



A regular meeting of the 66th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 16th, 2022, in the Woodland Theater 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 Acknowledgemnt

“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.”

65th Session Roll Call – 05/16/2022

Executive Board

Title	Name	Status (Present, Absent) (P/E/U)
Senate Personnel Director	Anakah Denison	P
Parliamentarian	Thomas Miller	P
AA Director		
Communications Director	San, Ivan	P
ESM Senate Director	Blong, Maddie	P
Finance Director	Johnson, Ben	P
ITC Director		
IGA Director	Kelly, Hannah	P
SOS Director	McGuine, Sydney	P
SOC Director	Heap, Bradford	P
UAC Director	Farmer, Brett	P
Mascot Coordinator	May, Zachary	E



On-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Samantha Consiglio	P
Solveig Dei	P
Austin Lallak	P
Quinn Lester	P
Benjamin Myszka	P
Brenna Strojinc	P
Elianna Zimmerman	P

Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Josh Holness	P
Jake Hicks	E
Yajaira Ramirez	P
Breanna Renslo	P
Sahana Suresh	P
Meghan Wiercinski	P

Executive Officers

Title	Name	Status
Vice President	Johnson, Nicholas	P
President	Gaitán, Rossellin	P



Presentation

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Open Forum

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Approval of Meeting Minutes from 05/09/22

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

REPORT: President – Rossellin Gaitán

Hello Folks,

As we wrap up our final week here on campus, I have been attending more and more of my meetings with our admin such as Vice-Chancellor Diaz, Billy Felds, and Chancellor Jim. I am so excited to keep discussing with them past our introduction. I also have been meeting with our new exec board and helping them transition into their new roles! (:

For the rest of this week, I will be attending some other meetings as well as I wanted to let you know what is happening a little in the summer! I will be heading to UW-Barron County with 65th Session President M and VP Johnson, then meet with Quincy Chapman on Wednesday and attend the Transit Committee Meeting. In the summer I have a variety of SC meetings, meeting with deans of colleges, Blugold Welcome week meetings, and much more!

With finals coming up I wanted to give you all a sincere good luck. Finals week can be a lot, so I wanted to let you know that if you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask/reach out. I always have ginger ale in the office or candy, so again if you need to sit and do some work with me while I work on my finals to, we can sit in the office and grind out work together. Remember to give grace to those around you and that it is going to be worth it! We are almost there

A million thanks as always! Thank you and I yield.



REPORT: Vice President – Nicholas Johnson

Good evening, everyone. I will keep this as brief as possible. Following last week's meeting, the President and I went through our pool of candidates for the vacant directorships. We are excited about the candidate we have moving forward with for ITC. It is unfortunate, but currently, we have no nominee for the Academic Affairs directorship. Rest assured that the President and I have a contingency plan, and the work that this position would oversee over the summer will not go unfulfilled. To state the obvious, hiring an AAC director is our foremost priority for the fall semester, and we will be actively pursuing that over the summer. Aside from that, I attended several introductory meetings with Vice-Chancellors Diaz, Felz, Crickette, and the Chancellor. The President and I are extremely excited to work with these individuals and are humbled by the warm welcome we received. Tomorrow the President and I will be traveling to the Barron County campus to meet with student and administrative leadership. The President and I also began transitioning the newly appointed directors and met with them to discuss plans for the summer. If you have any questions, ask them now. Thank you, and I yield.

REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Anakah Denison

Hello everyone! I am so happy to be giving my first report as your Personnel Director—thank you for your supporting me in this position, and I am so excited for this session. I also wanted to say thank you to all who were able to be here tonight to ensure that we have as smooth a start to next semester as possible. This week I met with the previous Personnel Director Holness and went over transition materials and logistics, as well as started planning for next semester. I will also be assisting in whatever AAC responsibilities that can be done remotely over the summer until we have a director. In other news, I also participated in the Hmonger Games with many of you this weekend, and my team did not come in last place this year! I also wanted to extend an invitation for ideas to you all: if you have projects, social events, or other ideas that you want to see implemented or addressed, shoot me an email which can be found in the minutes (denisoag0091@uwec.edu). Even though I will be in the Galapagos this summer, please don't hesitate to reach out, as I should still be reachable by email! Once I get my keys for my office and get situated in the fall, feel free to stop in—I plan to make it a safe, welcoming space for collaboration. Good luck with the rest of finals; don't forget to drink water, take a walk around the block—we're really in the home stretch! And take time for yourself this summer break! Thank you, and I yield.

REPORTS: Board of Directors

Academic Affairs Commission Director –



Communication Commission Director –

Hello everyone, before I begin, I'd like to say thank you all for coming tonight and making time to come to this emergency meeting. Since we last met, I have been busy transitioning into my new position. I spoke with our president and vice-president about this transition and the beginning steps to my initiatives. I had a long talk with our amazing Stephanie Pyykola about transitioning and also the beginning steps to my initiatives. This included future communication with the chair of the welcome week committee Taylor Zeimat about the hopefully soon to be senate week. As well as starting communication with Joanne Martin in the Activities, Involvement, and Leadership office to form a closer relationship between Senate and AIL. The last major topic we discussed was the planning and revamping of the senate page while transitioning into the use of campus groups. Outside of that, I participated in the Hmonger games with fellow and former senate members. I also have been thinking and deliberating about the potential change in the Communications Commission Intern structure, more to come on that in the future, thank you again for your time.

Equity in Student Matters Senate Director –

Hello Everyone,

This week has been my first week as the ESM Director. Last Wednesday I attended the final open house in regards to the BluGold Beginnings and Office of Multicultural Affairs merger. There is currently a proposal for an Intersectional Student Orgs space to be in Brewer Hall. I listened to students' responses to the proposal and will be reaching out to them in order to find out what they need. I have sent out emails to the dean of students, the vice chancellor of EDISA, the current faculty in OMA, the director of the GSRC, and the director for SSD. I have extended invites to meet with each of them, and any student leaders that they would like to bring with in the coming week. I currently have a draft of an email I will be sending out to all of the student organizations in order to develop a relationship with them early on. I have been in contact frequently with the previous ESM director in order to make my transition smoother. I have also been in contact with the student director of ESM and we have a plan to meet soon as well. I am looking forward to working with everyone in the coming weeks.

Finance Commission Director –

This has been a quiet week for the finance commission. Last week I met with President Gaitan and Vice President Johnson where I received the transition documents and now have slowly been pacing through them intermittently with studying. I'm very excited to continue diving into this role and learning more over the summer. I hope everyone has a good finals week, don't forget to drink water, and take mental health breaks!



Information Technologies Commission Director –

Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director –

Hello everyone! I have had a wonderful time reading through my transition materials, contacting various university and city personnel, and planning for anything and everything the IGA commission hopes to accomplish. If there's anything you'd like IGA to look into, please feel free to let me know! I look forward to working with all of you, and with that I yield.

Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director –

Hello all, I would like to start off by thanking you for your support in granting me this position. Over the past week most of my time has been spent sending and accepting meeting requests, as well as getting acquainted with people I will be working closely with. Leah Woodward and I have also been working closely together, getting to know each other, and starting to plan for the summer. I have also been going through the transition materials sent over from the previous director, as well as the new bylaws for my position. I look forward to coming up with new initiatives over the summer for the upcoming year, and welcome anyone who has any ideas to shoot me an email or text on the messenger, I am here all summer! Good luck with finals and have a great summer everyone! With that I yield.

Student Organization Commission Director –

Earlier this week I met with President Gaitan and Vice President Johnson to go over the transition materials and process for becoming the new SOC director. We discussed having talks with necessary SOC program directors, the future development of Campus Groups over the summer, and potentially hosting a luncheon at the start of next fall with all Student Organization presidents in order to teach them about the segregated fee funding process for the year, and to show them around the AIC as well. Finally, yesterday Bradfords Execution Squad competed in this year's Hmonger Games, and despite winning the first event, cruised our way to an easy last place in this year's games, most likely due to Director Farmer and McGuines performances. Hopefully you have all had a great year, and that your summer will be even better. I hope to see you all next year as the 66th session continues, make sure to take care, brush ya hair, and with that I yield.

University Activities Commission Director –

I am so excited to be giving my first report as the University Activities Commission Director of the 66th Session. This week, UAC has not been up to much as a whole, but I have continued to wrap up reflections and follow-ups from our last few events of the year! We also had our end-of-the-year celebration last week where we said thank you and goodbye to our leaving seniors and reflected on yet another amazing, successful year of programming.

I plan to meet one more time with a few UAC chairs before the end of the semester to prepare for the summer and any anticipated work with the upcoming transitions and fall semester just around the corner. To finish, I want to remind you that although I will be in Spain for a majority of the summer, I do plan on being somewhat available if you are willing to work with me around the time difference. As you



should all be aware after my appointment, I have some ambitious goals and initiatives for this 66th session and I welcome anyone who is willing to plan ahead and begin collaborating with UAC for next year to please reach out! I can assure you that some of you will be hearing from me regardless, but if you have ideas, recommendations, questions, or just want to talk at any point throughout the summer, please just send me an email at uac@uwec.edu or farmerbj3037@uwec.edu!

Thanks so much, good luck with the rest of finals week, don't forget to prioritize your own mental and physical wellbeing and have a great summer. Take the break we all so greatly deserve. Thank you and I yield.

REPORT: Special

Mascot Coordinator –

Unfinished Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method

New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method

Personnel Matters

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
A	Information Technologies Director	Joseph Dokken
A	On Campus Senator	Kyle May

Announcements

Person	Topic
Thomas Miller	Student Body Constitution revision project upcoming--contact at millertc4400@uwec.edu if questions
Brett Farmer	Restructuring the Unpack It Series--let him know if you have ideas or questions via email farmerbj3037@uwec.edu



Nick Johnson	September 10 (Saturday) Senate Retreat tentatively second weekend of the semester Question: 1 or 2 days? A: It will be 1 day Q: if there is a conflict, who should you contact? A: reach out to SPD Denison, VP Johnson, or Pres. Gaitan Q: What time will it be? A: Tentatively, morning is exec (9-1), afternoon includes lunch and Senators until ~4:30
Ivan San	If anyone is interested in advertising commissions, reach out to Director San with ideas, such as core values and projects, to work on logos over the summer.
Rosselin Gaitan	Pancakes are being served in the Library at 7 tonight!

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

