

## ***SENATE MEETING***

October 17, 2021, CST 5pm

UWM Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd

Milwaukee, WI 53211



***I. Call to Order – 5:05PM***

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

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

- p. Sarah Swartout - P**
- q. Monika Marripudi - E**
- r. Tanya Khazin - P**
- s. Afrah Yafai – P**
- t. Teague Cutrell - E**
- u. Elliot White - P (He/Him)**
- v. Alexis Hardrath – P (She/her)**

### **III. Reports**

#### ***Mia Heredia (President)***

- Mia begins by talking about her meeting with the assistant dean of the grad school to have a conversation on how we can support the grad school because it seems like there is this distance between the grad school and the rest of the school. Mia adds that they also discussed representation on the grad committee. Another thing she adds is that we got invited to the 7th district town hall meeting on the 25. Tomorrow she adds that she has a meeting with the chancellor at 8:30am, to discuss mental health and get to know your chancellor event. Mia adds that the same type of event will be held with the Dean of Students which will be on November 21.

#### ***Keyiona Johnson (VP of Student Affairs)***

- Keyiona begins with talking about wanting to connect with C.A.B to do a partnership with them on a study session.

#### ***Daniel Dyer (VP of Academic Affairs)***

- Daniel begins by saying that he was out for a bit, but within the past week he has been getting back into things. This week he is doing interviews with Mia for the CCED position. He adds that the green fund committee has been meeting, and there will be an email going out for the application for funding for a sustainability-based student led project. Adds that you can talk to him for more information.

#### ***Syd Vinyard (Secretary)***

- Syd, no report.

#### ***VACANT (CCED)***

#### ***Kristin Popian (Treasurer)***

- Kristin doesn't have too much to report, just gearing up for SFC.

#### ***Lilith Lenz (DID)***

- Lilith discusses that this past week she has been talking with the BSU to discuss ideas for a once-a-month meeting to create a space for more conversation. Last week she was also talking with the Southeast Asian Community, and she is also working on reaching out to the Womens Center. Friday, she got in contact with the Black Student Cultural center for any event ideas that SA could help with, she adds that she would sit in on those meetings.

#### ***Bailey Kissack (MPD)***

- Bailey begins by stating that she distributed some recruitment posters in Mitchell Hall and the Union and then she asks if anyone is able to take some posters to help with distribution, she appreciates any and all help. Last week she added that Grae's senator spotlight was posted, and then she reminds the senators who are coming up next for that. She also reached out to the advocacy senators for event planning. Other than she adds she has just been working on other marketing things.

#### ***Wesley Hines (SOAD)***

- Absent

#### ***Professional Staff***

- Sarah: She begins by welcoming the first-year senators, she will also be reaching out to schedule the Senate retreat, it will be a Sunday in November. As a reminder all senators are required to sit on one committee and adds that you can apply for those online.
- OAC: Zen begins by echoing that the senator retreat is valuable, so they highly recommend it. They add that the SAPS assistant director search and screen committee is going well, and they have recruited someone for SAC.

#### ***Senators***

- Amanda welcomes the first-year senators.

#### ***I. Open Forum***

Will S. SGA President at UW-Stevens Point: He wants to make statewide student government a little stronger and before that was UWSSR, otherwise known as reps from 2016-2019. Will is trying to make it so we can all communicate again to talk about issues that affect the system on a statewide level. Our voices mean more if we are unified.

Zen Johnston: They are the chair of OAC, but what you may not know is that they have been in student government longer than most of us have been in college. They were the youngest ever and first nonbinary president of UW-Rock County. They were then the transfer/student commuter advocate... and so on and so forth. They wanted to take this opportunity to inform those who don't know about the history of the UWSSR.

Meria Meadows and students: They begin by explaining the event that happened with the antiabortion group, and they were comparing it to problematic things like the holocaust and slavery. They never once

saw any UWM PD or UWM Staff observe to see what was happening. This meeting space was never reserved. Being on that plaza also isn't the equivalent of public property either. They want to close these loopholes, so these things cannot happen. They are here to not fight abortion but antisemitism and other communities. As students of UWM they should not have to walk through campus and see these reminders as a Jewish student, they hope that this elected body wants to share in this meeting. Another student adds that the racial imagery used was inappropriate and disgusting, as this is trauma relived.

Teresa Davis a sophomore, also adds that they were stopped by this group to which they were met with homophobic and bigoted remarks.

Mia then thanks them for bringing it to our attention, and echoes that we are here to support them. As do other members of Exec and the Senate.

## ***II. Approval of Agenda***

Mia entertains a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Sinyetta. Seconded by Amanda. Mia is wondering if someone want to lay on the table the records and committee chair training. Sinyetta then entertains that motion. Seconded by Amanda. Passes unanimously. No further discussion on the agenda. Passes unanimously.

## ***III. Special Orders***

Zen then moves into swearing in the new first year senators.

Mia entertains a motion to package and approve committee appointments. So moved by Amanda, seconded by Grae. No discussion. Passes unanimously.

### ***I. Old Business***

#### ***a. Approval of previous meeting minutes 10/03/21***

Mia entertains a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. So moved by Sinyetta, seconded by Sydney. Kristin amends Lilith's attendance. Passed unanimously.

### ***II. New Business***

Sinyetta moves to lay on the table, the Records and Committee Chair training to next Senate meeting. Seconded by Amanda. All in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions. No further discussion. Agenda stands approved as amended.

## ***III. Questions and Concerns***

Keyiona asks advocacy senators to send her their availability. Grae is wondering about a candidate, Sarah says catch folks after outside of the room as that is not allowed. Amand asks bailey a question about distributing the flyers. To which Bailey answers. Lilith then talks about a meet and greet coming up. October 28, at 7PM.

Mia then says that she knows that many of us are new to SA and wants to emphasize that there are people who are here to help. Insert twilight reference here.

Sarah then says that we need to get two more students on SAC to make quorum otherwise student orgs will not get funded. Sydney then asks for the time commitment.

**IV. Adjournment**

***Meeting adjourned at 6:39PM***