

**Meeting Minutes of the University of Wisconsin System
Student Representatives**

October 8, 2016, 9:30 AM UW-Eau Claire, Centennial Hall, Room 1920
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Call to Order at 9:43

Roll Call

Baraboo/Sauk		Oshkosh	x
Barron	x	Parkside	
Fond du Lac	x	Platteville	x
Fox Valley	x	Richland	x
Eau Claire	x	River Falls	x
Green Bay		Rock County	x
La Crosse	x	Sheboygan	x
Madison	x	Stevens Point	x
Manitowoc		Stout	x
Marathon		Superior	
Marinette		Washington	
Marshfield/Wood	x	Waukesha	x
Milwaukee	x	Whitewater	x
UW COLLEGES	x		

Approval of the Agenda

Richland
River Falls

Approval of the Minutes

a. September 11, 2016

Barron
Platteville: Second

River Falls: Motion to reflect attendance

Milwaukee: Second

Fox Valley: Motion for correction to 15% cut in curriculum due to a 15% decline in enrollment

River Falls: Second

Executive Committee Reports

Chair: A lot of people want to talk about payment plans for student government leaders, whether that be through financial aid or hourly. I think it would this can add this to our open forum or open comments because I think there will be a lot of discussion on that. The only thing I wanted to mention is the timing of getting the agendas. I know people need to get the agendas sooner, so they can discuss with their schools. I am considering changes to the process so we can have a draft ready so people can see it as a google document, and a more detailed version can be sent out after.

Vice Chair: Don't have too much. It is on the agenda to talk about the biennial budget. Figured you wanted to see what you want to do, but that is really about it.

IGR Chair: Just the other day the Board of Regents voted an okay to lift the tuition freeze on the second year of the upcoming biennium, which would be the 2018-2019 year. Again, last month, we heard a little bit about that, but we will see what happens. In order for the Governor to see this happen there would need to be "creativity" which would basically determine how funds are going to be dealt with. A lot of this is just rhetoric, but we will see what happens as it gets closer. We would first like to see when you go back to your campuses and for the next meeting to have something like information on each of your local legislatures. If it is possible, bring bios of state representatives and state senators, which are key in talking with staffers. See how they voted on things for the UW System so we can have a cohesive effort moving forward. We are really looking for that for next month. We have also talked about sending out cards to legislatures to show how students value their education. We want to use legislative priorities, which we will talk about later today. It can be any type of card you can get, as long as it is something you can send. Show them how students value UW education, which would be really helpful. The IGR committee will be meeting and hammering out what priorities will be for you. The last piece, it would be nice if folks could have a listening session in a room with students to hear what people (businesses and students) think about the budget process.

IGR Vice Chair: The value of having a shared space where we are going to collect information. We are going to have a toolbox for students who are concerned to have a resource to discuss the legislative priorities. Sometimes sending a letter can be intimidating have conversations where we can talk about how to accomplish some of these goals.

Questions

River Falls: Is there a state lobbying day set?

IGR Chair: No not yet. It will be based off of the state legislative process.

River Falls: Do we have a time frame?

IGR Chair: We will want to have at least one lobbying day. We want to lobby when committees are meeting. Right when back in January would be a good time. You can check the legislative schedule to find out. Right as we get back in January and throughout February, but it really depends on the timeline.

IGR Vice Chair: There is a way to see what is going on in the Wisconsin State Legislature. If you go to that page and scroll all the way to the bottom, and right where the little flowers are Direction on Wisconsin State Legislature, where you can get updates on state legislatures.

IGR Chair: It is kind of like google alerts, but less annoying. It is more pointed at what you want to be hearing about.

Outreach Director: Nobody submitted a campus report to be in the newsletter, which is really disappointing because I know you are campuses are doing cool stuff. By next Sunday, can you send a report to osapres@uwosh.edu. It does not have to be long. It can be a paragraph with a picture. OSA just did an event in which they worked with campus police and raised \$50,000 for Special Olympics Wisconsin.

PR Director: We are working on some changes to the website. I will make an announcement on the Facebook page when those are ready to roll out. Please join the page if you have not done so already. We sometimes post interesting articles. It is a great way to ask questions and get information. It easy to reach each other quickly.

Secretary: I hope that the meeting minutes were helpful to you. I really dropped the ball. I am probably going to start posting them in the Facebook group because when we send the meeting minutes with the agenda they are not as helpful as they should be. It is almost a month later. Please continue to provide me with feedback, and I really appreciate the feedback that was provided to me today. I want to make them effective for you and your campus to use, and I do not know if we have been doing a very good job at that. Additionally, I wanted to speak briefly about Student Representatives as a whole because I have been hearing a lot of concerns as far as our productivity is concerned, and I want you to know that I am a resource to you, so if you feel like there are things that we can be doing better we can do so as an organization. Part of our executive board is to make us effective for the Wisconsin System. If you are thinking "I am not really sure" or "I don't want to say anything", no judgment. Send me an e-mail, and there are a lot of ways we can be better for our students as a whole.

Campus Reports

Barron: We hosted a campus picnic public fair voter registration event along with our freshmen senator elections. We ended up getting about 40% voter turnout of the campus, and we had about 16% students already registered to vote. The local democratic election group came in unbiased, and brought in all of the supplies to get ready for the November election. We also worked to change the commencement date, and are looking at doing some work with Step UP! but are still talking about It's On Us.

Eau Claire: We have had an exceptionally busy month. To just go over the last week or so because that is when most things have been happening. We began the week with our normal Student Senate meeting, but we have had some incidents with free speech and institutionalized racism. There was this organization that put up an event for Constitution Day. There is a lot of discrepancy on the procedures in which the boards were put up and taken down, and in the middle of the night someone painted on the board, UWEC is Racist, and so we have been trying to navigate through this. We want to be a campus that people feel like they can talk about what they want to talk about, but also have a campus in which students of color feel safe which is the issue of institutional racism, so we held a town hall meeting. We held a town hall, and we were in a room about this size, and we had about 73 people there, which we weren't necessarily expecting. The conversation was mostly about issues people are experiencing in the classroom, but I think this might be prevalent for many of you and your campuses. The issue had less to do with the free speech board, and since, we, as a senate put through a resolution. For the next month or so we will be engaging in a lot of different conversations. Because now on top of the free speech conversation, we are facing freedom of expression, which I am sure some of you have also experienced on campus. There have been multiple clown sightings, and students are afraid to go to class, and on Monday we are going to look at a resolution, and we will look at what we can do about clown masks. Yet, it may be violating some regulations on freedom of expression. However, it fits within some of our conversations about freedom of speech and freedom of expression. We are really trying to figure out how to navigate through this. We had the Board of Regents here, and we had the opportunity to talk about some of the issues including the racial experiences on campus and biennial budget.

Representative Dana Wachs

I represent the 91st Assembly District, which is most of the city of Eau Claire, and I am the ranking democrat on colleges and universities, and I serve on the committees that are challenging. I have been a trial lawyer for 30 years. What if any preparation are we giving to students coming through system? I believe in remedial education through the system, and more and more folks coming in are needing aid with math and English. Education is everything there. There is nothing more important. Even health care takes a back seat to education. With education, we get top notch citizens. Our primary focus should be in education. We saw General Electric is moving to Boston to be near education. Moving there, private industry understands it is not just about new jobs but new industry. Well than, you guys in Madison have seen the power of EPIC, and that kind of industry is directly linked to UW-Madison. In Eau Claire we have a smaller program called JAMF which makes apple computers better computers for business. They are hiring engineers from all over the world. That company was started by

music majors. Music majors by and large use apple platforms for the ability to compose. Two of my kids are music majors, and my other kid is getting a Ph.D. for laser physics. Higher education is absolutely critical for the development of new industry and new jobs. It is the future, and we are in competition with countries like China and Russia. We have to stay at the cutting edge of this for our own preservation. That is kind of where my caucus is coming from. We are really focused on trying to do something with education. There have been about 795 million dollar cuts to the higher university budget over the last 6 years. 1.1 billion dollars of cuts to K-12 and 203 million dollar cuts to the technical education system. We have to turn that around. There will take a lot work to do so. It will take an effort. I am optimistic about getting this done.

IGR Vice Chair: Where do you think there are winning issues that should really advocate for in this political environment we?

I think you need to talk about the link of higher education to business. I think this is something people from both caucuses will care about. I am not going to turn this in to a partisan thing. I think that is the way to approach it. They need to understand the link between higher education and the success of the state. Basically, we are all capitalist. My caucus believes in some restraint in the capitalist system. The other group would pull all the reins off if they probably could. We do have common ground. At least we are all within the idea of thinking we are capitalist. We do believe in capitalism. In our caucus, we really believe in higher education for the US to stay ahead and at the cutting edge of industry. There is a lot of hyper partisanship that causes people to be unproductive. So if you wanna be able to make the case for higher education, tie it to the development of business because it is the truth. General Electric is not moving there for tax purposes. I had worked for Ted Kennedy when I was about your age, and when he was running for president. You really see the effect of the development. It is happening from tech fields, so tie it to business. That's what it is about. It is about you guys. I have three kids. I don't have grandkids not that I am aware of yet. It is about future. K12 is important too because we are finding remedial programs too.

IGR Chair: What do you think about the lift on tuition freeze?

A lot of individuals in the other caucus don't want to raise taxes. There is a hypersensitivity to increasing taxes. How is that reflected in our commitment to education? There have been critical errors in budget process. I think we should be pouring more of resources in higher education. Freezing tuition is short sighted because it allows you to go to college cheaper in the shorthand. You almost lose \$50,000 in the initial year when you could be working, and it is costing you more time here. If we don't directly contribute more to college, then the cost will go through the roof. Professors, are an essential commodity, but they don't have to be here. They could go elsewhere and do well. We have to bear in mind how this will affect as a whole. We are losing professors all over the state. That is due to our not having a commitment to education. At some point we will have to make increases in taxes. We are kicking the can down the road in terms of highway budget. We are looking too short in turn of public transportation. The governor turned down 800 million dollars for high speed rail. We could have had high speed rail from Chicago to Milwaukee and then to here. It is much cheaper to maintain rail then

it does to maintain highways. Some people would much prefer to take a train because you can sit there and do work, check Facebook, or whatever. As a trial lawyer, I take positions in Chicago. I became accustomed to getting on the train in Tomah and I would get out at Union station. Now, they have a direct flight to Chicago from Eau Claire. Even dinosaurs like me understand this, and that all goes into budget. Had we have taken the money, we would have more money to work with to put back into highways or education. Part of it is that pledge in the other caucus. It is hypersensitive. Lower taxes is a fantasy. If it was, we should be roaring economically.

Campus Reports

Fox Valley: We still don't have our paid positions figured out. We are still working with our regional finance person. She doesn't know how to do it. Our advisor does not know how to do it. No one knows who to ask, so we are still trying to figure that out. Everything is not great at Fox. Apparently, we are the last campus of the system to have active shooter training. At first they did not want to allow students at all. Students were banned from training. After figuring out open meeting laws. Students are allowed to attend to active shooter training, but they are not advertising it. We are working on it so students don't say "What do we do beside cower in the corner?" Regionalization of SUFAC is affecting s, and what works for smaller colleges doesn't work for us. We just had our fall senate elections, which went terrific.

La Crosse: We just had an off campus housing fair. Voter registration drive as well and inclusivity training for our student senate. We are working on It's On Us at the end of the month. We have been deemed the PC police by Fox news, maybe you saw that as well. We also have some fun fire drills coming up as well.

Madison: I will just briefly update on Madison. I am not involved with ASM directly. A couple of the big things that have happened in Madison is they passed a resolution to ask police department to be accountable to police equipment. There was controversy, but it did pass. Police reacted positively. The other big topic of conversation was the amazon pick-up location. They developed a place used by multicultural student organizations and there was no development in shared governance. It was taken up with the Board of Regents, but the contract needed to go through shared governance process. That was a win on the side of shared governance. There are two other things that have been going on. Columbus day is now Indigenous People's day. Also, they have registered over 2,000 voters so far since August.

Fox: Is this from the student population?

Yes.

Marshfield: Internally, we had our first year officer election. 3 selected, one resignation. Externally, I reached out to orgs. Enrollment is down 16% which effects every line item in the budget. Nice wildlife on campus, but some people are afraid of the cougar sightings on campus. The few things I am afraid of are clowns and wildcats.

Milwaukee: So we are having 2 of the 3 leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement come to campus next week. There is a high demand and a high interest, but we have received e-mails from concerned individuals. We have responded with "this is an event that is pertinent to the city, and we are open to all sides of the conversation." We are developing a conversation with the county for transportation, by talking about how students can benefit from buses and rail cars. We too have registered a lot of people to vote about 1,200 people. Our green fund is rolling and is having their committee meetings bi-weekly.

Oshkosh: Oshkosh is figuring out how to pay for student governance association leaders. Backwards ways which will give us something Financial aid partnered with police and raised \$50,000 for special Olympics in Wisconsin. Organization process through March 1. We just created honors college. Vice President will be first person to graduate through honors course. Oshkosh Student Association and other shared governance works to reinforce, and we brought the league of women's voters. Tabling every day in student union.

Platteville: Most of our senate is Special Registration Deputy trained, which we will be registering people to vote until October 31. Invite both parties to attend and talk to Senate.

Richland: No report

River Falls: It's On Us Week of Action. Beyond we are trying to hire a title IX person. Voter registration planning. Campus is divided. Working to start green fund.

Rock County: A nice change of pace. Rock has a lot of nice things to report. Gay straight alliance to do HIV testing. We just had our senators to take executive election. Revising constitution. Things are going well for that. The only downside, we got a 50th anniversary. It was only on campus for 24 hours, and it was painted on about trump, and still has not been painted. I get to see you all on my campus next month.

Sheboygan: Elections were held last week. Voting was happening last week. All positions are filled. Setting up food pantry. Cathy Sandeen meeting and safe space for students.

Stevens Point: We had a meeting with chancellor and multicultural leaders. There have been really good information. Vice chancellor wears a lot of hats, and need position filled. Fear of law enforcement. After that meeting, and the chancellor sent out an e-mail talking about the despicable words used on campus. Sparked a lot of different things with the campus. Shared all of the bias reports with the senate. Drafted a letter in support. Disrespect in the classroom. Would support us in the county council in support to have some sort of inclusivity training for faculty. Police ride along, but with police reports decided to have police meet with multicultural student organizations Beginning to make good headway. Bystander intervention which has been made allowed to all senate. Partnership with dean of students and SGA. Bringing some feedback to this body. Sustainability, we put a piece of legislature we put through a practice piece of legislature. The year we almost ate garbage, and the food services.

Fond du Lac: We just done got with our SGA elections. We have every position filled, which I have never seen happen before so that is really exciting. Currently, we are working on our non-partisan Get Out The Vote effort. We are organizing an 'Open House' where candidates and representatives from all parties are being invited onto our campus, so students can learn about our local candidates and issues. There are no incumbents for certain races in my district so this will be a good chance to start to build those working relationships and partnerships with whoever wins. We are also working hard at registering students to vote and making sure they have the information they need in order to vote. We are starting to organize monthly campus conversation on diversity and climate issues. This is building off us the successful HEDIT conference at our campus hosted. We are also continuing on the work that was started last semester. Getting students and faculty trained in identifying warning signs of mental illness whether depression, addiction, anxiety etc then being able to reach out and communicate with them in a more intentional manner. We are also trying to create a safer space for the veterans on our campus. We do have vets with PTSD that attend UW-Fond du Lac and being a "Vet Friendly" campus is something that other local institutions promote.

Stout: We are the last campus that still supports some exams and certifications outside of course requirements through our active learning fee. We are currently having some division about continuing that funding or put it towards someone else. A couple students have been working on a renewable energy campaign, and they have a meeting with UW System in the next coming weeks to secure autonomy for each university project to focus on their own energy. We currently have plans for our dining hall to be renovated, and our Sustainability Director has been trying to bush for a LEED certification and pairing solar on the roof of that building. It is also our homecoming week and our 125th birthday, so that is pretty exciting. We got a little over 25 people registered to vote within the last few weeks and have been getting together debate viewing parties as well as getting shuttles to get students to various polling locations. Then there has been a concern for a lot of campuses is the growing class sessions and class sizes and we are going to gather stories from students showing how this has effected their education and time to complete degree. Also, in the works is all gender restrooms. We have also been encouraging our executive board and senators to take the "I'll go with you pledge," which is just saying that if someone wants to stop by our office, they can grab someone to be their buddy.

Waukesha: It has been a little bit quiet on our campus. We just finished elections. Strengthen relationship between students and student governance association. Some of the things we want to start are we are working on a weekly or monthly newsletter. We are conducting biweekly lunch so students can see what our student governance is up to, so we can see if they have any concerns or see if we can answer any questions they might have. Another thing we are considering is It's On Us. Another thing is having food cards since there are no meal plans with discounts. We would start with the restaurants on our campus and get them to use food cards and offer discounts to students. We are looking at lower cost items.

Whitewater: So we have had a slow start to the year, because last year and over the summer, they did re-did the heating, venting and cooling, and the area where student government is and

a lot of the other organizations had to move into this little room and there were damages. A couple of computers were damaged. We lost some things. It has been a hassle, and it cost roughly \$5,000 in damage, so we have to work with centers on working with other organizations to make up cost for the damages. We are back in the office now. We are in voter registration. We are going to have a voter registration day, I think, on October 12, and we are going to get students registered to vote. We had an off campus housing fair which was pretty successful, and we are going to be working on a uniform campus complaint form. There have been a lot of complaints from advising. At anytime anyone would be able to submit it. It's On Us and we are going to have a day where everyone wears shirts.

IGR Chair: I did have a question about the off-campus housing fair. We use Rent College pads, and we are going to be doing something else next year. Is your fair open to all landlords in the area?

Invitations go out to every landlord that has housing within a fair distance from the university. We generally prefer walking distance. If it is within a fifteen-minute drive. There are a few companies that have a monopoly on that, but it still allows for renters like smaller companies.

IGR Chair: Where did you find all of the information on all the landlords in the area?

Past records from past events and the City of Whitewater also has a rental association that has just about every single landlord in the area as a member, and it was a great resource. It is a great place to begin, but I would start with a Chamber of Commerce or subcommittee on city council that would have rental building codes.

IGR Chair: How many of your folks have off-campus housing fairs? Yeah, because we have that Rent College Pads which has kind of monopolized over the past few years, where they are not allowing landlords to come unless they are landlords contracted with their company, and so I am just letting people know that.

Platteville: I know there is a desk at Platteville that you can go to there and ask questions about housing information.

Outreach: What Oshkosh is doing is we decided to stop using housing pads, and it costs over a \$1,000 to list your property on there for 6 months. Instead an off campus housing fair in the fall, we are going to do a Q&A about housing. We are going to be having an attorney leading that. We are going to have that first semester. Then next semester we are going to host housing fair. About 6 to 7 years ago, we used to get all of the landlords who were interested on paper. We are probably going to do that, and then we are going to have an online file version that can be updated.

Student Governance Council Report

I have a long report. The Senate meeting met at Rock. We still have positions that are vacant. We actually had our first campus visit yesterday at Barron, and it went really well. We have an SGC retreat and training at Fox Valley.

Open Forum

Student Governance Payment Issues

The only main update I have for you from the last meeting is that I had a meeting with several financial aid officers. I was interested in the nuances in implementing the financial aid into this process. We have been going back and forth with UW System for a couple of months now over the issue of how our student governments are being paid. The memo that came out from UW System were hourly pay and scholarships. Hourly pay has a downside of being under 30 hours in order to be in compliance with Affordable Care Act. The other option is through scholarship which it could impact people's financial aid packages. I wanted to find out more about what could be done using financial aid method. It is possible for them to disburse financial aid package over a period of time. This is one of the concerns I raised a while ago. If that method is going to be used, and if that person was going to be appointed and quit midway through the semester that money would be gone. Once they receive the money, they would likely not be able to get it back. If you have a way to sign off of the process, think about how your policy and how it works with disbursement method. I would make sure you set up a process. Financial aid is not excited about having to figure out how to get money back. It is a complicated way to think about it. I have heavily encouraged System needs to communicate with financial aid offices, and they do not know how to do this. Is there someone, they can talk to us about.

Unfinished Business

a. Resolution in Support of Fossil Fuel Divestment (motion by Stevens Point)

Stout: Motion to bring back to discussion

Barron: Second

Stevens Point: Move to amend this document by striking in line two "Motion by" with "Sponsor by" as well as adding two Whereas clauses starting at line 21 reading:

Whereas: Unity College was the first higher education institution to commit to divestment in 2012. Deborah Cronin, VP of Finance and Administrations at Unity college reports on fossil free portfolio: "Our investment performance was in no way negatively impacted by this strategy," states Cronin.

Whereas: More than 40 Universities and colleges across the globe have chosen a fossil free portfolio. The University of California System, University of Maryland, and Yale University have all committed to divestment, either full or partial

Richland: Second

Outreach: I guess I am kind of confused why we are getting this amendment today. I just remember we were told at our last meeting that we should read the resolution and be

comfortable have a good understanding. Oshkosh met with their advisor and their Sustainability Director and we have connections with our Foundation, and we talked through the amendment, and we don't have time to go through everything that is being introduced. Since we have not seen this document since May, you would think we would have a little bit more time to amend the resolution before we got this thing. Now the people I have been talking with have no idea this is coming up, and we have had not had the chance to talk to our constituents. I mean, I just don't know how comfortable I feel voting on a resolution with amendments that have not even been brought up to my own campus.

Stevens Point: I would address that we should differ to the authors who wrote it.

Author: That is a great question about the amendment. We have also been meeting with our Vice Chancellor and the Stevens Point Foundation, and the amendment, this amendment does not really change the content of the resolution. We referenced it to Unity College above. This addresses that the UW System should do because other universities have done it like the University of California and University of Maryland and Yale and the others provided have done. There is nothing that has really changed of the content of the resolution, but I really appreciate your comments and concerns about not receiving the amendments until now.

Outreach: I guess I still have some issues with it because you are trying to relate to systems that do not even relate to Wisconsin, but we do have campuses like Oshkosh that does have a resolution, so why wouldn't you include something like that in this. Why go to Maryland? Why go somewhere else?

Author: This is another example of a resolution. These are systems and universities that are actually doing it rather than just stating it.

Author: Earlier in the document, there are references to Wisconsin schools like Madison and Bayfield. We wanted to take at other universities, like the University of Maryland to show full divestment, so that is why we added it in there as well.

La Crosse: La Crosse would like to second the idea of Oshkosh.

Stout: Yields

River Falls: I just wanted to echo the concerns from Oshkosh. Before I had the chance to come here, I had the chance to talk with my senate, and I talked with them about what the resolution contained in it, so when I get here and it is changed today, I will then take a vote on things that senators have not been briefed on. Yes, I guess I am just saying, I would have liked to have gotten this sooner, so I could have briefed my senate individually and get their feedback.

Stout: I just want to reiterate, just looking at the old resolution, we really did not change that much. It is not changing the content and it is not changing the action.

Stevens Point: When I am training my senators to write resolutions, whereas clauses are filler information. It gives background information and explains what this does. The therefores are the actual actions that are happening. None of the therefores changed, and none of the actions changed. The legislation would be referred to the whole UW System and Foundation. The body and the meaning behind the document has not changed. We are just providing more information

and more supplemental information to actually sway them to give legitimacy, even more legitimacy than this just being passed by our body.

Stevens Point: Call for Division

Barron	N	Sheboygan	Y
Fond du Lac	Y	Stevens Point	Y
Fox Valley	N	Stout	Y
Eau Claire	Y	Waukesha	N
La Crosse	Y	Whitewater	N
Madison	Y	TOTAL 11-7	
Marshfield/Wood	N		
Milwaukee	Y		
Oshkosh	N		
Platteville	Y		
Richland	Y		
River Falls	N		
Rock County	Y		

Discussion on Main Motion

Fox Valley: I do not see where there is a definition of the top 200 Fossil Fuel Companies. Does this include plastic or pharmaceutical? Or is there some other kind of definition being used here?

Author: It is based on reserves. Reserves of the fossil fuels.

Fox Valley: Why are we only including the top 200? It seems like an arbitrary number?

Author: From the 350.org focus on the top 200 because they have the worst impact on climate change. That is the number they set back in 2011.

Milwaukee: I first off want to say UW-Milwaukee is committed to sustainability. We have a sustainability office. We work tirelessly of my entire tenure to not only have our institution walk

the walk, but our student body walk the walk. We are sure to have modal transportation. Anyway, the reason I am prefacing with that is because is the motion and the principle of divestment is something that is important, but something that I think that has to happen with our universities being in the future of industries to walk the walk. I am concerned though with some of the language that exists in the legislation today. That concern comes out of my concern for wanting this to be as strong as possible. I would love to see a research and factual based research with other foundations outside of the UW System. I would love to work with Stevens Point from a delegate of Milwaukee to reach out to our foundations to include the numbers to include the information to hold them accountable, but we can also create a working relationship. I hope to inform not only our students about these kinds of decisions but also the people we have to work with.

Platteville: I know that we are even just having a hard time getting a meeting with our foundation, so that is where we are at. We are not directly investing in fossil fuels, but we are getting scholarships for our students. What we are having a hard time with is divesting because that would mean a cut with our students. We are a lower income school, so to take away scholarships with our school. We do really support this, and we believe it is the way of the future, it is really hard for us right now when we could potentially lose student dollars, which would then mean a student not returning to Platteville.

Barron: I know something that Barron is having a hard time with is even when I went to speak to our Foundation Board, the second I used the word divestment was responded to in a very cautious sort of backed off way. I had to reassure them I was doing research, and what Barron invests in. Barron invests indirectly, but again, we get scholarships. There was also a grand piano bought by the University and other things that we have had donated. I understand that we have quorum, and though not everyone is here, we can vote on it, but without all 26 campuses here voting on it, saying yes or no, I feel like it is going to be a lot weaker than what it could be. I know it is 8 colleges, but that's it.

Author: Divestment does not mean we are going to be taking it out of investments. It does not prevent you from re-investing it into other sources. It is saying please don't invest in fossil fuels.

River Falls: In terms of spirit of the motion and appreciate you taking this on. UW River Falls has hosted the Climate Summit, and we brought everyone together to talk about why this is important, and we are engaged significantly on the ground and creating programs that affect our campus. But in terms of the language of this piece of legislation I have two major critiques about it. The first is that the motion only mentions the foundation out of Madison and none of the two years or the four years. I think that is a significant concern since Madison is one out of the 26 institutions out of the state that gives back to it's students. The other critique that I have is that it classifies foundation assets as assets of the university which is not correct. Assets of the foundation are legally separate from the university. They are a private company run by a board of directors. I think those two things alone if they stay in are factually incorrect, and if we pass this as a body that jeopardizes our credibility when this goes on to really significant people that we have included at the bottom.

Fox Valley: So I concur with both Milwaukee and Platteville. We believe this is a noble cause, and it is something that most of us would agree with. Though I do agree with Platteville that our foundations primary jobs is to provide funding and help to our students to get them through school, so that is their primary job. This does diminish their job to do that. There is one example in the bill of one college, Unity College, who did not have any problems or reductions. That is not a common case however. I really worry about that. Especially when, it minimizes the investment portfolio foundations can take. After meeting with the board of directors at our foundation and the director, we would really like to see it up to our individual boards. I believe it is up to us and our individual boards to make the decisions ourselves, instead of it coming from this group.

Stevens Point: So looking over the first therefore be it resolved clause it does not say anything about Madison. It does not identify any UW colleges, it says UW System, which includes all schools in the UW System. I am just saying that this is a complete financial divestment in the UW System. Our foundation is managed by Madison. Our foundation is managed by 5 other campuses as well that have allowed Madison's office to oversee that. The other thing that I wanted to say is there is no timeline that says they need to divest. This gives the foundation flexibility to get out of coal and oil and other fossil fuels when it is mutually advantageous for them to that, but to also buy in when it is also mutually advantageous for them invest in renewable energy sources. This doesn't at all say that – this will be a shift in their investment. It is logistically impossible to get all of the campuses here, especially among the 2-years. They are financially strapped, especially with 6 years of budget cuts, if I am not mistaken. Now when I was a representative when I attended a 2-year, we made sure, it was very important for us to go to these events. However, other 2-years do not have the mindset of how important this body is, and because of that they do not have the financial resources or the knowledge to come to these meetings, even though they are invited to come. The members that are here right now, are here because they are financially able to come, and able to invest to come to these meetings. I know Marathon County does not have the resources to come to all of these meetings. They wouldn't have been able to come to Superior and they certainly would not have been able to come to Rock County. It is too far.

Stout: Just to reiterate, this resolution is not to say we can not reinvest socially equitable entities. Then the other thing I wanted to bring up was keeping in mind the need to evaluate is the education in the classroom and the UW System is the WI Idea which is that education should affect us. Divesting is very much a reflection of the WI Idea.

River Falls: With the chair's permission, I just would like to pose a question to the body, in regards to out of the chief representatives of each student body in this room, who has spoken personally with their foundation upon this motion, by a show of hands. Who hasn't? in my opinion if you have not spoken to your foundations regarding a motion that would directly impact that foundation, then you should not be voting on the motion because when it goes to them, and they weren't even given a phone call about it, it makes us look bad. It makes this body look bad. It makes your student senate look bad. Again, I want to re-emphasize that I am 100% in support of the spirit behind this motion, but I just think we need to do our homework

before we act as a body because this is really important. What this motion would do is really important for the state of Wisconsin, and we need to put our best face forward and have our game together so when we sit across from your foundation and tell them to do something that they take you seriously and so you have facts on your side.

River Falls: Right now, Graham I would like to act procedurally, and would like to motion to have this sent to a committee or executive team to constructive dialogue with motions that could be added to this or improvements that could be added to this, so that when it can hopefully come back up that it can either at Rock County or even at Stevens Point that it is a motion that we can all get behind and a motion that all of our foundations are aware of one that our foundations are represented, not just Madison, and one that does not define foundation asset as university assets.

Barron: I guess something that I would like to mention is that needs to be reiterated is that this is a great thing, and this is good. At line 30 to line 32, and everything that is there, and even if this does pass and we do decide to divest. There is no timeline, and the timeline is very important to this. If it is talking specifically about the top 200, then they are going to go to the 201st, 202nd, or 203rd. A good foundation is going to say, let's get our money that way. Let's keep it rolling. It is great that we get it out of the first 200, but then it will just keep coming back.

Milwaukee: I would first like to say of course that we are of in course in support of the premise, the principle. We want this to be as strong as possible, and we want the brain trust which is Stevens Point that has done such awesome work, single handedly to be partnered with the rest of the institutions who really want to be a part of this conversation. I don't think we can emphasize this is not easy. Doing this type of research is not a walk in the park, and Stevens Point has taken their time and their effort to ensure that this is even a discussion, and the fact of the matter that this is a point of discussion, and I would like to see this continued in an ad-hoc sustainability committee to make sure that we bring campuses together and we make sure decisions are made with our foundation and make sure we achieve something really strong here, which I think we could be proud of.

Milwaukee: I move to create an ad-hoc sustainability committee which review this resolution and will bring this back to the body.

River Falls: Second

Stevens Point: I believe that the nature of the motion is well meaning but I think it is wrong. I think we should postpone this until December 10th giving them and everybody more time to bring this back to their universities. I am not sure how this ad-hoc committee. We would have to create the membership of that committee. We would have to put in a lot more work in determining who sits on that ad-hoc committee. That can postpone this even longer. That is all I wanted to say about this at this time.

Oshkosh: I would like to see the ad hoc committee to be made up of 5-6 people. I would like to see each person serving on that committee to be working with their university sustainability committee.

Eau Claire: Yes, I'd like to see a create a committee in addition to all of us going back and ensuring that the work gets done with our foundation. That is so crucial to us. When we are hearing some of the things that we are hearing today. There are certainly colleges and universities who haven't done the necessary work. That that's being expected of us in the roles that we're serving. And so I believe there is a necessary step. This is a burden on us that we must do. You know I'm a little bit disappointed in that. Some of us haven't done it.

12:00 PM: Lunch

New Business

- a. Student Agenda for Postsecondary Data Reform: Tabled until November 12

Discussion

- a. UW System Segregated Fee Workgroup Report

Chair: I attached this to the meeting materials. This is the formal report that came out of the committee. This follows a charge from President Cross back in October last year. As kind of a general summary, we have been discussing this. There have been a number of recommendations from the group including procedures for referendum for capital projects. Other major components including funding of certain student services. The current system policy requires or recommends and funding for counseling services be funded by GPR except Oshkosh. There were a lot of pressure to normalize that. I tried to push back on it. Get a base line support. Preferred primary categorization. I think it is the most likely options that is available which moves back to support from institutions. IF system is not going to enforce the relationship, we can only do it with our own administration.

Questions

Oshkosh: Are we going to get a follow up report?

Chair: I have not seen anything yet. The next step would be for the system and the board of regents. I have not seen any movement, but I would not be surprised to see that in the future of Board of Regents agenda.

- b. Biennial Budget Efforts

Chair: I would like to refer this to the IGR commission. Kind of with this part, we want to set up a dialogue to figure out what people want to do with the budget. Whether or not campuses intend to set up debates on campus. Listening sessions, and inviting people. How to get it more publicly out there.

IGR Vice Chair: Across the state, we have the opportunity to work with people and develop a strong relationship to go back to their job in Madison, and change their minds. I feel compelled. They make up their mind through their constituents.

River Falls: We had a forum set. Dean Knutson is retiring, but they will be able to sit with students. Students can ask direct questions. For those who don't have forums or debates, set one up with chamber of commerce.

Barron: We aren't sure if we are going to be doing a debate.

Madison: someone at ASM is creating an excel sheet which is set up through legislature, so if you are not from a nearby town, then you can put your name and contact information, so we can contact you first.

River Falls: Are you intending on going to lobby in Madison?

IGR Chair: Staff controls the lives of legislatures. You don't have to have a bunch of legislatures in the capital. We can make a cohesive effort.

Chair: Would you like to see that happen before January?

River Falls: Is it possible?

IGR Chair: Yes, it is possible.

c. State Legislative Priorities and Federal Legislative Priorities

IGR Chair: So like I said, IGR is going to meet in two weeks. Then it will be presented to student reps.

e. Discussion on Inclusiveness & Campus Bias Incidents

Chair: A few of these things came up in our campus reports. We should go more in depth, and Ethan will start the dialogue off.

Whitewater: We had a big incident, and they had a cultural work group committee, and created a diversity component for education.

Stevens Point: I cannot tell you how powerful it was to have the Dean of Students read the bias reports. They represent those student voice. That is one of the things I would suggest. I would make sure your senate knows. We would like to have the police chief to different organizations and talk about bias reporting. They are afraid nothing is going to come and don't want to be victimized. They don't want to share something

Barron: For those of you attended the Presidential Leadership Summit in June, and you have to take some sort of survey. You get paired with a peer with people who are different. After they did a big recording and "bash" to get people to work together. IT was brought up at our very first meeting with our executive board. Hopefully it will be conducted next year.

Chair: I want to make sure we talk about incidents when they happen and have each other as resources.

UW System Student Reps Next Meetings

- a. Saturday, November 12, UW-Rock County
- b. Saturday, December 10, UW-Stevens Point

Announcements

- a. UW System Joint Reps meeting - November 11, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Pyle Center
More information/updates:
<https://www.wisconsin.edu/governance-representatives/>
- b. It's On Us Summit - Saturday, February 25, 2017

Chair: Registration shortly after thanksgiving gives about 90 days beforehand. Make sure it is not just student governance groups. 200-300 people. Really like to see a range of people from student governance and students at large. Think about people who would be good for breakout sessions.

Oshkosh: Will there be a separate meeting?

Chair: We would like to still have a meeting.

Open Floor for comments and concerns

IGR Chair: E-mailed everyone the legislative priorities

Adjournment

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Stevens Point