A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:02 PM on Monday, April 24, 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 – 04/24/2023

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Vice Chancellor Grace Crikette and Kent Gerberich, Matt Lind, UW System Office of General Counsel; RE: Data Security

Questions

Q: Thank you for being here; the last few minutes gave a lot of things that students can do, and he thinks that students are pretty cognizant of finances since paying for college is so expensive—what are things that the University is doing or is going to do to prevent this? A: They use a third-party to review all of their third-party vendors. Some they provide data, with this the users input their own data. A lot of what they do security-wise is encrypted, Duo, firewalls, and next fall they will be using a new product called Octa, a lot of what they do is behind the scenes. Followup: The email sent out to students was very broad, and from reading it, he would not have known that there was a breach that occurred. What further information could you provide that could give students an understanding of the incident? A: Those that have to be
notified are those affected, which they get from the vendor. The third party has the duty of responding to students. They did a follow-up so the knew that the letter they received from the vendor was not fraudulent, but they have to allow the vendor to follow the laws, which they did in this instance. He understands that these things are going to be confusing because they are. Part of what is confusing is that there were many people involved who had contractual responsibilities and the all had to play their own part. That is how the University provides data security, with overlapping responsibilities. Followup: He agrees that there is some confusion, so he will be more specific. What wording could be used to let students know what is going on? A: The vendor, for those that were impacted, did provide that information. They do not provide information regarding details—she is not sure what more information you want. Because it is a vendor, the responsibility is theirs to followup. If the data breach happened on campus, on systems that they manage, it would be different because it would be on University-owned property. Q: What is the closest thing you can say to there was a breach on the vendor’s side? A: This is a legal question. What IT did was not a mandatory requirement. This is data that belonged to the third party vendor, and they did what was required by law. The email sent to students was providing general information. While the email could be alarming and lack context, for most people who received it, they did no have a data breach, so the guidance needed to be general. The third party provided more detailed information.

**Motion to extend by 15 minutes passes unanimously, Placard**

Q: It is not considered a University breach because it is student data? A: No. The vendor has signed a contract saying they will not breach, and if they do, they say it is their responsibility. Followup: how soon did you let students know that there was a breach? A: When these events happen, you have to wait for the vendor to provide the contact information of who they are contacting. It is typical protocol that they will let them know who has been impacted. They are not required to send a followup letter, but they did so they knew the information they received is legitimate. They have a response plan for breaches. Followup: So you only let students know who you knew were breached, not students who possibly could have been breached? A: When you say potential, they had no information to indicate than anyone other than the list given had a data breach. There would be no reason to suspect that there were further breaches. The idea that there is a potential breach is not possible based on the facts. Followup: Wouldn’t you want to know
if other people’s data has been breached on the same site you use? A: The protocol is to pass on the information. She has managed several breaches in her career, and she does not know how you would notify people who have not been exposed. He understands where the question is coming from, but there is no evidence that the data breach went farther than the students who were notified, and suggesting that it did is purely speculative. The University did inform the campus community about the breach and that it should be careful about credit security. He understands that there is difficulties with disputing the financial charges, but financial institutions have their own responsibilities to not credit fraudulent charges, so that is an extra layer of security.

Q: You said that there were 54 students affected? A: There were 54 individuals with university emails who were affected, they could be students or faculty. Followup: and there were about a hundred outside emails taken? A: Yes, though she can’t cite it exactly. Followup: were all of those people notified of the breach? A: Yes, by AudienceView, and IT. Followup: Given that he knows people who were affected who did not receive any contact from AudienceView, don’t you think there is precedent for previous senator’s questions? A: Unless you’ve been notified by the vendor, there’s no way to tell if the fraud is coming from AudienceView or another avenue. Followup: given that students have received a slew of fraudulent charges, do you think that there is merit in letting students know that if they purchased from this vendor, that they should investigate their finances? A: This is a legal question, and it is an unadvisable email because it says something that they don’t have evidence for. It could lead to a defamation claim. He understands why people are reaching that conclusion, but that is not evidence that AV caused those charges. Every time you use your card, there is a potential for fraud on every charge. It could have the same impact on your account that a data breach could. There is no way to say where that breach came from. This is a result of the cashless society in which we live. There are many points where sensitive data can be stolen. Followup: So you are saying that it is equally likely that a large amount of students had their data stolen at the same time as there was a large data breach with AudienceView. A: He read the resolution, and that is not what the resolution said. If there was a massive breach, and there was evidence for it, then that would be a separate question. In the counterfactual situation he described, that would not be reasonable, but that is not what the facts say here. He does believe that it is equally likely that the data could have been stolen at any other point in the data.
chain. Followup: And equally likely that it happened at the same time? A: He lacks evidence for that statement, and even if there is, there is not sufficient evidence to prove that it came from this data breach. It is a very serious allegation to make, that the vendor would be lying. That is what is being asked for the University to assert. He has not seen the data, other than anecdotal evidence, that the vendor is not following its legal obligation under the law. He understands why students are very frustrated, and he doesn’t think that these students are irrational, but in terms of what the University says, they are held to a high standard in terms of telling the truth. If UWEC were to make a claim without good evidence, they would have a defamation claim.

Motion to extend Q and A by 1 hour passes, placard, 19-9-2

Q: Clarification on the timeline? A: They were checking in with the vendor every day, and eventually the vendor contacted them. Followup: So the vendor reached out first? A: Yes Followup: It appears to be about a month before students were contacted—was there any way to speed up that process and does the University have a moral obligation to notify students? A: They were asking about it regularly, there are different state rules on notification, but it is typical that a vendor has 30 days to respond in order to investigate their systems. AV was within the law and the contract. Followup: She understands that they were within the law and the contract—was there any pushback to try and notify students faster? A: The vendor’s obligations are defined by the contract. They can discuss things with vendors, but the obligation that the vendor has is defined by the contract. They can work with and talk to the vendor and encourage them, legally the mechanism they have is the contract. Morally, that is not a question they can really ask. It does not demonstrate a lack of communication, but that communication may not have been received for any number of reasons. These timelines are put into law because of the difficulty of tracking down this information and ensuring that it is accurate. These situations can be hard to respond to. Morally, it is not something the University can enforce. Followup: Then why is there the line the UWEC has a commitment to enhancing and improving the security it maintains. She feels the presentation tried to cut short the data breach situation. He said that it is easy to get another card—some people are still waiting for their cards and their money is running out. She feels that that line is contradictory—why did you include the line that UWEC
has a commitment to enhancing and improving the security it maintains. A: That is our obligation, not the vendors.

Q: The AV breach was nationwide, not just UWEC. Colorado State also had a data breach and they released a lengthy statement saying that they suspended all services with AV, told students to check their credit cards, and to review AV transactions. This statement is public and on their website. Why would Colorado State have a different contract that they are allowed to do that, and we are not able to? Followup/point of personal privilege: The company may have been within their legal obligations, but 30 days is a very long time for students. Your job is tough, but perhaps a different vendor would be better suited for this job.

Q: About the 54 students contacted, you said that a clarifying email affirmed the AV contact? A: Yes Followup: And that was sent to the 54 individuals? A: It was sent to all individuals identified by AV

Q: In the presentation you mentioned that the University vets their vendors—can you say how? A: The contract was completed in 2020 by UW Milwaukee Followup: So did UWEC ever have their own vetting process? A: She does not know, but can find out. It was likely done by UW Milwaukee, and other UWs used that contract. Followup: How are you living up to the expectation of protecting data if we do not conduct our own vetting process? A: We do not provide data to AudienceView, they are a third party. On systems that we use, it would be different. Q: Does the University still use AudienceView? A: Yes

Q: Would you or any other team members be open to a more open discussion setting, and if so, how can they contact you? A: Yes they would be open to that, they are always looking to improve data security and education with students.

Q: Given that since there are contracted by the University, isn’t it an explicit endorsement of their services, what can the University do in the future to better guard student data? A: A contract is not an endorsement, it is an outlining of a legal obligation. Q: Is it not an endorsement when all University events are through one vendor? A: He understands why you would perceive it to be an endorsement. Followup: So purchasing the services of a vendor is not endorsing that vendor? A: Not legally. But on the point of improving the process, the contracting process is defined by state law. The most they can say it
would be an endorsement is that they use those services. There is a chance here to talk about how they procure contracts, but legally, purchasing services is not an endorsement of services. Followup: From the perspective of a student, when the University initiates a contract with a vendor and all ticketed events go through that vendor—that indicates to students that the University has confidence in that vendor—what is the University doing that allows students to have faith in them? The vendor screwed up, but because the University is contracted, the University screwed up, and in the eyes of students, their confidence can no longer be placed with them. A: They don’t have any evidence of any negligence or malfeasance on the part of AV. Everyone who uses IT has these vulnerabilities. Followup: 150+ cases of fraud does not indicate negligence? A: No, there is no evidence that someone in AV caused that fraud. There are people worldwide working to steal data as their jobs. And while that is a crime, the evidence they have is that AV was the victim of a crime, and the best they can say is that AV should have better data security, but they already have a contract with a third party to audit their vendors. The person(s) that committed the fraud are the criminals who stole the data, so the question becomes what are the best data security practices, and their audit indicates that they have good security practices. While he understands that it is upsetting, the data shows that AV did not mess up. Followup: Given that no one made a legal screw up, what is the University going to do in the future to notify students faster, since many students felt it was inadequate? A: They followed their instant command, there is nothing more that they could do. Followup: We know that other universities have made more information available, and had more and faster communication, why can’t we do that? A: To answer that question, there is an assumption that they reached out to all clients at the same time. He was communicating with other CIOs on this, and they did not get the information at the same time, and they do the best job they can with the data they have. They followed up every day, trying to get the data list—they were not sitting and waiting, they were trying to get the information as soon as they could. He himself has been on campus since ‘03, and they legally have to cover themselves. They did the best that they could, especially with the public relations side. There is a lot they have to take into consideration. He is tired, and burned out, and they did the best they could. The Colorado State announcement was not necessarily put out faster, we don’t know their timeline. Followup: Given that this time you did everything to the best of their ability, what will be done to make sure that this is communicated to students faster or
more effectively next time? A: Every breach is unique, this campus has only had two other breachers in history, also with vendors and not personally. Universities are a high attack surface. It is a growing risk, and they have a good track record. Followup: If each breach is its own problem, and both previous breaches have been with vendors, are there no ways that you will change how you deal with vendors? A: They have very good control over their vendors contractually.

POI: How long has UWEC been a university? A: 107 years, and none on our own systems. POI: So 2 breaches in 107 years? A: Yes

He will put this on the agenda to talk about, being more strict with procurement, every purchase order is heavily vetted. They can tighten up procurement, but they manage over 400 titles on campus. They can bring it up at CIL council, at UW System, and with the State as far as contract language.

Q: There were more than 13,00 and 494 colleges affected—why didn’t the University cut their contract after the breach? A: At the same time this was occurring was NCUR, which all went through AV. They could not cut in the middle of hosting 4k people on campus, the biggest event UWEC has ever seen. Followup: Why have you not provided a backup system—doesn’t NCUR have their own signup? A: They used OpenWater for the abstract system and AV for the tickets. Followup: Are you in discussion with AV? A: They are in a bidding process for software.

POI: How much time is left? A: About 30 minutes.

Q: What is the contract timeframe—how long do we stay with them? A: Unsure, would have to check.

POI: Can that date be provided to this body? A: Yes, assuming it does not have an expiration date

Q: Since the contract cannot be adapted by the University, are steps going to be taken at the state level so there is more leniency on the University end as to what the University can say/communicate to students? A: Different states have different provisions, and any contract is a negotiation. There is no way to promise terms in this meeting. The University doesn’t control its own contracting, and that is a function of
State contracting. If there are terms that students feel would be more appropriate, but at the end of the day, they are in a contracting process, which is a serious consequence for any vendor. At the end of the day, there is still a data breach. Followup: So because we are part of a state entity, there are no plans for UWEC to advocate our position to the state? A: He can talk to CI conference this week. And just because they ask for something in a contract, doesn’t mean it will happen. They have their own legal counsel. At the end of the day it is a battle to change even small things in a contract. He is trying to teach about software procurement in a short amount of time. They can present their terms, but it doesn’t mean that they are going to budge. UWEC is a state agency and part of state government. The Board of Regents does not have the legal ability to sue or be sued, and it has limited ability to enter into contracts. We are integrally related to these groups, and are able to bring up student concerns, and they are regularly brought forward.

POI: Was the University prevented from notifying the whole student body when they initially heard from AV by a lawsuit, contractual obligation, or a combination? A: They were not prevented in notifying the appropriate people.

Q: Another university was able to make a statement about the breach—this vendor is mentioned in 10+ other university statements. Why can’t we come out with something similar? A: She hasn’t seen those statements—they notified those who were impacted, and then an overall advisory email was sent out.

POI: Assumptive hypothetical questions are not productive. There are updates and improvements forthcoming. We have so much left in this meeting. Address circular questions through another means.

Q: The main concern is how breaches can be handled in the future—thinks it was made aware that breaches happen all the time and they. As a fellow Blugold, he appreciates it, and understands the work they do. He trusts them with his information. It is unfortunate, but it happens. Wells Fargo had a huge data breach a few years ago and they are still a massive business operating. Is it correct to say that we are susceptible to risks every time we swipe a card, and the University did more than they needed to by notifying students in the way that they did. Please contact one of them if you have followups—they want to be
known as a school that provides regular contact and training to their students.

Q: Given that AV is a vendor for several different universities and contracts are templated, has UWEC reached out to other universities to see if they are going to continue with AV and leveraging their purchases of a service? A: That is a legal issue, when different actors act in concert with each other. The UW System can act as an entity, and they ask for better in every contract, but they don’t always get it. Followup: Has the UWEC reached out to other schools in regards of leveraging their purchasing power? A: Asked and answered.

Q: Final question, thank you for coming, wanted to agree with previous speakers and that this is good for group discussion and appreciate your willingness to do so. His question is, since we are in contract with AV, is there a representative from AV who could attend such a meeting and provide their perspective? A: She can look into that.

Q: Thank you, and there is nothing legally wrong that AV did, and since data breaches are common, it may not be necessary to terminate the contract, right? A: Correct, the contracts with vendors contemplate the possibility of a breach and have language regarding it. And a data breach is not a contract breach, unless written in the contract, which is an impossible ask.

POI: Time runs out at 8:02

He wants to develop security training that students engage with and is meaningful—delivery method, e.g. email, Canvas, and they need that feedback, please reach out.

- Kent Gerberich is their Chief Information Officer
- Noah Brisbane—legal counsel at UW System regarding cyber security, narrator of video
- Kent will be talking about the webpage that he will be setting up to provide additional information on data security
- They plan to use this video and content in ongoing efforts concerning data security
- **24 minute video concerning data security**
  - UW System uses outside vendors
  - UW System has several laws and regulations and obligations, federal and otherwise governing data security
  - Patchwork of federal laws governing data and safety
• Two main groups set data security standards
• Legal standards do not impose liability for a breach when standards do not meet requirements
• Privacy—expectation to hold personal information in confidence without a legitimate purpose
• Security—technical methods implemented to prevent unauthorized access of personal info
• State laws most often apply to privacy
• UWEC uses outside vendors to provide services that concern private information
• Have contracts that reinforce the legal responsibility for securing the PI
• The vendor notified UWEC of a data breach
• If you are a victim of fraud, take steps to protect yourself
• The University is not at fault for data breaches, since they cannot ensure an environment free of risk

5 minute recess, 18-10-2, placard
Reconvened 8:09 pm

Open Forum

Entity; Topic
Parliamentarian Miller

Questions

Misc. Notes:
• Normally does this in announcements, but due to time, will do it now
• Noticed several mistakes in parli pro happening during the presentation
• Compounded mistakes ends up with people feeling exhausted and slighted. He wants to address this, not directed at any one person. Acknowledge it and move on.
• Firstly: decorum in debate. It is important in Parli Pro because everyone should feel safe in this space. That does not mean the body, but anyone who comes to watch or present or speak. Everyone should feel comfortable in this room—that is what parli pro is all about. During the Q and A there were several accusatory questions. The manner of these questions as well as the language should not be how we conduct ourselves. We should be respectful when we are speaking because it takes a lot to come up here and do this. That goes double for non-members who don’t have the familiarity that we have with each other.
• Procedural: when asking a followup, wait to be acknowledged by the chair before a followup, don’t just ask as soon as the speaker is done speaking. These are information-gathering meetings. Also the Personnel Director can’t always figure out what is part of the question and what is not—it is a recordkeeping issue as well. Followups are also an issue—he tries to stay on top of it, but followups should only be directly related to the original question. You cannot pivot from the original question. He tries his best, but cannot maintain 100% comprehension. He tries to keep things running as smoothly as possible, but because there is a lot of legislation moving forward, he wanted to say this now rather than later, he felt it was necessary.
Approval of Meeting Minutes from 04/17/23

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Motion to yield all reports to the minutes passes, placard, unanimously

REPORT: President – Rossellin Gaitán
Hello, Again Folks and Happy Bucket List Day, so for our new folks here. If your bucket list was to attend a Senate General Assembly Meeting, dust off the ole list! Last week was chilly, busy, and quick. Oh my! Elections season is now behind us; I attended my duties as a committee member, Met with VC Crickette with VP Farmer, Attended a shared governance meeting with University Senate and Staff Counsel members, and was a student as we begin to wrap things up here in the senate and our semester.

For my last and final week (wow), I will be doing final meetings with VP Farmer, Hopefully, attend the VC of Enrollment Mgt. On-campus visit, Hop into the FY23 Q3 Facilities Auxiliary Assessment Review, Set up for the parties and finally will be interviewed by a podcast in Washington this Thursday. Ending things off on a high note and, of course. CHIBI WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY 10 AM-1 PM. I will save my sappy report for next week, but just know that this week is something I am bittersweet about. You are so loved and seen. Lead with Grace.

Thank you, and I yield.

REPORT: Vice President – Brett Farmer
Good evening everyone!

Last week was a very stressful but exciting one for me. Among my normal check-ins and meetings, President Gaitan and I met again with Vice Chancellor Crickette and other campus shared governance leaders. I also met with UW Eau Claire Foundation president, Kim Way to discuss some very exciting plans for the upcoming year. Throughout the week I sat in on a few Campus Ambassador interviews, attended (and won) Friendly Feud—shoutout to the Blugold Hype Squad—and on Wednesday, I was also officially confirmed as student body president elect, and I could not be more excited, proud, and honored, so thank you all who voted and supported me throughout the exhausting campaign period.

Speaking of elections, we have a handful of ambitious and energetic new faces joining us tonight in the gallery. We will be swearing in a handful of new senators tonight that were elected through last week’s election. I want to encourage everyone in this body—former, current, or future—to please get to know them. Everyone in this room has gotten involved in this body because they want to be an advocate for students and make meaningful change on our campus. That being said, there is a lot that you can all learn from one another. Additionally, as we transition our senators tonight, I want to thank all of our current senators for the work that has been put in this year. You all are the worker bees of this organization and without you and your relentless ambition, we would not be able to accomplish many of the things that we have and will continue to, so thank you. To those of you who got reelected or who will be sworn in at the
end of tonight’s meeting, congratulations. A fun and exciting year lies ahead, and I can’t wait to see what we accomplish.

In my last week as vice president, I have already met with UW System president Rothman and sat on the judging panel for commencement speakers earlier today. I will also be holding my final check-ins with directors and ensuring that our exec board is prepared to leave office next week. I will also be attending the State of Sustainability event on Wednesday, having my last meeting with President Gaitan and Chancellor Schmidt on Friday amidst lots of involvement with Scholar Day on Friday, and hopefully chairing a brief vacancy cycle with the hopeful passage of my bill that is being introduced tonight; more to come on that.

Thank you all for your patience and involvement throughout tonight’s meeting. I appreciate it in advance.

Finally, as things seem to wind down but also pick up, we will all likely feel overwhelmed and/or anxious, but if you need any support at all please don’t hesitate to reach out. 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 everyone,

Last week I participated in Jazz Fest—I hope many of you attended, and if you didn’t, please go next year. It’s worth it! And I also helped write the vacancy committee bill before you tonight. Today I attended the UW System Panel on Free Speech on Campus, Earth Claire, and will be attending the State of Sustainability lunch on Wednesday. Otherwise I will be wrapping up transition materials, assisting with vacancy committee, and any other loose ends that need tying up before the session ends while finishing up my classwork.

And as always, the first person to turn in their report was Vice President Farmer! Congrats!

**REPORTS: Board of Directors**

**Academic Affairs Commission Director – Sahana Suresh**

Hi all,

Hope you are all have a wonderful Monday! Last week was pretty light in AAC just because it is getting close to the end of my directorship. I’m all wrapped up on my transition materials. I did, however, participate in the Amazing Eau Claire Clean-up which was super fun even though I got a parking ticket; it’s fine haha. This week I had a meeting with COB Dean Pratt and ESM Director Holness to talk about the EDIB Survey Process I am working on as I am apart of COB EDIB Strategic Plan. Other than that, I just have my regular meetings and my last commission meeting as well.
With that being said, like I had mentioned last week, if you are interested in being AAC director next year, I strongly recommend you apply because it has been the greatest opportunity I've gotten to have. Applications are open until May 5th and I am always here to answer any questions you may have.

That is all I have this week. I yield.

Communication Commission Director – Ivan San
Howdy everyone, I hope you're all doing great! Since our last meeting, Comms has been a bit on the quiet side, but we're almost done with our final batch of graphics projects. We've got our final weekly commission meeting this week as well!

This week, we'll be creating donation bin posters for the bills that were passed previously, we will also be preparing for Motivation Monday for Blu's Palooza during Spring Fest (May 1st). Compiling suggested bylaw changes for next year's Comms Commission, and giving the AIL/Senate entrance banners a fresh new look!

As we hit the home stretch, I just want to say a huge thanks to all of you for an amazing session. I hope you all continue/further your Student Senate involvement next year, Comms out!

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Josh Holness
What’s good? Happy penultimate meeting before the end of the 66th! What a year!

Rosa and I hope you’ve all been taking care of yourselves as the year wraps up! Biggest update is the Student Director Application has opened! Please share the application with any one you think who might be interested—we will be hearing from all applicants at next week’s meeting!

Other than that, the Amplified Authors project will be completed by commencement! We are looking for book suggestions so please either send them to myself, Rosa, or the ESM email—esm@uwec.edu

That’s it! Be better! I yield. Josh

Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson
Hello everyone, this week will be the final finance commission. We will be in the Menominee room, Davies 320F, no official business just a little wrap up and time to look back and be proud of all the work we did. There will be snack, shouldn’t go too long. I hope to see you there. If you are interested in being the finance director, the application is open on Blugold Connect plus right now and if you have any questions feel free to email more or we can find a time to talk. I will be in the office for a few moments after the meeting.
Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Hannah Kelly
Hello everyone!

This week I have finishing up the Dash part of the Dash and Bash! I one more thing I need to do is finding volunteers! So, if you are free on May 2nd anytime between 4-7pmish please let me know!

Otherwise, I have been working on transition materials, if anyone is considering being the next IGA director, please let me know any questions you have or if you just want to chat about what the position is like!

Finally, this week will be the last IGA meeting, which will really just be a commission social/ get together/ party. If you are interested in attending please meet us in the AIL office on Friday at 2:30pm! Also if you have any board games are cards games please bring them. I yield

Information Technologies Commission Director – Joseph Dokken
Hello all,

You will be hearing from me later regarding a Bill for the approval of the student tech fee budget and an adjustment to an item line within that. We are also going to be voting tomorrow to spend the rest of our initiative item line that we have left. I will update y’all next week on this matter.

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 due to a prior commitment within my major. As we approach our final SOC meeting for the year, I will need to reschedule for Friday afternoon, due to my late return from Baltimore for an undergraduate research conference. We will be hearing two presentations from organizations for the SOC Special Allocation fund, and then leaving with some closing remarks. That is all I have for you this week, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

Best,

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine
Hello everyone! I hope you have all had a great start to the amazing earth week! Hopefully you got to stop by Earth Claire today and get some free things and learn about sustainability and getting involved
with sustainability in the process! There are quite a few more events going on this week, I want to highlight the state of sustainability event on Wednesday at noon. It is going to be a very informative and interesting event discussing the LEED certification of the Sonnentag building as well as the sustainable features of the building which we funded as a body, plus who doesn’t like free food! So, sign up if you haven’t already! There is also a very fun “Goose chase” that was sent to all your emails this morning from the administrative office of sustainability, and I find it entertaining and easy, and I recommend it! For any more events, you can look up UWEC Earth month where all the events happening this week can be found. Have a great rest of your earth weeks 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 past week!

This past week in UAC we had Friendly Feud which was so much fun and our weekly meetings and check-ins to talk about upcoming events a few that I am very excited about.

Here comes another event spam so open your ears, on Friday the 28th we have a cabin concert the Clearwater’s, along with Maria and the Coin. Blackkkkllansman in Woodland every evening this weekend. Also keep your eye out for dash and bash on the 2nd at 4pm partnering with IGA!! We will be giving out shirts, ice cream, and having upper campus events during Spring Fest the first week in May!! We will be having a concert May 4th at 7:30 with Landon Conrath and Nicky Youre

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.

The application for UAC chair is open. If you want to get paid to plan late night events, festivals, concerts, or PR let me know. Maybe you or someone you know can be the next person picking our large concert!

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

Congrats to all senators being sworn in.

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! “Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow.” — Mahatma Gandhi. “Stay away from those people who try to disparage your ambitions. Small minds will always do that, but great minds will give you a feeling that you can become great too.” — Mark Twain
I yield,

**REPORT: Special**

**Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May**

Hello everybody,

I'll keep my report brief. Blu attended the first meeting with the new Blugold Hype Squad last week. Additionally, Blu walked around on Friday interacting with members of Wisconsin high school jazz bands for our jazz fest. In more relevant news, as this semester starts to wrap up, feel free to send me ideas of summer projects to work on. I'd like to have some initiatives for next year school year. Lastly, the Blu Croc Charms have arrived! I am excited to bring these to you guys. These are free giveaway prizes (820 policy), but I'd like to offer you all the opportunity to receive one. I'll be handing them out after the meeting, so come see me after the meeting! And with that I yield.

**Unfinished Business**

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Misc. Notes:

**Introduction, Sen. Hicks:**
- Motion to withdraw; will work it into the transition materials instead of the bylaws

**Speaker Sentiments:**
- A

**AMENDMENTS:**

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Misc. Notes:

**Introduction, Sen. Hicks:**
- Last one was withdrawn in order to put it in the transition documents
- This one will be voted on tonight
- There are several amendments he will be making tonight as this is untested waters
- Originally told there was no reason it shouldn’t go through
- Then told it was sent to system legal
- This is testing the waters
- It has been amended to be as 820 compliant as possible
- The amendments will hopefully address those concerns
- If it doesn’t pass, they will write a resolution
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VICE PRESIDENT FARMER

- No reason not to try
- The Madison Green Fund funded an electric food truck, which is a student service.
- The worst they can say is no.
- Then there is a record of this body trying to make an impactful change for students
- POI: Why is it not on the screen? A: We are trying to get the legislation pulled up—technical difficulties

Speaker Sentiments:
- Will be voting up; thinks it is a great jumpstart to get more involved in this campus entity. It is important to support the pantry. Also, for anyone wondering, is not a big deal that they did not go through IGA.
- Thanks authors for their support and passion. It is our responsibility as student representatives to support these organizations. A lot of work goes unseen and unrecognized. It is important to show that we are doing something to
- Understands the conflicting information on 820, but the worst we hear back is that legal says its not allowed and it falls through. The pantry doesn’t only support food needs, but also hygiene needs and more. SOS has passed bills through themselves that haven’t passed Senate, like compost, but that work is being taken on by the Administrative office.
- Speaking objectively, he was concerned with 820 before, but because it is in this grey area, he believes we should put this through, and to quote a friend of his, they should “mess around and find out”
- Agree with all sentiments; also want to point out that with the previous bill being withdrawn, SOS has plenty of money left. Earth Claire is their big event. You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take, since they had no direct answer, think this is the best way to find out.

AMENDMENTS:
- Title: Allocation to Support Operation Costs of the Campus Harvest Pantry
  - Most of these do the same thing—they strike “donation” from the bill, and puts restrictions on what it can be spent on, and adds a clause that cites the 820 policy clause. This amendment is just changing the title. Most of them will be like this.
  - Passes unanimously, placard
- Line 9: "the student volunteer ran Campus Harvest Pantry...
- Line 18: delete "donations from
- Line 21: ",...monetary inflows..." (replacing "donations")
- Line 26: "WHEREAS, an allocation..." (replace "a bulk donation")
- Line 29: "WHEREAS, this allocation..." (replace "donation")
- Line 42: "...the Student Office of Sustainability will allocate $10,000...” (replace "be donating")

(THESE LINE NUMBERS ARE FOR BILL AS IS WITHOUT AMENDMENTS)
- After clause ending on line 43: Be it further resolved 70% of this allocation will fund hygiene products and 30% will fund food to ensure the pantry is stocked for students; and
- After clause ending on line 6: WHEREAS sub-header E under header 2: "Permitted SUF Expenditures", allows expenditures relating "to the operations and activities of student organizations, student health and counseling services...and other student services for: ...personal services, and supplies"; and

All amendments stand as approved by the chair
**Bill or Resolution**: Title 66-B-20, Reuse of NCUR Vinyl Signage

**Status**: Passed

**Vote Method**: 27-1-2

**Misc. Notes:**

**Introduction, Dir. McGuine:**

- Taking 250 sqfeet of vinyl sheeting and turning it into 250 items for students
- This product is not recyclable, so we might as well reuse it
- Wouldn’t be opposed to collecting vinyl signage to do this more in the future
- Q: Want to commend the work done, last week there were questions about the survey only being sent to Senate—what limits us from sending it to the whole student body? A: She could look into it, but it is very difficult to send campus-wide emails, and it was sent to the whole sustainability list, which is 200-odd students
- Q: Last week people brought up the price, has SOS looked into recycling the vinyl or the cost? A: The cost is not an issue, we have plenty of money, so they would rather it benefit the students using student fees.

**Speaker Sentiments:**

- Lehner: Good idea and a great use of the funds. Showcasing excellent work by the sustainability commission
- Hicks: Vinyl can only be reused but can be remade and could be used as great giveaway prize or passive advertisement.
- Dokken: Bill like this is why SOS Exists and is a great way to use the funds
- Hill: Voting it up, great use of funds given that it cannot be recycled
- McGuine: Also proposed by Lily Strehlow

**AMENDMENTS:**

**Bill or Resolution**: Title 66-B-21, Amending the Student Senate Bylaws to include the SOC Special Allocation Fund

**Status**: Passed

**Vote Method**: 28-0-1

**Misc. Notes:**

**Introduction, Dir. Johnson:**

- New SOC allocation fund and process for it. The attachment shows all changes in relation to the new. Changes include new sections and bullet points in the SOC bylaws. Bylaw changes are to ensure future sessions to continue to use the SOC special allocation fund in future sessions.
- No questions

**Speaker Sentiments:**

- Consiglio: In favor, beneficial for new orgs
- Eisle: Author took feedback seriously and should be commended for taking it and putting this forward.

**AMENDMENTS:**
New Business

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Misc. Notes:

**Introduction, Person:** Dir Holness
- Done to update the directorships and the ESM budgeting process

**Speaker Sentiments:**
- **Move to suspend the bylaws in order to vote on the bill tonight; passes unanimously, placard**
- The organized activity budget is very long—this makes it more understandable
- **AMENDMENTS:**
  - **Title and elsewhere:** change Chapter 3 Section 3 parts 8 and 9 to parts 7 and 8
  - Line 12: delete one of the “in”s

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Misc. Notes:

**Introduction, Dir. Dokken:**
- This is an annual bill for the ITC
- Part of our tuition is the student tech fee
- Goes to computer lab, library tech, and many more
- Student wages are increasing for the Library
- Using this so the students get those improved wages because there is no room elsewhere
- Two main functions: improves the tech fee budget, and improves the difference in initiative in line 9
- Q: You said that student wages are being raised, can you say what they are currently and what the increase is? A: Does not know off the top of his head, knows that 5k is going towards students, and all tech related jobs, about 50 students. Followup: Can you get those numbers? A: Yes
- Q: At FY 2024 budget, it is about 130k less than previous years—can you expand on that? A: This budget comes directly from tuition, and since there is an expected decrease in enrollment, we account for that. For instance, we are switching to a cheaper, better security platform.
- Q: Can you elaborate on the increase in internet service provider? A: He can get you more information, off the top of his head he is not sure.

**Speaker Sentiments:**
- **Motion to suspend the bylaws in order to vote on it tonight passes, unanimous, placard**
- Commend raising student wages, will be voting up and encourage others to do so
• Commend ITC, the author and the work and flexibility that has gone into this bill, they were very thorough and a ton of work has gone through ITC this session.

• **AMENDMENTS:**
  - Update the distribution list to reflect the current distribution list
  - Line 18 and 20, remove quotations and add an “and” at the end of the line

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**Misc. Notes: Introduction, VP Farmer:**

• Hello everyone, So for those of you who may not have been here at the very beginning of the fall semester, one of the first pieces of legislation that came to the floor this session was 66-B-3, titled, Creation of an Ad-Hoc Vacancy Committee. This bill was introduced by former Vice President Johnson, following the understanding that a vacancy committee needs to be created each session as an Ad-Hoc Committee due to the ever-changing nature of vacancies from session to session. As the current vice president, which is historically the chair of vacancy committees, but also as the president elect of the next session, I decided, with consultation of the vice president elect, parliamentarian, senate personnel director, and Student Senate program manager, to author this bill to create the vacancy committee immediately following the appointment of senators at the end of tonight’s meeting since that is the formal beginning of the 67th session. The only notable edits from last year’s bill include automatically considering candidates in the most recent election as applicants to the vacancy process, allowing additional recommendations for future vacancies, and context for when this committee will form and dissolve. Membership within Student Senate has—as long as I’ve been involved—been, by far, the crippling factor of this organization. Summer is an especially troubling time to maintain membership, so it was my goal, by forming this committee and hopefully appointing some last-minute senators before summer break, that we can avoid having to fill a large number of vacancies immediately in the fall. All vacancies, of which there will be six off-campus after tonight’s appointments, are—per the bylaws—to be considered on an at-large basis meaning that applicants are considered regardless of housing location status. That being said, candidates in the previous election have shown more ambition and commitment, by filling out a petition and campaigning, than most vacancy applicants, so I thought it seemed more than fair to automatically consider. Finally, I want you all to consider that in a few weeks time, we will hopefully appoint 12 new members to the 67th session’s executive board. Any current senators who are appointed to these positions, which many of you are considering applying or hoping for those positions, are required to resign their senator seats, leaving only more vacancies. All of this being said, I hope that you can see the tricky situation that the bylaws and timing of the election put us in. For that reason, I am hoping to overprepare us for success in the 67th session by hopefully gaining some more membership before summer break in just five short weeks. I look forward to
answering any and all questions to the best of my ability, and I hope that you are all willing to give some input as this directly affects each of you. Thank you and I yield.

- Q: Since he doesn’t have the legislation in front of him, can you read the makeup of the committee? A: Two exec, two senators, Personnel Director, VP chairs it.

- Q: Appreciates the willingness to start with the people who ran, will they have to apply in the same way that they did for vacancies, will they be formally reached out to? A: It ping-pongs between this and the bylaws—this wording means that they will all be reached out to and offered an interview spot, their running for a seat substitutes filling out the application. He also will open the application regardless for all applicants.

**Speaker Sentiments:**

- **Motion to suspend the bylaws in order to vote tonight; passes placard, unanimously**

- The intentions for this throughout the 67th session, the committee will be dissolved at the end of the session or at the discretion of the chair—it will stay formed through the session in case we need to conduct vacancy. We want to be able to fill them and have this committee on standby.

- It was really cool to serve as a member of the vacancy committee himself, as someone who went through that process, it was a privilege and an honor, this is a good way to open the process up, especially considering those who run and don’t make it. Appreciates giving them some priority, even though it is open to the whole student body.

- Is glad that this session started the trend of doing things per the bylaws—this is proper procedure, ask you vote it up. Per the results of the elections, we have 6 vacancies to fill, plus vacancies from directorship appointments. We already have a significant amount, and filling them before the summer is important.

- I encourage you to vote it up; as someone who helped with this bill and has been on vacancy for a very long time, I have seen the attention to detail that went into making this bill happen and the fact that the author and other contributors care enough to fill seats before summer bodes very well for the next session—I encourage you to vote it up and I yield.

- **AMENDMENTS:**

- Line 28: delete the first “the”

**Certification of Election Results**

Report from the Election Committee: Par. Miller:

- There were no complaints, there was nothing to do in meetings. Everything was above board. This was the least problematic election in years. Additionally, we had the highest turnout rate in 3 years, with ~1297 ballots cast, about 10% turnout, which is really high. 1208 votes—Brett Farmer and Samantha Consiglio

- On campus: 12 seats, the following 12 received the highest votes: (apologies in advance for mispronunciations)
  - 1 Lauren Garbisch 7.14% 497
  - 2 Hannah Kelly 6.60% 459
  - 3 Solvieg Dei 6.40% 445
• 4 Allie Russell 6.17% 429
• 5 RJ Murray 6.17% 429
• 6 Diana Abarca Palma 6.12% 426
• 7 Matthew Lehner 6.11% 425
• 8 Brenna Strojinc 5.43% 378
• 9 Logan Ackerman 5.38% 374
• 10 Lily Eisele 5.30% 369
• 11 Avery De Reuyter 5.07% 353
• 12 Abby Wennersten 4.86% 338

• Off campus: 18 possible seats, 12 candidates, and none of the write ins had a significant number to be considered
  • 1 Emma Velazquez 10.00% 620
  • 2 Rachel Stein 9.05% 561
  • 3 Mei Bean 8.47% 525
  • 4 Cora Martin 8.20% 508
  • 5 Luke Mandli 8.02% 497
  • 6 Sara Multhauf 7.89% 489
  • 7 Mary Bolog 7.87% 488
  • 8 Jake Hicks 7.42% 460
  • 9 Ben Calcutt 7.41% 459
  • 10 Sierra Szydel 7.37% 457
  • 11 Danny Karofsky 7.32% 454
  • 12 Benjamin Myszka 7.29% 452

Motion to certify the election results; passes , placard, unanimous

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Motion to enter a secret ballot vote, passes 27-1-2, placard for Vacancy Committee members

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<td>If you have an initiatives for mascot, let him know! But we finally have the croc charms! How much did they cost? They’re free for students. He will hand them out after the meeting. These are giveaway prizes, so if you need giveaways for events, let him know!</td>
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<td>Dir. Holness</td>
<td>Always be steadfast in your views, be passionate, but remain critical and concerned. Be the leaders we were elected to be. It wouldn’t be the last GA without going late into the night, and as someone who has worked in student government, he has his own feelings on admin. Our curiosity and suspicions are ok, don’t be shamed for your anger, but it is a tool, and it can be harmful. Conform yourself to a standard we all deserve.</td>
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<td>Dir. Johnson</td>
<td>This is the last Finance Commission meeting, 5 in Menomonee, there will be snacks! And if you want to be the Finance Director, apps are open and you should apply. Q: What kind of snacks? A: TBD</td>
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<td>Dir. Kelly</td>
<td>If you are free on May 2nd, 4-7pm, we have lots of opportunities to volunteer, plus you get to attend the Dash and Bash—please help! It is an event to build community between the campus and the surrounding area, lots of artists and a barbeque food truck. It will also be in the groupchat! Friday at 2:30 is the last IGA meeting, only snacks.</td>
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<td>Dir. McGuine</td>
<td>If you want to be SOS director, there are 2, apply on BC+! Free lunch on Wednesday if you sign up for the State of Sustainability event on Wednesday if you sign up tonight.</td>
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<td>VP Farmer</td>
<td>New senators welcome; please don’t be scared, please ask questions, everyone here has been in your seat. There will be a formal training in the fall, so don’t feel like you need to understand everything now. Logistics: you will not have binders this semester, they will be prepared for you in the fall, but the placards will be ready by next week. The Parli’s! End of the year banquet on Sunday, shoutout to Consiglio and Russel for their help, come after the marathon!</td>
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### Misc. Notes:

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

*Minutes submitted by Anakah Denison, Senate Personnel Director*