



A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:06 PM on Monday, March 6, 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 – 3/06/2023

Executive Board

Title	Name	Status (Present, Excused, Unexcused) (P/E/U)
Senate Personnel Director	Anakah Denison	E
Parliamentarian	Thomas Miller	P
AAC Director	Sahana Suresh	P
Communications Director	Ivan San	E
ESM Senate Director	Josh Holness	P
Finance Director	Ben Johnson	E
ITC Director	Joseph Dokken	P
IGA Director	Hannah Kelly	E
SOS Director	Sydney McGuine	P
SOC Director	Bradford Heap	P
UAC Director	Zach Jacobson	P
Mascot Coordinator	Kyle May	E



On-Campus Senators

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

Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Jake Hicks	P

At-Large Senators

Name	Status
Diana Abarca Palma	P
Logan Ackerman	P
Livvy Argo	A
Mei Bean	P
Ben Calcutt	P
Avery De Ruyter	P
Angie Elizalde	P
Lily Eisele	P
Kaitlyn Hevrin	P



Patrick Hill	P
Ben Hurley	P
Danny Karofsky	P
Matthew Lehner	P
Cora Martin	P
Peter Mayer	P
Sara Multhauf	P
Vivian Ong	A
Allie Russel	A
Sierra Szydel	P
Allana Valiente	A
Abby Wennersten	P

Executive Officers

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

Presentation

<p>Entity; Counseling Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Riley McGrath 	<p>Questions</p> <p>LEHNER: Any plans to continue a contract with Mantra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - System-wide 3-year contract with a possibility to contract individually (similar to Madison) after that contract ends if it is effective here <p>BEAN: Do counselors get paid maternity leave?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, 12 months paid maternity leave <p>HURLEY: Do you think that there is a possibility to waive the ADHD screening fee?</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unsure, unfamiliar with the processes and abilities of Student Senate <p>HOLNESS: Are there resources aside from Counseling to assist students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You on campus <p>FARMER: How did 65-B-6 assist Counseling Services?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two new counselors seeing on average 150 students each per year <p>HICKS: How is Counseling Services funded?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - About 45% from the state <p>HILL: Are students effectively utilizing alternative services (group therapy, couples counseling)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, group therapy sees about 100 students - 107 students ADHD screenings - ADOD assessments - Eating disorders screenings
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Open Forum

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Misc. Notes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2/27/23

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Rossellin Gaitán

Hello, Again Folks and Happy Oreo day!

Last week was so great! I attended SOC presentations, accidentally walked into ESM thinking it was SOC, went to work, and scheduled some meetings for side projects that I hope to push through, such as the FGSH with Rosa, scheduling an Executive meeting with our Directors and our Administration, toured and spoke with the Governor about our potential new science and health building in which I saw our lovely Maddie Kasper as well, and finally having my beautiful check-in's with our phenomenal directors. For this upcoming week, there are a couple of things; I hope to work with Director Kelly on some FoodStamps/Food Insecurity Initiatives (so if this interests you, let one of us know); I have Seg Fee presentations this week as well (wednesday 3-8 pm ho-chunk room), a shared governance meeting with Brett, attend my classes, and finally find some time to complete my application for the University Student Excellence Awards are currently open and are available through Friday, March 17th! Seeing as you are all leaders on our beautiful campus, this is me plugging them, so please sign up! (I will be forwarding the information after this meeting.)

Overall I want to keep busy as we prepare for our upcoming training and remember, please reach out to me if you ever want to chat/ get coffee/ you want to run an idea past someone/ or are thinking of any



leadership position within the senate. This is my last year in this incredible organization, and I would love to answer any questions or give any insight. Thank you to Senator Eisele for reaching out to chat with me I look forward to more interactions like this.

Lead with Grace, and always know you have a place here.

I Yield.

REPORT: Vice President – Brett Farmer

Good evening, everyone.

This last week I attended many meetings and check-ins, including but not limited to a funding analysis committee meeting for Blugold Commitment Differential Tuition, several meetings with Vice Chancellor Crickette regarding the University Ticketing website, and participated in several panels and campus tours for Admitted Student Day on Friday. Special shoutout to Directors San and Suresh for helping out, meeting future Blugolds and telling them about Student Senate! I also had lunch with Kristin Schumacher this morning to discuss current and future projects regarding Senate and University Centers.

This week, I plan on attending the campus shared governance meeting that President Gaitan mentioned last week as it was rescheduled, meeting with Teresa O'Halloran to discuss EDI initiatives and have a formal introduction, working with campus faculty to discuss Open Educational Resources and faculty's reliance on textbooks, and meeting with President Gaitan and Chancellor Schmidt on Friday for our regular meeting. I will be in my office periodically everyday so I welcome you all to come and chat with me if you see me!

I wish you all good health, optimism, and minimal stress as Spring Break approaches, 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

Hi all,

I unfortunately was ill again last week, so I do not have much to report. I have been helping plan the senator training this upcoming weekend, will be attending the SOC seg fee presentations as well as presenting for my own club, and will be working on a couple pieces of legislation for next week! Please let me know if you would like help with writing or editing legislation—it is one of my favorite parts of my job! I hope to have more for you next week.

The first person to turn in their report this week was Director McGuine, congrats!

Thank you, and I yield.



REPORTS: Board of Directors

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San

Howdy everyone, I hope you all are having a good week so far & are staying dry in this wet weather! Last week in comms was pretty quiet, but this week we're turning that around! We have the fresh new entrance banners under revision, so expect to see those after Spring Break. We also are in the process of making new postcards and a Senate Commission Infographic/ book. Also, with the elections coming up we will be making some new table tents to promote them/ make students aware. We're hoping to print new posters to redecorate the boards & looking into some new student art pieces to spice up the office! I hope you all have a great week, Comms out.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Josh Holness

How;'s it going, homies?

This 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!

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

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson

Hi everyone, hope you week is going well. This past week myself and a few other finance commission members joined SOC in hearing Student Organizations funding requests. Had a great time and enjoyed some amazing domino's pizza. This week funding presentations will be held again from 3-8pm in the Mohican room, again there will be food provided. I hope you all have a great rest of the week and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Hannah Kelly

Hello everyone!

This week IGA is still hard ot work with supporting the campus food pantry, and other LPS initiatives. If you are ever interested in attending a meeting please join us on Fridays at 2:30pm in the Pine Room of the AIL office!

Information Technologies Commission Director – Joseph Dokken

Hello everyone,

ITC has been working through initiatives and is all set to vote on them tomorrow at 11:30am in Schofield 130. I am very excited to see what things we get to implement and even more excited to bring those things to this group in the weeks to come! Please come join us tomorrow if you have any interest in learning more about the presented initiatives!



Other than that, looking forward we will be spending a majority of our time on the implementation and allocation of these projects.

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 did not meet, but we did hold the first round of the Segregated Funding Fee process. Thank you again to everybody who came to the meeting, it was a great success, and we are right on pace with keeping the proper amount of funding per organization. As a reminder, this week's Seg Fee meeting will be from on Wednesday, March 8th from 3:00pm-8:00pm in the Pine Conference in Davies 220. I highly encourage all of you to attend again, even if you cannot make it for the full time, as it will be a lot of fun, and we will have more free pizza for you all as well! In addition, SOC will be meeting this week on Thursday, March 9th from 4:00pm-5:00pm, where we will be hosting even more Student Org presentations, as well as preparing for the Blugold Connect + workshop, which will be right after the SOC meeting from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the Cargill Technology Lab in Schneider 216. This workshop will not only cover a brief demo on how to build a better page for your student organization, but it will also cover ways to acquire outside sources of funding for your student organization such as restaurant nights and other fundraisers. It will be a great time, and if you or somebody you know is on the exec board of a student organization, I highly recommend you sign up! To summarize, Seg Fee process this Wednesday from 3-8pm in Davies 220, SOC meeting this Thursday from 4-5pm in Davies 220, and the Blugold Connect + workshop from 5-6pm in Schneider 216. Finally, I hope you continue to have an amazing year, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine

Hello everyone! This last week was a busy one for SOS. We passed our hydroponics proposal as well as the free sustainable menstrual products proposal. This week we will be voting on the soles for souls' proposal. My co-director Hazel and I have been in many meetings throughout the last week discussing the NCUR sustainable breakfast we will be hosting. I have also joined a group that will start in April, finding solutions for the amount of waste and extra shirts purchased by all the different athletic teams. I do not know too much more about it than that but am excited to start next month! I will be starting to work on making sure our pack it up pass it on event goes smoothly this year, as well as writing legislation for our bylaw changes in the SOS, so look out for that. If anyone wants to become a voting member of the SOS all you need to do is fill out the survey linked in our Instagram bio and be able to attend our meetings each week. That's all! We would love to see you all there! 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 fifth week of classes.

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

Last week of this but, 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!

This week we have a hypnotist Chris Jones coming to Schofield at 7pm on Thursday the 9. He is bringing a magician and a DJ so you better be there for all the fun or else I will be so sad. We also have Hunger Games Catching Fire playing Friday and Saturday at 7pm and 2pm on Sunday in Woodland!

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 good work!

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Sahana Suresh

Hello friends,

Hope you all are having a great start to your week! This past week was a bit busy but fun! I got to attend Black Essence which was incredible! I had my Funding Analysis Meeting with VP Farmer, Finance Director Johnson, and members of University Academic Affairs to discuss the BCDT; which was successful! I also had my commission meeting where we discussed writing some legislation for some important initiatives coming up very soon. I also had the opportunity to present at the SOC Seg Fee presentations for my other organization BAMS, a wonderful experience. I also had a meeting on Friday with Dean Pratt of COB and Jodi Thesing Ritter to discuss the improvements to the EDI certificate; it went very well. Then I also helped table for Admitted Students Day for Student Senate which was a lot of fun!

This week I'll be busy with my usual meetings, attending the career fair, and writing legislation in regard to BCDT which will be presented to Student Senate in our next GA meeting! Very excited to share that with all of you!



As always if you have any academic concerns, questions, or projects you'd like to work on please talk to me and be sure to attend my commission meetings which are Wednesdays 2-3 in the Pine Room. I'll be the one with the super fun slideshows.

That's all I have, I yield

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
66- ,			

Personnel Matters

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

Misc. Notes

Announcements

Person	Topic
Parliamentarian Miller	Explanation of Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws for new senators
Director Zach Jacobson	Hypnotist Thursday 3/9 in Schofield Auditorium
Director Brad Heap	Invitation for legislation collaboration regarding sustainability within Student Senate
Senator Matthew Lehner	Reminder to take time for yourself, practice self-care, and seek resources or assistance if need
Senator Patrick Hill	Women's History month event Thursday at 5:00 in the International Women's Center
Senator Jake Hicks	Attend the CV Rally to advocate for mental health if interested in today's presentation



Director Sahana Suresh	BAMS Holi event hosted with and in MSS on Wednesday 4:45-6:00
Director Josh Holness	Wednesday is International Women's Day ESM is changing meeting time to Tuesdays
Vice President Farmer	
President Rossellin Gaitan	Attend the hypnotist with a group from Senate New senators: RSVP and attend the training next Sunday ADHD testing is available for a lower cost for those who are concerned & please get help/reach out to someone if you need help

Misc. Notes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Minutes submitted by Anakah Denison, Senate Personnel Director