

SENATE MEETING

November 21, 2021, CST 5pm

UWM Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd

Milwaukee, WI 53211



I. Call to Order – 5:07PM

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) - P***
- f. Kristin Popian (Treasurer) - P***
- g. Lilith Lenz (DID) - P***
- h. Bailey Kissack (MPD) - P***
- i. Wesley Hines (SOAD) - P***
- j. Sinyetta Hill - E***
- 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 - E

q. Monika Marripudi - P

r. Tanya Khazin - E

s. Afrah Yafai - A

t. Teague Cutrell - P

u. Elliot White - P

v. Alexis Hardrath - E

III. Reports

Mia Heredia (President)

- Mia, she begins by saying that the new UWM PD Chief of Police had been hired. Student involvement is partnering with various groups on campus to bring Ally Raisman to campus for sexual awareness month, what it is going to look like is still TBD, but it will be in April. She adds that Joshua R has reached out to come to campus to do a stand-up show that is also a story on mental illness, a senator would have to sponsor legislation and if a senator is interested, they should let her know. She also has a meeting with the community advisory committee about the group that came on to campus, she had a discussion with the different facets with the different response that the different entities groups have when these folks come through.

Keyiona Johnson (VP of Student Affairs)

- Keyiona, starts by introducing herself, she then adds that last week she met with the student voters committee as they are interested in partnering with SA. She ends it by welcoming the new senators.

Daniel Dyer (VP of Academic Affairs)

- Daniel, he begins by saying that he has been working with Ovinya to get the listening tour set up. Next Tuesday on November 30, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the union renovation project and he was invited to speak at it, and students are encouraged and invited to it, he will send more information as it comes out. He has also been setting up things with the freshwater science and the school of health for recruitment.

Syd Vinyard (Secretary)

- Syd, introduces themselves and what their position is.

Ovinya Peiris (CCED)

- Ovinya, introduces herself, and adds that the dates have been set for the listening tour February 14-25. They will be collaborating with various students organizations and will be sending out more information via email soon.

Kristin Popian (Treasurer)

- Kristin introduces herself, she adds that SFC had their final deliberations for the allocable round on Friday. And then apologizes for having to leave early.

Lilith Lenz (DID)

- Lilith, introduces herself. She has been working on the multicultural potluck to strengthen connections between SA and the various centers on campus. She adds that they are at the open forums for the Vice Chancellor for diversity and inclusion. She will be at the open forum and encourages everyone else to come. She has also been working with Mia to meet once a month with student minorities.

Bailey Kissack (MPD)

- Bailey introduces herself and what she does. She then follows it by saying that she has some ideas for winter welcome events that would include numerous activities, and something else for later. The schedule has been set for the listening tour. She also had some meetings with marketing, and she reminded everyone of the Java with Jussel event. Free coffee, free food. The last thing she adds is that we are starting an SA TikTok.

Wesley Hines (SOAD)

- Wesley introduces himself. Adds that SAC met two weeks ago and went through trainings and then they proceeded with grant hearings.

Professional Staff

- Sarah: She introduces herself and Lake, and then speaks to the hybrid and or live stream option, comes down to a staffing issue as campus is struggling with staffing and it is a significant cost. She has also heard that live stream is likely unavailable due to similar reasons and look into cost if SA has the budget. We did try to explore every possible option, but there was no space really or staff. In terms of SAPS report. The office will be closed, she will be out this week and she hopes that everyone has a nice break. The final SAPS AD interview is on November 29. She thanks everyone for the senate retreat flexibility.
- OAC: Zen adds that they will be out sick this week, but the OAC will be meeting later this week for a SAPS appeal and reviewing for the new OAC deputy commissioner.

Senators

- Grae begins by bringing up the accessibility problems for SA meetings and expresses concerns.
- Amanda made a report discussing the 2030 plan with Scott Gronert and had conversations about events to do and she will be connecting with Bailey.
- Mia gets back to Grae's point and begins by apologizing for some lack of communication, that entailed the possibility of a hybrid structure for these meetings and basically there is not the staff for such a thing to be successful. Mia adds that she is not the first to bring this up and unfortunately it is something that is not accessible to us to sustain a hybrid Senate meeting. Amanda asks about a live stream option, which goes back to not having the staff.
- Grae gets back to saying if there is a will there is a way for the staff to make the meetings more accessible. Elliot adds that this was more of his idea, and he says that he has not done enough research and asks if a senator could run these meetings from their own device? Does it have to be a

university staff? Grae would be willing to personally staff this. Mia follows up by saying that this needs to be a longer conversation outside of the senate meeting and thanks Grae for bringing it to her attention.

I. Open Forum

No members of the public wishing to speak.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mia entertains a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Adian, seconded by Grae. No discussion. Passes unanimously.

III. Special Orders

OAC re-appointment. Mia entertains a motion. So moved by Amanda. Seconded by Sydney. Mia asks those in favor. Passes unanimously.

Mia entertains a motion to confirm Reid P. to At-Large senator. So moved by Aidan. Seconded by Grae. Mia asks those in favor of confirming Reid. Passes unanimously.

Mia entertains a motion to confirm Ayan to At-Large senator. Mia asks those in favor. Passes unanimously.

Mia entertains a motion to confirm Kolawole to At-Large Senator. Mia asks those in favor. Passes unanimously.

Mia entertains a motion to confirm Deepak to At-Large Senator. So moved by Aidan. Seconded by Teague. Mia asks those in favor. Passes Unanimously.

Mia entertains a motion to confirm Nathan Non-Traditional Student Advocacy Senator. So moved by Aidan. Seconded by Grae. Passes unanimously.

Mia entertains a motion to confirm Isaiah for Students of Color Advocacy Senator. So moved by Reid. Seconded by Monika. Passes unanimously.

Mia entertains a motion to confirm Francesca to Women's Advocacy Senator. So moved by Aidan, seconded by Grae. Passes unanimously.

Mia then passes the microphone over to Zen to lead the Senators through the oath of office to be formally sworn in.

Mia entertains a motion to package and approve committee approvals g. i – g. iii. So moved by Teague, Seconded by Amanda. Passes unanimously.

I. Old Business

Mia entertains a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of 11/7/21. So moved by Amanda. Seconded by Reid. No discussion. Passes unanimously.

II. New Business

i. 2030 Update

Administration comes to give a presentation to the Senate about the 2030 plan for UWM and what it is going to look like and also to hear student feedback. Various students voiced concerns about what this will look like and what it means for the university. Daniel offers to help put people in contact with the people who presented the conversation and also to answer any questions people might have as he was on the working group for this.

- ii. Fast Friends, Bailey – she says that this is just a tentative name for something that is an event idea for winter welcome to highlight the senators. She then follows it up with a basic premise. The date hasn't been solidified, but she is hoping it can be on the Friday of winter welcome. She opens the floor for any questions, and if anyone has any questions, they can email her too.

- iii. 003 – Spring 2021 SAC Grant, being presented on behalf of Wesley as Alexis Hardrath could not be in attendance. Wesley walks through the legislation and the grant applications submitted along SAC rules and guidelines. Wesley opens the floor for any questions.

Sarah adds a brief note on how SAC goes through all of their submitted justifications, and how money approval then goes through the Senate. In the next meeting it will be SFC allocable round.

Mia entertains a motion to approve the Spring 2021 SAC grants. So moved by Amanda. Seconded by Aidan.

In discussion:

Grae proceeds to ask for an explanation on the document, going off of that, she has a point of personal interest in the amount of money that Turning Point USA has requested and is set to be approved for. She is wondering why the rationality for that is.

Mia then explains that Student Association is nonpartisan, which means that when we award money we do not take into account things such as political views, or anything that would be discriminatory. These funds are not given in competition, these organizations submit grant applications to request funds to go through the SAC grant process.

Sarah then adds that for the newer Senators they have not been briefed on things such as Viewpoint Neutrality. But for the senators that have been here since the beginning of the year, this training was done at the first Senate meeting. As a governmental body, which we are. We are an extension of the state government. We as a body cannot discriminate against anyone of an espoused viewpoint.

Wesley then adds that the groups that have a zero dollar amount next to their names are groups that did not go through the process of submitting a grant application or they didn't apply.

Mia then moves to a roll call vote:

Amanda Holzer – Left early

Sydney Pittner – Aye

Aidan Shank – Aye

Grae O’Leary Hosmanek – Abstain

Monika Marripudi - Aye

Teague Cutrell – Aye

Elliot White – Abstain

Reid Pezewski – Aye

Ayan Ali – Aye

Kolawole Olawoyin – Aye

Deepak Khas – Aye

Nathaniel Valentine – Aye

Isaiah Clark – Aye

Francesca Loiacono – Aye

By the ear of the chair, the ayes have it.

III. Questions and Concerns

Keyiona says to the new advocacy senators to send her their availability. Mia will be reaching out to the At Large senators. Grae offers the UWM psych office. Lilith offers support following what happened in Kenosha. Keyiona also adds that her door is always open.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM