SENATE MEETING
02-09-20, CST 5pm
UWM Union Wisconsin Room, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd
Milwaukee, WI 53211

I. Call to Order – 5:02 pm

II. Roll Call (P=Present, A=Absent, E=Excused)
   a. Connor Mathias – e
   b. Clarence Kinnard - p
   c. Liz Sunday - p
   d. Conal McNamara p
   e. Katie Malek p
   f. Stefan Rudel p
   g. Sam Wisneski p
   h. Nathan Anderson p
   i. Jared Wescott a
   j. Daniel Dyer p
   k. Amanda Grzybien p
   l. Silbi Isein p
   m. Dylan Schneider a
   n. Reed Heintzkill p
   o. Robert Bavisotto p
   p. Emma Horvath p
   q. Michael Kirsanov p
   r. Seth Kochheiser a
   s. Valerie Edgington a
   t. Zen Johnston p
   u. Justice Johnson p
   v. Nikia Handy a
   w. Cassandra Broeren p
   x. Amanda Reavey e

III. Reports

y. Clarence Kinnard - Went to REPS, it was interesting, they elected a new chair. Connor did not have much he wanted Clarence to mention, but Connor has been working with Nik Kovak 24th at 10am who will be visiting the office about the parking permit issue, senators are encouraged to come and voice concerns. Daniel and Clarence have been continuing to work on the bublr contract will be able to give more information on this later.

z. Liz Sunday – nothing to report

aa. Conal McNamara - Not a lot to announce, has been meeting with people about listening tour results. Meeting about committees needing to be filled so that they can work on listening tour results. Possibly a student advocacy trip to Madison. Also working on next year transitions, having everything stocked and all documents and such. Also working on GOTB stuff.

bb. Stefan Rudel - Working on Round 1 and 2 recommendation reports

cc. Sam Wisneski – Has been working on newsletter, will come out next week and working with Reed for the Know your rights event.
dd. Nathan Anderson - Ways to make SAC better, thanks to Conal and Quincy will be moving forward with a work group.

e.e. Daniel Dyer - Has a few projects working on right now that will be coming soon. Went to REPS it was nice, was able to talk with other campuses and share ideas.

ff. Amanda Grzybien – Nothing to report

gg. Reed Heintzkell – Know your rights event has made good progress, has been collaborating with Sam. Thursday this week the event will occur in this room. The civil rights of international students. The board of regents passes two policies to increase tuition, was approached by WPR to speak on it, but was unable to find someone who could comment. On the state level the legislator that essentially punishes students for free speech if it interferes with speakers was passed, but is expected to be vetoed by governor. Would like to remind that there is an election on Tuesday.

hh. Robert Bavisotto – nothing new to report

ii. Emma Horvath – Had monthly meeting with Lubar dean, they are starting a new program called industry connect for students to be paid for research jobs.

jj. Michael Kirsanov – Nothing to report

kk. Zen Johnston - Reconstructed SAC minutes. Update from state level Chair of UWM student representatives resigned, a new chair was elected, the second ever non-binary to ever hold, if the next year this happens it’ll be a whole year of having a non-binary chair.

ll. Justice Johnson – WAC is working on fill the shelves, spread the love, peanut butter and jelly. Partnering on vote screening, about feminism journalism and today’s political change.

mm. Cassandra Broeren – nothing to report

nn. SAPS - Signatures are due tomorrow morning, do not forget to fill out the form, for everyone running there will be campaign training, it is mandatory. Saudiel is on the way.

IV. Open Forum

Alexis Jordon, a graduate student, a member of anthropology student union, and was a member of SAC committee. They would like to speak on sac and their experience on the committee and their concerns with the poor way that this has been run. They hand out a piece of paper with evidence on their concerns to the committee. They explain the process of SAC and speak about the segregated fees as well as the process. They speak on their involvement in the SAC process as a member of the committee as well as asking for grants. They bring up the issues that were clearly happening in SAC such as; no historical record keeping, no formal training for new members, no regular and transparent communication with SFC, limiting bylaws, software issues, no flexibility. They suggest that SA review the SAC minutes and audio recordings to verify their statements. They discuss the lack of quorum and how problematic this was, they continue to offer specifics to back their examples. They then recommend that the bylaws of SAC be changed to require for new committee training, engage with SFC and involvement, update the number of seats for quorum. Centralize record keeping and be more transparent.

V. Approval of Agenda

a. Motion by Daniel to approve the Agenda. Seconded.

b. Reed motions to add to new business referral to committee to investigate concerns student appropriations committee. Second.

i. Zen says this was already established, with the SAC work group that was talked about 10 mintues ago. Reed says it was not on the agenda though and wants an ad hoc. Zen says that their confusion is that Reed is moving to make an ad hoc committee when there is already a working group. Reed says its not on the agenda, Zen replies that Conal mentioned it in his report. Zen also asks if this is allowed since it wasn’t posted about on the PMN. Saudiel says that
due to new information being brought up one can make the motion and put it on new items or have the committee meet. Nathan says this is already happening with the work group they are going to address these issues, saying the ability is under the president who has already sanctioned it. Nathan says this isn’t necessary although they appreciate the thought, it would be redundant. Reed says that this would be creating a special committee separate from the president’s within the student body. Clarence asks for Saudiel’s input. Saudiel says that this is allowed, but redundant as there is already a group. Sarah would like to add that a committee needs bylaws, but a work group does not.

Ayes 5 Nay 6. motion does not pass.

Motion to approve Agenda passes unanimously.

VI. Special Orders

a. Senate Appointments

i. Amilia Heredia – Students of Color Senator

Is absent, Reed motions to table this point. Seconded. Motion passes.

ii. Alexander Wood – Peck School of the Art Senator

Approached and speaks on their own behalf. Zen asks about their previous school, they answer. Reed asks about what issues or ideas they have, they are unsure.

Motion to approve Alexander Wood by Emma. Seconded. Motion passes.

iii. Alexander Dobson – Student Organization Advocacy Senator

They make a statement on themselves and their intentions in regards to their field and desire to incorporate organization for Pre-health. Reed asks about their thoughts on how student funding to RSOs would be, they reply that they do not have a statement at the time, but that they will like to experience student government. They do not have an answer, but this is something that they would like to evaluate before taking a stance. Daniel asks about if they have any projects they would like to work on. They reply that this has to do with their meeting they have set up with their advisor anticipating creating unit for the Pre-health different departments, they want to work on implementing connections in the prehealth community on campus. Micheal asks about the barriers and issues when someone would like to, pineapple on pizza? They reply they had some last night.

Reed motions to approve the appointment of Alexander Dobson. Seconded. Motion passes.

b. OAC Appointments

Clarence speaks on the issues, Daren declined after offered, Isaiah is not present. Isaiah was already interviewed, and SAPS has his application. Sarah suggests that they approve Isaiah despite that he is unable to make it to the meeting today. As this was an emergency meeting, he was unable to make it, he has scheduled his job to be off every other Sunday starting next week.

Reed motions to table both appointments. Seconded. Zen says they just discussed this and that the committee should at least consider him since the
OAC urgently needs to meet. SAPS says Isaiah was scheduled every other Sunday and this was an emergency meeting. Reed rescinds their motion to table both without hearing Isaiah’s application.

i. Daren Whitehorn – Deputy Commissioner

Zen moves to approve Daren. Second. Daniel mentions that they declined the offer. Motion fails.

ii. Isaiah Raul Garcia Morton - At-Large Position

Daniel motions to approve Isaiah. Seconded. Reed asks for Isaiah’s application. Quincy reads their application. Sarah would like to mention that Katie was in the interview and could be asked question. Daniel would like to reiterate that this is important to have the OAC, that they are absent due to work not to not caring. Reed says that the fact that OAC is so important that the committee should know the person before they vote on them. Zen asks Katie to speak on him. Katie says that they were excited to sit on the OAC and seemed to be excited about the process. Bother her and Connor were excited about. Daniel asks what Reed would ask them that is so important. Reed says that they think it is important to have the person there. Daniel says he believes that it is important to have a full OAC.

Motion passes.

c. Committee Appointment

i. Daren Whitehorn - Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Mental Health

ii. Joseph Radish - Restaurant Operations Advisory Committee

iii. Morgan Ruszkiewicz - Equitable Accessibility Advocacy Committee

iv. Zen Johnston – Student Appropriations Committee

Motion to package and approve committee appointments by Emma. Seconded. Point of Order: Reed asks if they are allowed to package and approve committee appointments. Point of information: Zen asks if packaging and approving could be explained for the new senators. Saudiel explains packaging and approving. Reed says that Saudiel said at a meeting that he did not know what packaging and approving is and that it was not appropriate. Saudiel says he is confused and he does not believe he ever said that. Reed says he will track down the transcript and have a discussion about it at a later point. Saudiel says sure. Clarence asks about further discussion and the committee goes to vote.

Motion passes.

d. Swearing In

Alex Dobson and Alexander are sworn in by Saudiel.

I. Old Business
a. Approval of the senate minutes from 01-26-20.

Motion to approve by Emma. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

II. New Business
   a. Open Committee Appointments
      Motion to open the floor to committee appointments by Daniel. Seconded. Motion passes. SAPS talks about the committees that are most lacking. Daniel would like to mention the ESMC being cool. Conal plugs campus safety and restaurant and transportation were wanted by students.

      Zen nominates themselves for the Gender and Sexuality Committee. Motion passes. Alexander C nominates themselves for the safety committee. Motion passes. Cassandra nominates themselves for the equitable accessibility advocacy committee. Motion passes. Michael nominates themselves for the ESMC. Motion passes.

      b. Committee Training - Quincy presents on the committee training, slides and speaks on important information.

      c. Committee Breakout Session
         Clarence announces a 15 min breakout for the committees to meet and figure out further plans. The senators break into committee groups.

III. Questions and Concerns
      Reed mentions that there “Academic Freedom in the Age of Trump” this week at the Entrepreneur center.

      SAPS mentions that there will be a meeting next Sunday. Also signatures are due for ballots for next year.

IV. Adjournment

      Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm