I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

1) Alyssa Molinski - present  
2) Zen Johnston - present  
3) John McCune - present  
4) Emma Horjus - present  
5) Alexis McAdams - present  
6) Mary Greuel - present  
7) Josh Rivers - excused  
8) Luis Filho - present  
9) Liz Papandria - present  
10) Adyson Leonard - present  
11) William Paltz - present  
12) Emire Sewell - excused  
13) Gabe Rosenthal - present  
14) Brielle Shortreed - present  
15) Amaya Varela - unexcused  
16) Zak Ziolkowski - present  
17) Katie Malek - present  
18) MaryJo Kanelos - excused  
19) Connor Mathias - present  
20) Daniel Schindler - present  
21) Mohiminul Islam - present  
22) Robert Bavisotto - present  
23) Courtney Raatz - present  
24) Charlie Turcan - present  
25) Santiago Moreno-Islas - present  
26) Tedi Ocken - present  
27) Yugg Kolhe - unexcused  
28) Jonathan Melcher - unexcused  
29) Josh Graybow - present  
30) Rebecca Eaton - unexcused  
31) Conal McNamara - present  
32) Clarence Kinnard - present  
33) Morgan Johnsen - excused  
34) Amanda Grzebien - present  
35) Maisey Michelz - present  
36) Madeleine Dorcy - present

III. Reports

SAPS: Elections are coming up, the period for nominations is open until February 15th. Signature forms and information are available on the Independent Election Commission (IEC) portal on Engage. An update on the Food Pantry: Use of the Center increased 400% this semester, will be hiring student help. 
Zen: Working on prepping for the next UW System Reps meeting, reminds interested Senators to contact them ASAP if you want to attend. 
Emma: Presentations for non-allocable round 2 occurred on Thursday, Jan 23rd, with deliberations following on Jan 25th. Another set of deliberations will happen this Thursday Jan 31st. 
Mary: Working to communicate updated grant amount information to RSOs and other campus stakeholders. Grant hearing information and training times will be communicated within the next week or so. 
Mohiminul: Attended the DC Lobbying trip. 
Josh: SLC elected a Vice-Chair. Working on connecting RSOs to other sources of funding. 
Amanda: Working with Maisey on an event, look out for details soon. 
Teddy: Reports that First Gen Breakfast event (funded by SA at the last meeting) went well. 
Katie: Attended the DC Lobbying trip and working on planning meetings with Program reps. 
Charlie: Met with their school’s Dean and other students to put together an interdisciplinary showcase event this semester.
Daniel: Organized meeting with SVRC, and working with Connor on events in L&S.
Conal: Reports that the current contact for the Office of Central Advising is leaving UWM and there will be a new contact soon.
Luis: Reports that the SA Visibility campaign is running, banners are up in the Union. Reminds all members to send him information on Events so that he can share them to the SA social media.
John: Announces that Women’s Advocacy and LGBT Advocacy senator positions are open. Continuing to work on UWM Farmer’s Market plans for the next semester. SLIC met to offer a proposal about the Tobacco Free Campus initiative. Announces that the Dean of Students candidate Adam Jussel was selected to join at UWM.
Alyssa: Met with Julie Bonner at Norris Health Center to discuss initiatives for the mental health work group. SA will be tabling at the Winter Involvement Fair, look out for an email about signing up for tabling times.

IV. Open Forum

Matthew Nichols, an UWM grad, introduces himself as an entrepreneur with Sojourner Mobile, a coffee cart that often sits between the Lapham and Lubar buildings. He introduces Tracy and Spencer, who are also involved in mobile food vending. Introduces himself as wanting to build a stronger relationship with the student community. Shares his story how their trailer was allowed to park on UWM property for some time, but recently there are a lot of other hoops to jump through and people to talk to in order to continue to operate. He asks SA to consider examining and questioning how much UWM actually supports entrepreneurship and small businesses.

Tracy Krieger introduces herself as an owner of two businesses related to food services. She shares her story of feeling harassed by UWM Police when her trailer was parked on UWM property. Suggests a possible partnership with the UWM Food Pantry.

Connor asks what the SA can do. Tracy responds that they were told by UWM that they need to partner with a student organization who can sponsor them on campus.

Josh Graybow introduces himself as the student org advocacy senator and is interested in continuing the conversation. Asked what the conversation with Restaurant Ops was like. Tracy responds that her interactions were just with UWM police. Matthew states that Restaurant Ops was only implied as the person they have to talk to.

John McCune notes that for full transparency, he was the one who heard about this issue from a student and helped to connect them with SA. John reached out to different offices on campus to do some digging on the issue, but more work needs to be done.

V. Approval of Agenda

a. Motion by Connor to approve the Agenda. Second by Daniel.
Daniel moves to amend the agenda to add New Business Item F: “SAC Committee Appointment”, second by Conal. Motion passes unanimously.
Josh motions to add appointment of Tedi Ocken to the Student Leaders Committee as item IX in Special Orders. Motion passes unanimously.
Motion to approve agenda passes unanimously.

VI. Special Orders

a. Shared Governance Appointments
i. Martin Kozon
   1. Graduate Scholastic Appeals Committee
ii. Gretchen Schneider
   1. SA Safety Committee (SASC)
iii. Daniel Schindler
   1. Student Appropriations Committee (SAC)
iv. Morgan Ruszkiewica
   1. Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee (EAAC)

v. Emma Fath
   1. SA Safety Committee (SASC)

vi. Katherine Schulte
   1. Physical Environmental Committee (PEC)

vii. Benjamin Omwando
   1. Graduate Scholastic Appeals Committee

viii. Florine Ndakuya
   1. Graduate Scholastic Appeals Committee

ix. Tedi Ocken
   1. Student Leaders Committee

Daniel motions to package and approve items VI.a.i through VI.a.ix, seconded by Connor. Motion passes unanimously.

VII. Old Business

a. Approval of the Senate minutes from 12-09-2018
   Motion by Daniel to approve the Senate meeting minutes from 12-09-2018. Second by Connor. Motion by Connor to correct the meeting minutes start time to 5:02pm, seconded by Daniel. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended passes unanimously.

VIII. New Business

a. DC Lobbying Trip Presentation
   Connor, Katie, Mohiminul and James Carpenter (OAC) present a PowerPoint about attending the DC lobbying trip, which was to bring issues important to Students to Washington. The group thanks Alyssa for working on organizing the trip and thanks Capstone, the lobbying firm retained by UWM. The major issues discussed were:
   - Mental Health – Focus on Senate Bill 3106, originally sponsored by Senator Casey, plans to reintroduce it in the Higher Education Act.
   - First Amendment on Campuses – Interest in the issue from Ron Johnson, who was interested in working on the issue on the State level rather than the Federal level
   - Student Loans and FAFSA – Timely issue due to the Government shutdown (issues accessing FAFSA applications and loan information). Also discussed Perkins Loans and student loan refinancing options.
   - Federal Research Funding – Graduate student research is dependent on funding. UWM is an R1 university, and 80% of research support comes from federal funding.

b. Executive Board Retreat Review and Commitment to Shared Values
   Alyssa shared that the Executive Board had a long retreat last weekend where they discussed how to improve teamwork and share feedback with each other in preparation for the next semester. The stated shared values are: respect, candid communication, transparency, no gossip, empowerment, feedback, professionalism, and teamwork.

c. SAC Presentation
   Mary presented an overview of the Student Appropriations Committee, the different stakeholders involved, and how the process was changed last semester. Mary also outlines what the key plans, goals, and changes for next semester are for SAC going forward.

Mary fields questions related to grant applications, reserves, enforcement of the idea that SAC grants shouldn’t be the only source of funding for RSOs, and details about enrollment-based funding.

Conal moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes, seconded by Gabe. Motion passes.
Mary continues to field questions about SAC reserves, viewpoint neutrality, and changes to the grant cutting process.

d. **Ideathon Event**
John introduces the Ideathon Event as an idea coming from a University Innovation Fellow student who is charged with problem-solving issues on campus. He asks Senators to submit 3-5 ideas that they want to see tackled on campus.

John fields questions about the event including requested funding and the specificity of the ideas.

e. **Senator Break-Out**
15 minutes for Senators to meet in groups and discuss future goals, issues, and concerns for the upcoming semester.

f. **SAC Committee Appointment**
Daniel motions to open the floor for nominations to SAC, seconded by Conal. Motion passes.

Mary explains the responsibilities of a member of SAC and the time commitment involved. Mary states that a schedule has not been set yet, so it can be adjusted to accommodate their members’ schedules.

Charlie self-nominates for the open Senator position on SAC.

Daniel moves to close the floor for nominations, seconded by Connor.

Santiago moves to confirm Charlie to SAC, seconded by Daniel. Motion passes.

IX. **Questions and Concerns**
SAPS recommends that the SA Offices be closed tomorrow due to inclement weather.

Josh brings up the idea of creating logos for individual committees through adding the committee name onto the original SA logo. Zen expresses opposition for the idea. Santiago thinks it’s an interesting idea but that the SA Marketing director should weigh in. Luis agrees that the power of a brand is a big power, but he thinks the Senate should decide, but ultimately would not advise the Senate move forward with it. Gabe expresses support for this idea. Tedi expresses support for this idea.

Mohimunil brings up the low turnout of votes for selection of SA members in elections and wants to know more about the advertisement of the process. SAPS responds with listing the marketing initiatives that are already underway, like the banner in the Union concourse and their

Zen reminds everyone to take precautions in the upcoming cold weather. Daniel brings up that the extreme temperatures on Wednesday isn’t appropriate to hold classes in.

X. **Adjournment**
Santiago moves to adjourn. Second by Zak. Motion passes unanimously.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm*