

Wartburg College Student Senate

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11:30 am

WBC 214 Buckmaster

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STUDENT
SENATE



Outfly theme reveal: *Outfly Island!*

1. Roll Call/Attendance

Q: Why do Seagulls fly over the sea?

A: Because if they flew over the bay they would be bagels.

2. Guest Speaker: Anne Duncan – Sustainability

I would like to thank you before hand for voting and talking about water bottles today. Dining services wanted us to transition so that all we provided on move in day was water bottles. The free plastic clear green and orange water bottles were given out to first years on move-in day. It was a great way to get new students open to our commitment to sustainability. We do have 12 dozen left. Those could be open for senators if you like, just so that you can set a good example. We could also put them in the re-use store. I sincerely appreciated senators in the past being great ambassadors for sustainability. We do have a lot questions about sustainability. Recycling is different in each community. We do have different recycling systems like the blue containers outside each residence halls. In those we accept plastic, metal, and paper, excluding plastic baggies and glass. Plastics, metals, and paper all go in that single stream recycling bin. Do not, absolutely do not, put glass in the single stream recycling bins. We have had several instances of recyclables being placed in the incorrect bins. When that glass is put in the single stream recycling, it all gets compacted together where the glass breaks. Those loads are then recycled into things like toilet paper and paper towels...We do have glass recycling outside of all academic buildings and residence halls, along with cardboard recycling. The city can actually get paid for loads of recycling so when the wrong things are put in the recycling containers they have to be thrown away, in turn losing money. If you see anyone with questions, make sure you provide that information. Also, encourage your constituents to recycle! We do have a goal of being 80% diverted by 2020. We are currently in at the upper twenties, low thirties. If we do not see a significant decrease in the resident areas this is going to be an impossible goal. 80% diverted means that 80% of our waste on campus is either being recycled, sold, reused, or donated. Any way we can keep it out of the landfill. We have donated a lot to the women's shelter, St. Paul's, Wartburg West. By the time the first year students graduate we hope to reach that goal. We are looking at different leadership incentives and leadership programs with Pastor Brian. I actually just got an email this morning from the Princeton Review scoring us 97 out of 99 on there green review, which is awesome!! We didn't make the top 50 because most of those schools are 99 out of 99, but I'm still super happy about our 97 out of 99. Make sure that communication gets out. One of the things that happed last year that I wanted to also bring to your attention was that

we moved the garden with a pergola to east of the Lohe Grossman residence. That is an area we want to encourage students to go to. A couple years ago, Senate helped fund some picnic tables to go outside. Studies have shown that being outside is good for relaxation and reflection. We are planning to add a picnic table and you should be able to still connect to the campus Wi-Fi. We are also coming out with a Green Room Certification and Green Office Certification by the end of October. That would consist of ways to decrease your energy consumption and increase waste diversion. The Green Office Certification would be the same thing. I hope you can encourage other students and constituents to participate.

President Vogel: Are there any other projects you are currently working on?

Duncan: Over the spring into summer we put together a solar proposal, looking for a partner with that. That is still in the works. It would cost in the \$2 million range. The partner would buy the solar panels and we would buy the energy. We just need to find a partner that is willing to do that. We are also looking at some metering and a lot of the back-of-the-house things. Our focus this year is energy and making sure that we are maintain our recycling commitment.

Senator Jacobs: If this solar project were implemented, what percent would it impact of the campus' energy?

Duncan: 5%, depending on who our partner would be. Our energy source would have to be directly connected to Wartburg. We could not produce solar power, have it connected to the grid, then routed back to Wartburg. We also could not over produce power.

Senator Bockarie: Could you talk about food waste and if that qualifies?

Duncan: Yes, food waste is considered. It is another project we have been looking at for years. The cost to compost is still high but we should be nearing the ability to do more soon.

President Vogel: Are there any pieces of your goals that we could help with?

Duncan: Tell your friends and encourage them to participate and recycle. Don't be afraid to say something. We do know our energy cost will go up this year. Be an educational voice. If you're in a classroom and people are in a small area of the room, do you really need all the lights on? We do have the Re-Use Store in the basement of Old Main where students can come and get binders, folders, and other office supplies. We just ask students to pay in forward.

3. Devotion: President Vogel

10 thoughts that most 1st years have – Presented by Tyler French

Devotion next week: Senator Jaeschke

4. Approval of Last Weeks Minutes: 9/29

Minutes stand approved

5. New Business

a. Resolution #4- Delegate Initiative- President Vogel

To address the confusion: this is something we want to incorporate into the bylaws. This is a voluntary program that would pair you with a Wartburg faculty member or administrator that you would meet with twice per month. This would be added to the "responsibility of the

senator” section in the bylaws. This is a great way for you to communicate with faculty and administration to show them what is happening in Senate as well as what they are doing in their work. Its easy to have a little disconnect and this is our way of tying that knot.

Vice President Creed: This will sit in committees for two weeks.

b. Resolution #5- Water Bottle Readership Request

President Vogel: Just to clarify before we draft the resolution, before orientation there were budget cuts where they would not provide water cups at orientation. On the grounds of being sustainable they wanted to give out free water bottles. I thought it was a great idea and the exec team had some issues with it. This summer, I approved that Senate would be represented on the water bottle. I told them that there is a possibility that this would be turned down when senate met to vote on it in the fall. We would like this to be discussed in committees. This promotes our sustainable culture.

Senator Thompson: Will they purchase the water bottles every year?

President Vogel: We are unsure of that. It will only be approved for this year.

Parliamentarian Zmudka: How much were they?

President Vogel: \$940, it would either be split in half between Sustainability and Senate or in thirds between Senate, Sustainability, and Student Life.

Senator Matthew: We received the roll up water bottles freshman year. Was this a part of a promotional piece between Sustainability and Senate?

Parliamentarian Zmudka: That was Senate’s promotional piece, not a partnership.

6. Old Business

a. N/A

7. Dr. Kittle/Dr. Nolan Reports

Dr. Nolan: I just wanted to introduce myself. I teach in the English department where I focus in creative writing and film. I am really excited to be involved with Senate this year as an advisor. I want to be a resource for you, so if you need anything or have any questions, I live in Luther hall!

Dean Kittle: I don’t have anything to report but I wanted to know if anyone had any questions.

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: How is the student challenge going?

Dean Kittle: I’m doing well! I’ve done cheerleading and I’ll be working in the Mensa soon. I wanted to be serving ice cream but I think they are going to have me move around a bit.

President Vogel: Are you excited for the clarinet?

Dean Kittle: Yes, it took me a while to even get a sound out of it but I finally got it.

8. President’s Report.....Tyler Vogel

Senators are invited to go to Greenwood, President Colson's home, for dinner on November 1st from 7:30-9:30pm. It's a really great time and great discussion. Make sure to push the theme. And as senators we want everyone to dress up for Outfly!

8. Treasurer's Report.....Seth Jobes-Ryan

Last year a lot of the residence halls had recycling bags but do not this year. The RAs do have those recycling bags in their office, so you can ask them if you would like one. The reason for this was because many of the bags didn't come back at the end of last year.

I would like to get your opinion on Senate polos. Typically, each senate gets new polos and we wanted to gage your opinions on just getting one nice one to have for your four years or a new lower quality one each year. Also, we have looked into Lapel pins or something along those lines.

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: How does the polo situation work with the budget?

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: By just getting the 1st year senators the polo from last year, instead getting everyone a different one, it would lower the cost by on fifth.

Show of hands favor of just getting the freshmen a polo? **Positive majority response**

President Vogel: We do have some vintage Senate polos left over in the Senate office if anyone wants one. Moving on from a budgetary standpoint, we want to fund more useful things than clothing that would not be worn often.

Treasurer Jobes Ryan: One thought behind it is that a senator will wear their polo only 8 times during the year.

9. Recorder's Report.....Ashlee Henderson

38 of 49 senators sent their emails this week which is great! However, a lot of those emails were sent in the past 2-3 days and we would like them to be sent out earlier. Make sure to CC me in your emails! We will also start sending out the newsletter in JPEG format so that they will be visible when put in an email rather than having to open it as a PDF.

10. Academic Ombudsperson's Report.....Benjamin Pollack

On this day in history, in 1993 Michael Jordan retired for the first time.

11. Administrative Ombudsperson's Report.....Emily Laudner

Hall councils should have sent out emails to get meetings set up, event dates and themes set, and hall improvement projects started.

12. Executive Assistant for Diversity's Report.....Naomi Alene

There will be a diversity newsletter sent out this week. Global Connections is still in need of more domestic students.

Senator Astarita: We are pretty well matched but if there is more interest we can always find a spot for them.

EAD Alene: There are also open slots for the diversity newsletter, so if you know of anyone who comes from a cool cultural background let me know.

Dean Kittle: I think it would be a good idea to share that with the faculty and staff.

Senator Jaeschke: Can that be sent as a JPEG as well?

Recorder Henderson: We can make sure that happens.

13. Vice-President's Report.....Hannah Creed

Vice President Creed: Motion to suspend the rules.

Second: Treasurer Jobes-Ryan

The rules are suspended

Vice President Creed: We did have five people interested in the social co-chair positions. The social co-chairs will help with social events and bonding activities. I still want to have an events committee along with the social co-chairs.

President Vogel: This is in the bylaws and is to help levy the responsibilities of senators.

Candidates: Abby Singleton, Jenna Brannaman, Travone Grey, Amanda Guertler, Tyler French.

Voted Co-Chairs: **Jenna Brannaman & Tyler French.**

Vice President Creed: If anyone else would like to be on this informal committee let us know. For Outfly, sand volleyball is at 3pm. The Amazing Race will be put on by Students UKnight. It's a photo scavenger hunt of things around campus and helps to show people what things are meaningful around our campus and why. There are also prizes!

PR Director Dolphin: We want to get senators as involved as possible.

Vice President Creed: Sign ups for Outfly events are outside the hub.

President Vogel: Volleyball tams are 6-8 people and the Amazing Race is teams of 3-5 people.

Senator Matthew: Is there a limited space?

Vice President Creed: No! The more people the better! There will be no movie this year because we didn't think it went with the theme but there will be a luau from 7-9pm. The costume contest will be at the luau and there will be a prize for that. We do expect senators to dress up at the bell right away in the morning. For homecoming we will have a float to stand on instead of walking. Everyone is also expected to be on the float. If you are not able to make the parade it must be because you are a part of another organization and you need to communicate that with Ashlee. Look out for the Outfly release video. If you are not able to work at Outfly, tell me.

Parliamentarian Zmudka: Motion to reinstate the rules.

Second: Academic Ombudsperson Pollack

Rules are reinstated

14. Committee Reports

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: SRC will be meeting Sunday nights in WBC 101 9pm

15. Liaison Reports

16. Student Issues

17. Open Senate/Reminders

Senator Isvik: If you are interested in a fundraising opportunity on campus contact the VAC.

Senator Jacobs: I want to encourage everyone to register and vote. Talk to me if you haven't registered or don't know how. VOTE!

Senator Buckwalter: Registration for the parade and Renfair are due Thursday at midnight. Window submissions are due Sunday at midnight.

Senator Jaeschke: If anyone in my hall council is interested in being Hall Chair VP let me know.

18. Adjournment

Senator Gheysens: Motion to adjourn

Second: Senator Brown

Adjourned 12:35pm