UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
Of Tuesday, February 24th, 2004.

I. The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by Student Senate President Matt Schuelke at 7:03pm in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.

II. Members Present: Matthew Schuelke, Brandon Bruder, Emilee Driscoll, Mara Bryan, John Gavin, Jessica Erickson, Samantha Hanson, Adam Koski, Katy Leisch, Joe Eggers, Leon Gbee Angie Drinkwine, Nick Cluppert Joan Wierzba

III. Members Absent: F&F Board Chair Amber Horn (E)

Members Tardy: Lisa Weinreich(TE)

Board Chairs Present: LDPB Board Chair Jeremy Tilsen,

Guests: Vicki Hajewski (advisor), Tiffany Shelman (Student Voice), Becky Wasserman, Ajita Talwalker (USSA), Brian Hogenson

IV. Approval of Minutes: Minutes will be approved in proceeding meetings

Open Forum:

Guest Speaker:

VII. Shared Governance Reports:

A. United States Student Association- Ajita- I am the VP of USSA. We are here just to see what is going on. Some of the things that we are working on are Financial Aid and the 2004 elections. We are also working on the retention of the Higher Education Act. It will affect RF because you are getting the Pell Grants and the EOP grants. RF has over 1200 Pell Grants that total over 3.4 million dollars. We are also gearing up for the 2004 elections by doing fundraising and distributing information to register workers.

Becky: We want to make sure that the work we do gets here. There should be a report every two weeks with reports that we send. If you all want to be added to the mailing lists, we can do that so every gets the information. We try to prioritize on the needs of the members. We are working for the federal government rather than the state, so with so many loans and grants through the government, it is important that we lobby for you.

B. United Council- Matt- UC is looking for Search and Screen Committee for directorships. AA, LGBTQ, Multicultural, and Executive applications are due March 31st for the committee. They want 4 students from 4 year schools, 4 from 2year schools, 2 at large students and 3 per area they are interviewing for.

Nick: The strategic planning committee will meet again on the 20th and if you have any changes tro be made, please e-mail me so I can take them to Madison.

C. Student Senate Officers-

Shared Governance Director— Emilee: The gripeline will be up by the end of February. We have made signs to put in org boxes, dorms, etc. We will be making a website for it also. The e-mail will be gripeline @uwrf.edu. On March 2nd, the empty soup bowl supper will be at Luther Memorial Church starting at 5:30.

Student Affairs and Academic Services Director—Nick Cluppert: AP&P is working on the 165 credit policy appeal process. Joe and I met with Nick Karolides to talk about the grading system and they will not look into it unless Senate wants them to. The survey will be finished tomorrow at out meeting. It will be online next week. Next week- Joe, Matt, and I will be going to the Board of Regents meeting next week.

Legislative Affairs Director—Katie Kneissel- The legal services pamphlets have been ordered. There will be a forum in March for the mayor and alderperson positions. The GOTV campaign will still be in the fall.

Finance Director—Joan Wierzba: There is $20,298.06 in the Shared Goverenance Account. The segregated fees are now coming in. I talked to a place about sweatshirts and they will be about $40 a piece. There is a motion up tonight for the appeals process. The GA in April will be 16th and 17th at UW-GB.

Diversity Issues Director—Lisa Weinreich: Our next meeting will be on Monday at 5:30. The posters for February are up. We are noe working on the March posters. The B-96 dance party is tomorrow night at Brandy's. It will 8-12 and it has a $3 cover charge. There will be 44 people attending Building Unity.

Women's Initiatives Director-

Ethics Chair—Adam Koski: No report

Vice President— Brandon Bruder: Office hours are up. The office hours are up to get your hours recorded. I will try to work on demerit totals this week.
If you are making motions for the agenda, **PLEASE SAVE THEM TO THE ZIPDISK.** Also, if anyone has questions on office hours, please ask me first before putting them down. **Directors-** Please keep attendance of your committees and report back to me with any absences or tardiness.

President—Matt Schuelke: The UW system is looking for people to serve on the search and screen committee for a new system president and I will forward my name on.

D. Facilities and Fees Board Chair –Amber Horn:

E. Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair—Jeremy Tilsen: The Beach Bash is tonight from 8-12 with a $5 charge. Skalentines' Day is on Friday in Brandy's and it is free with ID. Unity in the Community will be April 28th.

F. Other:

VIII. University Committee Reports:

Joan: Mara and I attended the Chancellor's Award meeting. We completed the timeline and requirements. There were only 9 total nominations. We have a meeting on Monday. It will be up to the Chancellor on how many awards are given.

Emilee: External Relations: They are still looking for a speaker for graduation. \

Nick: Faculty Welfare: Looked at the procedure of hiring new faculty. Questions came up and they will be taken to Faculty Senate on Monday at 3:35.

Matt: Faculty Senate: They got through Project 1 with the mission, goals and criteria. They may be done within two weeks.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

SS-03-04-053 INTRO ONLY

Whereas, the Student Senate Election By-laws are no longer adequate to meet the needs of the spring and fall elections, and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to oversee the necessary changes,

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following changes to the Student Senate Election By-laws.

ARTICLE 5: Appeals Process

Section A. Grievance

In case of an official grievance to the election and/or to the election process, the following steps ~~would~~ ***shall*** be followed to process the grievance:

1. A ***signed*** grievance can be filed ***submitted to the Senate Ethics Chair by anyone (the claimant) regarding a candidate (the respondent)*** at any time during the election process and prior to ~~48~~ ***24*** hours ***(excluding weekends and holidays)*** after the posting of the election results.

2 The Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee ~~will~~ ***shall meet with both the claimant(s) and the respondent(s), together or separate at the Chair's discretion, to discuss the seriousness of the alleged violation giving cause to said grievance. If the grievance is uncontested (i.e. the respondent admits to the allegation(s)),***the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee will make an official ruling on the filed grievance in time to come before the next Student Association Student Senate meeting. ***If the grievance is contested by the respondent(s), the Chair shall proceed to the Contested Grievance Procedure.***

3. ~~The person(s) who filed the grievance~~ ***Both the claimant and respondent*** will have the opportunity to address the Student Association Student Senate and ask for as appeal to the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee's ruling.

4. After the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Chair reports the ruling any senator will have the ability to pull the ruling, to the grievance, out of the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee ruling.

5. To overturn or amend the ruling, two-thirds of the Student Association Student Senate is required.

6. The Student Association Student Senate Ethics ruling will stand if two-thirds majority is not met.

Section B. Contested Grievance Procedure

In case of a contest to an official grievance properly submitted regarding the election and/or the election process, the following steps shall be followed to process the contested grievance:

1. ***The Ethics Committee Chair, acting as the Moderator, shall conduct with 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of contest, a meeting with the Claimant(s) and Respondent(s) party to the grievance, for the purpose of reaching an equitable settlement.***

2. ***All communication by each party shall be directed to the Moderator only, unless each party waives such privilege.***

3. ***If such an agreement cannot be obtained, both the Claimant(s) and Respondent(s) must accept the binding arbitration.***

Section C. Binding Arbitration

In the case a contested grievance proceeds to binding arbitration, the following steps shall be followed to administer said process:

1. ***Within 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of failed moderation, both Claimant(s) and Respondent(s) must submit to the moderator a list of candidate arbiters. If there is a match, the Ethics Chair shall contact the said candidate arbiter and request their services. If said candidate arbiter does not agree to assist in the contested grievance procedure, or if the parties to the grievance cannot agree upon an arbiter, the Ethics Chair shall appoint one.***

2. ***In appointing an arbiter, the Ethics Chair should first attempt to contact the Vice-Chancellor, Dean of Students, and Provost. If those individuals are unable or unwilling, an administration or faculty member can be appointed to perform the task.***

3. ***Rules governing arbitration are determined by the arbiter.***

4. ***Binding arbitration is final, but can be amended or overturned with a minimum of 2/3 majority vote be the Student Association Student Senate.***

This motion is effective immediately.

Wierzba/Bruder

*** Motion to add SS-03-04-054 to the agenda. Wierzba/Tilsen Motion passed

SS-03-04-054

Whereas the Student Senate realizes a direct intervention with incoming freshmen leads to a variety of positive outcomes including but not limited to: better students, better retention, and more productivity, and

Whereas bringing about change on this campus should come from committee work in the Shared Governance process, and

Whereas the Student Senate has read and agrees to forward the mandation of UNIV 160 Document to appropriate persons,

Be it firmly resolved that the Student Senate forwards on the mandation of UNIV 160 to the Academic Policy and Programming Committee among other appropriate University personnel.

Wierzba/Schuelke

***** Motion to table Hanson/Driscoll Motion passed**

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeremy- There will be an open forum 4-5 tomorrow in NH
Emilee- E-mail committees to me.
Jon: Please come with at 5:15 for soup next week
Joan: Thanks to USSA for coming.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Bruder/Tilsen
8:03 PM

The next meeting of the semester will be the in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center on Tuesday, Feb 24th, 2003.