



**Student Government Association of
the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point**
Minutes for November 9th, 2017

Senate Chair: Vice President, K. Hansen

Advisor: Leigh Jentz

Executive Board Members Present: S. Piette, R. Arbahamian, N. DeLain, L. DeLain, G. Stahl, J. Farrell, N. Kositzke, C. Scheder, T. McCumber, B. Thomas

- I. Call to Order
 1. 6:15pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Indigenous Land Recognition Statement
- IV. Roll Call
 1. Roll Call 7-0-6
- V. Approval of the Agenda
 1. Speaker Pro Tempore Griepentrog- move to approve, Second Caucus Chair Quandt
 - a. No speech to either
 - b. Passes
- VI. Approval of the Minutes
 1. Caucus Chair Quandt – move to approve, Second Griepentrog
 - a. No speech to either
 - b. Passes
- VII. Administrative Update
 1. Rob Manzke
 - a. I am Chief of Staff and legislative liason for the Chancellor. There are not many updates legislatively. The Board of Regents passed the merger. This is the most significant change for the UW system since 1971. We will be forming a transition committee for UW-Stevens Point, UW- Marathon County, and UW- Marshfield. Underneath that will be working groups. This will be a long process. July 1st of 2018 is the official merger date but it will take years for it to be complete.
 - b. Caucus Chair Quandt: During the Board of Regents meeting when they proposed the plan, they said they would have one student from each college on the steering committee, do you know how that will look?
 - i. Rob: I'm not actually sure how that will look going forward. I'm assuming they will be working with us to figure that out.
- VIII. Common Council Update
 1. Mary Bowman (General Education Committee)
 - a. I am the chair of the General Education Committee. We are responsible for managing the general education curriculum, decide which courses count towards your general education requirements, and recommend policy including what the requirements are. We also oversee the assessment of general education. This is not something we used to have but now do as of five years ago. We check up with those courses periodically and see what may need to be changed. Looking at assessments from last spring and seeing what can be changed there. We anticipate we will be part of the issues related to the merger.
 - b. Speaker DeLain: I sat on General Education Committee last semester, how will it be impacted by merger?



- i. Mary: I can't say specifically how things are going to look. Right now, they can receive an associate's degree and when they transfer here, that is proof that they have completed their general education requirements. But, they are not exactly the same program.

IX. Dean of Students Update:

1. Troy Seppelt: This is the most unprepared I have ever been for student government. Our friends from Michigan Technical College say hello. I was there Monday and Tuesday. The office is busy. Things are humming. We have lots of guests this evening.
2. Speaker Delain: How's the office manager search going?
 - a. Troy: Our previous office manager moved to purchasing. She was looking for something more stable. We have done interviews last week and this Monday. HR in the process of making an offer for us. Hopefully we will have one soon to help us out.
3. Caucus Chair Quandt: How will merger impact your office? Is there anything we as SGA can do to help?
 - b. Troy: That is a good question. That is unclear. I know we support students in crisis, mental health, physical health, conversations with faculty about supporting students. How we blend policies is still unclear. I assume I will be the Dean of Students for those students there. We have started looking at how that will work.

Caucus Chair Benny added to quorum: 8 – 0 – 5

X. Special Order Speaker

1. Mindy King
 - a. I am the interim library director. Since I'm new in this role, I wanted to gather some student input. I recently met with President Piette and Vice President Hansen. I really want to focus on a few things you might not be familiar with. A couple of quick updates. eReserves has been decommissioned. It was a homegrown system that was hard to support. It has now been integrated into D2L. We do employ many students. We do have few upcoming events. This Saturday in DUC theatre, we are doing a showing of *This is Our Time: USA*. Next Tuesday, we are doing a library resources for business research session. Later in December, we'll have a 3-D printing and scanning workshop. Wednesday, December 13th is the semester exam cram. It will be week before finals. There are various study options within the library. There is page for resources for student organizations if you need a meeting room. We have a couple of different streaming services if you would like to show a documentary. We always have librarians willing to help with research.
 - b. Caucus Chair Benny: About eReserves being decommissioned, will there be a transition that will interrupt everything?
 - ii. Mindy: The transition already happened over the summer. Everything is already in D2L.
 1. Benny: Is it only for subjects I'm taking or can I look at other classes through D2L?
 - a. Mindy: No. It is only for students in those courses, but there are still resources on the library homepage or you can ask a library assistant to help you find those things.

XI. Student Governance Updates::

1. None

XII. Public Forum for Non-Agenda Items (3 min. each)

1. Vice President Hansen: I will also like to share with the body that there will be an opportunity for the public to discuss about each of the organizations after the organization has presented and



the body has had a chance to ask them questions. This will be a 20 minute time period for anyone in the gallery then the senate will move into a discussion. You should be addressing the senators. Please act kindly and professionally. We are here to represent all students and make sure there is a chance for everyone to be heard.

2. Director Stahl: Could we fix the mic before we continue?
3. Speaker Pro Tempore Griepentrog: Would it be appropriate for recess during this time?
 - a. President Hansen: We could but then we would have to have roll call again. Only if that's what the body wants to do.
4. Senator Debot: Can we go to Composition Club then come back?
 - a. Vice President Hansen: We would need to reconsider the approval of the agenda.
5. Director Stahl: Could you repeat what we are doing again as a point of clarification?
 - a. Vice President Hansen: Yes. Since someone wanted to use the mic for public forum, we are still in public forum for non-agenda items. There will be another opportunity for the public to talk for the approval of the organizations. There will be a 20 minute limit for that for everyone to share their thoughts about the organization. Members of the organization will present, the senate body will have a chance to ask them questions, and then anyone from the gallery will be able to speak. After that time period is up, the senate body floor will discuss and open up to a motion.
6. Troy Seppelt: What if 20 minutes is not enough?
 - a. President Hansen: If the senators feel as if 20 minutes is not enough, they may extend the time. So the senate body would have to decide. The Deputy of Arms will hand out numbers for a speaker order and we ask everyone to be respectful during that time.
7. Mackenzie: I am here today to bring about the issue in the art department, specifically the art history department. I am submitting a formal petition of letters in appreciation of this program. Cutting the art history department would be regrettable. We recognize the goal of the university is to support itself economically, but cutting the program would be detrimental. I was never e-mailed back about your response to this issue. We believe the department to be important to the university
 - a. Caucus Chair Quandt: I did get your e-mail and it went through a bunch of different committees. We only meet once a month, and I can send you an email tomorrow
 - b. Director Stahl: Thank you for coming. Is there anything you would like to see specifically from SGA?
 - i. Mackenzie: We would like support in any way possible and any solutions. We want to promote the department. We have seen numbers in our org grow. There is interest and we want to see that continue.
 - c. Speaker DeLain: Thank you for coming in and talking to us. It really helps us know what's going on around campus and with our students.
 - d. Speaker Pro Tempore Griepentrog: They did write a petition, if anyone would like to look over it, I can forward you the petition.
 - i. Mackenzie: I did formally submit that yesterday and brought it around to some of the deans and sent in all the appreciation letters.

XIII. Approvals

1. Student Organization Approvals
 - a. Composition Club
 - i. My name is Arthur, I am a music education major. One major change we are facing was our composition professor left and the position was not filled and they got rid of the position. A number of students including our president decided to form a club to fill the void from not having a professor specifically for composition. We are just looking for recognition.



- ii. Speaker DeLain: Is this composition for writing or music?
 1. Arthur: Music
- iii. Director DeLain: Is your goal is to educate students about composition and how to do it?
 2. Arthur: To promote and educate. We have a lot of students who do compose. The previous professor promoted competitions and various ways to submit student compositions.
 - a. Director DeLain: Do you have other ideas for what you want to do?
 - i. Arthur: We would like to bring in other professors and guest composers. We had a famous composer come in last year in the class and work with students. We would have a composition workshop and our students got a lot out of that.
- iv. Caucus Chair Fox: Are you just composing for your group or for other groups? Would you branch out and help other groups?
 3. Arthur: It is for whoever would like to do it. If someone wants to have someone else compose a piece for them, they could do that.
- v. Caucus Chair Quandt: Do you have ideas for programming and events for students?
 4. Arthur: With the old class, we would bring in faculty. We would do the same thing and have it open for all students. There's a composer's concert that happens every semester. Our org would take over the planning and logistics of that.
- vi. Director Stahl: Looking at your constitution, how are you going to help other people compose?
 5. Arthur: Class discussions would be open to anyone. All concerts are free for students such as the composer's concert. Anyone can submit and play their composition.
 - a. Stahl: You said people could come in and take the class, do you get credit?
 - i. Arthur: Yes
 - b. Stahl: Can I come in and take it for noncredit?
 - i. Arthur: There are pre reqs for taking the course for credit. I believe you can come in whenever if you are not taking it for credit.
- vii. Speaker DeLain: How many are interested?
 6. Arthur: We have around 30 students on our roster and we have one acknowledged faculty advisor.
- viii. Director Scheder: yield time to gallery
- ix. Speaker in gallery: You mentioned a composition class, how would the club be different from the class?
 7. Arthur: The class is a general requirement for music majors and there isn't much follow up to that class. Some people who took the class are interested in composing more and the club would create a vehicle to continue composing.
 - a. Speaker: as an org, you would focus around competitions and get the composing out there?



- i. Arthur: We have had students compete on a national level, at the university level, but our goal is to get composers together to write and play.
- x. Speaker Pro Tempore Griepentrog: You said you could get credits from this club?
 - 8. Arthur: Not from the club, from the class.
- xi. Caucus Chair Quandt: How does that work with seg fees if taken for credit?
 - 9. Arthur: We would be requesting a budget but the class is for credit.
- xii. Caucus Chair Quandt: If a student who does not have a background in music, can they take the class?
 - 10. Arthur: Yes, we would welcome anyone and would help them out as much as possible.
- xiii. Caucus Chair Quandt: Point of information, if we have less than the 20 minutes, how will that work?
- xiv. Vice President Hansen: Once the last speaker is done, our body will move into a motion.
- xv. Speaker Pro Tempore Griepentrog – move to approve, Second Caucus Chair Quandt
 - 11. Griepentrog: Sounds like a good organization.
 - 12. Quandt: We do not have anything else like this on campus.

Reset quorum: 9 – 0 – 4

13. Roll Call Vote

- a. Passes 8 – 0 – 5

a. Turning Point USA at University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point

- 1. My name is Emily and I am representing Turning Point, USA at UW-Stevens Point. We are a national organization that represents the students that believe in limited government, fiscal responsibility, and free speech. Our goal is to represent right leaning students of UWSP. When I first came here as a freshman, I didn't have any place to go. I was going to join College Republicans but felt they did not believe in the same things I did. As of now, we do not seek SGA funding, just approval. We have over 100 members as of last week and are continuing to grow. We have already held free speech ball on campus. We would be attending summits around the nation. We have one coming up in Florida. We will be going to see many right leaning speakers.
- 2. Caucus Chair Benny: Looking at your constitution and your Turning Point USA at the UWSP page on Facebook. In your constitution it stated that membership in the organization was open to anyone regardless of age, race, creed, religion, color, handicap, and sex. When I was looking at your page, there were memes and other content talking about that was not friendly towards non binary genders. How do you suggest you welcome these members into your organization and create a space for them if you are not going to be welcoming to them. Hopefully you will be following your constitution.
 - a. David: In regards to the meme, what we wanted to point out in that meme is free speech irony. We are opening up a dialogue. We see that there are inconsistencies in that message and are interested in opening up that dialogue. We can convince you of our points. You can convince us of your points. We are sure and positive that we are wrong on some things but right on some things as well.



- i. Benny: Looking at other content on there, there is content that says “socialism sucks”, these different communities suck, and so on. I understand I want to open up communication, does bashing other groups help do that? So many have come up to me and said they do not like the content that is being displayed, they don’t feel safe, they feel they are being targeted. In order to promote and to educate people, you don’t have to out someone else’s name at risk. You could just take about what you’re doing as a group and not bash others. It is not just a few people, it is a lot of people who align with the ideas you are bashing. You are bashing entire communities. Do you think it’s fair to other students and other organizations to be the subject of hate? From my point of view and others, we feel targeted. Here at UWSP, we don’t want people to feel targeted. It’s our community. We shouldn’t have to watch our backs going to class and going on Facebook.
 1. David: Respectfully aside from socialism, what communities have been targeted?
- ii. Benny: If you go onto the Turning Point National website, one that really caught my eye said “I generally don’t get called racist but it’s only when I win an argument with a liberal.” Again, you’re bashing the liberal community and on what basis are you doing so?
 1. David: Again, this goes to the free speech irony. We need to open up a dialogue and we feel it’s important we do that. It’s very easy to throw a label at somebody. We are a right winged organization. Most of us are not aligned with democratic or socialist beliefs. That is an ideology and not so much a community. We don’t want anyone to feel targeted. We are not going out to hurt and target people. We want to talk about these ideas because we feel that in our best interest of freedom, we want to promote capitalism. We do not feel socialism is a good form of government.
3. Vice President Hansen: As a point of information, the constitution presented is public information on mySGA if you wanted to look further at that document.
4. Director Stahl: You spoke about how you would promote capitalism, how would you do that on campus?
 - a. Emily: We would like to open up a conversation and educate students on campus and explain the differences between capitalism and socialism. We want to educate and not just say that this is how it has to be. We want to open up a conversation. We want to talk about it civilly. We don’t want violence, harassment, or name calling. We just want to talk to people.
 - i. Stahl: You spoke about your association with this larger parent group, and our previous speaker spoke about some of things that are on their larger page such as the Liberal



Professor Watch list. With this type of sharing of personal things, how do you think we can create a space where this type of dialogue can happen?

1. Emily: in regards to the professor watch list, all the information on there comes from other news sources. We just take all that information and compile it into a larger database that's easier to navigate.
- ii. Stahl: The second part of question is with that info, that definitely makes people feel vulnerable and makes them feel like they are being put into a corner because they are being blasted on a national site. With the content on the Facebook page, how are you going to create a space that supports a variety of ideas and perspectives to coexist when the attitude that is being presented does not reflect that?
 1. David: As far as the watch list goes, if you have an opposing view, we are not going to blast you and put you on the national database. That is for those who are bias and target us. It is our understanding that generally on campus that there is a left wing bias. It is easier to be targeted as a right wing student by many of the left wing professors and students. It's hard to get on the watch list. If you come up to me and say "capitalism sucks," you will not be put on the watch list for things like that. I will challenge you to a debate. It's not meant as a form of intimidation.
5. Director DeLain: You did mention goals for this org and how you want to educate about capitalism and free speech, how do you wish to accomplish this?
 - a. Emily: We do a lot of it through different events and different speakers. We are aligned with several different national groups. We are also apart of Victims of Communism and would like to bring a guest speaker here from Venezuela to come and speak about their experiences. Then others would discuss how they feel about it.
6. Caucus Chair Quandt: Is there any other programs besides speakers?
 - a. Emily: We already did free speech event. We do a lot of tabling. Tabling is a big thing for our organization. That is when students come up and talk to us in the most casual way possible. We would also like to present different movies from both sides.
 - i. Quandt: One event I saw from the national organization was an affirmative action bake sale that charged different prices for different races. Is that something you bring to this university?
 1. Emily: Absolutely not. That is something that university decided to do. Our members do not feel that way. We base our events on what our members are comfortable with and what they believe in.
7. Director Stahl: So I asked a second question before and didn't get an answer to that. My question was how are you going to facilitate a discussion in a way that



allows different ideas to enter a space when your current promotion of ideas is not allowing that to happen?

- a. David: You can come to a meeting. You can say anything you'd like and you will not be targeted. I'm not going to say you suck as a person. I have plenty of liberal friends. I try not to bring in politics that much. I don't like being hostile towards an ideology. It really comes down to I will try and debate you and convince you that capitalism is the best system we can have. That is what this chapter will mainly focus on is economics.
 - i. Stahl: I hear you want to talk about specific topics in your organization. I'm wondering what the difference is between having a student organization that wants to create a dialogue around capitalism, fiscal responsibility, free speech and the association with a larger group that has a reputation of acting in the ways previously discussed.
 1. David: The difference is that yes they are our parent organization, but this chapter will have different ideas and goals. The main goal is economics. We believe in free speech and limited government. We will be touching on those. Most will be economically based. We don't approve of everything they do. The things we will be posting on our page in the future will reflect our views.
 - ii. Stahl: In your discussion, you talked about some of the speakers you will be bringing in. I looked into that university a little bit and the first video that shows up says racism does not exist on university campuses. With that message being sent out and the continuous postings we talked about, I'm wondering if you could speak to that and how you could facilitate growth academically, socially, and environmentally.
 1. Emily: Basically what we'll be doing is bringing forth videos that we want to show. There are certain videos on there I would not show.
8. Vice President Hansen: Point of info going forward, I would like to remind everyone that your follow ups should be related to your previous speaking point.
9. Caucus Chair Fox: How do you plan to pay for your trip?
 - a. Emily: For all of our trips we would be going on, the national org would be paying for that. They also have insurance for us to utilize as well. They have private donors from other organizations from across the nation. We do a lot of our own funding as well such as a bake sale.
10. Senator Debot: You said you would not follow the things the national org supports. However, being a smaller branch off of the parent org, who is to say that in a couple years when you are no longer here that another group of students would not feel that way and would take this to a violent and hateful level. Is there anything in your constitution that would prevent that?
 - a. David: Really no. But we hope to create an atmosphere where that wouldn't be a problem. We are open to amending our constitution to really focus on economics.



- b. Emily: When a group of their own does branch off and become more violent, they do shut them down.
11. Caucus Chair Benny: When you affiliate with organizations that say racism is not a thing, please get your facts right. You don't know what racism is until you experience it. Until you walk down the street and someone tells you to go back home. Until you have had things etched on your door that are not right. So before you associate with a group that says racism isn't a thing, just get your facts right. There are people at this university that have been effected by racism or have come from places effected by racism. The next thing is you mentioned a list you base your data off of, the professor watch list. Three news sites were talking about how if a professor says white privilege is a thing or if climate change is a real thing, they are put on this list. They are just doing their jobs to educate the students that attend their university. So when you say you are not targeting people, all I see is hypocrisy.
12. Speaker DeLain: Point of order, is there a question here?
13. Caucus Chair Benny: My question is how do you back the statement you made when all this data goes against it?
- a. Emily: I firmly believe in racism, but I also believe in reverse racism as well. I have been spit on at this university. I have been called a white whore at this university. I have also been personally targeted for being white at this university. So, I do believe there is racism, but I also believe in both sides.
- i. Benny: I did not mention anything about reverse racism not existing. I am saying that the organization you affiliate with says racism does not exist. Where do you stand on that?
- b. Emily: I said I do believe in racism, but I believe in both sides of racism.
- ii. Benny: Then why do you affiliate with an organization that says there is no racism?
- c. Emily: I am not officially.
- d. David: In regards to the professor watch list, there actually is some big inaccuracies in that. You will not be put on the watch list for talking about white privilege and things like that. Those are perfectly acceptable. Let me give you a specific example about what will get you put on the watch list. A couple months ago there were some protests at UC Berkeley, there was a professor there who took a bike lock to a conservative student's head and he ended up in the hospital. That professor made it on the watch list.
- iii. Benny: Again, what you mentioned there, you are justifying why that professor was on there. My question is what about all the other professors on there without the video and picture evidence?
- e. David: Would you like to go over it professor by professor?
- iv. Benny: I really don't think this body has the time for it,
- f. David: I agree.
14. Caucus Chair Quandt: Point of order, please keep this professional. This is a respectful environment. We need to be respectful of everyone's viewpoints.
15. Senator Martin-Smithwick: You talked about how you did not comfortable in the Republican Party, can you discuss more on that and what separates you from that?



- a. Emily: What extremely separates us from that is that all the people that are a part of our organization are across the board right winged. We have a lot of capitalists that believe we should privatize everything. We have another part of our org that is really big republicans, libertarians. We have a lot of different ideologies whereas College Republicans just covers republicans.
 - b. David: I myself am not totally republican. I am libertarian. In the election, I did not vote for Donald Trump nor Hillary Clinton. I voted for Gary Johnson. What sets me apart from republicans and this is my personal opinion, is that republicans implement big government strategies such as excessive mass incarceration. I do believe there needs to be less restriction on the use of drugs, a legal drinking age that matches the age of enlistment. Social issues we typically have left leaning views. Economic issues we are typically right wing.
16. Director Stahl: I'm hearing a lot about specific stances this chapter is going to hold and how that varies from Turning Point as a larger organization. Why does there need to be that tie to that organization? It sounds like a lot of the problems coming forward come from the parent source. I'm wondering if going forward you are able to create a space where you can have an open conversation without being associated with this larger group. Is there a way you can change the delivery of the presentation instead of doing memes that talk about free speech irony but instead allows people to have a seat at that table without being associated with the parent org?
- a. David: We are open to changing our mode of delivery; however, we are going to stay in touch with our national organization as whole.
 - b. Emily: We get a lot money, support, and materials from the parent organization. I was walking by a table the other day and the president was using cards that she had purchased with her own money. We would not have to depend on SGA for money.
17. Caucus Chair Fox: I heard a lot of your views, how do you keep views of your group as a whole the same throughout your talks and meetings?
- a. David: We plan to keep our views now and into the future by what the people who join believe in. Most of us do focus on capitalism. We are open to amending the constitution to limit the topics we talk about since they are sensitive. That should be able to help. Overall the national org does have standards to keep on us target.
18. Director Scheder: Have you talked with College Republicans to team up on something and have those ideologies come together?
- a. Emily: As them being the only other group that is somewhat similar, yes we would be willing to cooperate with them to get things like speakers on campus, because that is expensive. We have talked to them and been in contact with them. However, we are not the same as them.
19. Director Stahl: My job as the Inclusivity Director to look at the university as a whole and see how I can work in my position to include students. I heard you talk about the places on campus where you felt unsafe, I'm wondering in my own position, how can I do my job in that space. When we have discussions that are challenging, there's specific ways to go about this and make sure



everyone is included. Do you have strategies in place to facilitate discussion in a way that specifically includes the rest of the students on this campus?

- a. Emily: We go to different summits around the nation. The last one I went to was in Chicago We went over basic debate skills and being impartial. They teach us how to structure debates and civilly disagree with one another.
- b. David: We would like to have structured debates on campus. It's more of a public forum like this. There are things like the free speech ball and moving showings.
- c. Emily: That is another event on campus I'd like to hold. We would have a debate with our group and a group that is completely different from our own and having a civil debate.
 - i. Stahl: When you're speaking about these events and creating a dialogue, my concern is getting people into that room. Your org excludes the trans community specifically. How are you going to change the delivery that your group has and getting your message out so you are including students?
 1. David: As an org, we will not be using a free speech irony. Instead, we will open it up to dialogue around economics. Overall, we will try to make it a more open environment and a less "I gotcha" atmosphere.
 - ii. Stahl: Is there anything specifically in your constitution that focuses on economics and delivery?
 2. David: No but we are open to change that.

20. Director DeLain: With bringing such hot topics to campus, you talked about how you had been to conferences that discussed that. Would you be able to elaborate on that and how to debate in a civil way?

- a. Emily: When we go to these events, we would sit down and write down our personal ideologies then break it down into why we hold that. We try to debate ourselves and civilly disagree on our own topics.

21. Caucus Chair Fox: How do you plan on acquiring rights to movies?

- a. Emily: Some are provided by our national organizations or other sponsors.

22. Senator Martin-Smithwick: Why do you need to make it into an org, why not just hold events and incorporate other parties into this event?

- a. David: We feel we need this org on campus because there are other orgs on campus that reflect a wide variety of ideologies. I could be wrong but there might be a socialism club on campus. There is a College Democrats. We want an org to keep delivering the message that we support capitalism.

23. Caucus Chair Fox: Why did you want to become an org when you already have funding?

- a. Emily: So we would be able to hold meetings and hold tables. We are restricted to what we can do if we don't become an organization.

24. Senator Lefebvre: How many students have expressed interest in joining?

- a. Emily: Over 100 have signed up for either our e-mail list or have said they are interested in joining.



25. Senator Martin-Smithwick: So you talked about the Victims of Communism. There are multiple forms of communism. Have you thought about bringing in multiples views of that?
- a. Emily: Yes. Victims of Communism brings in people from every country that has or has experienced communism.
 - i. Martin-Smithwick: Why exactly is it titled Victims of Communism? That seems negative towards communism.
 1. Emily: They have experienced hardship of being a part of it. Students can ask them questions as to why they feel that way.
 - ii. Martin-Smithwick: It sounds like you're going to be pulling from a crowd that preaches to your beliefs. Would you think about getting people who are in direct support of communism?
 2. Emily: Of course. We are always open to different types of views. It's good to have those different views.
26. Director Scheder: yield time to a member of the gallery
27. Troy Seppelt: There is a 20 minute time period where the audience can come and speak. This is not typical practice.
28. Gallery member: Regarding your statements about the parent org and that you don't agree with them, how do you plan on effectively disassociating yourself? Why not make an org that is not associated with them?
- a. David: We are going to share the things that we agree with. We agree with the general message. We like their structure, foundation, and their founders. We want to be able to participate in the exclusive events they hold.
 - i. Gallery member: With regards to what the previous speaker had asked, why you won't be collaborating with the republican club on campus. You had said speakers would be expensive to get on campus but since you are not using SGA funds, what is the hold up on that?
 1. Emily: Well a lot of times, the parent org would not pay for those speakers.
 - ii. Member of the gallery: A previous speaker how you intended to keep conversations civil and facilitate those conversations. You said you went to a conference that talked about debate and how to have those conversations. Are those mandatory? How to you ensure everyone has that kind of training?
 2. Emily: I would like to make debate 101 mandatory for this chapter.
 - iii. Member of the gallery: Would you put that in your constitution to make debate 101 mandatory?
 3. Emily: I would love to once we have meetings. I'm not able to hold a meeting until we are approved.
29. Caucus Chair Fox: How do you plan to bring that training to the campus to new members?
- a. Emily: I still have all my materials from the last conference. I can compile them into slides and make my own workshop.



30. Guest 1: My name is Vanessa. I'm representing the College of Letters and Science. I ask you take into the consideration the needs of these students who are here tonight. This image was taken from their Facebook page and shows they are bias against liberals. Their Facebook and the things they are showing demonstrate things different than their constitution. They do have the professors watch list. This puts all of our professors who are deemed too liberal at risk. They have said they want to stay with Turning Point USA. I feel it is a danger to have this org on campus. I ask you represent the students on your campus.
31. Guest 2: My name is Munim Shah, and I am the Vice President of RISE. Reverse racism isn't a thing. It's just racism. My main issue is the parent org that they affiliate themselves with. They are trying to promote things on campus like they were stating before. The issue is with the parent org that does not align with your views. I don't think it's okay to affiliate with something that does not represent your views for the money. I am concerned with visiting chapters and their ideologies may not be the same as our chapter.
32. Guest 3: My name is Bridget. I am from the College of Professional Studies. I have seen that this campus has been striving to be more diverse and inclusive. I believe allowing this group on campus would be detrimental and go against what we are trying to do here on campus. It is the responsibility of the university to uphold and protect the two resolutions that were passed in regards to DACA.
33. Guest 4: I'm a part of the College of Letters and Science. I am here to represent my sorority. We feel that by recognizing them, we will fail to create a diverse and inclusive environment. Allowing this org will cause students to feel unsafe and unwelcome and now want to attend this university at all.
34. Guest 5: I am a DCA ambassador. I am a sociology major and belong to the College of Letters and Science. I believe freedom of speech is a big things but don't agree with the goals of the group. I can go all day about the unfairness that society gives us. As an African American, they stand for something I don't agree with. They attack groups on our campus.
35. Guest 6: Looking at the foundation of Turning Point as a backlash of this individual who did not get into the military academy because he believed affirmative action kept him out. Drake University denied this org on their campus. Turning Point has been known to influence student elections. They act as platform to act violently against professors. You could argue this chapter would be different but this chapter said they would not disassociate with them.
36. Guest 7: I am in BSU and have been for two years. Having free speech and discussion is important. Hearing Turning Point, they said they have not had discussions with diverse groups. I'm wondering if this org will talk to people of color. A lot of people on this campus would feel targeted by this org. They would be afraid to express their beliefs and lifestyle.
37. Guest 8: My question was in regards to what is the purpose of being connected to the university directly when you are not receiving SGA funding? They are not an official org represented at UWSP but brand themselves as being an approved org.
38. Guest 10: I am not formally part of this Turning Point group. I receive e-mails and was added to the Facebook page. Hate comes from many places. As a nontraditional student who seeks to be more involved in this community, I



work with all different people. I wouldn't be here if I thought this group meant any harm. I am ashamed we treat our fellow students in this fashion.

39. Speaker DeLain – move to extend speaking time by 10 minutes, Second Caucus Chair Fox
 - a. Motion passes
40. Guest 11: We represent a lot of different kinds of students. I do not affiliate with a certain political stance. It's great to represent your country. They represent things in an ethnocentric fashion. We as Americans love our democratic and capitalist society. It's important to not represent other countries unless you've been there and stepped into their shoes. I want them to realize that at UWSP, we represent a diversity of different students. I would hate to see a student come in from a different country and their views are victimized. Individuality is important to us here in the United States. We stand for diversity and I hope that is continued.
41. Guest 13: Here, it's supposed to be a place of acceptance and a second home. We all should feel safe here. While they claim to be an org that wants to open a dialogue about economic issues, there is more going on. We talked about the professor watch list. While free speech is important, creating a safe campus and feeling safe is what we came here for. We ask this body to postpone their vote so this group can go back and amend their constitution.
42. Guest 14: I am in the College of Letters and Science. Consider the past behavior of this group via their Facebook posts that attack the liberal community as a whole.
43. Guest 15: My name is Lyn. I am part of the College of Professional Studies. My concern is with the actions of other orgs on other campuses, the parent org, and who they bring to their conferences. As a trans student on campus, I've seen the destruction these speakers can bring. I call on my senators to think about how it'll impact the students you represent
44. Guest 16: I am a student of the CPS. I don't have a problem with the people who spoke today, it's mainly with the parent org. There's no way they can promise that the ideology of this chapter won't change. There's plenty of other ways to make money.
45. Caucus Chair Fox- motion to add 10 minutes, Second Senator Martin-Smithwick
 - a. No speech to either
 - b. Caucus Chair Quandt: It's important to hear all students who came today.
 - i. Passes
46. Guest 17: My name is Antonio. I love what they are saying as an org as a local level. If you're calling yourself Turning Point, you are Turning Point. You are a representation of them and that cannot be allowed on this campus.
47. Guest 18: Thank you to the body for giving me time to speak. I agree it is important to have spaces to have constructive debates. I am concerned Turning Point is not capable of facilitating those discussions in an open way that invites diverse groups to come in.
48. Guest 19: I don't think Turning Point has a place on our campus. As a student, they have a hostile relationship with faculty. Turning Point's presence will intimidate the students and faculty and not empower them.



49. Guest 20: My issue is also with the parent organization. If you are getting funded by them, you are directly related with them. It is your responsibility o not be involved with them if you do not agree with their ideas. Minority voices on this campus need to be valued and comforted. Last year, inappropriate words were written on a student's door. I don't think it's fair. I don't think it's right. I think Turning Point USA should rename themselves and amend their constitution. Their voices can then be valued and honored here on campus.
50. Guest 21: As a woman in the College of Natural Resources, I have seen racism and sexism on this university. I urge you to consider these things in your vote.
51. Troy Seppelt: You could allow the organization to use a minute or two to reply or make a closing statement.
52. David: I am a biochemistry major here. I myself am Mormon. I know that is not very common here on campus, and I understand what it feels like to have attacks thrown at you. People with conservative beliefs is also not very common here on campus. There are students and faculty who push the left wing agenda. We do not affiliate with democrat or republican. We are open to everybody. We need Turning Point because we do not have a voice here on campus as conservatives.
53. Vanessa: This isn't the struggle Olympics. We want to be inclusive to you and have those conversations because they are important, it's the parent org we have a problem with. It is not a personal thing.
54. Caucus Chair Quandt – move to postpone this vote until org has chance to amend their Constitution, Second Caucus Chair Fox
 - a. Quandt: We heard a lot today and the overwhelming majority is not in favor of the parent org of Turning Point USA.
 - b. Fox: I agree with Caucus Chair Quandt and there are other things that need to be changed before we go through with this.
55. Speaker DeLain to Advisor Jentz: Is it possible for a student org to amend their constitution then come back to us?
56. Advisor Jentz: When I work with orgs coming up through the process because they aren't approved yet, their constitution is able to change.
57. Caucus Chair Benny: As of now, my main concern is that the parent org is affiliated with other orgs that commit too many crimes against minorities and the different communities we have on this campus. If they were to change and restructure and not be a part of the parent org, I have no problem with them. I have had 25 members of my college come up and speak and the parent org was the common problem.
58. Senator Debot: With being a part from the parent org, would they keep the same name? I've seen so many students here saying they are uncomfortable with them. If they came back with a conservative or capitalist club.
59. Director Stahl: What is the difference between postponing this so they can work on their constitution and denying this specific org and ask they come back with a different title? It does sound like a completely different scenario.
60. Caucus Chair Quandt: That is kind of what I eluded to, but I didn't know how to make a motion to that.
61. Speaker DeLain: Advisor Jentz may know about this process better than I do of denials versus postponements.
62. Farrell: If an org changes their name halfway through the process, would they have to start over?



63. Advisor Jentz: With the org name changes, it's just a constitutional change.
64. Director Stahl: As a point of clarification, in the sake of time, does it make sense to ask this org if they are willing to amend their constitution before we move forward? I have no idea which direction they plan on going.
65. Emily: We will not disassociate from our parent organization. It is who we are and where we come from.
66. Caucus Chair Quandt – rescind my motion, Fox – rescind as well
67. Senator Debot: If I wanted to move into a vote, I know we normally say motion to.
68. Vice President Hansen: We do try to make motions in the positive.
69. Senator Debot – move to approve, Second Caucus Chair Benny
 - a. Debot: No
 - b. Benny: My vote is going to be a no. I am going to represent my students who brought me here.
70. Caucus Chair Quandt – motion to vote by a signed ballot
71. Vice President Hansen: all eligible voters would vote by writing their name and vote on a piece of paper.
72. Chief of Staff Abrahamian: please refrain from snapping at this moment.
73. Speaker DeLain: I believe when we change voting, it a request and we are able to do so unless there is a dissenting vote.
74. Senator Debot: if we used a sign ballot, will it be recorded in the minutes?
75. Vice President Hansen: It would be recorded as it normally would. The minutes would say whether the motion had passed or failed.
76. Motion to pass has failed.
77. Al Thomson: In most of these cases if they appeal, I sit down with system legal and other parties that are involved with that discussion. I will call a public forum with the student body. I do a number of things.

2. Senator Approvals

- a. Brailey Kerber (CPS): I am a junior studying elementary education. I have learned a lot about SGA and am looking to get more involved in SGA. I am well organized and well informed. I am willing and ready to be more informed about SGA.
 1. Fox: I am excited to see you here. What do you want to do for our body?
 - i. Brailey: I am interested to see what is already going on and how I can help from there.
 2. Speaker DeLain: Brailey applied to be a SIR on two committees. I think she is going to be a really great voice and student on this body.
 3. Director Stahl: I think she would do exceptional work in this body.
 4. Caucus Chair Benny: It's really fun working with her. She checks her facts.
 5. Approved

Caucus Chair Quandt- move to recess, Second Caucus Chair Fox

- a. Senator Lefebvre: Can we let her talk and vote then go into recess?

Rescind by Caucus Chair Quandt and Caucus Chair Fox

- b. Kaylee Heiting (CPS): I am very interested and want to be actively involved in decisions made on this campus.
 1. Caucus Chair Fox: I am excited to see you here. What do you want to do in senate?



- i. Kaylee: I sit in on SHAC. Student health interests me and representing students.
2. Speaker Pro Tempore Griepentrog: She's a really cool person and using a lot of intellect behind her thinking. Would be a great addition.
3. Approved

Caucus Chair Quandt – motion to recess for 10 minutes, Second Speaker Pro Tempore Griepentrog

- a. Approved

Call to Order

1. 9:20 pm
2. Roll Call Vote 10 – 0 – 5

3. Student Interest Representative Applications

a. Munim Shah (Inclusivity Committee): When I first came to this campus, I was nervous because I saw a lot of people who didn't look like me. I feel like I have done the most I can in the orgs I am a part. Inclusivity is something I believe in. I was actively involved in RISE. I would like to become more familiar with it and their relationships with administration.

1. Director Stahl: I was astounded with the Readable People event. I enjoy his ability to create a space where people can talk. I would love to see him have voting power and a seat in my room.
2. Senator Thomas: Munim is a really compassionate person and always looks for the most loving way to do things. I am really excited for him. He will definitely be a great addition.

Reset quorum: 11 – 0 – 4

3. Caucus Chair Benny: Will you make all these meetings?
 - i. Munim: Yes

4. Approved

b. Kade Johanning (University Centers Advisory and Policy Board): I wanted to join because I feel I can help bring the voice of the LGBTQ+ community and bring their voice to the various spaces.

1. Director Scheder: I am excited my committee is getting bigger and working with Kade.
2. Director Stahl: I've also had the opportunity to work with Kade. His work ethic is outstanding and that is important to recognize.
3. Caucus Chair Benny: I work with Kade. He is a nice person and is good at what he does.
4. Approved

4. SUFAC Approvals

a. Maham Khan (CPS): Through my leadership positions, I have learned how to allocate funds through all these positions and am always excited to learn more.

1. Caucus Chair Fox: think she'd be great at this
2. Caucus Chair Quandt: Do you have enough time to commit?
 - i. Maham: Rugby is now over so yes.
3. Director Stahl: I know her pretty well. She is incredibly honest and a hard worker. I think this would be a great position for her.



4. Caucus Chair Benny: I work with her a lot. She is very professional. She can separate passion from logic
 5. Approved
 5. Green Fund Steering Committee Approvals
 - a. Morgan Jeidy: I am an urban forestry major. It lines up with my current and future professional goals. It would be a great step for me to do that. My knowledge would add a positive aspect.
 1. Vice President Hansen: She has been incredibly patient with the process of figuring this out.
 2. Senator Kerber: She has a strong work ethic and is easy to work with. All this would benefit the committee
 3. Speaker DeLain: Can you explain a time you had to make a smart financial decision?
 - i. Morgan: I haven't had too many but the budgeting I do in my personal life is an example.
 4. Approved
- XIV. Reports (2 min. each)**
1. Senator Announcements
 1. Senator Martin-Smithwick: should we explain point of personal privilege to the senators?
 2. Speaker DeLain: if you need to leave to go to work or have something scheduled, raise your plaque and say point of personal privilege, may I be removed from quorum.
 3. Caucus Chair Fox: I am excited to have senators.
 4. Senator Lorenzi: There is the topic of lowering the drinking age to 19. In discussion, nothing has been on the floor yet. The law passed in 1984 to raise drinking age to 21 in order to keep federal highway funding.
 5. Caucus Chair Benny: All the legislation I was working on has passed. I am thinking about taking it to reps. I would like help from this body to edit it. How does that work? Do I take it to UWSP to take it to reps?
 - i. Chief of Staff Abrahamian: Reps does have an inclusivity committee, we have a meeting this weekend. Vice President Hansen and President Piette could bring it to reps as a motion. Does not need to go through committee but can.
 6. Speaker DeLain: Usually I make a motion to recess but we did earlier, so that's why we are not now.
 2. Executive Announcements
 1. Caucus Chair Benny: on behalf of Director Stahl, thank you to everyone for your week her tonight. Trans visibility week is next week.
 2. Director DeLain: My committee is not meeting tomorrow.
 3. Director Scheder: Tomorrow at 1, we are discussing the diversity corridor and what's going on up there. Talk to me if you're interested. I would love to have more voices and opinions. Working on by laws to change amendments.
 4. Director Thomas: At the upcoming SHAC meeting, we are hoping to vote on mental health statute. Let me know if you're interested in sponsoring it.
 - a. Caucus Chair Benny: Please come if you are able to. We really need people there to actually have quorum.
 5. Director Kositzke: While there is current law that transportation funding would be lessened if the drinking age was lowered, according to the legislatures, they are hoping to find a deal with the federal government. Sulfide mining bill passed on Tuesday.



Industrial hemp bill going through the legislature. WI joined to push for a balanced budget. I will be keeping you updated if anything else happens.

- a. Caucus Chair Benny: What is going to happen?
 - i. Kositzke: Article 5 provides 2 measures for amending the constitution. States send delegates and delegates hash out the proposed amendments to the constitutions. Some say the whole thing could be up for grabs and others say there are guidelines. No really clear. Whatever is proposed, 38 states must ratify. Even if it does happen, nothing major will more than likely happen.

Caucus Chair Benny - move to add time, Second Speaker Pro Tempore Griepentrog

- a. Passes
 - 3. Parking Ad-Hoc Committee
 - a. Speaker DeLain: First meeting was last night, started figuring out what was most important and what the student proposals were. Next meeting will probably be Tuesday at 9, feel free to come. I feel like we have really good plans in the works.
 - 4. Pointer Partnership Advisory Board
 - a. Director Farrell: met last week, finished discussion on bottleneck courses and advising. We are going to get reports from CNR and how they are using differential tuition..... One discussion point is our initial response from students. Fairly lengthy process if the board wants to make that decision.
 - 5. Budget Director Farrell
 - a. I was assigned homework to look at positive things about the merger and need to bring some things to IPAC. What is some feedback from you?
 - i. Director Kositzke: Incredibly close collaboration to strengthen bonds between the campuses.
 - ii. Caucus Chair Quandt: Ray Cross stated that it will be maintain affordably for students, one option he proposed was to close 2 years and now they can stay open.
 - b. Caucus Chair Benny: Will it be easier to transfer over now?
 - i. Caucus Chair Quandt: Yes
 - ii. President Piette: To address Benny, credits within the system do transfer fairly well already.
 - iii. Caucus Chair Fox: Usually, 2 year colleges will push their students to take courses that do transfer to the 4 year they want to attend.
 - c. Director Farrell: We were supposed to have a budget weekend but are not. SUFACTions: fire crew added a couple lines for a conference and that was approved, Pointer making changes to their salary lines and requested money for an iPod to take better pictures.
 - i. Caucus Chair Fox: did they think that through about the iPod?
 - 1. Farrell: They had the option between a professional camera and iPod, and went with an iPod to use student funding more appropriately.
 - ii. Senator Martin-Smithwick: what kind of iPod?
 - 2. Farrell: 3rd or 4th gen with a good camera.
 - d. Caucus Chair Quandt – move to approve SUFACTions, Second Speaker Pro Tempore Griepentrog
 - i. No speech to either
 - ii. Roll Call Vote
 - 1. Passes 9 – 0 – 6



6. Chief of Staff Abrahamian
7. Speaker of the Senate DeLain: I sent out a doodle poll, please fill it out as soon as you can. Come down to the office.
 - a. Martin-Smithwick: for the game cub, how many games and what kind?
 - i. Speaker DeLain: Ask Director Farrell
8. Vice President Hansen: This Friday, I did a leadership workshop and it was really cool. I will send out a list of the ones coming up. I am still growing in leadership. I am sending out a request to find students reps to serve in the transition team from D2L to a different programs.
 - a. Caucus Chair Benny- move to add 2 minutes, Second Quandt
 - i. Passes

Hansen continued: Kind of cool to go to common council and see they are a bit frustrated as well. A lot of people working to figure out the merger. I appreciate everyone who has supported me the past week and the way people handled this meeting. A lot of thought, care, and research went into this meeting. Thank you for being present.
9. President Piette: This was an intense night and I am proud of all of you. Really cool to see that and we have those tough conversations that others cannot have. Environmental: doing environmental justice legislation. On sustainability call this past weekend. Community: not much done but hoping we can reach out to members of the community. Health: I am working with and supporting Director Thomas on her things. Financial: talked with Director Farrell, to discuss financial. Chancellor's cabinet coming up on Tuesday.
 - a. Caucus Chair Fox: when are those meetings?
 - ii. President Piette: Chancellors is 8 am Tuesday.

XV. New Business

1. None

XVI. Old Business

1. None

XVII. Announcements

1. Speaker DeLain: Stick around to get your picture taken
2. Chief of Staff Abrahamian: We met on Wednesday and talked about the sessions, that discussion will continue and will have bylaw amendments next week. We went to Madison earlier with some senators and President Piette. The Board of Regents approved the merger obviously. Thanks for your patience and professionalism. Makes me proud to be a part of this org and university.
3. Caucus Chair Benny: I'm going to Perkins, please feel free to come along
 - a. Director DeLain: who is us?
 - i. Benny: Caucus Chair Fox, Munim Shah, maybe Chief of Staff Abrahamian.
4. Director Scheder: I'd like to extend an invitation, I will be here for thanksgiving, my house is open if you want to come hangout.
5. Chief of Staff Abrahamian: Please give a hand to Kim for working through these minutes.

XVIII. Adjournment

1. 10:22pm