

# Wartburg College Student Senate

November 10th, 2016

11:30 am

WBC 214 Buckmaster

WARTBURG  
STUDENT  
SENATE



1. Roll Call/Attendance

Q: What is your favorite book or TV show?

Joke Q: What do you get when you put a candle in a suit of armor?

**A: A knight light**

2. Guest Speaker: N/A

3. Devotion: Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner

“Kid President is over it!”

– How to disagree with people: Pause, Breathe, Love.

Devotion next week: **Senator Astarita**

4. Approval of Last Week’s Minutes: 11/3

**Minutes stand approved**

5. New Business

a. Resolution #12- Supplemental Request, PRSSA, Katie Kreis

This will be moved to BRC for one week.

b. Resolution #13- Supplemental Request, Ritterchor, Cory Brannaman

This will be moved to BRC for one week.

6. Old Business

a. Resolution #9- Supplemental Request, WSMTA, Samantha Hallgren

**Treasurer Jobs-Ryan:** Motion to consider

**Second:** Senator Singleton

This request is for four music therapy students going to the music therapy conference in Ohio. This is covering cost of and transportation which was rented through the school. They did minimize hotel costs as much as possible. The BRC met and discussed this request and made the decision to amend this request to \$300 as that is what we felt comfortable with and what we thought would help the requesters with the Hotel expense portion of the request.

**Amended to: \$300**

**Vice President Creed:** We will move this to a vote.

**Resolution #9 passes**

- b. Resolution #10- Supplemental Request, Caleb Milius and Kathryn Chabal

**Treasurer Jobes-Ryan:** Motion to consider

**Second:** Senator C. Brown

**Senator Milius:** We presented at the Midwest Chemistry Society meeting to present our research for the past two years. We were able to see what other students are able to do and receive criticism on our own work. We requested funding for travel and hotel costs.

**Treasurer Jobes-Ryan:** The BRC met and discussed this request and felt that they it was a good cause as this was the presentation of years of research and that we wanted to award them 50% of their total request in consistency with the budget decisions we have made as a committee for this academic year.

**Amended to: \$375**

**President Vogel:** Does this go along the lines of individuals receiving \$200 max each?

**Treasurer Jobes-Ryan:** Yes, we applied 50% which then corresponded with the \$200 per person.

Abstained: Senator Milius

**Vice President Creed:** We will move this to a vote.

**Resolution #10 passes**

- c. Resolution #11- Readership account proposal, (Water bottles), Sustainability

**President Vogel:** Motion to consider

**Second:** Treasurer Jobes-Ryan

**Senator Kozak:** I'm a first year and surrounded by the people that use these water bottles. I see them being used all the time. They have gotten our name out there in a great way.

**President Vogel:** There is no commitment for this next year. Thanks for staying with us through this.

**Senator Jacobs:** Is the money a reimbursement or was it Senate's money that already went toward this?

**President Vogel:** This is a reimbursement.

Opposed: Senator Singleton, Senator Gray, Senator Isvik, Senator Keller, PR Director Dolphin

Abstained: Academic Ombudsperson Pollack, President Vogel

**Resolution #11 passes**

7. Student Issues

**Senator Jacobs:** I have heard about a lot of the changes that are taking place in the Mensa, reducing the taco bar for example. Is it a staffing issue or something else?

**Senator Keller:** It is definitely a staffing issue. The reason to take away the Taco bar is to decrease staffing time. To combat this issue, you can fill out the comment cards with legitimate insight and take the surveys. Fill them out with well-presented thoughts to be taken seriously.

**Senator French:** Trumpet will be putting out an issue on that, you could talk to them.

**Vice President Creed:** We can also put information on how to apply for dining services on our weekly email.

**Senator Trabue:** I have heard from my constituents that the Clinton female bathrooms are not up to cleanliness par.

**Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner:** Most of it is that the girls aren't taking care of it themselves. They RA's are looking out for that more now.

8. Dr. Kittle/Dr. Nolan Reports

**Dr. Nolan:** We are eagerly awaiting to see which faculty positions will be cut due to institutional need. That day is supposed to be today. 5 positions were notified of a diminished institutional need. Next week there are group meetings and faculty meetings. I'll keep you posted.

**Senator Matthew:** Does that go to just the faculty or also the students?

**Dr. Nolan:** Faculty first then later a public announcement to campus. Faculty as a whole will get the answers next week.

**Senator Zheng:** Will those professors be able to stay till the end of semester?

**Dr. Nolan:** Yes, even if their positions are being cut for this year, they're offered an extra year to continue teaching. Other professors in earlier years have not taken this.

**President Vogel:** We will try to keep you up to date as much as we can.

9. President's Report.....Tyler Vogel

I am immensely proud of the Political Action committee and the Wartburg Democrats and Wartburg Republicans.

Speaking on the election, as senator it is important for us to be able to disagree peacefully. We have such a great amount of diverse culture. It is important for us to support each other and lead by example. Student Life and Campus Ministries is having a session tonight at 6:30pm where students can have a safe place to talk about everything and the election. I would like to see as much presence as possible.

Dr. Pier wanted me to create a committee that would evaluate how we as students feel about Knight Vision; Co-Chair and 5 senator volunteers.

**Senator French:** We have four different categories that we cover: sports, news, ministry, and special events. Started out in 2013 and all programs are now in one system. We have different advisors for each category.

**President Vogel:** This committee could discuss if we want to have any sponsored events like for mounted cameras, etc.?

**Vice President Creed:** How often would they meet and how long would the committee stand?

**President Vogel:** The committee would meet as needed for the duration of this year.

**Senator Matthew:** What is the end goal? Are they determining whether to keep Knight Vision?

**President Vogel:** We are just an outside group that would be a third party to get a better idea of how things. Please talk to me after or email me with interest.

**Senator French:** Please be objective as possible because in this committee as it is extremely important.

**President Vogel:** The whole purpose of the Delegate Initiative is to establish a more shared relationship with faculty staff and senate.

I have the delegate listings completed. If you want to switch with another senator, please let me know that. I will email out the list out. First year student-senators will be able to start participating next semester.

8. Treasurer's Report.....Seth Jobes-Ryan
10. Recorder's Report.....Ashlee Henderson  
We had 28 senators send out their emails this week. Please be sure that you are sending them out as soon as possible, preferably before Monday. Also, make sure that you are notifying me of meetings that you will be late to or have to leave early from. Keep in mind that our meetings are technically from 11:30-12:45.
11. Academic Ombudsperson's Report.....Benjamin Pollack  
APC would like to host a social event for faculty and staff to socialize and eat ice cream. Poster for majors that were started last year are coming along still. The project consists of 10 posters that explain each major.  
On this day in history, in 1942, Walt Disney started working as an informer for the FBI.
12. Administrative Ombudsperson's Report.....Emily Laudner  
I've been in contact with the wWaterloo Blackhawks, next Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> we have the opportunity to get discounted tickets when showing your student ID. This is available for all students. We will be having a social hangout beforehand in the ballrooms. The tickets are at a discount of \$12.  
**President Vogel:** We wanted this to be a bonding experience.  
**Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner:** Wartburg Drumline will also be playing at the game.  
SRC Winter festival will be a Saturday from mid to end of February. We will hopefully be getting an ice rink for Clinton Field. We have currently have two of three yes's.
13. Executive Assistant for Diversity's Report.....Naomi Alene  
If you didn't send your email last week please send it with the Diversity Newsletter this week. Please go to the church program tonight also. I am a person to talk to about any diversity issues so please feel free to do so. It is our job to keep a safe community feeling. If you do feel insensitive about anything pertaining to the election, please just refrain from commenting.
14. Vice-President's Report.....Hannah Creed  
To explain the bonding activity – we will meet at 5:15 in the Mensa then to the ballrooms where we will have conversation games to do while you eat. We'll have games like apples to apples and heads up. We can organize carpooling from there. Both are optional. You can come to none, either, or both.  
We will be having one-on-ones for everyone to attend next week. You can sign up on the door of the Senate office.  
We will have a Christmas party November 27<sup>th</sup> time TBD, probably around 8. There will be appetizers and white elephant gift exchange.  
**Senator Isvik:** There is a CWW rehearsal then.  
**President Vogel:** We can scratch that date then.

**Vice President Creed:** The Cedar Valley Interfaith Council invites people of all faiths to a Season of Prayer for Our Leaders – Interfaith Prayer Service on Sunday, November 13 at 3pm at YWCA of Black Hawk County 425 Lafayette St., Waterloo. Refreshments will follow the service.

15. Committee Reports

**Senator Keller:** PAC met last night. I couldn't be more proud. We have been brainstorming fundraising opportunities like making soccer balls for kids in Haiti and a revised version of dorm storm for Readership. If you have more ideas, please let me know.

**Senator Guertler:** SRC is tabling tonight for faculty and staff appreciation. We need help from 6:15-6:30.

**Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner:** You can get involved at winter festival even if you are not on SRC.

16. Liaison Reports

17. Open Senate/Reminders

**Senator Isvik:** The Northeast Iowa Food Bank Backpack Pack on Tuesday, November 15th from 11 am to 1 pm in the W Fieldhouse. Students can stop by to prepare bags of food and small essential items. They are free to donate as little as 15 minutes of their time or stay for the whole event.

Food for Hoops canned food drive at the basketball game on Tuesday, November 15th.

St. Elizabeth Week Chapel and Award Ceremony on Wednesday, November 16th at 10:15 am in the Wartburg Chapel.

Voices of the Issues Panel/Orange Band Initiative on Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 pm in WBC 214. The panel will feature discussion on the issues of food and housing insecurity and provide opportunities to engage in dialogue with those who work closely with people experiencing these situations in our community.

There will also be a clothing drive throughout the week with drop off locations in Clinton, Cardinal Commons, the Complex, and the Wartburg Chapel.

**Senator French:** LS 115 class is working with the library now, wondering about extending library hours. There is a survey in the juice now asking about library and the possibility of making it open 24hrs/day. There are prizes for filling out the survey so be sure to fill one out for the chance to win an Amazon gift card.

**Senator Isvik:** Have you talked to the Library Review Board?

**Senator French:** Yes, we have been working with them from the start.

**Senator Jaeschke:** You said you were looking for more speakers to have at meetings?

**Vice President Creed:** Yes, you can bring up suggestions during Open Senate Reminders.

**Senator Jaeschke:** What about the meet your senator poster? When will those be up?

**PR Director Dolphin:** I am currently working on it; I'll have them next week.

**Vice President Creed:** We will be having them in meeting next week and people can write in their information on the card.

**I-Club Representative Ardah:** I get a lot of questions about how to use Clinton televisions. What are the policies?

**Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner:** The theatre room is now not open all the time because a bean bag was taken. It can be reserved beforehand. Upstairs, I think you can turn them on whenever.

**Treasurer Jobes-Ryan:** The downstairs televisions are mostly for gaming. RA's can always help you turn them on.

**I-Club Representative Ardah:** What if there are no RA's?

**Treasurer Jobes-Ryan:** There is always an Area Coordinator on call that can help.

**President Vogel:** We are looking for a student to be a representative on the Library Student Advisory Board.

**Senator Isvik:** I am on it and we typically ask questions through surveys on what we can change in the library. Then we make recommendations. We plan to visit other colleges and see how things work elsewhere.

**President Vogel:** We will solidify institutional committees that need to be filled, ranging from IT to APC. I will send out a rubric for more information later.

**Vice President Creed:** Next week we will have Danielle Harms from Wartburg West to speak in meeting.

18. Adjournment

**Vice President Creed:** Motion to Adjourn

**Second:** Senator Jacobs

Meeting Adjourned 12:22pm