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of enrollment in rural school districts. Sen. Bewley addressed the group and said, “You work so hard to make up for what you don’t have. I personally think we must look at fairness, because you don’t get an education based on your zip code, and that’s what we’re delivering.”

Although, Scott Bruce, a counselor at Superior Middle School nearing retirement, had different concerns. He voiced fears about the mental health of the children in the community. Bruce also advocated for a program that would assist mental health professionals or

teachers working part-time in schools after retirement. “Put us to work,” said Bruce, “We have such a need. Let’s get around those hurdles so we can keep contributing.”

Following this event, Gov. Evers was asked about mental health and responded, “It’s a major issue across the state.” Gov. Evers explained that the improvements to the healthcare budget should help combat the epidemic concerning mental health.

UWS student, Kate Haga, remarked that her reason for attendance to the forum was she’s “kind of

a political activist and wanted to engage with the [state] budget.” Haga was curious to observe to what degree Gov. Evers and his administration was dedicated to funding the university system. Gov. Evers gave her the assurance of knowing, “... the [state] administration will be carbon free by 2050, so it’s going the right direction regarding the climate,” said Haga.

Another UWS student attendee, Jared Pearson, said, “It was a good forum that engaged people of different perspectives. It was good to see the budget in action rather than hidden in backrooms.”



Attendees to the Gov. Evers budget forum discuss concerns for Wisconsin's Education budget

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Governor Evers listens in on one of the group discussions at the budget forum

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Campus restructuring milestones

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From the University of Wisconsin System News, UW System President Ray Cross announced the UW System has achieved key milestones in its campus restructuring.

The first achievement was a successful accreditation review from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). In March HLC issued its final decision to uphold the initial approval of the restructuring.

The second achievement was the approval of the UW System Guaranteed Admission Transfer policy. The policy maintains that students at branch campuses who meet academic eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to any four-year institution in the UW System.

Finally, several UW System institutions are

also offering new and enhanced programs. UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield and UW-Stevens Point at Wausau are proposing associate degrees in human services, health sciences, information science, applied finance, leadership and project management, and environmental science and management. Those campuses are also planning bachelor’s degrees in business administration and

social work, and a master of business administration in applied leadership and decision-making.

UW-Platteville at Baraboo Sauk County and UW-Platteville at Richland will offer associate degrees in food and agriculture, and business administration. UW-Green Bay is planning a bachelor’s degree in water science.

Cross said, “Restructur-

ing reforms were critical to ensure the financial sustainability of our campuses while increasing access and affordability for students throughout Wisconsin. The milestones we have achieved are helping us meet these goals while growing Wisconsin’s talent pipeline statewide.”

Restructuring is expected to be completed by July 2020.

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interested in any sports except for cricket. Something that I was very fond of was public speaking and leadership. I loved debates and was soon made the captain of the school’s debate team.

I have loved business and politics ever since I could understand them. My dad has a degree in accounting and my mom in economics, which means they always talk about business and to be frank, I love it. I am a guy who loves playing badminton and ping pong, a die-hard fan of Bollywood movies, and believe in seizing the day.

P: How did you decide to attend UWS and join SGA?

C: I applied to five different colleges in the United States. I was accepted at four: Michigan State, Missouri State, University of Texas, and UWS. The tuition at all the other colleges was tremendously more for the same degree so it didn’t make any sense for me to choose other universities.

During my freshman year, I had a class with Tammy

Fanning and she is the one who encouraged me to join SGA. I have always followed her advice and, therefore, I joined SGA as a senator. Once I got in, I was soon nominated for the position of Speaker and as of today, I am fortunate enough to serve this campus as the Student Body President.

P: What influenced your decision to run for President?

C: I have learned a lot since I joined SGA. Working with people like Scott [Holmes], Brent [Buffenbarger] and Emma [Nguyen] have made me better at my job. During these past few months, Scott has always encouraged me to run for president. I personally thought that I still had to learn from him and others but when he realized that he was graduating this semester, he assured me to teach everything and leave SGA in good hands.

P: What specific goals do you have in mind and how do you plan on accomplishing them?

C: There’s a lot of things that I want to work on

during the summer and next semester. Finding out why the online tuition rates are so high, fixing some of the bylaws in SU-FAC, finding better solutions to make this campus more sustainable, etc. For this, I will have to be in constant contact with the administration and work with them to figure out what can be done.

P: What is the most important thing SGA can do for the student body?

C: The most important thing that any student government association can do is represent the interests of the student body. Our job will be to find the problems that Yellowjackets face, figure out a solution, and work with the administration to implement it.

P: How can SGA be more involved on campus and reach more students?

C: I believe SGA can improve their promotional campaigns. Having a presence on the new software JacketHub will definitely help us a lot. More tabling sessions and office hours would help us.

SGA election voting totals

President

Sudarshan Choudhury 104

Dalxa Mohamed 29

Jordan Stish 1

Sajid Choudhury 1

Jordanne Bozic 1

At-Large Senators

Madison Hale 98

Katja Nielsen 9

Travis Rosin 4

Sisi Hu 2

Lam Hoang Mai 2

Xiaoling Wu 2

Regina Rex 2

Akua Asiedu 2

Emma Suchrov 2

Jocelyn Hassing 2

Michelle Seiler 2

Natural Science, Math and Computer Science, and Human Performance and Health Promotion

Emily Hendrickson 2

Andrew Dryer 2

Laura Beres 2

Kulsoom Haider 2

Business and Economics, and Education

Sajid Chowdhury 31

Cody Fernandez 3

Justice, Social Inquiry, and Human Behavior and Diversity

Zack Abt 29

Emma Collier 5

Communicating Arts, Music, Visual Arts, English, and World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Kaitlyn Rigstad 21

Sam Moscatelli 2