A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 3, 2023, in the Woodland Theatre 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.”

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<td>Q: Everything you’ve covered is a “retention” based retention policy, are there any projects focusing on how to make our campus more appealing to new students/make people want to be here? A: Mostly through programs we offer—introducing new majors, like Biomedical Engineering, Wisconsin’s Most Beautiful Campus, and more affordable than most (less debt, high rates of fast employment with higher salaries) is an investment. He teaches 3 sections of a new student seminar on how to navigate college, to help adjust. Q: Is enrollment management as a whole working with the rebranding? A: Yes, he oversees Admissions, so he is in those conversations to “sell” the institution overall. Q: You gave a good idea of enrollment currently—do you have any future predictions/modeling? A: Yes, skipped some slides in the interest</td>
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There are many different demographics they can target to increase enrollment. If they do nothing, we will reach pre-covid levels in several years, but we can surpass those numbers in 2028 if we do really well

**Motion to extend by 10 minutes passes unanimously, placard**

Q: When was the rapid response team implemented? A: about 2018

Q: With regards to growth, a lot of decline has been due to Covid, but we were falling in the years preceding as well—what is the worse case?

A: Either we flatline, or we lose students. Madison cannot take any more students, they are at capacity, they grew the incoming class by 2700 students, so that will help as we are usually those students second choice. If we lose 1,000 more students, we will face service cuts and major cuts. Follow-up: You indicated 2% growth in the best case—do you predict any particular growing pains, like in housing?

A: Yes, the biggest is in how we do not know the impact of disrupted Covid education, in services and mental health. If those students come in unable to cope or succeed academically, that will be an issue to solve.

Q: You said 3 of the 13 schools have application cost: that is La Crosse and Madison; we are selective schools, so you do not have to pass high school to attend. Follow up: what is the pro of having an application fee? A: Applicants have skin in the game—it is intensive to process all those applications, we want applicants who actually want to be here. The $25 fee shows investment.

Q: Do you feel that there is anything we can do as current students to assist in enrollment/retention? Is student culture an issue?

A: Most students want to be closer to home when they leave. Students that feel connected are more likely to stay. Essentially, who’s got your back?

Q: She applied because of free application—one week during Covid. IS there a low-income fee waiver? A: Yes we have one, and we do not require as much proof as other schools.

Q: What excites you most about the future of Eau Claire? A: He has been here for about 8 years, College of Business as Assistant Dean, and when they had budget cuts, he created the Advising, Retention and Career Center, which was not popular at first. There was conflict between offices before, there is much more collaboration now between departments. Follow up: So the camaraderie? A: When he was a hall director and academic advisor, he had 1500 students that he had to keep track of, and now he can see the differences play out individually and on a big scale. He helped one of his students change her major and get registered for Fall.
Motion to extend by 5 minutes passes, placard, unanimously

Q: When he was applying, there was a late application extension—do we still have the late application process, especially for at-risk retention students? A: Yes, they are on the rise overall naturally. The enrollment landscape has change very quickly, and now students have the idea that they have more time, so they are committing much later than they used to. The FAFSA is available November 1st, but now isn’t ready until January 1st because students can’t apply for financial aid until past the priority deadline, so we are moving our priority deadline.

Q: What areas have you struggled to retain marginalized students, and how are you helping these students? A: So our student of color retention is higher than the student average. 1st gen is not growing as quickly, and undecided students are also at risk. Recently 1st gen white males are a lot lower than campus averages. They look strategically at what demographics are low, and target them with scholarships.

Q: Are non-traditional students on there as an at-risk group/measured? A: Non-traditional students are considered undergraduate in the same bucket, that data has not been analyzed to that degree. It is on the list!

Q: When it comes to transfer/returning students, do you hear much feedback on that process and how it could be modified or made easier? A: Working on it as well—heard dining was bad in the fall, got a meal plan and ate on upper campus to give feedback. Goal is to talk to 8-10 students every time, and runs into a lot of transfer students who thought the process was fine, but their transfer credits need to land where they need them to. Because of accreditation, sometimes time is added.

- Overview of enrollment on campus
- How many students do we have on campus right now?
- Less students are going to college now—why?
  - Too expensive
  - Trade schools are more lucrative, less debt
- The debt crisis, or living at home working hourly to save
- We are currently in the enrollment crisis/cliff—nationwide
- Undergrad enrollment since the pandemic is down 10%, 1.1 million students
- UWECBC’s enrollment is actually a bit up
- Four year public institutions are being passed up
- How many colleges did you apply to as a student? Senators here, ~3-5. Now, students are applying to 7 on average
- Applications are up 64% since 2019
• ACT and SATs are optional since Covid, and now 7 schools here are on the Common App—apply to several at once. Many four year institutions now have free applications
• Lots of scholarship “gimmicks”, highly specific
• Most of Madison’s applicants only applied to Madison; most of UWEC’s applicants applied to 3 or more schools
• We have more competitors now
• Why do people want to go to Madison? It is well known, in a big city
• Some grade inflation over the pandemic, students have stronger GPAs, and Madison has grown in enrollment—we declined
• Biggest importer of students here is MN—they have the largest amount of students not going to college at all
• Q: Has that trend reversed in MN at all? A: Pre pandemic, 33% of incoming students here were from MN. This year, about 28%
• 10th day enrollment this year was about 8700 students at UWEC. BC enrollment is going up almost 30%
• Enrollment is no longer falling, but it is stabilizing.
• FTE—full time equivalency (students who are full time 12 credits, summing students who are below full)
• For the first time since the pandemic, our incoming class should be bigger than previous years
• The Launch program, instead of putting students on a waitlist, takes BC classes and paying BC tuition for a year before going to EC if their GPA gets up
• International students are coming back since the pandemic
• Retention: we have a great retention compared to other UW schools at third place, behind Madison and LC—6.2% higher than the system average
• The ideal is 90%
• How many started in Fall 2020, Covid cohort: very poor retention initially, but has the highest retention rate now as juniors
• Overall new student retention—now have retained 94% from this year’s fall class
• Record highs in at-risk populations, e.g. students of color, low income, etc.
• Upswing strategies: streamlining communications, transactions (less steps), data nudging—students who apply later, after the priority deadline, don’t get all the bonus communication, reimagined scholarship strategies so they follow students over four years rather than just at the beginning
• Expanded Early Warning System—if students are absent, more communication with familiar faces to outreach
• Smaller class sections—large classes do not turn out good students after several
• Stronger family connections
• Rapid response team—data response team based on not paying bills/behind on deadlines. Were able to help 63 out of 84 students who may have dropped ahead of time, rather than missing class registrations
• Partner with first year instructors, coaches, campus employers, housing etc. to reach out to students who show signs of concern

Open Forum

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Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/27/23

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Rossellín Gaitán

Hello, Again Folks and Happy National Find A Rainbow Day. I hope that you are able to find a smidge of peace and happiness today, and if you do spot a rainbow, snap a picture and submit it to the Facebook group.

This past week flew by! I had a meeting with Brett and Paula about the upcoming visit from Jay Rothman, Met with Mary Hoffman about getting First Gen Student Graduation Cords and having it be established, went to the Chippewa Valley Rally (my last lobbying trip : ), attended the Viennese Ball, and finally, I was able to some last event planning with Brett and Stephanie, and you are all in for a very great treat.

For this upcoming week, a reminder! There is tape in the office, don’t talk about senate business regarding elections. Just leaving the office out of it, an election-free zone, is a good rule of thumb. Second, if you want to join me in hitting the polls this week, I will go on Tuesday around 10 am. So, I will be in the office around that time (:, I will also this week Brett and I have our meetings with the Chancellor and Billy Felz, I also have a meeting with Dean Heinselman and with Emily Herwig to talk about some things with NCUR and make sure folks know they cannot park on campus! (Remember, you can still sign up to volunteer! Ask me how after our meeting today!) Overall, I look forward to a great week and want to reiterate my gratitude for this session and for you all.

Lead with Grace. I Yield.

REPORT: Vice President – Brett Farmer

Good evening everyone!

Last week, I had a very busy but fun week! On Wednesday, I had a great time at the Chippewa Valley Rally, meeting with many legislators and having lots of fruitful conversation regarding important issues that affect the greater Chippewa Valley. I enjoyed getting to converse with our state politicians on all of
these issues, but particularly sharing the student perspective and providing details of our new Science & Health Science building, that we are hoping to receive the final phase of funding through this next year’s budget.

Additionally, I held several meetings and continued work on things like the Dash & Bash and other commission project with the directors that I regularly check-in with. This past weekend, I got stranded in Baldwin, Wisconsin in the snowstorm with Director McGuine, but luckily made it back in time to attend the Viennese Ball and Vice Chancellor Crickette’s reception on Saturday evening with my boyfriend, my parents, and many of you lovely folks. Congratulations and well done to this weekend’s scholarship recipients and performers! It was a great time.

This week, I am looking forward to diving into election season and, among many other things, attending the Women’s History Month celebration tomorrow night hosted by the WGSS and REGS departments.

I wish you all dedication and motivation as we enter the homestretch of the session, 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 enjoying the spring weather! Last week I participated in the Chippewa Valley Rally on Wednesday, which was an insightful and inspiring experience. I was able to meet with two legislators in person, Senator Quinn and Representative Hurd, and two others’ staffers, and had some very productive conversations about the new science building, shared revenue, rail service, and infrastructure. I volunteered at and attended V Ball over the weekend, where I saw many of you, and today I attended the Instructional Resources committee, where we voted on Fall textbooks and discussed a very exciting initiative concerning Open Educational Resources, which are a open-source, free alternative to textbook-style materials. If you have questions about any of that, please let me know! I will be focusing on NCUR in the coming days as I am presenting there, and I encourage you all to attend if you are able, as this is a massive and historic event for UWEC.

As always, the first person to turn in their report this week was President Gaitan! Congrats!

Thank you, and I yield.

Q: Can you only attend NCUR if you are presenting or volunteering? A: Yes
Q: When is your presentation? A: I believe Friday at 3:30, but I need to double check!
REPORTS: Board of Directors

Academic Affairs Commission Director – Sahana Suresh
Hello everyone,

Hope you are all doing well! Last week as I mentioned was a pretty light week in AAC as we were getting back into the swing of things from spring break. This week, however, is a bit busier which is always great. Today I had a meeting with Dean Heinselman, Director Holness, and my commission members about Student Wellness and no pun intended but it went well. Today I also had a meeting with some staff from the GSRC and Dean Pratt from COB about the current COB EDIB strategic committee and our collaboration on a survey that will be sent out annually. The rest of the week I'll just have my regular meetings. But this week in AAC we will be having our open forum. If you don't know what an open forum is, it was when my commission members and I table in Davie's and basically seek out academic/student concerns from students themselves and then go to the correct resources on campus and see how we can better the situation. Our open forum will be in the span of two days. This week Wednesday from 1-3 pm and Thursday 2-3 pm. We will most likely be in the same location as you see others table in Davies; but will update you all once confirmed. Please do stop by! Your concerns are important to the Academic Affairs Commission, and we will also have a QR code with a google form if you'd rather be anonymous. If you have any more questions about the forum or would like to help with tabling definitely talk to me after this meeting. That is all I have this week; I yield.

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San
Howdy everyone, I hope you all are ready for another fantastic week! Since we last met, the Communications Commission hosted Motivation Monday with the IGA commission to promote the upcoming election tomorrow – don't forget to vote! My intern and I completed and printed a few key projects we’ve been working on, such as the Table Tents you see around Davies for our Student Senate election petitioning. Additionally, we met with the festivals committee to plan Comm's involvement in this year's Springfest. This week, the Communications Commission has a lot planned. We're excited to post our new designs to promote Student Senate and its commissions, and we'll be starting our final set of graphics projects for the semester. As always, we will continue to work on miscellaneous tasks to ensure the smooth running of our initiatives, Comms out.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Josh Holness
ESM will not be meeting this week, so don’t show up! Next week we will be meeting with Cindy Yang from Counseling Services to talk about mental health, care, and make playdough!

Same-old-same-old updates as last week! Other than that, Director Kelly and I met last week to talk about a plan for educating students on resources for food security and their options! Today, Director Suresh, Senators Hill, Bean, and Szydel met with Dean Heinselman about wellness and our plan for the future!
Lastly, the Hmong Heritage Month events have been released with AAPI shortly to follow! You can find them on the MSS website!

That’s it! Be better. I yield. Josh

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson
Hello everyone, I hope you are having a great start to your week. This past week finance did not meet and again will not be meeting this week. As I have mentioned many times, spring is Finance commissions slow season, we have very little work, and this spring has been especially quiet. If there are any student initiatives you would like to bring before the finance commission, please reach out to me! Have a great rest of your week.

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Hannah Kelly
This past week I had the honor of attending the Chippewa Valley Rally, Which was an absolutely wonderful experience that I 100% recommend other attend in the future. If anyone has any question of what is was like, or would possibly be interested in coordinating their own lobby trip, please let me know!

Otherwise, a big thank you to Director San and the communication commission for helping us continue to promote voting on campus!

Other stuff coming up this week, election day tomorrow for the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and multiple referendums. I highly recommend all of you visit myvote.wi.gov to find out what will be on your ballot, and where you will be voting. I also encourage you to tell everyone you know as well!

Coming up on Thursday will be the IGA Community Walkthrough! Starting at 7pm on Thursday the 6th Senate Members, City Council, and University admin will all be walking around water street and Randall park to point out any possible safety issues. I highly recommend anyone whos able to, to join!

I yield

Information Technologies Commission Director – Joseph Dokken
Hello everyone,

Be on the lookout for legislation from ITC.

I yield.
Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap
This week the Student Organization Commission heard two more presentations for the SOC Special Allocation Fund, bringing the total presentations for the year up to 11, as well as reviewed 66-B-13, a piece of legislation you will hear more about later this evening. Looking to the future, we are nearing the end of the segregated funding fee process, which will be concluded with a bill that I will be introducing to the general assembly next Monday, which will outline all of the final allocation amounts we gave to each student organization, as well as what those funds will be used for. In addition, SOC will continue to work on revising the student organization re-registration process for the fall and the student segregated funding fee process for the spring, in order to streamline the process for all parties involved. Speaking of parties, as we get into warmer weather, expect to start hearing more about the party registry system, and if any of you would be interested in assisting me in tabling for this amazing program, please reach out to me anytime, as I would love the help. Finally, make sure you all go and vote tomorrow, and make sure to refer to our lovely IGA commission or executive board in the event you have any questions about the voting process. I wish you all a great rest of the semester, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine
Hello everyone! Last week I attended the Chippewa Valley Rally, and it was a great experience, I will be attending again next year! I also worked on and will continue working on the Pack it up Pass it on event coming to you all next week as well as bylaw changes for the SOS. We also have a lot going on as far as NCUR and Earth Claire go so look for advertisements for those events! That is all I have for this week, have a great rest of your weeks! I yield.

University Activities Commission Director – Zach Jacobson
I am so happy to see all your faces again and I hope you had such an amazing to be honest I am not sure what week we are on but I hope your last week was amazing.

This week in UAC we had our weekly meetings and check-ins to talk about upcoming events a few that I am very excited about.

I was also able to attend v-ball and take some photos. To all of you who attended you looked amazing and I hope you had a load of fun!

We have not had many UAC events recently but they are going to start to pick up for the rest of the semester

Here comes an event spam so open your ears, tonight there is paint night with desserts from 6-8 so maybe we can all go if we are done in time! KAATWALK is playing in the cabin this Saturday from 6pm – 8pm. Friendly Feud is BACK on April 19th at 7pm so keep your eye out for sign ups. Princess and the frog is showing on the 18th at 7pm and we are hoping to have some special dessert so go check it out. Spring fest is in the works so keep your eye out for more events as we start May!
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! And in honor of The Masters, a quote from Jack Nicklaus, “Sometimes the biggest problem is in your head. You’ve got to believe you can play a shot instead of wondering where your next bad shot is coming from.”

Believe in yourself, keep your head up, you got this!

I yield
Q: For the Princess and the Frog event, what is the special dessert? A: Honestly don’t know how to pronounce it, but if Dining makes it they will have it!

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May
Hello,
Not much going on this week except Blu will be at the Teeter-totter a thon held by one of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, so you might see them at some point on a teeter-totter a thon. Additionally, I have an update from the plushies. So instead of the plushies, I am happy to say that we are now getting Blu the Blugold croc jibbits!
With that being said, I yield.
Q: How much will the charms be? A: Probably around $5
Q: Where can we buy them? A: From the Coordinator
Q: Will Blu be on the teeter-totter? A: Blu has to sign a risk waiver, so it depends on the actor.
Q: When are they available? A: You’ll be the first to know when they are!

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Misc. Notes:

Introduction, Sen. Strojinc:
- This was written in response to the increase of fraudulent activity on students’ bank accounts
- Advised by VC Crikette to have an educational piece
- Was revised to remove legal concerns
- Consulted several students as well as VC Crikette before submitting again
- If admin does not inform students within the next few weeks, they will notify the student body
- They are aware that there is a repeated WHEREAS clause, and they will be amending it
- Q: For those who don’t have the background, will you provide some background? A: Legally, can’t say the details because of certain contracts.
- Q: Were you given any information on what specific legal issues came up? A: Yes, we could be sued by a company if their name came up. Followup: Were these issues considered when looking at other universities who work with this vendor? A: So although other Universities were affected, we have an entirely different contract than they do, so we are not able to speak on it.
- Q: Do you know if the technological literacy training we take as freshman was brought up in any discussions regarding prevention? A: It was, mostly be VC Crikette, but it also included resources on the webpage and info sent out to students, but they don’t touch on banking fraud.
- Q: Do we need to be concerned considering that this is under open meetings law? A: We cannot talk about it more information from Parliamentarian Miller: we are only allowed to speak on the context of the resolution itself, the legal issues regarding the original resolution are no longer germane, please do not speak on them further. Per open meetings, we would get in trouble if we discussed it in detail, if the name came up, it could be construed as pointing them out, so we should stop talking about it. POI: because it is in the intro, isn’t it relevant? A: more information from Par. Miller: Germaneness is for the resolution and its merits, contextual questions are more for the drafting of the document, issues like this are not directly relevant. It is a very convoluted issue. Just the context given is all that matters. Any further lines of question are not relevant to the legislation at hand. Followup: What can we discuss with respect to this resolution and the events surrounding it? A: Per parli pro, we can talk about the merits of teaching students about literacy and fraudulent activity, phishing scams etc and what is specifically mentioned in the resolution. Anything else not mentioned should not be covered and has been explained. A lot of students were affected, so that is why it is important, not the question about legality.
- Q: In one of the resolved clauses, you ask for resources to be provided to students, do you have specific materials? A: A lot of that comes from the LTS department, there is some info currently on the webpage,
but it is out of date. On top of that, an email sent out to students would be helpful. Followup: will some of this be in the notification that you would want from admin? A: Yes

• Q: In lines 24-25, what necessary action are you considering? A: It would be them sending the email instead of administration.

**Speaker Sentiments:**

• Will be voting in favor, intended to vote in favor before as well. Want to remind senators that it is our job to hold administration accountable when things go wrong, and this achieves exactly that. He understands why the education piece was added to the resolution, but thinks that students are pretty smart, and when activity like this hits no one really knows what to do. This activity was not at the fault of students.

• Want to commend author for taking action into their own hands, thinks that this is an example of administration not addressing issues brought to their attention.

• As someone who has dealt with fraud charges, they can be very scary and disruptive. She checks her bank account after almost any purchase, so it is very important for these things to be addressed, and she learned a lot about banking during the process. It does happen, so it is good for students to know what to do and know that they do have control. It may save you hassle in the future. Commend the authors on their work and would not wish it on anyone.

• Will be voting up, want to echo the sentiments of previous speakers and commend the authors on their work to get this introduced here. It is important that admin says something about this. He thinks that it is always good to have more resources on what they can do and their abilities, but want to avoid the implication that students were at fault for this, because they are not to blame for what happened to their information.

• It may be obvious that she will vote up, but wanted to say that is was at no student fault that their information was stolen, but not all students are diligent about checking their bank accounts—it is really hard to lose money, especially as college students, and not have it guaranteed back. She was affected, as was her co-author, but not everyone was able to get it all back.

• Obviously is a great bill, also want to note that UWEC is a public institution, so a lot of our information is public, but there is always the chance that this can happen again, and this kind of statement will advocate for those affected, as well as those where did not know that it was happening.

• **AMENDMENTS:**

• **Strike lines 9-10 (repeated lines, redundant)**

• Remove the space after the dash in lines 19, 22, and 29 after “Wisconsin-“

• Line 22 change “therefore” to “further”

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**Misc. Notes:**
Introduction, Dir. Heap:
• At the end of the seg fee process, they send out the tentative allocation amounts and they have a week to appeal
• This year, they had 3800 dollars left after allocations, and thought it was important to keep the Special Allocations funded
• Want to keep Special Allocations funded
• An appeal process will still occur, but it will happen at a different time
• There is a separate amendment working on that
• Ensures that they are being intentional with their allocations
• Q: On the back of subsection 6, it says student orgs must spend 90% of their allocations by a certain date—is that also going to be amended? A: No, this process is the same, this bill only targets the seg fee process through how they get money back from Finance. Any money unspent will go back into the Redistribution Funds system, and this way SOC money will be kept within SOC, so money can be used easier
• Q: Is the week-appeal period the time to submit the appeal? A: It is up to the current SOC director, but it depends on when the orgs are available to appeal and present.
• Q: For those who are a part of the deliberation process, when it comes to special allocation, can you request more than once from the Special Allocation Fund? It is designed to support orgs that are new, reactivating, or have a sudden event idea but no funding. Still working out if/when they could apply again, they ideally should only need to use it once. Followup: do you feel that that money would have to process in place; so if an org would want funds but because it is restricted, do you feel that that has been a roadblock? A: There have not been any questions about it; any org is able and encouraged to apply, but it is aimed at new and reactivating orgs.
• Q: In the tentative allocation amount that you send to student orgs, it will not say anywhere that they can appeal their decision? In Finance, they also have a section in their bylaws requiring notification, will you notify those treasurers/presidents separately? A: Next year he intends to streamline all aspects of Seg Fee processes; prior to going into the seg fee process, they will have a complete information packet that is as streamlined and simple as possible, so they will have that info regardless
• Q: Does this eliminate the appeal process? A: No, it eliminates the notification via email of the option to appeal, appeals can still happen.
• Q: What is changing is they will email the amount to student orgs, but labeled as the final allocation amounts, but they can appeal that amount? A: Yes, but that is essentially already what happens. Followup: If the allocation amounts can be appealed, and therefore are not final, and the process is the same, what is the purpose of changing the bylaws? A: The purpose of changing the bylaws is to ensure that the Special Allocations Fund will have money, in line with enrollment decreasing, so that the SA Fund continues to exist and support student orgs. Followup: if the process that you intend to do does not change the process, how does that change the amount in the special allocation fund? A: Part of the reason it is written in this way is because student orgs have a tough time spending all their money, the reason they want Special Allocations to be funded is because it is slower to funnel it back through Finance, and this is more efficient. Followup: So if the goal is to have money in the SOC fund, and avoid over-allocating, why not change it so money unspent is directly returned to the fund rather than
the redistributed funds system? A: He hasn’t considered it yet, it could be looked at, this is just historically how they looked at it.

- Q: Do you think there will be a Decrease in need for special allocations? A: No, more applications this year than ever, see more interest in involvement in coming years

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**Misc. Notes:**

**Introduction, Person:**
- Would amend the IGA bylaws
- Want to support the campus food pantry
- Already stated in the IGA bylaws
- To ensure it is taken on every year, compiled different contacts, resources and information in a binder to stay with IGA
- Will take the fundraiser out of Student Senate at the last minute so they can accept donations for the raffle
- The campus pantry does not get a budget
- Students could donate high-demand food items for more entries into the raffle
- POI: Do you have the attachments? A: They were not sent out, but can pull them up on the main screen
- Q: It says there is no annual budget of any kind for the campus pantry—is there any department that has reached out to help? This is a great bill, and it seems important enough to fund with tuition dollars. A: No, but she is more than open to having those discussions. More information from Dir. Holness: there is no budget for the food pantry, but the Fireball gives a significant amount of their tips to the food pantry, which over the years has amassed over $100,000

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Introduction, Person:

- This could create a more constant flow of donations for the food pantry—there is already a student interested in the service learning aspect of this—look at the SL website! The pricing, signage for the bins is included there. The signage includes hours, location, and what they want for donations.
- They will send out another survey about how many people know about it, who is using it, etc.
- This is a trial run for the bins—housing admin is in support of this, it was brought before RHA as well.
- The attachment outlines how they will be maintained in the future.
- Will add hall directors to the distribution list next week.
- Q: With the last bill you talked about implementing this into the bylaws—is there someone’s job to manage the bins in IGA if service learning could not accommodate it? A: No, but if this passes, that could be organized.
- Q: You mentioned that hall directs will be sent the attachment, but have directors been contacted about this? A: No, that is her bad, she plans on putting them in hall basements, except on move out days can be put there. Followup: Does this include off campus housing like AMH and Haymarket?
- Q: In line 31, the sentence ends abruptly, what happened there? A: A typo, will amend next week.
- Q: Would you also consider notifying hall councils? A: Yes.
- Q: Considering that food insecurity is associated with financial struggles and can be a point of personal insecurity, is there any discussion surrounding trying to keep these accessible but anonymous/discreet? A: As of right now, no, but is something she plans on talking with hall directors about so they are not too public.
- Q: Based on previous questions, are students welcome to take donations in the bins, or the bins being brought to the pantry/closet? A: Both, will talk with the IGA director in the event that this passes to contact Fostering Success, since the pantry has limited hours, so this would allow them to have first chance at the food, and part of the service learning hours is to keep them clean, intact, and deliver donations.
- Q: Issues with funding a service learning project? A: She has talked with the program director and it should not be an issue. More information from Dir. Johnson: The items bought will be retained by Student Senate, so we are using gen ops funds to buy Student Senate supplies.

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<td>Election season has started! If you want a petition, you can get one from Stephanie. Keep to the rules packet, do not talk about campaigning in the office or during meetings. Don’t do the bad stuff. The white boxes here at the front have extra brownies and cookies from another event. We will bring these down to the office. Brought to us by UAC!</td>
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<td>Sen. Lehner</td>
<td>Reiterate that tomorrow is the WI general spring election date—please x3 get out and make your voice heard. Some common polling places for students are Davies for Upper Campus on the second floor, around AMH is the American Legion on Water Street, Haymarket is the Peace Church on EC street, and the Priory is the Washington Township Complex, and third ward is also Davies. If you are upper campus, just bring your student ID if you are registered—he is happy to answer questions, and there are many orgs providing info tomorrow! Q: Did you look that up just now or do you have those memorized? A: Memorized Q: Can you use your ID on your phone? A: No, they need the physical ID. You can also show your lease with your signature if you live off campus, or utility mail, or digital leases, but not a photo. There is a system in CampS to add your local address, especially for off-campus campus housing, there is a voter verification form option, it can generate your local address through the university which also counts as proof of address. You can dig around in myvote.wi.gov or the UWEC website, uwec.vote. Q: On that page, it says that if your ID is expired, you need a proof of residence, can upper campus</td>
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provide that? A: Because the Uni provides a list of students with the city clerk, that should count, but when in doubt, pull up voter verification or find proof of address. If it is expired, you should be able to go on CampS to provide proof of enrollment and local address.

| Dir. Kelly | There are also multiple referendums on the ballot, so use What’s On My Ballot to be informed! |
| Pres. Gaitan | Dining forgot to order ketchup, but for those who want some, she bought some for the Senate fridge! *applause* If you are opposed to ketchup, let her know, within reason. |
|            | Voting: go do it |
|            | NCUR volunteering: if you are interested, it will be very busy and interesting, a great way to be engaged and get our faces out there, especially since some classes are cancelled, so she will be volunteering, she has a link, it should be in everyone’s emails. |
|            | With elections, if Stephanie is out of the office, she can accept petitions in lieu of her. |
|            | Q: Who else can accept forms? A: Thomas Miller! As can Sahana, Kyle and Elizabeth TenBarge. |
|            | She will also probably be bringing more cupcakes and treats to the office soon. She has a lot of declining dollars—ask her if you need food! |

| VP Farmer | NCUR—if you want to volunteer he is working 7 shifts. |
|          | You should have gotten an Outlook for the end of the year celebration, they are called the Parli’s on Sunday, April 30th, from 2-4pm, apparently it is tradition it happens the same day. There will be food, awards. |
|          | Q: Is there a fun dress code? A: No, unless you want to. There will be LOTS OF PICTURES taken. That is where Senator of the Year, Director |
of the Year, and other exclusive awards are handed out. Q: Will you roll out the red carpet for us? A: Yes! Expect nothing less than the best! Pres. Gaitan had the idea for the name.

| Dir. Holness | Tomorrow is the Karaoke Kick-off event for Hmong Heritage month, 5-7 Cent 1106, and it is over ESM time, so he knows ESM members can attend! |

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Minutes submitted by Anakah Denison, Senate Personnel Director