

Wartburg College Student Senate

January 12th, 2017

11:30 am

WBC 214 Buckmaster



1. Roll Call/Attendance
Joke: What is a Dentist's favorite dinosaur?
A: a Flossaraptor!

2. Guest Speaker: Curtis Brundy

I am the library director here and I would like to give you some updates on some ideas we have for the library. Last semester I had the opportunity to work with a group of students to look toward opening the library as a 24hr space. Also, most don't make it to the archives section on the third floor, we have never had a full-time archivist. We were successful in hiring a three-term person for that position. They are responsible for making the history of Wartburg accessible to all. Feel free to stop in and say Hi to Amy. The room on the first floor for faculty development, we bought new tables and chairs for, and put in writable walls, and new monitors. Various study groups have already used that space. An issue on the horizon has been grant funding for various technologies. They have been added outside of Wartburg's IT rotation. We hope to build that into the future budget. Saturday hours will be extended to open at 9am. A group of students for a leadership class have put together a presentation about a survey they took, asking students about the need for a 24-hr. study space. Observed problems: Lack of study Space and limited hours. Extending library hours has been a very common question over the years. When the library closes, students lose access to major resources. A survey was taken pertaining to Study spaces, Study hours, Used resources. Most students, spend 70%+ of their time toward their studies. A large amount also responded that they study after midnight. The library was polled to be the most used study space. The majority responded that they study after noon and into to the later hours of the night. There was an astounding YES to the question "If a 24-hour space was available, would it be used?" Open ended questions solidified the benefit of this change. To open a small space for this would require disabling certain transport systems, installation of cameras, etc.

Senator Jacobs: Is there a reason you have considered making this space to be on the 2nd floor instead of 3rd floor?

Grant: Security and safety is our main reason.

Senator French: Technology is easier to monitored as well as the people in an open space.

Brundy: Safety is the biggest consideration. Safety is also a factor in not using first floor.

Senator Zheng: If that space will be open 24/7, will you hire a full-time staff?

Brundy: Many facilities do this but no, it would not be staffed. Security would walk through periodically and check out items would not be circulated. That would cause an implication with security.

President Vogel: Where would the boundaries be put?

Grant: It would be throughout the second floor of the library that would be open. Side doors would be locked and E-readers would be put in place. Third floor would be closed off as well as the classrooms. The 3D printer would be pulled back as well.

Brundy: We would need to think through what else needs to be pulled back.

Arda: Have you calculated the costs for this and all the needed equipment?

Grant: We cannot give a great estimate for all these different variables.

Brundy: This will have resource implications. I am interested in gaining your input.

Senator Trabue: How will you deal with problems like volume?

Brundy: We run into those conflicts now. We think having this space available is a great opportunity. We could possibly segregate sections but ultimately would need to everyone just to be considerate.

Primous: Will you extend equipment checkout hours?

Brundy: We would still need those items back by 12 like usual. There are many details that need further looking into.

Straw poll taken

Consensus: Students would appreciate and benefit from having a 24-hour study space.

3. Devotion: Senator Brannaman
Power of a day – “Don’t Ever Give Up” video by Jim Valvano

Laugh

Think

Cry

Devotion for Next week: EAD Alene

4. Approval of Last Week’s Minutes: 12/8
Vice President Creed: This will be moved to a vote
Minutes stand approved

5. New Business

- a. Resolution #16- PR Director Intern. Replacement, President Vogel and VP Creed
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Motion to suspend the rules.

Second: Senator Jacobs

Rules are suspended

President Vogel: Motion to consider

Second: Jacobs

President Vogel: We as the exec team have chosen Samantha Pfab as Public Relations Director.

Senator Pfab: I am a first-year Spanish and PR major. I would like to vamp up our communication and social media presence. I am excited for this opportunity.

Vice President Creed: This will be moved to a vote

Abstained: Senator Pfab, President Vogel, Vice President Creed, Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner, Academic Ombudsperson Pollack, Treasurer Jobes-Ryan, Recorder Henderson.

Resolution #16 passes

- b. Resolution #17- Supplemental Request, National Science Teachers Association
 - Senator Hurd:** Motion to reinstate the rules
 - Second:** Jacobs
 - Rules are reinstated*
 - Treasurer Jobs-Ryan:** Motion to amend
 - Second:** Senator Singleton
 - Treasurer Jobs-Ryan:** This resolution was submitted in the fall for their regional conference. Total was \$4,050, amount requested was \$200. I suggested they ask for half the amount. They did decide to change their request from \$200 to \$2,025. We were not able to amend this before the meeting today. I will give a full presentation next week on supplemental requests, allocations, and budget.
 - Treasurer Jobs-Ryan:** Motion to amend Resolution #17 from the requested amount of \$200 to \$2,025.
 - Second:** Senator French
 - Resolution #17 is Amended*
 - Treasurer Jobs-Ryan:** This will now go to BRC for deliberation and we will come back with our suggestion.

- c. Resolution #18- New Organization Request, Comic Book Club
 - Vice President Creed:** will be moved to SRC

6. Old Business

- a. N/A

7. Student Issues

- Senator Trabue:** Does maintenance put salt on the sidewalks?
- Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner:** Man-power is an issue for timeliness. It is also not very healthy so they try not to put out so much and try to get out there asap.
- Dean Kittle:** The salt doesn't do anything if the temp is too low. That is why you have seen sand. Today, with higher temperatures it works better.

8. Dr. Kittle/Dr. Nolan Reports

- 9. President's Report.....Tyler Vogel
- Welcome back everyone. I would like to piggy back on Senator Brannaman's point. When things get down here it is a great place for us to pick others up. We will swear in our new senators.
- Swearing in of new senators Sarah Mirs, Sam Sides, Madison Simmons, Emmanuel Jeffery, Arda Delibas, Breyanna Primous.*
- President Vogel:** Parliamentarian Zmudka will help us outline several Roberts Rules.
- Parliamentarian Zmudka:** Robert's Rules are professional rules of communication that keep things in order. A resolution is a formal document that anyone can write up. It is to make any sort of change that needs to be voted on by Senate. You can find the document on info Center by searching Wartburg Student Senate. Professional language is used but if

you would like help with it, you can reach out to me or any senior senator. We encourage you guys to write resolutions because it creates a lot of dialogue.

Vice President Creed: If you are nervous you can write your questions on paper, leave it on the front table after the meeting and we will answer in the next Senate meeting.

Parliamentarian Zmudka: You can vote for, against, or abstain. Abstaining gets complicated; if you don't feel comfortable voting either way or if you have a conflict of interest, abstain. You can motion to amend or table.

President Vogel: When in doubt abstaining is a good route. Motioning to table will put the document into committees so they can be further discussed.

Parliamentarian Zmudka: Before you vote on a resolution you must consider it. The second is just saying "I agree this should be discussed". Once you get the second you can go on and discuss it.

President Vogel: Hannah will yield the floor to whom the topic concerns which is where we suspend the rules.

Parliamentarian Zmudka: You can technically suspend the rules whenever but mostly do it for appointments and things that can't wait. If anyone talks out of order, it is my place to say "Point of Order" which means that something is not up to the rules of order. When you hear that, stop. Don't take it personally.

President Vogel: I do have the One on One results. The Board of Regents will be here Feb 16th.

8. Treasurer's Report.....Seth Jobes-Ryan
During the New Business, Next week, I will be explaining many things like what Supplemental Requests and Allocations are. I would like to get some questions now that I can answer next time.
 - Current status of budget in specific to supplemental funding
 - Differences between Supplemental Funding and Allocations
 - Does the budget reset for the year or is it separate for the different year?**Treasurer Jobes-Ryan:** The budget carries over from year to year; May 31 to June 31.
 - How our budget is effected by other college budget issues
 - What BRC does
 - How to claim allocations

10. Recorder's Report.....Ashlee Henderson
The Exec team's tentative Office Hours will be posted at the end of this week. Hall Chairs and Committee Chairs, make sure to check with me on your new list of senators for this term. New Senators can pick up their constituent lists after this meeting or from me in the Senate Office. Please keep pushing out the Student Senate Leadership Scholarship. The link can be found on info Center after searching Student Senate. There will be a link on the left-hand side. Those are due January 30th. It is a \$500 scholarship awarded to two students who are currently second and third year.

11. Academic Ombudsperson's Report.....Benjamin Pollack
There is a new History class over the Greeks and Romans. That take place in the next academic year. We are working to combine Chemistry 113 and 114, which would be a sort

of an advanced course, combining Social Entrepreneurship and Microfinance, and changing the Engineering minor to have less required credits. There was a special course of Environment Literature and Film, that will now be offered again.

Recorder Henderson: How many credits would be Chemistry combo be worth?

President Vogel: If same as last year, would be for students that maybe too AP.

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: There is much in the works, we don't have all the answers yet. Talk to me about my position for those looking to run. On this day in history, January 12th, 1998 19 countries agreed to forbid human cloning.

12. Administrative Ombudsperson's Report.....Emily Laudner
Senator Jaeschke: The Student Appreciation I made over break is finished. This video will put on the monitors around campus. I am looking for feedback from everyone. I have a lot more footage I could incorporate.
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Thanks, Karl!
Senator Coon: Can we have an ice rink update?
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: The location has moved onto the outdoor basketball court. Everything else is the same.
Senator Delibas: I got a lot of complaints from people who were told skates would be provided then over break we were asked to bring out own skates from home. Those students don't have access to skates from home. Have you talked to Young Arena about renting skates or a sharing system?
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Young Arena will not rent out externally. The sharing system sis a great idea, so thank you for that!
Senator French: It makes sense that people can be expected to bring their own equipment like skates because the college doesn't provide tennis rackets when you want to go play tennis.
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Trinkets and Togs is a great place to look for cheap skates.
Senator Jacobs: Buying skates online can be cheap too.
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: The lack of snow for the buildup around is the current concern. Planned to go for the winter festival, but if no snow it will be postponed.
Senator Trabue: Will the funds that pay for it be transferred toward next year?
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: There is very little cost except for plastic underneath that we may not even need.
13. Executive Assistant for Diversity's Report.....Naomi Alene
There is a diversity newsletter this week. You can print it out and put it on your boards. Next week is MLK week so there will be a lot of events going on. Tuesday, there will be Sip and Paint at 7pm in the St. Elizabeth and Heritage Rooms, Wednesday there will be a Peace Dialogue 7pm in the Lyceum. Thursday will be the OUTLET at 7pm, DVK will be performing, poetry, and other performances. Tuesday Jan 24th 6:30-8pm with be a Difficult Conversation with Ramona Bouzard and Eddie Moore will be leading it.
Senator Coon: Can you include those dates on the flyer?
EAD Alene: yes
14. Vice-President's Report.....Hannah Creed

Elections are coming up, there will be a meeting on February 2nd. President and Vice President are one ticket. Talk to me about that as well as the other positions about their roles. Appointed position applicants don't need to come. Application will be due the day of the meeting. Elections will be on February 14th. If you are not running and you don't have any friends that are running, consider joining my election committee.

15. Committee Reports

Senator Buckwalter: APC will meet Sundays 7:30-8:30. Join the Gen Ed fun, 4:30 today need one more person for the committee. We will meet in WBC 101 this week. Talk to me if interest in Gen Education.

Senator Brannaman: Keep getting the word for Winter Festival at the end of February. We want to keep the momentum going.

Senator Jaeschke: Send me feedback on the video!

16. Liaison Reports

17. Open Senate/Reminders

Senator Laudner: Tuesday Jan 17th at 11:30 in WBC 214 Republican Bob Vaanderplats and Democrat Donna Redwing. The two, being nearly polar opposites politically, will talk about communicating with others who you don't agree with.

Senator Jacobs: Wartburg Democrats are gearing up for the new semester, see me or email me with interest. Look out for an email for next week.

President Vogel: There are a lot of exciting things going on, we will be jumping into campus and hall improvement. Please feel free to make your senate boards your own.

Senator Sides: Wartburg Players presents Guys & Dolls on Friday and Saturday January 20th and 21st. The shows will have a different cast so we encourage people to come to both!

18. Adjournment

Vice President Creed: Motion to adjourn

Second: Senator Singleton

12:45pm