



A regular meeting of the 67th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:06 PM on Monday, September 18, 2023, in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Student Center, with President Farmer chairing the meeting.

### Land Acknowledgment

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“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

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“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.”

### 67th Session Roll Call – 09/18/2023

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#### Executive Board

Title	Name	Status (Present, Excused, Unexcused) (P/E/U)
Senate Personnel Director	Lily Eisele	P
Parliamentarian	Thomas Miller	P
AA Director	Colin Rafter	P
Communications Director	Ivan San	P
ESM Senate Director	Emma Velazquez	P
Finance Director	Ben Johnson	P
ITC Director	Drew Morehouse	P
IGA Director	Mei Bean	P
SOS Director	Sydney McGuine	P
SOC Director	Brad Heap	P
UAC Director	Zach Jacobson	E
Mascot Coordinator	Kyle May	P



### On-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Diana Abarca Palma	P
Logan Ackerman	P
Solvieg Dei	P
Avery De Reuyter	E
Lauren Garbisch	P
Hannah Kelly	P
Matthew Lehner	P
RJ Murray	P
Allie Russell	P
Brenna Strojinc	P

### Off-Campus Senators

Name	Status
Mary Bolog	P
Ben Calcutt	P
Jake Hicks	U
Luke Mandli	P
Cora Martin	E
Sara Multhauf	E
Benjamin Myszka	P
Rachel Stein	P



**At-Large Senators**

Name	Status
<b>Prakriti Adhikari</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Dylan Baker</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Lauren Dimler</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Ally Etzler</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Katelyn Hevrin</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Taylor Holm</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>Sarah Loecher</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Kyler Simonet</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Aleah Vetsch</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Elijah Williams</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Mallory Williams</b>	<b>P</b>

**Executive Officers**

Title	Name	Status
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Sam Consiglio</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Brett Farmer</b>	<b>P</b>

**Presentation**

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Entity; Topic	Questions
<b>Vice Chancellor Grace</b> <b>Crickette;</b> <b>Finance/Administration Division</b> <b>Website Tour</b>	

- [Division of Finance & Administration | UW-Eau Claire \(uwec.edu\)](https://uwec.edu/division-of-finance-administration/)
- Key components of the division are finances and controls



- How we finance the operations of university, pay for academic activities, maintain buildings
- Have different business ventures, like the Children’s Nature Academy and dining Business
- Maintain facilities, including old and new ones
- Other divisions include safety, risk management, sustainability, accounting, HR, and police
- Work with all departments across campus
- Have many different committees (safety, employee wellbeing, sustainability, Putnam Park)
  - Putnam Park Day celebration planned for May 6th

**Open Forum**

Entity; Topic	Questions
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Misc. Notes:

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from 09/11/23**

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

**REPORT: President – Brett Farmer**

Good evening everyone.

Happy second full week of classes, I hope you are all keeping up so far and haven’t hit the panic button quite yet. I spent the last week wrapping up Blugold Welcome programming, tabling at BOB and beginning to get to know many of you and discuss potential projects and ideas to take on this year! On Friday, Vice President Consiglio, Stephanie Pyykola and I had the privilege of visiting the UW-Eau Claire Barron County campus, and meeting with their Student Government Association leadership. We had a very productive conversation about what accessibility looks like for Barron County, the different perspectives and intentions of Blugolds that attend classes there, and how to engage students and collaborate as student government bodies.

After that visit, we came back and helped host the fun and successful Senate Social! Thank you to everyone who came, helped out, and participated. I think with the last-minute pivot, it was very successful, and I appreciate everyone’s flexibility and positivity. Following the Social, most of the exec team went and toured the Sonnentag Center with Jill Millis from the UWEC Foundation and Brad Kemis of Market & Johnson, and I must say it was incredibly fascinating and very exciting, and I can’t wait for all of you to get to see it!

This week, I will be conducting all of my regular check-ins, meeting with Vice Chancellor Crickette, starting conversations regarding the Senate website and the fish tank in the office. More updates to come.

I wish you all great focus, patience, and the best of luck with the busy week ahead. Please take care and reach out if you need *anything* at all! I am always willing to have lunch, or just do homework together in my office if my door’s open, so feel free stop in! As always, take care of yourselves and check in with the ones you love. Thank you, I yield.



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**REPORT: Vice President – Sam Consiglio**

Good evening everyone! I hope you all are having a wonderful start to your week! This past week has been busy and full of fun events. On top of usual check ins and seeing GAYLE on Wednesday night, President Farmer, Stephanie, and I had the amazing opportunity of touring the UWEC Barron County campus where we met with their student government association as well as their Foundation team to introduce ourselves, discuss initiatives and get to know their campus a bit more. The SGA was extremely welcoming and I look forward to building our relationship with their campus this semester.

Also on Friday, I got to meet all of the wonderful students who attended the Senate Social. I want to thank those that helped put this event on and I heard nothing but good reviews from prospective commission members. Finally, I wrapped up the week by touring the new Sonnentag building along with our lovely exec board members and working some of the last Blugold Welcome events of this year.

As always, my office is always open if you have any questions or need help in any way. Have a wonderful rest of your week. Thank you and I yield.

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**REPORT: Senate Personnel Director – Lily Eisele**

Hello everyone! Happy Monday! I hope everyone has adjusted well to their classes.

This week I am meeting with senators to get to know you better, but also learn how I can support all of you. If you have not scheduled a meeting with me, please do so tonight! Also, please record your office hours!!!! Both links are in the email I sent last Friday. If you missed the Senate Training Retreat, please email me so I can get you caught up.

This past week I went to the Senate Social, which was really great and I'm glad a lot of you were able to join us! I also got to tour the Sonnentag construction with exec, which was really cool. I'm wearing a mask because I got sick unfortunately, but I'm getting better! I also went to volleyball tournament and did the livestream for those games.

Thank you to the senators that have reached out with ideas or concerns, I'm really proud of all of you and I know you are going to accomplish great things this session!

As always, I am here to support you with anything you need. Please reach out if you need help. I yield.

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**REPORTS: Board of Directors**

**Academic Affairs Commission Director – Colin Rafter**

Hello everyone,

Once again, I'm Colin the AAC Director

This previous week and for the following week or so have been and will be a lot of meetings and research. I've been researching how preprofessional programs are operated at other UW schools, so we have points of reference if our system is to change. I'll be meeting with the provost, and soon the department chairs of the preprofessional programs to discuss the problems of our current system, any successes that our programs have had, and student and faculty happiness levels with our programs.

AAC Meetings will be on Fridays at 4pm!

We will be meeting in Centennial 1916

If you're interested in attending these meetings, please contact me after this meeting.



In the interest of academics on campus, I figure its best to end my report by teaching you all something new. Did you know that orangutans build nests in trees because they like to be comfy when they sleep? Fascinating.

Thank you for your time and attention. I yield.

### **Communication Commission Director – Ivan San**

Howdy everyone, I trust your week has begun on a positive note! Last week in the Comms, we of course were at the Senate Social, with special thanks to our Events intern Ashley. The Comms interns and I convened for our inaugural weekly meeting where we discussed role expectations, operational strategies, and our ongoing and upcoming side missions. Notably, we touched on the Senate office boards, the Blugold Guide, the website revamp, and the upcoming Motivation Monday. Speaking of which, our first Motivation Monday is slated for the 25th, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM (not the usual 11-12) in front of Davies (facing Schofield) featuring the Blugold hype squad.

On the graphics front, anticipate the unveiling of our new Uncle Blu posters this week, and fingers crossed, the updated office entrance banners will be up for display soon. Our collaboration with the Eau Claire City-County Health Department continues, as we aim to circulate their resources. Next, we hope to hire the new Media intern should the bill pass tonight, as we have a promising candidate who interviewed with us this summer for a different role.

Our first Communications Commission meeting for the year is scheduled for this Wednesday, 12:00-1:00 PM, instead of the previously announced time, in the Cedar office room (Davies 220L)—a slight change due to some calendar clashes. For those interested in contributing to the design of the new office boards, participating in the Blugold guide project, or brainstorming for the next Motivation Monday, I'd love to see you at our meeting! That wraps up our updates for now, until next time, Comms out! I yield.

### **Equity in Student Matters Senate Director – Emma Velazquez**

Good evening student senate! We made it to week three! I hope you've been enjoying campus life and that you're doing well! Remember it is vital that you show up for yourself so that you can show up for others!

I'd like to say happy Latinx Heritage Month! I hope you all can get out and go to one of the many events that will be happening on campus to celebrate and learn about the importance of this month. For ESM, we will be filling the amplified authors' mini libraries with books from a Latinx perspective. We're working on getting a map of where the book boxes are placed so it's easier for everyone to locate them!

This week ESM got to meet so many more people! We tabled at BOB, the MSS Welcome Back Picnic, and the Senate Social. We've been devoting lots of our time and energy to outreach and creating a community for our students. It has been extremely gratifying to see how many are interested in what we're doing to make our campus safe and accessible!

This week's upcoming stuff includes budget meetings, check-ins, a meeting with Dean Pratt of the College of Business regarding EDI surveys within the COB, and of course our first commission meeting tomorrow in Davies 320 Rm Centennial.

One event we'll be at this week is Una Noche en la Plaza organized by MSS! A grassroots festival for networking and community engagement, we invite those who serve Hispanic and Latinx communities to share their experiences in the field and offer education on some resources that could aid students. There



will also be a guest author: Eloisa Gomez! I'm personally super excited about this celebration and hope to see some of you out there!

Thank you for your attention, please know that I appreciate everything y'all do and respect your passion and dedication. I'm always here for every single one of you, please reach out if you need anything from me as a director, student, or just someone to talk to ☺ I yield.

**Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson**

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a great Monday. This next Thursday is the first finance commission of the year. We will be in the Menominee Rm, Davies, at 5:00pm, there will be snacks. We will be going over the commission basics and a slight overview of 820 policy. A great way to hear more about the commission and what we do. Thank you for everyone that emailed me, and if you want to be added to the email list and want the time blocked out on your calendar, please let me know. You can either email me or find me after the meeting. I hope you all have a great week of class and I yield.

**Information Technologies Commission Director – Drew Morehouse**

Hello everyone,

ITC is looking to dip its toes into a bunch of projects this year including standardizing campus policies on AI in a way that empowers students for the workforce as well as getting out our campus technology survey.

I am still looking for an intern, and it would be a fun job with a big impact if anyone would be interested. I'm hoping to reschedule my dem day recruitment event to this Friday (9/18) outside of Phillips and Davies where students can come by and try and destroy old Tech with a sledgehammer.

We will be meeting at 4pm on Tuesdays in the Senate Conference Room starting next week. The current committee as it stands will be filled with many students at large and so I'm looking to have a few students senators on board as well. This is the place where you have real input on what our campus does with Tech, everything from Blugold IDs, to making digital meal tokens, to providing subsidies for low income students to purchase laptops. I encourage everyone to come join us if they are available.

Thank you and I yield.

**Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Mei Bean**

Hi all, I hope everything is well in your world. Saturday Director Heap and I attended the Randal Park Neighborhood block party. I am happy to report that all the SOS energy saver kits were a hit and were all gone about half way through the party.

My interns and I also continued our work for upcoming events like *Una Noche En La Plaza* and *House Day*. House day is officially scheduled for October 5th in the campus mall from 11-4. We are currently working on reaching out to landlords and housing administration.

The senate social was a huge success with multiple people joining our email list and potentially becoming new members of the commission.



Please take care of yourselves and have an excellent week. I yield.

**Student Office of Sustainability Commission Director – Sydney McGuine**

Hello everyone. Last week was a busy week for tabling with BOB on Tuesday and the senate social on Friday! I have also spent some time prepping for our first meeting of the year, creating the new email list, working with our new exec board, and more. As I mentioned, this week will be our first meeting, Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm, location TBD. We will be discussing how our meetings work and ideas for the upcoming school year. These will be used to draft our LPS which you will see in the near future! Hope you all have a great week and if you are interested in our meetings, please come up to me after this meeting so I can add you to the email list! I yield.

**Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap**

This week I took time to recruit new members for SOC through the senate social and worked with Director San on the logistics of our bill that will be voted on later tonight. Thank you again to all who was involved with the planning and execution of the senate social, and although it wasn't outside like originally planned, I think it was an amazing success, and hope that any of you who were able to make it enjoyed it as well. During this weeks SOC meeting, which is this Thursday from 4:00pm-5:00pm in Davies 220, we will be finalizing plans for our upcoming Nuts & Bolts Workshop on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This workshop is designed to help train our student organization leaders on how to be a better student org, fundraise better, and lead their org to a very successful year. If planning any of this and more sounds interesting, I hope to see you this Thursday! Finally, I hope you all continue to have a great semester, and as always, take care, brush ya hair. I yield.

**University Activities Commission Director – Zach Jacobson**

Good evening everyone,

I hope you all had an amazing first full week of classes and found rest in the weekend to get ready for the week ahead!

UAC had our large concert with GAYLE having around 300 in attendance. I have never seen a performer so happy after a performance and so many people told me they really loved the show so that made me very happy!

This week in UAC we have DJ Torgs in the cabin on Friday from 6:30-8:30 and Saturday from 7-9 for a 2 night experience. We would love to see you there for the amazing audio visual experience he has planned.

We are still working on homecoming and have some very exciting events coming in the near future!

As always we would love to have any of you who are interested join a committee in UAC to help out!

Times are listed below

Films

Committee Meeting – Friday 1-1:30 PM

Late Night

Late Night Committee Time- Wednesday 2pm-3pm

Festivals

Festivals Committee Time Tuesday 4:30-5:30

If you have any general ideas our general meetings are on Tuesdays from 6:15-7 in the Chancellors room in Davies

If you are interested in concerts or pr please reach out to Zach directly.





“The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.” - Henry Ford  
Keep trying new things and believe in yourself!  
You are all amazing, valued, loved, and important. Keep your head up and keep being yourself.  
I yield

**REPORT: Special**

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**Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May**

Good evening everyone,  
Blu had a fantastic week attending all the different events this week including Football, Soccer, and of course the Light Up Hilltop Event. For the first time, we were able to have Blu at two sports games concurrently, which has been something that has been a goal of mine since we got new suits. Also, now that our Welcome Weeks have concluded, things will be more relaxed for Blu. Further, we have plans to have Blu at their first community event of the year, which is a Walk to End Alzheimer’s this Saturday.

**Unfinished Business**

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
	<b>67-B-1 Creation and Amendment of Communications Commission &amp; Student Organization Commission Intern Positions</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>34-0-2 Placard</b>

**Misc. Notes:**

**Introduction, Director San**

- Focuses on enhancing SOC and Comms Commissions
- Adding a specialized media intern to help all commissions
- Media intern is being turned into the graphic design intern
- Will help bolster administrative and outreach efforts for SOC
- Ensure all parts of operations are running efficiently
- Q – Dir. San: Where is the money coming from for these positions?
- A – There are already three intern positions in the budget, we are just reoptimizing how the budget was laid out.
- Q – Sen. Mandli: Why do you feel like this is necessary to add?
- A – These jobs are being done by only a few people and it’s less quality work. Having another intern will help us focus on what we need to do.
- Q – Dir. Johnson: What is the total amount per intern for the funding?
- **WYLM**I – Pres. Farmer: As is standard with all other commissions, the pay will be half of what the director makes.

**Speaker Sentiments:**

- Will be voting up; has worked with Comms before and this would help them a lot, having an intern makes things a lot easier



- Will be voting up; already in the budget and we are just not using the money, Comms does a lot of work, delegating responsibilities will help, commended authors and commission on their work on this bill
- Speaking on behalf of the bylaws, everything looks good, per the bylaws they can do this, everyone should vote this up on a procedural standpoint

### New Business

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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#### Misc. Notes:

#### Personnel Matters

Appointed or Resigned (A/R)	Name(s)	Entity(ies)
Resigned	Sen. Taylor Holm	At-Large Senator
Resigned	Sen. Jake Hicks	Off-Campus Senator
Appointed	Dir. Velazquez	The Forum Series
Appointed	Sen. Vetsch	The Forum Series
Appointed	Sen. Loecher	The Artist Series
Appointed	Sen. Simonet	The Artist Series
Appointed	Sen. Mandli	Dining Committee
Nominated	Keileen Weberpal	Academic Policies Committee
Nominated	Benjamin Shane	Academic Policies Committee

#### Misc. Notes

#### Announcements

Person	Topic
Sen. Lehner	The Eau Claire City Council is looking for a UWEC student who has struggled with affordable housing to serve on the city affordable housing commission and help advocate with their lived experience. Transit commission meeting on Wednesday, discussing route changes, says it will be more efficient, but he wants input from everyone.



	<p>Q – Sen. Vetsch: Can the housing commission deal with landlords pushing leases on students? A – They only oversee policy, don’t know jurisdiction on lease times. <b>WYLMI</b> – VP Consiglio: Due to landlords being private owners, the city can’t change leasing/signing periods.</p>
Dir. Velazquez	<p>She is a coordinator for the Civil Rights Pilgrimage trip, looking for students interested in going this winter. The trip is an immersion in deep south, with scholarship options. There are fundraising events for the trip coming up: Monday, Oct 16, bake sale in Centennial and Davies October 18, 4-8pm, at Chipotle October 20, 4-8pm, at Panera December 1, all day, at Panda Express Q – Pres. Farmer: Can you put the day for the fundraisers in GroupMe? A – Yes!</p>
Pres. Farmer	<p>We are going back to paper materials. If you want to still use the online materials, let Stephanie know. As the semester gets more busy, he wants to make sure everyone is doing ok. Please come talk to him if you are considering leaving senate! As senators attend commission meetings, talk about issues you want addressed.</p>

**Misc. Notes:**

**Adjournment at 7:11PM**

**Minutes submitted by Lily Eisele, Senate Personnel Director**