



2015-2016 ACADEMIC STAFF ASSEMBLY – SPECIAL MEETING
12:00PM - 1:30PM ON 4 NOVEMBER 2015
UC 264

Networking [12:00 to 12:15]

1. Urgent/Priority Business

- a. Guest Speaker/Presentation: Denise Ehren – Discussion of University Staff Council
- b. *Guest Speaker/Presentation: William Donlin – Discussion of Gender-Inclusive Legislation*



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
WHITEWATER

Office of the Chancellor

MEMORANDUM

To: Rob Emmett, Student Affairs Director
WSG

From: Richard J. Telfer, Chancellor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard J. Telfer', written over the printed name.

Date: April 30, 2015

Re: Whitewater Student Government Resolution S14-15:06

I have received the transmittal of S14-15:06 Gender-Inclusive Pronoun Recognition and Usage. Officially, I accept this resolution. I understand the intent of the Whitewater Student Government to use "gender-inclusive pronouns, such as 'they,' whenever it is deemed appropriate..." I also recognize your recommendation to faculty and instructional academic staff. Since this recommendation relates to matters that are the primary responsibility of the faculty, I assume that you will be in communication with the Faculty Senate and Academic Staff Assembly.

RT/rlr

Copy: WSG Senator James Langnes III
WSG Senator Kane Poad

Submitted by: Mr. Rob Emmett

Sponsored by: Sen. James Langnes III
Sen. Kane Poad

Gender-Inclusive Pronoun Recognition and Usage

WHEREAS, Whitewater Student Government serves all students attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Affairs Director exists to monitor and respond to the needs of a changing campus; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to recognize LGBT student issues and concerns; and,

WHEREAS, Whitewater Student Government understands there are students who do not identify within the gender binary; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that Whitewater Student Government supports all gender identities; and,

WHEREAS, Whitewater Student Government recognizes the word “they” as an acceptable singular, gender-neutral pronoun.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Whitewater Student Government will use gender-inclusive pronouns, such as “they,” whenever it is deemed appropriate; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Whitewater Student Government supports and strongly recommends that other areas of campus life and governance use gender-inclusive pronouns; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Whitewater Student Government supports and strongly recommends that faculty and instructional staff accept the use of gender-inclusive pronouns, where appropriate, without penalty in their assignments; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this legislation, once passed by Whitewater Student Government, signed by the Whitewater Student Government President, and endorsed by the Chancellor, will take effect immediately and will be communicated to other campus governance bodies.

AYES _____
NAYES _____
ABSTENTIONS _____
TABLED _____

PASS _____
FAIL _____
DATE _____

S14-15:06

PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

CLERK'S SIGNATURE _____

Whitewater Student Government

Senate Meeting Minutes – 4/13/15

I. Call to order at 7 p.m.

Senator	Roll Call
Barbour, Eric (O)	Present
Beeman, Boulder (O)	Present
Chester, Braden (D)	Present
Denton, Kayla (O)	Present
Grassnickle, Adam (O)	Present
Hartzheim, Jordann (O)	Present
Hetz, Allison (D)	Present
Jolitz, Sarah (D)	Present
Kats, Lauren (A)	Present
Klawien, Paul (O)	Present
Knudsen, Nick (O)	Present
Langnes III, James (O)	Present
Mathes, Samantha (O)	Present
Murphy, Brandon (O)	Present
Poad, Kane (D)	Present
Rusch, Noah (A)	Present
Simmons, Darrius (O)	Unexcused
Thommes, Nick (O)	Present
Winkler, Kate (O)	Present

II. Speaker Rusch led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Roll Call:

III.

IV. Approval of Minutes/Agenda

A. Minutes

- i. Move to approve the minutes of 4/6/15 by Sen. Chester, 2nd by Sen. Murphy

1. Voice vote – motion passes

B. Agenda

- i. Move to approve the agenda by Sen. Kats, 2nd by Sen. Denton

1. Voice vote- motion passes

V. Special Orders

- A. Appointment to Esker Seat (1 Open Seat)
 - B. Appointment to Off – Campus Seat (1 Open Seat)
- VI. Student Issues and Concerns
- VII. Speakers
- VIII. Reports
 - A. Internal Committee Reports
 - B. External Committee Reports
 - i. **RHA Report**
Heather Roads VP of RHA, opened nominations. Elections will be this week. Co programmers will be next week. Frank Bartlett will come to RHA to talk about student housing and rates this week.
 - ii. **SHAC Report**
 - 1. Wellness Update: Get yourself tested month. National Alcohol Awareness Month, doing a free alcohol week. Relay for Life is May 2nd to the 3rd. It raises money for cancer. Dining Services was there. Drumlin and Esker will serve earth friendly foods every week. They made name tags for nutritional facts. The tobacco free coalition is going around picking up cigarette butts and they are going to do a demonstration with that.
 - iii. **Dining Services**
 - 1. Encourage people to use dining dollars with bulk orders. They are putting a smoothie bar in Esker to encourage people to eat there. Where there are fountain drinks, they will not sell water bottles. They're impressed with Taste of Whitewater. They are getting a new toaster from Walmart for Willies 360.
 - C. . Officer Reports
 - i. President Perry
 - ii. Vice President Tomachek
 - iii. WSG Advisor – Jan Bilgen
 - iv. E-board Reports
 - 1. Student Affairs Director – Mr. Emmett
 - 2. Academic Affairs Director – Mr. Carlson
 - 3. Public Relations Director – Ms. Staggs
 - a. **Apparel order forms due by Wednesday, December 10 at 5 p.m. Money is due by Thursday, December 18 at noon.**
 - 4. Financial and Entrepreneurship Director– Mr. Erby
 - 5. Intergovernmental Affairs Director – Mr. Fera
 - 6. Sustainability Director- Ms. Bregant
 - v. WSG Clerk – Mr. Heck
 - vi. Deputy Speaker – Sen. Rusch
 - vii. Parliamentarian – Sen. Hetz
 - viii. Speaker – Sen. Delaney
- IX. Unfinished Business
- X. New Business

A. R14-15:06 – Equal Pay Day Resolution
Motion: Move to approve Sen. Grassnickle 2nd by Sen. Kats 18-0-0 The Equal Pay Day Resolution Passes

i. Roll Call Vote: 18-0-0

B. S14-15:06 – Gender Neutral Pronoun Recognition and Usage

XI. Issues

A. Student Input on Whitewater Farmer's Market

Mr. Erby wants to know when it would be, Ms. Bregant said they are trying to figure it out and that it's all really workable and flexible. They want to compliment the current farm.

Braden Chester said Oshkosh has a similar program as of 4 years. He said it has benefits. He said it revitalized all of the downtown businesses. It became a farmers market, flea market and music festival. He said the downtown is full of businesses because of this market.

No student fees will be going toward this market.

Mr. Grassnickle was concerned of why there were two when they could just join both markets together. Ms. Bregant said no one wanted to step on anyone's toes. She said she couldn't provide a concrete answer.

Mr. Erby would like to see it open later, because it's a weekend.

Ms. Kats asked about advertising with the student businesses or students trying to sell their stuff. Ms. Bregant said she would relay it and there at a stage where they're trying to figure everything out.

VP Tomachek is wondering where a venue of this size would take place in the downtown venue. Ms. Bregant said it's open. She said there is nothing set in stone.

Sen. Hartzheim said constituents would like a market during the week because people go home.

Sen. Knudsen was wondering if there was a chance for local businesses or food vendors to eat there, such as food trucks. Ms. Bregant will suggest it.

Mr. Emmett would encourage the city to talk to the Village of Greendale and they have it modeled perfectly where they close down the street. They have the farmers market but they also ask businesses to sell on the sidewalk.

Sen. Murphy said on the music note that he would like to see local bands, student bands and performers to help out artists in the community.

RHA Vice President was wondering if they would consider naming it something other than a farmers market so it wouldn't be a competition.

Ms. Bregant encourages senators to talk to their constituents and give her that feedback.

i.

XII. Committee Appointments

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment

A. Move to adjourn by Sen. Kats, 2nd by Sen. Denton

i. Voice Vote- Motion Passes

B. Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexandria Zamecnik

Whitewater Student Government – Clerk