UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
Of Tuesday, January 25, 2005.

I. **Call to order:** The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by Student Senate President Matthew Schuelke at 7:00pm in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.

II. **Members Present:** Lindsey Burdick, Nicholas Cluppert, Emilee Driscoll, Joe Eggers, Johnathan Gavin, Adam Koski, Katy Leisch, Louis Muench, Kendra Plant, Matthew Schuelke, Georgia Wagner, Jeremy Zitzow

III. **Members Absent:** Cali Smithback (E)

Board Chairs Present: **LDPB:** Carolyn Schenk
F & F:

Guests: Eric Quade (Student Voice), Miriam Huffman (Student Senate Advisor)

IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved.

Moved By: Cluppert
Seconded By: Koski

Guest Speaker:

Open Forum:

VII. **Shared Governance Reports:**

A. United States Student Association (USSA) –
B. United Council (UC) –

Strategic Planning Committee Presentation: Nick Cluppert

Proposal will be presented at the February 18-20 General Assembly

Board of Directors Composition
a. Student President (chair)
b. Vice-President (vice-chair)
c. 4 four-year UW-school at-large students
d. 4 two-year UW-school at-large students
e. 7 committee assignments (Leg, Academic, LGBTQ, Women's, Shared Gov, New Exec/Finance)
* 2 students per campus

Board of Dirctors Responsibilities
a. hiring
b. internal affairds
c. finance
d. staff reviews
e. strategic planning / vision

UC Events
a. 3 day GA – 1 per semester
b. committee weekend – 1 per month/?
c. BOD meeting – 1 per month

UC Structure
a. students who elect:
President
Vice-President
BOD: Exec Manager, Leg, Women's, Academic, LGBTQ, Org/Comm, Mulit-Cult, Finance
* new staff term policy and hiring?

C. Student Senate Officers-

Shared Governance Director - Johnathan Gavin: involvement posters, gripe line program and advertising, reception banquet, **Director of Student Center Search and Screen : 1 Senator needed to serve on committee**, F&F rep, Joint Foods rep, Res Life rep, LDPB rep, Rec Fac rep, UCC rep. **Debit Card Committee: Adam Koski as representative.**

Student Affairs and Academic Services Director- Nick Cluppert: Lobbied Sheila Harsdorf and Kitty Rhodes on Budget, TABOR, Ad-a-Regent Bill, ect… , Student Survey finalization, Lindsey is working on the ride board in association with Mike Stifter, applications available for the open Student Regent position, if interested contact UC for further information, Nick is meeting with Mary Halada about the extension of acceptable skateboarding areas and limits

Legislative Affairs Director- Joe Eggers: Lobbied Sheila Harsdorf and Kitty Rhodes on Budget, TABOR, Ad-a-Regent Bill, tuition, marriage act, will be working with SAAS, Women's and Diversity on the marriage act legislation, **Legislator Open forum: February 28 at 11:00am-1:00pm** Mary Halada, Virgil Nylander, and possibly Ginny Coombs will attend

Finance Director - Adam Koski: Motion up next week about January stipends for Directors, **February General Assembly: February 18-20**

Diversity Issues Director – Georgia Wagner: Diversity recognition reception details, poster series currently populating campus, **Building Unity Conference: March 4-6**

Women's Initiatives Director- Kendra Plant: Vagina Monologues: February 17,18,19 at 7:30pm at Brandy's, students $5/non-students $8,

Parliamentarian / Ethics Chair - Jeremy Zitzow:

Vice President - Emilee Driscoll: The first office hours section is: Monday, January 4 – Tuesday, February 8. Please be conscious of your responsibility to the UW-RF student body as their official representatives. You are required to attend Student Association Student Senate meetings, as well your respective committee meeting, complete 10 hours of service in the Senate office every two weeks, in addition to representing student input on two University Committees. I have been fairly lenient on excused absences, I will no longer be, due to abuse of the previous flexible absence policy, of which there is a motion up for discussion and vote for next week's meeting. Please keep your enthusiasm and dedication, and remember why you joined Senate and perhaps why you stay!

President - Matt Schuelke: Attended January 7 TABOR discussion, Representative to the **Chancellor's Search and Screen: Here are the dates for Chancellor candidates on campus:**
January 31 at 2:45pm-3:30pm in the Rodli Blue Room: Dr. Ramaley
February 1 at 2:45pm-3:30pm in the President's Room: Kendall Blanchard
February 2 at 2:45pm-3:30pm in the President's Room: Dr. Robert Kennedy
February 3 at 2:45pm-3:30pm in the President's Room: Donn Betz
Brad Stafford has been in contact with Matt in regards to a possible invitation for Sheila Harsdorf to be on a student radio show for syndication, System-wide complaint from Whitewater and Stout concerning the Auxiliary Funds Raid

D. Facilities and Fees Board Chair – Nick Sireck:
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Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair – Carolyn Schenk: LDPB meets on Wednesdays at 4:30pm, they will be reviewing: single request forms, annual budget forms, policies and requirements. LDBP will also be reviewing and updating their section on 36.09(5).

F. Other: Committee Meeting Times:
Shared Gov:
SAAS: Tuesdays @5:15pm
Leg:
Finance:
Diversity:
Women's:

University Committee Reports: Gen Education Committee: Nick Cluppert attended the meeting and they discussed the Modern Language concern addressed earlier in the Fall Semester, also there was a discussion on the Humanities and Fine Arts requirements, and also the requirements for the citizenship and ethics portion (possibly to replace the diversity requirements)

IX. Old Business:

SS0405020

Whereas the Student Association Student Senate passed SS040505 on Tuesday, September 28th, 2004 changing the membership of the Legislative Issues Committee and the Finance Committee in the Bylaws, but not the River Falls Student Association Constitution, and

Whereas the Student Association Governing Documents should not be in conflict, therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following changes to the River Falls Student Association Constitution,

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES SECTION 1.

The standing committees of the Student Senate shall be:
Legislative Issues Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of ~~three~~ *four* senators and four students at-large.

Finance Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of ~~four~~ *three* senators and four students at large.

(Original wording ~~struck out~~, additional wording *italics*)

This motion is effective immediately.

Motioned By: Adam Koski

Seconded By: John Gavin

Motion SS0405020 Passed

X. New Business

SS0405021

(INTRODUCTION ONLY)

Whereas, Senators have a certain responsibility to attend every one of the meetings, and

Whereas, attending these meetings is crucial to have a voice in the activities of Student Senate, and

Whereas, currently, Senators may only have two unexcused absences, and

Whereas, there is currently no rules regarding the number of excused absences a Senator may have in a semester in the Constitution,

Therefore be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate adopt the following policy; A Senator may have no more than three excused absences during a semester session.

Be it further resolved, the Student Association Student Senate adopts the following changes to the by-laws:

Article IX Attendance

7. Each senate meeting missed after the three excused absences = 2 demerit points.

Be it further resolved, the Vice President may allow for more excused absences if he or

she deems the situation constitutes missing a meeting.

Moved By: Joseph Eggers

Seconded By: Emilee Driscoll

SS0405022

(INTRODUCTION ONLY)

Whereas, the Vice President has traditionally taken on the responsibilities of administering demerit points, and

Whereas, there is no mention of this responsibility of this in the by-laws,

Therefore be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate adopt the following change to the by-laws:

Section V Article B. The Vice President

11. The Vice President shall be responsible for the distribution of demerit points where necessary.

Moved By: Joseph Eggers

Seconded By: Emilee Driscoll

SS0405023

Whereas, the budget will be a large task before the Student Senate, and

Whereas, senators will be forced to answer questions dealing with the budget and its effect on River Falls, and

Whereas, a media message for Senate to adopt would allow for senators to easily answer question regarding the budget,

Therefore be it resolve that the Student Association Student Senate pass the following media message regarding the budget for the UW System:

Problem:

UWRF students cannot afford the rate Wisconsin's tuition is increasing. Tuition has increased drastically in comparison to the rate financial aid increases. Because of this, many students work long work hours in order to pay for their education. Another budget increase would destroy many of UWRF's students' abilities to pay for their tuition and remain in school.

Solution:

UWRF's tuition must remain affordable. In order to ensure that UWRF as well as other college students are protected from tuition increases, it is the state's obligation to provide financial aid that increases at the same dollar amount as tuition. They cannot continue to jeopardize the state's future with increasing tuition prices.

Action:

The Governor and the Legislature must realize that the state budget cannot be balanced on the backs of students. Wisconsin needs people who champion for college to protect the future of Wisconsin.

Moved By: Joseph Eggers

Seconded By: Emilee Driscoll

Motion SS0405023 Passed

SS0405024

(INTRODUCTION ONLY)

Whereas the Student Senate Election Rules are no longer adequate, and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to make changes, and

Whereas the work of the Elections Committee is not to be a poll workers since the adoption of the electronic system, therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following changes to the Student Senate Election Rules.

ARTICLE 2: Definitions Section D. Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee

~~All members of the Elections Committee will receive a stipend of seventy-five dollars for their time. The Ethics Committee may decide not to pay the members of the Elections Committee if they find that the committee has not done what they are required to do.~~

The Elections Committee can file ~~an exceptional circumstance case to increase the~~ *a case for a* stipend, (i.e. ~~extremely~~ large amount of work that had to be done) *of no more than twenty-five dollars*. This measure needs a majority approval of the Student Association Student Senate.

(Original wording ~~struck out~~, additional wording *italics*)

This motion is effective immediately.

Moved By: Adam Koski

Seconded By: Landon Overby

SS0405025

(INTRODUCTION ONLY)

Whereas the Student Senate Election Rules are no longer adequate, and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to make changes, and

Whereas the language of the Student Senate Elections Ruless are unclear here, therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following changes to the Student Senate Election Rules.

ARTICLE 7: Review of this document Section A.

Review of this document is the responsibility of the Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee. Amendments to this document require approval by the Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee *by a majority vote* and the Student Association Student Senate *by a two-thirds (2/3) vote*.

(Original wording ~~struck out~~, additional wording *italics*)

This motion is effective immediately.

Moved By: Adam Koski

Seconded By: Landon Overby

SS0405026

(INTRODUCTION ONLY)

Whereas the Student Senate Election Rules are no longer adequate, and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to make changes, and

Whereas the Fall and Spring Elections serve distinctly different purposes, and

Whereas there is a need for the Student Senate to have full membership early, therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following changes to the Student Senate Election Rules

ARTICLE 4: Elections—Timeline, Primary, General, Special. Ballot, Election Day, and fall semester elections

Section A. Timeline

This is *a* nine-week process *which* must be followed for all Student Senate Elections *except the Fall elections (see Section H)*:

Section H. Fall Elections

3. Fall Elections will be held the ~~second~~ *Wednesday through Friday of the second full* week of classes in the fall semester.

4. Petitions will be available ~~the first Friday of classes and due the second~~ *from the start of the Summer Semester through Academic Day and will be due on the first Friday of the full week of classes*.

(Original wording ~~struck out~~, additional wording *italics*)

This motion is effective immediately.

Moved By: Adam Koski

Seconded By: Landon Overby

SS0405027

(INTRODUCTION ONLY)

Whereas the Student Senate Election Rules are no longer adequate, and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to make changes, and

Whereas the Fall and Spring Elections serve distinctly different purposes, therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following changes to the Student Senate Election Rules

ARTICLE 2: Definitions Section D. Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee

(c) The Elections Committee for the Fall Elections will be selected by the end of the preceding Spring Semester.

(Original wording ~~struck out~~, additional wording *italics*)

This motion is effective immediately.

Moved By: Adam Koski

Seconded By: Landon Overby

SS0404028

(INTRODUCTION ONLY)

Whereas the Student Senate Election Rules are no longer adequate, and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to make changes, and

Whereas the Student Association Constitution reads in ARTICLE III: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH Section 2: "The Student Senate shall consist of 25 members: 21 members will be elected in an all school Spring Election. The remaining four members shall be First Year Student Representatives to be elected in the fall.", therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following changes to the Student Senate Election Rules

ARTICLE 4: Elections—Timeline, Primary, General, Special. Ballot, Election Day, and fall semester elections

Section C. General Elections

General elections will be held to elect the ~~20~~ *19* at-large members of the Student Association Student Senate, the Student Association Student Senate President, and the Student Association Student Senate Vice President, and approve any referendums properly advanced by the Student Association's governing documents.

Section H. Fall Elections

1. Fall elections will be held to elect the ~~three~~ *four* first year Student Association Student Senators.

(Original wording ~~struck out~~, additional wording *italics*)

This motion is effective immediately.

Moved By: Adam Koski

Seconded By: Landon Overby

XI. Additional Items and Announcements: SORRY THESE ARE SO LATE!

XII. Adjournment: The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 8:41pm

Moved By: Gavin
Seconded By: Leisch

The next meeting of Student Association Student Senate will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center