

SENATE MEETING

November 7, 2021, CST 5pm

UWM Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd

Milwaukee, WI 53211



I. Call to Order – 5:06PM

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) - P***
- e. Ovinya Peiris (CCED) - confirmed today***
- f. Kristin Popian (Treasurer) - P***
- g. Lilith Lenz (DID) - E***
- h. Bailey Kissack (MPD) - P***
- i. Wesley Hines (SOAD) - A***
- j. Sinyetta Hill - P***
- k. Amanda Holzer - P***
- l. Reed Heintzkill - P***
- 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 - E

s. Afrah Yafai - P

t. Teague Cutrell - E

u. Elliot White - E

v. Alexis Hardrath - P

III. Reports

Mia Heredia (President)

- Mia begins by saying that she was invited to sit on the student athletes advisory committee. She got to see the way that student athletes take care of themselves, and she is hoping that we can partner with them. She also did a presentation for the student association budget for the SFC meeting, which she thinks went rather well.

Keyiona Johnson (VP of Student Affairs)

- Keyiona states that the only thing she has is that if she met with any of her senators, she won't be meeting again until January due to finals

Daniel Dyer (VP of Academic Affairs)

- Daniel says that the main things he has are for the green fund, and the application is closing tomorrow night.

Syd Vinyard (Secretary)

- Syd, no report.

VACANT (CCED)

Kristin Popian (Treasurer)

- Kristin says that allocable preliminary hearings will be on Friday the 12th, but other than that, she doesn't have much else to report.

Lilith Lenz (DID)

- Lilith, excused.

Bailey Kissack (MPD)

- Bailey says that she this Friday is Tanya's event so stop by if you can. She also sent an email to a few senators regarding spotlights. Java with Jussel is coming along, which will be here on Nov 30 from 9 to 11am and she encourages everyone to come to it. Also, she adds to come prepared with questions. She adds to take some posters and swag from the back table. She also adds to think of any event that anyone would want to do for winter welcome, and to email her, the VP's or President. Lastly, she says that we are planning on getting quarter zips for SA so keep that in the back of your mind.

Wesley Hines (SOAD)

- Wesley, absent.

Professional Staff

- Sarah: Sarah says that as a reminder, two Sundays from now is our senate retreat, so please respond to the email regarding food. Also, she adds that we still need a couple senators to sit on SAC.
- OAC: Zen says that they don't have much to report, but they did speak to Daniel outside of their capacity as an OAC member to speak with him in terms of Zilber Public Health outreach.

Senators

- Reed begins by saying in listening to the previous meeting there was a lot going on. Reed has been kicking around some ideas regarding free speech on campus, which there is a bill circulating in Wisconsin legislature regarding that. He wants to encourage a dialogue among senators because students are looking at us to do something, and he thinks it is something to be talked about.
- Grae going off of what Reed said, saying that we only have until the 11th to respond to this email, so she encourages everyone to take look at that as well because it is time sensitive.

I. Open Forum

Dean of College of Letters and Science, Scott Gronert, is here to discuss the 2030 planning for UWM: changing the way general education is taught at UWM.

Reid P. is speaking to the bill that Daniel sent out. Right now, he had thought there would be a vote, and he apologizes for confusion. He is mainly unsure about the legal ramifications to a lot of restrictions because a lot of the ramifications regarding funding which worries him, and he feels could hurt people and he wants to advise caution.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mia entertains a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Reed. Seconded by Amanda. No discussion. Passes unanimously.

III. Special Orders

CCED – Ovinya Peiris (she/her)

Mia asks those in favor of confirming Ovinya. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Passes unanimously.

Zen then proceeds to swear in Ovinya.

Reed motions to lay swearing Teague Cutrell in on the table. Seconded by Amanda. No discussion. Passes unanimously.

Mia entertains a motion to package and approve the committee appointments. So moved Sinyetta. Seconded Afrah. Reed H. then asks Sarah to read the application for both of the committee applicants for the grad committee. No further discussion. Passes unanimously.

I. Old Business

- a. Approval of previous meeting minutes 10/17/21

Mia entertains a motion for approval of previous meeting minutes. So moved by Sinyetta. Seconded by Aidan. No discussion. Passes unanimously.

- b. Records and Committee Chair Training - Led by Lake, the GA.

Lake proceeds to give the Senate a presentation on Records and Committee Chair training. He opens the floor for any questions and adds that the presentation can be found on the SharePoint, and Canvas Course

II. New Business

No new business.

III. Questions and Concerns

Reid P. asks about his appointment, to which they then explain why the agenda could not be amended to add his name. Mia says that he will be on the agenda for the 21st senate meeting.

Kristin speaks to what Reed had mentioned with the language of white nationalist and conservative, and that this is a nonpartisan group.

Daniel adds onto the free speech conversation by saying that if people were interested, we could invite people from the governmental relations team to then let him or Mia know, and it could then be set up for a Senate meeting.

Reed asks for clarification on the timeline for this bill, to which Daniel said he will follow up. But the deadline for any feedback is November 11.

Daniel says that not only can you meet outside of the senate meeting, you also should.

Keyiona adds that if the senate needs to, please come to the exec board.

Sarah echoes those sentiments, and then reminds people of the powerpoint.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:58PM