

Wartburg College Student

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Senate

November 17th, 2016

11:30 am

WBC 214 Buckmaster



1. Roll Call/Attendance

Joke B What do you get from a pampered cow?

A: Spoiled milk

2. Guest Speaker: Danielle Harms, Director of Project Development and Outreach at Wartburg West.

I am very happy to be here, I drove from Denver, CO. Things are changing at Wartburg West. We are expanding our goals. I was asked to join the team in effort to make that happen. I going to talk about what currently goes on, the future goals, and the ideas we are considering for Wartburg West. If you would like to be involved or receive updates, or if you have ideas, I have a sign-up sheet. Has anyone visted Denver? Who here is a Wartburg West Alumni? You should get out there! I just joined the college although I've been going here my whole life. My grandfather was actually a religion professor here. So I have a long family history at Wartburg. Much of my family is living or has lived in Waverly. Before this I went to Gustavus Adolphus where I studied abroad in Hungary and Korea. I moved to Denver from Washington D.C. of 4 years. As you probably know, we have had an academic program in Denver for 30 years, called an Urban Studies Program. The classes are very experiential, meaning you are learning many things through community interactions instead of just out the book. You are experiencing it first-hand. In the summer we only offer internships, which tailor to your interests.

President Vogel: I was at Denver Health and Colorado Care Initiative.

Harms: I talked to one of those employers and you have reputation of being very excited.

Senator Meyer: I was at a nonprofit that worked to remove some of the barriers against marginalized groups.

PR Director Dolphin: I interned at Blaire's clothing.

Arda: I worked at Peace Jam, in Nevada, where they bring global peace with a focus on students. I got to meet with the Dalai Lama this summer.

Senator Gheysens: City County of Denver

Harms: You can get really excellent experiences at Wartburg West but as you know the college. Our goals for the future are:

1. Continue to provide excellent academics
2. Recruit more students from Colorado to Wartburg West

3. Donor development
4. New begin new initiatives that also bring in revenue
5. Telling the Wartburg Story

We are running a high school leadership program launching this summer. It can be done in Waverly or Denver next summer. We are looking at what to do next and are open to any new ideas. Some possibilities are expanding academic opportunities, i.e. code academy, inviting more schools to Wartburg West, leadership development programs for youth, leadership and service programs for youth. We have also talked about utilizing the mountains more, possible for an orientation week where students can take a week backpacking in the mountains before classes start. Another idea has been to create opportunities for ecology research. I will be around till Tuesday. Please give me your name and email for feedback, interest, etc. The deadline to come next year is December 18th. Fall and winter are wide open.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Have you looked into any interest in high school students?

Harms: We will have to experiment as we go because this is a unique program for high school students to receive college credit. We have about 300 faculty and administrators expressing interest.

PR Director Dolphin: What is your target pool?

Harms: The college has said they will back us for the first year. We initially thought to target Denver students but are looking to expand it outside of Denver. We are going to get some scholarships together.

3. Devotion: Senator Astarita

International Education Week November 12-18 2016

Salsa night is this Friday from 8-9:30 in Orchestra Hall

Devotion for next week (Dec 1.): **Senator Pfab**

4. Approval of Last Week's Minutes: 11/10

Minutes Stand Approved

5. New Business

- a. Resolution #14 - New Organization Request, National Society for Leadership and Success, Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner
This will sit in committees for two weeks.

- b. Resolution #15- New Organization, Global Connections, Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner
This will sit in committees for two weeks.

6. Old Business

- a. Resolution #12- Supplemental Request, PRSSA, Katie Kreis
Treasurer Jones-Ryan: Motion to consider

Second: President Vogel

Molly Schmidt: PRSSA stands for Public Relations Students of America. Visited companies called Happy Medium and KCCI. To this event we brought 18 students which is a for us. This request is for gas reimbursement.

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: The BRC reviewed this request and decided that the request had good merit but that due to the fact that the organization has sufficient funds to support these expenses along with Senate Allocations that are yet to be exhausted we have amended this request to \$35 in order to help them with the thank you gifts portion of this request. PRSSA can come back at end of the year after allocations.

Senator Isvik: What was their original purpose for allocations?

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: The purpose of their allocations is for traveling and registration costs.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: So, going through allocations they will get a full reimbursement?

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: Yes, they can ongoing submit receipts to take out of allocations. We would like them to use allocations first.

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

Abstained: Senator Thompson, Senator French

Resolution #12 Passes

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

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: Motion to consider

Second: Senator Jacobs

Corey Brannaman: Last year our director, Dr. Lee Nelson, was asked to be a guest conductor in Carnegie Hall and they went on to look up Ritterchor on YouTube. They invited us to Carnegie hall to come sing. Ritterchor has 80 students and 50 will be going on this 4-day trip in February. This request is for charter bus cost. We will be going to Minneapolis by bus, flying to Newark, then needing charter buses to the hotel and back.

The guys are covering the airline cost, hotel cost, and fees for singing in Carnegie Hall. Each Ritterchor guy is paying \$1,400 and we are trying to do all we can to cover costs through the charter bus. We are not able to get any funding from the college or music department.

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: The BRC met and discussed this request and saw an immediate need for funding to be given to this organization. They are one of the larger organizations and this request will directly affect 50 students on campus and due to these reasons the BRC has decided amend the request to \$500. This is due to a large fact that they recieved \$1200 already this year, which is more than any other ensemble. We did that with the idea that those funds would go toward this event. Looking forward we would help Ritterchor with fundraising efforts.

Senator Jaeschke: What is the number comparison?

Brannaman: 82, which makes us the biggest ensemble on campus.

President Vogel: Has Ritterchor done any fundraising?

Brannaman: Yes, we have done fundraisers. We perform at Zion Lutheran church, take open donations at church, Real Men Sing, thinking about putting on a talent show, and we send out letters to 400+ Ritterchor alumni.

Senator Milius: Have you considered making a Ritterchor calendar?

Brannaman: We have thought about it but maybe we will consider it again.

Senator Jacobs: Is there a past precedence that this is based on? How did you come up with the \$500? As it stands, it is \$10 per person.

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: Through discussion, we discussed that the money could be distributed individually among the students or not, up to them. It was not looked as a per person basis. We wanted to help Ritterchor without limiting us with what we could do for the remainder of the year. If we gave upwards to the 80% mark it would take up to 40%-50% of our Supplemental Request budget.

President Vogel: For the main allocation request for Ritterchor, their main request was in this trip, right?

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: They received a \$1,200 for this request along with printing costs. But they plan to use the total \$1200 + \$500 for this trip.

Senator Matthew: There was no former precedence. Corey gave the breakdown of how much more they would have to pay if we would have given them nothing. With this \$500 we wanted to make it so each person did not have to pay an extra cost of over \$100. Triple digits can make or break whether someone goes on a trip.

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

Abstained: Senator Gray, Senator Jacobs, President Vogel

Opposed: Senator Jaeschke, Senator Brannaman, Senator McMichael

7. Student Issues

8. Dr. Kittle/Dr. Nolan Reports

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

Thank two new senators, Alison Rush, Todd Greer. Going into next semester, looking at institutional committees, I want to make sure all of these spots are filled. Please, as you are in your committees, see what time they are meeting next semester, and let me know if you cannot make that time. I will compile a list and talk about future year. Dec 1 we are having Rich Seggerman come in to talk on some budgetary needs. Dec 8 we will have Margret Empe from dining. I ask all of you to go to the dining office, see Shelly, to be test subjects to use your finger print instead of your ID to swipe at mealtime. Please go there after the meeting or sometime today. We will always have traditional speakers but we will also have some during open senate where they come to talk about new things like academic programs. Please feel free to invite faculty and staff that may have useful information to share. I want to explain the delegate initiative; I have reached out and talked to 90% of the people involved. I will email you and your administrative partner with what you can talk about. You will then be responsible to set up your monthly meeting.

Vice President Creed: It can be an informal meeting like going to get coffee.

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

I just wanted to talk about some budget things. In BRC when we met, we thought about giving an update each week about where each account sits. We have \$6,537.50 to give out for the remainder of the year. That number could change when allocations happen in

March and February. We talk with organizations at the end of the year to assess their need for the remainder of the year. The funding we determine for an organization's allocations, would do not touch so they may claim it for the end of the year. You may not know that this is comparatively lower than last year. Last year the Supplemental Budget for the whole year was \$15,000. This time last year I expect we were sitting at around \$12,000 remaining. We are currently sitting well proportionally where we should be.

Senator Milius: Of that \$15,000 how much was used at the end of the year? Was it all used at the end of the year?

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: Actually yes, the majority of the Supplemental Budget was used by late march. We started cutting things around 2nd semester because we knew we were coming to the end of the budget. We are now preparing for that high claim rate.

Senator Isvik: Why do we have less than last year?

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: We had a large buildup several years ago from organizations not claiming their allocations. We were really trying to encourage organizations to claim their allocations. So due to that high allocation claim rate we are closer to a comfortable number of where we want to be. With the higher claim rate, we can be sure that we are giving back to the students who contributed the money. We want to be close to a contingency of about \$7,000 in each account to roll over each year. We are currently sitting at \$7,000 in one and \$23,000 in the other. Which means we would like to overspend by about \$16,000. Last year we spent about \$23-24,000 more than we brought in. So we are trying to cut down on that so we can be at a better place at the end of the year.

Senator Jaeschke: The time that organizations need to claim their allocations is at the end of the calendar year or fiscal year?

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: Fiscal year, not past the end of May term but can be discussed for things over the summer. Some organizations often claim things from the end of July to June.

Senator Isvik: The \$6,000 is for what? Campus Improvement, Hall Improvement?

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: Hall improvement and campus come from elsewhere.

Senator Jaeschke: Hall event budget comes from the student service fee, not Senate. That \$6,537 is set aside for just supplemental.

10. Recorder's Report.....Ashlee Henderson
We had our second best week for emailing this week with 38 senators sending their emails! Many halls were close to 100%; Clinton/Founders -1, Grossman/Lohe/Residence – 1, Complex – 5, Knights/Manors/Off-Campus – 1. Senate Review Committee has met and are beginning to assess attendance so if you have any questions about how many absences you have you can check with me. Know that whether an absence is excused or not, it will still count as an absence. Last thing, Student Leadership and Service Scholarship is coming soon and will be open to Sophomores and Juniors. There will be more information for that in the future.
11. Academic Ombudsperson's Report.....Benjamin Pollack
If you do not have a senate door dec, meet with Levi. The Public Health major should be

approved as a major for next year. There is a new May term class, Leadership 395, in Madison WI where $\frac{3}{4}$ of May Term students will be traveling and working with Wartburg alum at American Family Insurance. There are 16 spots available. APC meets Sunday nights at 8:30. We need one more person for Education Policy Committee. This committee is a great opportunity for education majors.

EAD Alene: Diversity Committee meets Sunday nights at 8:30 in the Hub.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Is there any more information on institutional need?

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: No, those involved are to disclose that information themselves.

Senator Milius: Were there five areas looked into?

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: No idea, Dean Ernsting didn't even tell me that much. On this day in history, November 17th, Nathaniel Palmer became the first American to see Antarctica.

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

The Waterloo Blackhawks game and bonding are tonight. Meet in ballrooms at 5:15pm. The Complex is having their hall event 3-5pm tonight with minute to win it games.

Senator Voigt: There will be 8 different minute to win it games, free snacks and drinks. If you complete 6 of the games you can be entered into a raffle for a free pizza from pizza hut.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: What we look at in new organizations is potential continuation, constitution leadership, and their application. We will be talking about both organizations this Sunday at 9 in WBC 101. If you visit another committee, you can give your opinion but not vote. If you are interested in helping with the Winter festival, February 18, let me know. If your org wants to be involved, email Amanda Guertler or the Senate account. The appreciation video should be done after Thanksgiving break. This is just to boost morale all over campus. The Thank you notes went out VERY well.

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

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

Swearing in of senators Alison Rusch and Todd Greer.

Please sign up for Senate one on ones! Tomorrow beginning at 5:15pm there will be board games and conversation in the ballrooms. Go through the Mensa and into the ballrooms. Games will go till 6:15pm but we have the room reserved until 6:30 if you are not going to the game and would like to stay later. We encourage you to sit by someone new! *Senator of the month nominations.* The Holiday Party will be Tuesday December 6th in the Hall of Fame room. You can wear holiday gear like ugly sweaters, costumes, earrings, etc. There will be a white elephant gift exchange. If you want to participate you can but don't have to, the gift limit is under \$5.

15. Committee Reports

Senator Gheysens: KVMO is meeting tonight at 9 in Knights Lounge.

16. Liaison Reports

17. Open Senate/Reminders

Treasurer Jones-Ryan: Come sit on BRC meetings 6-7pm Sunday nights in the Hub

Senator Isvik: Make a card at the Holiday Shoppe in the Student Center

PR Director Dolphin: Polos and outfly shirts are on their way.

President Vogel: Thank to those that are interested in the Knight Vision ad hoc committee, we still need one more person

18. Adjournment

Vice President Creed: Motion to adjourn

Second: Senator Jacobs

Meeting adjourned 12:40pm