



A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:01 PM on Monday, February 13, 2023, 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 – 2/13/2023

Executive Board

Title	Name	Status (Present, Excused, Unexcused) (P/E/U)
Senate Personnel Director	Anakah Denison	E
Parliamentarian	Thomas Miller	P
AA Director	Sahana Suresh	P
Communications Director	Ivan San	E
ESM Senate Director	Josh Holness	E
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	Zach Jacobson	P
Mascot Coordinator	Kyle May	P



On-Campus Senators

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

Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Jake Hicks	P

At-Large Senators

Name	Status
Livvy Argo	U
Mei Bean	P
Avery De Ruyter	P
Patrick Hill	P
Ben Hurley	P
Taylor Kaplan	E
Matthew Lehner	P
Katie Myszka	E



Vivian Ong	U
Allie Russel	E
Allana Valiente	E
Tristan Weasler	E
Rebecca Yoshino	E

Executive Officers

Title	Name	Status
Vice President	Brett Farmer	P
President	Rossellin Gaitán	P

Presentation

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Open Forum

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Misc. Notes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2/09/23

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Rossellin Gaitán

Hello, Again Folks and Happy Galentines Day!

This past week was busy, to say the least; I attended the MLK Celebration event (Congrats again to Dr. Moody!.) Attended ESM, Participated in the BIPOC talk, Attended BOB to the table, met with Directors, Attended the Black Experience, Met with the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor Crickette, and finally attended all my classes! Besides last week, this upcoming week, I have a final meeting for our upcoming Madison Lobbying Day, have my regular Director meetings, the February UPC Meeting, will be



attending the Black Panther event on Friday in Woodland Theater, wrapping up Vacancy Applications (encourage folks to apply!), and finally have some miscellaneous meetings set in place to talk about some smaller projects on the side.

I am so blessed to have such a busy schedule, and thank you all so much for continuing to carry on. Lead with grace & I Yield.

REPORT: Vice President – Brett Farmer

Good evening, everyone, and happy Winter Carnival!

This past week was a very busy one for me! I had all my regular meetings and check-ins, I attended the Black Experience on Saturday, the Alex Morey event Wednesday evening, and coordinated our tabling at Blu's Organization Bash. I want to give a shout out and thank all of the people that were involved in any of the programming that went on last week, all of the events that I attended were lots of fun and very informative!

Additionally, I continued outreaching and putting work into the current vacancy process, which wraps up this week before interviews take place next Monday and Tuesday! Please encourage your friends, peers, or strangers that you see around campus to apply on Blugold Connect+ before this Friday, February 17th! In two short weeks, we hope to have many of these empty chairs filled, but we cannot do that without your help and without all of you putting the word out there as well!

This week will be a short one for me, as I am leaving town tomorrow afternoon for the WIAC swim & dive Championships until Saturday. I will not, however, be completely unavailable, as I will be checking my email every day or so, I just will not be in the office! Please reach out with any questions or concerns if you have them! I will have much more free time in the coming weeks with my swim season ending, so if you're looking to chat with me about initiatives, projects, Senate in general, the election and/or future sessions, feel free to email me or throw something on my Outlook calendar!

I wish you all continued luck and well wishes throughout the semester and encourage you to please reach out or let me know if you need support in any capacity. Take care of yourselves and check in with the ones you love. Thank you and I yield.

REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Anakah Denison

Hi all,



This week I attended the Menard Center event, which was engaging and eye opening—thank you to Director Kelly and those who helped make it happen! This past weekend I also attended the Black Experience, which had incredible food and some amazing products, and it was great to see many other senators there! I also worked the Senate table at BOB, and have been planning for Senate interviews and advertising Senate vacancies, as well as attended the first ESM meeting of the semester. I also want to thank everyone who came to the Honors Starry Night last Friday, it was a huge success and so great to see many of you there!

Apologies for being absent this week—I will have more to tell you next week, once I have recovered from my illness! Thank you to Parliamentarian Miller for taking notes in my absence this week!

Lastly, the first person to turn in their report this week was Director Suresh—congrats!

Thank you, I yield.

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San

Howdy everyone, I hope you all had a good weekend & are enjoying the warmer weather as of late. First off, thank you to those who came to the Menard Center event, I hope you all gained something valuable that you can use here in our organization. As for other items last week, we finished the first issue of the Senate Sentinel and hosted Motivation Monday in collaboration with UAC as a part of Winterfest. This weeks plans include our first Comms meeting of the semester where we will be updating the outdated information around the office & thinking ahead for miscellaneous projects like Spring Fest, commission ads, & hopefully printing the new entrance banners. That's all I have for you all this week, I hope everyone has a good week, Comms out!

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Josh Holness

Happy third week of classes!

Director Suresh and I had our meeting with Jodi Thesing-Ritter and it went very well! We learned a lot about the history of the EDI certificate and the possibility of working to make it programmatic and academic. Director Gomez and I held our first commission meeting, so a thank you to everyone who was able to make it!

I sent out that EDI survey—the purpose of that survey is to get a better grasp of what students feel is needed on campus! Please also fill out the ESM meeting time form!

Black History Month events below:

1. Feb. 17 - Wakanda Forever Screening | Woodland Theater, 6 PM



a) Dinner is provided ;)

2. Feb. 22 - Jelani Cobb Lecture | Schofield Auditorium, 7:30 PM

3. Feb. 28 - Black Essence | Ojibwe Ballroom, 5 PM

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson

Hello everyone, hope you are all having a good week. This is a big week in Finance, we will have our first meeting of the semester. We will be going through what this semester looks like and SOC funding which will be happening next week. Finance will be collaborating with SOC for the student org funding and assisting with the process. We will be meeting Wednesday at 5:00pm in the Colleen Bader conference room located in the senate office. Hope to see you there.

I yield.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Hannah Kelly

Hello everyone! First announcement, the League of Woman voters tabling is actually on the 15th not the 14th! Still anytime between 9:30am-4:30pm. So if you're interested please check your email for the sign up!

Otherwise IGA will be continuing to work on supporting the campus pantry, promoting Harry Hartel, and working with Sodexo.

And finally the Chippewa valley rally! Turns out the Chamber Alliance is looking for as many UW-Eau Claire student as possible to advocate for the funding for the new science building! If you or anyone you know is heavily invested in the new science building please feel free to reach out to VP Farmer or I!

Information Technologies Commission Director – Joseph Dokken

Hello everyone,

I am happy to be back in the confines of Student Senate. I got covid so that is why I was not here last week. ITC is busy at work this semester! We are full force tackling spending our whole initiative budget line. Let me elaborate on this process.

We have sent out the initiative form through multiple different avenues and are giving two weeks for responses on potential projects and processes to spend this money. Once we meet the last week of February, we will vote on all the initiatives proposed and then implement and allocate funding to those companies that we vote to proceed with. This will take us the month of March



to get everything in place to fund these projects and work out the kinks and then we are hoping to have everything ordered by early April. Let me know if you have any questions regarding that!

The Annual Tech Survey results are in so if you would like to hear more about that please let me know and I'd be happy to share those with you. We got 917 responses and a lot of good responses/feedback. We will be announcing the 4 winners of the 4 \$25 Amazon Gift Cards this week so be on the lookout if you won!

Also, please note that ITC will not be meeting this week. We will be back up and running next week on Tuesday at 11:30am if you would like to be a part of the best commission ever.

I hope you all are having a great day and I will see y'all on the 19th hole!

Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap

Good evening,

This week the Student Organization Commission worked on future plans for the semester, as well as an update on the current status of the student segregated funding fee process. As of today, I had a personal scheduling issue arise, so we unfortunately had to cancel the second day of deliberations on February 23rd, and now will be having that meeting the following week on Wednesday, March 1st. I repeat, the student segregated fee presentations will be taking place on February 22nd and March 1st from 3:00pm-8:00pm. Please RSVP for these two meetings, as it is critically important that we have enough people there to meet quorum, otherwise we will not be able to deliberate on the presentations. Again, the two meetings will be catered, so please accept my RSVP that I sent you all in outlook if you are interested in coming! Additionally, during SOC we discussed the creation of a new student organization for all the student org presidents to join, but instead decided to move in the direction of hosting more large events like the Student Organization leaders banquet throughout the year, in lieu to creating a whole new organization. Once again, please please check your schedules and sign up for the two seg fee meetings, I would really love to see you all there! Finally, I hope your semester continues to go swimmingly for you all, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine

Hello everyone! This past week I met with a group discussing Earth Month this year instead of week due to NCUR and Jazz Fest also occurring around the traditional Earth week. We discussed ideas and what events are occurring when. We had our first commission meeting of the semester and discussed many new ideas. This week instead of meeting we are going to, and encouraging everyone else to go to, the showing of "The Human Element" put on by Public Health, Environmental Sciences, and Sociology



departments. It is in Woodland Theater on Wednesday at 5:30. Dinner is served at 5:30 and then the show begins at 6. Please attend if you are able, I have heard great things! When we meet again for the traditional commission meetings, we will now be meeting in the Oneida room which is Davies 320D. The SSRC, as many of you may have noticed, is open now, please feel free to hang out in that space and check out a library book if your heart desires! Have a great week and I yield.

University Activities Commission Director – Zach Jacobson

Good evening all,

I am so happy to see all your faces again and I hope you had such an amazing second week of classes.

This week in UAC we had our weekly meetings and check-ins to talk about upcoming events. Winter Carnival is this week and it was good to see some of you at our UAC Comms crossover Motivation Monday!

For events, The Winter Carnival is the week of the 13th-17th. The 502's concert is on the 16th which is this Thursday so get your tickets now! Spread the word and tell all of your friends to come!!! We will also be giving out chili in front of Davies tomorrow from 11-1. We will have valentines card making as well 11-1. There is also fault in our stars and cookie decorating Tuesday from 6-9pm. Also, keep your eyes out for rec events on upper campus Friday.

I also just wanted to remind everyone that as a senator you can serve your senate hours on any of the committees of UAC. We have films, late-night, concerts, and festivals and we would love to have your help and input on any of those committees. Please reach out to me or stop in during my office hours to ask any questions that you may have.

Please make sure to follow the UAC Instagram, Tik Tok, and Facebook to stay updated on what events are coming up!

I love seeing all of your faces, keep up all of the great work you do for all of the students here on campus, you are amazing and fantastic!

I yield.

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Sahana Suresh

Hi everyone,

Hope you all are doing well! Last week, I attended the first Academic Policies of the spring semester; it was a productive meeting, where we passed two academic certificates for the CSD department. I also had my very first commission meeting which was really successful and I'm very excited about all the great things happening this semester. I also got to attend the very first ESM commission meeting; they always do amazing work. I ended my week by having a meeting with ESM Director Holness and Jodi Thesing



Ritter where we discussed the EDI certificate, and it was a very successful meeting. We now plan on meeting with the Deans from the other colleges at EC to discuss implementation. Last week, I also attended two Black History Month events: the MLK celebration and The Black Experience. It was so fun, educational, and a great way to connect with people and I strongly recommend you go to any of the amazing events this month in regard to Black History Month.

This week, I'll be attending the COB curriculum meeting on Monday and Friday this week. I'll bring you all back any updates that happen. I'll also once again be attending the Academic Policies Meeting as there are a lot of changes happening there that I'm excited to be a part of. Of course, I'll be having my commission meeting which is Wednesday from 2-3 in the Pine Room.

Speaking of, I also want to put this on y'all's radar, with it being the spring semester aka BCDT funding season. BCDT is the Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition, and it is essentially a way to fund different high-impact practices on campus such as research, immersion experiences, and internships. Programs like the Civil Rights Pilgrimage, Center for Writing Excellence, and the University Honors Program. My commission will look at what is being funded, review the budget and present it to the senate later in spring. If any of you want any more information about the fund, please talk to me and I'll be happy to talk to you all. I just wanted to quickly mention that since I feel like not many people know about it and it's incredibly important.

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May

Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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Personnel Matters

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
A	Sen. Hicks	Pablo Center Governance Committee
A	Dir. Johnson	Pablo Center Finance Committee



A	Sen. Lehner	Pablo Center Inclusive and just engagement & practices committee
R	Senator Alix	Student Senate
R	Senator Weasler	Student Senate
R	Senator Renslo	Student Senate
R	Senator Lallack	Student Senate

Misc. Notes

Announcements

Person	Topic
Dir. Jacobson	UAC events
Sen. Bean	Police Human trafficking event
Par. Miller	Elections Committee
Sen. Consiglio	Feb 22 nd events
Sen. Hill	Fireball
Pres. Gaitan	Office hours and Engagement

Misc. Notes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Anakah Denison, Senate Personnel Director