I. Call to Order – 5:03 pm

II. Roll Call (P=Present, A=Absent, E=Excused)
   a. Connor Mathias - p
   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 - e
   j. Daniel Dyer - p
   k. Amanda Grzybien - p
   l. Silbi Isein - p
   m. Reed Heintzkill - p
   n. Robert Bavisotto - a
   o. Emma Horvath - p
   p. Michael Kirsanov - p
   q. Valerie Edgington - p
   r. Zen Johnston - p
   s. Nikia Handy - p
   t. Cassandra Broeren - p
   u. Amanda Reavey - a
   v. Alexander Wood - p
   w. Alexander Dobson - e
   x. Amillia Heredia - p
   y. Marlene Mancilla - a

III. Reports
   2. Connor Mathias - Has been doing a lot of work, has had two exec meeting, working on the food pantry, mostly stuff with COVID-19. Has met with the chancellor and crisis management team, trying to advocate for students. Worked for the credit no credit option, can choose letter or pass/fail option, has also gotten a small stipend to hourly university workers, has been working on commencement as well. It is looking to be in the fall, as students are not excited about a virtual ceremony. Otherwise has been working on functioning online as SA, also wants to remind about elections.
   ao. Clarence Kinnard - Mostly the same as Connor and Katie, meeting with administration members. Working on virtual one on one with senators. Mostly what has been done has changed, as had been working on setting up events which is no longer possible. Working on transition materials for new senators.
   bb. Liz Sunday - Nothing new to report
   cc. Conal McNamara - Mostly working on transition materials, was working on what events might still take place, but this has changed. Forwarding student concerns mostly.
dd. **Katie Malek** – All of projects have taken a turn. Is mostly answering students who are coming with their concerns and questions. Has been fielding questions and communicating with the provost for a bit. Has been working on the legislation that is on the agenda.

ee. **Stefan Rudel** - Mostly finished his stuff for the year, helped with the food pantry, and keeping up on the budget.

ff. **Sam Wisneski** – Working on the 5th edition of the newsletter, focused on COVID-19 and the elections. Reminds everyone how important the elections still is. Has been working on social media both COVID-19 and normal. Is working with senators on cancelling, hopefully on reworking events. Met with Adam Jussel.

gg. **Nathan Anderson** - SAC has met since everything happened, pushed back SAC hearings to the coming weekend, online. They agreed that it was necessary to suspend bylaws for automatic denials for not appearing at their SAC hearings. Otherwise business as usual.

hh. **Daniel Dyer** - This Tuesday is the deadline for the Greenfund applications, will be reviewing and voting on these. Has been working on campus as an essential employee.

ii. **Amanda Grzybien** - Nothing new to report

jj. **Silbi Isein** - Nothing new to report

kk. **Reed Heintzkill** - Nothing new to report

ll. **Emma Horvath** - Nothing new to report

mm. **Michael Kirsanov** - Nothing new to report

nn. **Valerie Edgington** - Nothing new to report

oo. **Zen Johnston** - Apologized for their absence from senate, as emergency room has been very busy. SAC has been taking up a lot of time, they were elected vice chair and are prepping meeting minutes ahead of time to get those more streamline. Was able to table at Emma’s DiversIT event and wanted to give her a shout-out.

pp. **Nikia Handy** - Has been working on some legislation, working to make a diversity and inclusion role as an exec position, thinking about the struggle to retain people of color on SA and the issue of finding place on campus. This has not been prioritized enough and this would focus on this issue. Work on getting new senators and retaining people of color senators. This person would have to be a fluent coordinator and a person of experience as a person of color. Asks for the senate’s support.

qq. **Cassandra Broeren** - Nothing new to report

rr. **Alexander Wood** - Met with the dean of school, discussing the issue of art students be able to have multiple drafts and having to print which is expensive, the dean says this cannot be resolved, students have to pay for their drafts.

ss. **Amillia Heredia** - Nothing new to report

tt. **SAPS** – Sarah begins, exec hiring will start happening mid April, they are all posted on the SA website, Secretary, treasurer, SOAD and OAC deputy. Feel free to apply. Town hall debate will be happening tomorrow night, please join, this will be streamed on Facebook. Quincy speaks on the food pantry, has been somewhat back for SA, life has been crazy. The food center has changed staffing, hours and distribution, available Tuesdays noon to 2, handed out 200 bags of food on Tuesday, typically a month is 120 bags. Is now working on the town hall debate, working on the greenfund as well, will be on call with SAC.

### IV. Open Forum

Adam Jussel, dean of students, wanted to reiterate all the work that SA has been doing. He chairs a subcommittee for the disease preparedness. Anticipate that will give 20,000 is emergency grants for students. Will probably take all current resources and are fundraising. Secondly sold through surplus a hundred laptops for low cost, have 200 students on wait list for laptops. Wanted to put this out to SA to continue to advocate for these resources.

### V. Approval of Agenda

a. Motion by Emma to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Motion to approve Agenda passes.

### VI. Special Orders
I. Old Business
   a. Approval of the senate minutes from 03-08-20

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

II. New Business
   a. Teams Training
   Connor mentions that Sarah will conduct Teams training for the senators as they may wish to use this in the future and how to comply with open meeting laws still. Sarah acknowledges that things have changed a lot and that committees may choose not to meet, but for those who do want to meet this is for them. First of all, make sure to mute mic if you are not meeting. Do not make any motions in chat, this is not recorded, unmute and speak it. This is a good format for smaller meetings, schedule it in outlook or in teams. Make sure to include the link in the PMN and Agenda for the meeting. You do not have to record non-financial meetings, but it is nice to have the meeting transcribed. Requests to use TEAMS for SA, important to all use the same thing. Recommends inviting everyone in your invite list and the public can come in through the link.

b. COVID-19
   Connor speaks on his item, had put this on two weeks ago and wanted to give a space to ask questions and figure out stuff. Silbi speaks saying, as someone who works in financial aid, anything that has not been clarified by the chancellor or online, please contact her or the office. Reed speaks to what has been happening with the engineering building, need to be in labs to do work, cannot just go to class. This is problematic, there is little to be done about it since there simply is no access to labs. They have received a grant for a specific COVID-19 research, there is a lot of disruption of research. Connor says that some research labs are still considered essential, is this one of Reeds? Reed says that theirs was considered non-essential, some other labs have been considered essential. Connor says that everyone is doing the best they can and this is very problematic with students. Nikia speaks on student success as someone who works in the black culture center, she is concerned about students who don’t have the resources. Will they take time to study? Are they using a calendar or planner? She is concerned with students who do not know how to take online classes, without access to success center. She also asks about the credit no credit option, what does it look like? Connor says he can have Katie speak on this, mentions that this is a choice for students at the end of the semester. Zen wanted to talk about the student success will defer to Katie at the moment. Katie says that everything pointed out was super valid, it has been talked about and considered. Part of the option to do credit or non-credit, since they do not necessarily have the resources or ability for online. They will get a letter grade at the end then they can decide what is the best choice for them. Zen now speaks on how they have received many emails from accessibility resource center and professors, assumed that this was for everyone that people are receiving the emails about how to be successful online. Nikia mentions that the internship programs, as a senior she not only needs to do her work well, but her internship is falling through. Students have to reroute and lose internships that would give a lot of experience. Connor says these are things that need to keep thinking about. Sarah mentions that students will meet with their advisors for making the decision to take the pass fail or letter grade. Before it is entered the individual student can chose. Nikia asks about how Zen mentioned the emails they received, Nikia asks about whether or not advisors will be reaching out to students or students will have to reach out. Sarah says that these are unknown at the moment, they are still working on the details, she assumes that the advisors would probably reach out to students. Connor mentions that Adam placed some info
in link. Daniel mentions tech resources, he works at the IT help desk, he says that people should feel free to reach out to the help desk during these times they are still open. Mia wanted to talk about outside of the community there is a lot of change with therapists doing skype, wants to know what the Norris center will be doing for students with mental health issues that would be meeting with therapists. Adam mentions that they are doing telehealth sessions since last week via phone, they are working on video conferencing. He mentions that they have a website where all the places that UWM has been sent to help mental, physical, and food. Katie mentions that she will be bringing up these questions to the Provost whom she will be meeting with tomorrow. She will send out a senate wide email after the meeting with the Provost, also encourages more questions before the meeting.

c.  Establishment of Health and Wellbeing Committee & Health and Wellbeing Committee Bylaws

Katie speaks on this piece that she has been wanting to create this as a while, as there is not a system that is related to health. She found as a senator she wanted to do a lot with health, mental, physical, all the health. Wants to make this to make a broad term and place for people to discuss any matters of health. Conal asks why this would not work under the Student Life and Interest Committee. Katie says while it is true it could fit under this, believes that this is important enough of an issue to have a more specific committee just for this. Norris mentioned that a lot senators were reaching out individually and asked that students would coordinate their efforts more. Reed wants to reiterate what Conal was saying with having another committee, he is concerned that there are too many committees and there is already a lot of difficulty already filling it. Asks if this will be helpful or just more paperwork. Katie wants this as she knows she is not the only one who wants a committee of this sort and believes that this will be a good thing. Reed asks how to populate it. Katie says that her thought with program reps that this would help, although it has not yet been passes. Daniel says he thinks its important to acknowledge that this has been talked about for quite a while and believes that it is big enough to have its own committee. Also believes there are enough people who are passionate about mental health. Zen asks if Katie is saying that program representatives would then sit on this committee. Katie says that she was hesitant to say this as the program reps has not yet been passed, but then they would be on as at large members. Zen asks about the bylaws, Katie says she is unsure why they were not set out. Zen mentions that WAC and LGBT have unique struggles, but all students have health and wellbeing and would consider amending the SLIC bylaws instead. Mia says that from these bylaws is that due to the COVID-19 and that this would be important as students move to online from off campus. Reed asks Saudiel about first readings and asks to table this for the next meeting. Saudiel says that he is not sure what first reading is. Reed says that in bodies he has sat on in the past that this gives the body a chance to hear it and discuss concerns then give it a chance to go back to fix issues of the legislation. Saudiel says that he believes that this is implicate, he will look into it more. Zen mentions that they do not want to discuss the program reps update, but since it has been discussed. Although the program reps already says that they cannot hold any other position in SA. Wants to know more about this line before changing it just for the Health and Wellbeing committee.

Reed moves to table until the next meeting. Seconded.

There is discussion about how to count voting online, as there is delay and only a certain number of mics can input at a time. There are several methods proposed. The committee settles on vocal agreement, but it there is not an obvious unanimous vote to do role call.

Motion passes unanimously.
d. Program Representatives Commission Constitution Update

Emma speaks on this, has been working with Katie and Silbi, about updating this setup for the program reps. This year there have only been two, they meet with the head of their major once a month, but want to do more. In the past there have been concerns to wanting to do more. They would make legislation within their own body, they will work within their own body about what they have been doing. The idea is that they would have their own body and they would not be above the senate, but pass through their own body and it would go to the senate. Reed says that most of his concerns that he addressed he did have them answered mostly via email, but Sarah mentioned that they should have them on record.

Daniel moves to approve the legislation. Seconded.

Reed pastes these concerns and then reads them. His biggest concern is changing the election process, making it an appointment process, will this actually make it better or be problematic to abuse this appointment process. Is this opening up for future abuse that and the only ones who would know about the positions would already be friends of SA and that it would become tight and appointed not elected. This was the issue of problematic SAs of the past, opening the door to issues as having groups of appointed not elected. Reed asks the committee to talk and think about this.

Daniel says this is a good point and should be thought about, but mentions that this is how a lot of the committees work. He wants to mention that they do not have legislative power, they can only recommend to the senate legislation. He thinks this will make it easier to recruit program reps. Connor mentions that as far as appointments go, senators, not in the same way, but for recruitment have been somewhat appointed. Quincy wants to speak on the impact on SAPS, this would add extra advising to SAPS. They already have a lot with their advising load and this may be too much to add a whole other branch, Sarah running most of SAPS and Quincy doing the food pantry. Also mentions that a new advising member would be raising seg fees. Sarah adds that realistically that SAPS is already over capacity, as more has been created and given to SAPS to do. Sarah says is there a non-SAPS structure for the program reps that could be built in. Also, often it is brought up that seats not being filled much in Senate, there are decisions where they are made by a very small number of people. Less people who are elected making many high level decisions. Giving a whole different branch power who are not elected, so that even less elected people are making high level decisions, does not bode well for SA’s reputation. Overall, such as the senate is not full, not even half full, and this is important to focus on the senate and those decision rather than focusing on Program reps that is just supposed to represent their individual program. Reed voices support. Zen would echo Reed’s concern although they do understand that there are the shared governance seats are shared viewpoints of students, whereas program reps are supposed to represent their academic program this makes them very uneasy about moving from open elections due to this. Zen is confused about the lines 32-33 that prohibit them from being on any other parts of the SA, this is also in IEC to prohibit them from having a horse in the race, but if it’s supposed to boost participation this does not make sense.

Katie answers questions, she understands the issue in moving away from elections, but in talking to Quincy there is very low voter turn out participation for the program reps. Had several instances that people have found out too late to become program reps, wants to get people to join. The lines 32-33 were included to make sure that the program reps cannot be on Exec, Senate, OAC, or IEC can change this line to make clearer the intent was not to keep them off of committees, this is an error. They are to be primarily advised by their academic senators and beyond that the vice
president of academic affairs. SAPS is to be at the meetings, but they tried to make it
a light load, by having every other weekend so that SAPS won’t be working every day.
Daniel mentions that as having started as a program rep, not being able to do
anything in that position, but would really suggest that they put this together to
allow them to coordinate and collaborate more. Suggests that the committee just
pass it and fix it later. Mentions that they already exist, but this is giving them a
body. In addition, this piece needs to go on the election ballet, this needs to be
passed now so get on the ballet or wait til next year.

Reed motions to table the legislation. Seconded.

Zen mentions that not a lot of people are speaking on this, just the same people are
talking. Katie wants to speak on the concern that program reps would write
legislation, in fact they would NOT be able to write legislation, it would be
recommendations their recommendations are not official legislation. Daniel asks
Saudiel if they tabled it then it would not be able to go into effect next year. Saudiel
is unsure passes to SAPS. Quincy says it needs to go to a campus wide referendum
which will be sent out April 7th, this would not be possible to get on the ballet if it is
passed at the next meeting. Sarah mentions the lame duck period that things cannot
happen between the switch of the exec, Senate, and OAC, but this does not apply to
the constitution still must be sent out in campus wide referendum.

Reed withdraws his motion to table due to the time constraints. Makes one more
point, it is being referred to as the “commission entity” wants to know why it’s called
this, calls on Saudiel. Wants to know why it is so important to call it this not
committee as it was placed very specifically Saudiel has Sarah speak first, she wanted
to mention that since this meeting was called out of schedule so there is a meeting
next Sunday before elections. Saudiel says specifically in the constitution there is
little that separates a commission and committee. Basically, a commission is separate
from the Senate and on a higher level than a committee. There is a distinction in the
legislation, Reed mentions. He wants to know why there is a whole clause about this
distinction in the legislation that makes this distinction so important. Quincy says
that up to the OAC’s distinction, it would effectively be a fourth branch of SA.
Because the OAC, Senate, and Exec are branches, this would be a fourth branch. This
is to ensure that the program reps is seen as an equal branch. Katie says that this is
basically made it a fourth branch, but specifically less powerful than the senate. They
will not have the same power, but they would be separate.

Reed reinstates motions to table this. Seconded.

Daniel wants to ask if they vote on this next week if it could still get on the ballet.
Connor says this is his understanding. Quincy says that it could possibly be on the
ballot, but not guaranteed, could be on something. Reed asks if this is so important
that it must be voted on today. Sarah says that it could be on the ballot if it was
passed or if it would be passed next time. There also should be an executive
summary of what will be changed. There is not a lot of time between the ballot going
out and the legislation being passed. Quincy says that she believes that IEC needs to
meet. Sarah says this is not for a constitutional amendment. Discussion on whether a
rollcall vote is needed. There is a division of the house called for. Rollcall is decided
to be the prevailing method for Teams in order to tell what the votes are.

Daniel Dyer - nay
Amanda Grzybien - nay
Silbi Isein - nay
Reed Heintzkill - aye
Emma Horvath - nay
Michael Kirsanov - nay
Valerie Edgington - nay
Zen Johnston - aye
Nikia Handy - nay
Cassandra Broeren - nay
Alexander Wood - aye
Amillia Heredia - nay

Motion does not pass.

Connor asks about more discussion on this legislation, would like to go with the rules of everyone speaking once, people that have not been saying things previously. Sam wanted to ask speaking from recruitment wanted to know how this would look, one of the whereas says that there are dismal numbers. Wants to know how this would affect senator recruitment, was concerned about how this might be problematic in competition. Thinks that adding more positions would make it more difficult. Katie says that a lot of those interested in program reps are not willing to commit to senator positions and want to represent their program, but have been frustrated by being unable to represent their program as a rep. Katie says that logically this could pull people in who would then graduate into a senator position. The program reps could cause an increase in both as they would work hand and hand with their academic senators and feed into the senate. Daniel speaks on this saying that program reps is a good first step without offering to much time commitment. Zen says that since this was failed to table, there are lines that will need to be changed. Such as the lines 32-33 are problematic in their wording, mentions that nowhere is the resolution that it mentions the program rep has bylaws and this should be mentioned. Zen also mentions that as VPSA they recruited over 30 program reps, saying they don’t mean this as an attack in anyway, but do not think that recruitment is directly related to the structure. This is a massive restructure without much time to look or think on it, this makes them rather uneasy about it. Cassandra speaks on her school, AAUP, there are really only two programs, that it does not seem to be that different. If they encourage people to be program reps that would be an issue with senate recruitment. Daniel says the main important thing is to get the body together rather than working on what it looks like. He thinks it should be set up like the senate with just getting it set up. Reed mentions that since they cannot even retain senators, why are they working on program reps. Zen says it has been sighted the low voter turnout to moving from the election model, there is low election in state as well. Zen thinks that the program reps being low is indeed a problem, they are a very helpful and crucial part, but they do not believe that this is the way to fix the issue.

Daniel motions to amend the legislation from “being appointed” to “being elected” and to add a section to be appointed after the election by approval of the senate.

Lines 21-22 to be “therefore be it further resolve amend article 4.02 subsection c to read “program representatives shall be elected during an election period in the fall semester and shall serve for the entirety of the academic year.”

Seconded.

Reed says that this amendment does not fix the legislation, this bill needs to go back to committee, this just changes the wording. Zen believes that this amendment does not fix the issues that were brought up, it merely changes the wording, they believe striking lines 21-24 would be better and maintain current election system.

Daniel amends his own motion to strike lines 21-22, rather than reword.
Connor calls for a vote, there is some confusion.

Point of information, Zen reads the reworded legislation for clarification. Daniel speaks on the matter, asking to withdraw his motion. Connor says he called for a vote, but he thinks that is fine to just have Daniel rescind.

Reed calls the question. Seconded.

Daniel Dyer - aye
Amanda Grzybien - aye
Silbi Isein - aye
Reed Heintzkill - aye
Emma Horvath - aye
Michael Kirsanov - aye
Valerie Edgington - aye
Zen Johnston - aye
Nikia Handy - aye
Cassandra Broeren - aye
Alexander Wood - aye
Amillia Heredia - aye

Calling the question passes unanimously.

Vote to the program reps legislation.

Daniel Dyer - aye
Amanda Grzybien - nay
Silbi Isein - aye
Reed Heintzkill - nay
Emma Horvath - aye
Michael Kirsanov - aye
Valerie Edgington - aye
Zen Johnston - nay
Nikia Handy - aye
Cassandra Broeren - nay
Alexander Wood - aye
Amillia Heredia - aye

4- nay 8 – aye

Motion passes by a 2/3 votes.
e. **Open Committee Appointments**
Daniel moves to open the floor. Seconded. Motion passes.
Nathan mentions this was their item, would like to fill the last spot on SAC, understands that there is a lot craziness, and understands that this is not appealing at the moment.

Alex Wood nominates themselves for SAC. Seconded. Motion passes.
Zen moves to close the floor. Seconded. Motion passes.

**III. Questions and Concerns**
Reed speaks on the segregated fee, the university is closed down, cancelled, but students are still paying seg fees. Students want to know what they can do with the seg fees, will there be a refund of partial refunds. The SFC and such need to have an opinion, Connor need to have a conversation. Silbi mentions that the seg fees are already being used they are already in the system, believes there will be no refund and they will be used to what they are assigned for. Silbi understands the students’ plight, but if they are refunding, they will be defunding a lot of places such as Norris. This would not be appropriate although understands why students would be upset. This is not appropriate to say they want their fees back because they feel they are not going to use it. Nathan would like to make clear that this terms fees to SAC will go to next semester, this would then defund SAC for next year. Reed wants to speak to Silbi saying that he knows that they cannot refund the fees, Reed believes that they need to make a statement. The governing body needs to get ahead of this. Connor agrees that this should be stated.

Daniel wanted to thank everyone for their patience in the hefty discussion and their input. Connor reiterates this, saying that he appreciates the discussion on this new format.

**IV. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm*