MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, April 25, 2006
Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center

I. CALL TO ORDER: The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Meeting was called to order by Vice President Barnett at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Bethany Barnett, Jeremy Bonikowske, Lindsey Burdick, Joe Eggers, Adam Koski, Lana Li, Shaun Priesgen, Vang Lor, Nate Cook, Dustin Pfundheller, , Dan Scott, Deepak Reddy, Jason Schultz, Jim Vierling, Carolyn Schenk

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Helen Clarke (Student Voice), Vicki Hajewski (Advisor), Ben Plunkett, Thom Friant, Jason Meier, Kelsey Hobbs, Nick Lauer, Jake Eisch, Melf Berg, Josh Bauer, Nick Deene, Alan Knoeble, David Jones, Alex Johnson, Audrey Liquard, Hallie Itman, Chawantau Jaery, Lacey Felmlee, Abigail Cook

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes Approved

V. GUEST SPEAKER: None

VI. OPEN FORUM: Plunkett speaking on ethics Compliant. Dusty knew of his violations. Ethics board did not do anything for Plunkett. Plunkett is filing suit against Student Senate and Dusty.

VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. UNITED COUNCIL REPORTS:
United Council Board of Directors Representative- Joe Eggers
Board meeting in Baraboo, No one went

B. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR- Jeremy Bonikowske
- Jeremy's pamphlet about being a leader is complete.
- Sculpture is Complete.

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Lindsey Burdick
- Lindsey has no report regarding SAAS but the she has contacted individuals with regard to the election results.

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR- Joe Eggers
- TABOR is having its first floor hearing April 25th, Kitty Rhoades has stated she is in favor of its passing while Sheila Harsdorf is opposed.
- Put in Joe's mail box on Thursday at Noon. 4 cards = 1 office hour

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Adam Koski

- Elections Committee stipends reviewed + other finance business

5. **DIVERSITY ISSUES DIRECTOR- Chunlan Li & Chee Moua**
   - The grand opening of the Multicultural Programming Center will be April 26th at 9am. There will be snacks provided, the room number is 104b Davee Chalmer Library. Office hours for attending

6. **WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR- Allison West**
   - Campus Safety Week is set for May 1st through 5th. The Safety Walk will be May 2nd at 8:30pm.
   - In contact with people to join us for the walk
   - Sexual Assault table and Self defense person coming in
   - Take back the night-May 2nd 5:30-8:30 on Student Center Lawn

7. **PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Shaun Priesgen**
   - 3rd step in Grievance trial. Commit to Shaun on why Plunkett's grievance not heard.

8. **VICE PRESIDENT- Bethany Barnett**
   - All Inauguration counts as hours
   - Thursday walk through at 3:45 @ Knowles
   - Awards next Tuesday night
   - Safewalk afterwards then Applebees
   - Whoever wants to run for Director positions must turn in Resume to Beth
   - 12:30 Friday Inauguration show up/ Show up when you can… **DRESS APPROPRIATELY! No Senate Shirts!**

9. **PRESIDENT- Nick Cluppert**
   - Hardsdorf against TPA
   - River Falls had largest delegation at Madison for the Poster Show in Rotundra
   - Clock did not cost students, come out of P.R and G.P.R = $23,700
   - Couldn't tour new Student Center, Talk to Nick and Beth
   - Search and Screen for Register
   - Chancellor speech is done
   - Chancellor picnic tomorrow
   - 180 Mandela's created
   - Unity Wednesday, Student Center Mall
   - Go to Imperial Trans Antarctic Expedition, Hudson
   - Inaug. Speakers posted on-line

Gavel was passed to Nick

C. **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Carolyn**
   - Review summer funding request
   - Update LDPB by-laws
   - Last meeting next Mon.

D. **FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Jim Vierling**
   - By-laws update
   - Joint Foods is now Dining Services Committee
   - Updating website is moving along

OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS
   - New voters Project mtg. Mon. @ 3:00 in Senate Office

I. OLD BUSINESS:

SS0506065

Whereas the UWRF Student Senate is one of the lowest paid Senates in the State of Wisconsin,

Whereas UW-Platteville is of similar population to UW-River Falls,

Whereas their Student Senate is paid higher than ours,

Whereas these pay increase are reflecting the minimum work that the President, Vice President, Directors and Board Chairs are completing,

Whereas the President, Vice President, Directors and Board Chairs are not paid enough to effectively be able to complete their tasks to the fullest,

Be it resolved that the following increase be implemented for the next academic year (2006-2007).

Gavel was passed to Vice President during debate

Position	**Current Pay**	**06/07 Proposed Pay**	**Platteville Pay**
Student Senate President	$225/mo	$300/mo	$275/mo
Student Senate Vice President	$150/mo	$235/mo	$233.75/mo
Directors	$150/mo	$175/mo	$125/mo
LDPB Chair	$150/mo	$235/mo	$250/mo
F&F Board Chair	$150/mo	$235/mo	$250/mo

*Months are based on an 8 month year, 9/10/11/12/2/3/4/5
*Directors at UW-Platteville are paid according to the President's discretion, not to exceed $1,000 per position per year.
*Summer Senator will remain at $225/mo, no matter who fills that position.

Motion by Chair Vierling
Seconded by Vice President Barnett

Motion failed Hand vote 5-7-3

Gavel passed back to President

II. NEW BUSINESS:

SS0506067

INTRODUCTION ONLY

Whereas, UWRF is no longer a member of United Council,

Whereas, the UWRF Student Association Student Senate bylaws clearly reflect our relationship with United Council,

Whereas, there are some additional bylaw changes that are seen necessary,

Whereas, these changes have been listed below,

Be it resolved that Student Senate support and approve these bylaw changes:

ARTICLE II Senator Duties

Section A.

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

Section B.

Maintain a minimum of ~~ten~~ *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.

ARTICLE IV General Officers Duties

Section A.

Officers of the Student Association Student Senate shall be the: President, Vice President, Shared Governance Director, Student Affairs and Academic Services Director, Legislative Issues Director, Finance Director, Diversity Issues Director, Women's Initiatives Director, and *Parliamentarian* & Ethics Chair ~~/ Parliamentarian.~~

Section D.

The Student Association Student Senate President's line of succession for absence in office and passing the gavel at Student Association Student Senate meetings will be:

1) Vice President
2) Shared Governance Director
3) Student Affairs and Academic Services Director
4) Legislative Issues Director
5) Finance Director
6) Diversity Issues Director
7) Women's Issue's Director
8) *Parliamentarian* & Ethics Chair~~/Parliamentarian~~
9) Other non-officer Student Senators based on longevity as a Student Senator.

ARTICLE V Specific Officer Duties

Section A.

President

1. To preside over all official meetings of the Student Association.
2. To preside over all official meetings of the Student Association Student Senate.
3. To serve as official and ceremonial representative of the Student Association Student Senate and Student Association.
4. To serve as the chairperson of the Student Association Student Senate Executive Committee and to meet with each individual Board Chair ~~biweekly.~~ *as seen fit.*

Section E.

Legislative Issues Director

1. To serve as the chair of the Student Association Student Senate Legislative Issues Committee.
2. To create and maintain working relationships with various local, state, and federal legislators.
~~3. To serve as the delegation leader for United Council General Assemblies or send a designee (when UW-River Falls holds membership in United Council).~~
~~4. To ensure that UW- River Falls has a full voting delegation at all United Council General Assembly meetings.~~
5. To carry out responsibilities as charged in various Student Association documents.
6. To report at all Student Association and Student Association Student Senate meetings.

Section F.

Finance Director

1. To serve as the chair of the Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee.
2. Oversee the Shared Governance Account (#433) and the Reserve Account (#501).
3. Process and approve expenditures from these accounts. (Expenditures from the Reserve Account must also have the approval of the Chancellor).
4. Prepare and monitor student stipends expended from the Shared Governance account.
5. Prepare and request cash advances for appropriate student travel (~~United Council~~, Board of Regents Meetings, etc.).

Section I.

Parliamentarian & Ethics Chair~~/Parliamentarian~~

1. To serve as the chair of the Ethics Committee.
2. This position will be chosen by the President and confirmed by the Senate.
3. To respond to any written concerns regarding ethical issues.
4. Chair duties are to contact members and to set up any meetings needed.
5. If there is a minor question on interpretation the chair will confer with the President.
6. To ensure that Student Association Student Senate meetings are run efficiently in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI Standing Committees

Section A.

Executive Committee:

1. Membership
   a) The committee will consist of all Student Association Student Senate Directors, the *Parliamentarian* & Ethics Chair~~/Parliamentarian~~, the Vice President, and the President.
2. Committee Duties
   a) To generally advise the Student Association Student Senate and Student Association.
   b) To coordinate the work of the Student Association Student Senate.
   c) To orient and educate new Student Association Student Senators as to their responsibilities.
   d) To recommend to the Student Association Student Senate a summer senator if the elected Student Association Student Senate President is not able to fulfill the duties of the summer senator.
   e) To set goals for the Student Association Student Senate operations.

Section B.

Shared Governance Committee

1. Membership
   a) This committee will consist of four Student Association Student Senators, one of which must be the Student Association Student Senate Shared Governance Director, and four students at-large.
2. Committee Duties
   a) To initiate and coordinate recommendations and appointments to the Student Association Student Senate in regards to University Committees at various capacities.
   b) To network with campus shared governance groups and develop the relationship between UWRF students, faculty, administration and ultimately the UW-System.
   c) To work to advance students' rights and responsibilities, consistent with state law.
   d) To coordinate and initiate recruitment programs for University

and Student Association Student Senate Committees.
e) To coordinate and initiate recognition programs for members of University and Student Association Student Senate Committees.
~~f) To write an article for the university newspaper biweekly.~~
g) To organize and facilitate a Shared Governance training session within the first five weeks of the term.

Section D.

Legislative Issues Committee

1. Membership

a) This committee will consist of three Student Association Student Senators one of which must be the Legislative Issues Director, and four students at-large.

2. Committee Duties

a) To promote student views on policy and legislative issues to appropriate members of the UW-River Falls faculty, administration, UW System Administration, UW Board of Regents, Wisconsin state legislature, Wisconsin Governor, United States Congress, and President of the United States.
b) To network and coordinate legislative activities with other UW System Universities ~~and United Council.~~

Section F.

Diversity Issues Committee

1. Membership

a) This committee will consist of four Student Senators, one of which must be the Diversity Issues Director, and four students at large.

2. Committee Duties

a) To be responsible for the initiation, reviews, and support of projects and policies concerning diversity issues.
b) To promote diversity issues and concerns to appropriate members of the UW-River Falls faculty and administration, UW System Administration, UW Board of Regents, Wisconsin state legislature, Wisconsin Governor, United States Congress, and President of the United States.
c) To network with campus student organizations to provide a forum for review and response to issues of diversity.
d) To network with campus student and faculty committees active in diversity issues.
e) To network with other UW system diversity issues groups ~~and with United Council.~~

Section G.

Women's Initiatives Committee

1. Membership

a) This committee will consist of four Student Senators, one of which must be the Women's Initiatives Director and four students at-large. At least one student with women's studies minor must sit on the committee.

2. Committee Duties

a) To be responsible for the initiation, reviews, support of projects and policies concerning Women's Initiatives.
b) To promote Women's Initiatives and concerns to appropriate members of the UW-River Falls faculty and administration, UW System administration, UW Board of Regents, Wisconsin state legislature, Wisconsin Governor, United States Congress, and the President of the United States.
c) To network with campus student organizations to provide forum for review and responses to Women's Initiatives.
d) To network with campus student and faculty committees active

in Women's Initiatives.
e) To network with other UW system Women's Initiatives groups
~~and with United Council.~~

ARTICLE IX Attendance

Section A.

Attendance at all Student Association Student Senate meetings, attendance at committee meetings, and service of office hours is mandatory. In order to encourage members to attend meetings and serve office hours a demerit
point system has been established. Demerit points accumulate each
semester and do not carry over from semester to semester. Demerit points
are given on the following basis:

1. Senate meeting unexcused absence = 4 points
2. Senate meeting unexcused tardy or unexcused leaving early = 2 points
3. Senate committee meeting unexcused absence = 2 points
4. Senate committee meeting unexcused tardy or unexcused leaving early = 1 point
~~5. United Council meetings unexcused absence = 4 points~~
6. Not serving the required office hours within a two week period = 1 point for every two hours. Student Senators shall be notified in writing by the Vice President, within one week (including dates and points), each time they receive demerit points. Ex-officio members of the Senate are not required to serve Senate Office hours.
7. Each senate meeting missed after the two excused absences will thus be considered an unexcused absence, subject to 4 demerit points.

ARTICLE V Finance

Section A Shared Governance Account

4. Expenditures of monies held in the Shared Governance Account may only be approved by the following people and organizations and must be within the following guidelines:

(a) A Student Association Student Senate Executive Board member, or chair of a subunit may spend up to $10 per week without the approval of the Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee or the Student Association Student Senate as necessary.
(b) Student Association Student Senate President – any items/services to a limit of $100, every two weeks if within a budget line.
(c) Student Association Student Senate Finance Director- any
items/services to a limit $100 every two weeks if within a budget line, ~~any travel expenses for attending United Council General Assembly and Committee meetings,~~ any expenses related to pay in stipends of student leaders as outlined in this document, any expenses related to payment of staff salaries for hours worked, any expenses related to photocopying services and telephones services that have been previously consumed or utilized.
(d) Student Senate Finance Committee - any expenses per week under $200 if within a budget line or under $100 if not within a budget line.

***note**Italicized* changes are new, ~~strikethrough~~ changes are old

Motion by F&F Chair Vierling
Seconded by Vice President Barnett

SS0506068
INTRODUCTION ONLY

Whereas, Family Day has been a Student Senate sponsored event,

Whereas, this is an annual event,

Whereas, Student Senate should support this event each year,

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Student Association Student Senate agrees to support this annual event each year,

Be It Further Resolved, the Student Association Student Senate authorizes $2 per student to pay for this event.

Moved by: Vice President Barnett
Seconded by: President Cluppert

SS0506069
INTRODUCTION ONLY
Whereas, there are committees on Student Senate,

Whereas, these committees should be utilized in terms of stances, policies, bylaw changes and funding motions,

Whereas, these committees are not being fully or appropriately consulted before a motion is placed on the agenda,

Be it resolved that the following bylaw changes be approved by Student Senate:

ARTICLE VIII Meetings & Transacting Business

Section A.

Student Association Student Senate Meetings

1) Regular meetings of the Student Association Student Senate will be held at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday during the academic year when classes are in session.

2) The President will call special meetings when he/she deems necessary or at the request of a two-thirds of the existing members.

3) A quorum for the purpose of holding a meeting shall consist of one half of the existing members.

4) All Student Association Student Senate motions must be written on the official form and contain the signature of at least one Student Association Student Senator making the motion or seconding it.

5) All motions submitted to Student Association Student Senate must complete the following course:

-All motions that involve stances, policies, bylaw changes, and funding must be submitted to the appropriate Senate Committee through the Shared Governance Committee.

-Approvable committees are: Shared Governance, Student Affairs & Academic Services, Legislative Affairs, Finance, Diversity Issues, Women's Initiatives, Parliamentarian & Ethics, Leadership Development & Programming Board, and the Facilities and Fees Board.

-All motions must be approved by at least one committee before being placed on the Senate Agenda.
-Introduction-Only Motions may be made from the floor, however may only be voted on once approved from a Senate committee. The Shared Governance Committee will submit the motion to the appropriate committee.
-Motions not passed by a committee may be resubmitted, but must go through the process again.
-Once the motion has passed through the committee, it will be forwarded onto the Vice President and placed on the Agenda.

6) All Student Association Student Senate motions must be posted on the "motion bulletin board" in the Leadership Center no later than 27 hours before the meeting.

7) The Student Association Student Senate Vice President will determine the agenda for Student Association Student Senate meetings and will post the agenda for each meeting no later than 24 hours before that meeting.

8) Each motion shall be numbered using the official Student Association Student Senate numbering system. (Academic year followed by a consecutive number. Ex. 01-02-001).

Motion by Chair Vierling
Seconded by President Cluppert

SS0506070
INTRODUCTION ONLY
Whereas, Student Senate has the opportunity to outfit one of the meeting rooms with a board style set up,

Whereas, it would cost more money to upgrade one of the meeting rooms,

Whereas, the Student Senate would have first priority on that room if we upgraded the tables and board chairs in that room,

Whereas, this room would be located on the fourth floor of the new Student Center,

Be it Resolved, that the Student Association Student Senate approve as much as but not to exceed $25,000 towards making improvements to one of the meeting rooms in the new Student Center.

Moved by: President Cluppert
Seconded by: Vice President Barnett

SS0506071
INTRODUCTION ONLY
Whereas, The New Voters' Project was one of the most successful initiatives undertaken by the Student Senate last year,

Whereas, there is a very important election coming up in December where the Governor will be elected as well as our Congressional Representative and Wisconsin Assembly Representative,
Whereas, it is very important to get student mobilized to vote during the election.
Therefore be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate allocate $1500 to The New Voters' Project, with the money broken down by the following:

$200 – Band to play. This was a successful activity used by last year's Project. It was an opportunity to get students to come to an environment where they have the opportunity to vote.
$500 – Advertising
$500 – For Disposable Cameras
$200 – T-Shirts
$100 – To be used at the discretion of The New Voters Project Committee

Moved by Director Eggers
Seconded by President Cluppert

SS0506072
INTRODUCTION ONLY
By-laws Suspended Division Called, 11-3 hand vote --Passed
Whereas, the Ethics Committee has had cause to meet and has deliberated for several hours,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Student Association Student Senate should allow the ethics committee to get a stipend.

Therefore be it further resolved, that Shaun Priesgen receives $75 dollars and Jim Vierling and Adrianne Adolphson receives $50 dollars for their hard work.

Moved By: Lindsey Burdick
Seconded: Jeremy Bonikowske
Motion referred to Finance Committee

SS0506073
Whereas the University of Wisconsin-River Falls has a 25-foot no-smoking policy around all buildings on the UWRF campus,

Friendly Amendment~ Whereas smoking stations should be moved 25 feet from buildings,

Whereas this policy is currently not enforced,

Be it resolved that an appropriate fine, no less than $10.00, be placed for violation of this policy,

Friendly Amendment~ Be it further resolved that smoking stations are moved away from highly trafficked areas,

Be it further resolved that this policy be enforced by those whom administration deems as appropriate enforcement positions,

Be it finally resolved that this motion be forwarded to Chancellor Betz,

Mark Kinders, Terry Wilson and Mike Stifter.

Motion by Chair Vierling
Seconded by Senator Lo
Motion Passed

SS0506074
INTRODUCTION ONLY
Whereas the Shared Governance Account is likely to end the 2005-06 Academic Year with a surplus of over $44,000, and

Whereas such additional money is by tradition transferred into the University Reserve Account, wherein it more earn interest and remain for organized activities, therefore

Be it resolved $20,000 be transferred from the Shared Governance Account to the University Reserve Account.

Moved by: Adam Koski
Seconded by: Bethany Barnett

SS0506075
Whereas, the elections for the Student Senate President Race this year were very close, and
Whereas, grievances were filed before the Monday night before the election occurred exposing numerous violations against Dustin Pfundheller, and
Whereas, it is conceivable the violations could account for the eleven vote difference in the elections, and
Whereas, the Ethics Committee found Dustin Pfundheller did commit several violations and as a result would be disqualified for Student Senate President.
Therefore be it resolved the Student Association Student Senate uphold the decision made by the Ethics Committee and disqualify Dustin Pfundheller for Student Senate President,
Be it further resolved, a copy of this motion be forwarded on to Chancellor Don Betz and to Dean Blake Fry.

Moved by Joe Eggers
Seconded by Nate Cook
Roll call 12-3-3 Motion Passed

SS0506076
INTRODUCTION ONLY
LDPB Summer Funding

III. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Unity table tomorrow Wednesday
Leg. Is going to twins game
President- Joe E
Vice President- Beth B
@ large- Adam K
Sarah Saal

Dan S
Allison W.
Write in- Jason Meier
Avery Newman
Yussufu Ali Nsabimana

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Carolyn moved to adjourn
B. Lindsey Seconded
C. Adjourned at 9:12pm

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.