

**Minutes**  
**University of Wisconsin System Student Representatives**  
**February 4, 2017, 9:30 AM**

**Introduction: UW Parkside Chancellor Deborah Ford**

- 8<sup>th</sup> year as Chancellor
- Former student government leader
- Never underestimate the role of student leadership
- People know where Parkside is, but few visit
- Youngest of the 4 year institutions
- Opened in 1968 (almost 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- Signature academic programs
  - Computer Science (100% placement rate)
  - Theater Arts (93% placement rate, 100% this year)
  - Criminal Justice (recognized by the state)
  - Pre-med (90% of students apply to medical school get in)
- Most diverse campus
- Only division 2 athletics
- Recognize student leaders from UW-Parkside

**Stevens Point:** What is the thing you enjoy most when you go to work in the morning?

- I'm a first-generation college student myself, love being able to pay it forward so students can pursue their dreams and passions

**IGR Vice Chair:** What do you love about Racine?

We bridge people from Kenosha and Racine, I love them both equally. Love our education system and our relationship with the business community, technical colleges and k12 education.

**Milwaukee:** What sort of coordination has there been around ban on certain immigrants?

We are concerned. We sent out a communication to all of our students. We reminded students that diversity and inclusion are core to our mission. We use our voice to communicate not about the politics of the decision, but the implications of the decisions.

**UW-Parkside Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tammy McGuckin**

- We have looked forward to hosting this year
- We appreciate your input (enthusiasm, ideas)
- Reason we come to work every day
- Keep talking, keep putting forth ideas
- Book-ending experiences (starts at orientation and stands on stage at graduation)

## **Guest Speaker: Representative Cory Mason**

- What do you think of when you hear the Wisconsin Idea?
  - Duty to service to state
  - Relationship between government and education
- Land grant universities
- State street in Madison (at one end is Capitol, on other is university)
- Symbolic for the communication necessary for government and people
- Babcock
  - Came up with cheap and easy way to make buttermilk
  - University of Wisconsin did something beneficial to people
- Is there something the state could do?
  - McCarthy
- If the state is going to be funding research at the University, shouldn't it go back to benefit the community more?
  - Developed by professors and legislators
    - Any community with 5,000+ people would get a technical college
  - Viewed as integral to production of state
- If you look at the number of people in UW System, it could be the most political power
  - Yet, it is the easiest to make cuts to
- What is the importance of university today?

**Stout:** I notice you serve on the environmental committee. Coal is coming back up.

I take issue with burning coal goes against Wisconsin idea. I do not agree with it, but they are different ideas. What can we do about it? It will take a proactive measure with Public Service. We are at a position in which we are arguing whether we are going to have a DNR or not. We are pretty all hands on deck right now. Science has become politicized, and it is true whether you believe it or not. Conversations about whether or not climate change is true. There is a big issue with understanding water. We used to think we have enough water. The science is there, but individuals still deny it. So the question is, what do universities do when people deny the science? Some scientists have sent letters to governor, urging not to politicize this science.

**Madison:** What do you think about tuition cuts?

In the short term, we will find out on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Thinks they are great, if they are also funded. I have some disagreements with friends at Universities. The language I hear from administrators is yeah, you will get back your investment if you have a four year degree, but they couldn't be more wrong. We are basically saying mortgage part of your life, so you can get an education. Higher education is now making more difficult to enter the middle class. To get to the concerns about international and out of state students. There is currently a cap at 20%. However, some people want to increase that. I do not think that is great.

**Milwaukee:** My question is about the metric or performance based model. Do you know anything about it?

I think performance metrics are more effective with technical colleges. Metrics can be a tricky thing. It can be difficult for liberal arts, which I do think is important. If you can train people to think critically, then you can teach them to do just about anything. I am a little bit worried about how a metric will work. There are some questions about how this will impact the long term. Governor Walker tried to take away the Wisconsin Idea from the state statute. However, we already have a really great technical college system which serves very well. There is always a danger when you use a metric to fund.

**Milwaukee:** Do you know who would be creating the metrics?

When they created the metrics, at least for technical colleges, they asked them to help create them. It could be they ask the regents. However, we won't know it until the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**River Falls:** Is it too early to lobby on February 16?

No, it is great. The budget will be out for a week. The UW System needs the same attention as transportation. I am anxious to know what people think about tuition cuts. Your parents are all voters too. Have them call. Connect with UW alumni associations and get them to help.

**Call to Order: 10:44am**

### Roll Call

Baraboo/Sauk		Oshkosh	
Barron	x	Parkside	x
Fond du Lac		Platteville	x
Fox Valley	x	Richland	
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	x
Marshfield/Wood	x	Waukesha	x
Milwaukee	x	Whitewater	x
UW Colleges		<b>TOTAL:</b>	17

## Approval of Agenda

Stevens Point  
Eau Claire

**River Falls:** Amend agenda to send Student Regent to Executive Committee to narrow candidates

**Barron:** Something we have to keep in mind is the timeline. We will not meet again until April. We are here. We should take care of it, and we should vote. This way we do not rush.

**Milwaukee:** If you do not want to vote. Voting today will be way better than sending it to the executive committee.

**Washington:** I think we should potentially change the process for the future.

**River Falls:** Requesting an overview of the planned voting procedure.

## Call to Question

River Falls  
Milwaukee

## Motion to amend agenda

Baraboo/Sauk		Oshkosh	
Barron	N	Parkside	N
Fond du Lac		Platteville	N
Fox Valley	N	Richland	

Eau Claire	Y	River Falls	Y
Green Bay		Rock County	N
La Crosse	Y	Sheboygan	N
Madison	Y	Stevens Point	N
Manitowoc		Stout	N
Marathon		Superior	
Marinette		Washington	N
Marshfield/Wood	N	Waukesha	N
Milwaukee	N	Whitewater	N
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	4-13

## Approval of Minutes

River Falls  
Stevens Point

**Barron:** In the divestment resolution vote, it says 18, but only 17 voted. Also UW Colleges is in the list.

## Call the Question

La Crosse  
River Falls

## Executive Committee Reports

**Chair:**

- Lobby trip to DC is good way to start the year
- It is good to be in Madison early, but also often
- We will be setting additional lobbying day
- Regents overview:
  - Madison looking at possibility of tuition free first 1-2 years for low income, first generation transfer students
    - Questions about how that would impact other colleges
  - By 2030, half of the jobs will be jobs that never existed
  - Need to educate people on how to take on new tasks – liberal arts education

- Please to share information (particularly around committees) with other students on your campus as you see fit
- Succession: If you are interested in leadership for student reps, please let me know

**Vice Chair:**

- Thank you for coming to DC
- Please listen to the governor's address on 2/8
- Please contact us so we can help you out

**IGR Chair:**

- Thank you again for coming to DC
- Excited for next year
- Hoping to have think tank meetings earlier
- Thank you for signing the thank-you letters
- We asked legislators to issue statements on topics like sexual assault
- Continue to follow up with them
- Sending a list around to figure out who is attending

**IGR Vice Chair:**

- Best practices with representatives
- Guidelines and advice for future executive boards

**Secretary:**

- Not a whole lot to report
- Thank you for holding me accountable
- By-law changes

**Public Relations Director:**

- Posted pictures to Facebook
- Join both group and public page

**Outreach:**

- Not present

**Open Forum**

**Platteville:** The meeting minutes were not sent until just before this meeting. If we are going to adhere to the legitimacy of the body. Within 24 hours of this meeting, we would like the meeting minutes, and the resignation of Secretary Sukhu.

**Milwaukee:** Can we get a statement of the budget?

**River Falls:** Are we going to be submitting a statement in regards to the budget proposal?

**Chair:** We should discuss as the body.

## **Resolution from UW Stout: Seize the Grid**

### **Motion to adopt Seize the Grid resolution**

River Falls

Fox

**River Falls:** Motion to strike the first two whereas clause

**Eau Claire**

**Stout:** Motion to amend whereas

**Madison:** As student leaders, it is our job to put it on our administration to do something like this. It should be done without our student segregated fees.

**Stout:** This is in regards to our green fee.

**Madison:** We should be pushing this off onto our administration should be paying for.

**Parkside:** If an organization is growing. Using SUFAC money for energy credits takes away from student organizations. I could also see how this becomes really complicated. What do you define as essential or not essential?

**Stevens Point:** We have a constant struggle, and there are those who say all money is green money.

### **Call the question**

River Falls

Marshfield

### **Voice Vote**

Motion Failed

**UW Colleges:** I am not sure how this would affect our two year campuses, since they operate differently.

**Chair:** Yes, they are owned by local govt, but the energy costs as part of operating costs are handled similarly to 4-year campuses.

### **Voice Vote**

**Division**

**Placard**

11-6-0

## **Student Regent Recommendation**

### **Candidates selected by vote:**

Alec Smith

Aiden Ward

Mara Matovich

Dani Kallis

## **Creation of Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee Director**

**Chair:** Many of us on the executive board do not have the knowledge of sustainability or divestment, or the resources to properly handle this. We decided to create a position to address this.

**River Falls:** Is there a position description?

**Chair:** No. There have only been conversations about it.

**River Falls:** What benchmarks would we use to evaluate it?

**Chair:** Will send out position description along with call for applications early next week. 2-week application window. Exec will appoint based on set criteria.

## **Resolution from UW-Milwaukee: Stand with our Fellow Foreign-born Students**

Milwaukee

Stout

**Barron:** When my delegation discussed it, we had a conversation about the language. It seemed childish. We may open a whole can of things. Ray Cross has already made a statement. As the last whereas statements are written, I wouldn't vote it up.

**Milwaukee:** I don't think we are going to get any movement on the topic. The point about the blog is correct. The strength is in the absurd.

**Marshfield:** What it sounds as reading this, is satire?

**Washington:** I do agree with some of the points out there. I don't think we are going to get what we want with the way this is written. Yes, it is effective to get the attention, but our job is to break ground.

**Stout:** I know this starts out at something really serious, and it ends with something a little more satirical. Really, what we want to do is to have people see us. No matter what, no one is going to take us seriously.

**Stevens Point:** While I agree with what is being said, I think the form of a resolution should be serious. If this passes as-is, our legitimacy would take a huge set back. I would hate that we approve this, and we would go back.

**Milwaukee:** I take discomfort with the idea that the idea would delegitimize us. No offense, none of our resolutions have changed their mind about our body.

**Stevens Point:** Why make mistakes that a child would make?

**Madison:** We cannot be writing legislation that is sarcastic. We need to be taken seriously, and this is a serious issue.

**IGR Chair:** I think we are in a state right now, we are in a place in which people will take what each person says and uses it against each other.

#### **Motion to strike both "Be it therefore resolved" statements**

La Crosse  
Milwaukee

#### **Call the Question**

La Crosse  
Washington

#### **Unanimous Voice Vote**

Abstain: Rock

Amendment passes

**River Falls:** F1 visas were not even mentioned. We are supposed to represent our student interests. We should specifically focus on F1 visas and how that impacts our students. We should have something not addressing terrorism.

**Parkside:** The F1 visa or green card you still can't get back in. Even if you have one and you are from Syria, you are not going to be let back in. Even if you have it, you are banned.

**River Falls:** I am totally agreeing with you. I am saying that we should say that F1 visas should be exempt from the executive order.

**Parkside:** Yes, you could have a more specific or stronger focus, but it only affects some of the students.

**River Falls:** All of our students have visas.

**Washington:** I think we all would like to see some sort of formal statement. However, I don't feel as though this document does not do what we want it to do. I just think for sake of time we should vote on this.

### **Call the Question**

Washington

La Crosse

### **Unanimous Voice Vote**

#### **Voice Vote**

Abstain

Eau Claire

Madison

### **Motion Failed by Discretion of Chair**

**Milwaukee:** I just wanted to make a comment. This totally affects individuals within my family. I get what people are saying about it.

### **Student Representatives Initiatives**

- Sexual Violence & Title IX Resource Committee
- Campus Climate Work Group
- Election and Referenda Best Practices Work Group
- Student Reps Strategic Planning Committee

**Chair:** Launched committee applications along with details on committee charges. Need help from campus student governments in distributing and promoting applications; we want a broad set of applicants. App forms will close 2/19/2017.

### **Biennial Budget and Tuition Reduction**

**IGR Chair:** February 16 will be our next lobbying day. I will get in touch with the details for this later. We are going to get our priorities in line as we get the governors budget proposal. We want to make sure when we go to lobby that we have hard asks. We have four state priorities.

Obviously, our priority is going to be the budget. We are going to want to go there and keep on point and talk about the budget. Make sure your school is keeping up to date on JFC about what is happening. System does not fund us, so it will have to come from individual campuses. We do want as many campuses to go. We would also like to know what individuals home towns are, so we can get you scheduled for the most effective meetings.

**Madison:** Will we have priorities and specific asks?

**IGR Chair:** We will be working on them as we learn more about the executive budget.

**River Falls:** Can student press come to capitol on lobby day?

**IGR Chair:** I would like them there to some form, but I think some legislators would probably be less comfortable if they were invited into meetings.

### **Campus Carry Legislation**

**IGR Chair:** There is no plan to advance this bill at the moment, but I would stay tuned.

### **Campus Reports**

**Parkside:**

- involvement fair
- build unity among organizations
- commuter school, so difficulties with connecting to campus

**Barron:**

- Finished the fall semester with cookie decorating, campus Christmas tree bulb decorating, and many other holiday activities
- Held our last meeting of the fall 2016 semester
- 5 members of our SGA attended the UW-Colleges Student Leadership Summit in the Dells at "The Wilderness", January 10th-11th, 2017
- Held a Winterim SGA open discussion on January 13th, 2017 to talk about what we want to focus on for the spring semester, etc.
- Held our first official meeting of the 2017 spring semester on January 23rd, 2017
- Held a campus clubs and organizations fair on February 1st, 2017 to showcase all that the clubs and organizations have to offer to the students; this was also done as a way to get students more involved and aware
- Conducting a campus climate survey to get a feel of how students are feeling on campus with a focus on how they feel about guns on campus

Campus climate survey completed, opens some good questions. Everything was tallied. It was to the effect, and they do not want Conceal and Carry to pass. It was very well taken.

**Fox Valley:**

- We had our second meeting
- SUFAC passed
- Cleaning up seg fees and bylaws

**Eau Claire:**

- Chippewa Valley Rally
- University Senate Open Forum
- Hiring of Assistant Vice Chancellor Positions in EDI and Finance
- Vacant seats
- Rally for Excellence
- Student Protests at Blugold Organization Bash

**La Crosse:**

UWL opened up its new Student Union (The U) at the start of the semester. Our bookstore, student orgs, and many entertainment venues (including an arcade and movie theater) are now located in this new building. As well, our Student Association and Student Senate chambers are now located within the new building. We had construction begin on a new science building right before the break and it's coming along very nicely, and is expected to be completed by 2018.

**Madison:** We are working on sustainability requirement class.

**Platteville:** we are looking at transfer student issues. We are looking at all of the dean of colleges luncheon.

**Rock County:**

- LED signs
- no one serving on steering committee
- academic appeals committees are not contacting student representatives to inform them about meetings

**Sheboygan:** No report

**Marshfield:**

As the Spring Semester begins, the campus is relatively quiet. However, there has been a small amount of activity and change. Refer to written report.

**Milwaukee:**

\* In an attempt to make UWMWC's mental health services more accessible, our counseling office has changed location. The office is now located in the most frequented area of the campus. Our hope is that this will increase student awareness of the services that this office provides. For privacy concerns, students are encouraged to set up an appointment in another location if they feel that the location is too public.

\* Three executive positions on our student senate are now held by new individuals. The positions of Vice President, Vice President of Internal Affairs, and Secretary are the positions that were affected. Thus far, this has been a successful transition.

\* Finally, our Student Senate Constitution is facing a massive overhaul. There are multiple points in the constitution that are facing amendment due to changes that resulted from regionalization of the UW-Colleges, or ineffectiveness in the operations of the Student Senate. In the coming weeks, the senate will vote on these changes.

Verbal report: We are working on an immigration class. Talk to your transgender student population.

### **Stevens Point:**

There are really two major things that we have done since winter break ended, a power purchase agreement resolution and meeting with the City of Stevens Point to discuss transportation concerns.

#### The Power Purchase agreement Resolution

This passed our senate on Thursday, February 02, 2017. This will increase the amount of Renewable Energy Credits (REC's) that we are able to purchase to reduce our carbon footprint in the state and to reduce the overall spending on energy that we as an institution pay for. We are looking forward to discussing the future of this program with the rest of the UW Student Representatives on Saturday.

#### Transportation Meetings and Survey

At our last SGA Meeting of last semester, December 8, 2016, we had an hour-long meeting to discuss major issues plaguing our community and students, chiefly transportation. This started a two month long conversation between the City, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and students; which culminated in a special City Common Council Meeting that was hosted on Campus.

On Monday of this week, SGA launched a Survey for the student body; at this point, we have just over 1500 respondents (About 18% response rate). We hope that this survey will influence parking decisions on our campus for years to come and give direction towards what we should pursue.

### **Stout:**

\* Preparing for upcoming Peace March (February 15), which we were invited to support and help plan by Stout's Black Student Union.

\* Still working on how to, if at all, move forward with the investment in Xcel's Solar Garden in Eau Claire. System Legal says they will say no, on grounds that it either is an investment, which student dollars cannot do, or that it violates SYS 820 (used to be F50).

\* Preparing to review finalized segregated fee recommendations from all departments supported by segregated fees.

\* Met with and presented to the Stout University Foundation Board on fossil fuel divestment. They will review it and make a public statement on if they will move forward with it by their next board meeting.

\* Still in the process of re-establish University Court system.

\* Senate turnover with the start of the new semester including 2 director positions and several senator seats.

-position for diversity officer

### **Washington:**

Hello everyone! We hope that everyone had a relaxing, but productive break! We've been making sure to keep ourselves busy, as usual, by finally moving into our new office right across from the Student Union! We also spent time over break cleaning, organizing, and beautifying the Student Union for this new semester! Our goal is to increase foot traffic to the Student Union via advertising and small pop up events for the students. We finished our SUFAC process and approved the budgets for next year. We had to do a combination of raising SEG fees by five percent, cutting budgets, and using monies from our reserve funds. It was a difficult, but necessary, process. We also still continue to meet with the campuses we are regionalized with, being UW-Sheboygan and UW-Waukesha. We always love networking with them and swapping different ideas, so we definitely recommend other campuses to do the same. It is so beneficial! We are also gearing up to have two local representatives visit our campus early this month. Within their visits, time is set aside to visit with some of us, and we are very thrilled. We also have our interviews starting this month for our new SGA Advisor/Student Life and Activities Coordinator. We hope to have our new advisor start near the middle of the semester! We also are going Live on Facebook during our SGA meetings starting this semester! If you haven't already liked us on Facebook, you can find us at University of Wisconsin Washington County SGA! We follow back other SGAs! Until next time, have a great start to your semesters!

-interviews for SGA advisor and chose a candidate

-Facebook page

### **Waukesha:**

Hello all! Hope you all enjoyed your break! As school starts again, Waukesha is getting ready to hold elections as we now have 3 vacant positions to fill. SUFAC was finished up within 2 days during winter break. Our annual Winterfest was held over the first week of classes. For this upcoming semester some things we would like to work on during the semester include: offering self defense classes, having active shooter training for the whole campus, and the possibility of implementing emergency buttons on campus. We are all very excited to get busy again!

-Met with state representative about the benefits of 2 year colleges, plan to meet with state senator as well

### **Whitewater Report:**

- Hiring 3 new executive board positions
- Scheduling a faculty and student mixer
- Sorority and Fraternity visits

- Campus safety regarding sidewalks
- New Safety Director
- Campus safety regarding sexual assault
- Rebuilding Whitewater Bike Share
- Parking Ticket Notifications

We are still dealing with turnover in our student government and are doing our best to make the transitions as smooth as possible. We are also looking into ways to try and retain more Executive Board members as this is the second year in a row of having at least 3 people resign their positions midway through. We are working towards educating the entire campus more about sexual assault and the resources that are available to them. To address some of these issues we are creating a new Safety Director to our Executive Board. Our bikeshare has caused some issues this semester that will have to be addressed. Finally, we have been hearing a lot of complaints about our sidewalks not being properly shoveled and salted during the rough winter we have had thus far.

- implementing a new safety director on campus
- re-conducting safety walks

#### **Student Governance Council:**

The Student Governance Council got off to a rough start in 2017. Our meeting on January 26th did not make quorum therefore the designated agenda items were rolled back. The challenge of attendance continues to be an issue for Student Governance Council. This could be further affected by the UWC Online Campus once established because the number needed to reach quorum will be increased. There is currently a vacant position on the SGC Executive Board for Financial Director, which leads me to mention we need to start looking for successors. Alec and myself met with Chancellor Sandeen on Friday, Jan 13th about Campus by Campus Food Pantry...coming soon we have a campus visit at UW-Richland Feb 14 then followed by UWC Senate Feb 24th at UW-Fox Valley. Finally we will have a round table consisting of most UW-Colleges Presidents and Chancellor Sandeen late February early March.

- Redoing course cancellation for low enrollment in classes policy

#### **UW System Student Representatives Next Meetings & Locations announcement and discussion**

##### **Vacancy on UW System PACDI**

##### **UW System Joint Shared Governance Reps meetings**

**2/10/2017 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Pyle Center, Madison, WI**

**3/10/2017 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Pyle Center, Madison, WI**

**Student Reps It's On Us Summit - Saturday, February 25, 2017**

**River Falls:** We are hosting the It's On Us summit, and we would like for all campuses to attend. We are looking for a professor who is knowledgeable on the topic who might like to be a key note speaker.

Next meetings:

April 1, 2017 at UW-La Crosse

April 29, 2017 at UW-Fox Valley

**Open Floor for comments and concerns**

**Adjournment 2:45 PM**