

OSA Assembly Agenda

February 25, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Reeve Memorial Union, Room 307 – The Theatre

- I. Call to Order** – Pledge of Allegiance at 4:00 PM

- II. Roll Call - Organizations with Voting Rights:**
Present:
Excused:
Absent:

- III. Open Forum** –

- IV. Approval of the Agenda** –

- V. Approval of the Minutes** –

- VI. Club/Org Recognition** –

- VII. Guest Speakers** –

William Hansen – Fox Valley Student Government Association

William Hansen: Hello, I just wanted to introduce myself. I am the vice president of the Fox Valley SGA. I am a freshman this year and I am looking to transfer here in the next couple of years. I am the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws at Fox Valley and I wanted to see how you all operate.

Jennie Hartzheim – Titan Captain positions (Jean Kwaterski)

Jean Kwaterski: When you all were incoming freshman, you came through either Odyssey or Titan Takeoff. Titan Captains are students who help to lead those days for incoming freshmen. If you are interested, please check out the position description online. This position is paid now which is new from the past. It is a great opportunity for you all and I hope you consider it. The position is available on Handshake right now.

Alicia Johnson – The Women's Center

Alicia Johnson: Director of the Women's Center, pronouns: she/her/hers. I just wanted to pass out some fliers that have information about events that are going on in the Women's Center this semester. Tuesday nights we have Level Up: A Feminist Gaming Initiative. WOC Ally Wednesdays – how to be an ally to Women of Color on campus. Masculinity Mondays biweekly. Welcome student orgs to meet in the Women's Center if they are interested.

Chancellor Leavitt – Campus Updates

Chancellor: Just a couple of things to touch on. First is the weather, it's a tough place. I know the sidewalks were really hard to navigate today, it's way too cold right now for the salt on the sidewalks to work, but the afternoon sun was warm enough to actually make it start to work a little bit. I am the one who decides when to close campus and cancel classes. I consult with Chief Leibold very early in the morning in order to make a decision. Closing campus has enormous economic ramifications because employees have to take a day off when that happens. If we have to cancel any more classes, we have to talk about lengthening class periods.

Governor has released his new budget proposal over the weekend. The UW System asked for more money (\$107 million) for spending this next biennium. They want to be able to fund engineering, teaching, and nursing degrees. The governor approved \$170 million for the system. More funding for nursing program (\$10 million), \$5 million for student support on the access campuses – a balance needs to be struck between Oshkosh campus and access campuses so that all Titans can have the same high quality experience, pay raise – 2%+2% (2% first year, 2% more the second year) – the state only funds 70% of university pay raises so the other 30% is supposed to come from tuition raises, Gov. Evers is trying to fund the tuition freeze because he did extend the tuition freeze for two more years. UWO is in year two of the fiscal transformation for this institution. COLS has a research reduction in teaching load – if professors are approved to work on research, they can have 21 contact hours for teaching a year rather than the 24 contact hours. Smaller cuts in third year of fiscal transformation if the governor's budget plan is approved. This is going to be aided by higher enrollment rates in the next coming years. We also have a higher rate of student success which is good, but graduates don't bring in tuition money so we need state funding to continue to fill in the gaps. The budget is really positive news. And the Foundation mess is now behind us so that is really good.

Is there going to be an extra charge with interim?

Chancellor: In the Fall of 2021, interim will start to be uncoupled from the preceding term. This will exclude study abroad programs in which you don't actually pay the tuition, you pay the program cost. Hopefully by the time this happens, this won't be a problem that you all have to face since you will hopefully be done with general education courses by then.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Enrollment update?

Art Munin: There is work being done by AGB (the search firm). Most of the legwork comes from the search firm on that front.

How do you think uncoupling interim will influence new students' decision to come here?

Chancellor: Well we are falling in line with the other UWs. This will affect some people, but there has been evidence that some students have been shopping around for classes. People take, say, 16 credit hours during the semester knowing they will

probably drop one of their classes and then pick up the same class during interim. Now there will be financial consequences for that and it will hopefully open up some seats in those classes.

Students are already having trouble finding seats in their general education courses right now, so how are they going to take those classes if we cannot pay for the interim term?
Chancellor: If there is less interest in interim classes, we will actually be able to offer more sections of general education courses at a lower cost during the semester.

Speaker Dodge: Students are finding that majors who need lower level classes can't get into them because other majors are sharing those classes.

Are we looking at a program for changing DT?

Chancellor: No, because we can't increase anything having to do with tuition. We can change segregated fees, but tuition money is untouchable.

If the budget comes back and recovers, will we be able to bring back our adjunct professors?

Chancellor: I have had to cut the budget every year that I have been here. We have lost almost \$20 million in money since I have been here. We will have to do things differently in the future so that we can manage our budget more effectively. The strategic planning committee will be starting up again this semester and will be looking at all of that.

The basketball teams are doing very well right now. I really hope that you all come out to support them. The Women's team is one of the best in the country and they are hosting the first two games of the post season. There are 200 tickets free to students to pick up in Kolf.

Is there going to be an email sent to students about the crash on I-41 yesterday?

Chancellor: I hadn't planned on it, though we did learn that two individuals who were affiliated with the university in the crash.

Art Munin: We haven't learned of any students involved, but if you know someone who needs help, please don't hesitate to contact the Dean of Students Office.

Chancellor: Dr. Green is doing well at Whitewater and she is hoping to be back in June or early July.

VIII. Officer Reports –

- a. Speaker Pro-Tempore – (Shane – osaspeakerpt@uwosh.edu) – No report.
- b. Speaker of the Assembly – (Ellen – osaspeaker@uwosh.edu) – I have copies of the Assembly Bylaws as well as cheat sheets for Roberts' rules. Next week we will have a new alcohol policy coming through for review. Chancellor's advisory committee this coming Thursday. Meeting with Provost Koker – biggest advice was to talk to someone about getting into the classes you need. Contact the Chair of your department, if they don't help, go to the Dean of the College, and if they

don't help, contact Provost Koker directly. Provost Koker is having meetings with the deans of the colleges. If you want me to go with you, I will.

- c. Chief of Staff – (Colin – osacos@uwosh.edu) –
- d. Vice President Pro-Tempore – (- osavppt@uwosh.edu) –
- e. Vice President – (Stephanie – (osavp@uwosh.edu) –
- f. President – (Ronisha (Roni) – osapres@uwosh.edu) –
- g. OSA Office Manager – (Kyla Brown – brownk31@uwosh.edu) – Mayor of Oshkosh and University police will be here to speak at next week's meeting.
- h. OSA Advisor – (Dr. Art Munin – munina@uwosh.edu) – Mayor Cummings is going to bring one of the people who actually does the building inspections. They are not after marijuana, they are not after beer. They are looking to make sure that you have heat, which is a good thing, they are looking to make sure you have no holes in your windows or mold in your houses. It is a really sad reality when I have students coming to me to tell me they don't have heat in their houses. Raise your questions about renters' rights to the Mayor next week. OPE is this weekend, it is the 40th OPE and 20 years ago this week I was first on this campus and I slipped and bit it on my way to Reeve Union so if you slip and fall at OPE, you will at least be Vice Chancellor in 20 years. If you don't slip, you could be Chancellor, who knows.
- i. OSA Directors and Ambassadors –

IX. Presidential Appointments –

X. Unfinished Business –

XI. New Business –

XII. Committee Reports –

XIII. Discussion –

XIV. Announcements –

Angie Zemke: Tonight, 5-6 – Speed Retreat, six different topics about student involvement and it will end with free pizza. Reeve will begin accepting room reservation requests on March 1 through the online form. The second Friday in March will be Titan Nights and the theme is game night. Please read the Student Involvement Newsletter.

Free School on March 16 – good for your resume or if you want teaching experience. We have meetings in Sage from 5-6 every Monday leading up to it. A week's notice is preferred for orgs to register to teach.

- XV. Adjourn – Social Justice moved to adjourn.**
History Club seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.