

SENATE MEETING

September 5, 2021, CST 5pm

UWM Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd

Milwaukee, WI 53211



I. Call to Order – 5:12PM

II. Roll Call (P=Present, A=Absent, E=Excused)

- a. Mia Heredia (President) - P she/her***
- b. Keyiona Johnson (VP of Student Affairs) - E she/her***
- c. Daniel Dyer (VP of Academic Affairs) - P he/him***
- d. Syd Vinyard (Secretary) - P they/them***
- e. VACANT (CCED)***
- f. VACANT (Treasurer)***
- g. Lilith Lenz (DID) - P she/her***
- h. Bailey Kissack (MPD) - P she/her***
- i. Wesley Hines (SOAD) - P he/him***
- j. Sinyetta Hill - E***
- k. Sanjana Sunkara - A***
- l. Amanda Holzer - P she/her***
- m. Reed Heintzkill - P he/him***
- n. Sydney Pittner - E***

- o. Aidan Shank - A*
- p. Grae O'Leary Hosmanek - P she/her*
- q. Sarah Swartout - E*
- r. Monika Marripudi - A*
- s. Tanya Khazin - P she/her*
- t. Afrah Yafai - E*

Quorum is not present

III. Reports

Mia Heredia (President)

- Mia begins by welcoming everyone and introducing herself. She then proceeds to state that she has been spending most of her time in interviews for the screening search for the new chief of UWMPD. She moves to Daniel.

Keyiona Johnson (VP of Student Affairs)

- Absent, excused.

Daniel Dyer (VP of Academic Affairs)

- Daniel introduces himself. Elaborates that he did a lot over the summer, he has also been helping with fall welcome and tabling over the past week or so due to lack of CCED. Adds that we have decided on a treasurer, who will be confirmed at some point in the near future. He also proceeds to add that we also got applicants for CCED, but they have decided to reopen the application process for it. He encourages those who are interested to apply and to tell others about it if they know someone who may be interested. The application can be found on Handshake. All in all, he states that he has just been getting ready for the year and that if you are an academic Senator, he has sent out emails to those individuals to find times to meet. He closes his report by letting everyone also know that he got married this summer which was followed by applause.

Syd Vinyard (Secretary)

- Syd quickly introduced themselves and added that they have just been working over the summer, making minutes, agendas, and they are excited about being back in person on campus.

VACANT (CCED)

- (N/A)

VACANT (Treasurer)

- (N/A)

Lilith Lenz (DID)

- Lilith introduces herself and adds to what Bailey said about the Spirit of Colors event. She said that she also spent the summer educating herself on the position as well as connecting it to the search and screen committee for the search for a Vice Chancellor.

Bailey Kissack (MPD)

- Bailey introduces herself and tells people to take things and spread the word that we are back and ready to go. She also motions to the “swag” table in the back of the room and tells people to take some stuff for themselves and their friends. She adds that she will be putting out a social media post for the CCED position. Also, she states to look out for an email so she can do Senator Spotlights for everyone, and she tells everyone to give our social media accounts a follow to boost the pages and outreach. Lastly, Bailey has also been working on the Spirit of Colors event with Lilith and Monika who isn’t here. She is both terrified and ready for it.

Wesley Hines (SOAD)

- Wesley begins by introducing himself to those that don’t know who he is. He has been doing a lot with student involvement as well as getting grant training done for all the student organizations and soon there will be a meeting to get everything published on the student organizations website.

Professional Staff

- Sarah: Sarah introduces herself and shares announcements about the search and screen for the new SAPS assistant as well as the Corn Roast happening on September 14 from 11:00AM-2:00Pm at the Student Involvement fair. She also adds that there, they promote nominations for freshman and transfer student senators, which open on Monday the 13th and stay open for a week. She also encourages others to get their friends to run for SA and our open senator positions and all of the information can be found on the website which is: uwm.edu/sa.
- OAC: Zen begins by introducing themselves and what the OAC branch does. Zen chairs the judicial branch of the Student Association. They help make sure that all members of SA are abiding by the governing documents and relevant state, federal, and local laws. Zen also adds that in addition to that he will be sitting on the search and screen committee for a new Assistant Director for the Student Association Professional staff. They will also be making sure that everyone is wearing their masks during the meeting, so you will get a polite reminder if it dips below your nose. They then proceed to add that on a slightly less happy note there is a Deputy Commissioner on the OAC who has been quite inactive. Zen makes it clear that they are not telling anyone to vote this individual off, instead they are telling everyone that if they feel that there is a member of the OAC who is not performing their duties to start the process of removal which begins with a Senator writing a piece of legislation that would go through the Senate to be considered, which would then go to the Executive board because the OAC cannot investigate itself. The reason Zen brings this up is because it is a paid position that they are holding that another student could be holding. Other than that Zen adds that they also look through documents to check for errors or gaps in legislation and that if anyone is interested in writing legislation, they have a lot of simple typos that are easy to fix as they cannot write them hence why they need a Senator. And with that they yield.

Senators

- Amanda throws out a hello and a welcome back to everyone.
- Reed introduces himself and then throws out a hello, and adds that he hopes there is some time to talk about a legislative agenda, but it can be talked about later if need be. Reed closes his statement by saying that he has been here a long time and that he can provide any help to anyone who needs it.

IV. Open Forum

No members from the public wishing to speak.

V. Approval of Agenda

- a. Quorum is not present

VI. Special Orders

- b. Quorum is not present

I. Old Business

- a. No old business

II. New Business

- b. Viewpoint Neutrality Training
- c. 001 – SA Budget 2021 – 2022
- d. SA Committee Presentations
- e. Opening the floor for committee nominations

III. Questions and Concerns

Reed begins by saying that over the summer he was on the AAUP the UWM Chapter of American Association of University Professors in which he is a member they decided to pass a statement addressing the demand for a vaccine mandate for UWM, after quite a bit of debate on weighing the pros and cons. Reed says that he is happy to send it out, but he says that they decided to go ahead and ask the Chancellor to insist on a vaccine mandate for students, faculty, and staff with some carefully worded language discussing that we have to acknowledge certain individuals who may not have access to health care in the way that one would hope, and the mandate may impact their lives in a way that is disproportionate to others. Reed is interested in putting together a similar document with the Senate with the same concerns mentioned so if anyone is interested to let him know. He then adds to the situation with OAC and the inactive Deputy Commissioner because it is their job as legislators.

Mia pauses to ask any questions, and then she continues.

Zen also offers their help for legislation writing as they have been a part of SA for some time. They will not tell you what you should and should not put in legislation, but they can help with wording and proof reading and the importance of governance and bylaws.

Daniel also offers any help to academic senators, in line with what Zen was saying. and then also directs the other senators who to go to for any assistance.

Mia opens the floor to discuss a Senate meeting for next week Sunday. Zen adds that they may not be able to come so there would not be an OAC presence, so Kristin could get sworn in at the next Senate meeting. Reed proposes to do a virtual option, a Teams meeting could be possible. Daniel agrees that it could be better because it would count as an emergency meeting because it would be nice not to have to wait two weeks.

Mias course of action is to send out an invite next Sunday for a virtual meeting. If that doesn't work, she can explore other times or options.

Sarah talks about the committees that need to be filled in and that is something you can apply for online through Presence. Filling these seats is crucial. She adds that you can reach out to herself, Wesley, or Daniel and to please consider nominating yourself. Every senator is required to sit on one committee, but they can sit on up to four.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:38PM