

OSA Senate Agenda
March 5, 2019 at 4:45 PM
Reeve Memorial Union, Room 305

I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance at 4:45 PM

II. Roll Call –

President Howard
Vice President Liechty
Chief of Staff Daniels
Senator Spilman
Senator McCue
Senator Britt
Senator Dahse
Senator Sederquist

III. Open Forum –

IV. Approval of the Agenda –

V. Approval of the Minutes –

VI. Club/Org Recognition –

VII. Guest Speakers –

University Police – New Alcohol Policy

Lt. Martin: I presented to the assembly yesterday, but I will give you a brief overview of what the policy is and then open the floor to questions. The University currently has a very brief policy regarding alcohol at university affiliated events and we wanted to expand that and make it more specific. This isn't about students who are of age in their residence halls or at their homes, this is just about University sponsored and affiliated events. We have been in a feedback cycle of about 45 days and we will be meeting tomorrow to discuss that feedback. The Chancellor wanted Risk Management to be involved in vetting events that want to have alcohol on campus. We didn't realize how much interest there is in an alcohol policy, but we should have realized that alcohol is involved in much of what we do in Wisconsin. The policy is really drafting a protocol and a process for people who want to have alcohol at an event on campus or one that is sponsored by the university off campus. All would have to comply with this policy. I have gotten the question from people who are saying that they are a part of Greek Life and wondering how this would affect them, and the answer is that it would not affect them. We are working to change the definitions in the policy because it is pretty vague and makes it sound like any student who attends school here has to notify the university before consuming alcohol. That is not what we are trying to do at all. This is supposed to

clarify any questions that organizations would have and that alcohol is not the only purpose of the event and that there would be food served at the event as well. Or that we are not allowing alcohol at events that cater to mostly underage students. The Chancellor is open to allowing alcohol at university events, but we want to make sure that there is a safe and appropriate process to go through in order to host an event of this nature. You guys are all adults and if there is an opportunity to enhance an event with wine or other alcohol, we believe that that should be achievable. Right now, the policy is not in place, so if you want to have this sort of event approved, work with your advisor.

Senator McCue: Would there be someone designated to stay sober during these events to make sure that things aren't getting out of control.

Lt. Martin: If it were a student org were to be hosting their advisor would be that person. And the people serving alcohol would have to go through the course to be certified to serve alcohol or to go through the on campus vendor because they are all certified to do so.

Vice President Liechty: My question is just about the title of the policy. Is that subject to change?

Lt. Martin: Yes, we are meeting as a committee to discuss the feedback that we have gotten on the policy so we don't know everything; things we didn't think about before. We will put this back out once it is edited again.

Vice President Liechty: Are there students on the committee?

Lt. Martin: Yes, Ellen Dodge.

Mayor Steve Cummings – Building Inspections

Mayor Cummings: Yesterday we met with the assembly which is a much larger group than this one. It is really about rental property inspections. We are launching this program for students and the elderly. This is a big issue in not only Oshkosh. I have gone to Madison to discuss this with people from Milwaukee to Turtle Lake. Our goal is to make sure that no matter what you pay in rent, you should have a clean and safe place to live. There should be locks on your doors, glass on your windows, and your heat should be on. The main issue right now is that tenants are afraid that if they call the city for an inspection, they will be evicted or their rent will be raised. This is a part of the oldest construction in the city in houses that used to be single family homes and now they are multi-family homes. The Chancellor is very much behind this program. The city is divided into 4-5 zones.

John Zarate: Those are based on the number of calls to police, fire, etc. in the last five years. The previous program that we had was a citywide one, but it was just not feasible. Now we have divided it up and it is much more manageable. We want your help to spread the word about this to get students to allow inspectors in their houses. What inspectors are looking at are things like toilets that flush, lights that go on, outlets that work, windows that close, doors that lock, etc. We are not looking for drugs or alcohol, we are just looking at your actual house. If there is anything wrong with the house, we are going to notify the landlord and give them 30 days to fix the problems. They cannot

threaten you with raised rent or repair cost unless they can prove that you were the cause of the problem.

Mayor Cummings: What we are looking for are things that affect health and safety of the tenants who live there. There are good landlords in the city, but we are after the ones who are negligent. We have heard that landlords are sending out these threatening letters again. We don't want you to get taken advantage of. We want you as student leaders to talk to your fellow students and get them behind this project.

John Zarate: When we sent out the letters last year, there were about 6 violations per house that we were allowed into. Basically, it is a free safety check for you.

Mayor Cummings: One of the biggest concerns with these inspections is proper heating so that people do not have to have space heaters in their spaces. And we also recommend that you take time to record everything you own and everything that was wrong with your house when you moved in.

John Zarate: If you are able to, notice things during your walkthrough in the house and make them fix stuff before you even move in.

Mayor Cummings: And this part of town, a lot of the homes are very large and they are built very close together. And when they were constructed, people did not spend time outside like they do now. There is a real threat that if one of these houses were to catch fire, there is a good chance that a lot of them would burn.

Senator Spilman: Do the tenants need to be present during the inspections?

John Zarate: Yes, and if there are more than one person on the lease, we want signatures that would say that we could inspect each of your bedrooms.

Senator Sederquist: So concerning the violations per house, did those violations reflect rent price?

John Zarate: Not really.

Senator McCue: My house received a letter from our landlord that said you guys would be looking for drugs and alcohol and stuff.

John Zarate: The reason you are getting calls like that is because your landlords know that there is stuff wrong with their properties.

Office Manager Brown: How can we make sure that we get one of these letters if we are afraid or hesitant of calling to make a complaint?

John Zarate: I would think that if you are close to campus, you would get a letter this year. We are really trying to get into more places. There is a Facebook page that will track those letters.

Mayor Cummings: One thing that we have heard is that landlords are telling tenants that this program is a money grab by the city and that is just a lie. I don't care if you pay 100 bucks or a 1000, you should have a safe place to live.

Chief of Staff Daniels: In 2017 I had some problems with my property, and I had a bad experience with my landlord so I really think this is a good program.

John Zarate: And we are not saying that there aren't good landlords because there are, we just want to make sure that you all aren't getting ripped off.

VIII. Officer Reports –

- a. Speaker Pro-Tempore – (Shane – osaspeakerpt@uwosh.edu) -
- b. Speaker of the Assembly – (Ellen – osaspeaker@uwosh.edu) –
- c. Chief of Staff – (Colin – osacos@uwosh.edu) – I went to a couple group meetings to recruit for new members. With elections coming up it's a little bit of a different procedure, but still important.
- d. Vice President Pro-Tempore – (– osavppt@uwosh.edu) –
- e. Vice President – (Stephanie – osavp@uwosh.edu) – Right now, we have the elections next week and if we don't have enough people on the constitution. We can pass bylaws edits, but the constitution has to go through referendum.
- f. President – (Ronisha – osapres@uwosh.edu) – We are trying to make some changes to the constitution, we have to get it added as a referendum item so we need to petition to get that. It is important to make sure that students know where their money is going. WE have a town hall meeting coming up with professors and faculty. I talked to Madi in USRH and she wants to push it to March 20, but I think that is too soon. If you have opinions let me know. SOL debate for candidates on March 11. I have reached out about the food pantry and I am working with Rachael Switzer to get that started by the end of the year. Titans Take the Capitol – March 12. I was going to ask about how everyone feels about cancelling Senate meeting for next week so that we are not stretched too thin.
- g. OSA Office Manager – (Kyla Brown – brownk31@uwosh.edu) – If you want more information about building inspections, I have Mayor Cummings's and John Zarate's business cards in the OSA office.
- h. OSA Advisor – (Dr. Art Munin – munina@uwosh.edu) –
- i. OSA Academic Liaison – (Thomas – wolft@uwosh.edu) –
- j. OSA Directors and Ambassadors –

IX. Presidential Appointments –

SS 18-008

BE IT RESOLVED that the OSA Senate approves the following Presidential Appointment:

1. Coleman Korb, Senator

Sponsored by: Ronisha Howard, OSA President

Senator Sederquist brought to the floor.

Senator Dahse seconded the motion.

Reading dispensed.

Coleman Korb: I have heard a lot about senate from some friends. WE are in a turning point in the university and I want to be involved.

Senator Spilman: Did you fill out paperwork for the upcoming election?

Coleman Korb: No. I am new to this.

Senator Dahse: Is that an expectation for us because I think that most of us aren't on the ballot for next year.

Senator Sederquist: This is not a new problem and we are trying to get people this semester.

Three votes for, two abstentions. Coleman Korb was approved for a Senate seat.

X. Unfinished Business –

XI. New Business –

OSA 18-025

BE IT RESOLVED that the OSA Senate and Assembly hereby accept the proposed amendments to the OSA Constitution and agree that the revised document will appear on a campus wide referendum for approval by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh student body.

Sponsored by: Ronisha Howard, OSA President; Stephanie Liechty, OSA Vice President

Senator Sederquist brought to the floor.

Senator McCue seconded the motion.

Vice President Liechty: Five major changes, and the rest are small. I will bring it up on the screen. Hopefully you guys looked at this over the last week but here we go anyways. One of the main things that will be changed. We are going to get rid of associate senators because we have not ever had them this is for simplification. Academic probation – already makes you ineligible for the position. Typically, mostly political science majors in the room, we could put in something to the constitution to get a certain amount of people from different colleges.

Senator McCue: This is obviously a good fix.

President Howard: Since they are thinking about splitting up COLS, we don't know how many colleges there will be next year anyway.

Vice President Liechty: We changed all his/hers to theirs for inclusivity. Chief of Staff has never been in the constitution before so we wanted to add this position. Make VPPT an appointed position because it isn't paid and the Chief of Staff will be an elected one. Added in university to affiliated committees. Changed qualifications of all exec members. Kept 2.5 GPA requirement and changed 24 credits to 2 consecutive semesters.

Senator Spilman: Just says that for full time students' sake.

Vice President Liechty: It just says 24 credits total.

Senator Spilman: We could just add a full time student to the requirements.

President Howard: I don't think part time students would run anyways

Chief of Staff Daniels: I don't think part time students would not be as involved.

Vice President Liechty: And this would make sure that it was Oshkosh campus students. One thing that we have changed for Chief of Staff, is keeping track of who is on what committee. We added office hours because there weren't any before. Same qualifications for Vice President as President. And that they would have to turn in a resignation letter because that wasn't there.

Changing who is on committees to working with chief of staff. This whole green section was written by the group. Chief of Staff requirements are basically the same as President and Vice President except GPA. Vice President Pro-Tempore – 2.0 GPA and this could be anyone. Vice President would appoint and they would be approved by the senate. We were thinking that it could be a way for people to get their toes wet in OSA. Will assist Chief of Staff with certain

duties. Speaker of Assembly – 2.0 GPA, 2 consecutive semesters on Oshkosh campus. Speaker Pro-Tempore – same as Speaker of Assembly except just one semester requirement because of underclassmen. And then the last part has already been passed by you guys and is just tacked on as an Annex.

Jean Kwaterski: You were going to add who gets paid what right?

President Howard: President, Vice President, Speaker of Assembly, Chief of Staff – are paid positions, but there is no documentation of who gets paid what.

Vice President Liechty: Right now, that is decided on by the President and if it is written down somewhere, no one can change the payment amounts.

SS 18-009

BE IT RESOLVED that the OSA Senate approves the proposed amendments to the Senate Bylaws.

Sponsored by: Ronisha Howard, OSA President; Stephanie Liechty, OSA Vice President

Senator Dahse brought to the floor.

Senator Britt seconded the motion.

Reading dispensed.

Vice President Liechty: Does anyone have any initial comments right away? Get rid of associate senators. Cleaned up wording for Elections Commissioner report because it was confusing. Some of these things were just a little silly – like the thing about seating that is unnecessary. If Senate meetings go for more than two hours then things would not be worked on anymore which is just silly. Clarified what quorum is. Vice President Pro-Tempore thing changed to Chief of Staff. Grammar things. Vice President appoints Vice President Pro-Tempore subject to approval by Assembly and Senate. Changed appointment to spring for the following fall semester so they don't have to play catch up when they are appointed in the fall. Vacancies will be appointed by President within 10 class days of the vacancy. A lot of small stuff to match the constitution.

Chief of Staff added because of election by senate. Got rid of secretary/ office manager stuff because this is a university staff contracted position. Has anyone heard of a University court?

Jean Kwaterski: Thomas Wolf says that it should be changed to Student Judicial Board which is called by the Dean of Students' office when it comes to a conduct issue.

Vice President Liechty : Motion to change that?

Senator Dahse motioned for the change.

Senator McCue seconded the motion.

Did you know we had emergency powers? That's cool. The Vice President can call an emergency session to talk about stuff. Basically updating the executive board members duties and clarifying stuff.

XII. Committee Reports –

Chief of Staff – Faculty Senate – A lot of headaches about their Constitution and Election stuff. Likely that no changes will be effective until next year. And if this does happen, faculty at access campuses will not have the same voting rights as Oshkosh Faculty. And College of Letters and Science has the majority of the senate seats.

XIII. Discussion –

- a. OSA VPPT – We can have nominations this week. Up to you guys. If the student body does vote on the constitutional changes, we probably won't have one for the rest of the year.

Senator Korb nominates himself.
Sederquist seconds the nomination.

Secret Ballot – Senator Korb elected.

XIV. Announcements –

Jean: Dining RFP concluded and is now Avi'ance.

XV. Adjourn -

Senator Sederquist motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Senator Spilman seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 6:11PM.

Original Issuance Date:

Last Revision Date:

Next Review Date:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a process for monitoring and approving alcohol possession and/or consumption for all University events.

2. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

UW Oshkosh Police Department - Authorized University Officials

- Emergency Manager
- Director of Risk Management

3. SCOPE

This policy covers the possession or consumption of alcohol beverages by any individual on University lands, at University facilities during all University events. This policy is applicable to events held both on and off campus including those held in other municipalities, states, and nations.

4. BACKGROUND

If alcohol is authorized at a University event, the University and its students and employees have a responsibility to ensure that it is consumed legally and responsibly. Alcohol is a regulated and potentially addictive sedative- hypnotic drug. As such, it is a central nervous system depressant. This depressant effect occurs even with small doses. Because the consumption of alcohol anesthetizes the brain centers for self-control and inhibition, most people experience its effects as a sensation of relaxation. However, in actuality, it dulls sensation and impairs judgment, vision, memory, and coordination. Because of these effects, the presence, availability, dispensing or consumption of alcohol beverages at University events should be thoughtfully considered and, when provided, carefully monitored and regulated.

In adopting and administering this Policy, the following statements provide guidance concerning the circumstances in which consumption of alcohol beverages may be considered appropriate:

1. Alcohol beverages are considered an amenity for a social or business occasion and never the purpose or focus of the occasion.

2. It will be out of the ordinary to permit service and consumption of alcohol beverages at an event primarily attended by underage students.
3. The preferred locations for service and consumption of alcohol beverages are social, recreational, conference and dining facilities.

5. DEFINITIONS

Alcohol Beverage: Fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor. Wisconsin Statute 125.02(1)

Alcohol Beverage Sale: Any transfer of alcohol beverages for consideration or any transfer without consideration if knowingly made for purposes of evading this regulation relating to the sale of alcohol beverages or any shift, device, scheme or transaction for obtaining alcohol beverages, including the solicitation of orders for, or the sale for future delivery of, alcohol beverages.

Authorized University Officials: Chancellor or appointed designee(s) in addition to the Alcohol Service Permit Approval Committee have authorization to approve Alcohol Service Permits.

Campus: any publicly owned or leased buildings or grounds which compose all or part of UW Oshkosh.

Employee: Any person who has an active appointment on UW-Oshkosh payroll, paid or unpaid.

Responsible University Employee: A University employee who has oversight of and advisement to the event.

The University employee will:

1. be present at all times during which alcohol beverages are served or consumed;
2. ensure that the conditions of the Permit are observed by all persons in attendance at the event;
3. ensure that intoxicated persons do not consume alcohol beverages;
4. maintain control of alcohol beverages at all times to prevent unauthorized consumption and ensure alcohol beverages are properly secured at the conclusion of the event; and
5. ensure that individuals below the legal drinking age do not consume alcohol beverages
6. refrain from the consumption of alcohol during such time as they are serving in this capacity

Server Responsibility: In order to be eligible to serve alcohol, servers must have completed the State responsible beverage server course and provide proof of completion to University Police.

Student: A person who is registered for study in UW-Oshkosh for the current academic period. Wisconsin Statute 36.05(11)

University Event: Any gathering, program, or activity that takes place on University lands; or that takes place as part of a University-sponsored activity not located on University lands; or that the University, or a part of the University, is paying for including student segregated fee.

University Sponsored Event: any event hosted (all or in part) by University Staff, Faculty, Student, or University Organization.

6. POLICY STATEMENT

[UWS 18.09\(1\)](#), Wisconsin Administrative Code prohibits the use or possession of alcohol beverages on all University premises except as specifically permitted by institutional regulations. UW Oshkosh has developed specific institutional regulations to permit the use and possession of alcohol beverages at University events. Students and employees who fail to comply with UW Oshkosh regulations are subject to disciplinary action.

7. REFERENCES

- [UW System 18.09\(1\)](#)
- [Wis. Administrative Code Alcohol](#)
- Beverage Service, Wisconsin Union
- [Alcohol Beverage Service](#)
- [University Housing Student](#)
- [Organization Code of Conduct](#)
- UW Oshkosh Alcohol Approval Website

8. PROCEDURES

UW Oshkosh - Specific Alcohol Beverage Regulations

- A. Unless expressly permitted in this policy use or consumption of alcohol beverages and possession of an open container which contains an alcohol beverage are prohibited at all University events. This policy is applicable to University events held both on and off campus. This policy extends to all areas of campus, such as but not limited to, laboratories, individual and group offices, meeting facilities, and public areas.

If a University event takes place in buildings or locations where the University does not own or lease the space used, this policy extends to the areas and period of time used by representatives of the University for the event. The policy also extends to all

modes of transportation used for a University event where the University controls the arrangements for and the transportation used.

B. Process to obtain alcohol at a University event

1. An approved Alcohol Authorization Permit Request Form is required prior to any University event where alcohol is present.
2. The legal drinking age for consumption of alcohol beverages will be adhered to at all University events.
3. Individuals must display government issued identification with a birthdate to any server upon request.
4. If event attendees are anticipated to include individuals below the legal drinking age, then procedures must be in place to prevent consumption of alcohol by these individuals.
5. Requirements may include, but are not limited to:
 - Servers and/or responsible employees request an ID from any guest before providing them with alcohol or upon event entry.
 - Alcohol is served in a designated and entry-controlled area for attendees at or above the legal drinking age.
 - Attendees wear or display a physical indicator (e.g. wristbands) of their authorization to consume alcohol.

C. Sale of alcohol beverages without a permit approval is prohibited on all University lands, and in all University owned or leased buildings, except:

1. Where the sale of alcohol beverages is a service of Titan Underground in Reeve Union, or
2. When approved by the Chancellor or designee

D. Special Considerations for University Sponsored Events

1. The University employee must be identified on and sign the permit application for any University-sponsored event. If an alcohol permit is requested for an event with an attendance estimated to be over 100 attendees, one additional responsible University employee must be present.
2. Chancellor, Assistant Chancellor for Access Campuses, Vice Chancellors, Deans, and Directors may establish additional requirements for events sponsored by their units and/or held within their areas.

E. Alcohol Authorization Permit Request Form shall be required for alcohol service at all University events, both on and off campus. Alcohol Beverage Service Permits must be approved by an Authorized University Official.

The Alcohol Beverage Service approval shall require:

1. Completion and approval of the permit form.
2. Possession and consumption of alcohol beverages be limited to the time period and to the room or location specified in the permit.

3. Non-alcoholic beverages and food must be made available to attendees.
4. Other conditions as may be specified by the Chancellor or designee, or Authorized University Official, to ensure that alcohol consumption, consistent with institutional policy, is appropriate to the occasion.

9. REVISION HISTORY