

Wartburg College Student Senate

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11:30 am

WBC 214 Buckmaster

WARTBURG

STUDENT

SENATE



1. Roll Call/Attendance

Joke: What is a farmer's favorite kind of shirt?

A: Crop Top

2. Guest Speaker: Pastor Brian

Faith and Identity Project: We are trying to understand what is going on at Wartburg's campus and seeing what we can do to address those things. A few years ago, I applied for and was granted a strategic initiative grant to analyze the faith identity at Wartburg. A lot of things have changed about how people relate to their faith. The religious identity of Wartburg has been confused, some comments include "I thought I was going to be surrounded by a bunch of Christians and I wasn't going to be able to swear", "I didn't even know it was a Lutheran college until I came to campus", but some were also similar to "I felt really comfortable even as an atheist on campus." We need to be faithful to the Lutheran beliefs and traditions but also accepting of others as the same time. I am working on my Doctor of Ministry Degree and we are working on a qualitative study review. We hope to come out with a report of the survey in the fall to show what it looks like to be a student at a Lutheran college like Wartburg. We are in the third of three steps; looking at school's websites to see their themes and how they portray their themselves to establish a baseline of how schools talk about themselves. There will be three focus groups on Sunday to gather more data. The following is raw data for the survey. Q: How often is faith a discussion topic in non-religion courses? Wartburg was surveyed the highest in having faith as a discussion topic in non-religious courses. Wartburg does pretty well in that regard. In terms of religious diversity, we don't have a lot but more than we have had in the past. We are looking at how to do more of that, we did not score the highest in that realm. Identity is a key concept; most people chose that Wartburg, think of it as a Lutheran college or Christian and non-secular which I think is good. Q: Is faith affiliation an influence in identity? Response: Wartburg scored four out of six. Q: How would you like the college to express faith and identity in the future? Response: Some would like to see more. Other questions include What is our mission? and How much does the college focus on the faith development of community members? The Midwest seems to be more connected to the church than other regions. Q: How supportive do you feel of the college's religious identity and mission? Response: Wartburg scored about a 4.75 on a 6-point scale, which is good and gives us good things to build on moving forward.

Senator Thompson: How did you come up with the focus groups?

Pastor Brian: The groups are two students and faculty, which we took nominations for. The desire was to get as diverse a sample as possible. We had very diverse groups in terms of faith, involvement and we feel good about that.

President Vogel: Where do we sit with the number of Lutherans on campus?

Pastor Brian: Maybe just under 30%. Lutheran and Catholic are about even. The last review was in 2007 where we went from 42% to 30%. That is due to a lot of different factors.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: What does that say about our ELCA affiliation?

Pastor Brian: Good questions, we hope to look at that to see how effective we are in recruiting and retaining. All denominations are declining now. Our current position is partially because of geography. I hope to address that more with my research.

Senator Greer: What populations are growing then?

Pastor Brian: More are simply unaffiliated; it has gone from 2% to now 7%. The way that young adults relate to faith is very different now so that makes it difficult to nail down numbers. The idea of identity is getting harder to nail down. We know what things are going to change and we need to be cognizant of how things will change while being faithful to our mission. Being in a place where are all welcome to explore your faith is important to us. Feel free to follow up with an email.

3. Devotion: **Senator Coon and Senator Linkletter**

If a person is drowning, do they need a ticket to come aboard your cruise ship?

-Winter Break Service Trip Immokalee FL

Devotion for next week: **President Vogel**

4. Approval of Last Week's Minutes: 3/9/17

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: Motion to amend the minutes to reflect the change of the correct passing of the Resolution #38.

Parliamentarian Zmudka: Second

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

Abstained: Senator Bockarie, Senator Coon

3/9/17 Minutes are amended

Vice President: If there are no other questions, we will move the new minutes to a vote.

Abstained: Senator Coon, Senator McMichael

Amended minutes from 3/9/17 pass

5. New Business

a. Resolution #38- Supplemental Request, Blake Shipman

Vice President Creed: If there are no questions, this will be moved to BRC for one week.

b. Resolution #39- Supplemental Request, I-Club

Vice President Creed: If there are no questions, this will be moved to BRC for one week.

c. Resolution #40- Supplemental Request, Kim Schlesinger

Vice President Creed: If there are no questions, this will be moved to BRC for one week.

- d. Resolution #41- Hall Improvement Projects, Administrative
Ombudsperson Laudner
Vice President Creed: This will sit in committees for two weeks
Senator Rehberg: We have decided on a sink for founder's kitchen and artwork in Clinton study rooms.
Senator Cannon: KVMO has decided on a card reader for Knight's Village Lounge. The cost of this could take a few years. We would be setting aside money now for years to come. Garry Wiperman said to do a small black box with a code that opens with a normal key for the meantime.
Senator Voigt: The closing of Hebron is the most difficult part about finding something for the Complex. Students have said how they cannot or do not want to drink the water that comes out of the tap because there are small white particles. We want to put filters in at least one sink on each floor. Or current solution is to put one on Vollmer and Centennial each, which would be \$15 per filter and each would serve gallons until it needs to be replaced.
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: The current resolution shows the previous plan.
Senator Voigt: The price will decline significantly with the changes made.
President Elect-Jaeschke: GLR plans to spend most of the work on the Res lounges. All costs are unknown because it is contingent on how all other hall projects turn out. We will get all leftover funds. We are trying to improve the overall atmosphere instead of just buying stuff. Ex. Lighting for ground floor lounge, Whiteboards, more academic themed furniture, and big hard tables. Unknown types of white boards. There will be a tour field trip to see what is the most possible.
Senator McMichael: What is your focus mainly? The basement or the first floor?
President Elect-Jaeschke: We want to focus on both because we feel they both need equal attention, but we would focus first on the basement.
Vice President Creed: This will be voted on in two weeks.

6. Old Business

- a. Resolution #30- New Organization Request, Model UN
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Motion to consider
Senator Mirs: Second
Sneha: Model UN is an organization we had a few years ago here but was not official. This year we decided to bring back the organization. A lot of the international students enjoyed as well as student with interests in careers in foreign relations and public policy. This will help people know how countries would interact with each other and see whether they agree or not. There will be two training sessions and a final event.
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: SRC met recommends that this be recognized as an official org.
Vice President Creed: We will move this to a vote.
Abstained: **Senator Mirs**
Resolution #30 passes

- b. Resolution #32- New Organization Request, S.A.L.S.A
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Motion to consider
Senator Hurd: Second
Senator Hernandez: This will be a Spanish and Latino social club to help educate other Wartburg students about the culture and environment. Myself coming from Arizona, Iowa is a culture shock for students.
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: SRC agreed this would be a great organization for Wartburg and should be officially recognized.
Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: Will there actually be salsa?
Senator Hernandez: Yes! And other authentic foods.
Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: I strongly recommend the approval of this organization.
Vice President Creed: This resolution will be moved to a vote
Abstained: **Senator Hernandez**
Resolution #32 passes
- c. Resolution #34- New Organization Request, Real Time
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Motion to consider
Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Second
Belanov: Last month we had a trial of this at the Peace Dialogue about how to move forward with the race relations conversations. We aim to help students voice their options in a peaceful manner and will talk about race, history, and other interesting matters. We will meet every Friday. We will try to create an open atmosphere while also showing people the redline of free speech.
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: SRC met and recommends this organization to be recognized as an official organization.
Vice President Creed: This resolution will be moved to a vote.
Opposed: **Vice President Elect-Alene**
Abstained: **Senator Primous**
Resolution #34 passes
- d. Resolution #35- Supplemental Request, The Wartburg Trumpet
Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Motion to consider
Senator Trabue: Second
Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: The BRC met and discussed this request and felt that as this conference promotes Wartburg and all its publications. This conference rewards the hard work of all the students who attend and for all of the above reasons the BRC recommends we amend the resolution to \$600 to comply with the \$200 per person/ \$600 per conference rule.
Senator McMichael: How many people went?
Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: About 3-6.
Senator Thompson: Is the \$600 a cap?
Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Yes
Senator Revis: Can the other two apply for another supplemental request?
Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: That amount will be divided between of all those students. The most is \$600 no matter how it is partitioned through requests.
Vice President Creed: We will move this resolution to a vote.

Abstained: **Senator Thompson**
Resolution #35 passes

- e. Resolution #36- Supplemental Request, Orange EXCEleration leaders

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Motion to consider

Senator Singleton: Second

Vice President-Alene: The NODA conference, they go every year and diversify knowledge as well as share best practice. WE have seen benefit from this before.

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: The BRC met and discussed this request and felt it was a good request as it will directly affect the entire class of 2021. 7 students did attend this conference. Due to this reason the BRC suggests this request be amended to \$600 to comply with the \$200 per person/\$600 per conference rule.

Senator Buckles: I thought it was \$800 cap per conference.

Senator Singleton: Yes, it has always been a \$800 cap.

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Okay, I motion to amend Resolution #36 to \$800.

Parliamentarian Zmudka: Let's stop and make sure.

President Elect- Jaeschke: Motion to suspend the rules.

Vice President Creed: Motion denied.

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: I just hope you are all having a great day. Sport your Green tomorrow on St. Patrick's Day. Bring your dancing shoes for tomorrow night!

Senator Revis: The Bylaws state that a conference request cannot exceed \$800.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: You can reconsider an old resolution that was passed but not if it wasn't passed.

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Motion to reconsider Resolution #35

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Second

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Due to the recent news, we recommend to amend this resolution from \$600 to \$800.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Second

Vice President Creed: This amendment will be moved to a vote.

Opposed **Senator McMichael**

Abstained: **Thompson**

Resolution #35 is amended to \$800

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

Opposed: **Senator McMichael**

Abstained: **Senator Thompson.**

Resolution #35 passes

Vice President Creed: Now we will move back to considering Resolution #36

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Motion to amend

Senator Trabue: Second

Senator Trabue: Would this change past resolutions?

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: We would consider the \$800, but we can look back on past ones and can reach out to them for them to resubmit another application.

Senator Singleton: I don't think we have had ones that we have had to use the cap on this year so we should be fine.

Vice President Creed: The amendment will be moved to a vote.

Opposed: **Senator McMichael**

Abstained: **Senator Buckwalter, Vice President Elect-Alene**

Resolution #36 is amended to \$800

Vice President Creed: The resolution will now be put to a vote.

Opposed **Senator McMichael**

Abstained: **Senator Buckwalter, Vice President Elect-Alene**

Resolution #36 passes

7. Student Issues

Senator Delibas: I have had complaints about the Mensa, nothing totally new. People come 30 minutes later and the food is out. We are paying for Mensa but they are out of food. Also, some of the signs are missing like chicken and pork. I talked to Ruth and she said she will consider it. We don't know the specific meal. Not breakfast, this was dinner.

Senator Keller: That is something that gets mentioned a lot and is being worked on a lot. We cannot forecast how many people will be coming in and we are currently still working on. There is one woman in the office that works to predict all of that.

Senator Delibas: I think some of the foods can be predicted to go fast, like shrimp. I think some of those foods can be predicted to have more.

Senator Keller: I know that when I work in them mornings, I produce more of certain food. I know that that is something that they are working on that and looking for students to contact them about.

Vice President Creed: We can look to have someone from dining come again

President Elect-Jaeschke: When the review board came, they were surprised we didn't have a food services committee, do you think that would be helpful?

Senator Keller: That would be an interesting committee.

President Elect-Jaeschke: It could be like two students and some faculty members.

Dean Kittle: With that you would start with Slic.

President Vogel: Building off that, there are other committees that mirror the tenured committee. I think that would be a very interesting thing for the future.

8. Dr. Kittle/Dr. Nolan Reports

Tonight, is the information meeting to provide feedback for the manors.

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

Next week we will write up proposals for campus improvements which are a lot like hall improvements. One of my first ideas is revamping to getting Smart TVs in Mensa and the Den. This could give us the possibility of casting live games and performances. My second idea is campus landscaping and a tire swing. Thirdly, I would like to address handicap accessibility in the McElroy Center. Fourth, we have looked at an event calendar that would be utilizable by students to post their upcoming events.

President Elect-Jaeschke: Have you thought about the new atmosphere change with diminishing conversation with the TVs?

President Vogel: It has not come up as a concern yet.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Is there a hierarchy?

President Vogel: The first two would be at the top of the list; TVs and landscaping.

Vice President Creed: It would be left up to senators to decide.

President Vogel: Bill Withers will be here to talk about his task force. On the devo, Naples Florida has been identified as a point of interest, could be a good talking point in the future.

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

We have had 1 night of allocations with 3 more nights to go. Happy March madness

10. Recorder's Report.....Ashlee Henderson

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

The Religion major will now require one less credit. This change will only effect the incoming classes. Faculty and staff awards are next week in the castle room from 3-4:30pm. On this day in history, March 16th 1850, The Scarlet Letter was published.

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

We do want all your constructive feedback. The Hall Improvement Project process is a give and take. We don't have all the answers right away. Please be respectful if we don't get back to you right away.

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

Happy Women's History Month. The diversity newsletter was sent out this week so if you did not send your email last week, please include it this week. There are two big events this and next Saturday.

Senator Delibas: Culture show is next Friday.

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

Dr. Withers will come to speak in Senate next week then Karen Thalaker will come in two weeks. Need ideas for more relevant guest speakers.

PR Director Pfab: 7-9:30 will be the Semi-Formal tomorrow, keep reminding your friends, roommates, family, there will be a chocolate fountain!!

15. Committee Reports

Senator Buckwalter: APC chose its award winners: Chellevoid; Dr. Eslick, first runner up was Dr. Snyder, second runner up was Dr. Mr. Zart. The best academic advisor will be awarded to Dr. Billet. These awards will be recognized at the convocation ceremony on RICE Day. Outstanding staff awards go to: Bernard Holland and Ramona Bouzard. The award ceremony will be held next Tuesday from 3-4:30 in the Castle Room.

Senator Buckles: Will Bernard wear a suit?

16. Liaison Reports

Senator Delibas: Culture week starting this Sunday, there will be coffee and teas in the library starting also. Monday there will be a cooking workshop and Tuesday, a faculty workshop. Culture show on Friday! Great acts!

Senator Coon: This Saturday, the doors for the Drag Show open at 7:00. Admission is only two dollars with a student ID. You can buy tickets ahead of time in Student Life. The show starts at 7:30.

17. Open Senate/Reminders

President Vogel: I will stick around with any questions about the email communication previously this week. I know it was a due process issue. The request was sent in two weeks before but it was right before winter break. BRC had an emergency meeting and they needed to know the next day. That's why we needed to be flexible with that. We were going to just discuss it. It is normal in historical context that it needed to happen. It is maybe not ideal but it was necessary.

Parliamentarian Zmudka: I also have the Roberts Rules book if you would like to brush up on that info.

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: Water to Thrive is having a free-will pancake dinner on Saturday from 5-8pm!

18. Adjournment

Vice President Creed: Motion to adjourn

Senator Sides: Second

Adjourned 12:45pm