

**Agenda of the University of Wisconsin System Student Representatives**  
**December 10, 2016, 9:00 AM**  
**UW-Stevens Point College of Professional Studies**  
**Room 116**

**Call to Order 9:18 a.m.**

**Introduction: UWSP Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Al Thompson**

**Roll Call**

Baraboo/Sauk		Oshkosh	
Barron	x	Parkside	x
Fond du Lac		Platteville	x
Fox Valley	x	Richland	x
Eau Claire	x	River Falls	x
Green Bay	x	Rock County	x
La Crosse	x	Sheboygan	
Madison	x	Stevens Point	x
Manitowoc		Stout	x
Marathon		Superior	
Marinette		Washington	x
Marshfield/Wood	x	Waukesha	x
Milwaukee	x	Whitewater	x
UW Colleges		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18</b>

**Approval of Agenda**

Rock

## **Approval of Minutes**

Barron  
Stevens Point

## **Approval of November Minutes**

Parkside  
Milwaukee

## **Student Regent Report**

### **James Langnes III**

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For those of you who do not know me, my name is James Langnes, and I am from Whitewater. This was a busy meeting for us. We had a meeting this Thursday. I sit on the Education Committee and capital planning budget. We just approved renovations to witty hall in Madison. It has been mostly maintenance on buildings. We had a pretty long meeting. We approved our master of science meeting at green bay. We also deleted obsolete policy in the system. We approved some post tenure review policy and interim policies for schools that have not completed tenure policies. We received a report on the sexual assault task force. We had some recommendations for mandatory training for all employees and students, and it should be implemented in June 2017. We changed policy to have consensual relationships with students. If you are done with the class, and submit a report and date your student. Business and finance, and this was probably the most disappointing time. There was a resolution that increased tuition for grad and professional school as well as non resident tuition at some schools. However, at Milwaukee non resident tuition went up almost a 1,000. Madison went up almost 2,000 for the next 2 years. That pretty much covers it all.

Stout: Do they have any idea of how training is going to be conducted

At a minimum, everyone will have an online training.

**Stevens Point:** I heard that chancellor's received a pay increase across the UW System. Could you speak to this?

Let me think back. Some chancellors did receive a pay increase. The dollar amount is pretty minimal. Yeah, there was. They weren't very substantial, and I will also say Chancellor's get paid less than others across the nation. This was to help put them in the middle tier. I am not sure what is public knowledge, but some of them did receive increases.

**Stevens Point:** Do you know when it will become public?

It might be. I am not sure yet.

**Madison:** Was this deemed as necessary?

So I obviously said, Chancellor's get paid a pretty good amount. In our view, if we did not get them sort of increase, they may not go. It may cause us more money.

**Stevens Point:** So you have mentioned sexual assault. Is there any discussions about bias or hate incidents?

The plan is being discussed, and I am sure it will happen some time soon. It will be brought to the board in the future.

## **Executive Reports**

**Chair:** I was at the BOR meeting, and we heard from, and the big thing I wanted to convey was the sexual policy information. I would like to share the full report. One of the things that was recommended was a central website to provide information about laws, frequently asked questions, and other information. It could be shared with our campuses. I was really happy with the way it was talked about, and the idea of changing the culture around talking about these issues. I was also at the joint reps meeting on Dec 2, and we heard from Jeff Burandt about current legislative issues. Conceal and carry will likely come up again, but we will get to more details about that in the future. I just want you to be aware of the legislation coming down the line. We talked about the biennial budget, and we are continuing to hear that our request is reasonable. We still have yet to hear from the governor. One of the things we talked about is that there will be more metrics for performance based funding. The performance criteria could include post graduate employment, exposure to research, and high impact practices could be considered in performance based funding. Freeda Hares is retiring this year. She is giving a summary of the report, and I will share the report when I get my hands on it. They are considering different modules for tuition. The system budget request does include a tuition freeze for the first year of the next biennium. This is still have

**Stevens Point:** Out of state students are not affected by tuition freeze?

That is correct.

**Stevens Point:** Is there anything being done to look at private institutions to look at funding?

It is not something that I have heard of, but I haven't heard about that.

**Vice Chair:** I just have a video to show you. I have a one minute introduction from Congressmen. We are having a DC lobby trip, and there will be cheese.

**IGR Chair:** So Graham covered most of the information about what is coming up this month. We had a pretty successful trip in Madison. We lobbied on our legislative priorities. I have heard from Jen Schilling that they are very interested in proposing legislation about sexual violence. They are legitimately interested. I am looking forward to it, and I am welcoming any questions or help. The rhetoric is basically, no one wants to reveal their mind on the budget at this time. It was good to just have a proactive day so we can move forward. Each campus likes to individually lobby, but it would be nice to have a more unified front. The only thing I can say is get something to present if Conceal and Carry comes through again. It will help us be more proactive. We will talk about the DC trip and federal priorities later.

**Madison:** What kind of feedback did you get in selecting a regent?

It was a lot of intrigue and good questions. We gave some in depth information of how we would like to see it done. There was a lot of intrigue, but Trevor had different meetings.

**IGR Vice Chair:** Yes. It is an interesting situation, and some legislatures might be open to it.

**Stevens Point:** What is the status of lobby day in January?

It is on the agenda.

**Fox Valley:** So what went well and what could be done better?

The big thing is we got our faces known. We need to go in with more research and more information about what we are lobbying on. Most everything went well. The violence and prevention advocacy went well, but they don't like the word mandate, and it will be interesting moving forward. There was one office that was not the typical lobbying day, and I won't name names, and it is more of debate, but it is about showing our faces.

**Stevens Point:** On violence prevention, are there any public supervisors, or ways on contracting out?

They don't like the idea of contracting out because it does not directly benefit the needs of campus.

While they are paid through the university, they are not necessarily required to file a report. Students can use them for consultation, and they can walk them through the process.

**IGR Vice Chair:** So you have heard from the chair, so you pretty much heard the schpeal. Thank you to the ad hoc sustainability committee.

**PR:** Our website was taken down, and I am working to get it updated. I am working on getting things updated.

**Outreach:** No report.

**Secretary:** I'm still here. I am working to get meeting minutes out faster.

## **Open Forum**

### **Representative Katrina Shankland**

It is an honor to be hear. What an incredible turnout. I love the holidays, and this really speaks to your commitment. I am sure you have found many challenges, and I appreciate your work and programs, and things you initiate. You are the future.

I serve in the state assembly, and I was elected in 2012 and reelected in 2016. I represent Stevens Point, and I have seen a lot of changes, and there are a lot of changes I still wanted to stay involved. I wanted to get back to work.

Let's talk about the UW System. Wherever you live, you are at an amazing institution that gives amazing opportunities to succeed in life. The UW System is one of our best gems in the state. We have seen a lot of cuts, and try for 42.5 million dollars. How many of you personally know a faculty or staff who left?

Eau Claire was the worst story that I heard. We have an incredible number of people leaving. Not only are they not getting paid inappropriately, but the system keeps getting cut. No matter what your beliefs are, we can all say, it is not working.

I want to start taxing Minnesota because they keep taking all of our people. There is a challenge ahead. We have the opportunity to share the WI Idea story. We have a program called Back to the Front for Veterans. They published a book, and they presented it in New York. They have gotten a ton of acclaim for their experiences. It is about building a cohort and community. All of the first year seminars are going away. When you are talking to students with limited income and opportunity, and they are one catastrophe away from dropping out. The retention rate on campus is so important, and when you take away the first year seminar that creates community, either their time to degree increases or they quit.

We can be investing in services like advising, and business services. If we cannot help our veterans, then what are we doing? Many students across the state are missing classes.

The employers are looking for students with IT skills, and I ask the business community to go to Madison to ask them to fund the UW. You all need people to fill positions, and all of the courses are being cut. This affects everyone. This affects your family. This affects your non profits. It affects the schools you could teach in. This affects everything.

At commencement our speaker said "good luck finding jobs," and he wasn't being sarcastic. I was living at home. As a millennial, here is what we did, and we found jobs. We don't expect

handouts. We want to work hard, but still get ahead. When we get out of college, and we have minimum wage jobs, we can't pay student debt and buy cars. We are making the economy suffer, but the solution is to fund the UW.

How many ideas could be created? How many jobs could be created? How much could happen if you didn't have to worry about student loans and healthcare? What I have asked businesses to say, don't cut UW, so if you or someone you know ask them to make a statement to say don't cut the UW.

Tell positive stories that are not STEM. The liberal arts are important, and I have been in many rooms where people have said I don't think we should fund philosophy. If we look at Fortune 500 companies, many of the CEOs have liberal arts degrees. Don't let anyone discredit liberal arts degrees.

If you have any ideas of how to fill the budget. I would love to see shared governance restored. We truly value your voice. If it weren't for UW students, where would we be?

Have you reached out to any other Chamber of Commerce's across the state?

I have talked to all of them in central Wisconsin, but it might be a good project for all of you. You can reach out, and help with this. We are about to enter this winter, but we do not get a lot of imports.

**Madison:** My name is Brooke, and I am a sixth year student. I was homeless and I am a philosophy major. The cost of living is often left out. Is there any talk about how to address this?

I think that first of all, do you think it is super easy to fill out the FAFSA? The FAFSA needs to be retooled. No parent can fully fund a child to go to college. It needs to look at inflation. The state needs to come in with some aid, and the UW had financial aid stopped funding. I would like to see a complete retooling of the FAFSA.

**Madison:** I just want to talk about the individuals who do the work that is being talked about.

**Stout:** I think it is important for us to be looking at how this impacts faculty and staff. The climate of the campuses can be made better.

It is hard to quantify. How many of you have received mentorship from faculty and staff? It is hard to quantify?

**Stevens Point:** One of our top priorities is to talk about 36.09 (5). It is connected to the student side and the faculty side. This body has put that money to work to help with many different issues, and now we are being told, no more. No more increases on segregated fees. Do you have any feedback to lobby and stand up for these issues?

There are a lot of people in the legislature who do not understand the policy and procedures to shared governance. Members from my caucus sat down, and there were attacks on it. There was a work group trying to get rid of it all together. There is a lot of work you put into getting your segregated fees used. Where do you find the time to do this? Show them your timeline, and show how you put money towards projects. It can be tough for legislature to know about all of the things you are doing, so don't be afraid to share it.

**Stevens Point:** I know some people are against renewable energy. In private business, is there any direction to move towards renewable energy?

The public service is going against a lot of the renewable energy projects. Other places know that renewable energy is the way of the future, and I have talked to different places like Minnesota and Vermont, and one of the things in Oregon they are working on carbon pricing. Talk to different places about modeling how renewable energy works.

**Madison:** What do you suggest we do as a public system?

How do I see Betsy? Her plans have made our rural schools lose a lot of money, and 70% of those kids are on free or reduced lunch. It is guaranteed by our constitution that everyone has access to public education. Soon it is going to be higher education. When you attack the UW System, they say it is fine, I didn't go to college, and I work really hard, and I don't have enough money to pay taxes, and you want me to fund the UW? I am nervous about her influence on public education.

## **Open Forum Part II**

**Robby:** Here at Stevens Point. All of your products here are compostable. That can go in the compost bin out there. We have an auditor watches that.

## **Fossil Fuel Divestment**

**Ad Hoc Sustainability Chair:** Stevens point brought a resolution to have UW System to have a voice. We brought the best and brightest minds together to talk about what is happening. Stevens Point is the brain trust behind this resolution.

**Robby:** As Trevor and Graham were saying, we have been working on this for the past few months. We wanted to address the issues people had. When we first brought it to Reps it was mostly about Stevens Point, and we have added more things specific to the system. We added that we want to move forward with this, but we don't want any students to lose money. The energy market could be all over the place, but we can see the market moving away from fossil fuels. As leaders, we want Reps to take a stance on this. We want it to address all of the concerns people have, but also make sure it was not too lenient either.

**Regent Langnes:** I think it would be beneficial to read through the entire thing.

**Robby:** Sure.

**IGR Vice Chair:** I have a friendly amendment. In line 32, could we add an I to fulfill.

**Stevens Point:** Is there a reason to have this as a resolution or statute?

**Chair:** As it is not in our governing documents, we don't really have language outlining resolutions.

**Rock:** In line 45, is gas natural gas or fuel?

**Robby:** No, that would be natural gas.

**Stout:** Will there be information for foundations to move forward?

**River Falls:** Yes, they can use the sustainability index.

#### **Motion**

Stevens Point

Stout

**River Falls:** One of my concerns is who will be responsible for continuing this work. When we say one year that clock starts now.

I agree with a previous speaker about the comments on lines 45 or 46. I have some reservations.

#### **Motion to amend**

Stevens Point

Eau Claire

**Fox Valley:** This kicks the can another how many years? Doesn't this shoot ourselves? Aren't we just writing some words?

**Robby:** Personally I think they should write this now. The committee did not want to have to aggressive of an ask right now.

#### **Unanimous Voice**

**Platteville:** After talking with the Platteville Foundation we do not want to be included.

Motion to strike Platteville from document

Fox Valley



**River Falls:** I think it is really important for us to stand as a unified body.

**Stevens Point:** Oil, gas, and coal are no longer the sustainable way they used to be, so as far as detrimental affects, we are seeing the trends change significantly. I would disagree with previous motions.

**Robby:** I think it is important that we leave all of them. If you need to tell your foundation.

**Call to question**

Fox Valley  
River Falls

**Move to amend line 41**

Fox Valley  
Platteville

**River Falls:** I disagree with this amendment, and I think if campuses believe in the spirit of the motion.

**Platteville:** I am in support of this motion. Our first job is to represent our campuses.

**Stevens Point:** Speaking to the support and the private investigation of each institution. This might be detrimental to this motion.

**Stout:** I would like to say and decide that by doing this it takes the power of the body.

**Call Question**

River Falls  
Marshfield

**Editorial to add 2 Year colleges**

River Falls  
Richland

**Amendment to Line 45:** Therefore, be it resolved: The UW System Student Representatives supports a complete divestment from all foundation assets, including mutual funds, that are invested in aforementioned companies, by fiscal year 2022;

Stevens Point  
River Falls

**Madison:** Is there a definitive action to make this decision?

**Robby:** So basically, going back to the motion and addressing a speaker’s previous concern that is non profits and other businesses. We have Yale that has had one of the highest in the world. It is a lot of stronger if it is all campuses.

**Madison:** What is the action that marks all foundations have started this?

**Stevens Point:** This would give a little bit of a push to give consideration to the foundation to get this done.

We were talking about accountability, and we are talking about this.

**Alex Thomas:** One of the ideas is to follow up with different

**Call the question**

River Falls  
Madison

**IGR Vice Chair:** This is also opening a relationship with their foundation that does not exist. Alright foundation, this could

Barron: I just have a comment that the ad hoc sustainability committee has met before. In 2013 “the committee tried to meet about divestment, and this could be divisive and more distraction.”

**Call to Quesiton**

Madison  
River Falls

Baraboo/Sauk		Oshkosh	
Barron	N	Parkside	
Fond du Lac		Platteville	N
Fox Valley	N	Richland	N
Eau Claire	Y	River Falls	Y
Green Bay	Y	Rock County	Y
La Crosse	Y	Sheboygan	
Madison	Y	Stevens Point	Y
Manitowoc		Stout	Y

Marathon		Superior	
Marinette		Washington	Y
Marshfield/Wood	Y	Waukesha	N
Milwaukee	Y	Whitewater	N
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	11-6

**Troy:** Near the end of chapter 17 that allows a student to be immediately be suspended then the entire student conduct process which means they can not attend the university for 21 days, unless that student agrees to extend it to 30. We had this happen, and other decisions were made, so we removed him. An investigation of sexual assault is the most difficult to do, and hopefully with that you can see how difficult it is for us to conduct investigations. If we suspend a student, we only get 21. We actually get less than 21 days.

**Stevens Point:** If it is a question about, there is this item called interim measures?

The goal is finding something that is equitable. We have done special arrangements. We have moved students to online coursework, and how we can manage coursework.

**Stevens Point:** The questions that we asked of the number of cases that we have, could you just give an idea to the body of what that looks like?

I'm happy to share what UW-Stevens Point is facing. Only UW-Madison has fulltime investigators to do that investigation. That has been an add on to someone's fulltime job. When I started, and this is my third year, we would go through a process. I try to stay out, but we have 6 trained investigators. The year before I started, the Dean of Students office, and they created the office in the need to respond to these issues. The UW-Stevens Point received 9 reports, then the next year 27, and last year 24. When you build it they will come. They will hold people accountable. 39 reports this year. A thorough investigation takes 200 hours.

**River Falls:** Sexual assault is a crime, and it must be discussed....

What is the University's right and responsibility? The on campus student process is not a legal process. It is not a legal form, but it is about education. This is the same for students on our campus. We are a survivor focus, student focus campus. If the survivor wants to go to law enforcement, then they should. The goals are different.

**Seize the Grid: Presentation and Resolution, UW Stout Student Association**

**Resolution**

Fox Valley  
Richland

Federal Legislative Priorities

IGR Chair: The maximum you can get in a Pell grant from 5.5 million people in 2005.

**Motion to Adopt**

Stevens Point  
Eau Claire

Fox Valley: First, is this a general list.

Fox  
Eau Claire

**IGR Chair:** We met with people, and it is really cool, but the main objective is to lobby on issues that we really care about. Student Reps does not have funding, so it would have to come out of your SGA accounts. We are meeting with as many people as we can possible. We will be setting that up in a few days.

Trevor's announcement:

**Madison:** Can we expect from you a list of meetings you will have scheduled?

Probably Monday, but I hope to have it done by mid next week.

**Eau Claire:** I am sure you are doing your homework, and you are making sure they are still going to be here. Right?

Yes.

**Madison:** What was your general estimate for going?

**Former Chair:** Around \$800.

Student Regent Recommendation Process

It says the governor "may" select from suggestions of students. Each campus submit a recommendation for a student regent. I can follow up with that information. It is a 2 year term. Regent Langnes will be done in spring 2017. Please bring candidate names for next meeting. We will submit names of 4-5 people. It is the potential foot in the door.

**Eau Claire:** Should we be looking for someone in a sophomore or junior status?

**Chair:** Yes that would be the general trend.

**Stout:** Should they be planning to attend the upcoming meeting?

**Chair:** They can, but since we are submitting a slate of names, it is not necessary.

**Richland:** How does this work for 2 years?

**Chair:** Nominations can be made, but they need to remain a student in the UW System.

## **Discussion**

### Sanctuary Campus

**Madison:** As you can tell from the title, it was originally intended to affect Madison campus, but then I hastily changed it to all 26 campuses. I am sorry for not consulting all bodies. I briefly want to talk with you our legislation. I am going to go over the legislation, and Madison and system to take a stance on DACA. All campuses declare they are sanctuary campuses by January 2017.

**Stout:** She was concerned that we can't legally do this. Do you have any ideas of how this works?

**Madison:** I do not have a complete understanding of how this works.

**Stevens Point:** This is kind of addressing an informal network or transitional team that could enlighten individuals to deem their behaviors to be inappropriate? How can we call them in?

Would you like Student Reps to pass something in support of this?

**Madison:** Yeah. I would love that.

## **Adjourn**

Stout

Fox