



A regular meeting of the 67th Session of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:02 PM on Monday, September 25, 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 – 09/25/2023**

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Executive Board

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



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 25, 2023**  
**PRESIDENT FARMER**  
**VICE PRESIDENT CONSIGLIO**

<b>Mascot Coordinator</b>	<b>Kyle May</b>	<b>P</b>
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**On-Campus Senators**

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

**Off-Campus Senators**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Mary Bolog</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Ben Calcutt</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>Luke Mandli</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Sara Multhauf</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Benjamin Myszka</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Rachel Stein</b>	<b>E</b>

**At-Large Senators**



Name	Status
Prakriti Adhikari	P
Dylan Baker	P
Lauren Dimler	P
Ally Etzler	P
Katelyn Hevrin	P
Sarah Loecher	E
Kyler Simonet	P
Aleah Vetsch	P
Elijah Williams	U
Mallory Williams	P

### Executive Officers

Title	Name	Status
Vice President	Sam Consiglio	P
President	Brett Farmer	P

**AMENDING THE AGENDA** – Without objection to the chair, we will be amending the agenda to add a presentation by UAC Director Zach Jacobson.

### Presentation

Entity; Topic	Questions
Director Jacobson; Homecoming Events	<p>Q – VP Consiglio: How can senators get involved with these events? A: Contact Zach.</p> <p>WYLM I – Pres. Farmer: Senate will be window painting together on Sunday. On Wednesday, we’re handing out ice cream in front of Davies. We will also have a float in the parade.</p>

- Events are happening October 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: Window painting
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Medallion hunt begins, with clues being shared on Instagram



- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Handing out cake for Blu’s birthday outside of Davies
- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>: Varsity Night Live
- Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>: Music in the cabin
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>: Homecoming parade and football game

**Open Forum**

<p><b>Entity; Topic</b> <i>Lily Strehlow; Campus Sustainability Coordinator</i></p>	<p><b>Questions</b> Q – Dir. Johnson: How can we get in contact with SOS? A: Email <a href="mailto:sustainability@uwec.edu">sustainability@uwec.edu</a> Q – Sen. Bolog: What projects do you have planned for this year? A: Compost trial run in Towers Hall, investigating My Green Labs, applying for grants, implementing decarbonization efforts.</p>
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- Please reach out about anything related to sustainability or health and wellness
- 4 student coordinators this year
- Enjoyed the partnership with Senate last year

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from 09/18/23**

Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

**REPORT: President – Brett Farmer**

Good evening everyone!

I hope you are all finally finding that groove and getting into a suitable pace and routine that can get you through this semester. I have been slowly but surely getting there myself and am looking forward to a third ‘normal’ week to feel more confident in my obligations this year.

This past week was yet another busy one for me. I had many meetings talking about a variety of topics like how to make the Student Senate website more accessible, what a Blugold really is and how we can improve Blu’s presence across campus, and the continuously growing collaboration between SOC and Finance in the year to come. In addition to my weekly check-ins, I was also interviewed by IMC as a part of the Student Stories project, attended Una Noche in La Plaza and began practices with the swim team.

Finally, this morning, our exec board had the opportunity to have lunch with Chancellor Schmidt’s executive team and discuss a variety of topics including but not limited to the climate of EDI on campus and statewide, the progress of the Sonnentag Center and Science Building, the potential forthcoming expansion and usage of Blugold Connect+ across campus, and the status of updating the routes and schedules of the city’s number 9 and 19 campus bus routes. It was a great meeting, and I am very glad that our team had the opportunity to meet with all of the Chancellor’s team and discuss real issues and



topics affecting our campus right now. I look forward to meeting again as a large group later this semester in November.

This week, I am looking forward to regular meetings with the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor Felz, and our campus EDI Leadership team of Chris Jorgenson, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, and Teresa O'Halloran. I will also be continuing preparation for Homecoming, Q-Fest, and swim season.

As you have all seen, we have transitioned back to paper materials for the time being. I know this was sort of thrust upon you at last week's meeting but I just want to provide some additional clarification and information. Sam, Lily, and I want to make sure that we are an engaged and informed body and always doing what's best for the group and the student body as a whole. That being said, we felt like, at this point in time, providing only digital copies of documents is not effective for our group. We feel like it is more engaging and accessible to provide you each with your own copies. That being said, we do still prioritize being a sustainable body and want to give you the initiative and independence to decide what you prefer. If you would not like to receive paper copies each week, and utilize the Teams Page during meetings, that is acceptable, we will have stickers in the office tomorrow that you can grab, and if you do not want to receive paper copies each week, you will just place the sticker next to your name on your mailbox in the office. I apologize for making a transition like this so soon into the session, but I really do believe it is best for the group.

I look forward to starting to collaborate on some legislation and bringing more business to this group very shortly. Once again, if you ever have any concerns about *anything* on campus, bring them up and chat with myself, Sam, or Lily. We can find some way to address them. That's what we're here to do!

Thank you all so much, I am so grateful to spend every Monday night with you amazing and busy people. You all amaze and inspire me. Please always take care of yourselves and check in with the ones you love. Thank you, I yield.

### **REPORT: Vice President – Sam Consiglio**

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Good evening everyone! I hope you all are having a wonderful start to your week! This past week was full of wonderful conversations regarding upcoming projects for the semester. On top of the usual weekly check-ins, myself, along with Director San and President Farmer, discussed changes regarding the student senate website to make it more condensed and easy to navigate. We hope that this new layout will help make Senate more accessible and encourage more students to be a part of this wonderful organization. Also this week, President Farmer and I continued conversations with Vice Chancellor Crickette discussing transportation changes. Finally, thank you to all of those who were a part of the "who is Blu" conversation. I loved talking about our mascot's role around campus as well as how we can create a community with Blu. This was extremely empowering and I am excited to work with Coordinator May, Senator Murray and Director Kristin Fitzsimmons to enhance the usage of Blu across campus.



This morning, our executive board also had the opportunity to meet the Chancellor's staff to introduce ourselves, discuss EDI initiatives on campus, enrollment and retention rates for this year as well as the progress of the new science building.

For this upcoming week, President Farmer and I will continue conversations with Vice Chancellor Felz to discuss enrollment, meet with the Chancellor to discuss upcoming projects for this year, and continue our talks of EDI with administration. As always, my office is always open if you ever need anything, have any questions or want to bring up any projects. 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!

This past week, I met with some of our senators, and I really enjoyed getting to know you better! For new AND returning senators, if you did not schedule a meeting with me, please email me this week. There are things I need to go over with you, and I do not want to track you down. If you have not filled out the form for office hours, please do so by TONIGHT.

There is now a way for you to sign in for your office hours! There is a QR code outside my office. Please scan it at the end of your office hours. If there is an issue with the link or you are unable to complete your office hours one week, please let me know.

I was also able to attend a few commission meetings, and I could not be more excited to see what our directors accomplish this year. As we get commissions up and running, I want to remind everyone that you must be a member of at least one commission. If you are unable to attend a commission meeting, contact the specific director.

I've also been in contact with housing and the disability office about new legislation that I'm researching, and I'm excited to get writing that soon!

As always, the first director to turn in their report this week was Director McGuine! I yield.

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### **REPORTS: Board of Directors**

#### **Academic Affairs Commission Director – Colin Rafter**

Good morning everyone,

Guess who's back, back again, Colin's back.

This previous week I've been moving forward with the assessment of our preprofessional programs. Notably, I met with Provost Kleine and we discussed what our system lacks, what an ideal preprofessional program would look like, and other UW schools pre professional programs amongst a variety of other things. I'll be meeting with Dr. Kasper this Wednesday to discuss the prelaw program specifically, and to get his point of view as the advisor on our prelaw program. If you're interested in this project or want more details, please contact me after the meeting.



We also held our first Commission meeting last Friday. The meeting was exciting, thrilling, inspiring, moving, and invigorating. However, attendance left something to be desired, so myself and my intern will be pursuing some recruitment initiatives in the near future.

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 rats not only laugh when they're tickled, they can remember which humans have tickled and played with them in the past and they prefer to spend time with those people. Fascinating.

Thank you for your time and attention. I yield.

**Communication Commission Director – Ivan San**

Howdy, everyone, happy Motivation Monday and a special thanks to the Blugold Hype Squad for partnering with us to kick off our first Motivation Monday of the year! This week, the Communications interns and I will be conducting our initial orientation meeting with our newly onboarded Media Intern, RJ Murray. We'll be discussing upcoming projects and responsibilities, along with working on the senate office boards, upcoming graphics & future events.

I have scheduled a meeting with the AIL office team to discuss the progress of the entrance banners and ensure they are redesigned and displayed promptly. Additionally, I'll be collaborating with our directors to refresh our website & their commission pages to align with the university's overarching goal of catering to prospective students and their parents.

I'm also arranging for some group and candid photos of our organization. However, for those interested in professional headshots, please utilize IMC's headshot photo service. Unfortunately, the Communications commission will not convene this week as our meetings are biweekly, and regrettably, there won't be a Motivation Monday next week due to scheduling clashes. We will, however, make up for it on the following Motivation Monday, which will be October 9<sup>th</sup>, so look forward to it!

That concludes our mission progress for today. Until our next meeting, Comms out! I yield.

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

Good evening student senate! Lovely as always to see you all. I hope your week has been good to you and that you're feeling welcome on our campus! I personally have enjoyed seeing everything our campus has to offer us. We're truly so lucky to be here!

ESM had their first commission meeting this past week which went better than we could have hoped for! We got to know our members extremely well and we appreciated their perspectives being added to our conversation. I thank you if you were able to attend and if anyone is thinking about wanting to have their voice heard within ESM, our meetings are Tuesday from 5-6.



This week also entailed meetings with SSD regarding funding and event coordination, and attending Una Noche en La Plaza, which was incredibly inspiring. We got to table as well as visit with the other community resources that attended. Hearing their stories was a moving experience that will remain near and dear to my heart. I am very grateful to have had this opportunity. I thank Rosa for all their planning and flexibility!

We met with Dean Pratt of the College of Business to discuss how we can be a resource to them in their advances toward bettering the C.O.B. To start, we've created a flyer to be displayed around the Schneider building that offers info about EDI in the workplace! We're excited to be touching all corners of UWEC.

This week will include meeting the Chancellor's exec staff, budgeting, and getting our projects into motion. We've been enjoying the path we're on and are looking forward to the future and hearing more voices! Thank you and I yield.

Q – Sen. Bolog: Are your meetings bi-weekly?

A: No, they are weekly.

#### **Finance Commission Director – Ben Johnson**

Hello everyone, I hope your week is off to a great start. This week Finance commission will be kicking off funding this year starting with year-end balance appeals. We will be hearing from 7 organized activities appealing for a portion or all the remaining balance from last year's budget. We will be hearing from Forensics, Powwow, Student Senate, SOC, SOS, Forum, & UAC. If you are interested in being involved in this process and were not at the Finance commission meeting last week, please come talk to me after the meeting or shoot me an email. I am more than happy to add you to the email list. Other than that, I hope you all have a great 4<sup>th</sup> week of class and I yield.

#### **Information Technologies Commission Director – Drew Morehouse**

ITC had a lot of fun doing our recruitment event last Friday, we broke a lot of old computers and other tablets that will now be recycled so that the materials can be a part of newer products. I want to thank all of you who came there and participated, even the crummy weather didn't stop us from having a great time!

I can now give you direct news from my advisor, Kent, who has informed me that our campus will be switching our Multi-Factor Authentication System from our current Duo to Okta. This is a System-Wide decision, which will affect us in early January. All students will be able to enroll in the new system later this fall, and ITC will be looking for ways to help spread the word and make this transition as seamless as possible.

We will be starting off the year with our first meeting tomorrow from 4pm – 5pm in the Bader Conference Room. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there! For any of you thinking that you'd like to be part of ITC, come speak with me after the meeting, or send me a message. We're working to ensure our campus is at the forefront of technological excellence, and I look forward to a successful year in doing so.

Thank you and I Yield,

Q – Dir. Rafter: Why are we switching from Duo?





A: Duo wasn't used by the entire system. This one is used by the whole system, and works better for security purposes. The features make it easier for students.

WYLM – Sen. Adhikari: The new system is an app where you can choose which system you want to use it for. You don't have to do it multiple times like Duo.

#### **Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director – Mei Bean**

I hope you're doing well and are being academic weapons. My lovely intern Phoebe has been working tirelessly at planning House Day. I have been working with my other intern to hopefully rebrand IGA and get some new social media accounts made withing the coming month. I was also in a meeting recently with Jake Wrasse to discuss IGA's initiatives and LPS.

Speaking of LPS. This Tuesday we will be passing our LPS. LPS stands for legislative priority summary; it is a document which will state IGA's priorities for the coming semester. So, if you want to be a voting member in IGA you should really come to this upcoming meeting. Which will be Tuesday at 3:30 in Centennial Hall 3504.

You will never hear me say LPS more times this year than you did in that last paragraph. Have a great rest of your week, remember to take care of yourself and to join IGA. I yield.

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

Hello everyone. Last week was another busy one but very rewarding! We held our first commission meeting and had one of if not the largest group ever for SOS. There were 34 students not including any paid staff! This coming week we are working on how to work out voting members since we are only allowed 12. Our coordinators went to a sustainability conference over the weekend, I have been working on the budget appeals for finance and looking at ways to engage so many new members. I have also been working on the LPS and that will be here either next week or the one after that. This week we will be meeting in a new location in Davies in the Menominee room on the third floor on Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm. As always if you would like to be added to the email list just let me know! That is all I have; I hope you all have a great week and I yield!

#### **Student Organization Commission Director – Brad Heap**

This week the Student Organization Commission worked on the approval of 6 new student organizations, the upcoming Nuts & Bolts workshop, hired the SOC intern, and looked over plans for the upcoming year. As mentioned, the Nuts & Bolts workshop is coming up tomorrow night from 5:30pm-8:00pm in the Dakota Ballroom, so if any of you are going, I am excited to see you there! Thank you to Senator Bolog and Ackerman for being willing to work the check in for the event, your help as SOC members is greatly appreciated. On the note of SOC, we are looking for voting members, so if you are interested in having a say in how our student organizations on campus fund their events and make an impact in our students lives, I would encourage you to speak to me after the meeting. I am very excited to announce the brand-new SOC intern, Tia Beirne! She is very excited to get involved with Senate, and we are thrilled to have her be part of the commission, so if you ever see her in the office make sure to say hello. Finally, I spent my day today getting a forearm workout scooping rock solid ice cream with Director San and Director McGuine in a collaboration with the Blugold Hype Squad and Motivation Monday, and fortunately those two were much



better scoopers than me. Following that, the executive board and I were able to attend a luncheon with the Chancellor's Executive team, where we heard important updates about campus life and retention status. That is all I have for you this week, I hope you all continue to have a fantastic year, and as always, take care, brush ya hair, and I yield.

**University Activities Commission Director – Zach Jacobson**

Good evening all,

I will not belabor this report because much of what is going on in UAC is homecoming and that is what I would like you to focus on. Remember, if you every have any event ideas, recommendations, critiques, feedback or want to be involved in UAC please let me know!

You are all smart, strong, amazing, inspiring, and fantastic.

I yield.

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**REPORT: Special**

**Mascot Coordinator – Kyle May**

September continues to be a great month for Blu! They attended the first Motivation Monday today and helped the Blugold Hype Squad and Comms. hand out ice cream, sang Tequila at UAC Karaoke last night, and on this past Saturday attended the Walk to End Alzheimer's Event, the first community event of the year.

One of the biggest developments that has happened since last week is a meeting with Kristin Fitzsimmons, Director of University Centers. Kristin has previously worked with mascot divisions at other institutions and has agreed to help us improve and standardize the Blu processes, as well as help us strengthen the relationship with University Centers and administration.

Looking ahead, we are getting excited for homecoming this year to celebrate Blu's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We will be holding auditions for our current actors this week that will help us staff our homecoming shifts and give a feel for how actor auditions will take place for future hires. I yield.

**Unfinished Business**

Bill or Resolution	Title	Status	Vote Method
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Misc. Notes:

**New Business**

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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. Martin	Off-Campus Senator
Resigned	Sen. Martin	Club Sport Advisory Council
Resigned	Sen. Martin	Emergency Preparedness Committee
Resigned	Taylor Holm	Club Sport Advisory Council
Resigned	Sen. Vetsch	Comprehensive Leadership Program Committee
Resigned	Sen. Loecher	Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement
Appointed	Keaton Edwards	Comprehensive Leadership Program Committee
Appointed	James Maier	Finance Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Sen. Kelly	Finance Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Sen. Dei	Finance Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Isabelle Calcutt	Finance Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Jacob San Miguel	Finance Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Brett Hartjes	Finance Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Dir. Eisele	Finance Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Cole Morehouse	Finance Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Dir. Heap	Finance Commission Voting Member
Appointed	Dir. Velazquez	Finance Commission Voting Member



Appointed	Sen. Kelly	Academic Policies Committee
Nominated	Paige Graziano	The Forum Series
Nominated	Olivia Bishop	The Forum Series
Nominated	Graham Moore	The Forum Series
Nominated	Sen. Mandli	The Forum Series
Nominated	Graham Moore	The Artist Series
Nominated	Olivia Bishop	The Artist Series
Nominated	Brinley Dunn	The Artist Series
Nominated	Owen Templeton	The Artist Series
Nominated	John Dorschner	The Artist Series
Nominated	Nolan Hartley	The Artist Series
Nominated	Patrick Hill	The Artist Series
Nominated	Brendan Rohloff	The Artist Series
Appointed	Dir. Jacobson	Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement
Appointed	Sen. Multhauf	Emergency Preparedness Committee
Appointed	Tia Bierne	Student Organization Conduct Committee
Appointed	Sen. M. Williams	Club Sport Advisory Council
Appointed	Sen. Simonet	Club Sport Advisory Council
Nominated	Dir. Heap	College of Business Assurance of Learning Committee
Nominated	Anastasia Larson	College of Business Assurance of Learning Committee
Nominated	Sen. Bolog	College of Business Assurance of Learning Committee

**Misc. Notes**

Roll Call Vote – Academic Policies Committee  
Sen. Hannah Kelly (APPOINTED)  
Keileen Weberpal



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**Announcements**

<b>Person</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Senator Lehner	<p>Looking for people to submit their class schedules for guiding the times when the bus stops at places.</p> <p>Q – Dir. Rafter: What format would you like that in?</p> <p>A – Whatever you feel is appropriate. You can go to CampS, manage classes, printable page, PDF, and email it.</p> <p>Q – Dir. McGuine: Just classes or other things we do during the day?</p> <p>A: Just classes but will take other activities if you send them.</p>
Senator Murray	<p>The school spirit exhibit is now live on the third floor of Davies. Go see it and tell your friends!</p> <p>Still taking responses for the “What it means to be a Blugold” survey.</p> <p>Holding actor auditions for Blu! This Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7pm. Would love to have senators be on the judging panel! Being on the panel counts as an outreach hour.</p> <p>Q – Sen. Simonet: Is there a height requirement?</p> <p>A: At least 5’10.</p> <p>Q – Sen. Garbisch- What else can you do to get involved with Blu?</p> <p>A: Be a wingman! Wingmen walk around with Blu at events.</p>
Director Heap	<p>The Hype Squad will have its first big event at the women’s volleyball game this Wednesday! 7pm game, and the first 400 students get a free journal. Wear green for mental health awareness!</p> <p>Q – Sen. Lehner: Does the Hype Squad have social media?</p> <p>A: Yes, @_blugoldhypesquad</p>
President Farmer	<p>Admissions is looking for new ambassadors to give tours. Let him know if you are interested! There are opportunities to be paid.</p> <p>If you prefer to be paperless, there are stickers available in the empty mailboxes. Put one next to</p>



	<p>your name at the mailboxes and Stephanie will not give you paper copies.</p> <p>Please familiarize yourself with the platforms we use to communicate. This includes Teams, GroupMe, and BlugoldConnect+.</p>
Director Eisele	<p>Remember to complete two outreach hours this semester! Examples of outreach hours include The Forum/Artist Series, faculty forums, department seminars, faculty recitals, Q-Fest, etc. There are several events this week that count as outreach hours, check on BlugoldConnect+! To log your outreach hours, email her with the date, time, organization/event, and proof of you at the event.</p> <p>Q – Dir. San: Does helping out with Motivation Mondays count as outreach hours?</p> <p>A: Yes!</p>

**Misc. Notes:**

**Adjournment**

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**Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.**

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