

Wartburg College Student Senate

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11:30 am

WBC 214 Buckmaster

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STUDENT
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1. Roll Call/Attendance

Q: How much does a hipster weigh?

A: An Instagram

2. Guest Speaker: Karen Thalacker

Thalacker: 29 years ago I was a member of Wartburg Student Senate. I am an attorney here in town and a compliance officer at Wartburg. In addition, I do Pre-Law advising here at Wartburg as well as the Title IX coordinator. I would like to have more articles in student and campus media on sexual harassment and sexual assault prevention occurring on campus. We have a Title IX team that gets together once a month to discuss certain topics and situations. We would like to have two students join us on our team and they would be welcomed to start immediately. A male and female student is preferred but not required. There is a level of confidentiality that comes with this position. There may be some incidental information that the students cannot be released. Applications can be taken or a more casual process would also work. Campus Climate survey went out about 15 minutes ago. Sami Kopf has been working with Professor McQueen on this project. A survey is the best way to get feedback on these issues but is not a requirement. We are trying to get to the heart of student perceptions and actual incidents. It is a confidential survey and we want everybody to know that nothing can be traced back to certain responses. Maddie Simmons contacted me about getting students trained as sexual assault advocates. Students would be reached out to when incidents and situations occur on campus. We are looking through the challenges and any funding issues that may occur. We want you all to know when this occurs and want to recruit you guys to help.

Senator Simmons: We are hoping to get this started in the next couple years

Thalacker: Our hope is to get this going in order to benefit students. These students would have training on what sexual assault and harassment is and how to deal with incidences. We are looking at a lot of options. My job began September 1, so I am just learning. A focus is how we work to get information out to students. Call me or email me with any comments, questions, or concerns. My next article in The Trumpet is going to be about public intoxication and alcohol consumption.

Senator Revis: What part of the Public Climate Survey will be public vs. private?

Thalacker: I am going to rely on Professor McQueen and Sami to organize results of the survey. Once survey results are collected, it will go to the Title IX committee and then to the president who will decide how that information will be shared. If you Google "Campus Climate Survey" you might see a few examples of what the reports look like and what is included in them. More specifics will be given once the survey is officially closed. I appreciate you inviting me. We want to help in any way that we can.

3. Devotion: Senator Primous

Unequal Opportunity Race

Modified Privilege Walk

Devotion for next week: **President Vogel and Vice President Creed**

4. Approval of Last Weeks Minutes: 3/23/17

Vice President-Elect Alene: The minutes will be moved to a vote.
Minutes stand approved

5. New Business

a. Resolution #46- Supplemental Request, Wartburg College Republicans

Senator Revis: Can I make a motion to discuss? What about the really large donation?

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: The donation was to bring people to campus but it state that we are paying for the \$2000 lodging fee

Senator Revis: Wasn't it \$15,000?

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: These speakers are very expensive.

Senator Revis: I just wanted clarifications on the one part.

Vice President-Elect Alene: BRC for one week.

b. Resolution #47- Allocations, Treasurer Jobes-Ryan

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Motion to suspend the rules

Senator Singleton: Second

Rules suspended

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Suspending the rules is consistent with what we've done over the years. PAC had the opportunity to look over this last night but I will take any questions about specific organizations.

President Vogel: Seth could you speak on how this works?

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Applications were due before winter break, sign-ups were on a Google Form, hearings were last week and totaled roughly 10 hours of discussion. We started out with a target goal of \$33,000 which has been the typical goal over the years. One organization was negative. I was really happy with that outcome of this process and the work of the BRC.

Vice President-Elect Alene: This will be moved to a vote.

Resolution #47 passes

6. Old Business

a. Resolution #41- Hall Improvement Projects, Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner

President Vogel: Motion to reinstate

Senator Brown: Second

Rules Reinstated

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Motion to consider

Senator Hurd: Second

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: We are keeping the same \$300 for the Clinton and Founders improvements.

Senator Greer: Where is the art exactly going?

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Second and third floor. Last week we amended the Manors and Knights Village resolution to \$2,100 after talking to Gary Wiperman gave us the total of \$6,135. The card reader will take roughly three years to obtain and it's not guaranteed. Money can be put aside for hopefully the card reader but it's dependent on future executive teams.

President Vogel: Is there a possibility that maintenance could cover some of this?

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: If so, the amount given would be roughly \$1,000. Money is definitely not guaranteed though.

Senator Greer: If he could pitch in \$1,000 this year and with \$1,000 next year, would that allow

us to buy the card reader next year?

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Yes, but he can't promise us any money since he doesn't have the finalized budget yet.

President-Elect Jaeschke: SRC asked if this would be a good idea to accrue?

Senator Primous: I think this improvement is good idea. It has been a suggestion for several years and should be started.

Senator Revis: I agree but a plan needs to be made so we do know that we have the money set aside. We don't want it to fall off next year.

Dean Kittle: Setting aside the money would signal to the administration that we are seeing this as a priority. There is no guarantee to an allocation from the administration though. But what you guys are doing does show interest in the idea to the administration.

President Vogel: We are making a statement through a documented note on this improvement.

Senator Dalibas: Where is this money going to come from?

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: When we made improvements last year we made improvements over the summer into this current school year. It will be a similar process as this year's budget. It is factored into the future budget.

Senator Voigt: When I asked if I could have money saved for next year, why couldn't I get that?

President Vogel: This is more of an initiative to get this process to work. We wanted to be eager for this action and improvement.

Senator Voigt: I question this when my 800 was too much.

President Vogel: There is no apparent alternative for that type of technology.

Recorder Henderson: This is going to be something where there is start and finish. It can be a completed project instead of reoccurring year after year.

Senator Voigt: The price of the filters will change by most likely down. There will be one filter per sink, with a total of eight sinks. Filters being \$500.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: I motion to amend the Complex's proposal to \$611.36.

++++: Second

Resolution #41 amended

President-Elect Jaeschke: GLR is going to use what is left in Senate's hall improvement budget. Amounts given by maintenance and student life are still to be determined.

Vice President Creed: Will this be voted on next week?

President-Elect Jaeschke: Yes

Vice President-Elect Alene: Yes, we can amend it to the lump sum now.

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: That total will be \$1,488.64

Vice President-Elect Alene: Motion to amend.

Senator Kozak: Second

Resolution #41 amended

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: The total of hall improvement projects is \$4,500.

The amended version will sit in committee for one more week. Make sure to be talking though these. Motion to table for one more week

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: Second

Resolution #41 tabled for one more week.

b. Resolution #42- Supplemental Request, Kim Schlesinger & Britni Cohen-Wichner

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: Motion to consider

Senator Jeffery: Second

Britni Cohen-Wichner: Kim Schlesinger and I are going to Jamaica for ten days as part of the Wartburg Music Therapy Program. We are requesting assistance as this trip is outside of the college. We are serving as members of Wartburg and the music therapy association. We will be taking shift in hospitals, inpatient, and children centers. We will be able to bring information

back to benefit the college and program.

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: The BRC met and discussed this request and we feel this will be a great opportunity for these students to reach out into the world and gain first-hand experience and then bring that back to Wartburg to improve our music therapy program all around. With that being said the BRC recommends this be amended to \$500 in order to reimburse the 2 students of half of their down payments.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: How much is left in our budget?

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: Just under \$200

Senator Voigt: Is that amount for both?

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: It would be \$250 each and would help pay for half of down payment.

Senator Buckles: If they apply earlier in the year would they have gotten more aid?

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: We do have one more supplemental request next week. I do believe we have more money.

Senator Buckles: Do you have any fundraising set forth or the Music Therapy Association funding?

Cohen-Wichner: We gone to rotary clubs and my hometown FFA. We are actively speaking out but most organizations are saying that they cannot provide funds as individuals.

Senator Primous: Will you still be able to go?

Cohen-Wichner: We will still be able to go. We were just hoping for a little support.

Senator Revis: Is there a possibility of continued presence at this event?

Cohen-Wichner: As far as I know, yes they are. You can go as a Music Therapy or Music Education major.

Senator Revis: Would they be able to apply for this supplemental request for next academic year?

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: It is possible that they could come back next year in the fall.

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: Does that not violate the one request for one conference rule?

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: This is not a conference, since it leans more towards to a service-trip.

Vice President-Elect Alene: This will be moved to a vote.

Abstained: Keller, Simmons, Laudner

Resolution #42 passes

c. Resolution #43- Supplemental Request, Knight Vision, Calyn Thompson

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: Motion to consider

Senator Krull: Second

Senator Thompson: There are two different events and conferences. The first is the Student Emmys on Friday evening and MBJA's on Saturday evening. A conference is occurring at the same time as well. It's a great networking event for students and a marketing tool for the college.

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: The BRC met and discussed this request and felt that this conference is a great way to reward the hard work that the students have done on these individual projects, as well as providing a great marketing experience for the department and the Knightvision/Cedar Valley Today programs. After considering that the BRC recommends this be amended to \$352.82, as this is 80% of the remaining request after Allocations.

Vice President-Elect Alene: This will be moved onto a vote.

Abstain: Voight, Thompson, SJR, Laudner

Resolution passes

d. Resolution #44- Campus Improvement Project, TVs in Mensa, President Vogel

President Vogel: Motion to consider

Vice President Creed: Second

President Vogel: Split campus improvements into two parts. This is the first section of improvements. I can take any questions now. There was a possibility of shifting mounts vs.

stationary mounts.

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: One mount we were looking at was at a higher quality. If we wanted to amend it, it would increase this to the \$1600-\$1650 range.

President Vogel: I would recommend to not amend. Dining services can look into that as they wish to have in the future.

Senator Voigt: Is that the cheapest we could find for a TV?

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: Yeah, \$60 for a TV at Walmart was one of the cheapest option. We don't want something that is going to be too cheap.

Senator Trabue: Can it play KnightVision?

President Vogel: Yes, it will have those capabilities to live stream activities, events, and concerts.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Has the idea of four smart TV's being in the Mensa brought up the topic of the Wi-Fi internet connection?

President Vogel: I don't see that as an issue unless it would be during the live-streams.

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: Only used in that way for live-streaming at certain times.

Vice President-Elect Alene: This will be moved to a vote

Abstain: President Vogel, Treasurer Jobs-Ryan

Resolution#44 Passes

- e. Resolution #45-Campus Improvement Project, Grounds keeping, President Vogel

President Vogel: Motion to consider

Senator Trabue: Second

President Vogel: Ashley Lang introduced the revamp plan for the Hub.

Senator Zmudka: I am Ashley Lang's Senate Liaison. She mentioned a while ago that she wanted to update the Hub in order for it to be a more welcoming study space. This proposal document is full of renovations that could be done to the space. Some different chairs, decorations, desks would turn the space into a meeting and work space for students.

Senator Buckles: Would the computers be removed and put a high table there instead?

Senator Zmudka: We got feedback from student leaders with offices in there.

Dean Kittle: The computers were often used for Soar Days. Whatever we do can be run through BSU and their feedback.

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: The grounds revamp could be pushed towards this project. Around \$500 could be given. After the locations given, extra allocation money could be pushed to this project.

President Vogel: The budget is \$8,000 when it's all mapped up. We know that the price could be a lot lower than what was estimated. Discussing with the grounds board, \$750 would be enough to change the grounds. That is the compromise we would submit.

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: Is this in the form of a second campus-improvement project?

President Vogel: We wanted to amend this to get it organized and completed on time.

Academic Ombudsperson Pollack: I would not amend and make this a campus improvement project.

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: That gift amount just came out of excess amount in the budget. We had \$1,500 budgeted for grounds but we don't need that so then the extra money in our campus improvement budget could be given to this project.

Vice President Creed: Motion to table for one week

Treasurer Jobs-Ryan: Second

Abstained: Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner

Resolution is tabled for one week.

7. Student Issues

Senator Bockarie: Why do we lose internet on every Tuesday morning?

President Vogel: It was a city-wide occurrence this week but students were not informed.

Dean Kittle: The first occurrence was unexpected. The second one was planned and IT usually

lets us know when those occur.

8. Dr. Kittle/Dr. Nolan Reports

Dean Kittle: Open Forum for International Students (everyone is welcome) on Thursday, April 6 from 6-7pm in WBC 101. You can come and go as you are able. Ideally, this would be a casual conversation that is free-flowing, whereby they feel heard and I walk away with a clear sense of the needs, opportunities and challenges that await our next director. I will explain the process of the search and would ask them questions such as:

- What should Wartburg be looking for in the next director?
- What are the strengths of our current operations? What do we want to be sure continues?
- What are the challenges that the next person will find?
- Where are the opportunities to increase student satisfaction?

Wartburg CHATS: Conversation, Help, Acceptance, Togetherness, Support

Tuesday, April 4, noon-12:45, McCoy Rooms (feel free to bring your lunch)

The idea for this program is to provide an open forum for students to discuss things that are on their mind in a safe setting. I will moderate the conversation and there will be activities and opportunities to share concerns or opinions.

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

President Vogel: Senate Banquet on April 18th form 6:30-7:30. Senate Bonding will include Laser Tag on the night of April 7th.

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

Nothing to report on.

11. Recorder's Report.....Ashlee Henderson

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

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

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

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

Vice President Creed: Laser tag will be on the 7th of April, at night. More details will be given when I hear back from the laser tag company.

16. Committee Reports

17. Liaison Reports

18. Open Senate/Reminders

19. Adjournment

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Motion to adjourn

PR Director Pfab: Second

Adjourned at 12:48