



A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:04 PM on Monday, February 20, 2023, in the Woodland Theater of the Davies Student Center, with President Gaitan chairing the meeting.

### Land Acknowledgment

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“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

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“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 – 2/20/2023

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#### Executive Board

Title	Name	Status (Present, Excused, Unexcused) (P/E/U)
Senate Personnel Director	Anakah Denison	P
Parliamentarian	Thomas Miller	E
AA Director	Sahana Suresh	P
Communications Director	Ivan San	E
ESM Senate Director	Josh Holness	E
Finance Director	Ben Johnson	E
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	E



**On-Campus Senators**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Samantha Consiglio</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Solveig Dei</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Benjamin Myszka</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Brenna Strojinc</b>	<b>P</b>

**Off-Campus Senators**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Jake Hicks</b>	<b>E</b>

**At-Large Senators**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Livvy Argo</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>Mei Bean</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Avery De Ruyter</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Patrick Hill</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Ben Hurley</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Taylor Kaplan</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>Matthew Lehner</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Vivian Ong</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>Allie Russel</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Allana Valiente</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Rebecca Yoshino</b>	<b>E</b>



**Executive Officers**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Brett Farmer</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Rossellin Gaitán</b>	<b>P</b>

**Presentation**

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**Open Forum**

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**Misc. Notes:**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2/13/23**

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Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

**REPORT: President – Rossellin Gaitán**

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Hello, Again Folks and Happy National Leadership Day so congrats to you!

This past week I had my monthly meeting with Billy Felz about enrollment numbers, met with Directors this week, spoke on a panel and attended the Bridge to Change conference, set up some meetings with folks for next week, and attended vacancy interviews today. I am so excited to see some new faces come into our session. Since the weather is supposed to worsen this upcoming week, our Madison lobbying trip has been delayed and hopefully will be rescheduled for early March. If you are interested at all, let me know. Besides everything that has happened this upcoming week, I plan to continue attending our vacancy interviews, SOC presentations this week, and regular meetings. Thank you all so much for being you and I Yield.

Q: Do we have a date for the rescheduled lobbying trip? A: Tentatively early March



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**REPORT: Vice President – Brett Farmer**

Good evening everyone!

I hope you all had a great week last week and enjoyed the nice weather! I spent most of my week in the Milwaukee area for the WIAC swim & dive championships. Shout out to Director McGuine and the women's team for winning their first conference championship since 1999!

I was able to, however, do some work while I was away and am excited to inform you all that we have begun interviews for vacancy today and will wrap up later this week. We hope to have a handful of ambitious and qualified candidates before you all next week to be appointed before the body! When this happens next Monday, please welcome all new senators with open arms, introduce yourself, and invite them to sit with you or attend a commission meeting with you! Student Senate is a daunting organization when you're new and we must welcome all new members if we want to be a successful body through the remainder of the session!

Last week, President Gaitan and I also met with the chancellor to discuss some projects and initiatives within Senate right now, and the direction we hope to take this group with the remainder of the session!

This week, aside from vacancy, I will be conducting all of my typical check-ins and meetings. I will also be meeting with Director Kelly and members of UAC to start planning the Spring Dash and Bash. I was also planning on attending the Chippewa Valley Rally this Wednesday, but the Chamber Alliance decided earlier today that they will be postponing the trip due to the expected weather.

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

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**REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Anakah Denison**

Happy Monday all!

I hope you're all staying warm and safe in this snow! I don't have much for my report today as I was sick most of last week, but I am conducting interviews for vacancy this week, for which I am very excited! I also planned on attending the Chippewa Valley Rally this Wednesday, which has unfortunately been postponed due to our wonderful winter weather. I will be working on some Senate visibility and committee projects in the near future, and of course, please let me know if you have a project you would like to tackle—some of you already have, and I commend you for this! I would like to take this opportunity to remind you



all that writing legislation is a requirement for you, but you do not have to do it alone! You can talk to me, the directors, or start a project with another senator!

Additionally, I would like to remind you all of open meetings laws; you should not be on your phones or laptops unless solely accessing Senate materials, otherwise you are subject to having of all your electronic communications subpoenaed. This does not happen often, but it has happened. If you would like more information, Parliamentarian Miller is an excellent resource.

Also, please remember to get enough water, sleep, and wash your hands, as there has been a recent wave of illness on campus, which as you can see tonight, has hit Senate as well—please take care of yourselves!

Lastly of course, the first person to turn in their report this week was Coordinator May, at 1 on Saturday.

Thank you, and I yield.

Q: Can we use our phone to take notes? A: Yes, as long as you let me know, and that is all you're doing.

## **REPORTS: Board of Directors**

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### **Communication Commission Director – Ivan San**

Howdy everyone, I hope you all had a great week! I'll keep it short and sweet, we unfortunately did not have Motivation Monday this morning, but we will be back this coming Monday! Comms started working on some promotional materials for our awesome ESM commission, a new physical poster to go outside of our GA meetings, and some new, fun, UAC-inspired Senate ads. This week will be pretty quiet in Comms, but you can expect to see progress in the previous stated projects & some senator spotlights! I hope you all have a good week, Comms out.

### **Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Josh Holness**

Hello!

Director Gómez and I had a wonderful weekend procuring the materials for the Diverse Book Libraries on campus! The project is coming along well!

Here's some information on Black History Month events and more!

This Wednesday, February 22nd, Dr. Jelani Cobb, a journalist, education, and historian, will be coming to campus to present *The Half-Life of Freedom, Race and Justice in America Today*. Presented by Racing Towards Justice speakers series! Tickets are free but required! Hope to see you all there!

Next week Tuesday, February 28th, is Black Essence—the event will center on Black creative expression and challenge the Eau Claire community's understanding of Black culture, Black history, Black gender expression, and more. We'll welcome spoken word artists Diamond Forde and Nabila Lovelace and



conclude the night with a closing concert from the Chippewa Valley's best cover band, Uncommon Denominator! With collaborators across campus and throughout the UW community, this collective effort promises to be bold, loud, and Black. Tickets are \$10 for students!

The Fire Ball is this weekend (02/24-02/25)! There are still tickets for Friday and a few more for Saturday! If you can, please consider going—it's a dazzlingly, brilliant night full of fun and life-changing drag performance! <https://blugoldconnect.uwec.edu/click?linkid=e21e891c-c8c5-4b6d-9fec-87ac93565083>

The Q-Fest application is due by February 26th! Please, reach out to us if you have questions or are interested in applying, we will send you the application to fill out! For anyone

who doesn't know, this past October, the GSRC hosted Q-Fest for the first time after two years! For those of you who do not know, Q-Fest is one of two flagship programs of the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC). Each year, a student cohort and the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center travel to San Francisco for a two-week immersion trip! The cohort immerses themselves in the historic Castro District of San Francisco, attend Frameline, San Francisco's International LGBTQ+ Film Festival, and return back to Eau Claire to plan UW-Eau Claire's very own Queer film festival! <https://blugoldconnect.uwec.edu/click?linkid=5940ad29-1de1-4bef-a843-4ece903e887a>

There is no ESM this week—we'll be at the Student Organization Commission (SOC) Seg Fee presentations! Sooooo, go take care of yourself! OR ELSE!

#### **Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson**

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well. This week finance commission will not be meeting, instead consider attending the SOC funding from 3-8pm Wednesday February 22nd. If you plan to attend, please let Director Heap know as the meeting will be catered. Have a great rest of your week.

#### **Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Hannah Kelly**

Hello Everyone! I am sad to report the Chippewa Valley Rally has been postponed till March 29th However, this is also a sign of some good news! We have more time to recruit students to speak on the new science building! If you or anyone you know wants better for our STEM education, please let me know! All travel fees will be covered!

Otherwise, IGA didn't have an official meeting last week, but a work session for possible future legislation. Senator DeRuyter will be taking on working with Sodexo Management to improve working conditions. Senator Strojinc is starting to work with SSD to reduce housing prices for students with disabilities. Senator Bean will be working on aiding the campus food pantry. And the IGA and Housing interns will be working on security cameras for outside dorms and in dorm lobbies!



And finally, don't forget to vote tomorrow! For anyone unaware this upcoming election is the Primary election for Wisconsin Supreme Court. If you live on campus you are voting in Davies, if you live elsewhere, please use the link I will send in the group chat shortly. And also feel free to ask me if you have any questions.

Q: What time is voting? A: **More information provided by Sen. Lehner** 7am-8pm, on the second floor of Davies

**Information Technologies Commission Director – Joseph Dokken**

Hello!

This past week in ITC consisted of marketing to departments for the initiative form to spend the 50,000 we have for special projects. We extended the deadline one week so we will be voting on these the first week in March.

We will be meeting again tomorrow at 11:30am in Schofield 130 please come attend!

That's all folks,

See you on the 19th hole.

I yield!

**Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap**

Good evening,

This week the Student Organization Commission has been preparing for the upcoming student segregated funding fee presentations. Over the next day I will be watching the weather closely to determine if we will need to reschedule this date or not, but as of now, the event is still going to be taking place this Wednesday, from 3:00pm-8:00pm in the Ho-chunk conference room in Davies 320F. There will be no SOC meeting this week, as I have a prior commitment related to my major happening at that same time. Stay tuned for any updates, and I will be sure to update you all on what the plan for these presentations will be moving forward, weather pending. Furthermore, I have begun to take on my next project related to the Party Registry System and have started the creation of the UW System Party Registry system. I have contacted all Student government presidents at each respective institution, and already have meetings planned with Stout, Stevens Point, and Platteville. If you ever would be interested in learning more about the program, or learning about how you can get involved, please feel free to reach out to me after



this meeting or via email. Finally, I hope you all stay warm and safe these next few days, 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 was competing with Vice President Farmer at our conference swim meet, so not too much to report as far as SOS goes. If any of you were able to go to the showing of “The Human Element” thank you for going and let me know how it was! We will be meeting this week in the Oneida room Davies 320D from 5:30-6:30pm. I hope you all 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 third week of classes.

This week in UAC we had our weekly meetings and check-ins to talk about upcoming events.

Winter carnival went great, and I hope you all were able to attend some events! If you have any feedback on any of the events please let me know!

No new events this week just lots of meetings to get planning for later in the semester!

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**

Hey everyone,

Hope you're all having a wonderful week so far! Last week in Academic Affairs; I got to attend the College of Business Curriculum meeting where they changed many class requirements/electives for specific majors; I was terrified the whole time it was going to be my major because I'm trying to graduate. Then on Tuesday,





I attended the weekly Academic Policies Meeting where they added many new certificates specifically to the College of Arts of Sciences. Then, on Wednesday, I had my commission meeting; where I had a great turnout which made me super happy ,we discussed the BCDT funding review since I'll be having that meeting next week. I also attended the ESM commission meeting. Then I ended my week by having a meeting with Dean Heinselmann and Provost Kleine where we discussed mental health day stuff; all I can say now is you all will be happy with what is to come.

This week will be a bit lighter on the meetings since I will be prepping for my BCDT Funding Analysis meeting on the 28th. Like I mentioned last week if any of you would like any more information about the BCDT before I bring it in as a Bill to the Senate body next month; be sure to talk to me or attend my commission meetings Wednesdays from 2-3 in the Pine Room.

Be sure to also continue attending the Black History Month events; such as the presentation this week where Jelani Cobb will be speaking. Tickets are free and all you have to do is register; which ESM Director Holness sent a link for in the Student Senate group chat. These events are always a great time.

That is all I have this week; with that, I yield.

**REPORT: Special**

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**Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May**

Hello everyone. Quick report today. Blu and I have a very busy week ahead as we plan on attending as many WIAC playoff games as we can. Additionally, we have several small projects we're working on :). Thanks!

**Unfinished Business**

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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**New Business**

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
	Motion to introduce new business regarding amending section n11 part 14, page 102 of the bylaws to add a space between “at” and “the”	Passed	Placard,

**Misc. Notes:**

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- AMENDMENTS:



**Personnel Matters**

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)

**Misc. Notes**

**Announcements**

Person	Topic
Dir. Kelly	<p>About the Chippewa Valley Rally; the Chancellor is encouraging students to go! You get a training on how to lobby, information on what we're talking about, you're with a group and a team leader, so if anyone you know is interested in the LEED certification of the building or our future science building, I encourage you to go and tell your friends!</p> <p>Q: What is the new date? A: Possibly March 29th</p>
Sen. Lehner	<p>The reason he introduced the motion is because we had no new business, and thought it would be fun to do something, and is hoping to do a bill correcting all the typos in the bylaws.</p> <p>Second, given the events at the University of Michigan, he feels that we should take time to reflect on this and how and why we live in schools that teach students how to survive shooters in a place that should be a place of learning.</p>
Pres. Gaitan	<p>Those who filled out the form to get pronoun stickers for their placards, you can collect them after the meeting!</p> <p>She was approached by someone who was not able to be here today: Project 72 is a nonpartisan organization devoted to increasing voter turnout,</p>



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**February 20, 2023**

**PRESIDENT GAITÁN**

**VICE PRESIDENT FARMER**

	<p>especially in colleges. This race is very important, concerning reproductive rights, climate action, and more. They would like youth to get back to the polls. They are looking for volunteers, especially since primaries are tomorrow; she has a QR code for signing up. These elected officials serve for 10 years, so this is an important election. Please go vote, and encourage your friends and peers to as well.</p> <p>Q: Are the people who are going to the Madison trip also meeting after this meeting? A: Yes</p>

**Misc. Notes:**

**Adjournment**

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Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

**Minutes submitted by Anakah Denison, Senate Personnel Director**