I yield.

Information Technologies Commission Director – Joseph Dokken

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a great weekend. ITC this past week approved the removal of a GA computer lab in the nursing building so that will be turned into workspace for faculty, students, and other use cases. We have completed the tech survey as well this following week. I will send that to Senate this week so be on the lookout for that. I think it is only fair to say in the Viking/Packer debate that the Vikings are officially the all-time better team....

SKOL

And with that I yield.

Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap

Good evening,

This week the Student Organization Commission did not meet, but we reviewed the proceedings of the Student Organization Leaders Banquet and received more requests for allocations from the SOC allocation fund. Thank you again to all of you who helped and participated in the banquet, especially the Student Organization Leaders Banquet Planning Committee; try to say that 5 times fast. Although I was just a bit stressed at the start, it ended up being a wonderful event, and I am



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already looking forward to next year's banquet. In addition, due to some last-minute changes in our agenda, SOC will now begin planning a Blugold Connect + workshop for Student Organization leaders to come to, enjoy free pizza, and learn how to improve their respective Blugold Connect + pages. In total, we have received 3 total requests for funding from the new SOC fund and have an additional 1 or 2 organizations who have contacted me about it as well, so we will be watching those presentations and delegating about them in the coming SOC meetings. In short, it will be another busy week for the Student Organization commission, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine

Hello everyone! This week we have three students, including Hazel, going to the UW System Sustainability Conference. They are leaving Wednesday and we are excited to hear about their takeaways at the next SOS meeting. We also heard an introduction on a proposal for SOS to hire an intern to take care of the hydroponics and everything that goes along with them including student involvement. We will be voting on that this week, and you will hear more about that here in the following Monday meeting. Just as a reminder we meet Wednesdays 5-6pm in the Writing Center on the Second floor of the Library. That's all I have for today; have a good week and I yield.

University Activities Commission Director – Brett Farmer

Good evening everyone!

UAC had yet another eventful week this past week with candy bar bingo last Tuesday in Hilltop, Mamma Mia with a paint-by-number activity Thursday evening and Tony Williams in The Cabin Saturday night for our weekly Cabin Concert! All events were well-attended and I appreciate all of you who were able to go to any of them!

This week, UAC does not have any events lined up, in large part to the Gatsby's Gala Saturday evening. That being said, I encourage you all to consider attending Gatsby's Gala on Saturday to support our Jazz music programs on campus and to see one of the best events that our campus has to offer!

Lastly, as I have mentioned the last two weeks, UAC is hiring a Cabin Concert chair to organize the Cabin Concert series! The application is open on Blugold Connect+ until November 18. It's a paid position that can expect between 5-10 hours a week, and is a great way to become familiar with the music industry and musical artists in and around Eau Claire! If you or anyone you know have any interest or questions, 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.



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Academic Affairs Commission Director – Sahana Suresh

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a great weekend and are having a good week so far. This last week was pretty great for Academic Affairs. I had a meeting with COB Associate Dean Pratt where we discussed the Academic Affairs pamphlet, and she gave me a list of students' names we can use to get quotes from to really enhance my commission. Next, I had a meeting with Dean Heinselman where we discussed how my semester is going as a director while also discussing how we can further improve the open forum experience for students and faculty; I plan on doing this open forum later this semester. Then, I of course had my commission meeting where we worked further on the Academic Affairs pamphlet which is looking awesome and also discussed the open forum. Then I ended the week by attending the Service-Learning Advisory Committee where I got to meet so many wonderful faces and got to hear about some amazing improvements happening to really enhance the already wonderful service-learning experience. This week I'll be attending the Academic Policies Meeting, hitting the ground running on planning the open forum, having a rough draft of our Academic Affairs pamphlet, and having a meeting with some folks at the ARCC center to further discuss improving the degree audit. That is all the updates I have this week and with that, I yield.

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May

No Report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Personnel Matters

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
Appointed	Patrick Hill	At-Large Senator
Appointed	Director Denison	Emergency Preparedness Committee
Appointed	Dir. Johnson	Graduate Counsel Committee
Appointed	Sen. Hill	Instructional Resource Rental Committee (Textbook)
Resigned	Nicholas Johnson	Vice President

Misc. Notes



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Announcements

Person	Topic
Par. Miller	Just letting people know that the office is a non-partisan area, do not campaign for any official candidate within the space—this is not is response to anything, just an fyi.
Dir. Denison	Galapagos applications will be opening soon for Biology students, more info to come! And Harry Potter night in the Bridgman Basement, this Thursday the 10 th , 7-10, very chill, there will be food, movie, escape room, scavenger hunt, etc.
VP Johnson	Will be resigning at the end of this meeting, the cost of this position is too much for him, and there are other opportunities that are in front of him. Has really enjoyed his time here, and working with everyone. Wishes everyone success and fulfillment. Very grateful that he joined this org, and will miss it. Is not disappearing, will help with transition, will not take questions now, but will talk privately.

Misc. Notes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Minutes submitted by Anakah Denison, Senate Personnel Director