

SENATE MEETING

October 3, 2021, CST 5pm

UWM Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd

Milwaukee, WI 53211



I. Call to Order – 5:04

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

- a. Mia Heredia (President) - P***
- b. Keyiona Johnson (VP of Student Affairs) - E***
- c. Daniel Dyer (VP of Academic Affairs) - E***
- d. Syd Vinyard (Secretary) - P***
- e. VACANT (CCED)***
- f. Kristin Popian (Treasurer) - P***
- g. Lilith Lenz (DID) - A***
- h. Bailey Kissack (MPD) - P***
- i. Wesley Hines (SOAD) - A***
- j. Sinyetta Hill - P***
- k. Amanda Holzer - E***
- l. Reed Heintzkill - P***
- m. Sydney Pittner - A***
- n. Aidan Shank - A***
- o. Grae O’Leary Hosmanek - P***

p. Sarah Swartout - P

q. Monika Marripudi - P

r. Tanya Khazin - E

s. Afrah Yafai - E

III. Reports

Mia Heredia (President)

- Mia presented a speech at the student affairs kick off, to show some of the various things they did during the pandemic. She also had a meeting with Kelly Haag to walk through the different steps for a multicultural panel for the COVID vaccine. She also had a meeting with the Dean of Students and the next steps to take towards making UWM an anti-racist campus. Mia also had a meeting with Lilith, Bailey for a workshop working with the multicultural centers to make sure we are being accountable in representing different populations on campus. An overarching theme is that people do not know what SA is, so we are looking to hold an SA meet and greet so students can get to know us. She also adds that she came up with two different projects, one of them was a meeting with herself, Keyiona, Lilith, and Bailey for a diversity professional workshop that will feature all of all, but the logistics are still being figured out.

Keyiona Johnson (VP of Student Affairs)

- (Mia reads her report) Keyiona apologizes for being out of the office but will be back on Tuesday. She met with the Dean of Students to talk about ways to move forward following the events that have happened. She also referenced the project that Mia had discussed in her report, and she adds a reminder for advocacy senators about a meeting that will be on Friday, October 8, at 11am to discuss further steps.

Daniel Dyer (VP of Academic Affairs)

- Excused

Syd Vinyard (Secretary)

- Syd begins by briefly introducing themselves as the Secretary of Student Association. And adds that while you may just see me sitting up here typing on my laptop, they assure everyone that it's not because they're writing papers but taking the meeting minutes. They also add that they are the one who sends out the meeting materials the Friday before every Senate meeting. They then add that everyone may have noticed the nametags, Syd says bring them with to every Senate meeting and they thank Bailey for doing them because without her they would not have been able to get them done. Finally, they say that there is a small Robert's Rules "cheat sheet" on the back and to use it if you ever unsure at all of what to say in a meeting. With that they yield.

VACANT (CCED)

Kristin Popian (Treasurer)

- Kristin doesn't have much to report, but she adds that SFC met last week Thursday for a basic training.

Lilith Lenz (DID)

- Lilith begins her report by saying that she is working on things and has a lot of stuff in progress. She has also been working on ways to make UWM and SA more open and welcoming. She reached out to the Southeast Asian Community, and she follows it up with saying that she wants to reach out to different organizational groups specifically those with a more marginalized voice.

Bailey Kissack (MPD)

- Bailey says hello and introduces herself as a quick reminder of who she is. She then references the posters in the back that have been made for recruitment. But she emphasizes that word of mouth is 100 times better than any poster can do. She also tells the senate to check their emails for senator spotlights. Also, she adds like Mia said there are events in progress.

Wesley Hines (SOAD)

- Absent

Professional Staff

- Sarah: Tells senators about the new Canvas course for the new training module. She then mentions that there will be a retreat in early November and just wants to make everyone aware of these things. She then adds that first year and transfer student elections on Tuesday. She says that we will talk about this later in the agenda, but it is crucial that we get students on SAC and training for student organizations for the grant process starts this week and there needs to be students on SAC, so these funds get allocated. She will look up the dates for the weekends of grant hearing.
- OAC: Zen says that they're still working on the search and screen which has been going well. Other than they ask Mia to speak to the results of the removal proceeding. To which Mia then adds that as per the statements in the OAC removal investigation and proceeded with removing Bria as Deputy Commissioner. Zen then adds that on that note that position is open. Other than that, they have been trying to their cohort to try and get seats filled on behalf of the Zilber School of Public Health to engage with Student Association and fill the Zilber seat, which they add has been a little difficult because most of them are working on their capstones and graduating and with that they yield.

Senators

- Reed: He had his first meeting with the Graduate faculty committee, it was routine. One thing that was new to him was that last year they had decided to put together a committee for diversity and inclusion and they are actively looking for grad students of underrepresented groups to fill these spots. Reed will also be on a panel view Zoom and says that if anybody is interested to let him know.

I. Open Forum

Ben from CCBLR: He works here and is also a grad student in the School of Ed. He is here to talk about the different programs that they offer. One thing he wants to mention is that the programs they have is a good way for students to build connections with others and the community. One is episodic events, low stakes but good for groups. He references on example being Make a Difference Day. Another one is the virtual tutoring program for K12 students who needed support for virtual learning, it increased access for both students and families, they're also looking for tutors. He adds that they have expanded their community leadership and internship program. They hope that this will help develop personal skills and civic skills. He adds that they are located here on the ground floor of the Union across from the information desk.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mia entertains a motion to approve the agenda. Motioned by Reed, seconded by Sinyetta.

III. Special Orders

Reed makes the motion to make line items 6a one through 8 as one vote. So moved by Sinyetta, seconded by Aidan. Reed then asks about one of the individuals and Sarah reads their application as to why they wanted to sit on the committee. Passes unanimously.

I. Old Business

- a. Approval of previous meeting minutes 09/19/21

Mia entertains a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. So moved by Sinyetta, seconded by Sarah. No discussion. Passes unanimously.

II. New Business

- a. Working with your MPD

Mia turns this presentation over to Bailey. Pause for technological set up. Bailey is here to talk to the SA senate on how to work with her to properly plan events here on campus as these are responsibilities that come from the senator bylaws. Adds that the things in the presentation have been shortened for relevancy. Bailey then talks through what the different types of senators are and how that applies to them. 8 weeks before the event is ideal for planning. She then provides her email and says that she is in the office almost every day. Mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, afternoons on Mondays and Wednesdays. The last thing she adds is she can help create marketing or work with Union marketing which has a different timeline, which is a nonnegotiable 8 weeks. She says this is a very surface level overview of what marketing can do. She adds that for funding Senators need to write the legislation for the fellow senators to vote on. Send it to SAPS and Syd to get it on the agenda.

She opens the floor for questions. No questions but she says email her at any time should questions arise.

- b. Committee appointments and SAC appointments

Mia entertains a motion to open the floor. So moved by Sinyetta, seconded by Reed.

Mia then explains why she is doing this. Senators are required to sit on committees, and they can sit on up to 4, but it is even more crucial that SAC needs to be filled. Sarah then shares details about what SAC is and what that timeline is going to look like. There are 5 senator seats and currently none of them are filled. Mia then asks for self-nominations.

Aidan Shank then nominates himself to be appointed to the Student Appropriations Committee. Mia then asks those in favor of appointing Aidan to SAC to say aye and those who oppose same sign. By the ear of the chair the nays have it, and by the ear of the chair the motion fails.

Kristin then voices some concern for the recent vote by stating that while the previous events that happened were hurtful, she doesn't quite see how that would affect Aidan and his ability to sit on this committee because it is not something that would impact his leadership for it. She adds that it can be difficult to take the personal feelings out of voting, but it is important to do so. She knows that what she is saying won't change anything, but what someone believes personally should not be the deciding reason why someone does not sit on a committee.

Mia and Sarah then double down on how student organizations are vital to making UWM what it is, and if SAC does not get filled that will directly impact all of the student organizations, because they get funded by SAC.

Sinyetta then asks for some clarification on how much of a time commitment SAC would be to which Sarah then answers that question.

Sinyetta then nominates herself to SAC. Seconded by Reed. No discussion passes unanimously.

III. Questions and Concerns

Sarah implores and encourages people to join SAC, this is something that must happen.

Grae asks if anyone else is in a similar position to her regarding committee liaisons and getting the committee started. The answer is yes, but that is because committees still need to be filled in and not all students are checking their emails regarding such committees.

No other questions and concerns, Mia then moves to adjourn the meeting.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm