I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

1) Alyssa Molinski - Present
2) Zen Johnston - Present
3) John McCune - Present
4) Emma Horjes - Present
5) Alexis McAdams - Present
6) Mary Greuel - Present
7) Josh Rivers - Excused
8) Luis Filho - Present
9) Adyson Leonard - Present
10) William Palcz - Present
11) Emire Sewell – Present
12) Brielle Shortreed - Excused
13) Amaya Varela - Present
14) Zak Ziolkowski - Present
15) Matthew Brook - Present
16) Katie Malek - Present
17) Courtney Raatz - Present
18) Santiago Moreno-Islas - Present
19) Nat Taylor – Unexcused
20) Adrian Palau-Tejeda - Present
21) Josh Graybow - Present
22) Conal McNamara - Present
23) Briceida Perez - Excused
24) Liz Papandria - Present
25) Mohimunul Islam - Present
26) Yugg Kolhe – Present
27) Rebecca Eaton – Present
28) Robert Bavisotto - Present
29) Teddy Ocken - Present
30) Connor Mathias - Present
31) Gabe Rosenthal – Present
32) Jonathan Melcher – Present
33) Morgan Johnsen – Present
34) Clarence Kinnard – Present
35) Maisey Michelz – excused
36) Amanda Grzelbien - Present
37) Daniel Schindler – Present
38) Madelyn Vavra - Excused
39) MaryJo Kanelos - Present
40) Madeleine Dorcy - Present

III. Reports

Emma: SFC Allocables are done. Next round of SFC business starts on Nov 30th.
Mary: All Spring SAC grant hearings are done as of today, legislation will be presented to the Senate at Dec 2nd meeting.
John McCune: Dean of Students Search and Screen is rolling along. Reporting on behalf of Alycia Lewis (chair of ESMC) that there were 6 Green Fund projects submitted by the extended deadline.
Luis: Visibility campaign is going to launch next semester.
James: OAC had a meeting on November 9th.
Clarence: Transportation Committee still has Senator and at-large student seats available. Working with Nat and Morgan on addressing shuttle and BOSS problems. Introduced a resolution to GSAC, will likely be presented at the Dec 2nd Senate meeting.
Conal: Meta-Major survey is moving forward through Office of Academic Advising. Moving forward on the SA buttons, is looking into doing them through the Arts and Crafts center. This would be cheaper, but volunteers would be needed to press the buttons.
Connor: Program Reps added for L&S.
Daniel: Met with Connor and L&S dean, who will be attending the Dec 2nd Senate meeting. Still working on Chemistry tutoring issue. Date finalized with Becky for Senator Retreat (Dec 2nd from noon-4:30).
Katie: Met with Program Reps, will be planning an event for the Spring.
Adrian: SAC grants are done. Introducing the Solidarity resolution today and will be looking to introduce SA Constitutional Amendment legislation at next Senate meeting.
Josh Graybow: Working on events and initiative that partner with Student Orgs and improve communication. SLC will be meeting tomorrow before Winter Break starts.
Becky: International food potluck is the meal plan for the Senate Retreat. Asks Senators to write three identifiable facts and send them to Becky for an icebreaker game.
Adyson: ESMC is looking at changing the committee name to drop the "Mentorship" portion. Adjusted the Green Fund application to include adding pictures and SketchUp-type documents that Architecture students tend to make.
Courtney: Helen Bader is starting an initiative to improve advising for its students.
Amaya: SLC is meeting tomorrow around 3pm.
Santiago: SVRC just had their first meeting, chair and vice chair are elected.
Yugg: Will be introducing two pieces of legislation at this meeting.
Zen: Attended the UW Reps meeting in Wausau, reports that the meeting was fairly eventful and disappointing. It was the first meeting Reps had quorum this year. Managed to elect an Exec Board except for two roles: Director of Sustainability and Director of Government Relations. Invites those who are interested in attending the next Reps meeting on Dec 2nd in La Crosse to reach out to them.
Alyssa: Mental Health Workgroup met, invites everyone who is interested in becoming a part of this to reach out to her.
SAPS: Reminds the Senate that they are the first step in the SAC Grants appeals process, and that there may be some RSOs appealing at the Dec 2nd meeting. Also reminds everyone that when using EG80, please reserve it using the Outlook calendar to avoid double-booking.

IV. Open Forum

a. Abby Strozinsky
Abby introduces herself as a UWM alumni engagement officer and the program manager for the Focus on the Future Leadership Program held over Spring Break (March 18th-22nd). This is the 2nd year the program is happening, and it centers on connecting students with important Milwaukee industries, building leadership skills, and making connections with UWM alumni. There is an application to apply, will be open starting on Dec 7th.

V. Approval of Agenda
a. Motion by Daniel to approve the Agenda. Second by Becky. Motion to approve agenda passes unanimously.

VI. Special Orders
a. Senator Appointments
i. Charlie Turchan
   1. Peck School of the Arts Senator
Charlie introduces themselves and is looking for new ways to engage and support Peck students. Charlie is majoring in jewelry and metalsmithing. Amaya asks if there is a particular issue to be addressed. Charlie answers that the first thing is addressing student concerns with several classes that are taught by people with questions about their qualifications.
Santiago moves to approve Charlie Turchan as the Peck School of the Arts Senator, seconded by Josh. Motion passes unanimously.

Josh makes a point of privilege to ask for more tables and chairs at future Senate meetings because space is a little tight at the moment.
b. **UW Reps Constitutional Amendment Approval**

Zen introduces the Amendment and summarizes the changes. The biggest change is that “Institutions” will count for quorum, not “Campuses”.

Conal asks Zen to speak on why UW Reps is having problems reaching quorum. Zen responds that branch campuses (formerly UW Campuses) don’t have the budget to travel across the state.

Adrian asks what voting on this means. Zen clarifies that this amendment has already passed a vote at UW Student Reps, and now it has been distributed to the different UW student gov organizations for their approval/ratification.

Will asks if online meetings are an option to help UW Reps reach quorum. Zen replies that it’s still a problem in terms of funding (UW Reps have no budget) and Zen also notes that they aren’t on the UW Reps exec board and therefore isn’t privy to the planning conversations.

Santiago moves to ratify the UW System Reps Constitutional Amendment, seconded by Liz. Motion passes by voice vote.

**VII. Old Business**

a. Approval of the senate minutes from November 4th, 2018

Motion to approve by Becky. Second by Matthew.

Daniel points out that these minutes did not go out with the Agenda email. Alexis apologizes for the oversight and recommends tabling this until the next meeting.

Becky rescinds her motion.

Becky motions to table the minutes, seconded by Conal. Motion passes unanimously.

**VIII. New Business**

a. **Resolution of Solidarity**

Adrian introduces the legislation, summarizes the text of the bill, and reads out the entirety of the bill for consideration.

Gabe brings up possibly changing text in line 15 to expand solidarity beyond “this nation” and notes that violence of this type happens all around the world.

Josh notes that he’s uncomfortable with expanding this resolution beyond the Pittsburgh tragedy, he would like to see legislation more actionable or event-based, and wonders about splitting this into two different bills.

Emma asks why this resolution is appearing now and in response to this event. Adrian responds that if he was around or in SA when other events happened, he would introduce resolutions to address those events.

Katie asks about getting more Senator feedback, and wonders about voting on another draft of this at the next meeting. Adrian responds that there is only one more Senate meeting left and stands by the current wording of this bill.

Adrian urges Senators who have issues with the wording to propose amendments for the Senate to vote on.

Teddy notes that in a group this size, there is never going to be 100% agreement on wording.
Gabe moves to amend Line 15 to read “…stand in solidarity with persecuted communities of this nation and globally, to support the Jewish communities of Milwaukee and Pittsburgh, and to refute hate in all its forms.” Motion seconded by Jonathan. Motion passes.

Katie moves to amend Line 12 to read “…Wisconsin-Milwaukee reaffirms its commitment to welcoming all others…”, second by Daniel. Motion passes unanimously.

Will moves to approve this legislation as amended, seconded by Becky.

Ayes: 27
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Legislation passes.

b. **Kickstart Grant Legislation**

Emire introduces the legislation, and Mary explains what the Kickstart Grants are. They’re different than other RSO grants because they are same-semester allocations for new or renewing student organizations only.

Becky asks why Student Association of India was not granted the requested funds. Mary answers that this Student Org did not submit third-party justification for their grant requests, so per SAC bylaws they had to be rejected.

Daniel motions to approve the Kickstart Grant Legislation, second by Connor.

1) Adyson Leonard - yay
2) William Paltz - yay
3) Emire Sewell - yay
4) Amaya Varela - abstain
5) Zak Ziolkowski - yay
6) Matthew Brook - yay
7) Katie Malek - yay
8) Courtney Raatz - yay
9) Adrian Palau-Tejeda - yay
10) Josh Graybow - yay
11) Conal McNamara - abstain
12) Liz Papandria - yay
13) Mohimnul Islam - yay
14) Yugg Kolhe - abstain
15) Rebecca Eaton - yay
16) Robert Bavisotto - yay
17) Teddy Ocken - yay
18) Connor Mathias - yay
19) Gabe Rosenthal – yay
20) Jonathan Melcher – yay
21) Morgan Johnsen – yay
22) Clarence Kinnard – yay
23) Amanda Grzehien – yay
24) Daniel Schindler – yay
25) MaryJo Kanelos – yay
26) Madeleine Dorcy - yay
27) Charlie Turchan - yay

Yes: 24
No: 0
Abstain: 2

Legislation passes.
c. Cultural Exposition Event Legislation
Yugg introduces the legislation. Yugg provides background that this event will boost involvement from international students who may have hard times connecting with other students or groups on campus. Yugg notes that this event will have a Student Involvement table there to encourage international students to join and start student orgs.

Will asks if all students will be allowed to attend or if it is invite only. Yugg responds that it is open for all, and adds that having international students on campus is an opportunity for American or local students to learn too.

Alyssa asks what time the event is, Yugg responds that it is 6:30 to 9:30pm.

Adrian wonders how this event fits in with other international events on campus (such as International Coffee Hour). Yugg says that this event is different because it will have Student Involvement Office and Student Association present.

Will moves to approve the Cultural Exposition Event Legislation, seconded by Adyson.

1) Adyson Leonard - yay
2) William Paltz - yay
3) Emire Sewell – yay
4) Amaya Varela – yay
5) Zak Ziolkowski – yay
6) Matthew Brook – yay
7) Katie Malek – yay
8) Courtney Roatz – yay
9) Adrian Palau-Tejeda – yay
10) Josh Graybow – yay
11) Conal McNamara – yay
12) Liz Papandria – yay
13) Mohiminul Islam – yay
14) Yugg Kolhe – yay
15) Rebecca Eaton – yay
16) Robert Bavisotto – yay
17) Teddy Ocken – yay
18) Connor Mathias – yay
19) Gabe Rosenthal – yay
20) Jonathan Melcher – yay
21) Morgan Johnsen – yay
22) Clarence Kinnard – yay
23) Amanda Grzebien – yay
24) Daniel Schindler – yay
25) MaryJo Kanelos – yay
26) Madeleine Dorcy – yay
27) Charlie Turchan – yay

Yes: 27
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Legislation passes.

d. Grammarly Subscription Legislation
Yugg introduces the legislation and notes that other universities commonly offer the Grammarly service to students. For example UW-Whitewater offers it for all students. However, this legislation will address the particular need that international students have for this service. Yugg notes that he would like to have it funded by CIE in the future, but if it’s funded by SA for the first year (as this legislation is proposing) then data on usage can be collected to justify future use and funding of this service.
Will asks why SA is funding an academic need. Yugg responds that this is addressing a particular need for international students and that it’s like a pilot project that will be taken on by the Academic side after SA is done funding it. Will brings up that this is a service that will only be available to a certain portion of the population and if it is considered discrimination. Yugg responds that international students pay much more in tuition and student fees, and notes that Grammarly will also help international students improve their English in day-to-day student life such as texting and emails.

Adyson does not think that SA has the funds to pay for this service sufficiently, and that this isn’t SA’s responsibility and SA should not fund this.

Daniel motions to limit speakers to 1 minute, seconded by Connor. Passes unanimously.

Daniel asks if UW-Whitewater’s student government funded this, Yugg responds that he’s not sure. Daniel says that offering the service is a good idea but SA should not fund it.

Conal asks if Yugg consulted with Academic departments, he responds that he has talked with ESL (English as Second Language) instructors. Conal asks if CIE committed to funding it in the future, Yugg responds there was no firm commitment as of yet.

Emma points out that the annual programming budget for SA is $15,000. This year, the Senate has already spent or earmarked about a third of it on other legislation (including the Cultural event that was just passed).

Zen points out that by state law, segregated fees can’t be used for academic or personal gain and invites OAC and SAPS to comment. Sarah says that questions regarding the interpretation of UW System Policy 820 (that refers to use and restrictions on segregated fees) should be referred to Legal.

Connor thinks that this is a good idea but it should not be funded by seg fees.

Will asks about the free version of Grammarly, Yugg responds that the free version doesn’t offer all of the available services.

Jonathan supports the idea of passing a resolution to ask a different office on campus to fund the service.

Josh supports Jon’s idea. Josh motions to end discussion and vote, seconded by Will. Motion passes.

1) Adyson Leonard - no
2) William Paltz - no
3) Emire Sewell – abstain
4) Amaya Varela - abstain
5) Zak Ziolkowski - no
6) Matthew Brook - abstain
7) Katie Malek - no
8) Courtney Raatz - no
9) Adrian Palau-Tejeda - abstain
10) Josh Graybow - abstain
11) Conal McNamara - no
12) Mohiminal Islam - abstain
13) Yugg Kolhe – yes
14) Rebecca Eaton – no
15) Robert Bavisotto - abstain
16) Teddy Ocken - abstain
17) Connor Mathias - no
18) Gabe Rosenthal – no
19) Jonathan Melcher – no
20) Morgan Johnsen – no
21) Clarence Kinnard - abstain
22) Amanda Grzebien – no
23) Daniel Schindler – no
24) MaryJo Kanelos – no
25) Madeleine Dorcy – no
26) Charlie Turchan - abstain

Yes: 1
No: 15
Abstain: 10

Legislation does not pass.

IX. Questions and Concerns
Gabe refers back to the Resolution of Solidarity to point out the definition of “sectarian” refers to “within-sect”, not between sects. Adrian disagrees. Alyssa responds that the legislation is already passed and changes cannot be made at this moment, but more legislation could be brought to address it.

Becky reminds all Senators about the time, date and location (December 2nd, noon-4:30pm, EG80) of the Senator Retreat, an email will be sent out with additional info (including potluck details and the 3 facts icebreaker game).

Mohimunul refers back to the Grammarly subscription legislation to ask how it could be considered discriminatory when it is a situation where an advocacy senator just advocating for the students they represent and addressing a need that a particular group feels the most.

Josh brings up the discussion about the Facebook group communication that occurred at the previous Senate meeting. James brings up the Microsoft Team service and suggests that it could be the right platform for what Josh is looking for.

James asked about the procedure regarding the previous submission (prior to the 11-04-18 Senate meeting) of Adrian’s Solidarity legislation and asks Alexis when and how Adrian’s agenda item was submitted to be on the Agenda. James clarifies that the call on whether or not legislation is ready or not to go on the Agenda isn’t in Alexis’ court. Alexis apologizes for the confusion over the drafting, editing and communication procedures and takes full responsibility for why the item did not go onto the agenda at the last meeting. John also apologizes for his role in the communication error.

James also notes certain committees that do not have their meeting minutes on the SharePoint and asks those committees to post them or submit them to Alexis as soon as possible.

X. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Will. Second by Connor. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm