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University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Student Government Association Reacts to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Decision

On November 9th, the Student Government Association at UW-Stevens Point voted to deny the approval of a student organization after nearly two hours of statements and questioning. As reflected in our meeting minutes, several requests from Senators to the student organization to separate themselves from their parent organization were denied.

That decision was immediately sent for review to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Al Thompson.

On November 16th, Al Thompson asked SGA to reconsider its action based on UW-Stevens Point and UW System policies recognizing student organizations, SGA guidelines on viewpoint neutrality, and a UW Board of Regents policy on academic expression.

UW-Stevens Point Student Government Association did not take action at the November 16th General Assembly meeting.

As of the date of this statement, Al Thompson determined that Turning Point USA at University of Wisconsin Stevens Point meets the requirements to be recognized as a student organization at UW-Stevens Point. He has notified both Turning Point USA at University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and Student Government Association of his decision.

From President of the Student Body, Sean Piette, “The Student Government Association Senate voted with their conscience and with input from many of their constituents. This decision was overturned by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Al Thompson on November 17th. We welcome Turning Point USA at University of Wisconsin Stevens Point as an officially recognized student organization on this campus.”

UW-Stevens Point Student Government Association meeting minutes from November 9th can be found here <http://bit.ly/SGANovember9Minutes>. We are encouraging fellow Pointers who have made their voices heard to us in the last few weeks to join Student Government as a Senator as we still have seats available. Applications are available at www.uwsp.edu/sga.

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