MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, February 16th , 2010, 7:00pm
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER:
II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Brad Kerschner, Aaron Billingsley
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- Motion to alter Chair Hslverson's activity in open forum to address the conference he attended. Passed with 2 abstentions
- Minutes approved by all.

V. OPEN FORUM
VI. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR- Beth DeLong
- Please vote on what to do for the Student Senate event. (reported by Senator Kirchner)

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES DIRECTOR- Kayla Godes
- Need help with the Campus Safety walk, let me know if you can.

3. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES DIRECTOR- Alex Nelson
- Local judge primary election today. Vote by 8pm if you haven't.

4. DIVERSITY INITATIVES DIRECTOR- Rodney Hillskotter (Interim)
- Looking for people for my committee.
- Helping with the search and screen for the White Privilege Conference.

5. WOMEN AND GENDER INITIATIVES DIRECTOR-Lee Monson
- My committee is working on the search and screen process for the White Privelege Conference.

6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Ryan Debner (Interim)
- Senator Peterson will be Interim Ethics Chair for the next week. (reported by President Brock)

B. ALLOCABLE FEE APROPRIATIONS BOARD CHAIR- Tyler Halverson
- Passed a few items at out last meeting. (reported by Senator Harshman)
- Big budget meeting coming up. (reported by Senator Harshman)

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR-Patrick Okan
- Introductory budget motion on the agenda.

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Paul Shepherd-absent
E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Daniel Scott
- Office hours due this Friday, if you do not know what those are please talk to me after the meeting.
- Email me if you want business cards by noon on Wednesday.

F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Joshua Brock
- Addressed a funding issue with intramural and club sports, and who is in control of their funding.

VII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

SS-09-10-049

Whereas Unity in the Community is campus and community event promoting inclusivity, understanding and appreciation of, and for diversity,

Whereas goal 5 of the university's strategic plan is to "Foster a Culture of Inclusiveness,"

Whereas the Falcon Programming Board would like to contract with 'Mystical Arts of Tibet', to bring Tibetan Monks to campus and resources are very limited,

Whereas bringing the monks to campus will provide a great educational opportunity for students,

Whereas the Tibetan Monks conduct a 3-4 day ceremony, and be available to give lectures, and other campus wide presentations,

Whereas the ceremony will create awareness for the inclusive events surrounding Unity in the Community,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate provide financial assistance to Unity in the Community totaling $6,500 to sponsor the Tibetan Monks.

Moved by: Brad Kerschner
Seconded by: Director Monson

- Motion to strike the last whereas clause made by Senator Harshmann, and Seconded by Chair Halverson. Motion passed with 3 abstentions.
- Motion Passes. Yes-8, No-4, Abstention-3.

SS-09-10-050

Whereas, the United Council of UW Students is having the Building Unity Student Empowerment Conference at UW-Madison on March 5th – 7th;

Whereas, this conference will offer UWRF students an opportunity to engage in in-depth workshops, structured networking and listen to engaging speakers;

Whereas, there will be students from UWRF facilitating workshops and sitting on panels at the conference;

Whereas, this event marks United Council's 50th Anniversary and will offer a chance for UWRF to rejoice in the accomplishments of the oldest State Student Association in the US;

Therefore, be it resolved that up to $2,000 be allocated out of the Student Senate reserve account to fund 14 students lodging, travel and registration fees for the Building Unity Student Empowerment Conference.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the search and screen process is overseen by the Diversity Initiatives Committee.

Moved by: Nikki Shonoiki
Seconded by: Director Monson

- Motion to strike the last two whereas clauses made by Senator Harshman, and Seconded by Senator Simones.
- Motion to take a 5 minute recess for President Brock to access are amount of money in the reserves presently made by Senator Kirchner, and Seconded by Director Monson. All approved. President Brock called for a 5 minute recess at 7:20PM. President Brock called the meeting back to order at 7:25PM.
- Call to question made by interim Director Hillskotter, Seconded by Director Nelson. All approved.
- Amendment passes. Yes-12, No-2, Abstention-1.
- Interim Director Hillskotter moved to amend the motion add an additional therefore clause displayed in red. amendment passes with Yes-7, No-4, Abstentions-4.
- Yes-8, No-4, Abstentions-3. Motion Passes.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

SS-09-10-051

Introductory Only

Whereas, allocations from the University Student Reserve Account must be approved by Student Senate;

Whereas, a detailed budget of those requested allocations would be beneficial in determining whether a request should be funded using reserve money;

Whereas, there is currently no requirement that a requester provide a detailed budget when requesting money from the reserve

account;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the bylaws be immediately amended as shown below:

General Student Association

ARTICLE VI. Finance

Section B.

University Student Reserve Account

1. All allocations from the University Student Reserve Account require Student Association Student Senate approval. Any request for funding through the University Student Reserve Account will require an "introductory-only" status for one week before being voted on. If the circumstances for whatever reason do not allow for this introductory status, Senate may, by a 2/3 majority vote, hear and vote on the motion.
2. Reserve account monies will be allocated in the following situations:
    a. An emergency basis
    b. Organizations or activities that meet requirements outlined in the Reserve Fund Policy Paper and approved by the Allocable Fee Appropriation Board and the Student Association Student Senate.
3. *All requests for allocation from the Reserve Account must be accompanied by an itemized budget presented to Student Senate when the request is first introduced.*

Moved by: Chair Okan
Seconded by: Senator Williams
Executive Committee Approved

- Amendment made by motion creator Chair Okan after talking to the Executive Committee before it was discussed displayed in red.

SS-09-10-052

Introduction Only

Whereas, anecdotal evidence would suggest that a majority of the members of Senators do not regularly attend University Committee meetings,

Whereas, it is not good practice that Student Senate keep mandates that a majority of the Senators do not follow,

Whereas, previous attempts have been made to increase Senator participation on University Committees without drastic progress,

Whereas, there is valuable information to be obtained from Faculty Senate and the subcommittees wherein,

Whereas, an organized summary of the previously mentioned information is provided in Faculty Senate meetings, which a Senator is required to attend via delegation of the Shared Governance Committee (Article IV, Section A, Subsection 11),

Therefore, be it resolved, that the following change be applied to the by-laws:

ARTICLE II. Senator Duties

Section A.

Attend all meetings of the Student Association Student Senate and Student Association.

Section B.

Maintain a minimum of five hours every two weeks (not including committee meeting hours or Student Senate meetings) in the Student Senate office area and/or attending events as approved by the Vice President. Office hours are not mandatory if classes are not in session.

Section C.

Serve and actively participate on a minimum of one Student Association Student Senate Committee. ~~and two non-student governance University Committees.~~

Section D.

Assist and actively participate in all Student Association Student Senate

projects and endeavors upon the request of the Student Association Student Senate.

Moved By: Senator Harshman
Seconded By: Chair Halverson

SS-09-10-053

Whereas, several committees are in need of official members and;

Whereas, the following names have been submitted and all are qualified;

Therefore be it resolved that the following people be appointed to their respective committees immediately.

Legislative Affairs
Richard Simones

Differential Tuition
Nene Eze

Women and Gender Initiatives
Rodney Hillskotter

Moved by: Director DeLong
Seconded by: Chair Halverson

- This is Shared Governance approved
- Director Delong amended the motion displayed in red.
- Motion approved with one abstention.

SS-09-10-054

Whereas, an Elections Chair is needed for the Student Association Student Senate Spring Elections;

Whereas, Senator Hillskotter is interested and well qualified;

Therefore, be it resolved that Senator Hillskotter be appointed the Elections Chair for Spring 2010.

Moved by: Vice President Scott
Seconded by: President Brock

- Motion passed. All approved.

SS-09-10-055

Whereas, the Diversity Initiatives Director is vacant;

Whereas, Senator Hillskotter is interested and well qualified;

Therefore, be it resolved that Senator Hillskotter be appointed Diversity Initiatives Director.

Moved by: President Brock
Seconded by: Director Nelson
Executive Board Approved

- Motion passed. All approved.

SS-09-10-056

Introductory Only

Whereas, the Facilities and Fees Board has completed its annual budget;

Whereas, this budget must be brought before Student Senate for a vote;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Student Association Student Senate approve the following segregated university fee increases for the 2010-2011 academic year:

Annual Student Fee Rates

University of Wisconsin-River Falls

2009-2010 and 2010-2011

		Final			
Segregated Fees:	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Increase	Increase
University Centers - 891000	$409.00	$423.00	$431.00	**$8.00**	1.89%
Student Life - 861000	$48.40	$63.00	$85.00	**$22.00**	34.92%
Clinical Services - 037662	$120.88	$125.00	$127.00	**$2.00**	1.60%
Athletics - 801010	$86.25	$90.50	$95.00	**$4.50**	4.97%
				5th Yr of 5	
Recreation Services:					
Intramural Complex - 033505	$3.00	$8.00	$16.00	**$8.00**	100.00%
Arena - 741000	$35.50	$42.00	$42.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Organized Activities - 826030	$59.75	$59.75	$59.75	**$0.00**	0.00%
Family Day - 037522		$3.50	$3.50	**$0.00**	0.00%
Shared Governance - 826006	$6.75	$5.75	$5.75	**$0.00**	0.00%
Intramurals - 033504	$9.00	$13.00	$21.00	**$8.00**	61.54%
Day Care - 823000	$16.00	$16.00	$16.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Card Office - 821005	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Municipal Services - 821057	$32.00	$28.00	$28.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
New H & HP Fee - 821500	$42.00	$35.00	$42.00	**$7.00**	20.00%
started in 05-06					
Stadium Fee - 821700	$4.00	$4.00	$8.00	**$4.00**	100.00%
started in 08-09					
Hagestad Remodel - 821600	$43.00	$32.00	$43.00	**$11.00**	34.38%
started in 07-08					
Subtotal	$920.53	$953.50	$1,028.00	$74.50	7.81%
Textbook Services - 931000	$143.30	$143.30	$143.30	**$0.00**	0.00%
Total Segregated Fees:	**$1,063.83**	**$1,096.80**	**$1,171.30**	**$74.50**	6.79%
Differential Tuition	$72.00	$72.00	$72.00	**$0.00**	0.00%

Residential Living:					
Double	$3,084.00	$3,238.00	$3,400.00	**$162.00**	5.00%
Single	$4,104.00	$4,238.00	$4,400.00	**$162.00**	3.82%
South Fork Suites	$4,104.00	$4,238.00	$4,400.00	**$162.00**	3.82%
Dining Services:					
14 Meal Plan	$2,022.00	$2,092.00	$2,130.00	**$38.00**	1.82%
19 Meal Plan	$2,062.00	$2,134.00	$2,174.00	**$40.00**	1.87%
Total student fees in 2009-10 =	$11,720				
Total Fee Increase =				**$573.50**	**4.89%**

Moved by: Chair Okan

Seconded by: President Brock

Approved by: Facilities and Fees Board

- Motion for a five minute recess made by Director Nelson, and Seconded by Director Monson. Motion approved with Yes-13, No-2. President Brock called for a 5 minute recess at 8:17PM. President Brock called the meeting back to order at 8:22PM.

I. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President Brock addressed when and why we abstain in a meeting.
- Senator Harshman also addressed when and why we abstain in a meeting.

II. ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion to adjourn made by Senator Harshman, seconded by Director Monson. All approved.
- President Brock adjourned the meeting at 8:43PM.

The next meeting for the Student Association Student Senate will be
Tuesday, February 23rd , 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.