



Session 15 of Senate 2020
WEBEX, 7:00 PM
Monday, September 28th, 2020

- I.** Call to Order
 - i. 7:02 pm
- II.** Pledge of Allegiance
- III.** Roll Call

Senator	Attendance
Sen. Brown	Present
Sen. Chapman	Present
Sen. Gracia	Present
Sen. Hamilton	Absent
Sen. Hoepfner	Present
Sen. Klotz	Present
Sen. Machalik	Present
Sen. May	Present
Sen. McNeily	Present
Sen. Micech	Present
Sen. Miller	Absent
Sen. Piña	Present
Sen. Potter	Present
Sen. Salters	Present
Sen. Schaetz	Present
Sen. Schlieff	Present
Sen. Schweinert	Present
Sen. Servais	Present
Sen. Weisbrod	Present
Sen. Williams	Present
Sen. Stavroplos	Present

- IV.** Special Orders
 - A.** Appointment to **Three** Off-Campus Senate Seats
 - i. None
 - B.** Appointment to **Two** Rock County Senate Seats
 - i. None
- V.** Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - A.** Minutes from September 21st, 2020
 - i. Sen. Schlieff move to approve the minutes, seconded by Sen. Schweinert

Acclamation

 - B.** Agenda
 - i. President Wentworth entertains motion to add President Peabody from Rock County under reports

Moved by Sen. Schlieff, seconded by Sen. May

Acclamation

- ii. President Wentworth entertains motions to add Danielle Kalis to E-board reports

Moved by Sen. Schweinert, seconded by Sen. Brown

Acclamation

- iii. Sen. Piña- Motions to add International Educations Committee in External Committee Reports.

Seconded by Sen. Brown

Acclamation

- iv. Sen. Klotz Move to approve the agenda, seconded by Sen Schlieff

Acclamation

VI. Speakers

A. Interim Chancellor Cook

Improved expanded COVID testing plan during cabinet meeting. Now COVID antigen testing is available to all UWW students. Residents living on and off campus, including Rock County students, and undergraduate and graduate students. Testing needs to be thorough to keep students safe. It is important to identify cases with the virus and those who are positive, so there can be proper isolation and quarantine. To slow down the spread. By keeping spread down students can stay on campus. Running fifty to one hundred antigen tests a day. Effective later this week, hoping to triple antigen testing. Has heard only forty out of the one thousand students invited accepted the test. This will not get us to the numbers we need. Wants conversation on student perspectives and to understand what the barrier is with accepting testing. Brainstorming on how to improve numbers. If there is no improvement, we might not make it to November 20th.

Q: Sen. Brown- If we test in large numbers, his constituents are afraid if students test positive, we will close campus sooner. How to ensure students that taking test is safe and will help keep school open?

A: If there is not enough testing, the virus will spread, and classes will have to go all remote. By testing, curve can be flattened. Reduce numbers will give us a better chance. If we do not change testing, spring will not be in good shape.

Sen Stavroplos- Most of the students that he has spoken to live off campus. Most students who live off campus are disinclined to come on campus if they do not have to. Believes many student organizations would do well to hear from an administrator about all these things.

Interim Chancellor Cook- Thanks for suggestions. Will see if there can be access to student organizations.

Dir. Shellaugh – Believes having testing center somewhere off campus would be a great idea.

Chancellor Cook- Will look into that. Believes off campus testing can be accomplished.

Q: Sen. Schweinert- Do we have capability to test all residents?

A: We have capability to run 200 tests a day. Trying to double that.

Q: Dir. Wesolek- Will students be able to be tested more than once?

A: Yes. Current goal is every residence hall student would be tested once every two weeks. Would like to see students tested multiple times. Invites any ideas to incentivizing antigen tests. Solicit coupons, free meal swipes, raise money for drawing for free semester of tuition, and other ideas. Working on making Clem hall more of an attractive location.

Sen. Klotz- Suggests encouraging professors to give out extra credit as incentive for antigen testing.

Dir. Wesolek- One complaint that he has heard about Clem is that students are not allowed to bring many personal belongings with them.

A: Will look into that. Could expand the limit.

Danielle Klais- Had COVID scare at previous job. Lives off campus. She decided not to go to campus for testing. Heard about a long wait, There is a rumor going on that if you choose to get tested and if you have come into contact, you automatically go into isolation if you live on campus. Even if you do not know you have COVID. Believes it is a reason why some students are not getting tested.

Interim Chancellor Cook- Having an appointment would reduce wait.

Sen. Hoepfner- Incentive idea, offering small donations to Greek chapters personal philanthropy.

President Wentworth- Homecoming points. School pride and safety.

Sen. Stavroplos - Incredibly thankful for Interim Chancellor Cook speaking with WSG.

VII. Student Issues and Concerns

Under this section no formal action will be taken, although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants will be allotted a 3 minute speaking period. Topics on this agenda may not be discussed in this section; however, participants are welcome to speak to agenda items as they appear in subsequent sections.

- i. None

VIII. Reports

A. Internal Committee Reports

- i. None

B. External Committee Reports

- i. International Education Committee
- ii. Sen. Piña - Goals for this semester regarding study abroad, and international students. Five travel studies are being decided on right now.

Q: Sen. Stavroplos- There are five travel study students potentially?

A: Faculty run travel studies through university. Four are in Europe, and one in South America. One travel study was cancelled.

Q: Sen. Stavroplos- Will they let you voice your opinions? If so, how do you intend on approaching that?

A: They do allow. More faculty decision. She can voice concerns for students studying abroad.

Q: Dir. Wesolek- From his understanding, there is not university sponsored travel right now. If restriction does not change, programs will be cancelled by virtue of that rule?

A: One student did get through some loops to get into exchange program. If all classes go remote, student will be sent home. Forty students have applied to study next year or next spring. The programs will cancel, or students can cancel applications.

Q: Sen. Micech- it is very concerning to hear CoBE was not at the meeting since many members are wondering if there are things going on. Will there be another meeting and when?

A: Yes, they were not present, not able to answer questions,

Sen. Stavroplos- Be sure to send out external committee reports.

C. Officer Reports

*See written reports that will be handed out at the meeting

- i. President – Ms. Johanna Wentworth
- ii. Vice President – Mr. Ben Larson
- iii. President Peabody- Current president at the Rock County campus. Had three senators placed in elections. Speaking to voters. Information in English and Spanish for students to vote.
- iv. WSG Adviser – Ms. Jan Bilgen
Campus Calendar to search for events that are going on. She is supporting e-board members on some projects.
- v. E-Board Reports
 - A. Mr. Wesolek – Director of Academic Affairs
 - B. Ms. Gartland – Director of Student Wellness
 - C. Ms. Shellaugh – Director of Student Affairs
 - D. Mr. Hinz – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
 - E. Mr. Knoll – Director of Marketing and Public Relations
 - F. Ms. Klais- COVID Response Intern
- vi. WSG Clerk – Ms. Juricisin
- vii. Parliamentarian – Sen. Miller
- viii. Deputy Speaker – Sen. Schweinert
- ix. Speaker – Sen. Stavroplos
Senate retreat will be split up into two sessions. 10/09 and 10/16. Strongly reminds everyone needs to participate in homecoming. Urges everyone to reach out to committee chairs. Check emails. Being aware of what is going on.
When to meet: <https://www.when2meet.com/?9940227-EfSZz>

IX. Unfinished Business

A. S20-21:01 WSG Legislative Template Act

- i. Has version with clerical edits. Will give to Clerk prior to signing.

Senator	Vote
Sen. Brown	Aye
Sen. Chapman	Aye
Sen. Gracia	Aye
Sen. Hamilton	Absent
Sen. Hoepfner	Absent

Sen. Klotz	Aye
Sen. Machalik	Aye
Sen. May	Aye
Sen. McNeily	Absent
Sen. Micech	Aye
Sen. Miller	Absent
Sen. Piña	Aye
Sen. Potter	Aye
Sen. Salters	Aye
Sen. Schaetz	Aye
Sen. Schlieff	Aye
Sen. Schweinert	Aye
Sen. Servais	Aye
Sen. Weisbrod	Aye
Sen. Williams	Absent
Sen. Stavroplos	Present

Legislation passed unanimously.

X. New Business
A. The Senate Election Calendar

- i. Ms. Jurcisin- Goes over the 2020 Senate Election Calendar. Reminds Senators they need to fill out signature packets. Goes over part of the Section 11 Standing Rules for the election.

Senator	Vote
Sen. Brown	Aye
Sen. Chapman	Aye
Sen. Gracia	Aye
Sen. Hamilton	Absent
Sen. Hoepfner	Absent
Sen. Klotz	Aye
Sen. Machalik	Aye
Sen. May	Aye
Sen. McNeily	Absent
Sen. Micech	Aye
Sen. Miller	Absent
Sen. Piña	Aye
Sen. Potter	Aye
Sen. Salters	Aye
Sen. Schaetz	Aye
Sen. Schlieff	Aye
Sen. Schweinert	Aye
Sen. Servais	Aye
Sen. Weisbrod	Aye
Sen. Williams	Absent
Sen. Stavroplos	Aye

The Senate Election Calendar approved unanimously.

B. Spring Break Discussion

- i. President Wentworth- COVID will mostly likely still be around in the spring. With students traveling, there is a possibility of it spreading. Dir. Wesolek worked with her on making the survey. She wanted to show to results from students' feedback. Wanted to get feedback from WSG members.
- ii. Dir. Wesolek- There were 2,325 students that answered. Read off the details from responses.
- iii. Sen. Schweinert- Given response to no traditional spring break. He would suggest pushing back winter break. Fears that if spring break was broken into different days, then instructors will assign assignments that will be due on these days. Students will not get a break.
- iv. Sen. Brown- Spoke to students via social media and in person. Unanimously students said that they wanted a traditional spring break. Saw huge concerns about students going on vacations during spring break. Wants to know how students can remain safe given there might not be a vaccine yet.
- v. Sen. Stavroplos- Safest option would either be to push back spring break to end of semester or have winter break be a week longer. In his opinion this would be right course of action for safety of students whose health may not be the same as others.
- vi. Sen. Schlieff- Spoke to constituents and majority said that spring break is less about traveling but more of a mental health break.
- vii. Sen. Schweinert- Recognizes point of stress. If we were to have a traditional spring break, is it possible to require all students to prove negative test results for returning to campus? Many universities require negative test results.
- viii. Dir. Wesolek- Reason that there was no consideration before is because Wisconsin does not have the testing capacity.
- ix. Dir. Gartland- Who is to say students will not take additional week to travel. Basing solely on that idea of students will not travel if we do not give them a week of spring break is not the most realistic. Requiring COVID test and having students pass the test upon returning, she would not completely support that. This would backtrack all work that is being made.
- x. Sen. Machalik- Believes that many students do not have the funds to travel or do not want to travel this spring break. Believes many use spring break as a mental health break. Need to trust students and their own choices.
- xi. Sen. May- Consider extending winter break. Have a long weekend where spring break would be.
- xii. Dir. Wesolek- If adding onto end of the year, finals week would have to be moved back, and more mess for students and faculty.
- xiii. Sen. Schlieff- If spring break were to be at beginning of semester, students could possibly quarantine for two weeks upon return so everyone can readjust and then resume to normal. This could encourage students to travel, but then everyone would quarantine to take everyone's safety into account.
- xiv. Sen. Weisbrod- Possibly some days off during week of Easter. Expect students to go home during that time.
- xv. Ms. Bilgen- Extending winter break would shorten semester up a bit and would provide stress reliever in the middle of the week.

There needs to be a strong direct communication through faculty senate and cabinet for a plan.

- xvi. Sen. Hoepfner- Student body already spoke through the survey. Should move forward by how population voted.
- xvii. President Wentworth- Appreciates everyone's input. Everyone's work does not go unnoticed.

Discussion closed. President Wentworth will be bringing discussion to cabinet.

C. Student Organization Conduct Policy Endorsement

- i. Dir. Wesolek- Dean Watson outlined new conduct policy. Believes this is a policy that would impact constituents. A stance on it should be made, to endorse or not.
- ii. Ms. Bilgen- Refreshes members on old and new act. Language has been changed. Clarification on time frame and passage.
- iii. Sen. Stavroplos - Would like to entertain motion to table till next Monday to properly discuss this with more relevant information.

So moved Sen. Klotz, seconded by Sen. Schweinert.

- i. Discussion

Sen. Schweinert- Would like to add that senators should take a look at statute to understand shared governance.

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/36/09/5>

Sen. Chapman- Clarification question, any consequence that would come up by pushing this off a week or is it imperative to discuss tonight?

Sen. Wesolek- Does not know timeline. Cabinet will be discussing soon.

Sen. Hoepfner calls the question. Discussion is closed. Voting to table till next Monday.

Senator	Vote
Sen. Brown	Aye
Sen. Chapman	Aye
Sen. Gracia	Aye
Sen. Hamilton	Absent
Sen. Hoepfner	Aye
Sen. Klotz	Aye
Sen. Machalik	Aye
Sen. May	Aye
Sen. McNeily	Aye
Sen. Micech	Aye
Sen. Miller	Absent
Sen. Piña	Aye
Sen. Potter	Aye
Sen. Salters	Aye
Sen. Schaetz	Aye

Sen. Schlieff	Aye
Sen. Schweinert	Aye
Sen. Servais	Aye
Sen. Weisbrod	Aye
Sen. Williams	Absent
Sen. Stavroplos	Aye

Motion is agreed to unanimously.

D. S20-21:02 Whitewater Student Government Modality Of Events Act

i. Sen. Hoepfner- In regards to keeping campus safe, end goal is to hit the November 20th deadline. Imperative with leadership to set this tone. Keeping events virtual, limits spread of COVID on campus.

ii. Sen. May- This is a necessary step to make it to Thanksgiving break.

Q: Dir. Shellaugh- Is this legislation necessary to be approved by Senate?

A: Approval of Senate is necessary only if to overturn an event. End goal behind this bill is to go completely virtual with any WSG sponsored events. Would be seeking Senate approval to continue with event.

A. Clerical edits

Dir. Gartland- Edit in title and spell out two-thirds.

Dir. Wesolek- In-person edit

B. Content Changes

President Wentworth- Verbiage change. That the WSG Senate can approve an event that requires a policy exemption by a two-thirds majority vote with this policy enacted. Therefore, be it further resolved, that the WSG can approve an event that requires a policy exemption to this bill by two-thirds majority vote while this policy is enacted. Therefore, be it further resolved, that this bill can be null and void by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate at a time the body feels appropriate; and, therefore, be it finally resolved, that upon passage of this bill and signature of the president, WSG events are encouraged to take place in a virtual setting.

Dir. Wesolek- Voted content changes must be passed by a two-thirds majority vote.

Sen. Hoepfner- Encourages senators to vote nay. Believes this edit would change intent of bill. Nature of bill was to give senate oversight to WSG hosted events. To give more transparency between executive board and senate. Another reason to vote nay on this, is that there was not a clear example of what an event over ten people could look like for WSG. Approval for WSG in-person events is critical. Does not believe the senate would abuse this legislation by any means.

Vice President Larson- Works closely with e-board. There are events that are being planned in person. Having these in person events are meaningful and important. Able to pull off safe events on campus in person. Unity Walk example.

Sen. Klotz calls the question. Sen. Brown opposes.

Senator	Vote
Sen. Brown	Nay
Sen. Chapman	Nay
Sen. Gracia	Nay
Sen. Hamilton	Absent
Sen. Hoepfner	Aye
Sen. Klotz	Absent
Sen. Machalik	Absent
Sen. May	Aye
Sen. McNeily	Aye
Sen. Micech	Aye
Sen. Miller	Absent
Sen. Piña	Nay
Sen. Potter	Aye
Sen. Salters	Nay
Sen. Schaetz	Aye
Sen. Schlieff	Aye
Sen. Schweinert	Aye
Sen. Servais	Aye
Sen. Weisbrod	Nay
Sen. Williams	Absent
Sen. Stavroplos	Aye

In a vote of 10 to 6 Discussion has ended.

Official vote on the motion to amend this bill

Senator	Vote
Sen. Brown	Aye
Sen. Chapman	Nay
Sen. Gracia	Aye
Sen. Hamilton	Absent
Sen. Hoepfner	Nay
Sen. Klotz	Nay
Sen. Machalik	Absent
Sen. May	Nay
Sen. McNeily	Nay
Sen. Micech	Nay
Sen. Miller	Absent
Sen. Piña	Aye
Sen. Potter	Nay
Sen. Salters	Aye
Sen. Schaetz	Nay

Sen. Schlieff	Nay
Sen. Schweinert	Nay
Sen. Servais	Nay
Sen. Weisbrod	Nay
Sen. Williams	Absent
Sen. Stavroplos	Nay

In a vote of 12 to 4 the motion to amend this bill fails.

XI. Committee Appointments

i. None

XII. Announcements

- A.** Sen. Hoepfner- IFC recruitment.
- B.** Pres. Wentworth- Everyone should go to the career fair. Take a picture of your Its on Us shirt
- C.** Sen. Schlieff- Congratulates Bears fans. Go Lightning.
- D.** Sen. Brown- Congratulates Green Bay Packers, and Milwaukee Milkman. Stay safe everyone.
- E.** Sen. Schweinert- Constituency events on 10/08.
- F.** Stavroplos- Thanks everyone for not being hostile. Be honest in what you believe in. External committees will be received in email.

XIII. Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Sen. May, seconded by Sen. Salters

9: 43 pm