



A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 27, 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 – 2/27/2023

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	E
ESM Senate Director	Josh Holness	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	Zach Jacobson	P
Mascot Coordinator	Kyle May	P



On-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Samantha Consiglio	P
Solveig Dei	P
Benjamin Myszka	P
Brenna Strojinc	P

Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Jake Hicks	P

At-Large Senators

Name	Status
Livvy Argo	U
Mei Bean	E
Avery De Ruyter	P
Patrick Hill	E
Ben Hurley	E
Matthew Lehner	P
Vivian Ong	U
Allie Russel	E
Allana Valiente	U



Executive Officers

Presentation

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Open Forum

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Misc. Notes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2/27/23

Confirm that K. Myszka was resigned at last meeting

REPORT: President – Rossellin Gaitán

Hello, Again Folks and Happy National Strawberry Day. & you all are the best berry!

This past week was a whirlwind! This past week was slow with the crummy weather, the ice and rain, and the overall gloomy weather. I did my regular duties; meetings, emails, and working from home on our slow week. I hope to attend the Black Essence Event, SOC presentations, commission meetings, Shared Governance Joint Meeting, and Admitted Students Day. Finally, I have a meeting with VP Farmer and AAC Director Suresh at the end of the week. I hope that in these coming weeks, you can be kind to each other and yourself.

I Yield.

Q: Can you elaborate on the shared governance meeting? A: It is being held with University leadership, along with University Senate and other executive and administration members.

REPORT: Vice President – Brett Farmer

Good evening everyone!

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful snowy week last week!

I spent the bulk of my week conducting vacancy interviews and contacting all our lovely applicants. On behalf of the incredible vacancy committee, I am so excited to have 12 ambitious and highly qualified applicants before you all to be sworn in later tonight! I can't wait to see how these 12 individuals grow and excel within this body, and I encourage all current senators and directors to get to know them and start projects or attend meetings together to get them involved in our organization and your commission!



I also spent some time planning a new senator training for these new members on Sunday March 12th at 10:00am. We will follow this training with a lunch that is open to all members of Student Senate, because we will then have a training workshop led by Jodi Thesing-Ritter about Identity, Power & Privilege that will be required of all senators and directors. Please respond, if you haven't already, to my invitation for that lunch so we can accurately order enough food. Once final details are confirmed, I will send you all an outlook invitation for the training workshop at 1:30 on the 12th.

Additionally last week, I also had all my typical check-ins with directors, began planning the Spring Dash & Bash with IGA and UAC, and met with Dean Heinselmann to talk more about the current ongoing of Student Senate and update on some projects and initiatives across the university.

This week, I am planning on making some progress on some more projects with senators, meeting with various faculty regarding campus issues, giving some campus tours with admissions and helping out with Admitted Student Day this Friday! Speaking of, Student Senate will be tabling from 11-2:00 in the Senate office to meet and chat with future Blugolds that might have an interest in our organization! If you have any interest in helping out, please let me know! It will be very casual, and we will just be giving out hot chocolate and meeting lots of new, friendly faces!

I wish you all continued luck, good health, and minimal stress throughout the semester and I 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.

REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Anakah Denison

Happy Monday all!

I hope you are all staying safe in warm in our not-quite winter weather! This past week I mostly worked on interviewing applicants for vacancies, and I am proud to present these future senators tonight! I was gone for the second half of the week racing in Hayward, but I will be around for the entirety of this week! I have also been helping plan the training for the new senators, as well as a training for all senators on the same day—you should have received this invite in your Outlook earlier today, as well as reviewing. I am looking forward to outlining initiatives and connecting senators to projects this week and hopefully working on some legislation. If you are looking for projects, please reach out to your directors or myself, and I will happily connect you to the necessary resources.

As always, the first person to turn in their report this week was Director Holness at 8pm on Sunday!



Thank you, and I yield.

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San

Howdy everyone, I hope you all are doing well & having a great start to the week! Last week in Comms was quiet, but we did get some progress done on a graphics project & started a few new ones. We sadly didn't have Motivation Monday this morning due to the rain, but we'll be back next week hopefully (if weather permits)! As for this week, I will be tabling with our awesome VP during admitted students day in the office, designing a new, fun, senate pamphlet & ad! Thanks for listening & have a great rest of your week, Comms out!

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Josh Holness

Hi, how are ya? Wonderful weather we're having!

I hope everyone stayed warm and safe during our snow days last week! During the weekend, I attended the Fire Ball—and, quite frankly, all the performers ate up the room! These past couple of weeks, I sat on the vacancy committee; had a conversation about translation services with other students and senate members; and attended the Black Panther panel and screening!

This week in ESM, we will be going over several project updates like our free libraries and starting a call for book suggestions! We will also be discussing a poster project with University Centers to create designs for Multicultural student orgs to put up around Davies—while also working on making Davies a better place for our marginalized students!

Additionally, this Tuesday is the Black Essence—an event to celebrate Black students and Black people at UW-Eau Claire! There will be performances, food, and so much more! Tickets are \$10!

Next week in ESM, the commission will be meeting with EDI Exec and the Dean of Students to create more connection between students and admin. We hope to see as many of you there!

Lastly, the commission will be giving out posters to those who attend the EDI events! We want to thank those for showing up and for being a part of their community but also to just give out some stuff!

Lastly, lastly, I'd like to say congratulations to our new senate appointees tonight! I'm excited to see new faces and bring in diverse perspectives to the senate! I hope you all find community and leadership in your roles and take initiative on all the things you hope to do on campus!

That's it! Be better! I yield. Josh



Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson

Hello everyone, I hope you are all having a great start to your week. Again, this week there will be no finance commission meeting, instead please consider attending the Student Organization Funding meeting with SOC on Wednesday March 1st and 8th. More information on that will be coming from director Heap momentarily. To all the new senators, if you are interested in joining the finance commission, please reach out to me or grab me after the meeting. I would love to tell you more about it. I hope you all stay safe out of the ice and have a good rest of the week.

I yield.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Hannah Kelly

Hello Everyone!

Lately I have been working on the Spring Dash and Bash with VP Farmer and UAC! Currently we are still in the beginning phases of planning, but I will say that I am currently exploring the possibilities of having food trucks for the event, and a raffle event to support the campus food pantry. We are also looking to hosts artists to give them an opportunity to sell their work! In the future we will be looking for volunteers but for now just know there are great things to come!

In Commission news we are doing some great work as per usual! Senator Bean is working on drafting legislation that may add supporting the campus pantry into the bylaws. Senator Strojinc is working with SSD to provide better accommodations for students. And interns Pilon and Evert, senator De Deyuter, and possibly RHA are looking into installing security cameras into campus parking lots and dorms. If any of these interests you please let myself or the people listed know!

And finally, the Chippewa Valley Rally is being help on March 29th. Which is a Lobbying trip hosted by the Chamber Alliance to speak with representative in Madison. As students our main goal would be advocating funding for the new science building. If you or anyone you know is a student who has taken a STEM class in Philips, and/or cares about the future of our STEM education, and/or cares about the building being sustainable and LEED certified please talk to myself, VP Farmer, Personal Director Denison, or Director McGuine.

And finally, IGA Meets on Fridays and 2:30pm in the Pine Room of the Senate Office. I know that was a lot of information, please ask question either now of after the meeting, I yield.

Information Technologies Commission Director – Joseph Dokken



Hello,

I hope everyone is doing well. This past week ITC was busy working through general news and working through behind the scenes initiative work.

ITC meets at 11:30 on Tuesdays in Schofield 130 for anyone who is interested, especially those new senators in the room.

Be on the lookout for lots of fun stuff coming out of ITC in the weeks to come.

With that, see you on the 19th hole!

I yield.

Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap

Good evening,

This week the Student Organization Commission will not be meeting at our usual time of Thursday at 4:00pm, as I have another conflict with my major this week. What we are preparing for however are the Student Segregated Funding Fee presentations and deliberations. The dates and times for our two meetings will be this Wednesday, March 1st, from 3:00pm-8:00pm in the Ho-Chunk conference room on the third floor of Davies, as well as next Wednesday, March 8th, from 3:00pm-8:00pm in a room in Centennial, to be decided. For those of you who are just joining Student Senate, as well as those of you who may not be sure of what the process will entail, the Segregated Funding fee presentations consist of participating in a committee of your fellow senators where you will hear 10 minute long presentations from different Student Organizations who are applying for up to \$2000, and then deliberating on how much money each organization should receive. Both meetings will be catered with free pizza, and I highly encourage all of you to attend! In addition, SOC is working on planning a Blugold Connect + workshop for our student organization leaders, with a date currently set for March 9th, at 5:00pm. If you or somebody else you know is a leader of a student organization and are interested in learning how you can take your orgs Blugold Connect + page and website to the next level, I highly encourage you to sign up! Finally, I would like to issue all our new senators joining us this evening a very warm welcome and hope you all will consider coming to SOC sometime, we would love to have you! I hope you all continue to have an excellent semester, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.



Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine

Hello everyone! I hope you made it through the day with dry feet, I did not. This week SOS will finally be meeting in Oneida on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30. For those of you that are new senators, we would love to have you as a voting member! It is simply a time commitment of one hour every Wednesday, and we discuss spending the Green Fund, which is student segregated fees, on sustainable initiatives. We have quite a few proposals this week including funding for the hydroponics supplies, free menstrual products, and the library is discussing their soles for souls' proposal. If any of this sounds interesting to you, please come join us! I hope you all have a great rest of your week and come see me on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 in Oneida! 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 fourth 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! Again, if you have any feedback on any of the events please let me know!

For upcoming events, Little Women is showing in the woodland theater at 7pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There is a Cabin show of Jeremy Messersmith this Friday at 6:30 in Davies hope to see you there!!

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

Good evening, all,

I hope you all are having a wonderful start to your week. Last week was a light week in Academic Affairs due to the "lovely" winter weather. On Tuesday, I got to attend the Academic Policies Committee, where



they had a lot of reps from the Nursing department come in and speak about changes happening. I also had my committee meeting virtually this week where we reviewed the BCDT documents to prepare for the Funding Analysis meeting this week. I was also asked to be a part of an EDIB committee within the College of Business and we had our first very successful meeting on Friday. Very honored to be a part of the committee where I work with the heads of the department, On Friday, I also got the wonderful opportunity to attend Fireball Drag Show; it was such a lovely event, and a shoutout to GSRC for always doing wonderful work; truly changed me.

This week will be a bit busier. I will be attending the Black History Month Closing Event on Tuesday; I am very excited to attend. On Wednesday, I have the Funding Analysis Meeting along with VP Farmer and Finance Director Johnson, and other members of University Academic Affairs to discuss BCDT Funding. My committee meeting is from 2-3 in Pine Room on Wednesdays which you all should definitely attend if you can. Also, on Wednesday I will be presenting in the SOC Student Seg Fees presentation for my other org BAMS. Then on Friday, I'll be having a meeting with ESM Director Holness, Jodi Thesing Ritter, and Dean Pratt to discuss the EDI certificate.

That is all I have this week; I yield.

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May

Hello everyone,

Blu and I went to three exciting hockey games this weekend. UWEC won all our games and now Women are at River Falls and Men are at Stevens Point this Saturday. We had a lot of student engagement with one little girl followed us around all evening, asking some of the most interesting questions about Blu. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask and I yield.

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)
Appointed	Multhauf, Sara	At-Large Student Senator



Appointed	Calcutt, Ben C	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Abarca Palma, Diana Shanel	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Elizalde, Angie Jean	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Ackerman, Logan Graham	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Eisele, Lily Marie	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Mayer, Peter C	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Wennersten, Abby Lyn	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Szydel, Sierra	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Karofsky, Danny	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Martin, Cora Grace	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Hevrin, Kaitlyn A	At-Large Student Senator
Appointed	Ben Calcutt	Dining Committee
Appointed	Sen. Ackerman	Recreation Committee
Appointed	Sen. Ackerman	Pablo Center Development Committee
Appointed	Sen. Karofsky	Advisory Council for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Appointed	Dir. Suresh	College of Business Assurance of Learning Committee

Misc. Notes

Announcements

Person	Topic
Dir. Kelly	The Chippewa Valley Rally is happening! Its like lobbying with training wheels because you get training on how to talk to politicians! Talk to her, Dir. Denison, VP Farmer, or Dir. McGuine Q: What exactly is lobbying? A: Going directly to politicians and advocating for issues that affect us, we will be specifically talking about the new science building.
Par. Miller	Welcome new senators! He is here to help with Robert's Rules. His office hours are this Friday,



	<p>11-2, so you can stop by and ask about parliamentary procedure, bylaws, legislation, anything at all!</p>
Dir. Heap	<p>There will be pizza at the SOC presentations, since it is such a long meeting.</p> <p>Q: Where will it be? A: This Wed, March First, Davies 220 F</p> <p>Q: What is the meeting for? A: The Student Segregated Fee Funding Presentations, listening to student orgs ask for funding.</p>
VP Farmer	<p>Welcome new senators! You were probably all confused at some point tonight! It is a big org to understand, but don't let it scare you! Reach out to any and all directors if you are interested, and he is in his office almost every day. You can leave your binders behind, you will have a mailbox by next week, or you can take them with and look through their info!</p>
Dir. Dokken	<p>See report above. ITC is the most fun commission and sometimes has pizza.</p>
Pres. Gaitan	<p>Since we are all here, please all directors say a brief word about what you commissions do, their name/pronouns and meeting times.</p> <p>Q: Can you speak to Comms since our director is not here? A: Yes, Pres. Gaitan was comms director last year! They are a bridge to the student body, they make our graphics, media website, social medias, do a lot of public facing work for Senate.</p> <p>Hello, thank you and welcome to Senate! Thank you for showing up! You're never bothering us to come in and talk, our offices are open to you. We would love to speak with you. It can be a bit of a learning curve, but you have a place here, everyone here has gone through what you will, learning about policy and procedure. You can text, call, or email us, and we bring food in sometimes! This work can be hard, but it is rewarding and important.</p>

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.



Minutes submitted by Anakah Denison, Senate Personnel Director