SENATE MEETING
October 21st 2018, CTO 5:05pm
UWM Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd
Milwaukee, WI 53211

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 - Excused  
7) Josh Rivers - Excused  
8) Luis Filho - Excused  
9) Adyson Leonard - Present  
10) William Paltz - Excused  
11) Emire Sewell - Present  
12) Brielle Shortreed - Present  
13) Amaya Varela - Present  
14) Zak Ziolkowski - Excused  
15) Matthew Brook - Excused  
16) Katie Malek - Present  
17) Courtney Raatz - Present  
18) Laly Leon - Unexcused  
19) Santiago Moreno-Islas - Present  
20) Nat Taylor - Present  
21) Adrian Palau-Tejeda - Present  
22) Josh Graybow - Present  
23) Conal McNamara - Present  
24) Briceida Perez - Excused  
25) Liz Papandria - Unexcused  
26) Mohiminul Islam - Present  
27) Yugg Kolhe - Present  
28) Rebecca Eaton - Present  
29) Robert Bavisotto - Present  
30) Teddy Ocken - Present  
31) Connor Mathias - Present  
32) Gabe Rosenthal - Excused  
33) Jonathan Melcher - Present  
34) Morgan Johnsen - Present  
35) Clarence Kinnard - Present  
36) Maisey Michelz - Present  
37) Amanda Grzebien - Present  
38) Daniel Schindler - Present  

III. Reports

Emma – SFC Allocable hearings are this Friday from 12:30 to 3pm.
John McCune – Working on Pool Party idea with Nat. Recently met with Katie Mioda on Chancellor’s Enrollment Management Team about textbook affordability. SLIC met recently.
James (OAC) – OAC met last Friday and voted on parking appeals.
Conal – Has been working on issues affecting Meta-majors, including the development of a Living Learning Community. Will speak more on this later in the agenda.
Connor – Working on Program Reps with L&S.
Mohiminul – Joined a committee, and work with SFC is continuing.
Courtney – Met with Dean of Bader School about survey results, discussed major findings about finances, advising, enrollment, and fieldwork. Also meeting with chairs of student associations for the different academic student groups in the Bader school.
Adyson – Attended first Chancellor’s Committee on Mental Health, which was primarily about faculty reaching students in need. Trainings are being offered, especially to advisor faculty.
Katie – Attended several advisory committee meetings as well as a SLIC meeting.
Brielle – Has been in contact with Director of Parking and Transit, has a meeting scheduled this week.
Asks for Senator input on transit issues faced by students who live on campus.
Nat – Attended Chancellor’s LGBT Advocacy meeting last week. In process of planning pool event.
Josh Graybow – SLC bylaw changes are delayed due to lack of quorum in their last meeting. Working with Josh Rivers to advertise open committee meeting positions and get those filled up. Still working on filling SLC.

Amay – ESMC is promoting applications for the Green Fund, particularly by speaking in classes. Deadline is this Saturday.

Adrian – Worked with the Safety Committee to move forward the Bylaws change to expand the committee.

Emire – met with Alyssa to discuss concerns with Advisory situation for multicultural students and fears that these advisors may be phased out by the UWM Administration soon. Building connections and relationships with those advisors in order to decide what to do next.

Yugg – Started a Student Organization, which has an event planned on November 9th. Continuing planning for cultural display party, tentatively for 11th of December.

Jonathan – Met with Natalie Reinhold.

Alexis – Met with Laya and Alyssa to get caught up on Records management around the legislation we passed so far this year, should be done this Tuesday. Also has been helping with the Safety Committee, who did not elect a chair but did put forth some bylaw changes which will be discussed later on this meeting.

Zen – Working mainly on Program Reps over the last two weeks, including following up with Program Reps that couldn’t attend the kickoff. Is also working on encouraging the Chemistry department to allow PASS (the tutoring resource) to tutor students in Chemistry. Also met with Nat to start getting GSAC off the ground.

Alyssa – Attended a Title IX workgroup meeting. Harvestfest was a success, has met with almost all At-Large senators in one-on-ones. Recently sent out an email out to the whole campus about Early Voting, and will be attending the SFC hearing to present on behalf of SA. Volunteering opportunities at Homecoming will be coming up, keep an eye on email for that.

SAPS – Just returned from the Student Govt Association Conference.

Mary (in abstentia) – SAC Grant deadline is the 24th! Hearings will be coming up the following week and will continue through early November. Kickstart grant hearings will be on the 23rd.

IV. Open Forum

No members from the public wishing to speak.

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Josh to approve the Agenda. Second by Yugg. Senate moves to discussion.

Katie makes a motion to amend the agenda by adding “Senator Appointment for Madelyn Vavra” as item 6a under Special Orders. This amendment will move Shared Governance Appointments down to item 6b in Special Orders. Motion seconded by Josh. Motion to amend the agenda passes unanimously.

Josh moves to add an item in New Business called “Opportunity to Nominate Senators to SA Committees” as item 8d. Seconded by Robert. Motion passes.

Daniel moves to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Jon. Motion to approve agenda passes unanimously.

VI. Special Orders

a. Senator Appointment
   i. Madelyn Vavra
      1. At-Large Senator Seat

Madelyn introduces herself and that she learned about SA from the Farmer’s Market Event.

Josh motions to approve Madelyn’s appointment to the SA Senate as an At-Large Senator, seconded by Daniel. Motion passes unanimously.

b. Shared Governance Appointments
i. Sarah Cooke
   1. Chancellor’s Advisory Committee for LGBT+ Advocacy

ii. Cameron Blau
   1. Chancellor’s Advisory Committee for LGBT+ Advocacy
   2. Gender and Sexuality Advisory Committee

iii. Daniel Bartholomay
   1. Chancellor’s Advisory Committee for LGBT+ Advocacy

iv. Gwendolyn Schwedersky
   1. Academic Misconduct Hearing Committee (AMHC)

v. Zachary Ziolkowski
   1. Student Association Safety Committee (SASC)

vi. Clarence Kinnard
   1. Gender and Sexuality Advisory Committee
   2. Intercampus Communication Committee (ICC)
   3. Student Transportation Committee (STC)
   4. Student Voting Rights Committee (SVRC)

vii. Daniel Schindler
   1. Intercampus Communication Committee (ICC)
   2. Student Voting Rights Committee (SVRC)
   3. Student Life and Interest Committee (SLIC)

viii. Mikayla Engel
    1. Gender and Sexuality Advisory Committee
    2. Environmental Sustainability and Mentorship Committee (ESMC)

ix. Connor Mathias
    1. Academic Misconduct Hearing Committee (AMHC)

x. Maisey Michelz
    1. Student Leaders Committee (SLC)
    2. Women’s Advocacy Committee (WAC)

xi. Robert Bavisotto
    1. Student Life and Interest Committee (SLIC)
    2. Graduate Student Representation Committee (GSRC)

Katie motions to package and approve items 6.b.i through 6.b.xi, seconded by Adyson. Josh moves to amend the motion to leave out item 6.b.v. (Zak Ziolkowski to SA Safety Committee) from the package and approve. Motion seconded by Conal.

Josh explains that there was confusion over this process as three people had applied to fill the Safety Committee seat via the Shared Governance form on Engage. Zak’s form came through first and he was presidentially approved before the others. Josh also mentions that the Safety Committee is a lot of projects, with some involving sexual assault, and notes that with this appointment there will be no women on the Safety Committee. Josh also mentions a hypothetical situation where a senator with extreme views is allowed to be on a committee because the form is a “first come, first served” system and that the Senate should have the ability to choose which Senator(s) serves on a committee.

Conal asks if this issue is primarily about representation, Josh says yes. Conal asks if it’s possible to add seats to the committee that are preferentially held or reserved for certain persons.

Katie disagrees that committee bylaw changes are the way to address this kind of issue, and notes that Senators can still join a committee, put in work and provide guidance without being a voting member.

Mohiminul supports the idea to treat people who applied at the same time as a contested seat in the Senate.

Adrian states that there is a process in place (referring to the online Shared Governance application form) and that it must be respected.
Robert shares his experience in being one of the folks who applied for Safety Committee after Zak, but points out that he’s not on the Agenda as a Safety Committee applicant. SAPS provides context and points out that Zak was presidentially appointed before the other forms (including Robert’s form) came in. SAPS also clarifies that appointees are allowed a committee vote even if the Senate removes them from the committee during the Shared Governance Appointment phase of the next Senate meeting. Katie first addresses the “hypothetical extreme senator” thought by pointing out that if there is an individual with extreme views, the rest of the committee can vote them down or remove them from the committee. She reiterates that Senators can join and participate in committees without being voting members.

Josh responds to a lot of points and argues that it’s important for the Senate to decide and have the full picture when it comes to contested seats. Jonathan repeats Katie’s point that Senators and members of the public can participate in Committee meetings. Connor urges the senate to move ahead to a vote. Makes a motion to place a 1 minute each time limit on future speakers for this discussion, seconded by Becky. Motion passes unanimously.

Adrian asks senators to not let this discussion color the upcoming vote on the Safety Committee Bylaws Legislation that is coming up later in New Business and states that it is unrelated.

Josh motions to end debate and move to a vote, seconded by Santiago. Motion passes.

The motion to amend the package and approve motion to only include items 6.b.i-iv and 6.b.vi-xi passes. Conal moves to package and approve items 6.b.i through 6.b.iv and items 6.b.vi through 6.b.xi, seconded by Daniel.

Katie asks for clarification that voting against someone on the basis of gender is discriminatory. James confirms that that is true.

Becky moves to end debate, seconded by Daniel. Motion passes.

The Senate votes on the motion to table item 6.b.v to the next Senate meeting. The motion fails.

Conal motions to approve item 6.b.v, seconded by Connor.

The Senate votes on the motion to approve 6.b.v. Motion passes.

I. **Old Business**
   a. Approval of the senate minutes from 10-07-2018, 2018
      Motion to approve by Becky. Second by Adyson. Motion passes unanimously.

II. **New Business**
   a. **Student Association Safety Committee Bylaws Change**
      Adrian again presses the point that this legislation is not related to the previous discussion relating to Safety Committee membership.
      Daniel moves to approve the bylaws change, seconded by Conal. The Senate moves into discussion.

Conal disagrees that the previous discussion is not related. Conal asks about changing the bylaws to earmark a senator seat for the Women’s Advocacy Senator, for example. Adrian replies that this legislation does not address this.

Adyson asks if adding a seat for the Women’s Advocacy Senator would be discriminatory. James (OAC) responds that having a seat reserved for a gender (which is a protected class) would not be okay, but seats reserved for titled Senator seats is okay because no Senator seats are reserved for a certain gender. Teddy urges the Senate to consider the intent of this legislation, and that it is coming from an inclusivity-promoting perspective.
Katie and Emma point out that the Women’s Advocacy Senator already chairs a committee and has a considerable workload already. Alyssa notes that the Women’s Advocacy Senator is not present today to weigh in on this issue, but is excused from today’s meeting.
Becky motions to limit speaking to 1 minute. Seconded by Adyson. Motion passes.
Katie points out that there are other committees that are not full, and thinks that adding seats to committees is not helpful.
Adrian notes that if inclusivity is the major issue, then perhaps the Safety Committee can come back with different legislation to address that in the future.
James reads the portion of the SA Constitution that is relevant to the question of when the bylaws change would come into effect:

Article X, Section 10.01(b):

Amendments to the bylaws of the IEC, OAC, and Executive and Legislative Branches may not take effect in the same academic year in which they were made.

He notes that it clearly names the branches (which each have their own bylaws), but the question of if it applies to SA committee bylaws is a matter of interpretation, which is what the OAC does.
Josh points out that last year there was another committee that amended their bylaws and they took effect immediately, and he thinks that this precedent should be followed.
James responds that just because that’s how things were done in the past, it doesn’t mean that that is how things should be going forward if it was an incorrect way of doing things according to the SA Constitution.
Adrian motions to end discussion, seconded by Katie. Motion passes.

The Senate votes on the passage of the “Student Association Safety Committee Bylaws Change” Legislation.
Aye: 0
Nay: 17
Abstentions: 5
The “Student Association Safety Committee Bylaws Change” Legislation does not pass.

b. Student Association Button Order
Conal introduces the legislation.
Jon approves, seconded by Santiago. The Senate moves into discussion.
Adrian asks if these are lapel pins or round buttons. Conal responds that these are round buttons.

1) Adyson Leonard - yes
2) Emire Sewell – yes
3) Brielle Shortreed - yes
4) Amaya Varela - yes
5) Katie Malek - yes
6) Courtney Raatz - yes
7) Santiago Moreno-Islas - yes
8) Nat Taylor - yes
9) Adrian Palau-Tejeda - yes
10) Josh Graybow - yes
11) Conal McNamara - yes
12) Mohimun Islam - yes
13) Yugg Kolhe - yes
14) Rebecca Eaton – yes
15) Robert Bavisotto yes
16) Teddy Ocken - yes
17) Connor Mathias - yes
18) Jonathan Melcher – yes
19) Morgan Johnsen – yes
20) Clarence Kinnard – no
21) Maisey Michelz – yes
22) Amanda Grzebien – yes
The “Student Association Button Order” Legislation passes.

c. Student Association Resolution in Support of a Meta-Major Living-Learning Community (LLC)

John takes a moment to explain what a Resolution is and how it differs from Senate Bills. Conal explains that what meta-majors are, which are like exploratory pathways for undecided majors that allows them to take classes that will transfer into major tracks that students will decide on later. Conal mentions that this is coming out of work he has previously done and meetings held with faculty and UWM offices working on issues facing meta-major students.

Santiago motions to approve the legislation, seconded by Connor. Katie asks about the footer information, which is not completed. Alexis clarifies that Conal had asked about this issue as well before the meeting. She mentions this isn’t a critical problem in the bill and the footer will be updated after the bill is passed to accurately reflect the legislative history of the bill.

Katie mentions her concerns that creating separate LLCs for meta-majors could remove undecided students in other defined LLCs from interacting with students in a particular field of study.

Santiago references his experiences working in freshmen orientation and thinks that LLCs for meta-majors would be a good thing.

Conal notes that there are currently 500 freshman meta-majors this year, which is the first year of the meta-major program.

Becky moves to end discussion, seconded by Nat. Motion passes.

Aye: 14
Nay: 1
Abstain: 8

The “Student Association Resolution in Support of a Meta-Major Living-Learning Community (LLC)” Resolution passes.

d. SA Committee Nominations

Becky opens the floor for Committee nominations. Seconded by Josh. Motion passes.

Daniel nominates Connor to SLIC. Connor accepts.
Jon nominates himself for the STC.
Yugg nominates himself for the STC.
Jon withdraws his nomination.
Amanda nominates herself to SLC.
Becky nominates herself to the SLC.
Madelyn nominates herself to SLC.
John mentions that there are only two spots open on SLC.
Madelyn withdraws her nomination.

Conal moves to close the floor on nominations, seconded by Adyson. Motion passes.

Conal motions to package and approve the following appointments:
Connor to SLIC
Yugg to STC
Amanda to SLC
Becky to SLC

Motion seconded by Daniel. Motion passes unanimously.

III. Questions and Concerns
IV. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Santiago. Second by Katie. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm