EMERGENCY SENATE MEETING
December 9th, 2018, CTO 8:02pm
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 - present
7) Josh Rivers - present
8) Luis Filho - present
9) Liz Papandria - present
10) Adyson Leonard - excused
11) William Paltz - excused
12) Emire Sewell - excused
13) Gabe Rosenthal - unexcused
14) Brielle Shortreed - excused
15) Amaya Varela - excused
16) Zak Ziolkowski - present
17) Matthew Brook - present
18) Katie Malek - present
19) MaryJo Kanelos - present
20) Connor Mathias - present
21) Daniel Schindler - present
22) Mohimnul Islam - excused
23) Robert Bavisotto - present
24) Courtney Raatz - present
25) Charlie Turchan - present
26) Santiago Moreno-Islas - present
27) Tedi Ocken - excused
28) Yugg Kolhe - excused
29) Nat Taylor - present
30) Jonathan Melcher - unexcused
31) Adrian Palau-Tejeda - excused
32) Josh Graybow - present
33) Rebecca Eaton - present
34) Conal McNamara - present
35) Brideida Perez - excused
36) Clarence Kinnard - present
37) Morgan Johnsen - present
38) Amanda Grzebien - excused
39) Maisey Michelz - present
40) Madeleine Dorcy - excused

III. Approval of Emergency Senate Session Business and Agenda

Conal moves to approve the agenda and the Emergency Senate Business and Agenda, seconded by Daniel. Motion passes.

IV. Open Forum

Kali Knutson, Senior in Communications at UWM – Working on starting a shareable umbrella system on UWM. Describes the system as a check-out procedure using IDs to swipe out umbrellas. Urges all interested Senators to contact her at: Knutso.44@uwm.edu

V. Special Orders
   a. Shared Governance Appointments
      i. Nat Taylor
         1. Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee (EAAC)
ii. Madelyn Vavra  
   1. Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee (EAAC)

iii. Alexander Kloety  
   1. Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee (EAAC)

iv. Miranda Brauer  
   1. Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee (EAAC)

v. Adyson Leonard  
   1. Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee (EAAC)

vi. Madeleine Dorcy  
   1. Women’s Advocacy Committee (WAC)

vii. Daniel Schindler  
   1. Student Transportation Committee (STC)

viii. Morgan Johnsen  
   1. Intercampus Communication Committee (ICC)

ix. Clarence Kinnard  
   1. Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee (EAAC)

Connor moves to package and approve items V.a.i through V.a.ix, seconded by Matthew. Motion passes unanimously.

VI. Old Business
   a. Approval of the Senate minutes from December 2nd, 2018  
Daniel moves to approve the Senate meeting minutes from December 2nd, 2018. Seconded by Liz. Motion passes unanimously.

b. Quarterly Report Action Request Legislation  
Daniel points out that the sponsoring Senator is not present and will not be present at future Senate meetings because he will be graduating this month. He points out that discussion was had on this bill at the last meeting and would be comfortable with going ahead to a vote on this.

Daniel moves to approve the Quarterly Report Action Request Legislation, seconded by Santiago.

Yes: 2  
No: 14  
Abstain: 1  

Legislation does not pass.

c. Resolution of Commemoration for Vel Phillips  
Connor comments that discussion was not had about this (and item 6.d) at the last meeting, but that the legislation is fairly straightforward as to what it is addressing and what it does.

Katie comments that she’s not comfortable with this legislation and would prefer to see resolutions like this coupled with more actionable items to better recognize these notable figures.

Discussion proceeds about actionable-ness of this resolution and actions in general by the Student Association.
Connor moves to end discussion, seconded by Conal. Motion passes.

Conal moves to approve the Resolution of Commemoration for Vel Phillips, seconded by Daniel.

Yes: 10
No: 3
Abstain: 4

Legislation passes.

d. Resolution of Commemoration for Father James Groppi
Daniel moves to approve the Resolution of Commemoration for Father James Groppi, seconded by Daniel. The Senate moves into discussion of the resolution.

Josh Graybow states that he is uncomfortable with passing these resolutions and has the opinion that these resolutions are a waste of time and paper, as well as setting a bad precedent.

Conal shares that it would be great if these resolutions had an actionable element, but that approving it doesn't hurt. He also thinks that it is faster to just move ahead to a vote.

Katie agrees that these resolutions are not actionable and is not comfortable voting for this legislation. She is ready to move to a vote.

Josh Rivers points out that it is his and Luis' job to help get the word out or make items more actionable, so Senators should contact them (and/or the rest of the Exec team) for ideas and resources on how to do so.

Zak asks a question regarding viewpoint neutrality and wonders how that intersects with this legislation. Zen answers that viewpoint neutrality applies to money issues and votes for allocating funding, not resolutions.

Robert points out that this legislation shows that there is a desire to honor local leaders, and shares that it could help spur other Senators to build momentum for more actionable items. He shares that he did not personally know much about these figures before seeing this legislation, so in that sense it is already working.

Daniel moves to end discussion, seconded by Katie. Motion passes.

Josh moves to approve the Resolution of Commemoration for Father James Groppi, seconded by Daniel.

Yes: 10
No: 2
Abstain: 5

Legislation passes.
VII. New Business
   a. Resolution for Clarification of Student Appropriations Committee’s Spring 2019 Grant Legislation

Mary introduces this legislation and explains the need for this document to clear up the confusion around the “Amount Requested” column in the previously passed Spring 2019 Grant Legislation.

Daniel moves to approve the legislation, seconded by Connor. The Senate moves into discussion about the matter.

Santiago does not want to move straight to a vote and wants to discuss this matter more closely. He shares his experience with his student org’s grant application. They did not request the correct amount but were granted the higher (correct) amount. He views this as a clear violation of the bylaws and must be addressed in that way.

Charlie asks about previous changes to grant allocation amounts that is referenced in the legislation. Mary responds that the previous changes were done by the committee transparently during the grant hearings and was done in Panthersync, but this step is not possible in Engage.

Zak points out that the SAC Grant training is supposed to be designed to communicate to the RSOs how to fill the grant request form out correctly.

Santiago is of the opinion that UWM is a place where we are supposed to learn how to get by in the “real world”, and uses the example of that if an amount was filled out wrong in a form for funding from a federal agency (such as the National Science Foundation), it would not be approved, full stop.

Josh Graybow asks what happens if this legislation does not pass. Mary responds that if this legislation does not pass, nothing will immediately change. The Senate already passed the 2019 SAC Grant legislation, that fact has already been communicated to RSOs, and funds will be available to be spent on Monday.

Conal is of the opinion that this is very different than a “real world” grant, as Santiago had used as an example.

Daniel points out that this is not a vote on SAC bylaws or SAC processes, but that this is just a vote for clarification on the previously passed agenda. He urges the Senate to focus on this issue for their vote.

Katie shares that she has not sat on SAC and does not feel prepared enough to vote on these issues without having experience on SAC or SFC.

Josh Rivers answers Josh Graybow’s question as to the purpose of the legislation, and states that this was determined to be the right course of action to address RSO’s concerns and provide more clarity.

Josh Graybow brings up that the switch to Engage was a learning process for everyone on the committee and that changes will be made in the process and invites Senators to come to the next SAC meeting on December 14th at 3pm.

Josh moves to end discussion, seconded by Daniel. Motion passes.

Yes: 13
No: 3
Abstain: 2

Legislation passes.
VIII. **Questions and Concerns**
Daniel points out that SVRC was not able to meet due to failure to meet quorum. Daniel reminds Senators to check and respond to their emails and to show up to their committee meetings.

Josh Graybow reports that the Education Debate occurred and was a great event with very high turnout and SA participation.

Mary points out again that SAC will meet on Friday, December 14th at 3pm, where discussion will be held about beginning the process to change the SAC bylaws. Mary invites all interested Senators to attend. SAPS and Josh Rivers points out that there will be 1 open Senator seat and there are 4 open RSO member seats.

John reminds everyone that Yugg’s Cultural Exposition event is on Tuesday night and to attend.

IX. **Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn by Zen. Second by Josh. Motion passes unanimously.

*Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm*